

## UNIQUE JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Fifteenth Judicial District of Minnesota Has Noteworthy Peculiarities.

### IMPORTANT AND UNUSUAL QUESTIONS ARISE IN ABUNDANCE.

Judges McClennehan and Spooner Have Jurisdiction Prolific of Litigation.

Judges McClennehan and Spooner who preside on the district bench of the Fifteenth judicial district of Minnesota perhaps enjoy the distinction of having more varied and important questions come before them and have jurisdiction in a larger territory than any district or circuit judge east of the Missouri river.

This fact has probably not occurred to many people who will be interested in knowing it, but a glance at the map will show that the Fifteenth judicial district comprises a territory at present which is nearly a third of the entire state of Minnesota. It extends from the southern border of Crow Wing county to the Canadian boundary on the north, a distance of nearly 350 miles. In the district there are seven Indian reservations, which give rise to endless complicated and delicate questions at law. On the north of the district is the International waterway of Rainy river, another source that is prolific of litigation. Besides this the criminal matters in the district will very nearly equal that of the rest of the state put together as the record for the past year will demonstrate. The development and settling up of the country gives rise to questions regarding townships that are delicate and complicated. Besides the ordinary matters that every district judge is bound to consider Judges McClennehan and Spooner are called upon to decide many matters of the greatest importance. Despite all this the number of cases that go to the supreme court from the district is comparatively speaking small and the number of the decisions of the lower court that are reversed is even less, all of which is sufficient to demonstrate that the Fifteenth judicial district has upon the bench two of the ablest judges in the state of Minnesota.

#### New Paper For Kelliher.

C. R. Martin is soon to begin the publication of a new paper at Kelliher. Mr. Martin was up last night and looked the field over and made all arrangements to start the new paper. He believes that Kelliher offers a good opening for such a venture, and the people of that thriving little city may be assured that they will have a newspaper that will be a credit to their city and an able exponent of its resources to the outside world at large.

#### To Mix Drinks at Fosston.

Arne Solborg, who is one of the oldest residents of Bemidji left yesterday with his family for Fosston to make his future home. Mr. Solborg has purchased a saloon business in Fosston. The family have many Bemidji friends who will regret their departure.

## PECULIAR CASE

George O'Shea, Insane, Makes Things Move at the County Jail.

One of the most peculiar cases of insanity which has ever come to the attention of the local authorities is the case of George O'Shea, the man arrested at the Markham hotel Sunday. O'Shea is at times quite rational and docile as a child. At other times he is a maniac with the strength of ten men and the disposition of a fiend incarnate. O'Shea was to have been examined yesterday but the sheriff and his deputies were called out early in the day and he could not be gotten before Judge Clark. The man labors under the impression that he has been hypnotized. He says he came from Park Rapids and talks much of a butcher in that city, who he says hypnotized him and left him in that condition. Sunday night it took the combined strength of seven men to keep him from doing himself personal injury. He has twice attempted to hang himself at the county jail. He tore his shirt up and made a rope from the strips while he was left alone and would no doubt have accomplished his object if he had been left to his own resources. O'Shea was examined this morning and will be taken to Fergus Falls tonight.

#### She Trifled With the Truth.

The Pioneer is in receipt of an anonymous letter purporting to be written by the woman whom Mrs. F. C. Staub recently accused of having alienated the affections of her husband which says in the most uncompromising terms that Mrs. Staub is a juggler of facts, a trifler with the truth and other things. The writer does not deny having corresponded with Staub after the couple were married but says the letters were written as a friend and not as a lover. The letter also states that Mrs. Staub violated the respect and deference due a sister Rebekah and brother Odd Fellow in causing herself to be interviewed and having her story published as it was.

#### Death List Trifle Large.

Through misinformation a short time ago the Pioneer was made to say that there had been fifteen deaths at the county poor farm. The facts are that there have been only three deaths at the poor farm during the past few months. A number of people who died at other points in the county have been taken to the poor farm for burial which makes the number of burials quite large but the statement that there had been fifteen deaths was incorrect in so far as it effected the poor farm.

#### An Inn For Blackduck.

Wm. Woods went up to Blackduck last night where he is figuring on the contract for constructing the new city jail at that point. It was decided to build a city hall and jail some time ago. It will be much like the city hall and jail in Bemidji and a number of contractors are figuring on its construction.

#### Suffers From Smallpox.

John Lord, of Blackduck, was taken to the pest house this morning suffering from smallpox. Dr. Blakeslee drove to Blackduck last night and brought Lord to the city. This is the third case of smallpox from Blackduck which has been brought to the quarantine hospital here.

## THE WORM HAS TURNED

Tenderfoot Hunter Causes Arrest of Buena Vista People for Stealing Venison.

### STOLE FIRST DEER THE MAN HAD EVER KILLED.

Hearings Postponed Until Friday When Ins and Outs of Matter Will Be Heard in Court.

Henry Spoorhouse, Wm. Wilson and John Lemlow of Buena Vista were arraigned in Judge Reynold's court this morning charged with the theft of some venison from the house of a settler in Buena Vista, which was the property of two hunters from Fergus Falls. The hearing was postponed until Friday of this week.

The complaining witness in the case is a man named Adolph Rosenberg who, together with a friend named Wm. Liedke from Fergus Falls, was hunting deer in the Buena Vista country. All of the party were in the big woods for the first time, and when they succeeded in killing two fine bucks they were satisfied that their visit to the north country had been worth while.

The carcasses were roughly dressed and left on the outside of the settler's cabin where they had their home. They returned one night to find that both were gone, and their chagrin knew no bounds. Since that time they have been quietly making an investigation which resulted in the arrest of the three above named Buena Vista residents yesterday by Deputy Sheriff John Bailey. Mr. Rosenberg says he will push the matter to the limit, and hopes to make the matter an object lesson to unscrupulous woodsmen, settlers and hunters in this section.

#### Three Funny Jags.

There were three very funny jags in police court this morning. One man was sawing wood in the middle of Minnesota avenue when the police took him in. Another believed himself a speechmaker and was delivering a lengthy harangue the gist of which was that the men in the woods must have more wages and the third made a hunt for big game in the Great Northern depot. All were roundly lectured and told to behave better in the future and paid the minimum fines.

#### Didn't Know His Name.

Police Officer John Cline last night took a woodsman who was in a demented condition into custody at Ole Anderson's place. The man appears to have forgotten everything. He is unable to tell the officers what his name is or where he came from. From his talk he has evidently gone insane because he was unable to find work. He was to be examined as to his insanity before Judge Clark this afternoon.

#### May Study Law.

M. E. Ibertson, the former proprietor of the Sentinel, went to Grand Forks this afternoon. Mr. Ibertson thinks some of entering the law school at the university of North Dakota. He will have the best wishes of many Bemidji friends in any thing he may decide to undertake.

## FATHER FOUND

Father of Drake Children Meets Little Son at Postoffice Today.

Charles Drake, the father of Harry and Helen Drake, the two children who have been stopping at the Remore hotel for the past two weeks and who were unable to find their father, met his little son at the postoffice this afternoon. The father did not recognize the boy at first but the little fellow knew the parent and promptly hailed him. Drake is employed as a teamster for the Warfield Electric Co. Some time ago he sent the children money to come to Bemidji. He has visited the train every night to meet them since that time and cannot understand how he came to miss them the night they came to town. The children will be well cared for from this time on.

#### Handed Package to Enright.

John Enright, the Buena Vista farmer, known as "Appeal to Reason" Enright, who has been having trouble with the town board of his town regarding the construction of a road through his premises, was arraigned before Judge Sorenson at Buena Vista yesterday on the charge of resisting an officer, found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs. Enright will appeal.

#### Receivership For Daily Paper.

The Crookston Daily Journal yesterday passed into a receivership under execution of a mortgage on the plant and stock held by the Scandia-American bank of Crookston. Attorney Chas. Loring is in charge of the paper as trustee. Mr. Gordon is undecided as to what he will do in the future but will probably go west and engage in the business again.

## Bowlers Stunt Tonight.

The Wizards and the Wonders, two home talent bowling teams, will contest for honors at the Weetmar bowling alleys tonight. The game will be seven back. The Wizards line up as follows: C. M. Banker, H. Peterson, B. Bishop, E. Bishop, S. A. Padlock. The Wonders will play like this: M. Phibbs, I. George, I. Graham, R. Kelly and E. Truax. L. H. Bailey will umpire and G. Weetman will score. A prize of a handsome stick pin will be awarded for the high score and there will be a booby prize for the low score. The game will be called promptly at eight o'clock.

#### Variety Theatre Not Rented.

Rumors have been current for some time past that the Empire Variety Theatre was to be reopened in the near future. A. Clavin, one of the owners of the building, this morning stated that the house would be opened provided that it can be rented but no contract has been made with anybody to conduct it up-to-date.

#### The Woodmen Dance.

The committee of the local lodge of Woodmen who have in charge the Woodmen ball next Thursday evening are busy preparing for the event. A large number of invitations have been issued and it is hoped to have one of the biggest events of the season. The music will be the best that it is possible to obtain.

#### Elect Officers.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows elected officers as follows at their last regular meeting:  
N. G.—Ed Trask.  
V. G.—M. E. Carson.  
Secretary—J. A. Buckley.  
Treasurer—E. A. Schneider.  
The installation will occur at the first meeting in the new year.

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## MOTHER WRITES

Mother of Chas. Gregory, Drowned in Lake Bemidji, Has Just Learned of His Death.

Friends of Charles Gregory, who was drowned in Lake Bemidji about six weeks ago while crossing the upper end of the lake with a boat load of stolen merchandise, have just received a letter from the mother of the dead man asking as to his whereabouts. The mother's attention was called to a newspaper article containing the account of the drowning and she wrote to learn the particulars. She has announced her intention of coming to the city and removing the body to the family home in Southern Minnesota.

#### Things the Dads Did.

The city council at its regular meeting last night allowed a number of bills, accepted the liquor license bonds of F. P. Hanifin, C. H. Miles and George McTaggart and received and filed the reports of Secretary Martin of the Fire Department and A. T. Wheelock on the rentals of the city hall. The latter showed a revenue to the city of \$75 for rentals during the month of November.

#### Takes Change of Venue.

Nick Hirt, the Grant Valley farmer, accused of the larceny of a set of harness from Silverbrook's barn some time ago, was before Judge Reynolds for trial this morning. Hirt took a change of venue and the matter will come under the jurisdiction of Judge Skiavik tomorrow morning.

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