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Strange Arrest.

J. W. Hooper, One of Bemidji's Most Popular Citizens, Arrested for Murder.

There are so many sudden changes and startling happenings in this vicinity that Bemidji is supposed to be shock-proof. But the village was torn from center to circumference last Monday night when the revelation came that one of her most respected and popular citizens had been arrested on the charge of murder.

Sheriff Johnson, of Kenabec county, arrived Monday of this week, and in company with Detective Joseph Ryan, who has been "shadowing" here for some time, went to the "shack" occupied by the man they wanted, and arrested J. W. Hooper, on the charge of murder.

October 2nd, 1895, Albert Pederson was watching a lumber camp fifteen miles north of Mora, on the Knife river. During the night he was shot by a rifle. Several persons suspected of having committed the crime were arrested, tried and acquitted.

It would be great injustice to our townsman to publish, in order to make up a long and sensational article for this paper, the many rumors floating around town concerning Mr. Hooper and his possible connections with this affair. Sufficient to say, that suspicion has fallen upon him and on Tuesday he was taken to Kenabec county to be examined. His attorney L. H. Bailey, accompanied him.

During his several years of residency in this county, "Judge" Hooper has certainly not conducted himself like a fugitive from justice. His name and presence have not been hidden from the world. In public and private life he has so conducted himself as to win the respect and esteem of hundreds of acquaintances. They hope and expect that this charge will be cleared from his shoulders, as it has from the other victims who have faced the accusation in the Kenabec county courts.

I.O.O.F. Picnic.

Fair and smiling was the day which the Bemidji lodge No. 119, I. O. O. F., had chartered for their first annual outing on Lake Bemidji. About eleven o'clock last Sunday, the first boatload of the "Three-Linkers," their families and friends, left the dock for a six-mile voyage to T. B. Walker's "Rocky Point," at the northern end of the lake.

The remodeled and enlarged "Shadow" had been secured for the day, and Captain Sutton, of Searrot & Sutton, its owners, must have overheard enough complimentary remarks from the passengers to assure him that the Shadow is bound to be a great favorite with excursion parties. The boat has seating room for 50 passengers, but can carry twice that number. A four-horse wood-burning engine furnishes sufficient power to send the boat along at an eight-miles-an-hour gait. The boat moves with hardly any jar, even when the engine is pounding the hardest.

The trip was made in quick time through the perfectly-calm waters and past countless floating logs. A lady seated in a row boat trailing behind the steamer had her umbrella destroyed by flying sparks, which furnished the only excitement.

The grounds selected, a high level peninsula, with a little clearing of underbrush, would make one of the prettiest camping points in the country. Here hardwood timber is abundantly mixed with the soft evergreens, and the altitude of the place gives the picnicer the benefit of every breeze. This point is credited with a famous sparkling spring, but it must have been taking a vacation Sunday. As Village Recorder Holroyd seemed mashed on this vicinity, we may expect to see a resolution bobbing up in the council asking the city to buy and set aside this property for a village park.

Wm. Casler, J. J. Jinkinson, M.

Phibbs and A. M. Greeley were the committee having the picnic in charge and they were vigilant in looking after the comfort of the crowd. Mr. Powers was appointed presiding officer of the ice-cream and lemonade department, and stood by his post manfully. After dinner, which lasted most of the afternoon, the party amused themselves in various ways, until the second boatload from town arrived. This brought J. J. Jinkinson with an appetite for ice cream, fruit and pastry that the crowd could do nothing but in spell-bound amazement watch him fill up.

About 100 persons participated in this good time and each and all are ready to say that there is nothing stingy about the Odd Fellows when they entertain.

Fosston Line.

H. C. Stivers Writes on the New Country Opened up Along the Gt. Northern Ry.

The amount of traffic that is being handled in steadily-increasing volume over the Fosston line of the Great Northern railway furnishes abundant proof of the various resources of the region northwest of Superior. The completion of this line gave to Superior a more direct route over the Great Northern to the wheat fields of the Red river valley, and to the Pacific coast and intervening points, than it had before over the St. Cloud route of that railway system, and at the same time opened for development a great region in northern Minnesota. The passenger trains, two per day, that arrive at and depart from this city over the Fosston line, are always packed with people; and the freight and ore trains bring enormous amounts of wheat, lumber, iron ore, paper, cedar poles and posts, etc., all from Minnesota, while the through freight trains arrive laden with the commerce of the Pacific coast and the Orient. At Cloquet, only thirty-eight miles from Superior, there are five saw mills producing 180,000,000 feet of lumber annually, and a large wood-paper mill with a daily capacity of sixty-five tons of paper. At Hibbing, which is on a branch line eighty-one miles from Cloquet, the iron mines ship to this harbor 2,000,000 tons of iron ore per year, and new mines are being opened that will largely increase the output. The lumbering in the vicinity of Hibbing also adds to the volume of business to the extent of 60,000,000 feet per season. Grand Rapids, on the main line, 108 miles from Superior, is the county seat of Itasca county and is the outfitting point for lumbering operations that employ 4,000 men each winter. This country is also rich in agriculture resources not yet developed, and contains about 1,300,000 acres of government land open to settlement. Beyond Grand Rapids, in the same county are Cohasset and Deer River, very prosperous villages. The former has two saw mills and is at the foot of the upper Mississippi river steamboat navigation, with four steamboats running. Deer River is at the southern terminus of the Itasca logging railway, being its junction with the Fosston line. The Itasca logging railway extends up towards the famous Big Fork country, where settlers are just now beginning to locate. The soil is rich, and there are great bodies of the finest hay land in the world. All kinds of timber grow in that region, including much spruce, valuable for making paper. Cass Lake is a new town 162 miles from Superior. It has nearly 2,000 people, and most of the village has been built during the last six months. It is the di-

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