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BEMIDJI CHIEFS AND HIGH SCHOOL PLAYED TIE GAME

Beef and Brawn of Independent Team Offset by Clever Work of School Eleven.—The Game was an Exciting One.—Score Five to Five.

The football game played here Saturday between the "Bemidji Chiefs" (the newly-organized independent team) and the Bemidji high school eleven was the hardest-fought contest ever pulled off on the local gridiron.

The game ended in a tie (5 to 5), each side making a touch-down, and neither being able to kick goal.

Much interest was shown in the game, as it is more than likely that the high school team will be in a game to decide the school championship of the western portion of the north half of the state, and the town people also wanted to see just how good an independent team could be turned out from the material available about the city.

The independent team is composed of strapping young men, many of them of powerful build, and nearly all old football heroes, warriors in many battles of former days. The independents outweighed the high school players, averaging 177 pounds to the man, while the school boys averaged not more than 145 pounds. The beef told in favor of the independents, but the boys more than offset the advantage in weight by team play and speed, especially in the last half of the game, when the ball was in their opponents' territory most of the time, going into the high school territory but once.

The "Chiefs" played a fine game, considering the fact that none of them were in good physical condition for a grueling contest and that they had been together but once, and then only a few moments.

The high school boys showed the good effects of coaching, and they took advantage of every misplay of their opponents. They also took the "big fellows" by surprise several times, through trick plays. On two

occasions, the forward pass was worked beautifully, twenty yards being gained each time, the first time, the pass being handled finely by Kruse, who took the oval over for the only touchdown secured by his side.

The officials of the game were as follows: Heffron, referee; McCam, umpire.

The teams lined up as follows: "Bemidji Chiefs"—W. Markham, center; Hillaby and Edd, guards; J. Markham and Hud Fisk, tackles; Fred Smith and Scott Stewart, ends; Clem Southworth, quarter; Getchell and Collins, half-backs; Kelly, full-back.

High school—Brenneman, center; Kretz and Boyer, guards; Roberts and Lycan, tackles; Hendrum and Kruse, ends; Getchell and Carter, half-backs; Shook, quarter; Peterson, full-back.

THE GAME IN DETAIL.

The "Chiefs" won the toss for goal and Southworth kicked off for the independents.

The ball was fumbled by the school players on the attempted return, and they failed to gain any distance with the ball.

A poor attempt at a kick resulted in a block. The ball was fumbled and a "Chief" player fell on it.

The ball was given to the independents, within a few yards of the school goal.

Kelley and Getchell were sent against the school line. Both plunged into the "kids" defense and tore big holes, Kelley, especially, hitting the line like a battering ram.

It was impossible to stop the plunges of Kelley, and he finally went through for a touchdown, ten minutes after play had been started. Kelley failed to kick goal.

Score: "Bemidji Chiefs" 5; High School 0.

Peterson kicked off for the school, sending the ball to within a few feet of the opposite goal.

Kelley caught the ball, but was downed almost in his tracks.

The "Chiefs" bucked the school line, but were unable to gain the required distance and kicked.

Peterson caught the ball, but was downed with no gain.

On the first trial, Peterson went through the "Chiefs" line for ten yards. "Chiefs" penalized for off-side playing.

Carter was sent through the line for a gain of five yards.

The "kids" were playing the big fellows off their feet, the latter being very tired.

Carter dropped back to the 25-yard line and tried for a drop-kick goal from the field. The ball went wide, owing to the wind.

Ball was brought back and "Chiefs" kicked off to Kruse, who made three yards before being downed.

On the first line-up, Getchell, for the school, made an elegant forward pass. Kruse got the ball and took it over the "Chiefs" line for a touchdown.

Peterson missed a difficult goal. Score: High School 5, "Chiefs" 5.

The half ended with the try for goal.

Both teams entered the second half, with the "Chiefs" determined, but tired; and the "kids" apparently fresh and confident of holding their heavier opponents.

Peterson, for the school, kicked off to J. Markham, who was downed for no gain.

In three downs, the "Chiefs" failed to gain, the "kids" holding nicely, and the ball changed hands, in the "Chiefs" territory.

Carter gained three yards through the line. A forward pass failed to gain, and the school was penalized fifteen yards.

Another forward pass sent the ball close to the "Chiefs" goal, where Kelley was downed with no gain.

From this time to the end of the game, the ball saw-sawed back and forth, being many times close to the "Chiefs" goal. The "kids" held nicely, and they were playing better all-around ball than their opponents.

Near the end of the game, Peterson broke through the "Chief" line for a fine run of thirty yards, being downed near the goal.

A fumble, near the close of the game, lost the ball to the high school, when it seemed that they would secure another touchdown, after which it was an even break, the game ending in a tie.

The game showed that the independent team, with more practice and coaching, is going to make a very formidable aggregation. The work of Kelley, at fullback, shows him to be a powerful linebucker, who only needs the co-operation of his team mates to tear up any line put against him. He rarely failed to gain, when sent against the line Saturday, but lack of condition put him to the bad. The remainder of the team also has the proper football nerve, and are willing and fast.

The high school boys are improving very rapidly, and their work Saturday in stopping the heavy line of the "Chiefs" showed they have great staying powers.

It is the intention to have the players of the two teams line up against each other every afternoon, after school is over, for short scrimmages, which will be of great benefit to both elevens.

Auction Sale.

An auction sale will be held at Pogues barn on Saturday November 2.

Parties having articles for sale are requested to list them with the undersigned.

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Secretary.

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DISPUTE CLAIM OF EAST GRAND FORKS

Local High School Football Eleven Would Play for Championship of This Section.

BEMIDJI TEAM CHALLENGES FORKERS FOR GAME SATURDAY

Up to the Claimants of Championship to Make Good Their Published Statement.

There is every possibility of a championship game of football being played on the Bemidji gridiron next Saturday afternoon, the contesting elevens being Bemidji High School and East Grand Forks High School teams.

The members of the Bemidji High School team are considerably vexed at the claim which is being made by the East Grand Forks team to the effect that they (East Grand Forks) are the champions of Northwestern Minnesota.

The Forks players claim the championship through the comparison of scores made by that team and Bemidji in games this fall. In this claim the score made against Crookston by East Grand Forks (14 to 0) and that made against Crookston by Bemidji (5 to 0) is taken as a basis of the respective merits of East Grand Forks and Bemidji; and the claim is made that East Grand Forks is superior to the local team, and consequently, champions of this territory.

The Bemidji team takes exception to this claim, and is willing to demonstrate on the gridiron their belief that they are equals, if not the superiors, of the East Grand Forks eleven.

A letter was recently written to the manager of the East Grand Forks team, requesting a game here next Saturday. Nothing definite was heard from the Forks team until this morning, when Prof. Ritchie took the matter up over the 'phone, with the result that there is a possibility of a game, which will be for the northwestern championship of the state. In furtherance of the desire for a game, the following challenge was issued today to the manager of the East Grand Forks High School team.

"The Bemidji High School hereby challenges the East Grand Forks High School to a game of football to be played Saturday, Nov. 2, upon the following conditions: "The game to be played at Bemidji, and Bemidji pay fifty dollars (\$50) of East Grand Forks expenses; or the game to be played at East Grand Forks and East Grand Forks pay fifty dollars (\$50) of Bemidji's expenses. In either case the money to be telegraphed next Friday afternoon.

"That the players of both teams shall be regular students of their respective high schools, taking at least three subjects; and that none of them shall be post-graduates.

"Unless this challenge is accepted, the Bemidji High School will claim the championship of Northwestern Minnesota. Crookston defeated Ada and Fosston; East Grand Forks defeated Warren and Crookston, while Bemidji also won from Crookston and Cass Lake. Grand Rapids won from Bemidji, but it is out of this territory. Although East Grand Forks scored five more points than Bemidji against Crookston, a victory is only a victory; and as Crookston declares that she did not know her signals well when she played them, and that she played a much harder game against us than against East Grand Forks, we shall claim the championship, as stated before.

"C. A. Shannon, Mgr.,
"Bemidji High School
Football Team."

Pleasant Party.

A farewell party was given last Saturday evening, at the home of Mrs. O. M. Skinvik, in honor of the contemplated departure of Mrs. Skinvik for her future home, on a

claim, some thirty miles from International Falls.

The ladies of the Norwegian Lutheran church assembled at the home of Mrs. Skinvik, and after an hour's social visit presented the lady of the house with an elegant set of silver knives, forks and spoons. Rev. Stromme, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran church, made the presentation speech, and spoke high words of commendation of the work of Mrs. Skinvik for the benefit of the church.

The evening was very pleasantly passed in social chat and entertainment.

Mrs. Skinvik will leave Bemidji about November 1.

Thanks, Brother Schusser.

In this world of trouble, strife and contention, a "spell" like the following is somewhat comforting—much more so than a red-hot roast from some individual with an imaginary grievance:

Kellier Journal: V. L. Ellis, representing the Bemidji Pioneer, was in the city last Friday adding new names to the large list of Pioneer readers. The Pioneer is one of the best and most enterprising of the country dailies, and certainly deserves the liberal patronage it receives.

Hallowe'en Public Dance.

A Hallowe'en dance will be given at the city hall next Thursday evening, at which a good time will be had by everyone who attends.

Symington's orchestra will furnish the music, and there will be a good prompter in attendance.

Everybody invited.

TRAIN STRUCK A TREE; SMALL DAMAGE IS DONE

The Passengers on the Sauk Center-Bemidji Line Given a Scare Saturday Evening.

A serious, if not fatal, wreck was narrowly averted, last Saturday evening, a mile and a half north of Leech Lake station, on the Sauk Center-Bemidji branch of the Great Northern railway, when the north-bound passenger train ran into a tree that had been blown down almost directly in front of the train. Fortunately, the tree was brushed aside far enough to allow the train to pass, but not without breaking every window in the coaches and the locomotive and shaking the train very perceptibly.

The train was steaming along at a rapid rate, when turning a curve, where it was impossible for Engineer John Cannon to see more than a few yards ahead, the tree was struck. Beyond breaking the windows and giving those aboard a scare, no further damage was done.

Had a Fine Time.

C. J. Covington and Fred Jordan, who went to Minot as representatives of Bemidji Lodge, No. 1052, B. P. O. E., at the instituting of the new Elk lodge, returned from Minot Sunday night. Both report having had the time of their lives, and vote Minot people as the "best ever." They took along much advertising matter for Bemidji, and were given assurances that a large number of the Elks of North Dakota will come to Bemidji next summer, when the annual meeting of the Minnesota State association of Elks will be held in this city. The Pioneer will give a more complete account of the "doings" at Minot, in tomorrow evening's issue.

Was a Fine Supper.

The supper given at the G. A. R. hall last Saturday evening was one of the best that has ever been served in this city. The ladies of the G. A. R., under whose auspices the supper was given, supplied every desire of the "inner man" (and woman) and were very attentive to their guests. The receipts netted about \$20 to the ladies' exchequer.

An excellent program was rendered in the afternoon, which was much enjoyed by all who were present.

Additional local matter will be found on fourth page.

GOVERNOR SIMPLY DOING HIS DUTY IN FIXING DATE

County Attorney Henry Funkley Gives an Interview Relative to Munn and Mathieson Cases.—Governor Johnson Is Simply a Figurehead in Matter.

There has been much talk of late relative to the fate of Merten S. Munn and Peter Mathieson, convicted murderers, who were given death sentences by Judge McClenahan, at the recent term of court held in Beltrami county.

After the death penalty had been imposed upon the two men, and while waiting for the records of the clerk of court in the Munn and Mathieson cases, Governor Johnson, on whom falls the duty of setting dates for the execution of the two murderers, gave out an interview, in which he stated that he was opposed to capital punishment, but that he would do his plain duty and fix the time for the hangings.

The interview given by the governor was the incentive for considerable newspaper and other discussion, relative to hangings, and especially with reference to the two Beltrami county cases.

Henry Funkley of Bemidji, county attorney of Beltrami county, who secured the conviction of Munn and Mathieson, and who also convicted "Shorty" Wesley and Paul Fournier of the murder of N. O. Dahl, has been absent from the city since the trial of Munn and Mathieson. He returned yesterday, and he has the following to say relative to the position of the governor and the carrying out of the death penalty imposed upon Munn and Mathieson:

"It is indeed a remarkable situation, and one not to be proud of, that is being exhibited throughout the state in connection with the fixing of the date of execution by the governor of Munn and Mathieson, upon their sentences for murder in the first degree at the last term of court in this county.

"As county attorney, I originally swore out the warrants charging these men with murder in the first degree, upon which charges they were duly indicted, tried, convicted, and sentenced, the court, unable to certify to exceptional circumstances, doing the only thing that he could do under law, imposing the death penalty.

"The law makes it the plain duty of the governor to set the date for the execution. It is up to him to set the day. He can choose whatever day he desires. But he must choose one. And there his responsibility ends. If he did not set a day, he would not be doing his duty.

"It is inconceivable to me how there is any room for discussion in connection with the duty of the governor, unless the position is

taken that the governor must not do his duty, which is anarchy, in as vile and treasonable a sense as it is law-abiding and good citizenship to take the position that the governor not only will but SHALL do his duty.

"The fact that there is any discussion on this subject at all strongly emphasizes that there is in existence a lawless spirit on the part of the people generally—a sympathy for the under dog—anarchical and treasonable in its tendency, and it is this same spirit that has made it so difficult to convict criminals in the northern part of the state, which fact is a part of its history as well as its shame and disgrace.

"Surely, the governor knew, when he assumed the duties of his office, that this law was in the statute, and that therefore it was at least possible that he might be called upon to set such a date.

"The governor was for many years a member of the legislature, and perhaps he could have changed or abolished this law, if he had desired. And then, again, he has been governor here for nearly three years, and could he not in that time have exerted an influence upon the legislature that would of brought about a change or abolishment of the law relating to the death penalty or at least have made some such recommendation, if his conscientious scruples stood in the way of his possible duty?

"The fact remains that the law is there, and that it is up to every law-abiding citizen, including the governor, to see that it is enforced. And all these popcockical, billy-achings about how bad or good the governor is in the settling of this date belong more in the inner circle of some Ancient Order of Old Maids, at a quilting bee, than in the minds of men having the welfare of the country and its people at heart.

"Murder in the first degree is punishable by death, unless the trial judge will certify that there are 'exceptional circumstances.' I did not make this law any more than the governor did. I too may have conscientious scruples concerning capital punishment, but nevertheless, the law makes it my duty as prosecuting attorney to prosecute for murder in the first degree. I took the office of county attorney not only for the office, but also for its duties, the same as the governor took his. It would certainly be a discouraging situation for a county attorney to feel that he was inviting the displeasure of the governor by

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