

YOUNG BUT VERY CROOKED

Mystery of Recent Burglaries Unearthed with Much Sensational Incident.

FIVE BURGLARIES SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED

Complete Confessions Made to Local Police and All Will Probably Go to Training School.

Four small boys, the oldest not sixteen years of age were yesterday arrested by the police charged with burglarizing the store of the Bemidji Mercantile Company, the Sims store, O'Leary & Bowser's Department store, I. B. Olson's confectionery establishment and the residence of Andrew Clavin and complete confessions followed which reveal a state of affairs in Bemidji boydom that is surprising in the extreme.

All the burglaries occurred last week. The first three looked like the work of professionals and the police department scoured the town high and low and rid it of all suspicious characters last Saturday. The robbery of the Olson store where a quantity of toys was appropriated together with a small sum of money, gave the officers a new clue and yesterday an investigation was begun which resulted in the arrest of the boys and their confession to the different robberies.

Their stories told to the police last night show that the burglaries had been carefully planned and executed with the skill of professionals and none of the youngsters seemed to realize that they were committing a very serious misdemeanor. The robbery of the Bemidji Mercantile Co.'s store was the first one and it was executed and accomplished with so much ease and success that the lads took on new courage. Besides the places robbed they tried a number of others, where they failed to gain admission and the probabilities are that if it had not been for the investigation conducted by the police department which resulted in their arrests they would have executed thefts in the near future with quite as good success as had attended their past efforts.

Officer Norman Helmer learned yesterday that one of the boys had been passing chewing gum around with a lavish hand at school and that he had presented his sister with a doll and other toys. Chief of Police Bailey also had information along about the same line and together with Officer Cline the investigation was begun. The home of the boy who had been giving out the gum was visited, the boy confessed the whole story and the other arrests followed.

The robberies in each case according to the tale which the youngsters tell had been committed after midnight. They had carefully planned to evade the police in coming down town and after this was accomplished the rest was found easy. All four boys were not implicated in all the robberies but each was implicated in one or more and bound by an oath of secrecy. Nearly all the stolen property was discovered. The lads had realized from their work about eighty dollars in money and quite a quantity of merchandise. All the latter has been recovered and most of the money.

Several of the boys come from prominent families and the Pioneer has been requested to withhold the names. All were arraigned in Judge Skinnik's court this morning and all will probably be sent to the reformatory.

They are part of a regularly organized gang of youngsters who have aspired to be desperate

FOR FOURTH TIME

H. W. Bailey Elected Commander R. H. Carr Post For Fourth Consecutive Term.

R. H. Carr Post No. 174 G. A. R. held its regular monthly meeting at I. O. O. F. hall last Saturday and elected officers for the ensuing year. H. W. Bailey was elected to serve his fourth consecutive term as post commander. The local post has about thirty members and has not missed a meeting in the last three years. It is one of the strongest posts in this section and is in a flourishing condition at present. Saturday's meeting among other things decided to hold a camp fire some time after the holidays at which time it is expected to have some of the state officers present and have a rousing time. The officers elected Saturday were as follows:

Commander—H. W. Bailey.
S. V. C.—Ed Barrett
J. V. C.—Newell Baker.
Quarter Master — George Smith.
Sergeant—J. M. Phillips.
Chaplain—E. N. Henderson.
O. D.—G. P. Irish.
O. G.—H. P. Minton.
Delegate to State Encampment—E. N. Henderson.
Alternate—C. Villeman.

characters for some time. Several of them have been arrested before, but the influence of their parents and promises to do better kept them from being sent to the state training school. Most of the boys belonged to an organization of boon companions who conducted a joint near the Mississippi bridge, which the police found it necessary to burn about two months ago. All are addicted to reading penny dreadful literature and as usual there is one very bad boy who appears to have guided the rest in all their plans.

The incident causes general regret and while much influence is being brought to bear in some cases to keep the boys from going to the reformatory it is hardly probable that it will be successful.

Editors Eat a Heap.

The Beltrami County Publishers were entertained at dinner at the Markham by Landlord Hannafin today. A meeting of the publishers called for the purpose of perfecting an organization was held at the Markham parlors this morning. H. G. Hays was elected president and S. R. Moorhead, of the Turtle River Pine Tree, secretary. The greater part of the morning and a part of this afternoon was taken up in discussing propositions of interest to the craft generally. The business session was adjourned at noon, when the publishers present and the underlings of the various local papers were dined by Landlord Hannafin. The Markham's well known reputation for hospitality was amply sustained and the boys all did ample justice to the spread. Present at the publishers' meeting were C. R. Martin, R. W. Hitchcock, H. G. Hays, S. R. Moorhead and Ernest Oberg. Telegrams were received from the other publishers unable to be present expressing their profoundest regrets. The occasion was a very enjoyable one for all in attendance.

To Inspect Circle.

The annual inspection of the local Ladies G. A. R. Circle will occur next Saturday and will be conducted by Mrs. Marilda Stone, of Rush City. The occasion will be made the most of by the ladies who have one of the best circles in the state. Dinner will be served to the ladies of the circle and to the members of the post and elaborate preparations are being made for the event.

A LETTER FROM BOB DUNN

Is in the Fight For Governorship Until State Convention Decides It.

DECLARATION OF HIS CANDIDACY BY PRINCETON MAN

He Appreciates the Hearty Support of Friends in Every Section of the State.

A well known Bemidji gentleman has just received a letter from Hon. R. C. Dunn, of Princeton, in which Mr. Dunn discusses his candidacy for the governorship in his characteristic fashion. Mr. Dunn announces that he is in the fight to stay and that he will make every honorable effort to win until the state convention finally decides the fight.

Speaking of the spontaneous and hearty endorsement which his candidacy has called out in every section of the state Mr. Dunn says that the kind words of his friends and their efforts in his behalf are heartily appreciated. "I am in the fight to stay," says Mr. Dunn, "and I want to tell you that I heartily appreciate all the kind things the boys up your way are doing for me."

The sentiment in favor of Mr. Dunn's candidacy is constantly growing in this section. Among the prominent and influential residents of Bemidji Mr. Dunn numbers many warm personal friends, who are well familiar with his sterling worth as a man and with his ability as a public official. They will naturally take more than a passing interest in his candidacy.

As the matter now stands the opinion generally expressed that if the state convention were to be held tomorrow Mr. Dunn would be the nominee by an overwhelming majority. The conditions that will enter into the fight between this time and the holding of the state convention can not change matters very materially. The campaign of both Judge Collins and Mr. Dunn will begin in earnest after the first of the year and from present indications it will be one of the most spectacular in the history of Minnesota republican politics.

COUNCIL ROWS

Motion to Adjourn Prevailed Early at Meeting of Village Dads at Tenstrike.

A motion to adjourn prevailed early at the regular meeting of the village dads at Tenstrike last night. The meeting was a regular meeting of the council and when the matter came up of the village justice receiving his regular fees for the collection of the fines from the slot machines there was an open breach between members of the council. The justice is a member of the council and he held that in so long as he imposed the fines he was entitled to the customary fee. The matter occasioned much warm discussion and when the meeting was hastily adjourned it was as far from a satisfactory settlement if not farther than when it was first taken up for consideration. The various slot machines in the city are operating under a fine of one dollar each at present.

The Best in the World

Dr. J. W. Hamilton, of San Francisco, Cal., says "I have sold Warner's White Wine of Tar Syrup for years. It is the best cough medicine in the world, and has no equal for asthma."

IRWOOD COMING

Rev. Will J. Irwood, Spiritualistic Evangelist, to Hold Meetings in Bemidji Soon.

Through the efforts of the Rev. Mrs. Ted Smith arrangements have just been completed where by Rev. Will J. Irwood, of LaCrosse, Wis., one of the best known Spiritualistic evangelists in the country, will soon come to Bemidji to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the cause of Spiritualism. The local Spiritualistic church has something of a membership at present and meetings have been regularly conducted by Mrs. Smith for some time past. Mrs. Smith has several times held public meetings at the city hall and has always talked to crowded houses. She is an enthusiast in the work and enters into it with a sincerity which attracts the widest local attention.

Rev. Irwood is one of the best known exponents of the doctrine of Spiritualism in the country. He was educated for the Catholic priesthood, but became interested in the work of Spiritualism and took it up before he was or-

PINE WENT HIGH

Weyerhaeuser Co., Gets Most of Pine Offered at Sale Last Saturday.

The reservation pine which was sold at Cass Lake Saturday brought a much better price than had been anticipated, as lumbermen who bid \$8 and \$9 per thousand are beginning to realize. The Weyerhaeuser Co. are said to have been the most successful bidders and most of the timber will go to this company and to other "down river" firms. The next sale occurs on the 28th inst., and is expected to arouse more interest than the one which has just been concluded.

dained. His career has been attended with great success and notoriety and he has a reputation throughout the country that always draws the largest houses. He intends to spend about three weeks in Bemidji and the meetings will begin about the first of the year.

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