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HE'S A FARMER LEGISLATOR

Representative Bennett Raises All His Garden Truck.

**MORE PROUD OF THIS THAN
OF LAWMAKING.**

**Interesting Account of How an
Acre Produced Many
Fold.**

Representative Bennett of Fosston was in the city yesterday on legal matters. Mr. Bennett made quite a record for himself last winter in the legislature and gained considerable fame as a maker of laws, but it is not generally known that he is also a farmer. Mr. Bennett must be a very modest man or he could never have run the office and not let it get out that he is a farmer. But it is a fact that he is very proud of his agricultural operations.

Speaking to a Pioneer man Mr. Bennett said, "It is astonishing the amount of canned vegetables that is sold in this country. Why our farmers live on canned goods. Think of a farmer buying his vegetables in Chicago!"

Now I am only a lawyer but I have a few lots out behind my house and on those lots this year I raised all the vegetables that I shall use this winter. Sunday at home I sat down to one of the most complete and one of the finest dinners that ever tempted any man and everything on the table from the oyster (vegetable) soup to the rubarb pie came out of my garden. I think this is pretty good for just a plain lawyer."

Mr. Bennett takes great interest in practical farming and will descend by the hour upon the relative virtues of different varieties of potatoes or the best method of raising turnips. If the republican party knew its business Mr. Bennett would be a candidate for governor.

Busy Police Department.

The books at police headquarters in this city show that the Bemidji police department is one of the busiest in the Northwest. Since March 23, when the books showing the business of the police department for this year were begun, 354 commitments to the city jail are shown. The charges range from drunkenness to petty larceny, but more than two thirds are for drunkenness. Vagrancy comes next. The volume of business shown on the books does not represent all the work that the police department has done since March 23. There have been a large number of arrests made which developed into state cases. When it is remembered that an element, of necessity, is always present in this city which is noted the world over for its troublesome proclivities Bemidji isn't such a bad town, after all, however.

Brand New Town.

The town of Richards, midway between Leech Lake and Lake Winnibigoshish, was born yesterday. It is eighteen miles east of Cass Lake and is named in honor of Commissioner Richards of the general land office. A. G. Bernard is prominent among the directors of the towns site company.

Advertise in the Pioneer

A MODEL PLANT

**Improvements to Equipment of
Electric Light Plant Make it
a "Hum Dinger."**

Improvements which are at present being made to the electric lighting plant of Warfield Bros., in this city will make it without a question the most complete electric lighting plant in this section of the state and one of the best in Minnesota.

This week there has been placed in position at the plant a mammoth Filer-Stowell engine. Its capacity is 720 horse and it is one of the finest pieces of machinery that has ever been brought to this section. The fly wheel measures sixteen feet across, weighs fifteen tons and will be propelled at an average speed of 95 revolutions per minute. The engine required two flat cars in transportation from the manufacturing establishment at Milwaukee to this city. It will be used to propel the dynamo which has a capacity of 10,000 sixteen-candle-power incandescent lights which is at present on the road and is expected to be in position by the latter part of the present week. In the neighborhood of \$20,000 has recently been expended by Warfield Bros. in improvements to their property.

Bemidji has been growing the past five years and a visit to the plant is more than sufficient to convince the most casual observer that this is a truth that cannot be contradicted. There are at present three engines and dynamos at the plant. The one with which the plant was originally started had a capacity of 1,200 incandescent lights. This was soon found to be totally inadequate and a larger engine was put in to propel a dynamo which had a capacity of 3,000, and this was thought all-sufficient to meet every demand on the plant for some years to come. Not so, however, Bemidji grew faster than the Warfield Bros. anticipated and the last purchase was necessitated and Mr. Warfield says he isn't making any predictions as to how long the present equipment will meet all demands.

The company at present has 500 lights wired which cannot be run with the power at the plant, but as soon as the new dynamo arrives and is gotten in working order it is hoped to give the patrons of the company a lighting service that will be second to none in Minnesota.

Gruesome Relic.

The police officers of Bemidji have a strange collection of gruesome relics at police headquarters at the city hall. It includes the knife that was used in a Finlander stabbing affray some time ago, the sash which a woman of the town tore from her dress and attempted suicide with, a rock which in the hands of a Russian Jew came near sending a Deer River man to his last long rest, the big mitt that was taken away from an alleged big mitt man, now doing six months at Stillwater, the bottle which contained the knock-out drops with which a lumberjack was poisoned and a number of other things, that have equally interesting histories. All the relics are labeled with a legend done in the bucolic fist of one of the boys and they make a very interesting collection.

Advertisements in the want columns of the Daily Pioneer are

A Narrow Escape.

Passengers on the Great Northern from Crookston this morning tell of a narrow escape from instant death at Fosston. Just as the train stopped at that place a drayman drove up to the platform, and in some way slipped and fell directly under the heavy wheels of his dray. The horses became frightened and started to run, but the drayman was somewhat of an athlete for in the twink of an eye he rolled over and over and before the horrified spectators had time to catch their breath he was out of danger and laughing at the incident, which came near being a fatal accident.

Bossy Makes Trouble.

The Great Northern is experiencing considerable difficulty by reason of the fact that Beltrami cows insist on pre-empting not only the right-of-way but the very track itself, and are singularly loath to make way for the trains. Today the west bound passenger was twice compelled to come to a full stop before the animals could be induced to get off the track. Despite the precautions taken by the employees of the road some of the farmers of the county may find some of their stock missing one of these days if this condition continues.

They Want a Game.

There are eleven husky young lads at Fosston who think they can play foot ball and are anxious to measure their skill and cunning, and beef and brawn, with the high school eleven of Bemidji, and a gentlemen from Fosston who was in the city yesterday, and who was coaching the Fosston boys, stated that a challenge would soon be forwarded. It is planned to have two games, one played here a week from Saturday and a return game at Fosston.

AMUSEMENTS

The realistic and spectacular war drama "True Blue" will be the attraction at the City opera house Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, presented by local talent for the benefit of the Bemidji Independent Military company. The piece will be produced under the direction of Mr. C. P. Spaulding, who has successfully presented it at more than one hundred towns in Wisconsin and at some of the best towns in this section of Minnesota. The cast includes the best local talent available and that it is not ordinary is attested by the fact that Mr. Spaulding says that of the many times he has produced the piece he has never been better pleased with a cast than with the one he has been able to secure in this city. The piece is given in four acts, is elaborately dressed and requires twenty people. It deals with the heroic incidents of the days of '61 and is full of stirring incident from the opening line to the finale. It has been steadily under rehearsal for three weeks and its presentation is anticipated with a very great deal of interest. The seat sale opens at Barker's Drug store today.

The Bert J. Royce company in "At Sweden Valley" will be one of the attractions at the City opera house in the near future.

Business Increases.

The Great Northern is averaging eight freight trains in each direction every day at present, and the volume of business from the west which goes over the Fosston line to the head of the lakes at present is steadily increasing. The Great Northern's

Never Too Late.

John Mikkelsen of Kandiyohi county, evidently thinks that it is never too late to do the right thing. Mr. Mikkelsen is over 60 years old and Olava Christine Nelson confesses to 63 summers, but age did not prevent them from securing a marriage license from Clerk of Court Rhoda this morning. Mikkelsen secured the license early and the ceremony was performed this afternoon. The case is said not to be one of the sentimental ordinary everyday affairs. Both the old people feel the need of a home and as they were of congenial natures they decided the proper thing to do was to get married and live happy ever after.

Big Engines on G. N.

Twenty of the largest type of freight engines in the world are now in service on the Cass Lake division of the Great Northern. They were put into service on this line about three weeks ago and will continue indefinitely. They are of the type known as 1100's, were manufactured by the Brooks Locomotive Works, and are said to be the largest freight engines in service anywhere in the world. The average train which they haul is eighty 50,000 capacity loaded freight cars and 125 empties. A train containing 125 empties is almost a half mile long.

Amusements.

Clay Clement more than pleased a good audience at the opera house last night. The attendance was not what it should have been for an attraction of the high standard of Mr. Clement's production of "The New Dominion" but Mr. Clement may rest assured that his work pleased the entire attendance and is on record as the best thing ever seen in the city. Mr. Clement may always be sure of a large business if he ever decides to return to Bemidji again.

line from Crookston to Duluth promises to be one of its best in point of business transacted in a very short time. This season's business will be much larger than that of last season, and while it is large at present it will not be at its height until the Dakota wheat crop begins to move in good shape.

OFFICIAL CHANGE

**L. B. Allen, Superintendent of
Fosston Line of G. N. Goes
to Rock Island.**

L. B. Allen, who for the past six months has been superintendent of the Northern and Cass Lake divisions of the Great Northern tendered his resignation to the company Oct. 5. Mr. Allen has been with the G. N. for ten years in various capacities and was regarded as one of the most able superintendents on the system. His headquarters have been at Larimore, but he is quite well known to local railroad men and others in Bemidji as well. Mr. Allen's resignation will come in the nature of a surprise to many friends all along the line. He was regarded as having a bright future with the G. N. The Northern and Cass Lake divisions of the G. N. are acknowledged two of the hardest divisions on the system to handle. Many of the best men the road ever had have been unable to make good on them. Mr. Allen's efforts had always been satisfactory and he leaves the division in much better shape than when he assumed its management. He will be succeeded by J. C. Howard, who comes from the Eastern Minnesota and has been at West Superior for some time past. Mr. Allen will take a position with the Rock Island.

Trouble at Milton.

Buck St. Claire, a lumberjack, was arraigned in Judge Reynolds' court this morning on a charge of assault preferred by Anton Geisness, proprietor of a hotel at Milton. St. Claire together with a friend, both in an intoxicated condition, went to Geisness' house. Then there was a scene, everybody talked at once, and Mr. Geisness was punched. St. Claire set up a plea of self defense. Neither party was represented by counsel and Judge Reynolds had his hands full unraveling the mystery. This was finally accomplished and a fine of \$1 and costs was imposed upon St. Claire. Upon payment of the costs the fine was remanded.

Daily Pioneer want ads are a success. Try them.

MADE THEM GOOD INDIANS

**Fatal End of Drunken Row
on the Blackfoot Reservation.**

**FIVE OUT OF ONE FAMILY
ARE SLAIN.**

**Wakes-Up-Last Will Never Wake
Up Any More---Four
Arrests.**

Browning, Mont., Oct. 13.—Seven persons have been killed and two wounded during a drunken row on the Blackfoot Indian reservation near here. The dead are Wakes-Up-Last, wife and three children; Mrs. Susan Big Road and Mrs. Little Plume. The wounded are Alice Big Road, shot in the leg, will recover; J. Little Plume, throat and arm cut, recovery doubtful.

A number of Indians secured a quantity of whisky Sunday night and started on a big spree. In some manner Wakes-Up-Last became engaged in a row with the rest of the party. During the altercation one Indian was slightly wounded.

Wakes-Up-Last shortly afterward went to bed. Later in the night six friends of the wounded man determined to kill Wakes-Up-Last, although it is by no means certain that he was the wounded Indian's assailant.

Wakes-Up-Last was shot through the head while in bed. His wife awoke and started to run from the house with her youngest child, when the Indians rushed at her and, placing a revolver against the child's head, fired, killing mother and child with one shot. The other two children were shot through the head. Susan Big Road was shot through the head. Mrs. Little Plume's throat was cut from ear to ear.

Four arrests have been made.

CASE WILL GO TO TRIAL.

Prominent Citizens of Des Moines Accused of Jury Tampering.

Des Moines, Oct. 13.—The motion for the dismissal of the case of five prominent citizens charged with contempt of court by means of jury tampering was overruled by Judge Given and the cases will go to trial on Thursday. E. H. Hunter, banker and politician; Jesse O. Wells, ex-elderman and capitalist; W. L. White, shoe merchant; Michael Grady, ex-elderman, and F. A. Marvin, contractor, are the men accused.

CITY OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

Town of Nome, Alaska, Has a Municipal Scandal.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 13.—Annie Brown, a dance hall woman of Nome, has preferred charges of blackmail against Noble Wallingford, chief of police; E. E. Hill, city councilman, and Patrolman Hackett, all of Nome. The three were arrested Sept. 27 by a deputy marshal and set at liberty on \$500 bail each. The woman alleges that the three officials forced her to give them \$700.

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