

May future generations never forget the Debt of Gratitude they owe to the Brave Boys in Blue who on land and sea Volunteered their services during that memorable struggle for the preservation of our Union.

To all whom it may concern
Know ye that —

Or-Mr. Sergt. John D. Wilcox
Enlisted from Chisago County, Minnesota
Nov. 22, 1862 and mustered into United
States service at Fort Snelling, Minnesota
Nov. 24, 1862 as a private of Co. M 1st Regt
Maine Vol. Cavalry Mounted Rangers under
Captain J. S. Starkey and Col. Emanuel McPhail
to serve one year or during the War. The Regiment
was engaged in one Indian Campaign in
Minnesota and Dakota in '64 and fought at
Killeddeer, N. Dak. July 28, '64. Passage of
the Bad Lands and Little Missouri Aug 8 '64
besides a number of skirmishes and minor
engagements with the Indians. Also performed

a large amount of scouting and prom
duty with detachments at Forts Abercrombie
Ripley and Redgely. He was promoted to
rank of Or-Mr. Sergeant and was on detach
service as Or-Mr. of scouts.

He was Honorably Discharged

May 19, 1863 at Ft. Snelling Minnesota
on account of disability.

Presented

by John D. Wilcox to his wife Sarah A.

January 15, 1898.



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PINE CITY, JULY 4, '19

Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Home Coming

Preparations are being made to handle the largest crowd ever gathered in the County

Askov and Brook Park Bands Sandstone Mail Quartet
Crescent Orchestra A Monster Parade
Free dinner for Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

Big program in the park after the noon hour includes—Community Sing and inspiring patriotic address by John Talmadge Bergen, D. D., returned First Lieutenant in Air Service, one of the most forceful orators in the state.

Sports of all kinds for young and old; good cash prizes.
A snappy ball game between Finlayson and Rock Creek teams.
Spectacular free outdoor attractions afternoon and evening.

Grand Military Ball—Complimentary Tickets to Soldiers, Sailors and Marines

Gorgeous Display of Fire Works

A long day of Grand and Glorious Pleasure

Beautiful Parks offer pleasant picnic grounds easily accessible to all

BOATING—BATHING—FISHING



The Pine County boys who left from here for Camp Dodge, Iowa., last Friday. Photograph by Daniel's, Pine City.

More Leave Tomorrow

Another Contingent of 12 Pine Co. Soldiers Will Leave for Training Camp Friday

The sixth contingent of Pine county men to leave under the first draft, took the south bound limited last Friday afternoon for St. Paul, whence they entrained that evening for Camp Dodge, Iowa, and arrived there about noon the following day. There were 24 men in the contingent with Charles W. Miller, whose home is at Duluth but who registered from Sturgeon Lake, in charge.

The men registered at the court house where their picture, which is reproduced in this issue of The Pine City was taken. Thence they were escorted by Grand Army veterans, the Rock Creek home guard and the Pine City band to the park where Rev. Golder of Sandstone and Father Leo of this place delivered patriotic addresses, Bryan Tilden being chairman. Musical numbers were contributed by the Pine City high school quartet.

Following the program, the boys were escorted to the depot where they joined other contingents from the north on the south bound limited for St. Paul.

Tomorrow—Friday—afternoon, May 3 another contingent of 12 Pine county men will leave for Columbus Barracks, Ohio, where they will go into units already formed to fill vacancies caused by deaths, honorable discharges or some similar reason. In this contingent will be the following:

Wayne Bert Nichols, Pine City; Ignatius L. Doboszenski, Willow River; Deva A. Parvey, Finlayson; James Pahos, Kingsdale; Walter Fred Christ Wallbaum, Finlayson; John Mike Reinbold, Pine City; Erick Ryoberg, Bruno; George W. Carlson, Pine City; Allen Watt, Rutledge; John Peterson, Rush City; Axel A. Jensen, Askov and Alfred Martinson, Sturgeon Lake with Joseph J. Mjlashus, Pokegama, and William Zastura, Pine City as alternates.

from school district 34 to 25 and from Frank Womela from the Pine City village district to 22, and June 3 set as day for hearing on same.

Contracts were completed for putting in an overhead crossing of railway track at the dangerous Mission Creek crossing and for repairing the high bridge over Kettle river at Sandstone.

Auditor Hamlin was directed to purchase road drags for the following maintenance foreman A. A. Robinson and Norman Ward in Pine town, Charles Lindstrom in Partridge and W. J. Wheeler of Sandstone; also some other road machinery.

The commissioners voted \$225 to Royaltown town to assist in building the road across Keel slough, west of Pine City, \$100 to be applied on the county road between sections 16 and 21 in Nickerson town and \$150 on the road between Pine and Aitkin counties on the west side of section 1 Bremen town.

Several applications for abatement of tax were received, all of which were either refused or laid on the table except those of the St. Cloud and Sandard Oil Companies at Sandstone.

The usual number of bills were allowed and the meeting adjourned to Monday, June 3.

PINE COUNTY

1919

in the WORLD WAR

A large volume containing pictures of the many Pine county service men who served in the various branches of service; pictures of

Draft Board officials

Medical Examining Board

Legal Advisory Board

County Chairman Committees

Prominent Workers

Red Cross nurses

Scenes from Camps and Abroad

Scenes from Villages and Townships

Also a complete, authentic history of Pine county's activities during the war, with names of workers, etc.

THIS BOOK WILL BE PRICE- LESS IN YEARS TO COME

See that the pictures of the service men in your family are sent in at once; send photograph, kodak or postal card picture (in uniform preferred) but send a picture. Give his service record; when he enlisted; when discharged; regiment; camps; overseas service; wounds, etc.

No charge for inserting picture—they will be returned as soon as cuts are made

Send Pictures and Service Records to

County History

Care of Pine Poker Office, Pine City, Minn.

Pine County in the World War

Unusual interest is being manifested in the announcement that a history of Pine county's participation in the war will be published. This large volume will contain pictures of all the service men from this county together with their records. There will also be pictures of draft board officials, medical examining board, legal advisory board, county chairmen of committees, prominent workers, scenes from villages and townships, pictures sent home by our men from camps and overseas.

Every county in the state has either published or has a history of this kind in the state of completion. It is the only way to record the happenings at home and also to secure a collection of pictures of all the men from the county who have done their duty so well. A book of this kind will be priceless in years to come, and everyone should co-operate to see that the pictures and service records of the men from their families are sent in promptly, as every service man's picture must be included. There is no charge for inserting pictures, and the photographs will be returned in good condition as soon as cuts are made.

Send the picture of your service man today. Send a picture in uniform if possible; otherwise a civilian picture will do. If you have no photograph, send a kodak or postal card picture but be sure that you send a picture. Tell when he enlisted, when discharged (or if still in service); regiment; camps; overseas service (if any); battles wounds, etc.

Do this today and address County History, care The Pine Poker, Pine City, Minn.

Harte commenced speaking about the part the German people took in the Civil War, I misunderstood his meaning and thought and understood that he was belittling the German people as a whole and subjecting them to ridicule. This in a way angered me and I asked him if this was supposed to be a Red Cross meeting or if it was called for the purpose of making fun of the German people. Upon making these remarks it evidently was the opinion of some of the people present that I was trying to obstruct the meeting and that I was disloyal to the government. This was not my intention, and I absolutely deny that I am disloyal to my government in any way, and neither has anyone heard me make any disloyal remarks.

I was born in Germany of German parents and came to America when but five years of age. I have never denied my nationality and have nothing to be ashamed of in that respect. Simply because some Germans in this country are disloyal is no sign or indication that all Germans are disloyal.

At the outbreak of the Civil War I was but 12 years of age and too young to fight. My older brother served all through that war. I am nearly 70 years of age now and too old to fight, but not too old to be a member of the Red Cross or to buy Liberty Bonds, both of which I have done.

I have no time or sympathy for the Kaiser and his crowd. I am an American citizen and proud of the fact. I have always been loyal to my Government and intend to remain so to my dying day.

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CITY, MINN., MAY 8, 1919.

Lieut. Hurley Commended

His Work in Office of Judge
Advocate in France Com-
mended by General

The following clipping from last Sunday's St. Paul Pioneer Press will be of much interest to friends of Lieut. M. B. Hurley at Pine City, where he was raised and where his father James Hurley resides now, as well as over the entire county which he served as county attorney for two terms and where he is well known to all old residents.

"Lieutenant M. B. Hurley, senior member of the law firm of Hurley & Hurley, 701 Pioneer Building, and a graduate of the first officers' training school at Fort Snelling, has a personal letter from Major General Bullard, commander of the second army in France, in which he is highly commended for his work as judge advocate.

The letter, as quoted by Lieutenant Hurley to relatives in St. Paul, is: "Since January 29, 1919, you have been on duty in the office of

at what appears above but are naturally pleased to see his ability and faithfulness. He is still in France.

Mora Gets Field and Track Meet

The superintendents of "The Big Eight" high school associations held their annual meeting at Hinckley, on Thursday, Apr. 24, and organized by electing Supt. Damon pres. and Supt. McAdam of Pine City secretary. The first business of importance was the selecting of the place for holding the field meet. Mora secured the meet by unanimous vote of the superintendents.

Two districts were formed for the purpose of determining the base ball teams who will represent the association at the field meet. The elimination series will be played between Milaca, Cambridge, and Mora in the west end, and between Sandstone, Rush City and Pine City in the east end. The winners in each of the districts will compete at the field meet for the annual base ball pennant.

The track events decided upon are as follows: 100 yard dash; 50 yard dash; 220 yard dash; half mile race; four men, half mile, re-lay race; high and low hurdles.

The field events: pole vault; running high jump; running broad jump; twelve pound shot put; discus throw.

Declamatory contest in the evening, time limit ten minutes.

In addition to the penants given in the past, a silver loving cup will be presented to the high school winning the highest number of points in all the different contests. For this cup firsts will count 50 per cent; seconds 30 per cent; thirds 20 per cent. On this basis 400 per cent will represent the total number of points, so that the high school obtaining the greatest percentage of the 400 points, will win the cup. The boys' and girls, declamatory contests in the evening will, also count toward this cup.

There will also be given, a silver medal to the individual receiving the highest number of points in all fields, including declamatory, and a bronze medal to the one receiving the second highest number.

The Pine City and Sandstone ball clubs will cross bats on the county fair grounds at Pine City, Saturday afternoon, for the first game of the season.

Another Baby Clinic at Pine City

Another baby clinic will be held in the high school at Pine City on Saturday of next week, May 17, when, Dr. Johann from the state board of health will again be present.

Babies examined at the last clinic should be brought for re-examination so as to note any improvement or deterioration. But those not examined at the last clinic—here were 62 examined—should surely be brought.

The clinic will open at 1:30 p. m. when examination will begin, but no babies not on hand by 4 o'clock will be examined as the doctor and nurse must leave on the south



the army judge advocate. On the eve of the discontinuance of the Second army, I wish to express to you my appreciation of your service. As judge advocate in very important court-martial cases you have done splendid work. You have exhibited first class ability and judgement and have been energetic in dispatching business.

"I desire to compliment you and thank you for your excellent work."

nty Fair Was Fine

ice Was Good, Espe- Friday—All Had a Good Time

nty fair, held at Pine Thursday, Friday and was very good and very ded—particularly on Fri- the attendance ran to 00, being about as large ver had. The exhibition ncial success, netting the least three hundred dollars out of the hole in which en struggling.

s the exhibits, and attend- were interfered with by that the fall work this been all dumped in a any farmers who would rwise brought in their and produce were too cutting corn, filling silos, potatoes and the multifari- duties of farm work ime to any more than that.

essions were varied and there being everything old "dice game" to the ound, from the mild ex- of taking a chance on "baby-doll" to the real thrill of betting on the e dice or the spin of the la fano. The midway patronized by the fair ie concessions reaping a d the smell of the "hot- wiches, in the cool air of was sure appetizing. The the Methodist church had der the grandstand, where and coffee was served, nice sum to the ladies for sury. The snake tent, "crawling poisonous rep- not draw the crowd like y dancing to the music l organ who would make e onlookers but would doff and look almost human ented with a penny. It s to say, the merry-go- crowded with young and time, as no fair is com- out the merry-organ. If lucky enough, stayed long d spent enough money ned from the grounds, the proud possessor of a ll" or the wearer of a e of jewelry.

e Exhibit Was Small

hibit of cattle was no r up to the standard of ould be shown at a Pine e, in a county where dairy icipal industry and where all kinds of good cattle. ere only two herds of and one of Holstein

Stillwater had several fine exhibits in the show.

Mrs. C. O. Daniels of Pine City exhibited a White Rock freak with four legs. The excellence of this exhibit doubtless reflects the results of the poultry shows held in the county the past few years.

Hog and Sheep Exhibits Small

The exhibits of hogs and sheep were small, scarcely half the pens in either of these departments being occupied. Hogs are fast coming to be one of the staple money makers on the farms of the southern half of the county and a few good sheep are being found of value everywhere in the county—good sized herds of them in a few cases. Four out of five of the sheep exhibits were Shropshires.

Poor Potato Exhibit

For a county where potatoes are one of the staple farm products, the exhibit of tubers was almost a farce. The size of the exhibit did not begin to represent the importance of the industry in the county and the quality seemed to indicate a lack of knowledge of what the right type of the different kinds of potatoes is, of course they were poorly displayed, but this was because of lack of room for the purpose. There were lots of diseased ones in the lot. We have seen truer-to-type exhibits this year at the local fairs at Sandstone and Beroun and have heard that the same was true at Cloverton and Ker- rick and doubtless will be at Askov, when they hold their fair day this week Saturday, and at Hinckley when the county potato exhibit is held there next month or the first part of November. Potatoes are, relatively, as important in Pine county as corn is in Iowa and they are entitled to vastly better representation at our county fair than they had this year, at least.

Good Exhibit of Fruit

There was a good exhibit of fruit —plums, crab apples, large apples and grapes—and we do not believe anything better could be found anywhere in the county.

Beroun and Chengwatana Club Ex.

The Beroun and Chengwatana farmers' clubs had fine exhibits of produce, fruits, grains and corn, potatoes and vegetables, canned goods, needle work etc.—in fact everything that is produced on the farm. Everything they showed was of good quality and the displays were fine. The Beroun club won first prize—last year Chengwatana won.

Individual Farm Exhibits

Adolph Sommers of Pine City had a fine "farm" exhibit—wide spread in variety, of excellent quality and well displayed—which attracted much attention and captured first prize in that class, second prize going to Ben Anderson of Pokegama town.

Boys and Girls Exhibits

There were some fine exhibits of pigs by boys from Hinckley and Chengwatana and of canned fruits and vegetables from the Chengwa- tana boys and girls club which were excellent and showed knowledge of how to do.

Monument for Soldiers

Commissioners Let Contract for \$4,800 Monument, to be Completed by June

After an intermittent session of three days, the board of county commissioners adjourned, last Saturday afternoon, to Oct. 27.

They awarded a contract to the Twin City Granite Company, on a design presented, for a monument to commemorate the work of Pine county soldiers, sailors and marines in the late war. It will cost \$4,800 and the schools of the county are to be asked to raise funds to contribute toward this, the balance to be paid by the county. The Pine Poker hopes to be able to give its readers, next week, a picture of the proposed monument so that all may see what it will look like.

After an informal discussion, Saturday, on the question of bonding the county further for road work the commissioners allowed the matter to drop.

Engineer Ford of the state highway commission was present and informed the commissioners that there will be no chance for some

G. H. Cunningham Sturgeon Lake, and J. D. Johnson Nickerson.

The consolidated school matter from Bremen town was laid over to the next meeting when it will come up for hearing. It seems to be a badly mixed up matter.

County's First Air Delivery of Mail

Pine City's first mail delivery by air came last Friday afternoon when a hydroplane brought packages from the Dayton store at Minneapolis to Mrs. August Wickstrom, Sig Brekke and D. W. Rochon.

The machine was a beauty in the air with a canoe shaped body and the propeller set midway between the wings and in the rear instead of in front as on the aeroplane more commonly seen here. It came sailing about town to locate a favorable landing place and then descended at a steep angle, alighting in the water of Cross lake where it then rapidly motored to shore. After discharging mail and taking on gasoline it rose like a great crane, circled low over the crowds at the fair grounds and proceeded on its way north.

Postmaster Collins promises that it won't be long before we will be commonly getting mail at all towns of the county by the air route.

Pine County Farmers Show 'em How

Kanabec county took first prize in the "central" section at the state fair and did it in nice, clean, fine fashion. But they had to come to Pine county for the prize winners on corn at their own excellent county fair.

Ben Anderson and L. O. Cote,

Teachers In at Hinckley

All Teachers in Rural Graded Co. Schools in Hinckley

The county teachers insti- teachers of semi-graded and schools is in session at P this week with practically county school in the county and their teachers in atte- If they attend all sessions, t raw pay as though attend- their regular duties—paid b districts.

Rush City Lady Cele. 101st B

A birthday party given in of Mrs. Behrendt, commonly as "Grandma" Behrendt, was ly enjoyed at her home a City, last Sunday afternoon is one of the few who no reach the age 101.

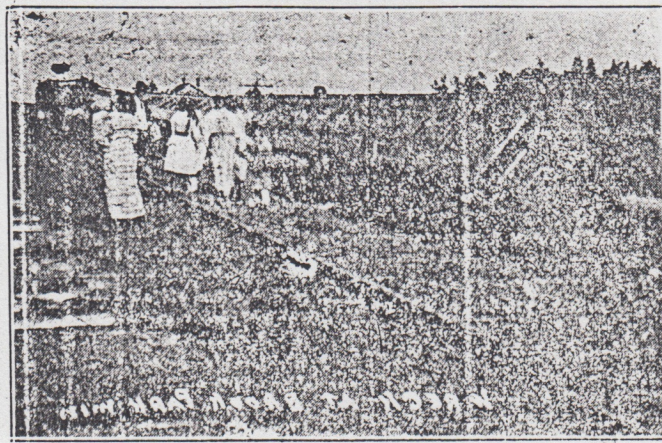
There were thirty-five all being her children, grand- and great-grandchildren. lightful little dinner was to all and the remainder afternoon was spent in which grandma is very ha- and car riding, this being the second car ride which had. Supper was served o'clock, after which the p- journed.

Grandma received many ful bouquets from her n- We all send our most happy day greetings and hope t may live to have many mo- birthday parties.

Prominent Greeley Couple

The marriage of Miss Lindgren to George Henry took place at the German church at Rush Lake, T Sept. 4 at 8 o'clock p. m. Moebius officiating. Miss Stidt, sister of the groom, Milton Lindgren, brother- bride were the attendants, a maid and groomsman. M Olson of Greeley played ding march. Only near- were present. The young- were greeted with the e- shower as they left the e- Mrs. Paul Scheele. They Braham, where they boar- train for a bridal trip to cities where they visited and attended the state fa-

The groom is the eldes- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stu- bride is the second young- er of Mr. and Mrs. John- the well known merchant o- The young couple were se- at the Greeley school the- being among the old tim- of that part of Pine cou-



PICTURE OF GREAT NORTHERN LIMITED WRECK AT BROOK PARK which occurred at Brook Park last Thursday noon. All the cars are shown on their side in the ditch, the engine and tender alone remaining on the track. The track is badly torn up, as shown in the picture. Story of the wreck was published in The Pine Poker the day of the wreck—last week.

time of securing any federal aid to assist the county in its road building plans.

In view of the money situation and the necessity for economy in the county road building program, the board voted to examine into all proposed road expenditures—especially new propositions—most carefully.

Bids were received by the board for a rock crusher and these were

living west of Pokegama lake had 65 exhibits and took 46 premiums at the Mora fair. Mr. Anderson took first on 10 ears of Minnesota No. 13 corn and also sweepstakes in the 10-ear class while Mr. Cote took second in the Minnesota 13 10-ear class and first in the single-ear display. Z. E. Grayson of the same region took second in the single-ear class.

Knights of Columbus
Overseas Service.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
A. P. O. ---
Date, Dec. 24 1918.

Dear sister Ida:

I thought I would write you to let you know I am still alive and well, and hope you are all well at home. Well sis I will tell you some of what has happened in the past few months. On July 11, we were ordered up to Chateau Thierry, arrived there the morning of the 13th which was the day the big drive started, we were up in the front line but I came out alright and I will tell you it was a tough one, but we didn't care, from there we went over to the St. Mihiel front and started something there that the GERMANS will never forget. Then we went over to the big front and lost, that was the Argonne Meuse Forest - This was the H--- of them all it is too hard to tell you by mail but will tell it all after I come home, which will be soon, I hope.

Now this is the most interesting part of my story -- On the 12th day of NOV. we had orders to move but we did not know where to - only the officers, so we started out and walked for a few days until we came to a place on the line where the German army had been, and the order came to get a train, and of course they asked who could run a train, and being Jack of all trades the thing fell to me so I started out with five men to get that train but where the train was no one knew - I made a guess so went to the nearest railroad station and looked for a map and that is how I found the train about 30 miles up the line, when we got to this place the Germans were just leaving the town but my orders were to get the train and we did, got two engines and 31 box cars and started back over the line, it was very slow going because the retreating army had taken up some of the rails and broken some of the switches, but I got through and when we got within a few miles of where I was to meet my Company I met an officer of the 21st Engrs. and he wanted the train, but my orders read - 'WARCQ' France, and I told him so, But he said that made no difference he wanted the train and so it was up to me to get to my destination with the train so got the crew together and told them just how we would work it -- It worked out alright and Mr. Officer is still hollering for me to stop -- but there is no such WORD in the army and when I told my officer about it he said I could be court martialed for disobeying orders -- I told him I had filled my orders, and when he told our Major about it he said -- WELL DONE -- and I was made a Sergeant -- and then I was made train master and conductor, then we loaded up our stuff and started to follow the retreating army into Germany Well we had some time, as some of the tunnel were mined and we had to go very slow, in all this time I had no sleep, and darn little to eat -- The 4th day out the Major asked me if I had any sleep yet and I told him -- no-- and he said What are you made of, iron? I told him my orders were to get to Luxemburg and when I got there, I would sleep. I could not sleep for it was up to me to get over the railroad, they left everything to me and I was responsible for 250 men on my train in a bad part of the country, but got through without an accident and arrived in Luxemburg Nov. 24th and staid there until the 30th, then went to Wasserhillig, Lux. that is the place where we crossed the Moselle river into GERMANY--crossed the river on Dec 1st at 6:12 A.M. WE were the first train and troops crossing into Germany--Went up to Trier and staid there four days and then on to Coblenz Germany arrived in Coblenz at 2:30 P.M. on the 6th day of Dec. the day before the German army left the city--A German officer asked us what we were doing there told him we were ordered to come there so he said nothing and walked away. The captain asked me to go over the Rhine river to look at a railraod yard and I did, but when I got on the bridge two German guards stopped me and asked me what I wanted and I told them, so they called an officer and he told me -- I had lots of nerve -- to come over where all the German soldiers were I told him THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE FULL OF THAT STUFF-- and he said he knew it--so he let me go--SO Tell Dad that his son Dan was the first American soldier to take a train into Germany and into Coblenz -- WE -- CO. E 37TH ENGRS were the first American troops into Germany and if they dont Believe it tell them to look it up in the papers or later it will be in the History of the World's War Am down in Louvine now with the same old train and will send you a picture of it it my next letter. Well, sis, will close for this time so good bye and good night, Best regards to all and a Merry Xmas and A Pappy New Year I am as ever Your brother, SGT. Daniel J. Dosey Co. E. 37th Engrs. American Expeditionary Forces.