



## Mayor Fred H. Begole of Marquette.

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in trust by cities, villages or townships.

Section 1. It shall be lawful for and the several boards of supervisors are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, and to accept gifts and devises of real estate designed for public park purposes when such lands lie within the boundaries of their respective counties, and to make appropriations covering the cost of such purchases and incidental to the acceptance of such gift or devise: Provided, however, That a two-thirds vote of the members of said board of supervisors shall be necessary to authorize a purchase of real estate designed for public park purposes.

(Limit) (2321) Section 4. All appropriations made by any board of supervisors for the purpose of purchasing property designed for park purposes shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Dollars in any one year. (Appropriations for maintenance shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars in any one year.) (Appropriations towards township park maintenance shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars in any one year.)

(2322) Section 5. Appropriations shall be made in the regular October sessions and spread and collected in the same manner as other county taxes.

County Park Trustees. (2323) Section 6. Whenever the board of supervisors of any county shall have adopted a resolution to purchase or to accept certain lands for park purposes, and making any appropriation therefor under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act, they shall at the same session name and appoint from their members a board of three members to be known and designated as "County Park Trustees" who shall have the management, control and expenditure of such funds when collected, and who shall hold in trust for the county, the title to any real estate so purchased or accepted by way of gift or devise for park purposes, and who shall supervise the improvement of any such property so purchased or accepted. Such trustees shall also have the care and control of such park property and may make reasonable rules and regulations and enforce the same when made, respecting the use by the public of such park property.

A few years ago Gogebic county purchased a small piece of land on the south shore of Lake Gogebic and under the direction of the road commissioners and the county engineer slowly developed this small tract into a county park. Early this summer the auto traffic, both from tourists and home folks, congested the park every Sunday and holiday. It was suggested to help overcome these conditions—that the county purchase tracts along Clover-Land Trail wherever the trout streams crossed the road and turn these into county parks and thus relieve the congestion at Lake Gogebic. Upon looking up the law—a partial synopsis of which is given in previous pages—it was found that we were greatly limited in the amount of money we could spend on such a project. The idea was too good, however, to be quenched by this information, and on August 7th of this year a resolution was presented by Frank H. Madison, the supervisor from the First ward of Bessemer, calling for the appointment of a board of "county park trustees" according to Act 90, of the laws of 1913. This board was organized with the direct idea of preserving beauty spots along the Clover-Land Trail and enlarging and recreating the county park at Lake Gogebic. The idea of attempting to preserve the beauty of the Clover-Land Trail where it winds through the uncut forests was a natural sequence.

ONE of the really big men in the Upper Peninsula, who has taken rank among the active workers for every good thing in Clover-Land, is Fred Hurlburt Begole, mayor of the city of Marquette.

The story of Mayor Begole's life and accomplishments should be an inspiration to young men who feel that the road to success, and preferment is a hard one, unless there is assistance given them from outside sources or they have the advantages of wealth and position at the very beginning. Nevertheless, a careful investigation into the preparatory work of men who have reached the pinnacle of success will demonstrate that the self-made man is an actuality in this country and that a very large majority of men of affairs have, while their companions slept, been toiling upward in the night.

Fred H. Begole was born in Flint, Michigan, October 22, 1866. This interesting event took place on the farm owned by his uncle, J. W. Begole, who in 1883 was elected governor of Michigan. The young man had the advantage of a long line of sturdy ancestors, none of whom on either side came to America later than 1700.

The family tree shows that Thomas Hurlburt, Mayor Begole's eighth grandfather on his mother's side, was a fighter of note in the Pequot Indian war and for rescuing a colony of settlers was given a grant of land at Saybrook, Connecticut; while his great great grandfather on his father's side, Thomas Bowles, who was born in Virginia in 1732, was a distinguished member of the advisory war board during the American revolution. His grandfather, William Begole, was lieutenant in the war of 1812. The original Begole family came from France, while the Hurlburt family were of Scotch descent. The Begole family were the first settlers in or near the present city of Flint, Michigan, arriving there in 1837.

Mayor Begole lived on the farm until he was sixteen, and had all the rugged training which was then and, to some extent, is now, associated with the life of an active boy on a farm. It

is related of the mayor that he was "all boy," and had a fixed vendetta with the deer and wild turkeys of the vicinity. He still retains his active hunting proclivities and for twenty-one years has scored annually in pursuit of deer. However, it is as a disciple of Isaac Walton that the mayor particularly shines in the realms of sport. He is a conscientious trout fisherman and it is a common saying among his friends that only a man in vigorous health and with all the essentials of the true sportsman can get any pleasure out of a fishing trip with Mayor Begole.

When he was eighteen years old he began to teach school and a year later, while still a boy, left Genesee county and came to Lake Superior as principal of the schools of Baraga. For three years he occupied this position, and in 1899, desiring to enter another line of business, obtained a position in the office of the Hon. Peter White at Marquette. Two years later he became Mr. White's partner and remained successfully with his distinguished associate until 1896. Mayor Begole then went into the mining and lumber business on his own account and in 1898 organized the Mass Consolidated Mining Company, of which he was director for several years, and in 1899 organized the Victoria Copper Mining Company, the First National Bank of Rockland, and the Lake Shore Engine Works of Marquette, of which the latter well known enterprise he has been the president ever since that date.

In 1904 Mr. Begole promoted the Keweenaw Copper Mining Company and Keweenaw Central Railway, in co-operation with the late Hon. Charles A. Wright of Hancock. In 1901, with E. H. Towar, he organized the Marquette National Bank and for sixteen years was vice president and member of its board of directors.

When the city of Marquette in 1913 adopted the commission form of government, Fred H. Begole was elected mayor, an office which he still retains and to the administration of which he has given all of his splendid personality and business acumen. The busi-

ness affairs of the city of Marquette have been handled in so able a manner that municipal experts from all over the country have come to study the Marquette system. It is at once an efficient and honest and a typically American municipal enterprise, the pride and joy of the taxpayers of the city and Mayor Begole's pet hobby to which he has contributed unlimited study and unselfish work.

The mayor of Marquette is a Democrat, and in 1913 was an unsuccessful candidate of his party for regent of the University of Michigan. He is, however, a member of the board of control of the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, and few public enterprises are undertaken in Clover-Land without an effort being made to associate Mayor Begole as an active party in the management.

No reference to the life work of this splendid citizen would be complete without mentioning the personal handicap under which he has worked for so many years. Few people who have heard Mr. Begole upon the public platform or who have met him in private life realize that his hearing has entirely gone. With the same bravery which is characteristic of the man, he has overcome this affliction by a persistent study of lip reading, so that he actually hears with his eyes and follows the most casual conversation in a way that seems impossible to one who cannot hear a sound. I have been amazed in observing Mr. Begole sitting beside a speaker at a public meeting, watching the speaker intently, and at the conclusion of the address giving me a most complete summary of what the speaker said. Instances are plentiful where men meeting Mr. Begole in business or politics have gone away without the slightest suspicion that he heard no word of their conversation, although reading everything that they said as it was spoken. The mayor is himself a public speaker of broad experience and is in great demand wherever there are discussions of public questions or investigations into the success of the commission government for American cities.

In 1890, at Flint, Mayor Begole was married to Miss Gertrude C. Elmore and their family includes three sons and one daughter. The mayor is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, and is a thirty-second degree Mason.

Owing to icy streets in Hancock, the delivery of coal was somewhat delayed recently, but the conditions now are normal again.

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All the teachers, lawyers, etc., in Michigan are asked by Governor Sleeper to aid the registrants in filling out their questionnaires.

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The Michigan College of Mines has, as its share, two students from the number sent to the American universities and colleges by the Chinese government this year.

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The people of Iron River are talking about changing the government of the village to a commission form. It is reported that the people of Iron River are disgusted with the present city charter.

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The Women's branch of the Civic and Commerce association of the Soo have decided to guarantee the salary of a woman county agent during December in order to demonstrate the work which can be done.



Miss Hazel Crane (left) and Miss Bernice Blom. Two Menominee Young Ladies Who Helped Raise \$100 For the Army and Navy by Acting as "Bell Boys" at the Hotel Menominee. Their Tips Broke All Hotel Records For Liberality.

# Marquette Sheep Meeting in November a Great Success

REPRESENTATIVES of many large land holding firms, owners of tracts and men interested in smaller areas responded to the call of A. E. Miller, chairman of a committee named at Menominee, Oct. 10, and met in the city hall, Marquette, on Thursday, November 8.

The meeting was another feature in the "More Sheep, More Wool" movement and was called for the purpose of a "Round Table" discussion by the land men on what they deemed wise to offer Western sheep men and cattle men so far as lands are concerned.

Previous to the meeting, Mr. Miller had secured maps of cut-over and timber lands from many land holding firms. These were assembled and redrawn on large maps and will be used in future work along this line.

Mr. Miller was selected chairman of the meeting and George W. Rowell, Jr., secretary. The former explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of getting some definite plan adopted and which could be presented to Western sheep and cattle men.

There were short talks by W. G. Bissell, president of the Wisconsin Advancement Association, G. M. Mashek of Escanaba, G. Sherman Collins of Munising, J. Wade Weston, head of the Clover-Land county agents, George W. Rowell, Jr., and Leo C. Harmon.

There was a short discussion on what offers could be made as introductory propositions.

A committee was named, consisting of L. C. Harmon, president of the Upper Peninsula Development Bureau, A. J. Erickson of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co., E. R. McPhee of the Charcoal Iron Co. of America, G. M. Mashek of the Delta Title, Land &

Loan Co., and R. P. Bronson of the Chatham-Trenary Land Co. This committee was ordered to draw up a definite plan to be submitted as an offer to Westerners.

The committee reported as follows: "It is the sense of this committee that proper inducements or introductory offers in the way of blocks of grazing lands must be made to Western sheep and cattle men in order to interest them in the grazing lands of Clover-Land.

"Therefore, we urge that the following plan be submitted as the one most feasible to attract a limited number of prospects:

"First, a purchaser is to be given a five year option on a group of lands fit for grazing under the following general terms:

"A—That he make no payments for the use of the lands during the first two years

"B—That he pay the taxes on the lands during the third year

"C—That he pay the taxes and a rental charge equal to six per cent of the purchase price during the fourth and fifth years

"D—That at the end of the fifth year he shall pay ten per cent of the purchase price with future payments to be made in accordance with his agreement with the seller of the land

"Second, we recommend an interest rate of six per cent

"Third, there shall be three classifications of lands (i. e.) first, second and third. The rate for the First shall be \$10 per acre, for the Second, \$7.50, and for the Third \$5.

"Fourth, these prices shall cover only the introductory offers which are

to be made at the Sheep and Cattle Men's convention to be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, in January. As soon as all of the offers have all been taken up, or on Dec. 1, 1918, whether all have been accepted or not, these introductory offers, including prices and terms, shall cease to exist.

"Fifth, it is deemed advisable that all of these offers be placed in the hands of the Upper Peninsula Development Bureau for presentation at the joint Clover-Land-Wisconsin meeting in Milwaukee on Nov 22, for consideration there

"Sixth, that the Upper Peninsula Development Bureau be custodian for these introductory offers and see to it that they be properly made at the convention in Salt Lake City"

The report of the committee was accepted without a dissenting vote.

Mr. J. E. Sherman offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the work of preparation of the data for the several tracts of lands to be offered to Western Sheep and Cattle men at Salt Lake City be turned over to the Upper Peninsula Development Bureau to assemble; that this organization shall assemble the tracts, secure formal options from the several owners, secure maps, prices, terms of sale and such other information as deemed necessary for proper presentation in legal form at the Salt Lake City conventions."

Adopted unanimously.

It was announced that a special man would be secured by the Development Bureau for the purpose of carrying out the work laid down in the above resolutions. Every assurance was given by the land firms represented that they would do their part in the work.

Mr. G. Sherman Collins of Munising, who was chairman of a committee, also named at Menominee, to

awaken interest among Clover-Land bankers in the sheep and cattle movement, reported that only Alger, Ontonagon, Delta and Marquette were represented and that no meeting was held. Mr. Collins told of his efforts to get interest among the bankers and regretted deeply that more had not heeded the call.

Mr. G. M. Mashek offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that G. Sherman Collins organize a committee of five bankers including himself, for the purpose of formulating plans of financing sheep and cattle men who may be brought here; that this committee meet before Nov. 22 and then attend the Clover-Land-Wisconsin conference in Milwaukee on that date."

Adopted unanimously.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Miller for his efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 o'clock.

Those who attended the meeting are:

Leo C. Harmon, of Manistique; R. M. Andrews, Menominee; J. E. Sherman, Marquette; L. J. LeVeque, Marquette; F. H. Taylor, Pickford; Robert O'Callaghan, Norway; James Blake, Escanaba; D. W. Powell, Marquette; H. J. Shevaner, Negaunee; Lee Garvin, Marquette; E. E. Brown, Matchwood; August Wallen, Ewen; E. R. McPhee, Marquette; George M. Mashek, Escanaba; N. Emerson, Minneapolis; L. R. Walker, Marquette; H. W. Reade, Escanaba; W. S. Hill, representing the Wright estate; R. A. Brotherton, representing the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.; J. W. Weston, Marquette; A. J. DeVries, Marquette; W. G. Bissell, Milwaukee; George W. Rowell, Jr.; R. P. Bronson, Ishpeming; Jos. A. Jeffrey, Duluth; H. G. Thomas, Appleton; F. W. Nichols, Houghton; and W. H. Johnston, Ishpeming.