

BRIDE YESTERDAY SUED TODAY

Unusual Circumstance is Developed in Justice Court Today.

HUSBAND SUICIDES—WIFE BECOMES A BRIDE.

A Wedding Yesterday That Had More Than the Usual Incident Attached.

There was an unusual story developed in municipal court this morning when the case of a well known firm of Bemidji attorneys vs. Sallie Smallwood was called. The action was a civil matter to recover funds advanced to the defendant in securing a divorce from her husband George Smallwood. Judgment was rendered but it is probable that the amount asked for \$2.50 will never be recovered as Mrs. Smallwood yesterday left the city for Wisconsin, a bride for the second time.

From the evidence it appears that Mrs. Smallwood began an action for a divorce against her husband on the grounds of adultery. The papers were duly served on him and it is a matter of record that he committed suicide in Hubbard county less than three months ago. There were two grown children and the couple had been married for twenty four years. Yesterday morning Judge Reynolds said the words that made the Smallwood woman the wife of another man and this morning he rendered judgment against her for \$1.50 fees incurred in securing a divorce from her first husband.

Plenty of Recruits.

Corporal Witte, the recruiting officer for the U. S. Army, who has been in Bemidji for some time past reports that he is meeting with excellent success. Mr. Witte ships his first squad of ten recruits to St. Louis tomorrow. The men for the most part have enlisted for service in the cavalry. Following are the names: John W. Cooper, Hiram E. Wheeler, James E. Ogan, Rufus Sowers, Edward H. Dullard, Joseph Bruman, John Widert, William Mulcare, John M. Stubson, and Frank Livingston.

Important Meeting.

The next meeting of the board of county commissioners will occur January 5. The formal organization of the board, the awarding of the county printing and the preparation of the financial statement will be the principal business aside from establishing the assessment districts in the unorganized portions of the county.

To Open Soon.

Avery Smith expects to open his new hotel in about ten days more. The finishing touches are at present being put on the interior. The house will have about fifteen rooms and will cater to the first class trade. Mr. Smith has decided to name it the "Challenge" and will personally conduct the house.

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." For sale at city Drug Store.

WINDOW DISPLAYS

Those Made This Year By Bemidji Business Men Are Particularly Fine.

Bemidji business men have this year done themselves proud in their window displays for the Christmas season. For good taste and novel ideas the displays seen in Bemidji this year can not be improved upon anywhere in the northwest. While some are much more elaborate than others all are exceedingly well done.

O'Leary & Bowser's magnificent Xmas window has attracted general attention from adults as well as from children. Barker's window display of china, silver and jewels is one of the prettiest ever seen in the northwest. Schneider Bros., the clothiers, display two windows very effectively. E. H. Winter & Co. display some of the finest hand painted china ever seen in this city. Wm. McCueig has a very novel and interesting display of toys. E. L. Naylor has a big stock of toys as well as furniture, and has displayed both very cleverly. The Fair has two very attractive windows of Christmas goods in great variety. The P. F. Folkers Jewelry Co. devotes but a small space to window display, but it is attractive enough to induce every one who looks at it to go inside and look over the company's big stock of cut glass, china and jewelry. Two very enticing windows of Xmas furniture are displayed by J. P. Lahr, the Minnesota avenue furniture man. Mrs. Berma has crowded a wealth of ladies furnishings into several windows which are tastefully arranged. The big store of J. Peterson, Jr., is a most attractive place for children with its fine display of Christmas toys and candies. I. Meyer & Co. have two big windows attractively arranged with seasonable clothing. A. E. Winter, the jeweler, has an exceedingly attractive window which has elicited much admiration. For an alluring display of millinery and ladies' furnishings James J. Severson's display is hard to beat. The Palace has a notable display of clothing. J. A. Ludington's hardware display is well worth seeing, and the Bazaar makes a fine display under adverse circumstances. I. B. Olson, the Lakeside confectioner, has a fine display of toys and other Christmas goods. These and other displays too numerous to mention are a credit to Bemidji.

Were it not that we are so busy taking in new subscriptions the Pioneer would have washed its windows and displayed a few new exchanges in place of those which have done duty in our front windows for the past six months.

Gemmell Better.

Superintendent Strachan, of the M. & L., was in the city last night. The many Bemidji friends of Superintendent Gemmell, of the M. & L., will be glad to know that he is recovering nicely from the attack of appendicitis which has incapacitated him for some time and for which he recently underwent an operation at the Brainerd sanitarium.

Valuable Claims.

We can locate some first class cedar and spruce claims in St. Louis and Lake counties. Minnesota Locating Co., 525 Manhattan Building, Duluth, Minn.

AFTER TODAY THE DELUGE

All Parties Prepare For the Eleventh Hour of the Pioneer Contest.

THOUSANDS OF VOTES WILL BE REGISTERED TOMORROW.

The Finish Will Beat Any Political Fight in Beltrami County For Excitement.

Bemidji:
May Villeman 5690
Laura Mayer 5601
Ethel McTaggart 4108
Outside towns:
Miss Mead, Blackduck 3152
Mary Bain, Blackduck 3062
Miss Cyr, Tenstrike 2984
Mabel Johnson, Turtle River 2240
Letha Carleton, Blackduck 2214
Ida Gumont, Tenstrike 1460
Mrs. Pacha, Blackduck 1361
Miss Craig, Kelliher 936
Miss Leak, Blackduck 731
Ida Moen, Bagley 624
Remember that the Pioneer contest closes tomorrow exactly at noon.

There will be a deluge of votes in the Pioneer contest tomorrow. Thousands of votes are being held back for the last minute of the contest.

Interest in this city is at a white heat and the friends of each candidate declare that their favorite shall win if they spend all tonight and all tomorrow morning at it.

Standing room for Ben Hur is at a premium and the Duluth papers speak in the most glowing terms of the production.

If there is one place in the contest that is hotter than another it is at Blackduck, but Tenstrike is a good second.

Miso Villeman leads today in Bemidji by a narrow margin and Miss Mead of Blackduck in the out of town contest.

The contest closes promptly at noon tomorrow.

Buy's Interest in Cafe.

Fred Thome today closed a deal by which he becomes interested in the restaurant business of John Buckley at the Palace cafe. The new firm will be a strong one. Mr. Thome has quite a local reputation as a chef and Mr. Buckley's place has always been one of the most popular in town. The Messrs. Buckley and Thome will run a first class place and will no doubt get their share of the local trade.

Taken Under Advisement.

The case of Harry Gunsalus vs. Charles Cutler involving the possession of some property which had been taken under attachment proceedings was argued in Judge Skinvik's court yesterday. The judge decided to take the matter under advisement and announces that the decision will be forthcoming tomorrow. The parties involved in the matter are residents of Tenstrike.

Board Meets Tonight.

The board of education has a regular meeting tonight. Considerable business of importance is to come before the meeting. Among other things it will try to effect some sort of a settlement with Contractor Miller who suspended work on the school house addition some time ago owing to some difference with the board.

READING ROOM

One Will be Opened January 1 in the Old First National Bank Building.

J. I. Collins, of Minneapolis, has rented the old First National bank building and intends opening up a free reading and mission room to be conducted by home talent. Every man, woman and child who believes in uplifting and bettering of human society in general, and the stranger homeless and churchless in Bemidji in particular, will be asked to lend a helping hand.

In speaking of the project today Mr. Collins said: "What will be needed will be first the sympathy and encouragement of all who have the spirit of Christ. Second, short talks and lectures by those who are competent Christian talkers, music, instrumental and vocal, reading matter, cash and many other things too numerous to mention." The project will be inaugurated about January 1.

Subscribe for The Pioneer.

WAS BURNED TO A TINDER

Debauch on Clear Alcohol Resulted Disastrously to a Woodsman.

ONE IS DEAD AND OTHERS BARELY ESCAPED.

They Were Too Stupid From Drink to Leave the Burning Shack.

News has just reached here of the burning of a small shack at Tronnes, in the southeastern part of Aitkin county, resulting in the death of Chas. Johnson, an employe of the McGrath Lumber company.

Ezekiel Mullet, Andrew Sunquist, Herman Luckow, George Pope and Charles Johnson went to Tronnes and obtained a gallon of alcohol. From there they went to the house of a farmer named Christianson, a mile and a quarter from the camp, where

the drunk about half the liquor. They left Christianson's about 9:30, intending to return to the camp, but had not gone far before Luckow, Pope and Johnson became stupid from the effect of the alcohol and could proceed no farther. Mullet went back and got a hand sled on which he hauled Johnson to a log shack near by and then returned for Pope. Sunquist in the meantime had assisted Luckow into the building.

Mullet and Sunquist made a fire in the center of the log floor and all five lay down around it, leaving the door open to allow the smoke to escape. Becoming cold and fearing that his drunken companions would freeze, Mullet told Sunquist he would go to the camp and get a horse and sled and take the party back to their quarters. Sunquist awaited Mullet's return for some time and, thinking something had happened to delay him, started out to meet him. Upon looking back shortly afterwards he saw the shanty in flames. He retraced his steps as quickly as possible and managed to drag Pope and Luckow out of danger, but was unable to rescue Johnson, whose body was burned to a cinder.

<p>We Do All Kinds of Tin and Iron Work Pump Steam and Water Pipe Repairing a Specialty</p>	<p>HARDWARE J. A. LUDINGTON PHONE 250</p>	<p>We Make Everything in Hot and Cold Water Tanks Hot Water Boilers Chimney Jackets Sinks, Etc.</p>
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LADIES AT SCHNEIDER'S

You frequently see two presents for the amount you thought one would cost.

Schneider Bros.

THE CLOTHIERS.

The economy of our prices is more pronounced during the holiday season than at any other time.

The buyers who throng our aisles in search of the most sensible Christmas gift--- something to wear---find the largest stock of merchandise for men ever shown in Bemidji. Nowhere else can you find such a magnificent stock of clothing as we are offering you today. Nowhere else can you see the vast assortment of Overcoats, that makes selection a reality, not a "Hobson's choice."

Here and here only are exclusive furnishings that will gladden the heart of many a man on Christmas day.

Here, too, are the late styles in Hats, Caps in all the new patterns of cloth with that Patent Inside Fur Band; Fur Caps that look like Seal and don't cost nearly as much.

Here's a special from our Furnishing Goods Department:
Fifty dozen Silk Ties in new brocades, rich, warm colorings and heavy silks, made up in Four in Hands, Ascots and Tecks, value \$1; special holiday offering 50c

THE HOME OF THE FASHIONABLE OVERCOAT.

The Attractions at Schneider's Store are the Low Prices.



<p>Handkerchiefs Ribbons Belts Purses Wrist Bags Kid Gloves Waistings</p>	<h3>Christmas Suggestions</h3>	<p>Corsets Silk Mitts Dress Goods Patterns Under Skirts Towels Napkins Table Linens Table Spreads</p>
<p>Yarn Mitts Golf Gloves Shell Goods Dolls Photo Albums Toys</p>	<p>Baby Hoods Fasenerators Pillow Tops Shawls Neck Furs Bed Spreads</p>	

All Ladies and Misses Hats at Half Price. The Largest Stock and Best Values in Ladies and Children's Underwear and Hosiery in the city at

SEVERSON'S

Next Door to First Nat. Bank.