

HAS RECORD FOR EFFICIENCY

County Attorney Loud Submits Annual Report to Attorney General.

BIG VOLUME OF BUSINESS FOR THE CLOSING YEAR.

Criminal Business of Beltrami County Well to the Front With Other Counties.

County Attorney Loud has finished his annual report of business of the county attorney's office and it will be forwarded to Attorney General Douglas some time this week. The report is an annual affair required by law from every county attorney in the state and shows the volume of business which passes through the county attorney's office. It is also interesting as establishing the record of the county attorney.

The report shows that during the year there have been 151 criminal cases before the county attorney in Beltrami county, many of them involving a preliminary ex-indictment trial. Disposition of them was made as follows: Fourteen convictions in district court, one acquittal; fifty-five convictions in justice court, five acquittals; twelve cases pending, thirty-four fined, twenty-one served terms at the county jail, one sent to reform school, six received penitentiary sentences and two developed insanity, pending trial. The total costs returned to the county attorney were \$2616.47 and the total fines and costs collected \$279.12. Sixty-four cases were dismissed in all courts, including none, no indictment, insanity and other matters.

It will be seen that the record of the county attorney in the foregoing is a substantial compliment to his ability and efficiency. It is doubtful if there is another county in the state as large as Beltrami in point of population where it is as difficult to successfully administer the affairs of the county attorney's office as it is in this county. Mr. Loud's record is altogether to his credit and develops him a careful, economical and able official.

Worthington Will Recover.

Friends of Fred Worthington, the Northern township man, who recently suffered terrible exposure while lost in the woods near Two Harbors and who was taken to the state hospital for the insane at Fergus Falls as a result, are advised that he is doing very nicely and will ultimately recover. Mr. Worthington's father, who had visited him at the hospital, was in city Saturday and states that his release from the hospital will occur in about three weeks if he makes the favorable progress the physicians hope for.

Married Saturday.

The wedding of Miss Elsie N. Schwenk and Gilbert Crounce occurred in Bemidji Saturday evening. The groom is a well known railroad man living at Cass Lake. The bride is the daughter of parents who reside in the country a short distance from Bemidji. Mr. and Mrs. Crounce will make their future home at Cass Lake.

SUICIDE

Family Jars Drive Knudt Hoff To Desperation Christmas Eve.

News is received from Warren that Knudt Olson Hoff committed suicide near that city. The body was discovered Christmas eve, at eight o'clock lying just west of the Lyons hotel with a bullet hole in the temple. The body was warm and had probably not laid there more than half an hour. The attention of a passer-by was first attracted by a dog sniffing around some object which on investigation proved to be the body of Hoff.

The unfortunate man lived some four miles from East Grand Forks. He recently sold his interests there and his wife and family went to south to visit. He has a brother living north of East Grand Forks and the remains will be shipped there from Warren, in all probability. It is not known why he was in Warren, or why he went there.

He has been very despondent for some time over domestic troubles. It is said that Mrs. Hoff was suing for divorce in Polk county, and this led her husband to the rash act which cost him his life. However, the records of the county fail to show any such case. If she was suing for a divorce the case had just begun and had not as yet been recorded.

Want County Redistricted.

The Rainy River Region says that "a glance at the map will prove that the country along the Rainy river and Lake of the Woods and the Canadian Northern railway might justly claim one representative on the county board. A petition is making the rounds of the neighborhood which will be placed before the said board at their next session. This does not mean to have a representative now but to have the county redistricted in anticipation of next election which is sure to come along later on."

Pine Sale at Cass Lake.

The second sale of reservation pine will occur at Cass Lake today and will be much larger than the first one several weeks ago. The timber offered is better and more easily accessible and is expected to net more money than the last sale. The work of opening the bids began at nine o'clock this morning and will not be completed today. The successful bidders will not be announced until some time during the latter part of January.

"Champeens" Chastised.

W. W. Browne and J. F. George, who a short time ago established themselves as the local whist "champeens" by defeating several well known whist players are no more champions. They relinquished the title after a game played yesterday in which they were defeated by the Messrs. Rhoda and Graham.

Buy Wheat.

Wheat was again strong and higher with big Bull interest heavy buyers. May wheat, Minneapolis, closed 83½, Chicago, 84½; corn 45¼, oats 37¾, pork 12.55, lard 6.92, ribs 6.60.

On any decline from present prices buy wheat, corn and oats.

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DIPHTHERIA FROM A BEAR

Hunter Shoots a Bear in an Inflicted Hut and Gets Disease Soon After.

REMARKABLE STORY OF HENRY BURKE, A HUNTER.

Burke's Boy of Six Years of Age Also Contracted the Disease From the Animal.

Strange as it may seem, Henry Burke, a northern Minnesota professional hunter, lays an attack of diphtheria, from which he is convalescing, to a bear. He also declares that his only child, a boy of six, contracted the disease from the animal. Burke was deer hunting several weeks ago, when he struck the trail of a black bear making in the direction of a log cabin in which a family named Stevens had lived last spring. He was then stalking a buck and went on, but two days later visited the same locality to get a shot at bruin. The tracks had been obliterated, but the hunter believed the animal had not gone far, as it is time for them to "cave up" for the winter.

There were no caverns in the vicinity, but it occurred to Burke that the bear might have been driven from his usual haunts by the deer shooting and have taken up a winter lodging in the old hut. Such things had happened, and he determined to investigate.

The Stevens family had been stricken with diphtheria shortly before they moved, and the cabin had since been abandoned. It was shunned by woodsmen, disease, but Burke had never been sick in bed in his life, and he did not hesitate to look over the place.

A search of the ground floor resulted in nothing, and Burke was about to return home, when he noticed a ladder leaning to the loft where the Stevens children had slept. The hunter had got halfway up the ladder when he heard a deep breathing. It was dark above, so he descended, making a torch out of a balsam knot, and returned. By the light of the torch he saw a bear curled up under an old cot and half covered with straw.

The animal opened his eye growled and was starting to his feet, when Burke shot him through the head. The hunter then procured a rope and snaked him up to a tree. Later in the day he got his mare and lugged the carcass home. The six year-old boy hung about while the animal was skinned, and that night, with the hunter and the rest of the family, dined on bear steak and then played with the skin while his father was dressing it. Some days after the father and son developed sore throats. The elder Burke had once been afflicted with tonsillitis, and, thinking that he had a second attack, treated himself and offspring with a preparation of balsam gum and honey, a home made remedy. But the treatment failed to conquer the disease and the next morning, when large white patches appeared, a country physician was sent for. He diagnosed the disease as diphtheria, administered antitoxin and eventually brought him patients out danger. When Burke found out what was the matter he laid the trouble to the bear, which he declared had carried the germs in his long hair. He gave the hide to another hunter. In time he got the disease and Burke was more than ever convinced that the bear was responsible. The doctor laughs at the idea, but Burke's theory is accepted by some.

Meets Tomorrow Night.

The city band has a regular practice meeting at the justice rooms in the city hall. All musicians in the city are invited to be present. After the first of the year the band will get down to active practice and an effort will be made to give a concert some time in February.

Wants Judgment Renewed.

The case of J. D. H. Thomas vs. James Hancock has been occupying the attention of Judge Skinvik's court today. It is for the renewal of a judgment rendered in Iowa eleven years ago. The defense interposes the claim that the claim is outlawed.

A Tenstrike Lawsuit.

The case of Edward Lucia vs. Edward Leonard came up for hearing in Judge Skinvik's court this morning. It involves the possession of a pool table and a number of Tenstrike people are interested.

From an Ohio Minister.

Rev. G. W. Hagants, of Clyde Ohio says: "I have used Dr. Warner's White Wine of Tar Syrup for sore throat, weak lungs, cough, cold, and any diseases of the kind it surpasses all other remedies. Many thanks to the doctor for his valuable remedy." For sale at the City Drug Store.

CUTTING AFFRAY AT FUNKLEY

George Dent, Hotel Keeper, Is Seriously Wounded in a Cutting Affray.

DRUNKEN FINLANDERS ENGAGE IN DEADLY FIGHT

Dent Attempts to Stop the Trouble and Receives Several Knife Wounds.

As the result of a cutting affray which occurred at Funkley last night, George Dent, a well known hotel man of that town, lies in a critical condition and grave fears for his recovery are entertained.

A number of Finnish woodsmen had come in from the camps to spend Christmas and had become intoxicated. They engaged in a fierce hand to hand fight at Dent's place and it was while trying to stop the fight that Mr. Dent received his injuries. The

Finns were quite beside themselves and were using their favorite weapon the Finnish knife to very good advantage. Mr. Dent received several knife wounds in the melee. Some of them are very serious and he suffered greatly from loss of blood before a doctor could be secured. The Finns are under arrest.

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Supper Tomorrow Night.

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