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### DRAWS A LIFE SENTENCE.

**Chester Bigerstaff, the Biwabik Murderer, Sentenced Tuesday.**

Chester Bigerstaff, who killed William Kinniffick at Biwabik on the evening of October 29th, and convicted during the November term of court of murder in the second degree, was on Tuesday formally sentenced by Judge Dibell to life imprisonment in Stillwater.

The crime of which Bigerstaff was convicted was committed in the kitchen of Mrs. Elizabeth Hocking's boarding house, at Biwabik, Bigerstaff and Kinniffick being alone in the room at the time. A shot was fired and Mrs. Kinniffick rushed into the room to find her husband lying in a pool of blood on the floor, picking him up as he died in her arms. Bigerstaff, drenched in the blood of the man he had killed, stood in the room until taken in charge by an officer. He made no denial of the shooting but claimed he acted, in his belief, in self defense.

At this preliminary hearing he was bound over on a charge of murder in the first degree, but the jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. The law provides that the punishment shall be life imprisonment, and as there is no alternative provided the pronouncing of sentence by the court was largely a matter of form.

### DIRT FLYING AT COMMODORE.

**The Drake & Stratton Co. Commenced Active Stripping Yesterday.**

The Drake & Stratton Co. began active work on their stripping contract at the Commodore mine yesterday, all arrangements being complete.

The work is under the direct supervision of Capt. A. H. Stevens. An initial equipment of one shovel and four dinky engines is employed on the work at present, but additional machinery will be added and the present force of seventy-five men will be increased as room is made.

The present contract is for the removal of a quarter million yards, although it is anticipated additional contracts will be awarded and that eventually the entire mine will be placed in position to be worked as a milling proposition.

### Thirteenth Annual Ball.

The Fire Department arranges for its Thirteenth Annual Ball, at the Fay Opera House on Monday evening, January 1st.

The boys have a well-earned reputation as entertainers, and will endeavor to make the coming ball worthy of your patronage.

The proceeds will be devoted to the fund for tournament expenses in August next, it being the desire of the boys to send a track team to the Cass Lake tournament.

You will be "seen" between now and New Year, and it ought not be hard to "dig" a simoleon for such a cause.

### Prepare to Strip Waucota.

Under the direction of Supt. C. E. Moore, of the Pitt Iron Mining Co., the wood is this winter being removed from the Waucota property, between this city and Mount Iron, preparatory to stripping the property the coming year.

The surface at the Waucota is light, from thirty to sixty feet, and the property can be placed in the shipping list the latter part of next season, if desired.

### Chicken Pie Supper.

The ladies of the Catholic Church will give a chicken pie supper at the Fay Opera House next Wednesday evening, to which a cordial invitation is extended. Tickets have been placed at 35 cents, children 25 cents. During the evening the ladies will also raffle the doll, sofa pillow and quilt, on which chances are now being sold.

### Presbyterian Church.

S. S. at noon, C. E. at 6:45, morning sermon 11:00, evening 7:30. The evening sermon will be illustrated. We continue in the journey with Pilgrim. The visit of the angels will be a feature in this service.

### Buy Big Bunch.

The Virginia Lumber Co. has closed a deal for the purchase of the Kehl tract of timber, in 60-19, on the lake branch of the Rainy Lake railway. The consideration was \$32,000.

### A COMING ATTRACTION.

**K. P. Vaudevilles Will Entertain and Amuse You Next Friday Evening.**

Under the direction of Prof. C. Gordon Mayo the K. P. Star Vaudevilles, comprising twenty-five people, will appear at the Fay Opera on Friday evening next, December 15th, in a program which cannot but prove both entertaining and pleasing.

The program comprises character songs and sketches, solos and instrumental selections by the finest musical talent of the city, banjo selections and juggling and chorus singing.

The Virginia Concert and Dance Orchestra, which organization has gained an enviable reputation at many range points, will assist in making the evening pleasant.

Tickets are now on sale at Tredway's Drug Store, and the best seats rapidly disappear. Reserved seats 50 cents, gallery 25 cents.

### Died From Effects of Operation.

Messrs. Samuel, Benjamin and Isaac Milavetz went to Duluth Tuesday accompanying their mother, Mrs. F. Milavetz, of Eveleth, to St. Luke's Hospital for an operation for cancer of the stomach.

The operation was performed Tuesday evening, and while the patient survived the operating table death came shortly after.

The deceased was 51 years of age, and is survived by her husband and seven children, five of whom, Messrs. Samuel, Benjamin and Isaac and Mesdames S. M. Dorfman and P. Hostin, are residents of this city, and Misses Celia and Anna Milavetz, who resided with their parents at Eveleth.

In addition to the three sons Mr. and Mrs. Dorfman and Mrs. Hostin were among attendants at the funeral, which was held in Duluth Wednesday.

To the bereaved ones is extended the sympathy of many friends.

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