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ELECTION SET FOR AUGUST 16

PEOPLE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON ORDINANCE THEN

SEWER AND STREET WORK

East End of Forest Avenue Being Improved and Water Extended South on Fourth St.

The city commission at its meeting last Monday night set the election on the ordinance initiated by petition to be held on August 16. On that day the electors of the city will say if they are satisfied with present conditions. If they are there will be no change in either the commission or appointive officers for the balance of the year; if they are not satisfied and show it by a majority in favor of the ordinance it is very likely that there will be a speedy settlement of all differences. Whichever way the vote goes it is certain that the city's government will work smoother the balance of the year.

What It Means

The ordinance as initiated, abolishes the offices of city manager, city attorney, city marshal street commissioner and health officer and empowers the mayor, as executive head of the city, to hire men from time to time as the necessity arises, to do what work is necessary to be done under the different departments. In short it temporarily changes the government from a commission-manager form to straight commission form like Marquette has, where the commissioners, one or all of them, as the charter may provide, supervises the activities of the city.

There is nothing unusual about it for many cities under commission government are so managed, in most of them however, the work being divided, each commissioner taking a department.

When the charter commission was writing the commission for this city it was a question whether they would recommend a straight commission government or a commission-manager form. They chose the manager form but in choosing they never dreamed that such a condition as exists now would arise.

How It Came About

The election is a result of a tie-up that came as a result of the election last spring. Mr. Gaffney was chosen on a platform which called for a change in the appointive officers of the city. He thought at the time that he would be but one of the commission and when he voted as he promised to vote and was out-voted by the two other commissioners, the matter would be settled until the people could have an opportunity to express themselves by the election of another commissioner.

Some of the friends of aspirants for office got after Mr. Mottis, one of the commissioners, and so impressed him that he decided to resign and he did resign. It is claimed that this condition was brought about by design, but that as it may, it had the effect of putting Mr. Gaffney where he couldn't keep his promises to the people and vote for any man as commissioner who wouldn't vote to make a change. Mr. Bjork had announced his determination to stand pat on the officers in office, especially upon Manager Sanders at whom most of the effort seems to have been launched and would vote for no person who would make a change.

It then developed that the charter contains no provision for making an amendment to it. Mr. Gaffney's supporters demanded that he do something to carry out his promises. The only thing he could do under the charter, was to initiate an ordinance, which he did, and this action brought forth a determined opposition by those opposed to a change.

Then Mr. Gaffney proposed to let the people vote for a third commissioner by agreement and agreed to vote to appoint the man having the greatest number of votes if Mr. Bjork would do the same. In that case he promised to withdraw the petition and proposed ordinance. This proposition was not taken up by his opponents so he decided to let it go to an election.

What Will Be The Result

To a reporter for The Diamond Drill Mr. Gaffney replied that in case the ordinance is adopted he will dispense with most of the officers during the hard times or until the people can select a full commission at which time he will gladly join in a movement to repeal the ordinance. He thinks that he can save several thousand

and dollars for the people if they place the burden upon him. If the ordinance is turned down he says that he will let things go as they are, as it will be evidence that the people want it that way.

There are some mean things said by those opposed to it and some heat engendered but that seems to be unnecessary. There is a threat to go into court and contest the validity of it but Mr. Gaffney says that he has no fear upon that score as the offices will be vacated if the ordinance carries, and that will end the interest that many have in the affair.

More Streets and Sewers

The grading of the west block of Fourth street was commenced during the week and rock is being hauled there. The work was temporarily suspended to allow repair work, much needed, on Crystal Avenue. It is to be hoped that the grading and rock of Forest Avenue will be continued to the city line as it is a much needed improvement.

Sewer is being put in on the south end of Fourth street, another much needed improvement.

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PURE BUNK

John Shemky Has No Offer or a Match With Anyone So Far

John Shemky authorizes us to say that the reports published in another paper to the effect that he has been matched with an Iron River man for Labor Day and with Perkins on some other date is rot. Shemky hasn't matched with anyone and he never heard of the Iron River man.

He was asked if he would fight Perkins at Iron Mountain but the matter went no further than a suggestion. John is not real well, in fact he hasn't been real well since receiving the foul blow at Ishpeming. He fought the fight with Perkins on Pikers' day to keep his word and considering his condition at the time he fought a great fight. Perkins had made the statement, so 'tis said, that if he didn't knock Shemky out in four rounds he didn't want any money. He had all he could do to stand against the local lad for ten rounds and if Jack had been in his usual physical condition Mr. Perkins would have hit the mat.

John says that he's going to recuperate before taking on any more bouts for he values the word of the fight fan "he did well" more than knockouts. It is probable that Shemky will be in condition and will fight on Labor Day but there is absolutely no truth to the statements that he has fights booked.

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PIKERS FARED WELL

Travelers Got The Glad Hand Everywhere After Leaving Crystal Falls

The Michigan Pikers had a regular time of it after they left Crystal Falls but at no point was their stop of more real pleasure to them than in this city.

At Iron River an excellent dinner was served and the reception committee, under the direction of P. O'Brien met and greeted the visitors in fine style. A good roads meeting was held that was well attended, considering that the meeting was held at noon.

The dinner served by the ladies was said by everyone to have been one of the nicest that was tendered the autists anywhere.

From Iron River the autocade went to Watersmeet, where a short stop was made, and then to Wakefield and Bessemer, where additional stops were made.

Ironwood was the night stop and the travelers were given a royal reception there and well looked after.

The next day's stop was made at Ashland for noon and at Duluth at night. At the latter place the visitors were given but little attention, but Superior, across the river in Wisconsin, was enthusiastic and the Pikers vowed to make Superior their stop-over after this.

The next day's run was from Duluth to Grand Marais. They crossed the Canadian boundary in the afternoon and were escorted through the Canadian lands to Port Arthur and Fort William.

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COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The outside improvements to the court house are looming up nicely today, the most noticeable being the new steps in front of the building. The flight is of white Bedford stone, well dressed and well set and it will be a big improvement to the old steps.

Up above Alex Mayer has removed the old flag staff that was struck by lightning two years ago and partly demolished and has put in its place a ball ornament surmounting the cupola containing the clock.

The flag staff was hit by lightning twice and the supervisors decided that it was time to discontinue it, so they erected one in the front yard to take its place.

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PALMS-BOOK CO. DRILLING

HAVE A TWO YEAR'S PROGRAM OF EXPLORATION MAPPED OUT

SOME ORE BEING SOLD

Rumors That More Ore Will Go Forward From the Crystal Falls District at Once

A reporter for The Diamond Drill visited the scene of the drill work being done by the Palms-Book Co. near the Amasa-Porter mine during the week. We found the drill busily at work under the direction of Mr. Moberg, of Negaunee, a brother of our townsman, Fritz Moberg, who is also engaged on the drill.

The drill is still working on its first hole which is being put down about 1,200 feet south of the point where the Balsam road branches off Route 69. The hole is close by—we should say within a few feet—of the hole which Mr. St. Claire put down some eight or ten years ago.

The drill is in formation but how good a formation only those who are immediately connected with the work know. It is evident that the new explorers will put down deeper holes than were sunk by the St. Clair people and that they will do their work in a much more thorough manner.

It is generally understood that when the present hole is finished the drill will be moved north about 400 feet and another hole put down. When that hole is completed the drill will be moved 400 feet south of where it stands now and a third hole sunk. It is probable that developments as the work progresses will have a great deal to do with the future program.

More Ore Sold

According to the Iron Trade Review the general situation in the iron ore market is unchanged and business continues to be restricted to a few and comparatively small tonnages. There is nothing to indicate an immediate improvement, but the largest dealers are looking forward hopefully to a change for the better later in the season. They base their prospects on the probability that the furnaces will need to increase their tonnage of ore in anticipation of requirements during the winter and next spring. While the total of tonnages at furnaces and on lower lake docks is sufficient for a year of operations on the present schedules, the ore men do not expect present conditions to continue that long and believe the ore trade will be among the first to respond to renewed demand.

During last week two furnace companies were negotiating with one interest for approximately 150,000 tons each. These companies are regular customers of the ore producer and the only question involved was the exact tonnages they would take. Last year they took about 35,000 tons each. Their total requirements this year which are expected to be closed this week probably will not exceed 300,000 tons.

This producer reports a slightly improved outlook insofar as his own business is concerned.

There is but one active inquiry in the open market and that is for about 50,000 tons. Practically all of the business thus far has been done between ore producers and regular customers. Trading in the open market is practically at a standstill. It is reported that the Ford company, which put out an inquiry some weeks ago for about 75,000 tons and which went to the general trade now is negotiating with one producer. Several small lots were being sold the past week, the total being less than 100,000 tons.

A leading mining company has made known its intention of reducing wages for a third time, the date being indefinite, and has further reduced its operating schedule. Reports of impending general wage reductions are current in the trade, but only the one company referred to admits having a definite plan to this effect.

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FARMERS DAY AT CHATHAM

On the 11th of August the Agricultural Experiment Station at Chatham is holding a farmers round-up day. At that time there will be several of the best agricultural speakers there in the state and the Experiment Station will demonstrate the various experiments which they have been carrying on for the benefit of the farmers of this peninsula.

If you want to know just what the Michigan Agricultural College is doing for the farmers of this peninsula be at Chatham on the 11th of August.

PREPARING FOR THE FAIR

Secretary Bishop Has Started To Get Things Moving For The Fall Show

At a meeting of the Iron County Agricultural Society held at the Town Hall at Iron River a week ago last Saturday G. E. Bishop was chosen to act again as secretary. P. O'Brien of Iron River was chosen vice-president and Robert Munns of this city vice-president. F. Javoroski, of Iron River, is the treasurer and Mr. Manby, county agriculturalist, superintendent.

Arrangements for the 1921 fair to be held on September 20-24 so far made by Sec. Bishop were reported to the meeting. Besides an extensive display of pure blooded livestock, perhaps the largest ever shown in the upper peninsula, and an auspicious showing of farm crops and other products, there will be brought to the fair Knapp's carnival organization especially equipped to exhibit at fairs. This is a departure from previous policies of the society but the plan is to be tried out at the suggestion of Mr. Bishop.

"You can announce to the people of Iron county that the 1921 fair is to be a greater success from every angle than even the event of last year," said Mr. Bishop last week. "Every farmer in the county who has pure blooded stock has promised to compete with other owners and the stock exhibition will be the greatest ever held in Cloverland. Despite the hot weather and the drought which has affected the growth of crops, I find farmers more enthusiastic and more elated over fair prospects than ever before. The entertainment is going to be good, many applications are in for concessions, and the four days devoted to the fair will be a time of action and gaiety."

Sec. Bishop was instructed by the committee to make what necessary repairs are advisable on the entrance buildings and to have them repainted. A committee was appointed to build an addition to the stock barn and to appeal to the county board for financial assistance for this work.

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STOLE A WOMAN

Judge Roberts had to pinch himself to make sure that he was awake and not in dreamland or in the realm of the Sultan last Saturday, when a Finn from near the Fortune lake school appeared in his court and entered complaint against two Finns from Amasa the charge being that they had stolen his wife—not enticed her away, just stole her.

The story is that the woman was in the vicinity of the school house early the morning following the 4th of July when the two men accused came bounding by in an automobile.

They stopped. One of them picked up the woman and placed her in the car. They carried her as far as the Amasa-Porter mine when they got tired of their booty and threw her out, breaking a couple of ribs and shaking her up badly.

The man had a hard time to find his wife and a harder time to find out who the men were but he succeeded in locating both. He intimated that \$1,000 cash might calm his anger but the men were shy the dough so he had to do with less.

The men were drunk and their acts look as if it was just a crazy drunken effort to do something awful. In justification they claim the woman jumped into the car for a ride. At any rate the case was settled on Monday and Judge Roberts relieved of making any close decisions.

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GIGGING BACK ON STREET WORK

State Department Wants To Postpone Adams Street, Iron River and Fifth Street Work

County Engineer Larson made a visit to Lansing this week to confer with the state highway department in regard to the work on Adams street in Iron River and Fifth Street in Crystal Falls. The program, as announced some time ago, included the paving of both of those streets, the state and county doing the trunk line portion and the village of Iron River and City of Crystal Falls doing the balance.

It is reported that the department wants to postpone these two pieces of work until next year and Mr. Larson is very much opposed to the postponement as in addition to the paving being needed, the work is badly needed to give employment to workmen about here that are out of jobs.

The crusher was started up in the sand plants pit during the week, the output being used in resurfacing the stretch from Fortune Lake to the county farm. Jule Melsier is in charge of operations there and is making a good showing.

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Miss Olga Larson, the very efficient and accommodating bookkeeper at the Osterberg & Co. store, has returned from her vacation which she spent in Milwaukee.

AMERICANIZATION MEETING TONIGHT

DR. PERRY OF DETROIT WILL SPEAK AT CITY HALL ON ABOVE SUBJECT

SECURED BY WOMAN'S CLUB

Dr. Perry is Sent Out By The State Organization, is a Fluent Speaker—Admission Free

The Woman's Club of Crystal Falls has arranged a treat for the people of the city in an address by Dr. F. A. Perry, executive secretary of the Coalition Committee of the State. The line of Dr. Perry's discourse will be on Americanization.

He comes to Crystal Falls highly recommended and entirely without pay of any kind. No fee will be charged by the ladies and everyone is urged to get out and listen to what Dr. Perry has to say on this very important subject.

To Teach Loyalty

This meeting is in line with an effort to teach loyalty to our country and love of our flag. It is a subject that every live American should be interested in.

The Coalition Committee, under whose auspices Dr. Perry is making these talks, is absolutely non-political and non-sectarian. It works with all classes of patriotic citizens without party or church affiliations. Its only purpose is to build up a strong citizenship and unite all lovers of democracy on the broad platform of the Golden Rule, thus destroying the influence of the Bolshevik, who is endeavoring to create class consciousness and a spirit of unrest.

The Woman's Club has taken up the subject of Americanization and this meeting is their first effort in that line. They expect to enter quite expensively upon the work during the winter and should have the support of everyone.

Encourage them tonight by turning out and listening to Dr. Perry. The speaking will commence at 8:00 o'clock in the city hall auditorium and it will be entirely free. Everyone is cordially invited.

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FLORENCE TOMORROW

The Alpha-Crystal Falls team had an open date to morrow owing to Marquette having cancelled its scheduled date. Manager Mendelson promised Florence to give that team the first chance to play the locals and tomorrow the team from our neighboring town will cross bats at Athletic park with the locals.

There will undoubtedly be a big bunch of fans along and the Florence boys are going to play the game hard. They have been doing well of late and figure to give the locals a good battle.

Florence has always been a good friend and supporter of Crystal Falls and they deserve the patronage of our people. When Crystal Falls had its big battles on several years ago, there were no more ardent rooters for our club than the Florence people. Let's turn out and give them the glad hand and a real enthusiastic hand when the Florence boys are on the field.

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GUN CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Crystal Falls Gun Club will appear in the registered shoot at Escanaba tomorrow, some of the members going down tonight, some tomorrow morning, but at any event there will be a good attendance from here.

This Escanaba shoot is to be a real affair, with contestants from all over the peninsula. The entrance fee of this shoot is \$26.50 and a return of 10¢ per bird is made for every one broken. In addition there are what are known as 20 and 15 contestants where extra prizes are awarded those breaking 12, 13 or 14 in the 15 class and 17-18 or 19 in the 20 class.

Among those who will make the trip are Dr. A. J. Hockings, Supt. G. E. Harrison, Moss Levernois, W. H. Rezin, E. J. Oswald, John Fribley, Bradley Barlow.

It is expected that some of our entrants will make good showings at the meet as there are a number of fine shots, among them Dr. Hockings, G. E. Harrison, Tom Montambo and John Fribley, not to mention many others who make some surprising marks in the contests.

All members of the club are praying that a high wind doesn't blow off the bay tomorrow.

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Miss Ethelene Henry and guests are enjoying a week's vacation in the Holmes cottage at Fortune lake.

TWO TOUGH MEN CAUGHT

A Negro and a Spaniard Captured by Sheriff Waite at Balsam, Charged With Hold-up

A negro named McGee and a companion claimed to be a Spaniard and giving his name as Harry Clark, were taken into custody by Sheriff Waite at Balsam last Monday morning where they were found sleeping along side of a box car, waiting for the night train to come along, their intention being to board her and get out of the country.

The men were charged with several acts of robbery, the primary one being for breaking into a camp warehouse belonging to an Escanaba man. They are also accused of holding up a man on the railroad track near Amasa but they got nothing from him.

The two men were lodged in the jail to await the arrival of the officers from Escanaba.

On Clark's person was found a discharge paper which was issued to Glen H. Allison of Eagle Grove, Iowa. Clark says that Allison is a cousin of his and asked that the paper be sent along to his owner.

Letters from chums at Skandia were found which indicate that the bunch had been guilty of law violations before the one that brought them into Sheriff Waite's clutches.

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MAN TERRIBLY NEGLECTED

The section boss at Kelso reported to the local authorities that a man lay sick at Kelso and that he was in a terrible condition. An immediate investigation was made and it was found that the man's condition was not half described—it was abominable.

The man whose name was Charles Erickson was employed by Mr. Bjorkman of Iron Mountain to watch the property at Kelso. Mr. Bjorkman claims that he was told the man was ill and immediately sent two young men to the place to care for him. The young men, so he says, came back in a short time and reported the man in good condition, so that Mr. Bjorkman knew nothing of his condition until the authorities were called in.

Marshal Broad, Judge Roberts, W. C. Eldred and others went to the place. They found the man lying in a bed of filth and so far gone that he was unable to talk. They cleaned him up as best they could and started him for the hospital via train but he died on the way here from weakness. It seems that he had neither food nor medical attention and he just lay in his bunk and starved to death.

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DOELLE COM. OF AGRICULTURE

John Doelle, secretary-manager of the U. P. D. Bureau has been selected, so 'tis said for the newly created position of "Commissioner of Agriculture" by Governor Groesbeck. Mr. Doelle is in the east just now, so that no word has been received from him directly but those in Mr. Doelle's confidence have known for several weeks of his intended change of position.

The selection is generally regarded as an excellent one in every way for Mr. Doelle has given evidence of his ability to promote agriculture in his work on the U. P. D. D.

The office of commissioner of agriculture is regarded as one of the most important in the state. Several states in the union have long maintained a department of this kind and while the movement is something of an experiment in Michigan, its success has been established in other commonwealths.

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FACTS ABOUT THE WEATHER

In the last 140 years the country's yearly temperature has averaged 49 degrees. Taking it by decades, it has never varied as much as two degrees from that average.

The coldest July on record was in 1816 the famous year when the snow fell in the northern states every month.

The hottest Julys were in 1780 and 1876.

The coldest January was in 1957 and the coldest March was in 1825.

The three warmest decades were those ended in 1800, 1810 and 1820.

The coldest decade followed the second hottest.

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CARLSTROM-SLOAT

Miss Signe Carlstrom of this city and Mr. Lionel Sloat of Iron River, were married last week at Iron Mountain. The young people rather stole a march upon their friends as the bride returned to her work at the Stolberg tailor shop after the wedding and the groom to his home at Iron River. The marriage looked out, however, and at last the wedding bride was forced to acknowledge it. The groom is the young man with whom Signe was riding several years ago when she received such a terrible wound when their automobile went wrong.

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