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NEW THEATRE IS A SURE GO

COMBINATION WITH BANK GIVES MR. BREGGER PLENTY OF ROOM

WILL OCCUPY PRESENT SITE

Contract For Up-to-date Structure Will be Let Just as Soon as Bids Can be Secured

The location of the new theatre building which Mr. E. J. Bregger intends to build in Crystal Falls has been settled. It will be built on the present site. A combination has been made by Mr. Bregger with the Crystal Falls National Bank, where the bank secures a frontage of 48 feet in front. Mr. Bregger retains 12 feet frontage for entrance purposes and takes a chunk off the rear of the bank lot 90 feet long and the entire width of the lot. This will give Mr. Bregger an opera house 60 x 90 feet in dimensions with an entrance 12x50. It will give the Crystal Falls National Bank a building 48x50, all of it on the front of the lot.

Bank Will Improve Also

The deal means that more work will be done than simply the building of a theatre. It means that the bank will now go ahead with its original plans of putting up a brick wall on the west side, of veneering with brick the east side and of putting in a new front that will be an ornament to the city.

The directors of the Crystal Falls National have been anxious to do something ever since they started to complete the plans that they had in mind when the bank building was purchased, but the conditions reigning and the inability to get what room they needed has held them back.

Working on Plans

Mr. Lockhart, the Minneapolis architect, came here last Wednesday and made a survey of the property for the purpose of getting at the plans. He returned to Minneapolis that night for the purpose of getting busy at once so that the plans may be out in the shortest possible time.

We are told by Mr. Bregger that the building will be of the latest fire-proof construction, with all modern lighting and other conveniences for serving the Crystal Falls public in a way that cannot be excelled.

Will Use the Uno

Mr. Bregger told a Diamond Drill reporter that he expects construction work to start about May 1; that if it is his intention to have the work rushed so that the house may be ready for opening by November 1 at the latest.

The construction work will interfere with the performances at the Gem but the Uno, upon which Mr. Bregger has a lease, will be pressed into service while the Gem is being rebuilt.

The theatre people have to cut the back 60 feet of the bank building and this work will be done among the first activities so as to free the part now in use for the foundations which must be put in.

KRONQUIST-JOHNSTON

Mr. Emil Kronquist of Crystal Falls, and Miss Maude Johnston of Ensign, Mich., were married at Escanaba last Saturday evening in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

The young people came to Crystal Falls Sunday and on Wednesday evening left for a wedding trip through lower Wisconsin and Michigan that will last about two weeks.

Miss Johnston spent a number of years in Crystal Falls, in the post-office, where she met many of our people and was universally liked for her courteous way. Her home is at Ensign, a small place near Escanaba, where her family is among the most respected of the community.

Mr. Kronquist is the geological engineer of the M. A. Hanna interests and a young man of ability and energy who has made a host of friends in Crystal Falls during his residence here. Mr. Kronquist has proved himself to be a valuable citizen of the community, ever ready to assist in any public way that he is able. He stands high in his profession. He comes from Madison, Wis., where he graduated from the University at that place.

The young people will make their home in Crystal Falls.

ROTARY CLUB TONIGHT

Big Delegation From Marquette, Iron Mountain and Escanaba Here

The installation of a Rotary Club in Crystal Falls will take place at the Club rooms this evening. District Director Kaye and a delegation of 18 are expected from Marquette with other Rotarian delegations from Iron Mountain and Escanaba coming to assist at the institutional functions.

The local committee having in hand the arrangements for the evening consists of W. H. Rezin, Herbert Larson, George Brotherton, Murray Riiddle and A. L. Burridge. They have arranged with Terry Behan to take charge of the feed which will be the main feature of the event.

The object of a Rotary Club is service to the community and whoever becomes a member pledges himself to devote his attention to the community. One of the requirements is that a weekly meeting be held at which a lunch is served. Members positively must attend weekly.

The Rotary Club, as soon as it gets to working will begin the addition of more members, the laws allowing the addition of three members per month.

ADJUTANT WANTS NAMES

Colonel John H. Bersey, adjutant general of Michigan, is anxious that the adjutants of veteran organizations over all the state send him the names of all their members, divided into three classes to represent the different branches of the service in which the men served. They are requested to send the names of all the men who served in the army in one list, those who served in the navy in another list and those who served in the marine corps in the third. When this is done blanks will be sent to the organizations to be filled out.

In Detroit the adjutants of the different veteran organizations are requested to send in their names, divided into three classes, to Harry C. Lear, secretary of the Veterans' Bonus Committee of Wayne County, 2334 Second boulevard.

Colonel Bersey estimates that about 110,000 Michigan men were inducted into the army, 40,000 volunteered for service, 15,000 served in the navy and 3,000 in the marine corps, and that there were between 5,000 and 20,000 commissioned officers.

It has been decided that none of the bonds will be issued to the soldiers as bonus money. Governor Groesbeck and Colonel Bersey believe that issuing part of the bonds to soldiers would interfere with the sale of the bonds. It is believed it will be better to sell the bonds in one lump to one syndicate.

PROMOTE CLEARINGS

Senator Lemire Would Help Settlers Starting on New Land

Farmers in this state who may not have lands suitable for tilling, and yet which, under better conditions, might produce foodstuffs will have state aid, should a bill be introduced by Senator W. A. Lemire of Escanaba, be passed.

Under the bill, farmers of the state might appeal to the county board of supervisors for aid in clearing their lands for farming purposes. A group of farmers who desire to have their lands cleared could appear before their respective boards of supervisors and a contract for the work might be let for the entire number.

It is provided under the measure that farmers owning not more than 40 acres of land could not have more than 20 cleared by state aid for producing purposes and in proportion up to 160 acres.

The supervisors would pay the bill as contracted and would allow the farmers 15 years to meet their debt, under the measure. One of the principal objectives of the bill would be to aid the settlers in the state who might invade the upper sections of the state which are not ready for farming and are in need of clearing.

BASE BALL MEETING

Legion Started Movement For Club Last Tuesday Evening

Crystal Falls and Alpha are going in for a joint base ball club again this year. That much was decided at the Legion meeting held last Tuesday evening.

The nucleus of the club is here, in fact an entire club is in sight if Mr. Kinder can be prevailed upon to spend the summer in Crystal Falls.

A meeting of the citizens of the community interested in base ball will be held next Tuesday evening at which arrangements will be made to push the organization of a club. The meeting will be held in the club rooms.

Mr. E. C. Bradley went to Duluth last Monday on business returning the latter part of the week.

SECOND MEETING A GOOD ONE

VILLAGE HALL AT IRON RIVER WAS WELL FILLED WITH ALL CLASSES

WANT WORK SPREAD AROUND

A Series of Resolutions Defining Purposes and Ideas Were Adopted

The second meeting of the Iron County Alliance was held at the town hall in Iron River last Monday night. The meeting had a dual complexion in that a land clearing meeting was held also.

A number of farmers and others were present, at least one-half of the audience being laboring men.

The meeting was called to order by President Byers in an interesting talk in which he outlined the objects of the association. He pleaded that the members who had enrolled themselves under its banner take the thing serious and that they tackle the problems that we are faced with with determination.

One feature of the evening was a splendid address by a traveling salesman, a stranger who happened into the meeting and whose remarks were well phrased and exceptionally well timed.

The secretary read the minutes of the public meeting at Crystal Falls, after which the business of the evening was taken up.

The following resolutions were presented to the meeting on the recommendation of the board of directors and were, after discussion of each, unanimously adopted:

Resolution No. 1.
RESOLVED, That every dollar of public money should be given the widest distribution; that all compensation to public officers be reduced to the minimum allowed by law; that no extra compensation be allowed to any public officer; that in times like these service to the people must be paramount.

Resolution No. 2.
RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this meeting, every American citizen, resident of Iron county should be given preference in all employment, both public and private business in the county, and that no person of draft age be given employment anywhere in the county as long as there are ex-service men or married men residents of Iron county qualified for the places to be filled or out of employment, and that our directors take the most drastic measures that this resolution be enforced.

Resolution No. 3.
RESOLVED, That all township road work be let in accordance with the law and that these contracts be so let that the greatest number of people get employment, and that all township road work be done efficiently; that the people of the county use these roads after they are made and it is to their interest that the county and townships have good roads.

Resolution No. 4.
WHEREAS: There are some merchants, blacksmith and others in the county who do not know that prices have been reduced or that the mines have been closed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this meeting instructs its board of directors to devise some method of publicity of the prices at which standard articles of consumption are sold in Iron county and in neighboring counties and also the wholesale price thereof.

Resolution No. 5.
RESOLVED: That all public moneys be spent for the purposes for which they are raised; that the juggling of funds by transferring them from one fund to another be stopped.

Resolution No. 6.
RESOLVED, That the deposit of all public moneys be let on bids in accordance with the law.

Resolution No. 7.
WHEREAS, For twenty years the American people at the beck of every cheap politician have been "riding" the railroads for which abuses we now pay every time we board a train or receive a pound of freight.

That Iron county has been happily free from this tendency, but lately there has been an inclination to "ride" the mining companies which tendency is to be deplored.

That the mining companies are not perfect but they have led the way. They brought the railroads into the county. You and I are here because there is a chance to live off the money left in the communities by the mining companies. That it is worth while comparing Iron county with those

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TERRIBLE SNOW STORM

Raged Over Wisconsin and Lower Michigan Last Saturday Night

Think of the upper peninsula enjoying clear skies while lower Wisconsin and the lower peninsula of Michigan was covered with snow to a depth varying from one to three feet. That was the condition that reigned last Saturday and it is the second time this month that such a condition has reigned.

Snow commenced falling last Friday night in lower Michigan and Wisconsin. All Saturday it fell and, driven by a hurricane gale, it piled up in railroad cuts to the depth of eight or ten feet, stalling trains that attempted to go through.

Snow plows were hurriedly brought out and set at work so that by early Sunday morning most of the stalled trains had been released. The Northwestern seems to have suffered most from the storm. It's Sunday train didn't get to Crystal Falls until about four o'clock in the afternoon. The St. Paul was not hit so hard but its trains were about three hours late.

The storm is said to have been similar to that of 1881 when traffic was interrupted for a week on all Wisconsin roads. This is the second storm that has raged south of us and which we escaped altogether. The southern limit of the snow belt was about at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Jackson, Mich. The northern line was at Oshkosh, Wis. and Bay City, Michigan.

4000 BODIES MONTHLY

20,000 War Dead Either Back or Ready to be Shipped

Twenty thousand bodies of American soldiers who fell in France either have been shipped to the United States or are in process of being returned for burial in their native country, says a Paris dispatch.

With 102 officers of the American army and a personnel of more than 2,000 men working night and day in many sections of France, the graves registration service of the American army has reached a point where it is possible to forward 4,000 bodies a month. The work of sending back the 52,311 bodies designated for interment in America will be completed by the end of next October, if present plans are fulfilled.

Bodies of Americans have been taken from every cemetery in the south of France. The greater part of the effort is being concentrated in the zone of the armies—the Argonne, etc. 77 bodies of American soldiers who died in Italy will be removed to the United States next month.

The graves registration service is working in Berlin on arrangements for shipping 30 bodies of American soldiers who are buried in various parts of unoccupied Germany. This latter work was rendered difficult because the location of many of the graves was unknown.

An expert has been going over German burial records in Berlin several weeks and virtually all graves have been afforded every facility to the graves registration service.

More than 20,000 bodies will be buried in the four permanent cemeteries which the American government will maintain in France.

The Fine Arts Commission of the American War Memorial council, has arrived in Paris for a series of meetings and a tour of inspection of the permanent cemeteries. The commission has in contemplation plans for beautification of cemeteries and will determine the character of headstones to be used and the general decorative scheme to be followed. The commission probably will consult with the leading French landscape artists.

FARM MACHINERY

Casper Bauer informed us during the week that the cut of 10% in farm machinery which was declared by the International Harvester Co. last week has been put into effect at all of the sub-agencies in the country.

Bauer & Son represent the International Agency in Crystal Falls and their big line of machinery was marked down as a result of the cut. The display of machinery, mention of which was made last week, includes harrows—disc, spring tooth and spike tooth—plows, cultivators, manure spreaders, wagons, potato planters, etc.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The next regular examination for teachers of Iron county will be held on April 28th, 29th and 30th. The examination will be conducted in the Court House in the City of Crystal Falls, also in the High School building in the Village of Stambaugh.

JOHN P. MASON, Com'r. of Schools.

On Sunday next, April 24th, there will be one mass only in Crystal Falls, at ten o'clock. First mass and Easter confessions in Alpha.

WHAT WE HAVE WE WILL HOLD

JAP SLOGAN ADOPTED BY GAFFNEY'S APPOINTMENTS

SANDERS IS STORM CENTER

Commissioner Mottes Resigned and Bjork Intends to Follow Suit if Necessary

Mayor Gaffney was confronted with a trap last Monday night when he took his office under the charter provision with the intention of making his appointments and setting salaries for the coming year.

The trap was set by the resignation of Commissioner Mottes as a member of the commission. The resignation of Commissioner Bjork was in but it was not presented that evening and Mr. Bjork agreed to hold his office until a third commissioner could be selected. The meeting was adjourned without date.

As Commissioner Bjork is out of the city and will be gone for a week or ten days there is little probability that anything will be done this month.

A third commissioner was not selected Monday evening, so no quorum of the commission can be had to do business.

Sanders the Storm Center

The storm rages around Mr. Sanders. Mr. Gaffney interprets the mandate of last election to be the dismissal of Saunders. Mr. Bjork is an out and out Sanders man and he is admired for taking a stand even by the opponents of Mr. Sanders. Mr. Mottes didn't want to take sides and refused to act any longer on the commission.

It seems that Mr. Gaffney informed the other two commissioners last week that it was his intention to move for the dismissal of Mr. Sanders and that he favored leaving the office vacant for a time, making Will Lynch acting manager to let him demonstrate if he can manage the job as efficiently as Sanders can. If he so demonstrates, it is Mr. Gaffney's purpose to advocate making him manager next year; if not to look around and get another man to fill the position.

Mr. Sanders has friends in town who claim that it is unfair to pull him out at this time when he has no job in sight and times are so dull that the prospects of getting one is very remote. They have decided to fight to the very last ditch the letting out of Mr. Sanders and with them are aligned some other appointive officers whose tenure of office is extended by the rule which has been worked.

Mr. Mottes is an ex-service man and was chosen to the commission a year ago by the efforts of the ex-service men. Mr. Lynch, who is proposed for the acting managership, is also an ex-service man. The soldier boys are very active, especially for the appointment of Norman Olson to the treasurer's office. Mr. Mottes couldn't very well vote against his comrades without incurring their criticisms and enmity. At the same time he was being importuned by the friends of Mr. Sanders to not separate a man from his bread-and-butter at this time. Mr. Mottes was subjected to a great deal of buffeting by both sides and seems to have fallen into the very trap which the cunning ones set to tie up Mr. Gaffney's hands, and hold everyone in office—he resigned.

Bjork's Resignation in Abeyance

Mr. Bjork filed his resignation with the clerk but it was not presented to the commission last Monday night. Mr. Bjork was present and acted so far as a consideration of the claims presented to the board were concerned.

It is understood that he intends to present his resignation at a late date. In the mean time where is the city at?

City Attorney Dwyer was present at the meeting and upon being asked by Mayor Gaffney if the appointments can be made at a subsequent meeting he replied that they can so be made.

Others hold that appointments cannot be made after May 1, nor can salaries be changed. It is not likely, however, that any such a contention will hold as it is a common usage to perform any such duties at subsequent meetings provided they have been passed over or prevented at a former meeting.

Some claim that Mr. Gaffney is sewed up for a year, as the charter does not provide for special elections.

Lynch Man of Leisure

In the mean time agitation is being fanned to a fever heat by stories

PROGRESS ON HOTEL

Lot Purchase in Hands of R. B. Webb To Be Perfected Soon

There is much progress being made in the matter of the starting of the new hotel project. Last week ten men got together and put up the money with which to purchase lots for the hotel. The money was placed with Mr. R. B. Webb who was given authority to see Mr. Robinson and if possible purchase from him the old Lockwood lots at a valuation which those putting up the money think fair. If Mr. Robinson will not come across for a fair price, some other lot will be purchased. Mr. Robinson has been asking \$7,500 for the lots and this the committee thinks is too much in comparison with what lots can be had for elsewhere. In fact if the people want to build the hotel in the lower end of the city lots can be had for nothing.

It is the general opinion that if the old lots can be had at a fair price the hotel should go there but if Mr. Robinson holds to an outside price it will go elsewhere.

The lots will be purchased by the ten men who will hold them in trust for the hotel association and turn them over at the price acquired to the hotel company when formed. By this method of procedure the work of clearing up the lots may be started without waiting for the full returns of the subscriptions. It also allows the managing committee to keep faith with those who have paid in their money on the promise that their money will be kept intact and returned to the donors in case the hotel project flashes. In such an emergency the ten men will have the lots on their hands but they are willing to take the chance so as to get the work going.

LEGION NEWS

The Thomas Farrell Post of Alpha has been invited by the local Post to participate in the Memorial Day exercises which will be held here on that day. The plans are to have all ex-service men appear in uniform and parade to the cemetery where the services and ceremonies in honor of the dead will take place.

The following Spanish-American War veterans have been made honorary members of the Louis Bowman Post:

- HERMAN ANDERSON
- WILLIAM REZIN
- JOHN KLESIGES
- FRANK KOOB
- CHRIS HANSEN

Meade LaPlante and Hiram Fribley, our two remaining Civil War veterans, were accorded this testimony of respect and esteem some time ago.

Dave Mendelson has been elected manager of the Alpha-Crystal Falls base ball team for the coming season and Phil Shaw has consented to act as coach and in an advisory capacity during the games by directing from the bench. At the Legion meeting next Tuesday evening the base ball situation will be more fully discussed and steps taken to get the team organized, games scheduled, grounds groomed and practice started. All business men and base ball fans are extended a cordial invitation. Please be present, it will help to build up the moral of the team and manager. A special invitation is extended to the Alpha fans. The line-up is the same as last year with one exception. Pitcher Evans will not be with us this year, but manager Mendelson has retained Kinder, who made a very good showing last year.

- #### The Line-up.
- Kinder—p.
 - Williams—c.
 - Spinney—lb.
 - Demarsky—3b.
 - D. Kinney—sb.
 - H. Johnson—ss.
 - Wm. Johnson—r. f.
 - Annear—c. f.
 - J. Kinney—l. f.
- A first class team needs first class support. Let's Go!

Knud Nelson informs us that he is contemplating moving to Michonsee in the near future. Mr. Nelson has been a resident of Crystal Falls for a long time and his old neighbors regret to see him leave us.

that are banded about and happenings at the city hall. Mr. Lynch reported on Tuesday that he was told by his subordinates that they were told not to take any orders from him and that he, himself, was receiving none, so that he was practically a man leisure on the city pay roll.

It is probable that all these matters will work out in due time and it doesn't pay to get excited. Mr. Bjork's position in coming out flat-footed for Mr. Sanders and standing by his guns is commended, even by those who seek Mr. Sander's removal.

In the mean time the plans for street work and of giving extra employment to idle men this summer are all in the air.