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## PINE CITY DEFEATS

### WILLOW RIVER JULY 3-4

The Willow River Team Composed of Duluth and Other Players Think They Have a Soft Snap.

As advertised, the baseball team from Willow River came down Sunday on the early morning train to cross bats with the local team on the diamond on the north side of the river Sunday and Monday afternoons.

The games were both captured by the local team, the visitors not getting hardly a look in either game.

The game Sunday was quite well attended and the result can be seen from the tabulated score which follows:

	Pine City	July 3rd.	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Breckenridge 2	3	2	0	1	5	2			
F. Hurley 3	2	2	1	3	1	0			
Kline c	4	1	2	7	2	0			
B. Lambert 1	1	0	1	12	0				
M. Hurley c. f.	3	3	1	1	0	0			
Barara l. f.	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Steki l. f.	3	1	0	1	0	0			
Bartos l. f.	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Connacker r. f.	5	2	4	0	0	1			
Wandel s. s.	4	2	2	2	0	0			
Buckley p.	5	0	0	0	5	1			
TOTALS	35	13	11	27	12	6			

	Willow River	July 3rd.	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Clough l. f.	5	2	3	0	0	0			
Peterson 2	6	0	1	3	2	1			
F. Buckley 3	4	0	0	5	2	3			
Blaski 1	4	0	0	7	1	2			
R. Sherrick c. f.	3	0	1	0	0	0			
Baker c.	4	0	2	4	1	1			
Cunningham p.	1	0	0	0	2	0			
H. Sherrick p.	2	0	0	0	0	0			
Fortier r. f.	4	1	1	1	0	0			
Gray s. s.	3	1	1	1	0	0			
TOTALS	35	4	8	24	9	7			

Score by innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Willow River 0 0 3 0 1 0 0 0 4  
Pine City 10 0 5 6 0 0 1 x 13

Summary: 2 base hits, Hurley, Kline, Connacker, Clough. 3 base hits, Kline, Lambert, Connacker. Base on balls off Buckley, 2, off Cunningham, 5, off Sherrick, 2. Hit by pitcher, Breckenridge, Lambert. Wild pitch, Buckley. Passed ball, Baker. Struck out by Buckley, 7, by Cunningham, 2, by Sherrick, 1. Hits off Sherrick, 2 in 3 innings, off Cunningham, 9 in 5 innings. Umpire, Knapp. Attendance, 1500.

Monday's game was a repetition of the above game, as the local ball tasters had the visitors at their mercy from start to finish.

Pine City secured the services of Ed. Kilroy, of St. Paul, who done the twisting, and as can be seen by the score, nothing could be done with his delivery. He had it on them all the time.

The game was not called until 8:30, so as not to interfere with the sports that were being pulled off in the streets. The following is the score by rounds:

	Willow River	July 4th.	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Peterson 2	4	0	1	1	2	3			
Cunningham 3 & p.	4	0	1	2	2	1			
Clough 1 & 1	2	1	1	3	0	0			
Blaski 1	2	1	1	3	0	0			
Gray s. s.	3	0	1	0	4	0			
Pemberton c. f.	3	0	0	1	1	1			
Fortier r. f. & s.	3	1	0	1	1	1			
H. Sherrick p & 3	3	0	0	1	1	1			
Baker c.	1	0	0	3	0	0			
R. Sherrick c.	1	0	0	4	0	0			
F. Buckley l. f.	2	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTALS	28	3	6	18	10	8			

	Pine City	July 4th.	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Brek. 2 & s. s.	4	2	1	0	2				
F. Hurley 3 & 2	5	2	3	5	3	1			
Kline c	4	2	1	4	1	0			
B. Lambert 1	4	3	2	0	0	1			
M. Hurley c. f.	4	3	2	1	0	0			
Connacker r. f.	3	2	1	0	1	0			
Wandel s. s. & 3	4	1	2	0	1	0			

## THE 4th CELEBRATED

### AT PINE CITY

No Accidents and Everybody Enjoyed The Day. Firemen's Ball in the Evening at Stekl's Hall.

Monday morning dawned bright and clear and the promise for a record breaking crowd looked good. About ten o'clock the streets began to fill with people and by eleven o'clock it was estimated that there were seven thousand people in the village.

The parade, headed by the Standard brass band, of St. Paul, formed at the Wilcox house and paraded from there through the streets of the village. The floats were many and some were quite unique. The parade disbanded at Stekl's hall in time to meet the noon train from the south.

As soon as the train arrived, which brought the orator of the Day, Hon. Dar. Reese, of St. Paul, the exercises in the park began. The first thing was music by the band, followed by a prayer by Rev. Paddock, Chairman, Otocor Sobotka, then welcomed the visitors to our city and then called on the Pine City male quartette, composed of the following members, J. McCoy, A. R. W. Olsen, Philip Hamlin and L. B. McClary, who responded by singing one of the National airs. Miss Emma Gunn was next called and recited the "Death of Benedict Arnold." Next followed another National air by the quartette and a selection by the band. Hon. Dar. Reese, of St. Paul, was now introduced and spoke in his usual interesting manner for about half an hour. His remarks were fine and were listened to with rapt attention by the large crowd that had assembled to hear the program. Rev. H. H. Parish pronounced the benediction, after which all departed to seek refreshments, it being after dinner time.

The crowd again assembled on the streets and at 1:15 the sports commenced and were pulled off according to the program. Space will not permit us to go into detail as to the sports. Each number was entered into by enough young men and girls to make it interesting. The sports were finished by 2:45 and a large part of the crowd went across the river to witness the ball game. After supper the aquatic sports were pulled off at the docks on the river. The sports were some of the hardest contested on the program and were thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators. The fireworks display and sham battle were about the finest ever seen around here, and were greatly enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to see them. The festivities of the day closed by a grand ball given by the Fire Department. The music played by the brass band during the day was the best ever listened to in this place. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and all say they had the time of their lives.

The Fire Department, who had charge of the celebration, are certainly deserving of great praise for the manner in which everything was carried on, there not being a hitch in the whole program.

Murphy l. f. 2 1 0 0 0 0  
Kilroy p. 5 1 1 0 2 0  
TOTALS 87 16 12 21 8 4  
Score by innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
Willow River 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 3  
Pine City 8 1 3 1 3 0 x 16

Summary: 2 base hits, Kline, 3 base hits, Hurley, Lambert, Clough. Base on balls, off Kilroy, 3, off Sherrick, 5, off Cunningham, 1. Hit by pitcher, Kline, Murphy 1. Passed ball, Sherrick. Struck out, by Kilroy, 3, by Sherrick, 3, by Cunningham 13. Hits off Sherrick, 8 in 4 innings, off Cunningham, 4 in 2 innings. Line 1 pipe, Smith, Knapp. Time, 1:30. Attendance, 800.

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## W. C. T. U. CONVENTION JULY 13 and 14

16th Dist. of W. C. T. U. Will Hold Annual Convention on July 13 and 14, 1910.

The 16th District of the W. C. T. U. will hold its annual convention in the Methodist church at Pine City on July 13 and 14.

The first session will be held in the afternoon on Wednesday and in the evening, Miss Rosette Hendry, the new State President, will give an address.

The following day there will be papers, talks and discussions by able temperance workers, of Pine, Carlton and Kanabec Counties. The convention will close on Thursday evening with a matron's silver medal contest.

Several Pine City ladies will take part. Good vocal and instrumental music will be furnished and an interesting and instructive program is promised.

Everybody interested in the cause of temperance is asked to attend any and all of the sessions of the convention.

Mrs. Turnaure, a professional stenographer, will give readings at nearly all sessions of the convention.

—Bernard Lambert, who is working in the machine shops at Two Harbors, came down Saturday to visit his parents and friends. He has been making a record for himself as a ball player on the Two Harbors team, but because he wanted to come home and spend the 4th, and they wanted him to go to Virginia, he informs us that he will not play with the team any more.

## MRS. FRANK SVANDA DIES IN HOSPITAL

Monday Morning at St. Paul City Hospital Mrs. Svanda Died. Remains Brought Here.

Word was received here Monday that Mrs. Frank Svanda, who has been an inmate of the City Hospital, St. Paul, for the past two months, during which time she has undergone three operations, had passed away.

Mrs. Svanda, whose maiden name was Vojta, was born on a farm near Montgomery twenty-seven years ago, when she moved to Pine County with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vojta, who purchased a farm six miles east of here on the St. Croix road.

She lived on the farm with her parents for about a year, when she was married to Frank Svanda eleven years ago last April. Two children came to bless the union.

When the Pythian Sisters' Lodge was organized here Mrs. Svanda joined as a charter member, Mr. Svanda being a member of Pokegama Lodge No. 77, K. of P. She has always been an active member and the Sisters in a body attended the funeral in St. Mary's Catholic church, Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock the body was laid to rest in Calvary cemetery.

The pall bearers were all members of Pokegama Lodge as follows: N. Perkins, J. Stochl, J. Wandel, R. Blankenship, D. Greeley and L. Anders.

She leaves besides a husband and two children, a father, mother, four brothers and numerous friends to mourn her loss.

# THE PINE COUNTY PIONEER

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PINE CITY, MINN.

What a mean thing the fly is, anyhow.

Well, the aeroplane season seems to have a lively opening this year.

There seems to be just one reliable get rich quick scheme; run an aeroplane.

Pretty soon the astronomers will be at liberty to get back to the problem of signaling Mars.

It must be convenient to have the Japs to blame when anything goes wrong with drydocks in the Orient.

Exclusiveness can be carried too far. Here's a Cincinnati dude who carries his private street car strap.

That young man who jumped into the river because his girl didn't love him merely carried into effect what thousands have at one time or another threatened to do.

In Mexico City the Mexicans put flowers on the graves of the American soldiers who "flocked them to a standstill at Chapultepec." War develops some queer sentiments.

It is likely that the earthquakes in Costa Rica have an origin like the great earthquakes in San Francisco—the setting of the earth's crust. No volcanic outburst sufficient to account for the shakes in Co. Rica has been reported.

The Pennsylvania state department of health is doing a good thing in insisting that dealers in food supplies do not expose eatables to flies. Now that we know the fly for what he is, we are bound to consider him more of an enemy than ever.

French railroads are reported to have forbidden kissing in the stations with a view to accelerating train service. O, that's a fine idea. Let the trains pull out. Most of the conductors are not passengers. It's a habit and the station the best place to indulge in it without attracting undue attention.

The women of a church in New York are to have a church-going hat. The ungalant men complained of the big hats, which prevented them from seeing the preacher, and the women agreed to a reform. The men had threatened to quit the church, but the women countered by leaving them without a plausible excuse.

A Chicago paper says that it is uncertain whether St. Louis, Boston or Baltimore will prove to be the fourth city in the country in population. As St. Louis was about 66,000 ahead of Baltimore and 15,000 ahead of Boston, ten years ago, and growing much faster than either, this is a cruel trick from an old-time rival.

Nine thousand men will be employed in taking the census in Canada next year. The department of agriculture does the work over there, and members of the party not in power declare that the census means that a fat slice will be divided between the smaller type of partisans. Methods of taking the census on this side of the line have much improved in recent years. Probably Canada will follow suit in time.

And now a Japanese spy has been captured in Ecuador. It appears that Japan is offering to help Peru in case of war with Ecuador. The vigilance of our anti-Japanese patriots has evidently foiled the Mikado, and since he despairs of getting a foothold in this regard he is intruding in South America. Since the trouble has shifted to Ecuador, perhaps Mr. Hobson and his fellows will be quiet for a while.

The United States and Mexico have taken the initial steps toward making international regulations for traffic in the air. Certain provisions of the agreement will permit governments to treat as smugglers or pirates those who fly across the border without due regard for the customs laws. As prosperity is we are to have airships for business and pleasure we must also have aerial war vessels and revenue cutters.

The latest cotton report shows conditions distinctly improve as compared with those of last year at the same date. The warmer weather prevailing in the south may be counted on to hasten maturity and possibly will increase the output over even the present estimate. Fears of a shortage have had a somewhat serious effect on the market, but the drop in prices shows that some speculators at least have overreached themselves.

An Ohio cow has for the last three years worn a wooden leg. She probably does not kick over the pal with her one true facility.

Another part is threatened by the new era of aviation. A cow choked to death while trying to swallow a small balloon that came down.

The biggest news item of all are the "prize" who tell the members about this time what the new movement of the world they are going to have.

# EQUAL RATES

## Taft Says Roads Need Not Fear New Rate Law.

### WILL NOT BE USED AS A CLUB

President is Desirous of Reassuring All Interests That Interstate Commerce Commission Will Enforce Provisions of Act With Fairness.

Beverly, Mass., July 2.—Legitimate railroad interests need have no fear of the rate adjusting power that has been lodged with the interstate commerce commission under the new railroad law.

In a long interview with Chairman Martin A. Knapp of the commission President Taft went exhaustively into the provisions of the new law and later the conversation with the chief executive pointed out that there need be no apprehension that the commission will run amok or that the new law will be used to club indiscriminately all railroads that propose an advance in rates.

The law, the president pointed out, was not passed for the purpose of lowering rates, or even of abolishing rates where they are at the time of the passage of the law, but rather for the purpose of equalizing rates and keeping up moving time appearing through the avoidance of American securities by foreign investors.

Fear has been expressed that the law would go so far as to prohibit the use of the law to be used to embark upon a campaign of oppression against all railroads, which would be disastrous to the railroad business, with crop raising time approaching, through the avoidance of American securities by foreign investors. This is one of the things that the president desires to avoid. He is desirous of reassuring investors as well as the business managers of the railroads, that the latter are not to be clubbed, that the power of suspension of increases in rates is not to be used on all rates, but only on those that appear to be unreasonable and that the proposed increases are only to be invalidated when they are proven to be unreasonable.

Roads Given More Time. In support of this fixed policy of the interstate commerce commission it was pointed out that while the recent decisions of the commission relative to freight rates in the west was against a number of proposed increases and in the case has been ordered the railroads until next October to show by a practical working of rates, as fixed by the commission, the reasonableness of the latter rulings. That the interstate commerce commission is a reasonable body which can be depended upon to be fair in all cases is the idea which the president would have impressed upon all business men and particularly railroad men.

# BOSTON FULL OF TEACHERS

## Members of National Education Association Meet—President Taft Will Be Among the Speakers.

Boston, July 2.—Never before did Boston, the home of culture, see so many school teachers as have gathered here for the forty-eighth annual convention of the National Educational association. Thousands already here, and more arrive on every train. General sessions of the association were held at the Stadium of Harvard university in Cambridge. James Y. Joyce, state superintendent of public instruction of North Carolina and president of the association, will preside. Addresses will be delivered by President William H. Taft, ex-Gov. Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina and David Sta. Jordan, president of Leland Stanford Jr., university. Governor Draper and Mayor Fitzgerald will be present to welcome the educators. The music will be supplied by a band and by the Handel and Haydn society of Boston. The sessions will continue until Friday evening, and it is expected that the closing address will be delivered by Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

# WATERSON'S SON IS INSANE

## Shots and Mortally Wounds Hotel Proprietor at Bangor, N. Y.—Raves in Jail.

Bangor, N. Y., July 2.—Living Waterston, eldest son of Henry Crawford, editor of the "Louisville Courier-Journal," who has been suffering from an affection of the mind for several years, became violently insane and shot and mortally wounded Michael J. Martin, proprietor of the Market Street hotel. The shooting was done in the cafe of the hotel and without provocation. Waterston ran up the street waving his pistol wildly in the air and firing at everyone who crossed his path. He was pursued by friends of Martin, several of whom had guns which they fired at Waterston, some of the shots taking effect. Waterston was finally overthrown and captured by a policeman and taken to the Bangor city jail, where he raves constantly. "Young Waterston owns a farm about five miles from Bangor, where he lives with his wife and three children.

# MRS. PHEDUM'S GUESTS DISCUSS THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME



# NINETEEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

## TRAIN GOING 50 MILES AN HOUR CRASHES INTO FREIGHT IN OHIO.

Middletown, Ohio, July 5.—Nineteen people were killed outright, three probably fatally hurt and half a dozen were seriously injured in a head-on collision between a freight and passenger train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad here. Of the killed, 15 were passengers, the other victims being a member of the passenger train crew.

# THE IMPACT WAS TERRIBLE

Engines Lunge Together and Cars Collapse Like Egg Shells.—Three Probably Fatally Hurt and Six Injured.

The impact was so terrific, the freight train was thrown off its tracks and the passenger train was derailed. The cars were crushed and mangled. The passengers were thrown about like tin cans.

# CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER DEAD

## DIES AT BAR HARBOR, ME., OF HEART FAILURE.

Has Been on Supreme Bench for Over Twenty Years—Was Appointed by Cleveland.

Bar Harbor, Me., July 4.—Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, of the United States supreme court, died suddenly here of heart failure.

Melville W. Fuller was appointed chief justice of the United States in President Cleveland's April 20, 1888. In that position Mr. Fuller's most notable achievement was the nullification of the income tax law, passed by a Democratic congress during the early part

of President Cleveland's first term. Justice Fuller declared this law unconstitutional. On this decision the court was equally divided, and the chief justice cast the deciding vote. The decision reversed the precedents of nearly 100 years, and it has been severely criticized.

Justice Fuller was practicing law in Chicago when named for the office of chief justice. He had been active in Democratic politics in Illinois for many years. In 1862 he was a member of the state constitutional convention; in 1863 to 1866 he was in the state legislature; he served as delegate to the Democratic national convention in 1864, 1872, 1876 and 1880.

He was born in Augusta, Me., Feb. 11, 1833. He graduated from Bowdoin college in 1853 and received honorary degrees from Northwestern university, Yale and Dartmouth.

He invested early in down town real estate in the city of Chicago and thus acquired considerable wealth. His first wife was Callista O. Reynolds and his second wife was Mary E. Coolbaugh, the daughter of an Iowa banker. He was known in Chicago and later in Washington as a father of a large and interesting family.

Justice Fuller continued to hold office after he had reached an age at which he might have retired, and he resented hotly any suggestion that he should make way for a younger man. The well known desire of President Roosevelt to fill the place occupied by Chief Justice Fuller made the latter extremely angry, and it was his boast that he would live and hold office long enough to see that somebody other than Justice Fuller filled the place.

Justice Fuller was a stickler for all the formalities and traditions of the court.

# DECLINES

## STATES REASON WHY HE SHOULD NOT HEAD DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

### IN A LETTER TO CHAIRMAN DAY

Disposition Exists Not to Accept Statement as Last Word—Believes He is Ineligible.

St. Paul.—John Lind's statement that he will not be a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the governorship is now in the hands of the Minnesota Democratic leaders.

Frank A. Day, chairman of the committee, to whom the letter was addressed, returned from Fairmont, and found the letter waiting for him. Mr. Day is consulting with his friends and the exact text of the letters will not be given out until the matter has been fully considered.

Mr. Lind takes the position, it is understood, that the law relative to the members of the board of regents being candidates for any other office during the time for which they have been elected, is prohibitive, and that it would be folly to nominate him under the conditions.

He recites his reasons for not being a candidate and expresses the opinion that some other man can be nominated and elected.

The Democrats are apparently not willing to accept Mr. Lind's declination as final. They say the law relative to the board of regents is not binding, because the constitution itself fixes the status of candidates for office, and that any law which assumes to override the constitution would not last long.

Not Necessary Binding.

Although the Democratic leaders are considerably taken off their feet by Mr. Lind's letter, they are not disposed, at once, to accept it as the last word.

In addition to their interpretation of the law passed by the legislature to the eligibility of men holding office while on the board of regents, they say that Mr. Lind owes a duty to the party to say no man has been known to ignore a unanimous call to duty.

The only thing that puzzles them is whether or not Mr. Lind will make good on his statement. They acknowledge that the former governor is inclined to have his own way and that he may absolutely decline to run if nominated without his consent. In spite of this, their first inclination is to nominate him and leave the rest to chance.

In the background, the name of Congressman W. S. Hammond, looms up largely as a possibility.

With the head of the ticket in doubt Democrats are busily engaged in naming the rest of their ticket. If Lind were nominated for governor, one of the most likely candidates for the second place would be Charles A. Nye, of Moorhead. It seems unlikely that Fred W. Johnson, of New City, will be named for second place if either Lind or Hammond were nominated. The nomination of Lind and Johnson would place too many Scandinavians at the head of the ticket, while Hammond and Johnson would overload the ticket with candidates from the second district.

Want Liberal Vote.

In spite of this, if Lind were nominated, the Democrats would like to set up a party for second place who would appeal to the liberal element in opposition to the county option candidate of S. Y. Gordon for lieutenant governor on the republican ticket.

Stan J. Donnelly, of St. Paul, is booked for the attorney generalship, although his name may be changed in view of the fact that Thomas D. O'Brien will be nominated for the supreme court and Otto Bremer will be nominated for state treasurer or Henry G. Haas will be named for some place and the tendency would be to get away from the danger of overloading the ticket with Ramsey county candidates. Judge F. C. Brooks of Minneapolis will be nominated for the supreme court if he will permit the use of his name.

Fred W. Johnson is likely to be named for the place of secretary of state.

# New Church Contract Let

Parson Falls.—The Swedish Lutheran church of this city let the contract for the erection of a large new church building here. John Larstrom undertakes the erection of the building, exclusive of plumbing, heating, decorating and other extras, which will bring the total cost up to \$14,000. The building will be of concrete blocks, veneered with pressed brick.

# MAN BURNS IN SHACK

Blackstock Homesteader Shoots Self After Setting Fire to Cabin.

Remid.—That he set fire to the shack in which he was living and afterwards shot himself with a rifle to insure that his body would be burned, is the conclusion reached by returned from Blackstock, where the skeleton of a man was found in the burned ruins of Charles Miller's cabin, the remains being identified as those of Miller.

# EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE.

## Acetylene Gas Tank Blows Up With Fatal Results.

The Dead: Charles Glebenhain, 48 years old, bartender. Louis G. Hamish, 27 years old, a painter. Eugene Hamlin, 25 years old, a teamster. Albert Hirth, Drikton, Minn., about 22 years old. Middleaged man thought to be Joseph Bilsbaugh, 42 years old, carpenter.

The Injured: Edward Boucher, 35 years old, proprietor of the Point saloon, burned and bruised about the head and shoulders; hearing and sight probably destroyed; George Miller, 27 years old, plasterer. Severely burned about the chest and face. Ernest Osterlund, 39 years old, porter. One arm and his face badly burned.

Minneapolis, June 30.—Five men were killed and three injured when, with a detonation that could be heard for several miles, the acetylene gas generating tank in the basement of the Point saloon, at the intersection of the Crystal and Hennepin roads near Minneapolis was blown up, hurling the walls of the building outward and killing and maiming some 14 persons. The cause of the accident, an explosion was followed by a fire which reduced the shattered structure to ashes and horribly charred and disfigured the bodies of those who failed to escape with their lives.

According to a gold watch found on the body of Charles Glebenhain, the bartender, the explosion occurred at 4:22 p. m., at which time the watch stopped. An alleged defect in the acetylene generator, which was used for illuminating purposes only, is hinted at as the cause of the accident, although from the twisted and jumbled mass of boiler plate and metal in the basement of the ruin, the real cause may never be ascertained.

The blast literally tore out the front and one side of the building, hurling beams, timbers and glass across the Crystal and Hennepin roads. The corner support between the two shattered walls was also blown away and the roof of the structure fell on the building, and the rafters running to the rear and other side wall of the building.

Both the first and second floors from the front part of the building shot skyward, carrying with them fixtures, contents of the cellar and occupants of the bar room. The roof withered and the splintered wreckage fell back into the pit of the basement. The floors in the rear room, separated from the bar room by a brick partition, bent upward before the blast like so much canvas, but did not fall into the basement.

# SPANISH WAR VETERANS ELECT.

## Encampment at Fairbault Chooses Red Wing for Next Meeting.

Fairbault.—The Spanish-American war veterans in convention here elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Department commander, Joseph Gibson, Duluth; senior vice commander, L. H. Dibble, Fairbault; junior vice commander, A. B. Hennepin, Minneapolis; chaplain, Inspector H. M. Starr, Waseca; Judge advocate, J. W. Fineston, St. Paul; surgeon general, P. H. Davis, Fairbault; department secretary, Wilson H. Morrow, St. Paul; department marshal, J. W. Nicholson, Austin.

The next department encampment will be held at Red Wing. J. W. Fineston delivered a most impressive address to the encampment. A class of about twenty young patriots, an organization, after which a dance was given.

For ladies' auxiliary also met and organized, electing the following officers: National aid, Mrs. Joe Gibson, Duluth; assistant national aid, Mrs. Anderson, Duluth; secretary, Mrs. Hugo V. Koeh, St. Paul. The officers of the organization are well pleased with the encampment and prosperity of the organization.

# SELECT STATUE SITE.

## Placed Just Outside the Governor's Room.

St. Paul.—The status of the late Governor John A. Johnson, when it is completed, will be placed on the state capitol grounds just outside the governor's suite of rooms and between the building and the sidewalk below.

The spot was selected by Cass Gilbert, architect of the capitol building, and the monument commission decided to leave to the architect of the building the selection of the spot for the statue.

Andrew O'Connor, the sculptor, is now at work on the statue and it will be completed in a few months. The spot selected for the statue is on the building and the sidewalk below.

Creemeries Pay Big Amount. Long Prairie.—From figures just compiled from the May creamery reports, Todd county creameries paid \$100 county farmers in cash during the month of May, the total of \$72,000. August 1914. The total received the largest check of any farmer in the county for the month. He received \$150. Last year the Todd county creameries paid out over \$100,000. The increase on the basis of increase each month during 1914, the total for this year will exceed \$100,000.

# JOHNSON RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP

KNOCKOUT COMES IN THE FIFTEENTH ROUND THE NEGRO OUTCLASSING WHITE MAN.

## HEROIC JEFFRIES GAVE TO LAST

Burly Ex-Champ Old Speed and Stamina Seemed to Be Missing and Johnson Plays With Him.

Heno, Nev. — Twenty thousand persons, banded tier on tier, stared at a heaving white figure prostrate on a square of pink canvas and tried to realize that what may be the last chapter in American prize ring annals had been written before them. There never has been a ring contest that drew such an attendance and never before were so many thousands of dollars fought for or paid by the sports-loving public to see a fight.

The men, and the 50 or more women that were scattered through the vast audience, were dispersed east and west and north and south. Many of them journeyed thousands of miles to Reno. Many have gone hungry and many without beds, but the picture they saw was worth it. It was the greatest collection of men of the prize ring and those associated with the sport of sporting writers and other writers, whose names are known in fiction, politics and travel, that has ever been drawn together in this country, except at a national political convention. From noon until the curtain went down on this battle of the Fourth of July thousands of persons sweated and bled under the direct rays of a July sun to see the trial of skill, strength and endurance promised by this combat of the two recognized peers of the prize ring. And when after 48 minutes of concentrated and intense interest, the thing that had looked forward for over a year, came to pass, something between a sigh and a groan went to the blue sky, but there was little complaint.

A Great and Game Man. These keen sporting men from every corner of the world realized that they had seen a great and game man die, and that the master of ring science had had their money's worth.

Through the 15 rounds there was little cheering. And when the name and Jeffries dropped dazed and inert, a churchlike stillness fell over the multitude. Men stood on their hot pine benches, their faces tense and drawn, waiting for the fight to be resumed.

Not even when Sam Berger, Jeffries' manager, accompanied by the big fellow's seconds and a number of vigilant newspaper men jumped through the ropes and surrounded the prostrate fighter, did the watching crowd indicate by word or action that the battle was over. No bed was paid the victor except by his friends at the single-table restaurant on the lookers remained on Jeffries.

Realization Comes Then. Realization finally came when after a lengthy interval Jeffries was fanned and rubbed into consciousness and assisted to his feet and left away.

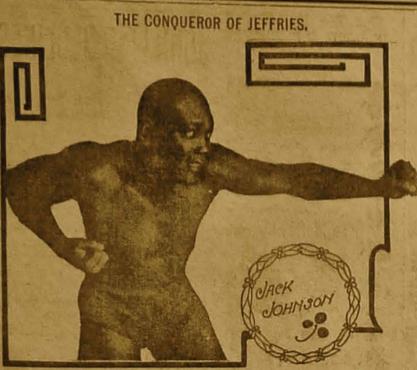
Forty-five minutes later the first special train pulled out on the part there was no sign on the part of the Jeffries men to frighten the negro. They figured he would be trembling with fear at the sight of a white monster and there were many cries of "old Tom, Johnson," when his entrance in the ring was delayed.

When the men stood up at last to fight it out, each to their own resources, it was plain that the negro was very nervous.

First Round. At 3:45 o'clock Jeffries walked in and feated, both smiled and Johnson gave ground. Johnson led a straight left and landed lightly on Jeffries' face. Jeffries walked in and hooked a left to the neck and in the clinch sent a blow to the body. As they broke Jeffries sent a left to Johnson's chest and the negro stepped in but missed. The going rang when they were clinched. The fighting was tame and they returned to their corners. Jeffries slapped Johnson on the shoulder and smiled.

Second Round. Jeffries assumed his crouch, but missed his first attempt. He feinted, but Jeffries stepped wisely away. Johnson sent a left to Jeffries' face and as they clinched he ripped in a hard uppercut to Jeffries' chin. Jeffries sent a right to the ribs and took a left on the face at the close.

Jeffries crouched and waited for Johnson, but he was not willing. They came together without a blow and Johnson tried his uppercut, but missed. Jeffries put his right to Johnson's



shoulders and pushed him when they broke. Johnson shot his left hand to Jeffries' face and tried his uppercut, but missed it again.

Fourth Round. Jeffries took his crouching position again and walked toward Johnson. He missed and they came together in a lock. Johnson tried his right for the chin, but missed and they began an exchange of talk.

Jeffries put a left to the face and started the blood from Johnson's lips. The crowd yelled: "First blood for Jeffries!"

As Jeffries walked in Johnson shot a snappy left to his face and they came to Johnson's face. Johnson came back with a right, but Jeffries neatly ducked and the round ended.

It was Jeffries' round.

Seventh Round. Jeffries walked right in, but before he had a chance Johnson let two straight right and left and missed. He feinted and tried to draw Johnson on, but the negro declined to come in. Jeffries stepped in with a left for the body, but missed it and took a left on the head. Jeffries hooked a left to the head and Johnson laughed loudly. Jeffries got a left in the face twice at close range. He drew Johnson's head and shot a left to the face. Johnson's lips bled in a close quarter mix Johnson sent his left to the face twice and Jeffries' lips bled.

Eighth Round. "Come on Jeffries," said Johnson, as they faced each other.

Jeffries came on and got a left in the face. He missed Johnson's body with a left and took two lefts on the face.

Jeffries walked into a left to the face and again they pummeled each other without damage at close range. Jeffries missed twice with his right and drew Johnson's head and shot a left to the face. Johnson tried several times to put his right through, but failed to connect. Jeffries shoved Johnson about, seemingly with ease. The going found them locked.

Ninth Round. Johnson walked in and tried a left to the body. Jeffries got inside of it and put his head against Johnson's chest and shoved the black fellow back to the ropes.

Jeffries took it all calmly and seemed to be waiting the opportunity. Johnson failed for the head. He stepped in quickly and shot a left hand for the body, but Jeffries played with three feet. Jeffries walked into two lefts on the face, but they did no damage. He swung his left arm over Johnson's head as they came together. His wrist landed hard on the ribs and Johnson did not appear to like it.

Tenth Round. Johnson shot a left to the face, but Jeffries brushed it away and responded with a left to the body. Johnson again missed a fighting right for the jaw and out, each to their own resources, it was plain that the negro was very nervous.

Eleventh Round. At close range Johnson sent a left uppercut to the mouth and as they broke and missed a right for the jaw. Jeffries struck two lefts to the face from a clinch and he got one of the same in return. Johnson took two lefts in the face when they broke. Johnson stepped in quickly and shot a left to the body just as the going rang.

Twelfth Round. They walked up carefully. Jeffries finally trying his left once, only to find it blocked. He took a left on the face three times, but missed and talked to Johnson in the clinches. They broke away and Johnson sent a left left uppercut to the face and a right to the body. He kept Jeffries bobbing his head to escape the right uppercut wherever they got together.

Just before the call of time Jeffries sent his left and right to the body, but Johnson was going away and was hurt. It was decidedly Johnson's round.

Thirteenth Round. Jeffries walked forward, waiting for

a chance to get inside the negro's impenetrable defense. Johnson waited and then drew back and hooked a left to the face.

Jeffries shoved and butted in till his head rested on the black man's shoulder and then tried to rip in body blows. They were blocked almost before they were started, however, and the negro drew a cheer from the crowd. Jeffries forced him away to close quarters, but got a left on the nose for his reward. Jeffries was not worried, apparently.

Round Thirteen. Putting his right glove before his face, Jeff walked into a clinch without a blow. When they broke Johnson sent a left to the body and a right upper cut touched the chin. Then he took two lefts and a right uppercut to the face. Johnson sent in three lefts to the face in quick succession, and then uppercut to the face. Johnson stood back and swung left to the nose, then calmly clinched. He continued to come in in spite of the punishment. This round was all Johnson's.

Round Fourteen. Jeff walked straight into a left and they hung on to each other. Johnson tapped the big fellow on the face with left two and blocked Jeff's attempt at close fighting. Shambling forward Jeff took three straight lefts to the face and got in a left to the face, lightly. Jeff's lefts were simply poked out of the air by the clever negro because they could get within six inches of his face. He walked into three lefts in quick succession.

Fifteenth Round. When the men faced each other, it was plain to all that Jeffries was in distress. His face was puffed and bleeding from the punishing lefts and rights he had received, and his movements were languid. He shambled after the elusive negro, sometimes crouching low with his left hand struck out in front, and sometimes standing erect. He was a mark for Johnson's accurately driven blows. They came into a clinch after a feeble attempt by Jeffries to land a left-hand blow on the body, and as they broke away, Johnson shot his left and right to the jaw in a flash. Jeffries staggered back against the ropes. His defensive power seemed to desert him in an instant.

Johnson went at him like a tiger. A rain of left and right landed at close quarters sent Jeffries reeling blindly. Another series of short, snappy punches, and the big white giant went down for the first time in his ring career. He fell under the top rope over the lower one and onto the overhanging of the platform. Resting on his haunches and right elbow, Jeffries looked around in a dazed way, and got up at the count of nine. While he was down Johnson stood almost over him until Rickard waved him back. He stood ready to strike, and when Jeffries arose from his knees he dashed in again. Jeffries reeled about and tried to clinch, but Johnson glided him and as the champion swung around to the south side of the ring, he jolted him twice on the jaw. Jeffries sank to his knees, weak and tired, but got up again at the count of nine. It was then that Jeffries' friends began to call to Rickard to stop the fight.

Rickard gave no heed to these appeals. Jeffries was helpless now and as he staggered to a standing position, the negro was waiting for him. A left, a right, and another left, short, snappy, powerful blows, found their way to Jeffries' chin and he went down on the third time. Again he sprawled over the lower rope, hanging half outside the ring. The timekeeper raised his hand and the referee counted off seconds. He had reached the count of seven when some of Jeffries' seconds put foot inside the ropes and Rickard walked between the alien man and the negro champion. Placing his hand on Johnson's shoulder, he declared him the winner. While Jeffries was not counted out, this was a merely technical evasion. It was evident that he could never have got up inside 10 seconds.

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# Farm School Letter

Interesting Information on Minnesota Agriculture by Our Special Correspondent.

## SHORTAGE OF HAY IN MINNESOTA.

Fodder Corn Suggested by the Experiment Station as a Valuable Substitute.

Owing to the unprecedented drought the hay crop in Minnesota is probably less than fifty per cent of a normal crop. In places it is a total failure, and the farmers are not attempting to cut it. Large yields of dry forage to be had to other roughage to feed stock during the coming winter. The alarming reports which have reached the Minnesota Experiment Station have called out the following timely article on corn fodder as a substitute for hay.

## PODDER CORN, next to clover and alfalfa hay, is the most valuable forage to be grown on the farm. It permits of early or late planting, and is harvested before the general corn crop matures. Large yields of dry forage (5 to 7 tons per acre), or of silage (10 to 20 tons per acre), are obtained which for cattle, sheep, young stock or for hogs, is an excellent feed. For milch cows, it is scarce only to alfalfa and clover. Much could be

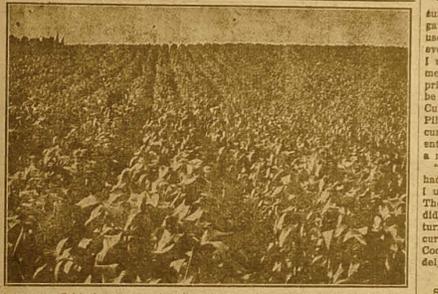
days until the corn is an inch or so high. Cultivate shallow, after the harrowing, at least once a week, until the corn is eight or ten inches high. The cultivator used should have several, but small, teeth or shovels (the "duck-bill" or "single claw" type). No stalks should be used, which has the common shovels (three on a side or in each gang). They are sure to run too deep, Two or a half inches is plenty deep enough. No need to neglect this harrowing or cultivation for the moisture must be kept in the soil. The culture prevents surface evaporation.

C. F. BULL, Assistant Agricultural, Minnesota Experiment Station.

The subject of harvesting fodder corn will be treated in a subsequent article by Prof. Bull.

## Fireless Cookers.

Of the many household helps and labor saving devices for women now on the market there are few which may be used to better advantage in the home than the fireless cooker. Like any other piece of machinery, to use it successfully requires thought



A ten-acre field of corn sown for silage at the Minnesota Experiment Station.

and common sense properly combined, as well as an understanding of the principles underlying its construction. In preparing foods requiring long, slow cooking, the use of the fireless cooker greatly diminishes the amount of fuel used and the heat in the kitchen.

## Preparing the Ground.

In any piece of fertile land will grow the fodder. If no other land is available for the purpose, the meadow or pasture can well be spared. Plow the land about five inches deep, and harrow as fast as plowed. Work the furrow back into its original condition again with a disk, a subsoil or a roller (not a surface roller) and finally a harrow. This is necessary to prevent the rapid drying out of the furrow silage.

If soil has to be more than preparation will be necessary for the stable will act as a barrier between the subsoil and furrow silage, against the free capillary movement of the moisture upward to the seed bed. You must keep the moisture in the soil. This can only be done by proper tillage of the free capillary movement of the moisture upward to the seed bed. In the event, that plowing up pasture or meadow lands will make a shortage of either of these crops, no fear need be exercised, for fall rye or even spring grains, can be sown on the land to be used for spring pasturage or for hay, until another seeding is established. In short, the effort should be made to keep the live stock

## BOY TORTURED BY ECZEMA

"When my boy was six years old, he suffered terribly with eczema. He would not sleep at night and he could not get on his feet. A doctor treated him and we tried almost everything, but the eczema seemed to spread. It started in a small place on the lower extremities and spread for two years until it very nearly covered the back part of his leg to the knee.

"Finally I got Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Pills and gave them according to directions. I used them in the morning and that evening, before I put my boy to bed, I used them again and the improvement even in those few hours was surprising. The inflammation seemed to be so much less. I used two boxes of Cuticura Ointment and the same of the Pills and the Soap and my boy was cured. My son is now in his seventeenth year and he has never had a return of the eczema.

"I took care of a friend's child that had eczema on its face and limbs and I used the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. They acted on the child just as they did on my son and it has never returned. I would recommend the Cuticura Ointment, the same of the Pills and the Soap, 1323 Columbia Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 20, 1905."

## A Teacher in the Making.

She was a popular young normal student, who had been to a party the night before and as a consequence, was "not prepared" in the geography class. The woman instructor, true to her method of drawing upon the general knowledge of a student rather than to permit a failure, after eliciting two or three inconsequential "snaps" from her far but jaded disciple, asked for the products of China.

"The victim grinned. "Yes," she asserted, preparing to sit down.

"Yes, and what else?" encouraged the instructor.

The young woman smiled with sweet hopefulness.

"Now you can mention others, I am sure. Just think about it."

"Yes," drawled the fat-like voice of the pretty girl, "and," puckering her forehead with an intellectual tour de force, "the laundry work." — *Youth's Companion.*

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For those who know the pleasure and satisfaction there is in a glass of

## ICED POSTUM

Make it as usual, dark and rich—boil it thoroughly to bring out the distinctive flavour and food value.

Cool with cracked ice, and add sugar and lemon; also a little cream if desired.

Postum is really a food-drink with the nutritive elements of the food grains. It is not only a pleasant, safe, cooling drink for summer days—an agreeable surprise for those who have never tried it.

"There's a Reason" for POSTUM

Postum Cereal Co., Limited, Battle Creek, Mich.

Gold Dredge in "Pouring In." Fairbanks, Alaska. — About three million dollars worth of gold dust has been received by the Fairbanks banks since the season's opening six weeks ago. More than one million worth of dust already has been shipped to Seattle and more will follow shortly.

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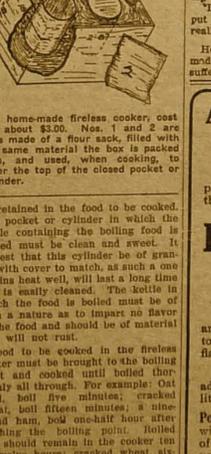
be retained in the food to be cooked. The pocket or cylinder in which the kettle containing the boiling food is placed must be clean and sweet. It is best that this cylinder be of granite with cover to match, as such a "retainer" heat well, will last a long time and is easily cleaned. The kettle in which the food is boiled must be of stainless steel, and should be of material that will not rust.

Food to be cooked in the fireless cooker must be brought to the boiling point and cooked until boiled thoroughly all through. For example: Oat meal, boil five minutes; cracked wheat, boil fifteen minutes; a nine-pound ham, boil one-half hour after reaching the boiling point. Boiled steaks should remain in the cooker ten to twelve hours; cracked wheat, sixteen hours or more; the ham fifteen to twenty hours. All food, when taken from the cooker, should be made boiling hot before serving to insure perfect wholesomeness.

Remember, when using the heat-retention cooker, that all foods must be actually boiling when placed in it, and if the food requires more than ten or twelve hours' cooking, it should be removed from the cooker, brought to the boiling point and replaced in the cooker. The food does not come to Boiling Balance, Minnesota Experiment Station.

More fodder will be produced from the double row, as more corn is necessary in harvesting with the corn binder, especially if the corn is lodged. The experiment station, in 1900, planted a double row on July 13th, and harvested in the fall a good tonnage of excellent fodder. The stalks grew slender and about a foot high, and the animals left no stalks of stalks in the mangers.

Cultivation. Harrow the land with a shallow-disk the next day after planting. Harrow again just as the corn is coming up. For every acre, use not more than one-half bushel of harrow over five or six



A home-made fireless cooker, costing just \$2.00. Nos. 1 and 2 are made made of a four-gallon, fitted with the same material the box is packed with, and used, when cooking, to cover the top of the closed pocket or cylinder.



**ABOUT THE TOWN.**

—Miss Harriett Gemmel, of Lindstrom spent the 4th in this place, the guest of the Huber family.

—Mrs. Thos. Zein, daughter Lenore and son Morris, of North Branch spent the 4th with friends in this place.

—Mrs. Wollat of Sunrise, spent the past week with relatives and friends in this place.

—Mr. Arley Rush, wife, and son Esel, of North Branch, spent the 4th in this place.

—Miss Mable Rufforn, of North Branch spent the 4th with friends in this place.

—Thos. O'Leary, of St. Paul spent the 4th in this place. Thos. is an old Rush City boy and has many friends here who are always pleased to see him.

—E. Bedlent, of Stillwater, Singer Sewing Machine man came up the latter part of the week to see agent M. A. Soderbeck.

—Mrs. Havens and grand daughter, Eva Martin, of North Branch are visiting at the Spickler home.

—L. J. Martin and wife, of North Branch spent the 4th with friends in this place, coming up in a new auto.

—In all chronic diseases where medicines do very little permanent good consult Dr. Fischer.

—A. W. Piper, J. J. Wittrup, J. McCoy and H. H. Parish, attended the Prohibition Convention at the court house in Minneapolis last Friday July 1st.

—Excursions! Every evening leaving Ingleson's dock, 15 cents per passenger.

Ingleson's Boat Livery.

—In diseases of the heart Mechano-Therapy is not only equal, but superior to many medical agents.

—Miss Olive Lindsley, of Frederic, Wis., is attending summer school in this place.

—Dr. Fischer will treat the poor free at his office in the Rybak block from 9 to 12 Tuesday morning July 12.

—Mrs. Weisenberger spent Tuesday with the Hickey family at Helen Blazes.

—In diseases of the kidneys Mechano-Therapy is about the only curative measure.

—Quite a number of teachers from all around here attending the summer school, which commenced on Tuesday morning.

—In asthma, Catarrh, Constipation, Rheumatism, Obesity, Locomotor Ataxia, Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Curvature of the Spine consult Dr. Fischer.

—Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Kruse Saturday last, a nine pound son. Mother and son are getting along nicely.

—Mechano-Therapy will successfully relieve and cure a very large portion of pelvic diseases, even after the patient's system has been brought "below par" thru surgical operations.

—J. H. Hay, wife and daughter, Jeans, of Thief River Falls, arrived here Sunday to spend a month with friends and relatives.

—Frank Kruse, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerd. E. Kruse, who is making his home at North Redwood, came home to spend the 4th. He returned Tuesday accompanied by Al Kaland, who goes out to work in the harvest fields.

—A. E. Blanchard, who moved his family to Rush City, where he bought a half interest in a saloon last spring, has come back to live. He sold his interest in the saloon to his partner.

—M. F. Vaughan, daughter, Marie and son, Morgan, of St. Paul, spent the 4th with relatives and friends here. Mr. Vaughan returned Tuesday, but the children will remain.

—The Pine City Base Ball Team and the Hinckley Team will cross bats on the local diamond Sunday afternoon. The Hinckley aggregation has not met defeat this year and the only game Pine City has lost was lost to Hinckley.

Martin Hurley, who is practicing law in St. Paul, came up Saturday to spend Sunday and the 4th with relatives and friends.

—For Rent—One of the most pleasant houses in the village. Will be rented before September 1. Inquire at this office.

—Lon J. Clary and wife, of St. Paul are spending the week with Mrs. Clary's father Jas. Hurley and other friends. Mrs. Clary was Miss Mayme Hurley and her many friends in this place are always pleased to see her.

—Jas. Goldsmith and wife, came up from St. Paul and spent Sunday and the 4th with Mrs. Goldsmith's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Hehl.

—At the regular morning service in the M. E. church next Sunday the newly elected officers of the Epworth League will be installed. The sermon will be prepared especially for the occasion. Everybody is invited to attend. The hour of service is 10:45. The male quartette who sang the 4th, will sing at this service.

—Frank Pangerl, who lives about 3 miles southwest of this place is building a large two story dwelling on his farm. The house is a square one, the lower story being of stone and the upper one brick veneered. When completed Frank will have one of the best farm houses in the county.

—It would be impossible for us to mention all those that came home to spend the 4th. On Saturday the depot platform was so crowded that it took at least ten minutes for the people to disperse. On the limited from the south there were two coaches that were emptied at this place not counting those from the other coaches.

—The following from St. Paul were guests of Jas. Hurley and family over the fourth: Mr. and Mrs. O'Hearn, Mrs. Stephen Koen and son, Mrs. T. F. Egan, daughter and sons, Miss Helen McMahon, and Messrs Jack and Mike Egan.

Died: on Wednesday July 6th, at the home of John Edin, Miss Charlotte Bergwall. Deceased was acting as housekeeper for J. Edin and children. She was born in Sweden and at the time of her death was 47 years of age. Miss Bergwall had charge of the Edin household since the death of Mrs. Edin some years ago.

—Died—At the home of her son, Ole, on his farm southwest of here, Grandma Soderbeck. The deceased was born in Sweden seventy-seven years ago. She came to Pine County when very young and had made her home here ever since. The funeral was held from the Swedish Lutheran church at West Rock Wednesday and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

—William Ryder, an old Pine City boy, but who is now a successful furniture dealer and undertaker of Hibbing stopped off here on his way to the furniture Exposition at Chicago, and Grand Rapids, which opens up this month. Will as he is familiarly called was born in this place about 42 years ago and is therefore quite an old settler. After attending the exposition he expects to journey on to New York, where he purchases the rugs for his stock. Will informs us that he purchases all his furniture, carpets rugs and caskets in carload lots. His many friends in this place were glad to see him and to know that he is doing so well in the range city. During his stay with us he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. Perkins. He departed on Wednesday noon. Come again Will as Pine City always has a welcome for her old children.

**Teachers Summer School**

—Summer school for teachers began Tuesday July 6th at Webster school. The corps of teachers is composed of Prof. J. H. Hay, of Thief River Falls, as Superintendent, ably assisted by Misses Lynch, of Minneapolis, Thomas of Duluth, and Henegren of Hinckley.

At present there are 77 enrolled, and by the first of the week will have reached 85. Those attending come from Isanta, Kanabec, Chisago, Carlton and Pine county. Of the 77 now enrolled 2 are young men.

Great results are expected from this session which is the largest ever held in this place or in the county, not withstanding the fact that the Hinckley Enterprise stated that the Pine City school were no good.

**MEADOW LAWN.**

Allen Seefeldt took in a load consisting of twenty-four persons to Pine City to celebrate the 4th.

Chas. Dila and A. Decker both took prizes for the walking race in Pine City the 4th.

Masters Tom Nichols and Cecil Smith made a business trip to Herquin Wednesday.

Chas. Franklin and wife entertained company from St. Paul from Saturday until Tuesday, when they returned home.

Chas. Franklin went to St. Paul Tuesday to resume his work there.

John MacAdam and Ben Purdy are home from Hinckley. They broke the capstan on their ditching machine and had to have it repaired before resuming work.

The hay crop is very short here this year and the farmers will have to hustle hay outside of their meadows. Some of them have already begun haying.

Potato bugs are a good crop this year, but thanks to A. M. Chalton, who has gotten the price of paris green down to where we can afford to buy it.

Our new mail carrier, Joe Thiery, began carrying mail July 1. We wonder if he will satisfy the people as well as Mr. Die has, who has had the job for the last few months? We are sorry to lose Mr. Die, but hope that Mr. Thiery will prove himself worthy of the appointment.

The people around here are beginning to learn that stock raising is all that pays in this country and that they cannot depend on the market for selling their crops, but must feed them at home in order to realize any benefit from them.

**NOTICE**

On account of repeated attacks of blood poisoning, it has become necessary for me to regain my health. I will be at my cottage on Cross Lake a large part of the time this summer. I will have office hours from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m. every day, excepting Sunday. The notice on the office door will show what time I will be in on Sunday.

I have telephone connections with my cottage at the lake and will try to answer important calls promptly.

There will be no additional charge made for calls above regular prices from the town office, except between the hours of 7 p. m. and 6 a. m.

Dr. R. L. Wiseman.

**Political Announcement.**

To the voters of the thirty second Legislative District, comprising the counties of Chisago, Kanabec and Pine.

Having received sufficient assurances of support from all parts of this legislative district to justify me in again becoming a candidate for the legislature, I hereby announce that I shall file for the nomination as one of the representatives in the republican primaries to be held next September, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters of the district.

I believe in county option and have voted for the county option bills of the last two sessions, as well as for other temperance measures, and if nominated and elected I shall again vote and work for the enactment of a county option law.

I believe in proper legislation to aid in the development of northern Minnesota.

I favor legislative re-apportionment and the so called one mill road tax, legislation further strengthening our laws regulating railroads and other public service corporations and the revision of our taxation system to the end that the burdens of taxation may be more equally distributed. I also favor the extension of the primary election law so as to include state officers.

I believe that Senator Clapp's record in Washington entitles him to re-election and if given an opportunity it will afford me great pleasure to vote for his return.

I take this opportunity to thank the voters of the district for their support in the past and to assure them that their good will has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,  
HENRY RINES.

**WANT ADS.**

For Sale—80 acres good unimproved land, 2 1/2 miles from Pine City. Also 120 acres unimproved land 3 miles south of Brookpark. Address H. care of Pioneer.

For Plain Sewing call on Mrs. Clara Youngbauer, on north side of river.

FOR SALE—One bay mare for sale 4 years old, weight 1200. Inquire of G. H. Becon, Comfort, Sec. 12, Kanabec Co.

For Sale—The Glenville property two minutes walk from postoffice. For particulars call or address this office.

—For Sale—A farm of 80 acres 1/2 mile south of this place, all fenced. A good eight room house, granary, machine shed, large barn, good drilled well of water with wind mill, corn crib, chicken house and hog pen, all complete and in good repair. Call at this office for particulars.

SCRAP iron 25 cents per 100, rags mixed and unmixd 30 cents per 100, clean rubbers, 4 cents per lb., clean copper and brass 6 cents per lb., highest price paid for bottles. I will make regular monthly trips to this place to get what you have saved the first trip will be the first week in May. Lotis Latz, the Rush City Scrap Iron Man.

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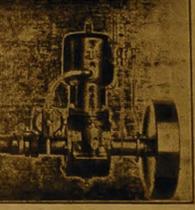


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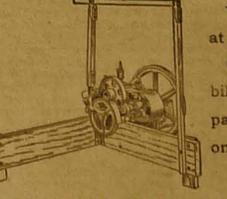
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### UNDEFEATED CHAMPION OF THE NORTHWEST.

T. A. Ireland, Rifle Shot, of Colfax, Wash., Tells a Story.

Mr. Ireland is the holder of four world records and has yet to lose his first match—says he: "Kidney trouble an advanced my vision as to interfere with my shooting."



I became nervous I could hardly hold a gun. There was severe pain in my back and my kidneys were terribly disordered. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me after I had desisted and taken nearly every remedy imaginable without relief. I will give further details of my case to anyone enclosing stamp.

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

### A Siberian Verdict.

A New York is a happy emperor, or an aged monarch, who grows eloquent over the robes of the Emerald Isle. Said the hero: "Pat, the King of England is a fool for a moment. Then he took off his hat."

"Well," he said slowly, "if a man he was a fine bit of a fellow. An Englishman, so, he was as good as any man can make them. As a King, there was nobody on earth to could beat him. But still, I'll keep me ere on George."

Try This, This Summer. The very next time you're hot, tired or thirsty, step up to a soda fountain and get a glass of Coca-Cola.

Keep you cool, relieve your bodily and mental fatigue and quench your thirst delightfully. At soda fountains or carried in bottles—wherever. Delicious, refreshing and wholesome. Send to the Coca-Cola Co., Atlanta, Ga., for their free booklet "The Truth About Coca-Cola." This Coca-Cola is as good as any man can make them. As a King, there was nobody on earth to could beat him. But still, I'll keep me ere on George."

A Serious Blunder. "Yes," said the drug clerk, "I am called up occasionally to compound prescriptions at night."

"Isn't a man apt to make mistakes working in semi-darkness?" "You bet he is. I took a plugged quarter once."

### Important to Mothers.

Keenly anxious to see every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the signature of Dr. J. C. Williams.

The Kind You Have Always Bought. A woman can stand a lot of suffering if she doesn't have to keep quiet.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Castoria is a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the signature of Dr. J. C. Williams.

### WESTERN CANADA

What Prof. Shaw, the Well-Known Agriculturist, Says About It. I would advise you to go to Western Canada in the early fall. It is the best time to go. The weather is just what you need. The crops are just what you need. The people are just what you need.

70,000 Americans. The United States Government has a large tract of land in Western Canada. It is a beautiful country. It is a healthy country. It is a happy country.

DAISY FLY KILLER. This is a new and improved fly killer. It is a safe and sure remedy for flies. It is a healthy and happy remedy.

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PATENTS. This is a new and improved service. It is a safe and sure service. It is a healthy and happy service.

Thompson's Eye Water. This is a new and improved eye water. It is a safe and sure remedy for eyes. It is a healthy and happy remedy.

## To the Land of Content

By RICHARD BARKER SHELTON

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The winter twilight was falling. Outside it was dull and gray and somber, but within the big, handsome room where Robert Wald paced restlessly to and fro, the soft lights and the flickering fire on the hearth and the familiar faces of the many volumes on the well-filled shelves made a warmth and coziness all the more pronounced because of the dreary day without.

But for all the evidences of creature comfort about him Wald was strangely distraught. On the open desk in one corner of the room lay pens and paper and ink and in the waste basket beside it were several crumpled little bills—notes he had begun and then irritably destroyed, to begin all over again.

He paused in front of the flickering fire for a moment and with his hands behind his back stood staring fixedly at the leaping flames, his brows furrowed in deep and evidently unpleasant thought. Then, with a shrug of his shoulders, indicative, seemingly, of his determination to begin the most unpleasant task he caught up a half-burned cigar from an ash-tray on the table, flicked the ashes from it, lighted it and turned slowly toward the desk in the corner and its waiting contents.

But even as he took up the pen a whiff of whiffs sounded on the pavement without. He stepped to the window just as a carriage drew up to the curb and a smart footman, springing from the box, held open the door, while a trim, far-curved figure stepped from within, crossed the curb and ran lightly, past through the doorway. "I had followed that figure with hungry eyes. Then a door opened and closed; light footsteps pattered up the stairs."

Robert Wald sat stolidly in his seat, his face toward the window, his face close to the frosty window pane, watching the white landscape slip past. Ruth had read his note by this time, he reflected. She had probably wept over it perfunctorily and then called upon Hastings, the attorney, to see what provision had been made for her. He smiled to himself as he fancied her relief when she found it was so ample. Some one had sat beside him while without so much as asking leave, Wald turned, stared in unbelief, and then sat up very straight.

"Ruth!" he cried. "Silently he had slipped into his own, just as it had been wont to do in those old days—the days of the first struggles, when they had sat together in the shadows of evening, holding air castles together and dreaming great dreams.

"Where are you going?" he stammered length, length, length. "Where are you going?" she asked very quietly. "Me? I don't know. West somewhere, I'm going to start over. I'm—"

"She smiled and her fingers tightened about his own. "Then that is where I am going. West somewhere, to start all over with you." "You can't," he said, almost harshly. "It means—"

"Don't know what it means?" she asked. "Work, work, fight and struggle, just as it was in those glorious days before. And in the evenings we'd dream our dreams and build our air castles all over again. Oh, Robert, you silly, silly boy, you thought it was what we got that I cared for; but you were wrong. It was the struggle that was the real fun—the fight against odds, close together, oh, so very close together in those days, Bob, dear, you and I."

In the back of the car two grinning porters watched a couple in a certain section and nudged each other delightfully. "One of dem yere spongy minded aged honeycombs," said the first. "Uh-huh," assented Number Two. "Oughter fall fer good fat tips, de oie yow had."

The Thoughts of Youth. A small boy was heeling corn in a fertile field by the roadside, when a passerby stopped and said: "Pears to me your corn is rather small."

"Certainly," said the boy, "it's dwarf corn." "But it looks yaller." "But certainly, we planted the yaller kind." "But it looks as if you wouldn't get more than half a crop." "Of course not, we planted it on halves."—Everybody's Magazine.

Ask Yourself This: What are you going to do, my brother, for the higher side of human life? What contribution are you going to make of your strength, your time, your influence, your money, your self, to make a cleaner, fuller, happier, larger, nobler life possible for some of the world's suffering?—Henry Van Dyke.

## HORTICULTURE

HORTICULTURAL NOTES.

Don't allow the stock wagons to break the soil in the orchard. Promptly gather up and burn all brush and rubbish in the orchard. When spraying do not work with bare hands. They'll be sure if you do.

Put on a pair of rubber gloves. Remove every dead tree from the orchard. They are veritable breeding places for fruit pests. The grape is one of the longest-lived of all fruit plants. It will live and bear fruit in one place for a hundred years.

A covey of quail in the orchard will prove a good friend to the grower, because they eat a tremendous number of insects. The city dealer profits by the laziness of the grower, by grading and packing his bushy assortment.

To destroy the wild morning glory or bind weed, turn in the shell or hogs. The pear tree needs but little culture. To encourage strong growth only induces blight. A soil surface and low growth is more favorable.

Remember when you plow in the orchard that the roots are very near the surface. Three inches is plenty deep enough. Some fruit growers say that it is not a good plan to grow an orchard when the trees are in blossom—better do it before or after.

That corky old apple, the Ben Davis, still holds a high price in the city markets, because its fine appearance deceives the ignorant buyer. Many farmers who have been growing fruit for years do not know that the apple and most other fruit trees form fruit buds in the late summer months.

Placing a small heap of rich stable manure around the base of each tree in the orchard will prove to be a little time most profitably spent. Some refuse straw scattered among the small fruit bushes will work wonders as a fertilizer and in keeping down the unsightly and unprofitable weed plants.

### REPAIRING AN ORCHARD TREE

Excellent Remedy is Practised by Ohio Orchardists—Device Costs Little.

(By F. H. BALLOU) An excellent practice noted in well-kept Ohio orchards is the treatment of trees which are splitting or threatening to split from their burden of fruit or as a result of heavy wind.

"There are purchased, what is known as the trade as 'lags' or 'corks'—"



Repairing Orchard Trees. Screws—large, sugar-headed screws which can be gotten in various sizes. Those preferred are six inches in length and three-eighths of an inch in diameter, or I find are priced at \$1.25 per 100, or 20 cents per dozen.

A blacksmith turns a hook at the head-ends of the screws. Holes are bored in the two parts of the tree which are separating, in which the screws are solidly turned connecting them with a heavy wire cable. The screws should be given such a position that there will be a "straight pull" on them, thus eliminating danger of splitting the branch. The cable is formed by using two "rounds" of heavy, galvanized wire from hook to hook, which is then twisted up taut by inserting between the wires a piece of buggy spring or other flat piece of iron or wood, and turning until the divisions of the tree are brought in close contact at the point of separation.

Grafting Trees. Waxing is one of the most important factors in successful grafting. The work is done carefully, that the unions be not disturbed, and completely, that all air and moisture shall be excluded. A very good wax is made by mixing together four pounds of raw tallow, one pound of beeswax, one pound of tallow, when melted pour into a tub of cold water to cool; then pull the same as for taffy, until it is a firm, golden color. Of course grafting should be done on warm, bright days; otherwise the wax hardens so quickly it is difficult to do the work.

Young trees may be retopped in a single season. One of ten years old in two years.

### CARE IN MIXING BORDEAUX

Secret of Success is to Put Together as Dilute Solutions as is Possible.

Bordeaux mixture is by far the most generally useful fungicide we have. The copper sulfate or blue stone which is the active ingredient is added, while the lime is added to prevent the burning of the foliage, which would result from a pure copper sulfate solution. The usual formula is five pounds copper sulfate, five pounds lime, 50 gallons of water.

Many prefer to modify this formula by reducing the quantity of blue stone to one pound and increasing the lime one pound.

Certain precautions must be observed in making Bordeaux in order to obtain the most efficient mixture. The secret of success is to put together as dilute solutions as possible. The copper sulfate may be conveniently made up into a stock solution by dissolving it at the rate of one pound to one gallon of water. The amount needed at any time can then

be readily obtained by stirring up the solution and measuring out as many gallons as there are pounds required. The lime can likewise be slaked in quantity and kept till needed as a stock solution of known strength. The blue-stone may be dissolved quickly in hot water, or more slowly, in cold water by suspending near the top of the water in a burlap or coarse basket over night. Good stone lime should be used. Air-slaked lime is not satisfactory.

Unsettled or process lime of good quality may be used if the proportion of lime to copper sulfate is increased from one-fourth to one-half. If a barrel (50 gallons) of the Bordeaux is to be made, it is easy to secure the required dilution of material by the use of three vessels.

Put 25 gallons of water in the barrel. Dilute the blue-stone solution containing five pounds to 12 1/2 gallons. Dilute five pounds slaked lime likewise, then dip alternately from each solution into the 50 gallon barrel. Whatever the particular method employed, however, the end is the same. Put the copper sulfate and lime solutions together after diluting each as much as possible. Don't mix concentrated solutions. If this is done, with the idea of diluting to spraying strength later, the mixture curdles, and a thick, heavy precipitate is formed which settles so rapidly that it is impossible to do a good job of spraying. A properly made Bordeaux should remain for half an hour without almost no perceptible settling. When putting the spray mixture into the tank, always strain carefully. For peaches use not over half strength.

When Father Helped. The father helped the son practice the operation while his son practiced the operation.

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"Oh, yes," he muttered, "here it is: 'to desecrate.' Go on." "It's desecrate," cried the boy indignantly. "Shall we permit the ruthless hand of the hydra-headed tyrant to desecrate the—the—the—why don't you prompt me?"

The father was staring hard at the manuscript. "The—the poodle—the poodle—the poodle of our liver ties," he stammered. "It's the palladium of our liberties," roared the boy. "Gimme that paper—I'll say myself!" And he stalked away angrily.

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If you would like special advice about your case write a confidential letter to Lydia E. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free, and always helpful.

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# THE ALIBI

by JOHN BRAND

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The Stars and Stripes is a dirty rag," said Gambler Hunt. "Apologies for that," demanded the chevrons sergeant.

"No," said Hunt.

Sergeant Hoeg leaned forward and slapped the gambler's face. There was a flash, the sharp crack of a "six gun," and the sergeant lay in a crumpled heap on the barroom floor.

Sergeant Hoeg was taken to the hospital at Fort Williamette, a mile away from the plaza, in charge of the county sheriff. And the town of Williamette went its way, but with a difference. No gamblers stumped themselves, trimmed their finger nails in front of the Main street saloons. No soldiers traveled to and from the fort across the dusty flat. The Twentieth United States cavalry deserted the town and attended strictly to its own affairs on the military reservation.

Business hung over the town, the tense stillness that spells danger and waits for an event. No crowds gathered. Citizens talked of the shooting with an unspoken question in their eyes as they looked out toward the fort. The sheriff was uneasy. "If that man Hoeg dies—," he said, and shook his head.

Out at the fort military routine ground along without a ripple—stables, guardmount, drill, parade—and if the men were dangerously angry they gave not a hint of it. The post commander, who was also colonel of the Twentieth, eyed them proudly. "They are taking it well," he said to his officers. "I know them. They are veterans, and obey orders. The law will take care of that man Hunt." The officers agreed. Not a threatening or angry murmur reached officers' row from the barracks. As a matter of precaution all passes were stopped and orders issued that no enlisted man should leave the reservation except on duty.

It was all that could be done. The men meant no mischief, but suppose they did? The strongest guard would be a rope of sand around the cluster of frame buildings called "fort." The one only way to take the troops out on a "bike"—practice march, it was called then—somewhere away from the place for a time. But the colonel would have to do this. And when the war department heard the reason for the request it would have thrown an official fit, and probably have convened a board of doctors to inquire into the sanity of the post commander at Fort Williamette. It is not probable, however, that such a thought entered the veteran colonel's head. He knew his men. They were veterans, proud of the flag they served and the cloths they wore.

Next day word came to the town that Sergeant Hoeg was dead. The sheriff went to see the prosecuting attorney. "That Hoeg man is dead. I don't like this business a heap," he told the prosecutor.

"What's the matter? The town's quiet."

"So's the fort. Too plenty quiet. If the soldiers was bucked round in town, or even out at the fort there, I wouldn't mind. But they're quiet—fightin' quiet. They're keepin' away from town, and when they do come—" The sheriff wagged his head dismally.

"Very well," said the prosecuting attorney. "We'll go out to see the post commander and ask him to put an extra guard on and keep his men away from the town until things quiet down." The prosecuting attorney was young, but he should have known better. He had been a soldier himself, had studied law while wearing a blue uniform at this same Fort Williamette. For civil authority to give or suggest orders to an officer in the regular army is to invite fast snubbing. He should have known, but he bustled confidently out to the fort. The sheriff followed, protesting. "We're goin' to the snubbin' post," he said.

The old fort smiled peacefully in the afternoon sun. Blue-shirted troopers lounged in the shade of barrack porches and corrals. The guard dined on benches in the guardhouse sallopport. A casual officer sauntered along the board walk down officers' row. The canteen was deserted. "Too plenty quiet," commented the sheriff.

At headquarters the colonel received them courteously.

"What can I do for you, gentlemen?" he asked.

"We are afraid your men will lynch Hunt."

"My men have no reason to leave the reservation until further orders. They obey orders."

"We have heard rumors. You must put a strong guard around—"

"I command this post, gentlemen. Good afternoon."

Civil authority went back to town in a hurry, the prosecutor angry, the sheriff apprehensive. For the sheriff felt that he knew the situation better than did the colonel. The Twentieth cavalry had not been stationed long at Fort Williamette. They had come fresh from scouting and Indian chasing in the southwest in joyous anticipation of the comforts of a quiet post and of a civilized "sure enough" real town, not a group of "dobe shacks in a desert. The enlisted men found a state of things they weren't used to and didn't like. Williamette had long been forgotten the days when the fort was a protection, and looked on it mainly as a source of revenue, while the enlisted men were merely more or less of a nuisance. Like all other western towns in the '90's and '00's Williamette was "wide open." The gamblers and gambling were a strong element in its life. From the suave and solid man of family who owned his home and business property, and dealt parental discipline by day and fare at night, to the casual "tin horn," the sporting fraternity was always in evidence. The Eighteenth cavalry, which had preceded the Twentieth at



the fort, had learned to let the gamblers alone. Whenever a row occurred between the sport and the soldier the town marshal grabbed the soldier first—and last generally. Then the unlucky soldier was whipsawed—fine and jail in town—guardhouse and court-martial when he went back to the post. "Fighting B" and "Drunkin' C" and "Crazy I" troops of the old Eighteenth grew discreet if not wise. They avoided trouble and the gamblers grew to think they owed the town. The Twentieth knew nothing of this and its enlisted men were neither discreet nor wise. The result of several clashes with the town "tin horns" and sports had already made them feel that they were not getting an even break. More than a man just being pardoned by the governor after receiving a 20-year sentence for a deliberate, foul and unprovoked murder. The case was an offense to justice still ranking in the mind of soldiers and civilians alike. Every one said it was safer to kill a man than steal a cow. The sheriff knew all this and feared that like men in the regiment would be more than they would stand. On his return from the post he deputized twelve good men and placed them as guards in the jail. Gamblers eagerly volunteered, but he would have none of them.

The town buzzed now. Soldiers were going to attack the jail, it was said. But not a blue uniform was seen on the streets. When law had sounded across the flat, the fort was silent, with only the sentries pacing back and forth in the moonlight. Just the same, Sheriff McFarland posted his men in the jail and waited. Near midnight a whisper went round the saloons: "They're coming." The walks around the plaza filled with an expectant crowd. The jail in the basement of the courthouse was dark, but everyone knew that behind it was Hunt, guarded by the sheriff and twelve determined men with Winchester. An attempt was made to notify the fort, but wires were cut and messengers were all too slow.

Across Poverty flat, down Main street, into the plaza swung a body of men, in army overcoats turned wrong side out, campaign hats, carbines at shoulder, Colt's forty-five at hip. It was the army-trained machine in action, swift, silent, certain. It circled the plaza in column of fours. Sentries took post at a curt word of command. The crowds fell back before threatening carbine muzzles. Up the broad stone walk, "Right front into line, Halt," and a grim platoon faced the jail door with carbines at the ready.

The leader stepped out briskly and hammered with a pistol butt.

"What do you want?" asked the sheriff from inside the door.

"We want Hunt."

"Now, boys, you don't—" began the sheriff. But the leader's voice cut in, clear, determined.

"No talk, sheriff. Open that door or we dynamite it."

Dynamite! The sheriff weakened. He looked at his men standing with ready Winchester at the head of the corridor steps, where they could have held back a regiment. "They've got dynamite. I guess we'll have to let 'em in, boys. Don't shoot," said he, and opened the door.

What followed was sharp, sharp and terrible. Three men took Hunt from his cell and marched him to front and center of the waiting platoon.

"Have you anything to say?" the leader asked.

"No."

"Do you want to pray?"

"No."

He was given a shove forward. The men who held him stepped back to the ranks.



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