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MASS MEETING A SUCCESS

Many Turned Out to Discuss School Matters in Spite of the Rain.

PEOPLE BACK SCHOOL BOARD IN STAND ON QUESTION.

Were Some Good Speeches Made and a Few Hot Arguments Indulged In.

There was a mass meeting at the city hall last night. It was called, according to the hand bills advertising it, so that a public discussion of school matters might be had. From the standpoint of those attending the meeting, expecting from what had gone before to be entertained and amused, it was an unqualified success.

An adjournment was taken without any resolutions being passed or any recommendations being made other than one instructing the school commissioners to do as they thought best in the matter. The sentiment of the citizens present, however, clearly favored the stand taken by the majority of the school board regarding the immediate construction of an addition to the village school house without the slow formality of a vote of the district being called for.

The inclement weather kept many away who might otherwise have come, and only a fair sized gathering resulted, but as a big majority of those present were thoroughly representative of the people as a whole in matters relating to the upbuilding and pushing forward of the best interests of Bemidji, the final outcome of the meeting, as far as the sentiment of the citizens was concerned, would have been practically the same even though every seat in the hall had been filled.

There were several speakers, prominent among them being David Booth, John T. Oyler, J. J. Trask, L. H. Bailey and Fred Brinkman. The latter, with his ejaculations and frequent lively comments on the subject in hand, "was alone worth the price of admission," to use the familiar circus expression, and in this case the price was a soaking from the rain.

Messrs. Trask and Bailey in particular delivered good, straight, common sense addresses relative to the educational interests of the village, and their remarks were heartily applauded.

The meeting was characterized by disputes, hot discussions and mildly exciting interruptions—David Booth and Editor Oyler on the one side arrayed against School Commissioners Jinkinson, Casler and Smyth and all other citizens present, with the exception of Mr. Nye, perhaps. Mr. Smyth, secretary of the school board, called the meeting to order and moved that J. J. Jinkinson be appointed chairman. His motion found a second and was carried, with a few dissenting votes. Mr. Oyler here stepped forward and asserted that trickery was abroad in the land and that it was through trickery that Mr. Jinkinson was made chairman. As the meeting was called for a public discussion of school matters, and everybody was invited to attend, and no names, either of com-

NEW PARTNER

G. M. Torrance Has Entered Into Law Partnership With John F. Gibbons.

Graham M. Torrance of St. Paul has entered into a law partnership with John F. Gibbons. The firm henceforth will be known as Gibbons & Torrance.

Mr. Torrance comes to Bemidji highly recommended. He is a son of Judge Torrance, is a graduate of the state university, and has had several years' experience as practicing attorney in St. Paul. His reputation as a first class attorney, well up in his profession, is thoroughly established.

Mr. Gibbons' new partner appears well pleased with Bemidji, and predicts a great future for her. He will remove his wife and family here in the near future and will make this city his permanent home.

Committees or individuals, were attached to the bills announcing that the meeting was to be held, it was difficult to follow Mr. Oyler's reasoning, so no immediate adjournment was taken, even after the Sentinel man had explained that all the men of their side were not present to set forth their claims. It seems that "their side" had intended that Mr. Booth be made chairman of the meeting, and that it had been planned to have others present to argue against allowing the board of education to go ahead with the work of constructing an addition to the school house. Mr. Oyler made several other attempts in line with his first argument, but none of his remarks seemed to meet approval. He introduced a resolution recommending that the school board call a vote of the district on the school proposition, but his motion to have the resolution adopted was not voted on.

Mr. Bailey, in a very interesting address, stated that, although he had at first been against the building of an addition, he was now, having been made better acquainted with the true situation through the efforts of the school board, heartily in favor of the move. He said he believed this was the best thing that could be done at the present time, and that the board was right in its efforts to have the addition erected. He explained, to the satisfaction of his audience, why it was impractical at the present time to erect one or more new school houses in the district, and why the addition is the best and cheapest way out of the difficulty. The Sentinel editor and Mr. Booth both interrupted the speaker, asking that Mr. Bailey be made to cut his speech short. The speaker, however, was setting forth facts in such a lucid and interesting manner, and was really taking up only a little time, that the interruptions brought nothing but amused smiles from the audience, which gave the closest attention to Mr. Bailey to the end of his short talk.

His motion that the whole matter be left to the board of education for adjustment was seconded and carried when voted on. The board will therefore follow out the plan first made and go ahead with the building of the addition, unless something unforeseen occurs.

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NEW TRUST

An Organization of Milkmen is to Cover Entire State of Minnesota.

The state of Minnesota is threatened with a milk trust. It may rival the gas, coal, ice and other trusts, and intends to affiliate with itself every milkman in the entire state, in order to control the output of the lactical fluid and boost its price from five cents per quart to six.

The new trust has its inception in Minneapolis, where it is now being organized. Nearly every owner of cows in the Twin Cities has either entered the combine or signified his intention of so doing, and the increased rate goes into effect immediately. Bemidji milkmen have not yet been approached on the subject and milk will probably remain at the old price here for some time to come.

A walking delegate has been appointed to bring milkmen into line wherever there is a tendency to waver, and a state organizer has been engaged at a salary of \$100 a month to canvass every city and village in Minnesota and enlist the milkmen and dairymen in the project.

Case Postponed.

Messrs. O'Connell, Stevens and Thompson, who were arrested at Moorhead a few days ago for kidnaping the young son of Dan Sullivan, were to have had a hearing at Grand Forks yesterday morning, but their case was postponed till this morning on account of yesterday being Labor day. Two witnesses were summoned from Moorhead and for this reason the case is apt to last several days.

The case is of interest to Bemidji citizens because of the fact that the parties connected with it are well known in the city.

New Milliner.

Miss Kavanaugh arrived from the Twin Cities Saturday evening to take charge of the millinery department at Mrs. Berman's. Miss Kavanaugh is a thoroughly first class milliner and is considered as being a valuable acquisition to this progressive store. She has a large circle of friends in Bemidji who will be pleased to know of her acceptance of the position. Miss Ovri, well known in the city and an expert in her line, has also accepted a position with Mrs. Berman.

Land Transfer.

The sale of a piece of Beltrami county land to J. M. Vandegrift by R. E. Shepherd and wife has been recorded at the register of deeds' office. The consideration was \$4,320. The property is described as the north half of section 15 and the north half of the south half of section 15, all in township 147, range 35.

Minstrel Show.

Mahara's Minstrels, who showed here about three months ago, have been engaged for a return date on Wednesday, Sept. 9. They gave a splendid performance before, and we understand the show has been enlarged for the winter season by the addition of ten new actors, making a complete change in the performance.

Church Meeting.

The trustees of the Baptist church request a meeting to-night of the members and friends to consider the advisability of renting the church building for school purposes.

HAVE RETURNED

L. H. Bailey and E. F. Crawford Think Land Office Decision Will Favor Bemidji.

L. H. Bailey and E. F. Crawford have returned from Washington where they spoke in behalf of Bemidji at the final hearing of the land office question. Both attorneys are well pleased with the showing made by Bemidji on this occasion, and seem confident that the decision when rendered will favor this city.

The arguments made by Representatives Steenerson, Buckman and the others in relation to the controversy which has arisen as to whether the land office shall be permanently located at Cass Lake or removed to Bemidji have been put in book form. The entire matter has been forwarded by Commissioner Richards, with a brief letter stating the facts of the case, to the president at Oyster Bay. The final decision, therefore, will be rendered by the president, but just how soon this will be it is difficult to say.

COUNTY BOARD

Regular Meeting Is Being Held at the Court House Today.

The county board is holding a regular meeting today. Little was done this morning. Two appropriations of \$100 each were made to be expended on county roads in the towns of Bemidji and Frohn. This and a little routine business was all that came up at the morning session. An adjournment was taken at noon to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Concentration.

The men who manage some of the largest enterprises in the world work but four or five hours a day, and younger men thus argue that they need not work long hours to be successful. The point, however, is that the man who can do his work in four hours has gained the information necessary by years of hard labor and probably exceptionally long hours. He concentrates his mind on the matter in hand and turns it off in a few hours, but he must have health and strength to do it and for this reason he will drink golden grain belt beer regularly with his meals. It's the best tonic ever brewed and should be in every home. Order of your nearest dealer or be supplied by John F. Essler, Bemidji.

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QUIET MEETING

Nothing of Importance Came up Before Village Fathers Last Night.

Little business outside the regular routine was transacted at the meeting of the village council last night. Nothing more can be done relative to the proposed sewer and city water works until some word from the state authorities is received. The plans and specifications were sent to the state board of health some time ago to be passed upon but nothing in the shape of a reply has as yet been received. Samples of water taken from different parts of the city were also forwarded to the state chemist to be tested, but the results of the tests have not as yet been made known. On this result will depend largely the determining of the location of the new pump for the city water works.

The smallest want ad is carefully read each day by hundreds of people. A few cents' expenditure puts you in close touch with those hundreds.

Climbing Mountains.

Is a fascinating and invigorating pastime. It develops not the body only, but the mind. The Alpine Peaks of Switzerland have their counterpart in our own country, in the Sierras, the Cascades, and parts of the Rockies.

The greatest glacial peak of the United States is Mt. Ranier in Washington, more than 15,500 feet high. This magnificent mountain has 15 or more giant glaciers creeping down its sides and discharging their glacial detritus into the Columbia river or Puget Sound.

A climb to the summit of this is a mountaineering feat worthy of any mountaineer. For 25 cent Chas. S. Fee, Gen'l Passenger Agent of the Northern Pacific railway, St. Paul, Minn., will send to any address an illustrated booklet called "Climbing Mt. Ranier" describing a climb over glaciers to the top of the mountain.

Daily Pioneer want ads are a success. Try them.

Laboring Men's Choice to Buy a Home.

We have several 40-acre tracts of good farm land close to north end of Bemidji lake which we will offer for the next 30 days at \$4.50 and \$5 per acre; terms, \$10 per 40 cash down, balance \$4 per month, with on or before privilege in payments. Don't miss this chance.

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THE OPENING OF SCHOOL

This is the First Day of the School Year in Bemidji.

NECESSARY TO ENGAGE THREE OUTSIDE ROOMS.

Attendance This Morning Was About 600--The Number Will be Increased.

The fall term of school opened in Bemidji this morning and all day the teachers, principal and superintendent have been busy assigning the pupils to their respective places and getting things in readiness for the year's work.

About 600 pupils were in attendance this morning and this number was increased at the afternoon session. More pupils will be coming in for several days, even weeks, until the total number will be in the neighborhood of 800. The school house will not accommodate this number but two church rooms have been engaged. Another room will probably be secured for school purposes tomorrow.

Rooms in the Methodist and the Lutheran churches have been secured and the Baptists will probably allow the use of their church for school purposes. A decision on the matter will be reached at a meeting of the church directors and their friends to be held this evening.

The Daily Pioneer want columns are good result getters. Try them.

CHILD IS BURNED AT PLAY.

Fire Catches Clothing of Little Grand Forks Girl.

Grand Forks, N. D., Sept. 8.—Margaret Coffin, the three-year-old daughter of J. O. Coffin, cashier of the Great Northern Express company here, was probably fatally burned while playing around a bonfire. She was returning from a children's party in the neighborhood and stopped to play by the fire. Her light clothing caught and instantly she was covered with flames. Neighbors heard her screams and quickly extinguished the fire, but not before the child was badly burned.

SETS FIRE TO CARS.

Wants to See Blaze and Does Not Like Railroad.

Crookston, Sept. 8.—Great Northern special agents have captured John Sprague, who confessed to having set fire to box cars in the Great Northern yards here. He burned the cars by means of the oil-saturated waste which was taken from the boxing around the axles. He gave no reason for firing the cars except that he wanted to see fires and did not like the Great Northern very well, as he had been put off trains. He was bound over to the grand jury.

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