

ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS SENDING ENTIRE STANDING ARMY INTO MEXICO

POLICE BELIEVE THEY HAVE CLUE TO ROBBERIES

Several Suspects of Robberies Last Few Weeks Are Being Watched.

HART CASE IS SET OVER UNTIL SATURDAY

W. H. Newton Home is Broken Into and Watch and Money Taken.

The Bemidji police today are working on a clue which they believe will solve the robberies of the past few weeks in Bemidji. They believe that the same party committed the numerous robberies.

The robberies are the Barker drug store in which about \$25 was taken; the Harkner studio robbery in which small change was taken several weeks ago; the Troppman robbery when over \$15 was taken Tuesday night, and the robbery of the W. H. Newton home yesterday afternoon of a watch and small change.

Watch is Taken.

Robbers entered the home of W. H. Newton yesterday afternoon while Mrs. Newton was down town. Entrance was secured to the home by the prying of the back and side doors. A watch belonging to Mr. Newton and about two dollars in change and several dollars in chips were taken. The watch is valued at \$35. The robbery occurred between two and five o'clock.

Hart Case Saturday.

Frank Hart, alias Murray, who was arrested yesterday in connection with the robbery of Charles Martin of several hundred dollars, today in the municipal court secured a postponement of his case to next Saturday. It is alleged that he was with Martin and that he robbed Martin of the money when Martin was intoxicated. Martin had been working for the past five months for George Cochran, Jr., at the Bena camps.

LUMBER MILLS WILL BE OPENED NEXT WEEK SAY OFFICIALS

Crookston Lumber Company Mills Here to Open With 700 Employed.

PROSPECTS FOR FULL SEASON ARE EXCELLENT

Plant No. 1 and plant No. 2 of the Crookston mills will commence this season's operations about April 1, with a payroll of 700 names, it was announced today by mill officials. As the supply of logs is good and other conditions favorable the company's officials expect one of the best seasons in the mills' history.

Two Shifts to Work.

Regardless of the fact that the lake remains frozen, a force will be put to work in both mills. Two shifts will be run in each plant, one at night and one during the day. On this account a larger number of men will be employed this year than last year, as plant No. 2 operated only days last season.

Camps to Operate.

Logging camps will remain at work during the summer months. Two camps with steam skidders at Kellier have been shipping to Bemidji all winter and the standing timber promises to give work for the cutters all summer. This means a constant supply for the mills.

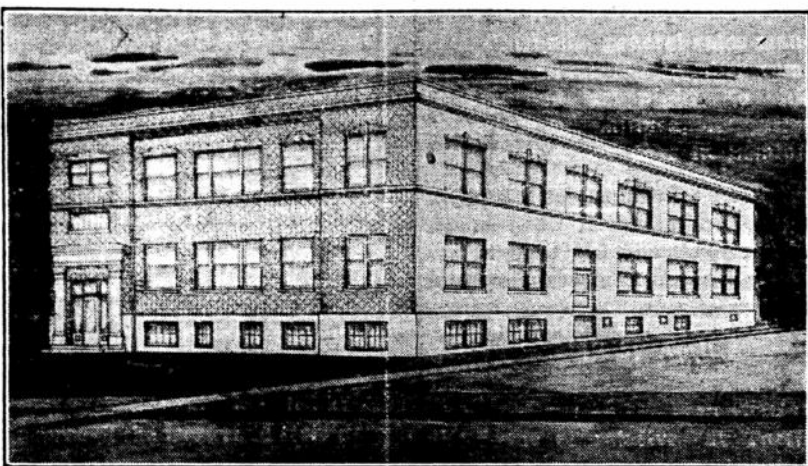
A one-skidder camp is also located at Neely Sliding on the Minneapolis, Red Lake & Manitoba railway, which with a trainload of logs shipped to Bemidji each day, beginning May 1, will also insure the plants against a shortage this season.

Changes Are Made.

Instead of awarding contracts for piling and yard work, it will this season be handled by the company itself. Other changes have occurred in the sawyers' department, the lath department and throughout the whole mill.

Andrew Larson will superintend the operations of both plants No. 1 and No. 2. Full shifts will be run until late next fall.

Koors Bros. Mfg. Co. To Build New \$20,000 Building



THE PROPOSED BUILDING

Contracts have been let to the Farnum Brothers' Contracting company of Minneapolis for the construction of a two-story brick building, located between the Great Northern and Soo Line tracks, by the Koors Brothers' Manufacturing company. Thomas Johnson of this city is the architect of the building.

Having outgrown the present locality, the Koors company at a recent stockholders' meeting increased the company's capital from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The capital is composed of \$35,000 of plain stock and \$15,000 preferred stock.

Many prominent business men of Bemidji are interested in the company, F. J. Koors being president and general manager, J. H. Koors, vice president and secretary, and A. Lord, treasurer. Much interest has been taken in the company as by the nature of the goods handled and the large territory covered, Bemidji receives much advertising.

The new building, on which work will commence immediately, with the additional equipment, will cost about \$20,000. The site is located between the Great Northern railway and Soo Line tracks on Minnesota avenue and faces east. It is expected that the construction will be completed by June 15.

The company will dispose of its retail department and specialize wholly in wholesale work. The basement of the new building will be used for storage room for flour and other materials, laundry, shower baths for the employees, engine room and the mechanical refrigerator machine.

The first floor will be for wholesale jobbing. The candy rooms and the ice cream manufacturing department will be on this floor.

The second floor will be used for the bread shop and a separate cake shop. Offices will be on the second floor.

STATE OFFICIAL INVESTIGATES FIRE

Officer From Fire Marshal Office Says Arson May Have Been Attempted.

M. J. Murray, deputy state fire marshal, has been in Bemidji during the past week investigating a case in which it had been reported that an attempt was made to set fire to a local building.

Word from the state fire marshal's office today says that the evidence is not sufficient to warrant the arrest of anyone.

It is alleged that some one prepared a down town building for burning but for some unknown reason did not set fire to the building. It is expected that the investigation will be completed in a few days when arrests may follow.

DISTRIBUTION IS LARGEST IN COUNTY

March Settlement Believed to Be Most in History; Near Completion.

County officials are completing the March settlement distribution which is the largest in the history of the county.

Figures compiled show that the mortgage registration tax distribution total is \$5,301.57. This amount is divided one-sixth to the state, one-sixth to the county, one-third to the town and one-third to the school.

The state will receive \$883.53, the county \$972.53, the towns in which the land is mortgaged \$1,678.09, and the schools \$1,767.32.

The school district in the city of Bemidji will receive \$230.43 and the Nymore district will receive \$15.57.

Pioneer want ads are read.

WAR IS BLAMED

St. Paul, Minn., March 23.—An epidemic of bad eyes threatens the world today. That's because newspapers are not going to be printed on white paper much longer. Most of them now are appearing on yellow fibre that makes black type less distinct. Hence the eye trouble. The war is to blame. Paper manufacturers here say they just can't get the blue dye to manufacture white paper.

BRAGDON INDICTED IN VICE CRUSADE

J. W. Bragdon, Wealthy Minneapolis Clubman, Well Known Here.

Joseph W. Bragdon, prominent Minneapolis business man, indicted Tuesday by the Hennepin county grand jury on three counts, charging offenses against young girls, is well known in Bemidji.

He formerly visited in Bemidji often when connected with the firm of Winston & Ferrington, now known as Winston, Harper & Fisher. Bragdon at one time had interest in the Bemidji Brewing company here.

His indictment comes as a result of testimony given by three young girls in which they referred to a man known to them as "Uncle Ned," the wealthy owner of a big green automobile.

He entered a plea of not guilty and was released on \$10,000 bonds. He stated that the action of the grand jury was the result of a desire on the part of certain persons for revenge, that the entire affair was a frame-up against him and held no truth or foundation.

Mrs. Sam King of Frohn visited friends in Bemidji yesterday.

TO BUILD HOMES FOR EVERY RURAL SCHOOL TEACHER

National Lumber Manufacturers' Association Has Unique Plan.

BELTRAMI COUNTY HAS HOME AT SAUM AND DIST. 57

Old School Houses Are Used for Homes Here; Many New Homes Planned.

The biggest, most universal scheme for social service in the history of America, one affecting every hamlet in the land, has been instituted by the National Lumber Manufacturers' association in the proposal to build a home for every rural school teacher in America.

Education Advanced.

The national association has taken up this social service work in the belief that the education of the nation will be immediately advanced if teachers of the nation's young are properly housed. The theory is that if teachers are provided with homes, the county districts will be able to secure better teachers, and avoid the constant changes by which the schools are always in a torn-up condition.

Minnesota First.

Minnesota is selected for one of the first states for the general introduction of this new idea of teachers' cottages for every rural school, because it has already made amazing progress on this very line.

Beltrami Has Homes.

Beltrami county has made advancement in regard to housing teachers, according to W. B. Stewart, county superintendent of schools. He stated today that the consolidated school at Saum has a home for the principal. In district No. 57 a room has been constructed adjoining the school room in which the teacher lives. This district has a school ground of 40 acres about 13 of which are cleared and are under cultivation. There is some talk of a teachers' home at Hines and other points. St. Louis, Mahanomen, Red Lake, Carlton and Stearns counties have made much progress in the housing of their teachers. The buildings are equipped in every way and no rent is charged. Fuel is free and the teachers live usually at a cost of from five to ten dollars a month.

SCHOOL INSTALLS GRAIN FANNING MILL

Machine to Be Used by Farmers of County at High School, Free.

A grain fanning mill has been installed by the agricultural department at the Bemidji high school. The machine is used for grading grains, and can be used free of charge by farmers.

The machine was bought for the purpose of grading grains for the state fair exhibit next fall. By use of the mill, the small grains are separated from the larger grains and the chaff is fanned out and discharged from the machine.

Although at present it is run by hand, power can be attached.

Farmers living in this vicinity are invited to use the machine whenever necessary. This will mean a finer quality in the exhibits shown at the county and state fair from this section.

Miss Emma Ellers of Leonard was the guest of Bemidji friends Wednesday.

Dr. Darragh Can Serve As City Physician Rules Officer

SLOGAN WRITERS WRITE POETRY FOR BIG CONTEST

Pleas Sent Out Requesting That Citizens Send in Their Contributions.

CONTEST TO BE CLOSED APRIL 1

Judges of Contest Are Judge C. W. Stanton, T. J. Burke and B. W. Lakin.

WANTED A SLOGAN FOR BEMIDJI

All live, growing, buzzing, hustling cities have slogans. You have seen them on stationery coming from live, energetic business men in live, energetic towns.

We believe that now is the time to boost for a greater Bemidji. We should have a slogan. Something that will become as catchy and famous as "Minneapolis Makes Good."

The Bemidji Merchants association will offer a prize of \$5.00 to the author of the best slogan. The contest is open to all citizens. Send in as many as you want to. Address your slogans to the Slogan Editor of the Daily Pioneer.

Bemidji, our beautiful city, With woods and forest green, Will ever to our memory Be to us not a dream. With all its lovely scenery, With lakes and rivers wide, Can we but think of our Bemidji As the greatest—our pride. Bemidji wants a slogan, And wants one right away, And if you haven't sent one, Please send one in today. Many slogans are being received daily by the slogan editor. The slogans received today are as follows: 264. Bemidji most charitable in the world. 265. Bemidji girls are the sweetest. 266. Bemidji schools are superior. 267. Bemidji's library is a God-send. 268. Bemidji is the most healthy in the world. 269. Bemidji, Queen City of the Northwest. 270. City of Schools, Churches, Pleasure and Business. 271. Eventually Bemidji. Why not now? 272. See Bemidji first. 273. I am well pleased with Bemidji and its surroundings. 274. Bemidji, the beggarless city. 275. Bemidji backs its boasts. 276. Bemidji, the gem of Minnesota plains. 277. Bemidji, the gem among pines.

CASS LAKE MAN GIVES BAIL ON LIQUOR CHARGE

William Staples of Cass Lake, who was committed on March 4 to the St. Louis county jail, charged with having introduced liquor into Indian country at Cass Lake made application to Judge Booth of the United States district court to allow him to give bail. An order was issued today, allowing him to give bail to the sum of \$200. Staples was released.

No Reason Why He Cannot Serve if Legally Appointed, Says Dr. Keyes.

FIRST TO BE APPOINTED IN STATE OF MINNESOTA

State Board of Health Officers Says Hunch is That He Cannot Serve.

Dr. F. J. Darragh, an osteopath, was elected city physician at a recent meeting of the city council. He is the first osteopath in the state to be appointed to such an office and there has been considerable discussion whether or not he could serve in that position. The Pioneer, through the United Press, has interviewed the state officials on the matter. The outcome may be decided by a test case. The following is the article received from the United Press.

(By United Press)

St. Paul, Minn., March 23.—"There is no reason why Dr. Darragh of Bemidji cannot serve as city physician if he has been legally appointed there," said Dr. Leslie Keyes, of the state board of osteopathic examiners today. "This is, however, the first case in the state of Minnesota. Oregon City, Ore., has an osteopath as a city physician. In Minnesota the attorney general has ruled that osteopaths are licensed physicians. That terminates the story. Dr. Darragh is licensed under the state to practice as a physician and can perform minor surgical operations. Other doctors in the state might start discussions but we are prepared."

Has a Hunch.

"If Dr. Darragh were appointed health officer it would be perfectly alright for him to serve although an osteopath. In that office he would come under my supervision," said Dr. H. M. Bracken, of the state board of health. "If he has been appointed city physician he comes under the supervision of Dr. Thomas McDavitt, state board of medical examiners. My hunch unofficially is that an osteopath cannot serve as a city physician on account of the necessity of performing operations and other surgical and medical duties. However, I have no authority over city physicians."

Out of City.

Dr. McDavitt being out of the city his secretary was not willing to discuss the technical points. He stated that osteopaths practice under the board of which Dr. Leslie Keyes of Minneapolis is the head.

TWO PLEAD GUILTY ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Andrew Dahl and Ole Olson Pay Fines of \$25 for Selling Alcohol.

Andrew Dahl and Ole Olson each paid a fine of \$25 in the municipal court this morning on a charge of selling intoxicating liquors at the Dahl soft drink parlor on Second street, Tuesday.

Attorney Charles W. Scrutchen appeared for them in the municipal court this morning and entered a plea of guilty.

City Attorney Russell advised the court that Dahl, although in the liquor business here for over ten years, he had never been arrested before. He requested the court to impose the minimum sentence.

Judge Fisk imposed the minimum sentence, \$25 fine, and the fines were paid.

MEXICAN SITUATION SERIOUS; CARRANZA TROOPS REVOLTING

National Guard and Volunteers May Be Called for Border Service.

PERSHING TAKES COMMAND OF NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY

El Paso is War Capital and Citizens Appear to Like It.

Washington, March 23.—The government is viewing the seriousness of the Mexican revolts and it is reported is considering sending the entire standing army into Mexico. This would necessitate on calling out the national guard of volunteers for border service.

Seizes Railroad.

El Paso, March 23.—Gen. Pershing has taken command of the Mexican Northwestern railway south of Casa Grande, his Mexican base, it is unofficially stated. He is already transporting infantry forces over the line to Madero, Chihuahua, attempting to get behind Villa while Dodd's cavalry is pushing the bandit southward. It is unknown whether the railway was forcibly seized or taken with the consent of Carranza.

Police Claim Plot.

El Paso, March 23.—The police claim that they have found a plot of 200 Mexicans to burn and loot El Paso. Eleven have been arrested.

Millionaires Present.

El Paso, March 23.—This city is the war capital of the United States. The more war the better El Paso appears to like it. El Paso's dream is Mexico in American hands. Millionaires infesting the hotel lobbies frankly state that they want the United States to protect their rich interests in Mexico.

Revolt Denied.

El Paso, March 23.—Carranza's consul, Caris, today denied the Herrera revolt. It is claimed that Herrera and Villa are bitter enemies.

Squadron is Disabled.

San Antonio, March 23.—The United States aero squadron was 50 per cent disabled in the first three days' test under war conditions. Three machines were disabled and one is missing of the strength of eight.

Other Troops Revolt.

El Paso, March 23.—Carranza troops under the direction of Colonel Cano are reported to have revolted and gone over to Villa. The report is unconfirmed. There has been no report of Villa since Sunday. He is believed to have escaped.

Herrera Revolts.

Columbus, N. M., March 23.—Luis Herrera, Carranza military governor of Chihuahua, has renounced Carranza and announced in favor of Villa, taking the field in western Chihuahua with 2,000 troops, according to reliable information received here yesterday.

Funston Prepares.

San Antonio, March 23.—General Funston said tonight that he had been informed of Herrera's reported revolt and that while confirmation was lacking, he had taken precautionary steps toward meeting any aggression along the border.

Army Trucks Reported Found.

Semin, N. M., March 23.—A motorcycle courier, arriving from the front reported today, according to a message from Columbus, that 27 United States army trucks were found 20 miles off the line of march yesterday in northern Chihuahua, and that their drivers were missing. Army officers of this report, deny the accuracy of this report.

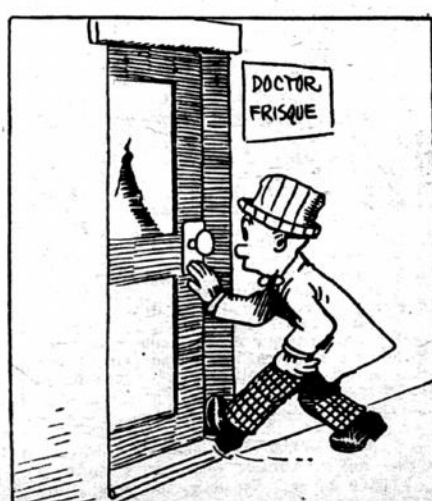
Brother is Arrested.

El Paso, March 23.—Marcardo Herrera, brother of General Luis Herrera, was arrested here last night by Captain Hall of the city police. Captain Hall said he arrested Herrera after the Mexican had returned from a two-hour conference with General Gaviro at Juarez. He refused to make any further statement in connection with the arrest.

FEDERAL OFFICERS ARE INVESTIGATING UNIQUE CASE

Federal officers are investigating a unique case in Bemidji today. Mail was addressed to a person in this city and was given to another person of the same name in this city. The first person claims that the second person took \$20 from the envelope while the second person claims that there was no money in the envelope.

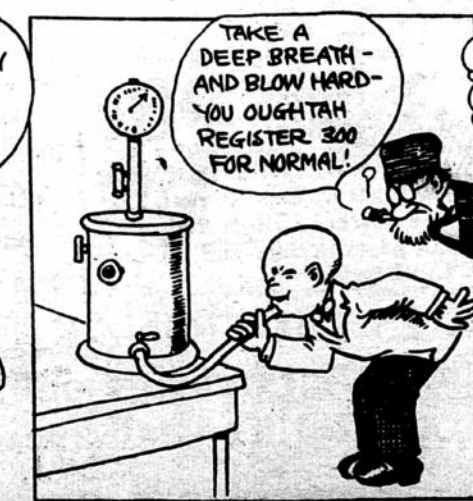
SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



Scoop Should Worry About His Lungs



By "HOP"



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