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### AMATEURS FOR LOCALS' BENEFIT.

The Rush City dramatic club at Rath's Hall, Monday Night Under Auspices of G. A. R. Circle.

The Rush City debating club's dramatic club will appear at Rath's Hall, Monday evening, Jan. 9th, in the play, "Under the Laurels." The play will be given under the auspices of Riverside Circle, ladies of the G. A. R.

The club gave the play at Rush City last Thursday evening, when it proved a thorough success, and was decided the best home talent play ever presented in Rush City. The several parts were carried through with professional skill and the audience was entranced and delighted at the unfolding of each new scene. It also stated that the clergymen turned out, and were pleased and delighted at the purity of the play.

The play itself is a good one and as the cast shows a number of characters that are known to be historically strong, a trust must surely be in store for those who will but avail themselves of the opportunity to attend. A large attendance is especially urged for the financial benefit that will be derived for the ladies of the Riverside Circle and not only that, but the real enjoyment that will be afforded, should not be overlooked.

Following is the cast of characters, synopsis and specialties:

**CAST OF CHARACTERS.**

Ky Brantford. Mr. Curtis M. Johnson.  
Frank Colewood. Mr. G. M. Erickson.  
Bob Button. Mr. Robert McKay.  
Ike Bopper. Mr. Herman Berg.  
Zeke. Mr. George Knight.  
Sheriff. Dr. Anderson.  
Mr. Milford. Mrs. John F. Stone.  
Mrs. Milford. Miss Jessie McDonald.  
Polly Dowler. Miss Rose Eddy.  
Sookley Button. Miss Nora Stevens.

#### SPECIALTIES

(Between the Acts)

Dutch Monologue. Jerome Lee.  
Danish dialect and witt. Harold Johnson.  
Music. Davie Orchestra.  
Negro Minstrel specialties. Chas. Upright.

**Synopsis**

Act I. The Milford Estate. The Contested Will. Conspiracy of Brantford and Mrs. Milford.  
Act II. The will set aside. Frank and Rose peaceful. Brantford's annoying attentions to Rose. Quarrel of Frank and Brantford. The latter plots vengeance. Bob Button, the spy. Rose's humiliating position as a mental.  
Act III. Meeting of the Regulators at the haunted cabin. The and Zeke concealed in the jail. Frank under arrest. Killed by Bob Button. Desperate encounter. Frank escapes, and when Rose enters to release him. Button's triumph cut short by the timely arrival of Zeke and the storm scene.  
The flight.  
Act IV. Brantford absolute power over the Milford family. His overtures to Rose. His threats to ensnare the marriage.  
Act V. Attempted escape of Rose. Her recapture. Brantford's triumph ended by a sheriff's posse. Happy denouement.

Some are sad and will others are glad because called will begin Monday after a welcome New Year's celebration.

### KEY NOTE TO WHEAT TRADE

Consumption Has Overtaken Production. Gigantic Holdings Helped by Natural Conditions. Country Others Corn Less Freely.

Weekly review of grain trade and exceptional market conditions furnished exclusively to THE PINE COUNTY PIONEER by the house of Fyfe, Manson & Company, Board of Trade, Chicago, Illinois.

The holidays are out of the way. The decks are cleared for action. Wheat operations are in control of a group of speculators who have been through bull campaigns in cotton and stocks, and will not be satisfied with ordinary turns in wheat. If conditions were against them we would say let them have the market, let them run their course, let the climax come then the collapse. Then get into wheat. But the different Chicago price, 1400,000 bush, what were some seasons show 15 to 25 million. Northwest, where stocks are largest; the mills, the seed demand, the elevators, all come in a head of the speculative demand for good wheat. The big markets everywhere are congested—Chicago most of all. The keynote to the situation is this: consumption has overtaken production. Low grades of wheat have advanced ten to fifteen cents at doing in four or five prices are higher. Shipping orders held back before the holidays will make things move now. There is foundation for the cry that wheat will be scarce before another crop.

The season of crop scares at home and abroad is at hand. France is alarmed over extreme weather and no snow. Russia has cut supplies to less than half. Argentine it not offering wheat as Europe expected. It looks as if the lifting power—greater than any bull combine—is about to be felt from all quarters.

An authority on trade conditions writes: "A year has never started with better prospects for or a more determined effort on the part of the bulls to manipulate the wheat market. This applies to Chicago, to the Northwest and to all speculative markets. There is not a man in the trade who has watched the market closely who has seen conditions like the present. They present unusual attractions for strong interests to make new records. The market is congested and likely to remain so. The same methods that were used to advance stocks the next year are now being applied to the wheat pit. The result is that the market is continually revolving from semi-congestion to complete congestion every twenty four hours.

In or out of the last week of the year brought a collapse in the December price. At the same time, the May—the big speculative month—held, with little change, over 45 cents. The country is offering less wheat. Export clearances are large. Railroads East and West are moving corn slowly. There is great confidence among speculative holders for May at 45c.

Stocks of about 4,000,000 bushels standard oats have passed to the hands of shippers, carriers and cereal interests. While supplies back are large, the receipts everywhere are very small. With the May price but 16c over low point of the year there is chance for improvement.

**List of Letters**

Remaining mailed for in P. O. Pine City, Minn., for week ending the 31st of Dec. 1904.

Mr. Erik Justia  
Albert Park  
Mrs. E. O. Wilson  
A. J. McDonnell M. D.  
Persons claiming above will please say "advertised" and give date of this list. E. B. Brewster P. M.

### A SAD ACCIDENT.

Louis Erickson, of Rock Creek is Accidentally Shot. Dies from Loss of Blood. Son of Ole Erickson.

An accident occurred at Rock Creek Saturday morning that proved fatal to one, that threw a family into deep sorrow, and that cast a gloom over the entire community. Louis Erickson and younger brothers were out in the Wilson field, a mile and a half east of Rock Creek and just at the corner where the Government road crosses the Rock Creek road. They were out in quest of rabbits, had procured a couple and were enroute for home. Louis, who was about 20 years old, was walking just ahead of his brother Hilding who is about three years his junior. In some manner the gun which the younger Erickson was carrying was accidentally discharged the shot taking effect in the calf of the unfortunate victim's right leg. The charge shattered both bones of the leg and severed the arteries.

Help was quickly summoned and the lad was carried to his home but he died from loss of blood before the proper treatment was given him and within a few minutes after the doctor had reached him.

Louis was a young man who held the esteem of all who knew him. He was a very promising youth and his demise is deeply regretted.

Ole Erickson, the father, is a prominent factor and president of the Rock Creek Co-operative Creamery Co., and he and his family have the sympathy of all who know of the sad case.

The funeral services were held in the Rock Creek M. E. church, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Rock Creek cemetery. Rev. Boyle, of Rush City, preached the funeral sermon, which was heard by one of the largest audiences ever gathered in the church.

Many beautiful floral offerings were placed upon the casket, and six of the closest friends of the deceased acted as pall bearers.

### Club Meeting.

The first meeting of the Women's Reading club for the year 1905, will be held next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. A. Pennington. The Club will begin the new year right by discussing "Our Humorists," and we suppose "our own" humorist, J. Adam Bede, will receive his share of attention from a literary standpoint. Following is the program:

Our Humorists. Miss Prescott Mark Twain. Mrs. Gottry Artemus Ward on "Ollibello."

At a session of the county commissioners Tuesday afternoon, the several bids for the bonding of the county for a poor farm in the sum of \$7,800, were opened, read and the successful bidder decided upon.

The bid of E. E. McGraw was accepted. He bid will bear date of Jan. 15th, 1905, and bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent, per annum, interest payable annually and that the bonds be delivered to Mr. McGraw upon payment by him of the sum of \$8,100 and accrued interest to date of delivery.

A motion was put by Commissioner Parish, of Sandstrom, and seconded by Commissioner Westcott of Rock Creek, that the bid of Mr. McGraw be accepted. All voted aye and that question was dismissed for further business. As is generally understood, the commissioners selected a site for the location of a county farm last March and a majority of the citizens of this county voted bond, and sustained their selection, so that Pine county residents can now rest assured that the county now owns a valuable piece of property besides having a home that the dependent poor can call their own. The amount of bonds is but a small part of what some might have been aggregated had the old way of supporting the poor (to a certain degree) been continued.

### WARNING TO PARENTS.

Those Who Allow Small Children and Some Larger Ones to Tramp the Streets When They Should be at Home, Would do well to Read the following Article.

The chief of police of the city of Duluth says that parents are largely responsible for the prevalence of crime. They do not look after their boys and girls as they should. Take any city or village and walk along its streets in the evening and you will see crowds of young people carousing about, mixing with all kinds of society and running haphazard into this or that influence. Mothers and fathers are as a rule at home, resting from a day's work, or perhaps, if it happen to be of a class that has a little leisure, they are off at some social event.

It is an original neglect for a father or mother not to know where the child is after dark. The boy who is falling into saloon company in the hours during which he has nothing in particular to do is having implanted in his mind seed seeds of evil that will bear terrible fruit in the future. He is at an impressionable age. His intellect is receptive. It will grasp and work upon whatever is set before it. His young soul is moulded by the influences around him. The father and mother know all this, and get how many parents allow evening after evening to slip by and do not know where their girls or boys are spending these hours and how they have been putting in their time.

There is a certain class of brutes in every community of any considerable size, grown men, who take peculiar delight in teaching their own sordid thoughts and practices to the boys, who would otherwise not be so quick to obtain a knowledge of the evil of the world. These pedagogues of vice are criminally alive to corrupt the younger generations. They are vipers of society, whose sting bears a deadly poison, which no antidote can ever thoroughly remove. From them the young should be guarded with ceaseless vigilance.—Hutchinson Leader.

### At the Webster School House.

Mrs. Elizabeth deBarrie Gill, who has just concluded a course of entertainments in the Auditorium, Chicago will be here Saturday evening to give an entertainment in the assembly room of the school house.

This will be the second entertainment of the series of five which were included in the course, and the committee informs us that any one wishing season tickets now may secure the same for \$1.00 which includes reserved seat privileges. Just think, four first-class entertainments, together with a chance for the best seats in the house, all for \$1.00. The offer will only last till tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Gill uses a harp 8x8 feet, and plays it with wonderful skill. It is said she has a beautiful contralto voice, and is a reader of wide general reputation. It is your privilege to hear her at the school house, tomorrow evening.

### Of Value to the Church.

Rev. Dr. Forbes, the corresponding secretary of the board of church extension of the M. E. church, who is spending the holidays with his family in West Duluth, and his son, Gilbert H. Forbes, who operates a farm at Finlayson, Minn., were drying around West Duluth Saturday.

In some manner the harness on the horse became loose, and the animal immediately began to kick strenuously. "Say, let me out," demanded Dr. Forbes when the horse threatened to kick the buggy to pieces. "No, stay in, you're all right," assured the son. "I'm going to go out. I can't afford to be kicked to death by a horse. I am worth \$5,000.00 to the Methodist church," urged the older Mr. Forbes as a final argument.—Duluth News Tribune.

## "A Stitch in Time."

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The crops have been very small in certain counties in Sweden owing to a prolonged drought.

The Russian minister of finance has changed the question of the creation of chambers of commerce.

A dairy maid has been arrested at Cologne for bathing herself daily in the milk before it was sold.

Persons are killed at the rate of one for every day in the year in the New York city streets by vehicles.

The superstructure of the \$500,000 library which is being erected by Mrs. Stanford at Stanford university has been begun.

According to figures recently compiled, the total track mileage and sitting of British railways amounts to 60,723 miles.

During last year 68 of the municipal bodies in the British Isles which supply electricity showed a deficit, totaling 2,762,000.

The Illinois court of appeals has decided that the city of Chicago is responsible for damages resulting from fire in its limits.

The Chinese voice lacks two notes. His scale has six notes, instead of eight. The fourth and seventh notes are the missing ones.

In Colorado they still remember Gov.-elect Douglas of Massachusetts. When a young man he conducted a little exhibition at Golden.

The most powerful dredge in the world is that used by the Suisun canal in San Francisco and is being visited by thousands of people.

Salt Lake City has obtained an extension of its water supply that will cost \$1,000,000 and make the supply ample for a city of 750,000 individuals.

Finishing a long, rusty pipe in his morning robe, a Chinese citizen charged his baker with endangering the public safety. The baker was fined \$4.

Sufficient wire money to supply the world's demand for a quarter of a century is said to be contained in the storehouses of Jerez de la Frontera in Spain.

France hopes to achieve the bloodless conquest of Morocco by establishing a schoolmaster and a doctor in each of the towns on the Algerian frontier.

It is reported that, owing to the losses suffered at the hands of ticket scalpers, several Mexican railways have decided to issue no more round-trip tickets.

That the Japanese would one day be rulers of the ocean coast of Asia is the prediction of a Russian naval officer.

Some Oxford undergraduates recently thought it was time to ride in his big wagon around and around a woman's college in the middle of the night yelling "Fudge!"

The Union Trust Co. of San Francisco, which is putting up a new building, is the first to introduce there the New York system of working three shifts of men night and day.

A new fad among women which will appeal to the class who went in for pet chameleons several years ago is carrying of pet mammals in the big muffs that are still the correct thing in furs.

The Sonoma County (Cal.) Medical society has decided that after January 1 it will exclude "Jodge doctors."

The society objects to the system of attending lodge members at so much per month.

Following the lead of John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan has had a photo of his most recent portrait in oil copy-ied, so that he can be reproduced throughout the country without being able to print it.

The high and handsome tower of the Los Angeles church, which is being pulled down, is to be re-erected on a hill in the neighborhood of the city and used as an observatory by a local man of science.

Prof. Willis B. Cornell university, for the census bureau, has found that in continental United States there are 1,241,100 more males than females, or about two more males than females in every 100 population.

Railroad men who dig for gravel in Black Butte Mountain near Lisson, Blakely county, Cal., came recently upon an immense buried mass of low, beveled, thin, greenish plates from time immemorial.

Miss statistess Johnson says "It is considered by those in authority that wheat can no longer be raised in Indiana as profit. In 1904 the average yield was a small fraction more than ten bushels to the acre."

Aggricultural education is making great strides in Jamaica under the auspices of the agricultural societies. From time to time technical lectures are sent through the island lecturing to the small cultivators on improved methods of raising.

After holding out a long time and trying all kinds of compositions, the members of the University of California have yielded to their military instructor and the secretary of war, and have consented to march in and out of the captain's classroom in military ways.

Many Americans with the two historical dates of 1697 and 1839 firmly fixed in their minds may be surprised to learn that for nearly a century before the days of Jay's treaty and the month's peace between the two nations, the British and the French were meeting on this side of the great water.

# BRAVE DEFENSE COMES TO AN END

LIMIT OF RESISTANCE REACHED BY THE GALLANT GARRISON AT PORT ARTHUR.

Russian Commander, Gen. Stoessel, Makes Proposal of Surrender—Accepted by Gen. Nogai and Terms Arranged—End of Long Siege.

London, Jan. 3.—Port Arthur, whose hills have for months run red with the blood of the bravest of two warlike nations, has at last succumbed to the force tenacity of the Japanese attack. Gen. Stoessel, most stubborn in carrying out the will of his sovereign, has seen the advance of the beleaguering army and the momentum and energy until he held out longer would have been a crime against humanity. The conditions of the surrender are not yet known, but it is thought that they are as generous as can be expected from a brave and victorious enemy.

Offers to Surrender.

At nine o'clock Sunday night Gen. Nogai, commanding the Japanese army of investment, received from the Russian general, Stoessel, a note saying that he would like to surrender and asking for a meeting to arrange terms of capitulation. The note was simple and direct, and the Japanese general immediately named a commission of officers to receive representatives of the Russian commander. They met at noon Monday to arrange the conditions of surrender. The negotiations were completed and the surrender compact signed at 4:30 p. m.

Liberal Terms.

The nature of the terms agreed upon is not yet known, but dispatches from London indicate that they will be of the most magnanimous character. The emperor of Japan himself through the chief of the imperial staff, has given public statements which show that he has rendered commendable service to his country in the midst of difficulties, and that it is his wish "that military honors should be given to the Russian general, and the terms include allowing the garrison to march out carrying their arms, permitting the garrison to return to Russia with or without their officers, and requiring their parole not to take any further part in the war.

May Facilitate Peace.

To what extent the fall of Port Arthur will make for the restoration of peace is an open question. There is an encouraging note in the expression by Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister at London, that "the Japanese are in some way it will facilitate final peace," though the pacific note is perhaps lost in the later words of the minister in his statement that "the Japanese, the besieging army will now be free to go north, where it will be an offset to the reinforcements Gen. Kuropatkin has been sending to the front in the battle of Shakke. The spirit of the Russians may be judged by the statement of the secretary of the embassy in London, who says that the negotiations will be renewed with fresh vigor in the spring, and that the nation will not be content to permit Port Arthur to remain in the hands of the Japanese.

There is an expectation in diplomatic circles in St. Petersburg that some one of the powers may make a tender of friendly offices, and the intimation conveyed that the United States may take the initiative. Should this be the case it could only be upon assurances given both with regard to the tender would be received by them in good part.

It may be added that while it is known that the Japanese are in a hurry to get the siege regarded with great abhorrence, there is nothing yet to indicate that his government intends to proceed with the program of fighting to a finish, which has repeatedly been announced.

In addition to confirming the reports of the death of Gen. Kozlovskiy, it is understood that Gen. Stoessel, in the dispatches filed at Chelso, also reported the deaths of Maj. Gen. Fock, commander of the Fourth East Siberian rifle brigade, and Lieut. Gen. Smirnov, commander of the Port Arthur fortress.

SIERGE OF PORT ARTHUR.

Operations Made with Uninterrupted Energy and Desperation.

The siege and defense of Russia's stronghold in the far east have been marked by bravery, gallantry and desperate heroism in modern warfare and hardly excelled in military history. The story of the operations around Port Arthur is one of repeated fighting, both by land and sea, of the most desperate and thrilling character. By sea there have been torpedo boat dashes of superb recklessness, and big ships have been hurled through mine fields with heroic disregard to give battle or in wild efforts to escape. By land the Japanese have shown the most desperate and persistent in their operations against positions deemed to be impregnable. They have used all the modern methods of warfare, and scaled rocky heights crowned with batteries and crowded with defenders, suffering losses that military experts say would have appalled any European army.

The defense of the position which fell to her as a heritage after the Chinese Japanese war, has been a practical feat in her entire history. Her ships in the Port Arthur harbor, near Champo, in Korea, and along the Manchurian peninsula, battered along the coast by the Japanese, were almost completely destroyed.

High School Burned.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 3.—The high school in this city was entirely destroyed by a fire which broke out Saturday night. The loss is \$100,000 and the insurance \$40,000. The school records were saved.

not a warship now flies the Russian cross in the waters of the northern ocean.

And Japan, too, has had her losses in the long drawn-out operations. Mines have struck from Admiral Togo's fleet but many of the ships and the vessels since the morning of February 8, when he hurled his fleet at the Russian ships in Port Arthur's roadstead.

The slogan of Port Arthur properly dates from May 27, when after making the first army landed by the Japanese at Pilsno, Stoessel was forced back from the neck of the Kwantung peninsula. The Japanese landing was begun on May 5 and the Russian commander elected to give battle at his northernmost line of defenses. The engagement was a severe one and drove the Russians back to the first of the main defenses of the position. A few days later, on May 30, the Japanese occupied Dalny and on June 14-16 Gen. Stoessel, in a desperate effort to relieve the Port Arthur army, was defeated by Gen. Oku at the battle of Wafangdian and Telissu. With Togo's ships lying like water dogs around Port Arthur's seaward side and Nogai advancing slowly but relentlessly by land, the famous stronghold was under siege and from then on until Gen. Stoessel, on New Year's day, sought terms of capitulation, the operations have been marked by almost ceaseless fighting, bombardments by the fleet alternating with desperate attacks by land or assaults by the combined naval and military forces.

INAUGURATED.

Gov.-Elect Warner, of Michigan, and La Follette, of Wisconsin, Take Oath of Office.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 3.—In the presence of an unusually large concourse of citizens gathered from all sections of the state, Gov.-elect Fred M. Warner, and the other state officials elected last November were inducted into office Monday at noon. The exercises, which were held in representative hall, were presided over by ex-Gov. John P. Rick. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Moore, of the supreme court, who made an address.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 3.—Robert M. La Follette was inaugurated governor of Wisconsin for a third term Monday and the following state officers for a second term: Lieutenant governor, J. O. Davidson, secretary of state, Walter L. Honner, attorney general, L. M. Sturdevant, treasurer, John J. Kempf, insurance commissioner, Zeno M. Host.

The inauguration was preceded by a military parade. No military honors were given. Instead Gov. La Follette will send a message to the legislature next week.

MUTINY IN PRISON.

Convicts Make Break for Liberty at Folsom, Cal.—Three of Them Are Shot Dead.

Folsom, Cal., Dec. 30.—Seven of nine convicts at the state prison who made a break for liberty Tuesday night, were now ridged with bullets, three being now dead and three in a critical condition. Capt. R. J. Murphy, a prison official, rounded up a shot in the leg and two other knife wounds.

The following convicts were killed: H. G. Hill, under sentence of 30 years for robbery; J. Quinlan, serving 15 years for robbery; W. Morales, under sentence for robbery.

The following wounded will probably die: D. Kelly, serving a sentence of eight years for robbery; E. Queyada, serving a life sentence for murder; W. P. Enley, serving a life sentence for murder.

Slightly wounded: Charles Carson, serving life sentence for robbery.

SLAIN BY HER RIVAL.

Indiana Girl Kisses Man and—Is Shot Through Heart by Another.

Ligonport, Ind., Jan. 2.—Florence Mitchell shot and killed Ella Swisher, her rival during a dance at a roadside house three miles from here. Both are young women belonging to respectable families. Miss Swisher had danced repeatedly with C. L. Morgan, and as she left the dance kissed him. As she did so, Miss Mitchell drew a revolver and fired at the girl. The second shot was fired as she went through the door and the third, which penetrated the heart, was fired a moment later. Miss Mitchell was captured.

Death of an Inventor.

Selling-Kent, Dec. 31.—Capt. Hamilton Ezra Smith, inventor of laundry machinery, in general use, and of the first round-table cotton binding application, who was a member of the citizens' committee of New York that overthrew the Tweed ring, died here Friday, aged 85 years.

New Year Reception.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The president and resident Washington on Monday extended New Year's greetings to the president and Mrs. Roosevelt at the white house. The event was brilliant and spectacular as far as the president's New Year's receptions always are. Over 7,000 persons were received.

Noted Feudist Killed.

Blountville, Va., Dec. 31.—Ellis Hatfield, noted for his connection with one of the bitterest of the mountain feuds, was killed in a tunnel near here while he was walking through the tunnel when overtaken by a train. His body was horribly mangled.

Death of a Veteran.

New York, Jan. 3.—The veteran Brig. Gen. Edward R. Warner, retired, died suddenly of heart disease in the Marlborough hotel Monday.

# THE ELIZA ACT MIGHT DO IT.

CHADWICK GIVES BAIL.

Husband of Famous Woman Taken to Cleveland to Answer Charges Against Him.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 2.—Sheriff Barry and Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick arrived here Sunday from New York over the Pennsylvania railroad. Taking a carriage at the union station, they were driven at once to the county jail, where a bail bond for \$10,000 was furnished for Dr. Chadwick's appearance in criminal court next Tuesday, when he will give a preliminary hearing. The bail bond was signed by Virgil P. Kline, counsel for Dr. Chadwick, and also by J. P. Dawley, counsel for Mrs. Chadwick. As soon as the formalities in connection with the bond were completed, Dr. Chadwick was admitted to the woman's department of the jail, where he held a long conference with his wife.

New York, Jan. 2.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick reached here on the Practical Saturday morning and went to Cleveland in the afternoon. He was not placed under arrest at all but went as the guest of Sheriff Edwin D. Barry, who is an old friend of Dr. Chadwick, who had previously been informed of his indictment and probable arrest, consented to return to Cleveland without formally.

DEPEW WINS.

Opposition in New York to His Return to the United States Senate Withdrawn.

New York, Dec. 30.—Chauncey Mitchell Depew, of New York, who succeeded himself for a term of six years as United States senator from the state of New York, continuing as the colleague of Senator Thomas C. Platt, who has four years to serve. The formal announcement of this conclusion was made late Thursday afternoon at the Fifth Avenue hotel by Gov. Odell, as chairman of the republican state committee. Gov. Odell's formal announcement, which is regarded as closing the controversy on the subject, gives it as his conclusion that "party harmony will be best subserved by the reelection of Senator Depew," conceding that the sentiment favoring his selection is very strong throughout the state, and declares that "it would have been the worst kind of party generosity to have run counter to this expressed public opinion." Former Gov. Black, who was the leading candidate against Senator Depew, has withdrawn his name.

OPERATIONS OF TREASURY.

Review for Year 1904 Made Public—Deficit of \$22,000,000 Is Shown.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The treasury department Friday issued a review of treasury operations for the calendar year 1904. Treasury receipts for the calendar year 1904 were \$440,000,000 and the expenditures (including the Panama payment) \$462,000,000—a deficit for the year of \$22,000,000. As compared with the previous calendar year, the receipts show a falling off of \$100,000,000 and the expenditures an increase of \$20,000,000. The decrease in customs receipts was \$9,000,000. Civil and miscellaneous expenditures increased \$1,000,000. The war department, \$9,000,000; navy department, \$3,000,000; pensions, \$2,000,000, and interest, \$1,000,000.

Two Burned to Death.

Bloomfield, Ind., Dec. 29.—Tuesday night the home of Nathan O'Neal, five miles west of here, was burned to the ground and O'Neal and his daughter Nora were burned to death.

Penalty for Stolen Kist.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29.—James Robinson was sent to jail for 30 days for an assault on a woman for which he was committed for having a young lady against her will.

Winter in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—Intense cold is prevailing throughout Russia. At Moscow it is so severe that all the schools have been closed.

Founded Big Department Store.

Cleveland, Jan. 2.—Frank H. Cooper, founder of H. J. Cooper's Street department store, died in New Rochelle, N. Y., of paralysis.



THEORY OF THE STATE

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CHADWICK GIVES BAIL.

Husband of Famous Woman Taken to Cleveland to Answer Charges Against Him.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 2.—Sheriff Barry and Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick arrived here Sunday from New York over the Pennsylvania railroad. Taking a carriage at the union station, they were driven at once to the county jail, where a bail bond for \$10,000 was furnished for Dr. Chadwick's appearance in criminal court next Tuesday, when he will give a preliminary hearing. The bail bond was signed by Virgil P. Kline, counsel for Dr. Chadwick, and also by J. P. Dawley, counsel for Mrs. Chadwick. As soon as the formalities in connection with the bond were completed, Dr. Chadwick was admitted to the woman's department of the jail, where he held a long conference with his wife.

New York, Jan. 2.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick reached here on the Practical Saturday morning and went to Cleveland in the afternoon. He was not placed under arrest at all but went as the guest of Sheriff Edwin D. Barry, who is an old friend of Dr. Chadwick, who had previously been informed of his indictment and probable arrest, consented to return to Cleveland without formally.

DEPEW WINS.

Opposition in New York to His Return to the United States Senate Withdrawn.

New York, Dec. 30.—Chauncey Mitchell Depew, of New York, who succeeded himself for a term of six years as United States senator from the state of New York, continuing as the colleague of Senator Thomas C. Platt, who has four years to serve. The formal announcement of this conclusion was made late Thursday afternoon at the Fifth Avenue hotel by Gov. Odell, as chairman of the republican state committee. Gov. Odell's formal announcement, which is regarded as closing the controversy on the subject, gives it as his conclusion that "party harmony will be best subserved by the reelection of Senator Depew," conceding that the sentiment favoring his selection is very strong throughout the state, and declares that "it would have been the worst kind of party generosity to have run counter to this expressed public opinion." Former Gov. Black, who was the leading candidate against Senator Depew, has withdrawn his name.

OPERATIONS OF TREASURY.

Review for Year 1904 Made Public—Deficit of \$22,000,000 Is Shown.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The treasury department Friday issued a review of treasury operations for the calendar year 1904. Treasury receipts for the calendar year 1904 were \$440,000,000 and the expenditures (including the Panama payment) \$462,000,000—a deficit for the year of \$22,000,000. As compared with the previous calendar year, the receipts show a falling off of \$100,000,000 and the expenditures an increase of \$20,000,000. The decrease in customs receipts was \$9,000,000. Civil and miscellaneous expenditures increased \$1,000,000. The war department, \$9,000,000; navy department, \$3,000,000; pensions, \$2,000,000, and interest, \$1,000,000.

Two Burned to Death.

Bloomfield, Ind., Dec. 29.—Tuesday night the home of Nathan O'Neal, five miles west of here, was burned to the ground and O'Neal and his daughter Nora were burned to death.

Penalty for Stolen Kist.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29.—James Robinson was sent to jail for 30 days for an assault on a woman for which he was committed for having a young lady against her will.

Winter in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—Intense cold is prevailing throughout Russia. At Moscow it is so severe that all the schools have been closed.

Founded Big Department Store.

Cleveland, Jan. 2.—Frank H. Cooper, founder of H. J. Cooper's Street department store, died in New Rochelle, N. Y., of paralysis.

# THREE YEARS AFTER.

Eugene E. Lario, of 751 Twentieth street, ticket seller in the Union Station, Denver, Col., says: "You are at liberty to repeat what I have said through any Denver papers about Don's Kidney Pills in the summer of 1899, for I have had no reason in the interim to change my opinion of the remedy. I was subject to severe attacks of backache, always aggravated by long travel, and long at a desk. Don's Kidney Pills absolutely stopped my backache. I have never had a pain or a twinge since."

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

ALWAYS CALL FOR A CIGAR BY ITS NAME

# "CREMO"

MEANS MORE THAN ANY OTHER NAME

BROWN BRANDS GOOD FOR PRESENTS

"Largest Seller in the World."

RECENTLY RELATED.

They were on a golf course not far from Glasgow. "A splendid golfer" Caddie, did you follow that ball?" said the player who had just driven. "Naw, sir," replied the caddie. "But I think that gentleman with the red coat is on you where it struck. I see him feelin' his head."

It is told that while John Sharp Williams was speaking in Mississippi a man in the audience cried: "I've been robbed by pick-pockets!" "I did not suspect there were any republicans present," said Mr. Williams, amid great laughter. "There ain't!" cried the victim. "I'm the only one!"

Lord Braslin, when chief justice of England, presided once at the Cincinnati assizes, when a case of breach of promise of marriage was tried before him in which a Miss Tickell was plaintiff. The counsel was a pompous young man named Stanton, who opened the case with solemn emphasis thus: "Tickell, the plaintiff, my lord." Braslin dryly interrupted him with: "Oh, tickle her yourself, Stanton, you would be unbecomingly to my position."

Senator Stockbridge, of Michigan, once told a story of a very rich lumberman who came to congress from the lake region and rented the furnished house which belonged to a senator whose term had recently expired. The house was a palace and was completely furnished, all except the library, for the senator had taken his books with him. True to the tradition of the time of carefulness, the lumberman-congressman surveyed the library, then accurately measured the empty shelves and telegraphed a prominent book dealer in Chicago to send at once 216 running feet of books. "That was his idea of furnishing a library."

WHEN WOMAN SERVES MAN.

When he gives his hand a treat brush and his culture is complete.

When he doesn't have a kiss his sworn enemy, and tell him how sweet he looks.

When the children cry and he can whistle a tune, get his hat, bang the door, and go out.

When he trips up the street ahead of her and she has to walk with her trousers faintly turned up and no skirts to carry.

When he doesn't have to twist his arm to hook his suitcase up the back or drag six superfluous yards of dress goods behind him—and do it gracefully, too.

HABIT'S CHAIN.

Certain Habits Unconsciously Formed and Hard to Break.

An ingenious philosopher estimates that the amount of will power necessary to break a life-long habit would, if it could be transformed, lift a weight of man.

It sometimes requires a higher degree of heroism to break the chains of a pernicious habit than to lead a forty-year life in a good one. A lady writes from an Indiana town:

"From my earliest childhood I was a lover of coffee. Before I was out of my teens I was a miserable dyspeptic, suffering terribly at times with my stomach."

"But I was convinced that it was coffee that was causing the trouble and that I could not deny myself a cup for breakfast. In the age of 36 I was in very poor health and my physician told me I was in danger of becoming a coffee drinker."

"But I never could give up drinking coffee for breakfast, and now you can hardly do without Postum for breakfast, and care nothing at all for coffee."

"I am no longer troubled with dyspepsia, do not have a headache, and with my stomach that used to trouble me so when I drank coffee." Name Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



PINE COUNTY PIONEER.

ED. C. GOTTRY, Editor and Prop.

Published in the Post Office at Pine City as Second Class Matter.

PINE CITY, MINN. Jan. 6, 1905.

The New York Times has moved into a building thirty-one stories skyward, Shaker!

A CONTRACT has been made between the United States and Jamaica whereby the latter is to furnish the bulk of the labor to be used in building the Panama canal.

It will be President W. C. Whitman after the State Editorial Association has an election, says Mary McFadden in the Duluth News Tribune. A better selection would be hard to find.

An opinion has been handed to President Roosevelt and Cabinet by Attorney General Moody declaring guessing contests as conducted by periodicals, illegal. No more doubts as to that law from now on.

QUENTIN is the name taken by the writer who is employed on the Minneapolis Tribune to keep up the pace of interest set by Mr. Wheelock who has retired to become Mayor Jones's secretary. We'll still continue taking them without further seasoning.

JOHN A. JOHNSON, of St. Peter, is now Gov. Johnson of Minnesota. He was inaugurated before a joint session of the legislature in the new capitol, Wednesday. His first message was read before the assembled body directly after his inauguration, and can be found as read, on the 3rd page of this issue.

The Mora Times changed hands with last week's issue. E. H. Pope is the retiring publisher and Henry Rhines, for a number of terms auditor of Kanabec county, takes up the reins of newspaper work. The Times is one of our best exchanges. It has a good advertising patronage and will undoubtedly continue to be first-class under its new guardian.

RALPH W. WHEELLOCK could and did keep politics out of his interesting "Thoughts on Things" corner of the Minneapolis Tribune, but he couldn't or didn't keep out of politics himself. He discontinued writing for the Trib. January 1st, and can now be found as private secretary to Mayor Jones, of Minneapolis. His genius cannot be held in the confines of office work and he'll sprout again in an hour or two.

We notice that some of our exchanges are having a hard time in keeping from jumping into Geo. A. Ahe, the young Chicago newspaper writer, because he is getting \$2,000 per week for writing comic opera and is living on hot air and hot water on account of dyspepsia. Most of us cannot help wishing for a salary somewhere near that size, but we'd rather have a sound stomach than all that fatty currency.

The attorneys in the Koch trial at New Ulm have at last secured twelve intelligent men to hear the case and the attorney for the state opened what promises to be an interesting trial, Wednesday morning. The attorneys for the defense are almost positive that their client will be acquitted, which is also the prevailing opinion among the majority of the New Ulm populace. There is much circumstantial evidence against the young man, but the defense has the stronger position.

Not very many miles southeast of Pine City occurred a very distressing and fatal accident, last Saturday. The accident was one of those unforeseen circumstances which are bound to happen, but in a case such as we have reference to the fatality should not have happened. Two boys were walking out after the cows in a herd. They had been loading feed carried streams. A sled, gun carried by the lad in the rear was accidentally discharged and a load of shot intended for rabbits penetrated his companion's leg. The lad was a distance from any hospital and the unfortunate victim of the shot was dead from the blow of a load of very short shot. Had he been a few feet shorter his fate would have been different. Had he been a few feet shorter his fate would have been different. Had he been a few feet shorter his fate would have been different.

Had those who bore the boy on strong shoulders only stopped and thought an instant, taken their suspenders and wound the same tightly about the wound, they would have saved a promiscuous young life. "Young America" is taught these things in physiology. If they are not, they should be. It is as important as fire drills. There should be some agitation along this line of work from the teachers to the pupils.

Random Selections from our Think Cabinet. And Other Thoughts.

It has been decided in the Courts of Germany that poker is a game of skill and not gambling. Stung again!

An inmate of one of our insane asylums recently received \$250 for solving a riddle and writing an essay on the same. She evidently had a bad case of them when she did the former and the latter, well, who really can compete with a crank.

The Youngtown (Ohio) Telegram editor is very much puzzled, and remarks: "When you see a man in one of those long, aristocratic looking overcoats, with padded shoulders and prince-albert tails, you can never tell whether he is an actor, a barber, a poker room proprietor, or a genuine swell."

Here is some good advice from an exchange that would be good policy to live on: "Keep your money in circulation. Don't salt it away. Pay your debts as fast as you can. Have patience with one another. Buy your goods of the home merchants. Encourage home industries and home enterprises and give the home mechanics all the work you have to let out."

The Britt Tribune man happened onto a man toberday who wouldn't take a newspaper. He says:

"Among other indications of being behind the times we noticed the man set his watch by the sign in front of our jewelry store, wiggling his nose on a bolt of calico hanging in front of the bills incurred, but as the boy is not a resident of the county, they are not responsible and will in all probability advise the authorities at Mankato to consist the board of Pine county of which the boy actually is a resident. The poor boy is totally blind and his case is indeed a sad one and even more so, as he has no relatives who seem inclined to care for him. -Leader, LeSeur County.

A "Bevy" of Drimmers Who Would Build an Inn

of the Destruction of a Christmas "Dream." The other day while still fishing in a cosy nook in the gent's waiting room of the depot your humble highness overheard a conversation between a few "knights of the grip" that would turn day into night and go to slumber-land the most wide awake babe. Since our main traveling men's rendezvous has taken flight there has been a constant come-and-go-right-away-again spirit hovering over these "grip men" that has caused no little bewilderment to all of us who enjoy their cheering company. The little bunch we have reference to were not discussing the possibility of an extra session of Congress for the tariff question, nor were they telling each other how they would had "dinner" for Gov. Johnson, but they certainly were enjoying themselves immensely and more than imagined that they had Cassie Chadwick's finish down pat. They were building a new hotel for Pine City-on wind! We caught only a drift of the conversation and our "think cabinet" could grasp only a straw here and there with which to feed the man set his watch by the sign in front of our jewelry store. One of the men with a purring lip and a complete understanding and soothing voice and a face after the fashion of a delicate "American Beauty" rose, started the really interesting portion of the conversation by stating that he should build a hotel here with marble floors in the offices and Brussels carpets on the other floors. Another, with a certain complexion, evidently had a heavy taste next his palate for he waxed an inn with a "bug into faber-castell" in connection. He would have steam heat, another hot air or hot air mostly, and still another dealt largely upon the construction work which led to a general debate. The conversation drifted thus for a spell when at last, our own on the subject, a big, rough almost roaring, general of bell boys tippers, and political explorer, came in fresh from the ruins of the hotel. He was delighted with the prospect of a "varnish" which must have acted as a safe stick for be wised his soul, and considerably in the mystery

of palaeoedism. Were he to build a hotel the county seat of Pine could boast of a structure of grandeur, durability and beauty which served his traveling patrons the choicest of everything in and out of the market and would give his steady boarders the room about every so often just to rouse them of their lethargy. His would be heated with hot air and some steam, electric lighted (that's where the gas blowers safe), artfully decorated with some art, magnificently furnished, and last but not least—non-bombable. The building would be of Sand-stone, and a fireplace would adorn every room. There would be no need of a fire department (although he throw pet names and insidious cyanthemenus at the local fire eaters) for his building would be absolutely fireproof. He gave us a lot more to ponder over which we will save our readers the trouble of doing, but when he reached the daily bill of fare which he began to temize, the limit was at hand; his language became exquisite and French, his taste was faultless—our's wasn't. And just as this mug of "mine" was watering to overflowing, our imitation Xmas meerschaum rolled out upon the waiting room floor, the "twilight limited" pulled in and the cheery traveling men pulled out. Then we discovered our favorite weed holder in ruins and our pipe "dream" had come to an abrupt ending.

Unfortunate Boy.

It will be remembered that young Davis was taken to a hospital in Mankato some weeks ago, and placed under the care of Dr. James, the eye specialist of that city. It seems that at the time of his being taken to the hospital, one week's board was paid in advance, but no provision made for any future payments. The hospital authorities supposed that the party leaving him would be responsible for his board and care. Dr. James was of the same opinion relative to his pay, but from a letter received on Thursday by a relative of this village, the relatives of the unfortunate young man have stated they can do no more for him, and he is left to the mercy of strangers. The hospital authorities ask in the letter received here, if the board of commissioners of this county, will not stand good for the bills incurred, but as the boy is not a resident of the county, they are not responsible and will in all probability advise the authorities at Mankato to consist the board of Pine county of which the boy actually is a resident. The poor boy is totally blind and his case is indeed a sad one and even more so, as he has no relatives who seem inclined to care for him. -Leader, LeSeur County.

Davis is now with relatives in Hashtown who have done all in their power for the lad's benefit. An operation, which might restore the sight of one eye, would cost between \$150 and \$200.

Council Proceedings.

PINE CITY, MINN., Jan. 2nd, 1905. The Common Council of this Village met at the recorder's office at 8 o'clock p. m. The meeting was called to order by the president. Members present P. E. Smith, president; F. J. Rybak, Aug. Carlson and R. L. Wiseman, councillors; and P. E. Fofel, Recorder.

The minutes of Dec. 6th were read and on motion were approved. The following claims against the Village were audited and allowed, and the recorder instructed to issue orders for the several specified amounts, to-wit:

- John Griffin marshal's salary \$100.00
Arrest of a prisoner \$10.00
P. E. Fofel recorder salary for Dec. \$100.00
F. J. Rybak councillor \$10.00
Pine City Mer. Co. Wood \$10.00
Manning \$10.00
Milling & Sons Co. Street lights \$7.00
W. P. Conroy 21 men hot air fire and water hose \$25.00
W. P. Conroy 21 men hot air fire and water hose \$25.00
A. E. Blandhars \$2.50
John Sherman hauling engine & hose at hotel fire \$2.00
R. L. Wiseman hauling engine house \$2.00
P. A. Johnson care of engine for Dec. \$2.00
Henry Morse care of reds \$2.00
Martin Arthur cleaning chimney at Village hall \$1.50

The bond of G. W. Swanson, with James Hurley and John A. Anderson as sureties was on motion approved, and the recorder was instructed to issue to said G. W. Swanson an order for \$300.00 which amount was held until said G. W. Swanson furnished a good bond for the guarantee of work done on cement walks.

On motion a new box above was ordered put in the Village lock-up. As the wagon bridge needs repairing, it was on motion decided to purchase 12,000 feet of green tamarac plank to repair the same, and the recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for furnishing the same. Bids will be opened on Monday, February 6th, 1905.

No further business appearing Council on motion adjourned. P. E. Fofel, Recorder.

PINE COUNTY EXAMINATIONS.

Program of Examinations for Teachers State Certificate, to be Held at Hinckley and Pine City, February 2, 3 and 4, 1905.

Examinations for 2nd grade certificates need not enroll until Friday morning. The examiner for Hinckley will be R. H. Blankenship, and for Pine City, A. B. Hartley.

Thursday, Feb. 2nd

- 8:30 Registration.
9:00 Physics.
10:30 Algebra.
P. M.—1:30 Geometry.
2:45 Civics.
4:00 Physical geography or general history.

Friday Feb. 3rd

- 8:00 Enrollment.
8:30 Professional test.
9:30 Spelling.
10:00 Arithmetic.
P. M.—1:30 Geography.
3:00 Reading.
4:30 Composition and penmanship.

Saturday Feb. 4th

- 9:45 English grammar.
11:15 Music.
P. M.—1:30 Physiology-hygiene.
2:45 Drawing.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the Village of Pine City, Minn., will receive bids at the recorder's office for furnishing the Village of Pine City with 12,000 feet of green 2 inch tamarac plank, eight or sixteen feet long, said plank to be delivered before May 1st, 1905. The bids will be opened at the recorder's office Feb. 6th, 1905. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Dated this 2nd day of Jan. 1905. FRANK FOFEL, Village Recorder.

Notice of Sale.

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale. Default has been made in the payment of the first annual mortgage with interest which became due on the indebtedness secured by that mortgage on the 1st day of April 2nd, 1902, and was made by Corbett D. Everett, a single man, of the County of Hennepin, and which mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of the said County of Hennepin, on the 27th day of April, 1902, at four o'clock p. m. in Book No. 107, Mortgage, at four hundred and thirty dollars and interest thereon, at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum. Default has also been made in the payment of two of the notes given for the principal sum secured by said mortgage. There is now due and claimed to be due on the said mortgage, the sum of four hundred sixty and 1/2 dollars, being four hundred and sixty dollars principal and sixty and 1/2 dollars interest. By the said mortgage the following described tracts of land in Pine County, Minnesota were mortgaged, to-wit: The Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (sec. 20 of 1904) of township 59, in Township forty-four (44) north of Range sixteen (16) west, and the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter (sec. 4 of 1904) of Section 28 (19) in Township forty-four north of Range sixteen (16) west; the tract of land had described being subject to a permit held by the Wood Lumber Company, to cut and remove the pine log timber thereon. The said mortgage contains a power of sale, which has become operative. No action or proceeding has been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof. By virtue of the said power of sale, and pursuant to the statute in this case made and provided in said mortgage, will be foreclosed and the mortgaged premises above described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Court House in the Village of Pine City, in Pine County, Minnesota, on Monday, February 27th, 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to pay the amount of the mortgage debt, interest and taxes, if any, said premises, and the sum of twenty five dollars attorney's fees, as stipulated in said mortgage, and the disbursements allowed by law. Dated December 28th, 1904. ALBERT WALZEBRO, Mortgagee.

MICHAEL B. HERLEY, Mortgagee.

Order to Examine Accounts. STATE OF MINNESOTA. In Probate Court. Special Term, December 28, 1904. In the matter of the estate of Louis P. Billhroder, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Henry H. Bhatt, administrator of the estate of Louis P. Billhroder, deceased, representing among other things that he has fully administered said estate, and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing the final account of his administration, and for the payment of the residue of said estate to the parties entitled thereto by law. It is Ordered, That said account be examined and petition heard by this court on Monday, the 24th day of January, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Probate office in the Court House in the Village of Pine City in Pine County, Minnesota. And It is Further Ordered, That notice be given to the interested parties by publishing a copy of this order once in each week for three consecutive weeks, prior to said day of hearing, in the PINE COUNTY PIONEER newspaper, at Pine City, in said county. Dated at Pine City, Minn., 26th day of December, A. D. 1904. HERBERT WILSON, Judge of Probate.

Order to Examine Accounts.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. In Probate Court. Special Term, Dec. 12, 1904. In the matter of the estate of Axel E. Lind, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Axel E. Lind, administrator of the estate of Axel E. Lind, deceased, representing among other things that he has fully administered said estate, and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing the final account of his administration, and for the payment of the residue of said estate to the parties entitled thereto by law. It is Ordered, That said account be examined and petition heard by this court on Monday, the 18th day of December, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Probate office in the Court House in the Village of Pine City, in said county. And It is Further Ordered, That notice be given to the interested parties by publishing a copy of this order once in each week for three consecutive weeks, prior to said day of hearing, in the PINE COUNTY PIONEER newspaper, at Pine City, in said county. Dated at Pine City, Minn., 12th day of December, A. D. 1904. HERBERT WILSON, Judge of Probate.

Order to Examine Accounts.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. In Probate Court. Special Term, Dec. 12, 1904. In the matter of the estate of Axel E. Lind, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Axel E. Lind, administrator of the estate of Axel E. Lind, deceased, representing among other things that he has fully administered said estate, and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing the final account of his administration, and for the payment of the residue of said estate to the parties entitled thereto by law. It is Ordered, That said account be examined and petition heard by this court on Monday, the 18th day of December, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Probate office in the Court House in the Village of Pine City, in said county. And It is Further Ordered, That notice be given to the interested parties by publishing a copy of this order once in each week for three consecutive weeks, prior to said day of hearing, in the PINE COUNTY PIONEER newspaper, at Pine City, in said county. Dated at Pine City, Minn., 12th day of December, A. D. 1904. HERBERT WILSON, Judge of Probate.

"Monarch" Steel Range \$60.00
"Adonis" Steel Range \$33.00
Our "Range" of "Prices"
"Jewel" Steel Range \$30.00 to \$45.00
"Mars" Steel Range \$24.98

Our "Mars" Steel Range at \$24.98 is the same stove advertised by Sears, Roebuck & Co., Kalamazoo Stove Co., and others at from \$23.97 to \$25.89. Has high closet and large enameled reservoir; 18x22 inch oven; 6 covers; duplex grate; full nicked trimmed. Call and examine it.

We are closing out our Heating Stoves at COST Now is a good time to buy. Only a few left.

Dr. Hess Stock Food. 7 lb. package Stock Food, only 50c 12 lb. sack 75c

Dr. Hess Poultry Panacea. 1 1/2 lb. package 25c 5 lb. package 60c

Instant Louse Killer. Sure Death to Lice, or any Animal 25c

Smith, The Hardware Man

Call and Inspect our new stoves. The favorite Heater for wood or coal, the new Laurel Range. One of the best cheap ranges on the market with copper reservoir.

Ten per cent. Discount on any and all FURNITURE including Doll Carriages, Doll Beds, Hobby Horses, Sofa Pillows, etc., etc. Be sure and get a ticket on the dolls to be given away with every dollar purchase at Greeley's Hardware Store. D. GREELEY Dealer in Hardware, Jewelry and Furniture.

# News of the Week.

Clips Picked up Around Town and Vicinity.

John Goodspeed, of Brook Park, was a Pine City visitor this week.

Attorney J. J. Mullen was down from Hinckley, on business, Wednesday.

Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Hay, of Rush City, were Pine City callers, Wednesday.

L. T. Greenfield left for Minneapolis, Tuesday, after a ten days' visit with his brother, Bert.

Miss Hattie Taylor returned to Hamline Sunday afternoon after spending the holidays at home.

The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church met yesterday at 2 p. m. with Mrs. P. S. Murray.

J. M. Ingraham, the cordial host of the Commercial Hotel, Sandstone, was a county seat caller, Wednesday.

Mrs. Bert Greenfield returned home last Friday from a couple of weeks' visit with her parents in Minneapolis.

Miss Kate Pangel, who has been in St. Paul for the past six weeks, returned to her home in Royalton, Saturday.

Matt Hurley resumed his duties at the state "U." He spent his Xmas vacation with his father, Jas. Hurley, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eddy, of Duluth, returned home Sunday afternoon, after a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harte.

Geo. O. Hayes arrived here Monday morning from Minneapolis and Shakopee, where he spent a week visiting with relatives.

Col. and Mrs. J. F. Stone were among Pine City's New Year callers. They returned to their Rush City home, Sunday, p. m.

Dwight Knowlton, jr., of Minneapolis, was in town, Thursday, in the interests of "Golden Link" flour, which is sold at Madden's feed store.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Vaughan arrived from Pine City yesterday afternoon and are the guests of Doctor and Mrs. Zeien—North Branch Review, Dec. 30th.

Miss Alma Wickstrom returned Tuesday, from a month's visit with relatives at Lake City, and is again "teaching to call" at the Consolidated telephone office.

Eldred, Clark, Willie Pennington, and Clyde Albrecht took an overland trip for Nora Saturday.

Miss Mayme Pennington accompanied them as far as Graston.

Mrs. Frank Horgan and little daughter expect to leave for their home in Duluth, tomorrow.

They have been visiting with James Madison and family for the past couple of weeks.

Mr. Erhart, traveling representative for the May Nursery Co., of St. Paul, departed for Sandstone, Tuesday. He made the Larson restaurant his headquarters during his stay of a week in this place.

The many Pine City friends of Attorney J. J. Mullen and family of Hinckley, extend their heartfelt sympathy in the loss of their little daughter, Lenore, on Christmas Day. The little one was a victim of scarlet fever.

The Elizabeth de Barrie Gill entertainment tomorrow evening promises to be well attended, as a large number of tickets have been disposed of. The entertainment is under the auspices of the M. E. church ladies and occurs in the assembly room of the Webster school instead of at Bath's hall as heretofore announced. You will miss a treat if you do not attend.

A Christmas Cantata was given at Rush City, Wednesday evening, Dec. 28th, under the auspices of the central ladies Guild.

Miss Helen Lambert took the part of the "Goblin of Ury." Others who took part in the Cantata and who are known to Pine City audiences were, J. H. Hay and Charles Elmquist.

All of the parts were well rendered and the chorus accompaniment added considerably to the evening's entertainment. The Rush City Post in commenting on the entertainment stated that "the soloists rendered their songs in fine manner and a pleasing feature was the presence of Miss Bessie Lambert of Pine City, David Hicton of Chicago City, and Miss Zelma Lindmark who contributed largely to the success of the entertainment by their assistance."

## SOFT COAL

Will give you better satisfaction than WOOD and is cheaper. WE HAVE THE BEST.

RETAIL DEPARTMENT, PINE CITY MILL & ELECTRIC CO.

Mrs. Tabby Allen lectured in the M. E. church last evening in the interests of the Home Missions.

Representative-elect J. W. Nelson of Franconia, passed through this place Sunday on the south bound limited.

The ladies aid of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Stevens next Thursday afternoon. A business meeting will be held.

The dance on Saturday evening in Bath's hall given by the Fire Department was a grand success, both socially and financially.

A very enjoyable social dance was given in Bath's hall, Wednesday evening. Bennett and Kinyon, of Sandstone, furnished the music and all present reported a good time.

The county commissioners adjourned Thursday forenoon after a couple days session. Commissioners Ives and Parish were the two new members present, they taking the places of ex-commissioners Edd and McPherson, respectively. Dr. Clough, of Willow River, was made Chairman of the Board.

The Sunrise correspondent in the North Branch Review reports that "Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Beale arrived Saturday from Warren, Minn., and will visit at home awhile. They expect to locate in Minneapolis."

The store room formerly used by J. J. Madden in connection with his "Farmer's Exchange" has been leased by Geo. Sherwood and is now used as a sample room for the accommodation of traveling men. The destruction of the Pioneer house caused this move.

E. H. Claggett, of Princeton, was elected to the office of sergeant-at-arms by the republicans at the House of Representatives, at the regular caucus preliminary to the opening of the Legislature, Tuesday.

Mr. Claggett is a relative of Cashier I. H. Claggett of the First State Bank, Pine City.

The new officials of the K. of P. lodge were installed at Castle Hall, Wednesday evening, as follows: G. C. R. J. Hawley, V. G. G. J. Albrecht, P. B. H. Blankenship, W. W. P. Gottry, E. R. S. H. A. Lambert, M. of F., D. Greeley, M. of Ex., H. Borchers, M. at A., Robt. Wilcox, L. G., F. E. Smith, O. G., Jas. H. Wandel.

A new year dawned upon us mortals here below Jan. 1st, as usual. It also dawned upon but one new official in the court house. Nickerson Perkins is the lucky individual, and he now has the controlling reins of the county treasurer, his assumption to office occurring Wednesday forenoon. Mr. Albrecht, the retiring official, will "rest up" for a while before setting upon any new vocation.

The Minnesota Mutual telephone Co. has contrived a very neat gift for its patrons and friends. It is a cardboard folder which when opened serves as a very neat and useful calendar. Together with the calendar is a paper of needles which includes nearly every variety that is useful to the housekeeper (that's you). We have received one and the Co. has our hearty thanks and best wishes for a prosperous 1905.

Capt. Aug. Bergman, of Bergman Hotel fame, Pockegama, departed for Minneapolis on the noon train, Thursday. We are informed that he went to the "four city" to negotiate for the sale of his hotel to the Tuxedo association. The latter society is fast coming into prominence, and every indication points to the ultimate success of the enterprise.

Ralph Modjeski and others, of Chicago, have already purchased 100 shares of stock which aggregate the sum of \$2,000, and the association has received wide spread publicity that will mean the sale of a large number of shares.

Miss Etelson is back in the Parlor office.

Miss Kate Barnum returned from Minneapolis, Friday.

Miss Minnie Glasow visited with relatives at Rush Lake a few days of last week.

Mrs. Harte entertained the ladies of the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon at her home.

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Notice. Notices is hereby given that on Dec. 24th, 1904, my wife Mrs. Henry Horn left me and board without just cause or provocation. After this date I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by her on my account.

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# THE STORY TELLER

## IN THE AIR CHAMBER.

By STEPHEN HALLETT.

JOHN BLATCHFORD, civil engineer, sat out in the open, with his eye resting reflectively on a roomful of instruments, with figures indicating it, and a needle. It resembled an aneroid barometer, but it was not. It was a peculiar air gauge, a Scottish invention, and Blatchford had not seen one of the kind since he had helped build the great bridge at Cheapeque, in Mexico. Then he was a subordinate assistant; now, at eight-and-twenty, he was engineer of the Marbury tunnel, under the river of that name, just outside the important manufacturing town of Belchester.

Blatchford's recollections of tropical Cheapeque, although doubtless exciting, were, however, suddenly interrupted by the arrival of a young girl, whose footsteps he had not heard, and who now stood timidly before him.

"The young engineer was on his feet in an instant. He was a very gallant bearing with women—irrespective of class—but he was particularly attentive if they happened to be pretty women.

"Did you wish to see me?" he asked, smiling.

"Oh, no, sir!" faltered the girl; "I thought—that is—I came with a message to—"

"One of the men, perhaps?"

"Yes."

"You have a brother working down in the air chamber?"

The girl blushed. "Not a brother—a friend."

"Ah! Well, the men will be up shortly for dinner. You had better wait. You see, we are rather short-handed at present, and I am obliged to tend the gauge myself. Sit here and wait."

She seated herself, looking very pretty. Blatchford thought, with her neat, simple attire and the slight blush on her cheeks; and the very first thing that caught her eye was the clock-face object which Blatchford had called the "gauge." He saw her glance riveted upon it, and good-naturedly undertook to explain that it registered the amount and pressure of air in the working chamber far below the river, where, at that moment, the sterner stalwart men toiled at the tunnel.

"Is it very dangerous?" she asked.

"What—the work? Well, that depends. You see, air seems innocent enough, but it is almost like boiling water. Every man down at the bottom of this shaft is working at a pressure of 35 pounds to every square inch of him. It is almost like being hugged by a bear. When I press this lever—this way—more air is forced down." He touched one of the levers just below the gauge and pointed to the needle. "There, you see, it is now 35, 37, 38, 39 pounds to the square inch; and by a mere touch of my finger it could be forced higher—even up to 65. That is almost strong enough to crush a man."

"How wonderful that mere air should be so strong," exclaimed the girl. "But what is the use of it—this air?"

"Use? Why we harness it and make it work. It helps us to get up and down the river by forcing out the water and mud. Then, besides, it is for the workmen to breathe. But, hullo! why are you so pale?"

Kate Maxwell nervously displaying twin rows of perfect teeth.

"Oh, nothing. Only I was thinking it must be very terrible to work down there. Suppose something were to go wrong with the engine, and they were to get too much or too little air?"

Blatchford, who, young as he was, was familiar with death and danger, shrugged his shoulders.

"We must take risks in every trade. If the men got too little air, the river—or part of it—would pour in and drown them; if they got too much and there was no way for it to escape, it would crush them. But, after all, it is little likely that either of these terrible things could happen, because, you see, it is so carefully regulated and the gauge is so accurate and reliable. Anyone of intelligence could keep the supply at 35 pounds, which is as much as a man ought to stand."

He pulled out his watch and looked at the time.

"Hello!" he ejaculated, in surprise; "the men are late in coming up today."

The girl shuddered at his words and cast an ominous glance at the great iron door which barred the entrance to the air lock and led to the working chamber, as it was called, under the river.

"Robert!" formed itself spontaneously on her lips.

Although none knew it, Kate Maxwell's unaccountable misgivings were not without justification. Even as the pair had been talking, 70 feet below where they stood, a terrible scene was being enacted. It had been a struggle for life in the darkness and oppressive atmosphere of the subterranean air chamber, and her lover, Robert Leslie, was one of the actors. A feud had for some time existed between young Leslie and another of the pressure-workers, Edward Dart, and

this feud, of which Kate Maxwell was the hapless origin, had of late, for some cause or other, increased, at least, on Dart's side, to great intensity. Dart had always borne a good reputation in Belchester, and was the sole support of a widowed mother; but his temper was none of the best, and it was known that he could be vindictive. At first the feud took the form of sarcasm, but this quickly developed into great bitterness of language. Every time the foreman of the tunnel was obliged to act the part of peace-maker a dozen times a day, when, as he put it, "the youngsters" conveyed his advice to carry on the work. "Let him alone, Ned," he would say to Dart; "what d'ye want to be always worrying Bob for?" Or it would be, "Drove it, Bob, or I'll set old Widow Dart on 'er. She'll make it lively for ye, I reckon."

On this particular June day, the altercation between the pair began on their way to the tunnel; and Kate, who had heard of the angry dispute, experienced a dread of open trouble between them which greatly affected her spirits all that morning. The flash of gibe and repartee continued as the two rivals descended the narrow tube to the working of the tunnel, but the pressure of the earth and so far from beting the situation, Leslie's self-satisfied air and affected carelessness only annoyed him as he went down without reason for satisfaction, although the truth was known only to one other man in Belchester. Kate's eyes were fixed on the foreman's errand to be his wife, and Edward Dart, the rejected suitor, knew this—knew it from Kate's own lips. This fact, however, failed to all his hopes, and he dreamed away the soul of Edward Dart like a bar of red-hot iron. He was a bigger and stronger man than Leslie, and would utilize nothing better than to carry the quarrel to blows. There was something grim, uncanny, in the idea of these two mortal rivals being shut up together in a narrow, dimly lighted box, 70 feet underground, for hours at a stretch.

Once inside the air chamber, they worked for several hours silently. Then, about noon, Leslie's pick accidentally struck upon Dart's foot. There was an oath, a shuffle; like a mastiff Dart was at Leslie's throat. In this small space—hardly bigger than a ship's cabin—two men flung themselves against the sides while Dart and Leslie fought like demons in the darkness, for in the struggle the two rivals, fatal to all his hopes, and he dreamed away the soul of Edward Dart like a bar of red-hot iron. He was a bigger and stronger man than Leslie, and would utilize nothing better than to carry the quarrel to blows. There was something grim, uncanny, in the idea of these two mortal rivals being shut up together in a narrow, dimly lighted box, 70 feet underground, for hours at a stretch.

When it came, therefore, that the engineer of the works had offered the convalescent man the not very arduous post of lock-tender, Leslie was one of the first to congratulate Dart. But in her timorous, illogical, womanly fashion, Kate, remembering the conversation she had had with Mr. Blatchford, was not much pleased at the news, though she brought herself at length to laugh at her fears. There was safety in numbers, and, after all, it was not very likely that ever more than ten times more vindictive than the man she had rejected as a lover, would injure seven men in order to gratify a grudge to a single one. Besides, did Dart still cherish a grudge? If so, it was so well concealed that nobody noticed it, not even Kate Maxwell.

But one day, coming across the fields, she observed a small launch in the river just over where the tunnel lay, making rapidly for the other shore, where similar works were also in progress and had been for months. On it she recognized the forms of Burns, Tyler, Poolek and several of the workmen employed in the tunnel. As the gang were usually at work on the north side of the river at this hour, she stopped an acquaintance, in the vicinity of the tunnel, now approaching completion, and asked him what it meant.

"Oh," said the man, "they're gone over with Mr. Blatchford to work at the other end of the tunnel!"

Kate closely scanned the occupants of the boat, and even took out her handkerchief and flitted it in hopes of a reply from her lover. There was no response. Perhaps he was there and she did not see him. Disappointed, she turned away, but wended her way to the head of the north tunnel shaft, thinking he might have been left behind.

As the draw near, the sight that met her gaze sent a chill of apprehension through her, she scarce dared tell herself why. It was only the lock-tender, Dart, with his arm still in a sling, standing in the launch. On his hand rested the lever. It was the expression of his face which repelled Kate.

"If there is no one down in the air chamber," she thought to herself, "why is he here?"

Quite close she came, without Dart perceiving her proximity. His whole mind was intent on the gauge, his lips were slightly parted in a most unpleasant smile, and he muttered phrases to himself as he scanned the motion of the needle. The young woman was about to retreat, but, before she could get half a dozen feet, his eye fell on the figure to which the fatal needle pointed.

The gauge already registered 57 pounds per square inch, and was going higher. In other words, that powerful, relentless, modern force, compressed air, was flowing fiercely, through the chamber for which, beneath the river, which did it possess an occupant, would prove perhaps a chamber of death.

"Edward Dart!" cried Kate passionately, pointing to the gauge, "what does that mean?"

"The man's hand sprang back from the lever, as if to wrench the latter in his socket."

"What are you doing here?" he asked roughly.

"I tell me—is anyone inside the lock?"

"Tell you? What for?"

"Because I must—I will know. Because Mr. Blatchford explained to me the working of this lock, and I know that the pressure is dangerous. I can not trust you." Then she added, trembling like a leaf, "Where is Robert Leslie?"

"How do I know?" he sneered, although beads of sweat stood on his brow. His hand was back on the steel rod.

"Then take your hand off that lever. I tell you—reduce the pressure of air."

Dart made no movement. The needle now pointed to 64. In her frenzy for the supposed safety of her lover, Kate sought to drag Dart away from his post. He seized her instantly with both hands, thus showing that the broken limb had entirely healed, although he had seen fit to hide the cure for purposes of his own.

"Fool! Fool!" she screamed. A clear note of warning. She seized it and struck him a full blow on the temples, and the fellow collapsed like an emptied sack.

Then she instantly clutched the right lever and lowered it, gasping and choking in her excitement. She expected it to turn the opposite direction, but, to her terror, it continued to revolve as before.

"Sixty-five—66—67—Merciful heavens, what should she do?"

Instantly she grasped the other lever, and held it all her strength. Ever second of suspense seemed an eternity. Kate Maxwell was now firmly convinced that her lover, Robert Leslie, was in the chamber at the bottom of the shaft. How could she save him? She pictured him fallen upon the slime of the river bed, with the screeching compressed air, gripping his body and slowly crushing it, as a bon constriction would crush a hound. 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