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SLOT MACHINES ARE SEIZED

Five Pastors Armed With Search Warrants Make Raid Upon Saloons

TWO MACHINES TAKEN

Fight on Slot Machine Evil is Begun in Earnest and Machines May Now be Out for Good

What is believed to be the death knell of the slot machine evil in Escanaba was sounded Tuesday when five ministers of the city armed with search warrants and accompanied by a deputy sheriff made a raid upon two Escanaba saloons and took possession of two slot machines. The machines were at once taken to the office of Judge Emil Glaser. The saloons visited were the Blue Ribbon saloon and Snyder Bros. saloon. In the Blue Ribbon no machines were found but in the saloon of Snyder Bros., the two machines were discovered and taken possession of. A warrant charging Snyder Bros. with having slot machines in their possession was sworn out immediately after the raid and the case is now being held back by the ministers to see whether the saloon keepers are disposed to live up to the law. Slot machines have suddenly disappeared from all of the saloons in town and an effort will be made to keep them out of the city for good. On Wednesday afternoon the entire membership of the ministerial association called on Sheriff Aronson and the matter of having the slot machines removed was thoroughly discussed. Mr. Aronson was given to understand that the reform was not a spasmodic one and that the ministers intended to follow it up to the last extremity.

MARRIED AT MILWAUKEE

Miss Hester Yockey and Fred E. Valentine Surprised Friends

The marriage of Miss Hester Yockey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yockey of this city, to Fred E. Valentine at Milwaukee last Saturday, came as a complete surprise to the relatives and many friends of the bride in Escanaba. One had any inkling of the event announced by the young couple and when Miss Yockey left the city last week presumably to visit her brothers Chauncey and Edward Yockey at Milwaukee, was not suspected that she would return a bride.

The romance had its beginning early in the summer when Mr. Valentine came to Escanaba as a deputy of the Modern Woodmen and began the work of organizing a large class of new members at that lodge. He remained in Escanaba during the summer and since going to other fields has returned to the city often. Mr. Valentine left the city for the holidays to spend Christmas at his home in St. Johns and before he left the matrimonial plans of the couple were undoubtedly complete.

The bride is a popular young lady of the city and has a large circle of friends. Mr. Valentine, although his residence has been short, has made a number of close friends among the business men and members of the Woodmen.

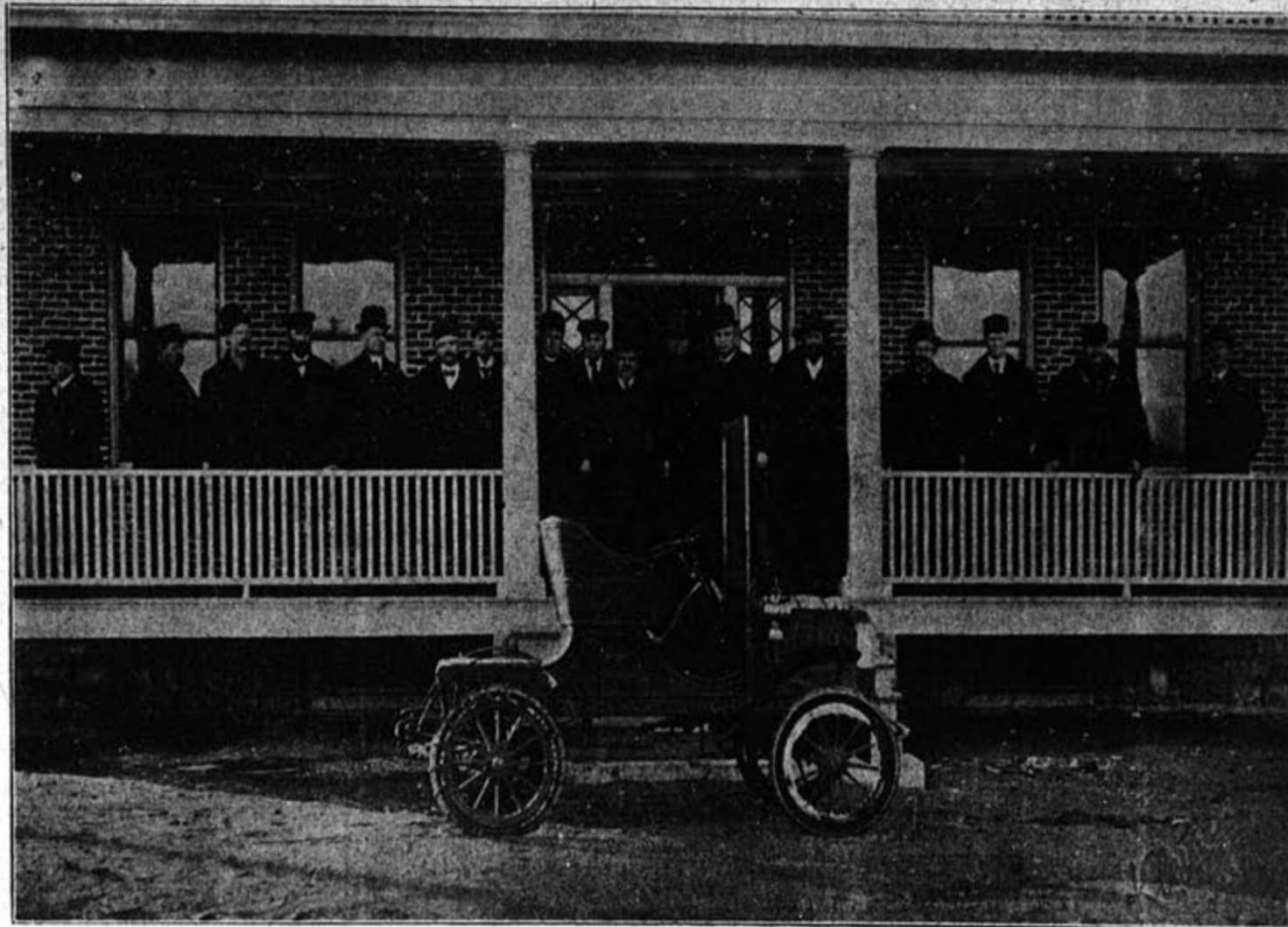
ENFORCE TRUANCY LAW

Children Now Being Forced To Attend School in Compliance With Law

There are now not many children in Escanaba who are evading the truancy law which requires their enrollment in schools. A great deal of work on this line has been done and is still going on by the authorities until the number of those who are not in school is comparatively small. The section of the new High School has been plenty of room for the accommodation of all the children of school age in the city and just as soon as the new building was completed, the work of gathering in delinquents was commenced. This week the work was given further impetus by the arrival of State Factory Inspector E. D. Fitzpatrick of Negaunee. Mr. Fitzpatrick will investigate every plant in the city and will aid in the enforcement of the truancy law.

Selects New Offices

W. Norblad, formerly of the law firm of Yellund & Norblad, has secured office quarters over Hoffmann's Store. The rooms were formerly occupied by Dr. Andrew Nelson and were most congenial.



Members of County Board of Supervisors Visiting New County Alms House

—Photo by Kleist

PASSED AWAY

James Robertson, Old Pioneer, Died Monday Night

James Robertson, an old resident of Escanaba, died at his home at 606 Wells avenue early Monday night. Death was caused by a cancer in the liver.

Deceased was in the employ of the Chicago & North-Western Ry. Co. for forty years, for thirty-five years being foreman of the local blacksmith shops of the company.

He was seventy one years of age, and was born in Scotland, coming to America when a young man and settling in Escanaba in 1865.

Mr. Robertson was a member of the Masons, being a past master in the Escanaba lodge.

He is survived by his wife and seven children. The surviving children are: Mrs. Jennie Healy of Detroit, Hugh J. Robertson of Escanaba, Alex Robertson of Coleraine, Minn., Mrs. Margaret A. Noreous, Miss Alice J. Robertson, Miss Charlotte Robertson and Miss Ruth Robertson, all of Escanaba.

Funeral services over the body of the deceased were held from the First Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The funeral was under the auspices of the local lodge of Masons.

Gives up Newspaper Work

P. N. Peterson who has been engaged for the past six years as reporter and advertising manager for the Medborgaren has resigned his position and will enter the business of selling steamship tickets. During the time Mr. Peterson has been connected with the Medborgaren, he has also been agent for several steamship companies and expects to devote all of his time in the future to this work.

The Horrors of Kissing

Medical authorities have come to the conclusion that a disease which has long puzzled them is due to the prevalence of the "kissing habit." The fact was mentioned by Dr. W. Rushton in a lecture delivered under the auspices of the National Health society. The jaw is at first affected by the disease—known to scientists as "Pyorrhoia alveolaris"—a loosening of the teeth follows, and finally, although they may be perfectly sound, they fall out one by one. A victim is not, it appears, likely to recognize the malady in its incipient stages, and outwardly there is no sign to betray its presence.—Tit Bits.

Amusements

The play which has had its run at White's theatre last week and which delighted so many audiences is perhaps deserving of special notice. To those not familiar with the play the name "Resurrection" is misleading. It is not a deeply religious play as its name might indicate. It is a play with a purpose. It has a mission; it is a plea for justice to woman. From the too common indiscriminate censure of unfortunate women by the public to a serene and judicial tribunal which seeks to find the cause of error or guilt and lay the responsibility where it belongs or at least to divide it. Upon this subject it has some of the philosophy of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables," as coming from the lips of M. Merrell, the good bishop. If Shakespeare could find "tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything," why cannot we "point a moral and adorn a tale" even from the less pretentious productions in the fields of dramatic literature. The author of "Resurrection" may not rank with Corneille or Racine but he has given us something that appeals to our better nature, and furnishes us at one and the same time both amusement and instruction.

Besides its philosophy and its moral tone the play delivers a crushing blow at the penal code of Russia. In this production Miss Winston has fully sustained the very high opinion of her abilities and versatility, entertained by the people of Escanaba and was very ably sustained and supported by the balance of the company.

This week the White Stock Company is playing "A Desperate Crime." The play is a melodrama with a strong element of comedy prevailing the same, and while inferior to its predecessor in strength and purpose, is not lacking in the element of humor and seems to be highly appreciated by the large audiences which attend its nightly production.

Spent Pleasant Evening

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Henry Wilke Monday when about twenty friends tendered her a surprise party. Cards were played during the evening, after which luncheon was served. Mrs. Wilke was the recipient of several handsome presents.

Church and State.

Members of the church defense committee of England are pledged to make church and school the foremost consideration in voting at elections.

LEMIRE CHOSEN

County Board of Supervisors Elects Successor to Dr. Forsythe

The choice of County Physician to succeed Dr. R. S. Forsythe, who has left the city to locate in Texas, developed into a warm fight at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday. There were several candidates for the position, the three of whom, Drs. Lemire Cotton and Long showed considerable strength. An effort was made to secure the selection of Dr. Cotton without having the matter brought before the Board. Dr. Forsythe, before leaving the city, named Dr. Cotton as his successor. A short time ago Dr. Cotton declared his intention of leaving the city and his position as County Physician was filled by the County Board by naming Dr. H. B. Reynolds for the position. Dr. Cotton, however, did not locate elsewhere and in fact still remained a resident of this city and because of this fact, it is claimed by Prosecuting Attorney Judd Yelland, who rendered an opinion to the County Board, that Dr. Cotton still remained one of the County Physicians and that there was no vacancy to be filled in the hospital staff. An exception to this opinion however, was taken by a number of the supervisors and a motion to reject this report was carried by a vote of 12 to 11. The Board then proceeded to declare the office of County Physician, recently held by Dr. Forsythe, to be vacant and proceeded to the election of a physician to fill vacancy. On the first ballot which was an informal one, the votes stood as follows: Kitchen 1, Long 2, Cotton 8, Lemire 13. On the second or the first formal ballot the votes stood: Long 5, Cotton 7, Lemire 12. As none of the candidates had a majority of the votes cast, another ballot was called for which resulted as follows: Long 5, Cotton 7, Lemire 12. The deadlock continued until the fifth ballot, when Lemire secured the additional vote necessary for election. The final vote stood: Long 8, Cotton 3, Lemire 13.

Night School Opens

J. E. Cole and C. A. Schultze, instructors in the High School commercial department, have charge of a night school which has been opened at Jefferson building under the direction of the management of the Escanaba Public Schools. Instruction in all of the common school branches and in regular commercial studies will be given.

GIVE SALOONISTS CHANGE

Ministerial Association Will Wait to See if Saloonkeepers Obey Law

The members of the Ministerial Association in their recent crusade against slot machines are not fighting against any of the saloon keepers in particular but against the conditions. For this reason no immediate prosecution of saloonkeepers, where slot machines have been seized, will be made, but the ministers will wait to see if the saloonists obey the law in the future. The following letter which the association sent to the prosecuting attorney explains the position of the association.

Jan. 9, 1908.

Judd Yelland, Esq., Prosecuting Attorney, City.

Dear Sir:—This is to advise you that the Ministerial Association of Escanaba and the Rev. C. H. Rutledge, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, have not withdrawn the complaints made against John Johnson and Snyder Bros., by Mr. Rutledge, on Jan. 8. We hereby request that you instruct Justice Linden to hold the complaints and warrants until you are further advised by us. We have been assured by the saloonists of Escanaba that they will hereafter observe the law. This is the end for which we are contending, and if the saloonists prove by their future conduct that they are sincere we do not wish to prosecute any movement that will appear as if we are waging warfare against individuals, instead of conditions.

We are determined that Escanaba shall be cleaned up at once, and we shall be pleased if the saloonists will go into the movement with us to make Escanaba a better city.

Respectfully yours,
Escanaba Ministerial Association,
F. C. O'Meara, President.
C. H. Sundstrom, Sec'y.
F. Spence.
C. A. Lund.
Edward Berntsen.
Abel Anderson.
P. B. Ferris.
C. H. Rutledge.

FELL THOUGH ICE

Stonington Farmer Has Narrow Escape While Crossing Bay

Hans Bonefeld a well known farmer of Bay De Nocque township had a narrow escape from drowning Thursday morning while attempting to cross the bay on the ice. He was walking on the ice ahead of two companions and at a point north of the Stephenson dock he broke through. His companions were able to throw him a line and pulled him out. He was brought at once to the city where a change of clothing was secured and Thursday afternoon he returned to his home but little the worse for his experience.

Car Ferry Sinks

While attempting to enter port the car ferry Manistique, one of the largest car ferries in the world, struck on a rock just outside the breakwater at Manistique, and stove in two steel plates below the boiler room. The vessel is one of the fleet operated in connection with the Manistique, Marquette & Northern railroad. The car ferry attempted to leave for Milwaukee to go into dry dock, but had to turn back, and at once filled with water, sinking to the bottom at the Chicago Lumbering company's dock.

NEW POOR HOUSE COMPLETED

Fine Structure Now Ready for County's Use

BUILDING ACCEPTED

Members of County Board Visited Poor Farm and Are Well Pleased With New Building

The new County Poor House which has been under course of construction since last summer is now completed and at the session of the County Board, held this week, was inspected by the supervisors and formally accepted. The new building is 40x60 ft., two stories in height with a basement underneath and a large garret, which if necessity requires, may be made into several rooms. The building is built of brick and is fitted up with all modern improvements. The cost of the building alone including extras was \$8,495, while the cost of the plumbing and heating was \$2,294.95. The fact that the total cost exceeds the estimate, is due to the fact that the estimate was made three years ago and that since that time the price of materials and labor have advanced.

With the new building, the county will be able to care for nearly sixty persons; with the old one, only twenty-five could be cared for.

The new building was built directly in front of the old frame building and a passageway has been built between them. In this way both buildings will be used.

A feature of the new poor house is the provision made for the care of sick persons. There are four hospital wards, two for men patients and two for women patients. By caring for their sick in the poor house instead of at the county hospital, the county will save annually a considerable sum. Another improvement which has been made in connection with the new building is the water works system. By means of a gasoline engine and a compressed air appliance, water for irrigating purposes may be pumped to all parts of the farm. This will prove of great assistance to the keeper of the poor farm in securing sure crops.

During the visit of the supervisors at the poor farm on Wednesday the members of the Board expressed themselves as well pleased with the way the building had been put up and all were well satisfied that the county had secured the full worth of its money. Considerable credit is due to Chairman M. Peron of the building committee and the other members of the committee J. H. Call and Henry Dotch for their careful attention to the work as it progressed. Richard Hoyer, previous to his resignation from the Board, was also a member of this committee.

Three years ago conditions at the County Poor Farm were very distressing. Such was the crowded condition at that time that it was necessary to crowd several patients into one room. The question was taken up by the County Board and the new building was found to be necessary. The question of building was submitted to the electors of the county, the first time being lost on account of a sentiment in certain parts of the county against rebuilding the Poor House on the same location. The second time the proposition to build was carried by a large majority. Today the county has an institution upon which it may look with pride and it can no longer be said that the citizens of Delta County do not care for their poor in a proper humane manner.

BIG INHERITANCE TAX

Estate of Late Louis Stegmiller Must Pay State Nearly \$8000

The estate of the late Louis Stegmiller will be obliged to pay into the treasury of the state of Michigan an inheritance tax of nearly \$8000.

The property left by Mr. Stegmiller in this state is valued at about \$150,000 and according to the laws of the state, the property both real and personal is subject to an inheritance tax of 5 per cent. In this case the law requires that 5 per cent be levied because the heirs are more distantly related to the decedent than brother or sister. When the heirs are closely related to the decedent, being of the relationship of father or mother, child, grandchild, brother or sister, wife, or adopted child, then a tax of only one per cent on personal property is levied, if the amount of the personal property of the estate amounts to more than \$2000 for each beneficiary. When the amount of personal property is less than that sum to each of the heirs then no tax is levied.



Delta County's New Alms House on Delta County Poor Farm

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