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DEATH'S HARVEST

Three Pine County Citizens Journey to That Great Beyond.

JOSEPH WILKE.

Mr. Wilke was born in Westphalia, Prussia, March 13th, 1841. He attended school in his native country until he reached the age of 14, when he emigrated to America with his parents, locating at Louisville, Ky. Here he worked in the mines a year, and followed the same occupation for two years more at Cannelton, Ind. In 1859 the Wilke family removed to St. Paul, but soon settled permantly on a farm near New Ulm, where they were living at the time of the Indian massacre of 1862. Mr. Wilke during this period was a member of Co. L, Minnesota Mounted Rangers, and participated in the encounters at Devils Lake and Madelia, and retained a very vivid recollection of the wholesale hanging of Indians at Mankato.

At the end of the Indian trouble he came to St. Paul and for three years was employed by Col. Robinson as florist. He then opened a greenhouse of his own and continued in the business for a few years when he finally sold out to Lemke the florest. He next engaged in cabinet making, following this occupation for five years. During the time he was a cabinet maker he was also a volunteer fireman, and become stoker of steamer No. 1 in 1874 and for three years was really a paid member of the Volunteer department. He served in the capacity of stoker until May 1883, when he was promoted to engineer and transferred to Engine Co. No. 2. March 1st 1884 he was transferred to Engine Co. No. 6 where he served as engineer until November 1905 when he retired and removed to Pine City, and went to Pokegams lake where he built and conducted the Island Hotel and Summer Resort and at which place he died.

Mr. Wilke was married to Miss Mary Affolter, of Boss, Switzerland, in 1874, her death occurring July 11th 1894. He was married again on the 26th of November 1902 to Mrs. Josephine Rebhoitz, who still survives him.

Mr. Wilke was a member of High water lodge No. 90 A. O. U. W., and Acker Post and the Fire Dept., Association.

His death occurred Sunday December 18th 1910 after a years illness with thrombosis of the brain he having been confined to his bed for seven weeks. The body was taken to St. Paul for burial.

He was a quiet pleasant gentleman and was highly esteemed and loved by all who knew him, whether as a fireman or at his own fireside.

MARIE BUSCH.

Miss Busch was born Aug. 12th, 1885 on the Busch farm two miles west of Pine City. She was educated in the school near her home and also in the school at this place. She remained on the farm until her mother died, when the father sold his farm and removed to Pine City where he purchased a house and Miss Marie kept house for him until his death some eight years ago.

After the death of her father Miss Busch went to Minneapolis, and worked for Chas. Pillsbury. A year ago last summer she accomdanied Mrs. Pillsbury's aunt to Los Angeles, Cal., at which place she died Thursday December 8th 1910, of appoplexy. Henry Grote, her brother-in-law immediately went after the remains which arrived here on Tuesday's noon train, and the funeral was held from the German Lutheran church, Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and the body laped to rest by the side of her parents and other members of the family in Birchwood Cemetery.

Miss Marie was well and favorably known in this place and the news of her sudden death came as a shock to her many friends. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Henry Grote, Mrs. Carl Lueth, and Mrs. Ed. Kruse, one brother Joseph Boesch beside numerous friends to mourn her loss.

Those attending the funeral from out of town were: Adolph Sommers and two daughters, Dora and Elsie, Carl Sommers and wife, Henry Dose and wife, all of Rush City. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grote, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fahrenholz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sturmer, Mr. and Mrs. John Boeck, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueth and the Misses Kloock, of Rush Lake, and William Schmehl, of the town of Danforth.

JACOB KUBESH

Jacob Kubesh, a resident of Beroun, passed away at his home in that place last Saturday night. He was borned in Bohemia, coming to this country when he was quite a young man. At the time of his death he was 66 years old, and besides leaving many sorrowing friends he leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss.

The Pioneer extends its sympathy to the bereaved ones.

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PINE CITY, - - - MINN.

The race for wealth ends at the cemetery.

A clean flue may save the house from burning down.

The earth remains safer than either the sea or the sky.

The consumer hopes the ice crop, too, will be a bumper.

Nearly every gift that is made has some sort of a string tied to it.

Developing the aeroplane is one thing and reckless tomfoolery is another.

Just think! Angels' food cake is made in New York of "rots" and "spots."

The aeroplane is becoming a dangerous rival of the automobile in the toll of deaths.

Things go by contraries. When a man is on his "uppers" he is really down in the depths.

When sold merely by weight, diamonds are still a little more valuable than breakfast bacon.

An airship that will break down without failing is one of the crying necessities of the age.

The New York milliner who built an aeroplane doubtless utilized some of the models in the shop.

The hobble skirt has gone out of fashion even in Paris, and it will soon be marked off the list everywhere.

Miladi says a man's clothes always seem to fit him real loose after his wife's relatives have looked him over.

An Iowa man paid $105 the other day for ten ears of corn. Yet there are people who risk their lives hunting for gold.

The least that can be said of that rotten egg industry declared to exist in New York is that it will be in bad odor with the public.

They are building liners so big the globe trotters will expect to find on them golf courses, porte cocheres and outdoor sleeping porches.

A prominent New York college has been invaded by infant paralysis. The doings of the average student make this invasion entirely credible.

Fifty-six Indiana counties have lost in population since the 1900 census. As soon as people make a fortune in literature, they move out of Indiana.

Hereupon the enthusiastic lover of horses climbs into his automobile, orders the chauffeur to "hit 'er up," and is whisked away to the horse show.

A New York woman is enraged because her son wants to marry an actress. She might as well cheer up. He'll be back home again in a little while.

Marriage may be a lottery, but the proposal of a woman in the west to raffle herself off for a dollar a chance is emphasizing the fact a little too strongly.

A woman in Washington washes all the paper money that she receives in order that it may be clean. All of us are not so particular. A little dirty money looks good to a hungry man.

Statistics show that April and September are the favorite months in which to go crazy. That may account for the hunches that induce some men to become candidates for public office.

Ten orphan baby seals have been brought down from Bering sea to pass the winter in this country as an experiment. If they do well we may yet raise our own sealskin coats in inland waters.

American brides entering Germany are to be compelled to pay duty on their wedding outfits. The counts and barons they take over should not cost much if the duty on them is levied as valorem.

Also it is reported that the size of women's hats is being reduced. But the masculine payers of the bills have not yet made the happy discovery that the price has been reduced in proportion.

"We are assured that men are drinking less powdered," observes the Philadelphia Inquirer, "but how is it that the internal revenue increases so fast?" The census figures of 1910 may help you, brother.

That returning tourist who disobeyed father and was fined $600 for failing to declare dutiable articles now realizes that her Uncle Samuel is one relative that will not stand any nonsense.

"Hangar," the French word which is used in connection with flying machines, means merely shed—a place in which an aeroplane may be kept when it is not in use. Shed is short, but it will not be as hard to learn to say hangar as it was to get chauffeur to roll correctly from the tongue.

10 KILLED BY BLAST

BOILER EXPLOSION SHAKES BUILDINGS AND DEALS INJURY TO SCORES.

IN NEW YORK POWER HOUSE

Several Passengers Lose Lives and Others Are Hurt.—Many Miraculously Escape In the Near-by Buildings.

New York, N. Y. — Ten persons lost their lives, at least 125 were injured and fully 1,000 badly shaken up in an explosion of car lighting gas tanks and dynamite in the new six-story power station of the New York Central railroad, under course of construction. The scene is near the heart of the city. Nine bodies have been recovered and the bodies of four workmen are in the wreckage.

A trolley car filled with high school students was blown from the tracks on Lexington avenue. Four passengers were killed and the others were injured. The car fell off on an automobile which had been hurled before it by the force of the explosion.

Panic as Buildings Totter.

Fire Chief Croker says that in his opinion the first explosion was that of lighting gas and the second explosion that of 100 pounds of dynamite which lay within 50 feet of the gas tank. The force of the explosion shattered hundreds of windows in the big hotels and apartment houses in the neighborhood of the big railroad terminal, causing alarm among the guests.

Walls, in many cases, were cracked. A cloud of smoke hung over the scene and bodies were scattered here and there. The Grand Central cut, where new track levels are being excavated, looked as if a battle had been fought in it.

Fire Engine House Wrecked.

The shock, which could be felt for many blocks, partly wrecked the fire engine house near-by and prevented the firemen from getting their apparatus into the street. Monsignors Lapette and Hayes and Fathers O'Connor, McQuade, Sinnott and Byrnes, of St. Patrick's cathedral hurried to the scene and administered the last rites of the church to many of the injured.

At the postoffice substation, Fortieth street and Madison avenue, the explosion slightly injured several clerks and scattered the mail over the floor. In the New York Nursery and Child's hospital ceilings were partly shaken down and the windows broken, but none of the 300 children was badly hurt.

The powerhouse, which is of stone and brick, and six stories high, caught fire after the explosions and the interior was practically burned out. Just what caused the double explosion probably may be never known.

Scores Thrown to Floor.

In the Bible teachers' training school on Lexington avenue, directly opposite the power house, 125 men and women who were on their way to breakfast were thrown to the floor by the blast. Many of the men and women were injured and several of them were taken to hospitals. All the windows in the building were blown in and the ceilings fell.

The damage to the power house and other buildings has not been estimated, but it was stated that it will likely ceed $2,000,000.

Of the 17 firemen in the fire house opposite only one was injured. A little school girl was about to enter a candy store on Fifty-first street when the blast came. She was picked up bodily and carried through the plate glass door of the store and dropped uninjured in front of the candy counter.

District Attorney Whitman visited the scene of the disaster and conferred with a number of officials of the New York Central. He said the explosion was caused by illuminating gas. Cornelius Vanderbilt also made an investigation.

Blast Kills Miners.

Fairmont, West Virginia. — Two miners were killed by an explosion of gas in the Middletown mine of the Consolidation Coal company, 10 miles from Fairmont.

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

Twin City Markets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Wheat, May, $1.02¾; July, $1.03¾; No. 1 northern, $1.01¾; No. 2 northern, $1.00¼; No. 1 durum, 84c; No. 3 corn, 42c; No. 3 white oats, 29c; barley, 51c; No. 2 rye, 71¼c; No. 1 flax, $2.33.

Duluth, Dec. 20.—Wheat, May, $1.04¼; No. 1 northern, $1.02.

South St. Paul, Dec. 20.—Cattle—Steers, $3.00@3.75; cows, $3.00@4.25; calves, $3.10@7.00; hogs, $7.35@7.50; sheep, yearlings, $4.50@5.80.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Cattle—Market 10c higher; beeves, $4.55@7.55; western steers, $4.10@5.90; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.80; cows and heifers, $2.40@6.10; calves, $7.25@9.50.

Hogs—Market 5@10c higher; light, $7.40@7.75; mixed, $7.40@7.80; heavy, $7.40@7.75; rough, $7.40@7.55; good to choice heavy, $7.55@7.75; pigs, $6.80@7.75.

Sheep—Market 10c higher; native, $2.50@4.40; western, $2.65@4.40; yearlings, $4.40@5.75; lambs, native, $4.35@6.40.

FEDERAL OFFICERS RAID BUCKET SHOPS IN CHICAGO

Five Firms Are Hit by Government Arrests on Charges of Using Mails to Defraud.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Forty persons were arrested and five wagon loads of office furniture and paraphernalia were confiscated in a spectacular raid made against alleged bucketshops by officers of the federal department of justice.

Seven brokerage firms, five of which are in Chicago, were caught in the net and a federal warrant is out for Sidmon McHie, known as the "bucket shop king" of Chicago.

Twenty of the persons arrested were taken from the offices of the Capital Investment company, McHie's concern, which has offices in suite 1135 of the Rookery building. All of the furniture and books from these offices, which occupy half of an entire floor, were confiscated and hauled away in patrol wagons.

Other places that were raided follow:

S. J. Haltzatsel, 335 Fifth avenue.

Campbell & Co., Postal Telegraph building.

Murphy & Co., 92 Lasalle street.

Sanderson & Co., third floor, Rookery building.

M. J. Mason & Co., Joliet.

J. L. Dickens & Co., Aurora.

The McHie house has 33 branches in all parts of the country and is reputed to be the most powerful single alleged "bucketshop" organization in the United States. The branch in New York handles millions of dollars worth or business a year and the Chicago branch is said to have bought and sold more than $1,500,000 worth of stocks and bonds each year.

AIR PIPE SAVES TWO LIVES

Men Entombed in Virginia Mine Lie With Mouths at Opening Made With Hammer.

Cincinnati Dec. 16.—Two of 13 men entombed by the double mine explosion at Tacoma, Va., in which ten lives were lost, emerged from the workings in fairly good condition.

G. E. Leapman and John Swete are the survivors of the struggle in the dark. When the explosion occurred they rushed for the airshaft. Finding exit impossible they grasped a sledge hammer and with it broke a hole in a small air pipe.

By placing their mouths near this hole they obtained sufficient oxygen to keep the deadly gases formed by the explosion from their lungs. Unable to leave the scanty supply of air, they were forced to watch the futile struggles of other workmen to reach the spot.

TRAPPED ROBBER KILLS SELF

Holds Up Bank, Ties Five Employes, Escapes With $2,500—Surrounded by Posse.

Salina, Kan., Dec. 16.—Earl Ward, thirty years old, who robbed the State bank of Paradise, at Paradise, Kan., securing $2,500, killed himself when surrounded by a posse of farmers 14 miles north of that place.

Ward, who lived 12 miles northeast of Luray, Kan., went to Paradise, bought a revolver, ammunition and a coil of rope. He then went to the bank, where he covered Cashier Bert O'Brien and four other men with the weapon.

After the safe had been opened by the cashier at Ward's direction, the five men were marched into a back room and forced to lie on the floor. The lone bandit then tied the men and gagged them with a gunny sack.

BEDOUINS ROB U. S. TOURISTS

Turkish Troops Are Annihilated at El Krak and Government Officials Slain—Christians Safe.

Constantinople, Dec. 16.—An account of the uprising of the Bedouins is brought by an Englishman who was an eye witness of the attack at El Krak. He states that the Bedouins, infuriated by the attempt of several companies of Turkish regulars to disarm them, rushed upon the troops simultaneously and annihilated them. The government officers were also killed.

The Christians were not molested by the tribesmen with the exception of eight American tourists, who were robbed of all their money on the way to Petral.

ST. LOUIS BALL CLUB SOLD

R. T. Hedges Transfers His Stock in "Browns" to Syndicate—Price Not Made Public.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—Attorneys representing R. L. Hedges, majority owner of the St. Louis American league baseball team, and a local syndicate have a contract transferring Hedges' holdings to the syndicate. The consideration was not named.

New York, Dec. 17.—It was decided by the National League of Baseball Clubs to make the schedule 154 games for the 1911 season. Last season 168 games were played. The games will start on April 12 and end about October 12.

Baby Drowns in a Pail.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Joseph Michalski went to a neighbor's, leaving her two children alone. On her return ten minutes later she found the body of the younger child, nine months old, head foremost in a pail. The baby had been drowned in six inches of water.

OH, WHAT'S THE USE?

EX-MINISTER IN CELL

HIGH OFFICIAL IN DENMARK RECEIVES EIGHT-YEAR SENTENCE FOR STEALING.

FRIEND OF KING FREDERICK

P. A. Albert Confesses Peculations After Long Delaying Exposure—Amount Involved Is $2,300,000—Revelation Shocked Whole Country.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 19.—Former Minister of Justice P. A. Alberti, the revelation of whose banking frauds in the fall of 1908 scandalized the country, received a sentence of eight years in prison. Alberti suffered a physical collapse in March, 1909, when awaiting trial, and was removed to a hospital, where he remained until his health improved.

Long a Commanding Figure.

For fourteen years Alberti had held a commanding place both in politics and in finance. He was a member of the Deuntzer ministry and later dominated the Christensen cabinet, which he entered as minister of justice in 1905. As president of the Bondesstandens Sparkasse, a savings bank, and of the Danish Farmers' Export association, he was the custodian of enormous funds, to which he began to help himself, according to his confession, seven years before he accepted the portfolio of justice.

Confesses When Resources Fail.

Unpleasant rumors had been in circulation for some time before and exposure came, but the minister was the intimate of King Frederick and the idol of the poorer classes, and his financial genius, indomitable will and brilliant oratory saved him repeatedly. But the time came when he could no longer cover his tracks, and, hard pressed, Alberti confessed that he had misused the funds of the bank and that he had robbed the export association and its customers from the day that it began business in 1888.

Alberti's peculations amounted, he said, to about $2,300,000 and the money had been lost in South African and American mining ventures. Popular indignation was so intense that Premier Christensen, who only recently had affirmed Alberti's honesty, was forced to submit the resignation of the cabinet.

WHITE NEW MINERS' HEAD?

Election Returns Indicate Overwhelming Defeat of President Thomas L. Lewis, Candidate for Return.

Chicago, Dec. 19. — The election returns from the miners' union received by labor officials in Chicago indicate that President Thomas L. Lewis will be defeated for re-election. John P. White of Iowa carried the Illinois local unions by 30,000 to 3,157 cast for Lewis. These returns are from 170 out of 332 local unions.

Forty-four local unions in Iowa gave White 4,825 votes to 1,291 for Lewis. Twenty-five locals in Indiana gave Lewis 520 votes and White 1,825. Fifty-four locals in Kansas cast a vote of 4,445 for White and 1,381 for Lewis.

The total returns probably will be tabulated some time this week.

BRIBE JURY IS DISMISSED

Nine to Three Is Nearest Approach to Verdict in Erbstein "Fixing" Case.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Three jurors saved Attorney Charles E. Erbstein from conviction on the charge that he bribed Grant McCutchen, juror in the second trial of Legislator Lee O'Neil Browne, to vote for his client's acquittal. The first ballot stood nine for conviction to three for acquittal, and none of the six ballots gave the defendant a majority.

At the finish the division was six to six. When the jurors informed Judge Brentano that they were hopelessly split, he discharged them.

Star Pointer, Racer, Dead.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Star Pointer, the famous pacer—1:59¼—and with a race record at 2:00¼, died at Rosewood stock farm, Maury county, Tennessee. He was twenty-one years old, and was owned by J. A. Murphy of New York.

SENATOR YOUNG MAKES HIS MAIDEN SPEECH

Takes Tariff for His Subject—Says Nation Needs a Rest From Agitation.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Lafayette Young of Iowa made his maiden speech in the senate. Incidentally he stepped on the toes of his colleague, Senator Cummins, and, while admitting that tariff revision was necessary, refused to indorse the Cummins proposal to amend the rules of the senate and house to bring such a thing to pass. In closing he called on those Republicans pledged to a revision to accomplish all they can by March 4 and then "to subside with their agitation and give the country a rest."

"My colleague on Tuesday said there were gross inequalities in the tariff enacted in 1909," said Mr. Young at the outset. "This statement undoubtedly is true and would be true if my colleague and those in sympathy with him were to put in the next five years in rewriting the schedules. Schedules are prolific in opportunity for attack. It has always been true and will continue to be true so long as there is a duty on imports."

With the declaration that tariff legislation never could be made perfect or universally satisfactory, Mr. Young urged that the duty of public men and the public press was to accept the Payne-Aldrich law and let the country get down to the transactions of business. He pointed out that changes in the bill will not stem the tide of criticism setting in from those interests whose welfare is touched.

BEEF AND OLEO MEN ARE HIT

Federal Jury Return True Bills Against Packers Supplementary to Former Ones.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Two indictments were returned by the federal grand jury before Judge Landis in the United States district court against meat packers and against prominent men in the oleomargarine industry.

The latter indictment was ordered suppressed until service was obtained on the men named in it.

Louis F. Swift, Edward F. Swift, Charles H. Swift, Francis A. Fowler, Edward Tilden, J. Ogden Armour, Arthur Meeker, Thomas J. Connors, Edward Morris and Louis H. Heyman were named in the beef indictment and charged with entering into a combination in restraint of trade.

This new indictment was returned to avoid any of the technicalities with which the former indictments have been surrounded.

70 FAMILIES ARE DROWNED

Island in Costa Rica Sinks Out of Sight, Following a Series of Earth Shocks.

Port Limon, Costa Rica, Dec. 19.—At least 70 families, variously estimated at from 150 to 170 men, women and children, were drowned following the sinking of their island home.

The island is in the center of the Utopango lagoon, off Salvadore, disappeared after a series of earthquake and slid into the depths of the lagoon, carrying with it nearly all of the inhabitants.

The sinking of the island is said to have followed a series of earthquake shocks which were felt throughout the republic.

DR. GAPEN, ALIENIST, DEAD

End Comes While Asleep in Home at Madison, Wis.—Began Bryan Stampede.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—Dr. Clarke Gapen, aged sixty years, the well-known alienist, died while asleep in a chair. Death was caused by heart and kidney troubles.

Dr. Gapen was credited with having started the stampede which resulted in the nomination of William J. Bryan for president at the Democratic national convention in 1896.

Great Plot to Smuggle in Chinese.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The investigations, following the smuggling into San Francisco of 16 contraband Chinese on the steamship Manchuria, will result, it is said, in the uncovering of a gigantic traffic in orientals, in which white men are engaged.

ALLAYS WAR SCARE

TAFT DECLARES COUNTRY HAS NOT SLIGHTEST CAUSE FOR ALARM.

AT PEACE WITH ALL NATIONS

President Does Not Find Our Army Ineffective, But Says There Is Need of More Trained Officers—Coast Defense Excellent.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft, in an address before the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, gave assurances that the country need not fear the so-called war scare.

He said: "There is not the slightest reason for such a sensation because we are at peace with all the nations of the world, and are quite likely to remain so."

Moreover, the president declared he does not find our army ineffective and inefficient, though he said more trained officers are needed and that we ought to have ammunition and guns enough for ready use in cases of emergency.

"A little more forethought, a little more attention to the matter on the part of congress," he said, "and we shall have all of the army, and all of the munitions and material of war that we ought to have in a republic situated as we are, 2,000 miles on the one hand, and 5,000 miles on the other, from the source of hostile invasion."

Coast Defense Is Excellent.

The president declared the United States has excellent coast defenses for every important harbor that an enemy would enter. He summarized the preparedness of the country for war by saying:

"We probably ought to see to it that we have ammunition and guns enough for ready use in cases of emergency. We have a small but efficient army of 80,000 men. We have a militia of about 125,000 men. The army is so constituted that we could enlarge it from a skeleton organization into a much larger body. We ought to have more trained officers so as to furnish the teachers to a larger body of men that war might require us to enlist.

Navy Strong and Canal Will Help.

"We have a good navy, and with the opening of the Panama canal it will be a much more effective one. It could be useful to prevent the coming of an invading army across the seas.

"The people of this country will never consent to the maintenance of a standing army which military experts will pronounce sufficiently large to cope in battle with the standing armies of the greater powers, should they get by our navy, avoid our harbor defenses and descend upon our coast. If this leaves us in a position of helplessness, then so be it. For those who understand the popular will in this country know that it cannot be otherwise."

Dickinson's Report Alarming.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Helpless in the face of a powerful foe, with its standing army about one-third as large as it should be, supplies lacking and military organization defective—this is the alarming picture of the situation of the United States drawn by Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson in his secret report to the house. The report, which the house refused to accept because it was presented to it as a secret, has become public property here and the subject of much discussion. It was sent in response to the resolution of Representative McLachlan of California asking as to the condition of the defenses.

Wants Army of 450,000.

Mr. Dickinson recommends that the standing army be increased to a minimum of 450,000 men, that there be adequate war supplies on hand at all times for the regular and militia forces, that congress adopt a definite military policy and that a permanent council of defense be organized.

A summary of the report shows that the secretary first pointed out the total unpreparedness of the United States for war; the lack of guns and other supplies, and defects in the army system.

"In my opinion this country cannot, so far as its land forces are concerned," continued Mr. Dickinson, "be considered in a state of readiness for defense or to repel invasion if attempted on our coast by any first-class power having the shipping to transport and the navy to protect the transit of her armed forces over the sea."

WOMAN SLAIN, SEEK ADMIRER

Posse and Officers Search Country For W. H. Morris of Plano, Ill., As Suspect.

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Stella Dumas, believed to be the divorced wife of Harry Dumas of Streator, Ill., was shot to death in the main street of Montgomery, a suburb of Aurora.

Within a half hour the Aurora police, augmented by a posse of farmers, were searching the country for W. H. Morris, a resident of Plano. He had been seen with the murdered woman just before the shooting.

At the same time the search for Morris was being made, committees of two fraternal insurance orders in Plano were investigating alleged shortages in Morris' accounts. It was said his shortages would aggregate from $900 to $600.

Threats of lynching were made by members of armed squads of farmers who were searching for the murderer.

An Officer's Thanks

By DOROTHY BLACKMORE

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"I'll finish this year at the academy, take one more cruise, mother, and then you may pick out a girl for me."

Lieut. Philip Roland said this half jestingly, half seriously. He had come home for the holiday and was sitting with his mother in the conservatory opening from the great New England dining room of the old homestead.

"That's what you always say, my boy," Mrs. Roland replied. "And, mind you, Phil, the only reason I want you to marry at all is so that you will settle down in some port this side of China and be able to get home oftener than you do."

The young man placed his hand over his mother's. "A purely selfish reason, eh? Well, fifteen days in five years isn't a very good record for a man with as good a home as I have, I'll admit. But—the navy's the navy, mother."

Mrs. Roland nodded her head sagely. "I know that," she sighed.

"And yet I've been instructing in the academy for three years," the young man continued, a half-apologetic note in his voice; "with only summer cruises to break the monotony. I've been teaching the young idea how to navigate and—"

"And stay away from his home," the mother interrupted.

"Perhaps; but not intentionally, mother."

There was silence for a few moments while the canary overhead threw dodwn seed pods on the two.

Philip spoke at last. "And who

"May I Say Further—Today—"

dines with us to-morrow? Who helps us to be thankful we have mince pie and turkey to eat?"

"Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe."

"They're not new—not exciting. Who else?"

"Helena Taylor," added the mother, looking keenly at her son.

"And her husband?" Philip half asked, half declared.

His mother shook her head. "Not this year," she said. Then, suddenly, she rose. "And I have much to do, dear. The day before Thanksgiving is a busy day for a good housekeeper, my boy."

"And you're all of that," Philip called after her as she disappeared through the doorway.

The tall young officer studied the end of his cigar. Then he puffed two or three deliberate, thoughtful puffs and leaned back in his chair.

"Helena Taylor, eh? It's three years to-morrow since she and I met. If mother really wants me to marry, she had better stop asking Helena here. She spoils all other women for me. I cannot marry for years after I've seen her. What a pity she married that fellow! Nice enough chap—Bob, but—"

His soliloquy led him always to the same result—a figurative cry over the milk that was spilled. The girl had married another man while he was on his midshipman cruise and he had never taken interest in another woman.

A lifetime friend of the family and an orphan, Helena Madison had always been a guest in the Roland homestead during holidays, and after she married a townsman it was natural that her husband should be included in the invitation. And after Philip left home it was the same; she came as often as ever and the mother never knew of the effect her marriage had had on her son. Always unconscious of it, she had made it a point to ask the girl to the little reunions of old friends she planned for Philip's homecoming.

This year there had been so much gathering, but—Helena was coming to take her old place at the Thanksgiving table. In the last year the mother had learned much, but her son was ignorant of her fuller knowledge of his life.

If she knew now with what mixed emotions the young man waited the coming of the great feast day, she did not show it. Nor did she betray the secret she was holding in her heart. She was the same busy, tender mother, but she avoided tete-a-tete hours with him, pleading duty as her excuse for hurrying away when he began to question her about the old friends.

During the night the snow fell over everything, and when Philip opened his eyes and looked out of the long old-fashioned window by his bed he felt that he—and all the world—had much to be thankful for. The pure white blanket with its sparkling surface spread over everything for miles around and the green of the fir trees alone lent color to the picture. The Roland house stood far away from neighbors back in a wonderful old garden.

Philip sat before the big crackling logs when he heard the first sound of sleigh bells in the distance. He listened intently and the jingle grew clearer; it was coming up the long driveway. He sat erect. Perhaps it was Helena! Or it might be his aunt and uncle.

In a moment the great front door swung open and he heard his mother greet Helena Taylor. He went quickly toward the hall and met them in the archway.

"It's three years today, Philip," Helena was saying when he took her hand.

"The time hasn't done much to you anyway," the young man returned. "You can be thankful for that, can't she, mother?" he asked.

Mrs. Roland looked up at the tall girl and the eyes of both women filled suddenly with tears. Philip caught his breath sharply. What had he said? He turned toward the fire. They both followed, his mother with her arm about the girl.

"Philip," his mother began when they stood looking down into the flames, "the years you just spoke of have done more to—to Helena than you know. She—she—"

"I lost Bob two years ago, Phil," Helena finished.

"I did not tell you, dear," the mother began, "because it has always been my policy to keep everything but happy news of home from you. Then, a year ago, when Helena came to stay with me for a week or two I learned something I had never even dreamed of—that you had once cared for her."

Philip started as if he would have spoken; then he drew himself together.

"Later, by common if silent consent, we decided to wait until today to—to let you know. Helena has always been with us on this day, and poor Bob, too, when he was here. Somehow, I felt you would rather have us tell you together, dear." The little woman looked up at her big son and understood that she had done the right thing in his eyes.

The arrival of the other guests precluded the continuance of the intimate conversation and the trend of things led them all to gayer channels and holiday-making.

It was not until Uncle Joe and Aunt Mary had followed their hostess to the upper regions that Helena and Philip were alone together.

"I told mother yesterday that I would finish this year at the academy, take one more cruise and then return to look over any girl she might have picked out for me to marry," the young man said, looking at Helena.

"A capital idea," she said, gayly.

"That was yesterday," he added.

"So you said."

"May I say further—today—tonight?" he asked, earnestly.

Helena did not answer; her gayety had deserted her.

"While I was on another cruise—years ago—you slipped away from me. I lost you. Suppose this time I choose port duty, a home—and you? Will you marry me, Helena?"

And when she had promised he told her it was his first really thankful Thanksgiving since he left home, for, as he explained, he had come home only to find her and be unable to get her. Nothing else had seemed worth being thankful for, he whispered to her.

The Wisdom of a Toad.

A scientific journal tells this story of a frog's cunning: "A brood of chickens was fed with moistened meal in saucers and when the dough soured a little it attracted a large number of flies. An observant toad had evidently noticed this, and every day toward evening he would make his appearance in the yard, hop to a saucer, climb in and roll over and over until he was covered with meal, having done which he awaited developments. The flies, enticed by the smell, soon swarmed around the scheming batrachian and, when one passed within two inches or so of his nose, his tongue darted out and the fly disappeared. This plan worked so well that the toad made a regular business of it."

A Guileful Girl.

"She asked me to teach her to skate."

"I taught her to skate last winter."

"The deuce! Then she's fooling me."

"Don't take it that way, old fellow. Maybe she thinks she needs a post graduate course."

Mistletoe Is Dangerous.

Few people who know mistletoe only as a desirable feature of Christmas decorations understand that the plant is a parasite dangerous to the life of trees in the regions in which it grows. It is only a question of time, after mistletoe once begins to grow upon a tree before the tree itself will be killed. The parasite saps the life of the infected branches. Fortunately, it is of slow growth, taking years to develop to large proportions, but when neglected, it invariably ruins all trees it reaches.

English Women Smoke Pipes.

The latest fancy of the woman smoker is a pipe—not the tiny affair that suffices for the Japanese, but a good-sized brier or a neat meerschaum. The pipe is boldly carried along with a gold card case and chain-purse. For some time now the cigarette has given place to a cigar, small in size and mild in quality. Women said they were tired of the cigarette, and wanted a bigger smoke.—London Mail.

Cripple Rides Bicycle.

George Anstey, aged 12, a cripple, of Leicester, England, is one of the most remarkable cyclists in the country. Both his legs are withered and useless, but the Leicester Cripples' Guild has provided him with a two-wheeled pedalless machine, with a padded tube covering the axle bar. Across this he lies face foremost, and with wooden clogs strapped to his hands he propels himself along the streets and roads in a marvelously rapid manner. He has complete control of the machine, his hands acting as pedals, steering gear, and brake combined.

Pretty Good Definition.

We hear some funny things in Fleet street sometimes, and the following definition of the height of aggravation, by a gentleman in rather shaky boots, whom we encountered in a well-known hostelry the other day, struck us as being particularly choice.

"The 'eight of haggravation, gentlemen," said this pothouse humorist, setting his pewter on the counter and looking round proudly, with the air of one about to let off a good thing, "the 'eight of haggravation—why, trying to ketch a flea out o' yer ear with a pair of boxin' gloves."—London Tit-Bits.

An Alaskan Luncheon.

Runners of woven Indian basketry, with white drawnwork doilies at each of the 12 covers, were used on an oval mahogany table. The doilies were made at Sitka. In the middle of the table a mirror held a tall central vase of frosted glass, surrounded by four smaller vases, all filled with white spring blossoms. The edge of the mirror was banked with the same flowers. Four totem poles were placed on doilies in the angles made by the runners.

Place cards were water colors of Alaskan scenery. Abalone shells held salted nuts, and tiny Indian baskets held bonbons. The soup spoons were of horn, several of the dishes used were made by Alaskan Indians, and the cakes were served on baskets.

The menu was as follows: Poisson a la Bering Sea (halibut chowder), Yukon climbers (broiled salmon, potatoes Julienne), snowbirds avec auroraborealis (roast duck with jelly), Shungnak river turnips, Tanana beets, Skagway hash (salad), Fairbanks nuggets (ripe strawberries arranged on individual dishes around a central mound of powdered sugar), arctic slices (brick ice cream), Circle City delights (small cakes), Klondike nuggets (yellow cheese in round balls on crackers), Nome firewater (coffee).—Woman's Home Companion.

Acknowledgment.

"You will admit that you owe a great deal to your wife?"

"I should say so," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I wouldn't be invited to any of her receptions or musicales if I wasn't married to her."

Disqualified.

Her—My brother won first prize in that amateur guessing contest, but they ruled him out as a professional.

Him—A professional?

Her—Yes. He's employed in the government bureau, you know.

Lightning Change.

The Manager—Can you make quick changes and double in a few parts?

The Actor—Can I? Say, you know the scene in "Love and Lobsters," where the hero and the villain are fighting, and a friend rushes in and separates 'em? Well, I played all three parts one night when the other two fellows were ill.

Not Altogether Dead.

Mr. Robert Butler of Marlborough, England, has had the peculiar experience of hearing his death announced. He was attending the poor law conference at Exeter when one of the delegates moved that, in consequence of the death of Mr. Butler, which they all regretted, another gentleman, whom he named, should be appointed to fill his place as one of the representatives of Wiltshire on the central committee. Mr. Butler rose from his place on the platform and announced to the conference, amid much amusement, that, so far as he was aware, he was still alive and in good health, and would be pleased to continue in the office if the conference desired.

Bankers and Bank Notes.

Four men, three of whom were connected with brokerage concerns in the Wall street district, were discussing United States paper currency and the disappearance of counterfeits. "We are so sure nowadays," said one of the party, "as to the genuineness of bills that little attention is paid to them in handling, except as to denomination." To prove his assertion he took a $10 yellowback from his pocket, and, holding it up, asked who could tell whose portrait it bore. No one knew, and by way of coaching the broker said it was the first treasurer of the United States. Again no one knew the name. "Why, it's Michael Hillegas," said the man proudly. "But in confidence, I'll tell you, I didn't know it five minutes ago."—New York Tribune.

Vivid at Least.

Dr. Hiram C. Cortlandt, the well-known theologian of Des Moines, said in a recent address:

"Thomas A. Edison tells us that he thinks the soul is not immortal; but, after all, what does this great wizard know about souls? His forte is electricity and macuinery, and when he talks of souls he reminds me irresistibly of the young lady who visited the Baldwin locomotive works and then told how a locomotive is made.

"'You pour,' she said, 'a lot of sand into a lot of boxes, and you throw old stove lids and things into a furnace, and they you empty the molten stream into a hole in the sand, and everybody yells and swears. Then you pour it out and let it cool and pound it, and then you put it in a thing that bores holes in it. Then you screw it together, and paint it, and put steam in it, and it goes splendidly; and they take it to a drafting room and make a bluep rint of it. But one thing I forgot—they have to make a boiler. One man gets inside and one gets outside, and they pound frightfully; and then they tie it to the other thing, and you ought to see it go!'"

Echoes of Munchausen.

It was an absent-minded traveler who had lately taken to ballooning.

"Yes," he observed impressively. "It was a fearful journey. The machine, a thousand feet up, and no more ballast, headed straight for Siberia, and the rarefied air—well, you know as well as I do what effect that has on a balloon. Yes, the peril was terrible." Then the old habit was too strong for him. "The wolves detected our presence. A desperate race ensued. We felt their hot breath on the nape of our necks."—London Globe.

Largest of Whales.

The largest whale of its type of which there is scientific record was captured recently off Port Arthur, Tex. He measured sixty-three feet in length, and was estimated to be about three hundred years old. Captain Cob Plummer, mate of a United States pilot boat, sighted the monster in the shoals off the jetties, and the crew of his vessel captured the mammal. The huge body was towed ashore, exhibited and much photographed before being cut up.

Rat Bounty Excites Merriment.

Seattle, fearing the introduction of bubonic plague by rats, has offered a bounty of ten cents a rat. This moves Tacoma, safe from infection from the sea, to raucous laughter, and the Ledger says that the bounty, "though not intended for rodents of Tacoma, Everett, Bellingham and other populous and busy centers, has been finding its way into the pockets of nonresidents of Seattle for non-resident rats. But the joke would be on us if it were found that our rat population had found its way into the Seattle census."

Two Very Old Ladies.

We have heard a great deal lately about long-lived people, but it is probable that the oldest two people in the world today are Frau Dutkievitz and another old lady named Babavaslika.

The former lives at Posem, in Prussian Poland, and was born on February 21, 1785. She is therefore one hundred and twenty-five years old. The latter, however, is nine months her senior, having been born in May, 1784.

She is still a fairly hale old woman, and for nearly one hundred years worked in the fields. Her descendants number close on 100, and these now make her a joint allowance. She lives at the village of Bavelsko, whose neighborhood she has never quitted during the whole of her long life. She remembers events which happened at the beginning of last century much more clearly than those of the last 40 years.—Dundee Advertiser.

Too Ardent a Lover.

Georgotto Fontano, an embroiderer who lives in the Rue Sevres in Paris, has found herself condemned to a month's imprisonment for what seems to her a harmless act.

She was going home from a concert a few evenings ago when she decided she would like to see her fiance. As he happens to be a fireman whose station is in her own neighborhood it occurred to her it would be very easy to summon him to her side by breaking the glass of the fire alarm and sounding a call.

She did so anr in a few moments fire engines came from several directions, all laden with firemen, of course, but alas! her fiance was not among them, and more than that all the firemen were angry, and before she knew what had happened she was taken to a magistrate, who proceeded to make the course of true love run unsmoothly by sending her to prison for a month in spite of her tears and protests that she thought it would be a simple way of bringing her fiance to her side.

The Bright Side.

Nebuchadnezzar was lurching in his accustomed style.

"All flesh being grass," he reflected, "this must be Beef a la Mowed."

And chuckling hoarsely, he took another chaw.—Puck.

Kindly Intentions.

"A man who enjoys seeing a woman in tears is a brute."

"I don't know about that," replied Miss Cayenne. "One of the kindest husbands I know takes his wife to see all the emotional plays."

Takes Himself Seriously.

Nicola Tesla, dining by himself in a hotel's great dining room, takes a table where he can be seen. Throughout his meal he wears a deeply studious, a completely absorbed, attitude. He may bring to the table a portfolio filled with papers. These he may scan with prolonged solemnity. In any event, he sits an eloquent tableau of profundity.—New York Press.

Holidays in the States.

Washington's birthday is a holiday in all states. Decoration day in all states but Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Labor day is observed everywhere. Virtually every state has legal holidays having to do with its own special affairs—battle of New Orleans in Louisiana, Texan independence and battle of San Jacinto in Texas, Admission day in California, and so on. Mississippi is like the federal government in lack of statutory holidays, but by common consent Independence day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are observed. A new one is Columbus day in a few of the states.

Planting Wedding Oaks.

Princess August Wilhelm, wife of the kaiser's fourth son, has set herself the task of reviving one of Germany's oldest customs, that according to which newly wedded couples immediately after the marriage ceremony plant a couple of oak saplings side by side in a park or by the roadside of their native town.

The town of Mulchausen, in Thuringia, is the first to respond to the princess' appeal. A municipal official appears at the church door after every wedding and invites the bride and bridegroom to drive with him in a carriage to a new road near the town and there plant oak saplings.

The tree planting idea was started by a former elector of Brandenburg with the object of repairing the ravages caused by the 30 years' war. The elector forbade young persons to marry until they had planted a number of fruit trees.

An Unnecessary Confession.

A hearty laugh was occasioned at the Birmingham police court by a prisoner who gave himself away in a very delightful manner. The man was the first on the list, and the charge against him was merely one of being drunk and disorderly. He stepped into the dock, however, just at the moment when the dock officer was reading out a few of the cases which were to come before the court that morning, and a guilty conscience apparently led him to mistake these items for a list of his previous convictions.

He stood passive enough while the officer read out about a dozen drunk and disorderlies, but when he came to one "shopbreaking" the prisoner exclaimed excitedly, "That was eight years ago, your honor." Everyone began to laugh, and the prisoner, realizing the blunder he had made, at first looked very black indeed, but finally saw the humorous side of the matter, and a broad smile spread over his face. His blunder did not cost anything.—Birmingham Mail.

That Suit for Libel

Against the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Gave a Splendid Chance to Bring Out Facts

A disagreement about advertising arose with a "weekly" Journal.

Following it, an attack on us appeared in their editorial columns; sneering at the claims we made particularly regarding Appendicitis.

We replied through the regular papers and the "weekly" thought we hit back rather too hard and thereupon sued for libel.

The advertisement the "weekly" attacked us about claimed that in many cases of appendicitis an operation could be avoided by discontinuing indigestible food, washing out the bowels and taking a predigested food Grape-Nuts.

Observe we said MANY cases not all.

Wouldn't that knowledge be a comfort to those who fear a surgeon's knife as they fear death?

The "weekly" writer said that was a lie.

We replied that he was ignorant of the facts.

He was put on the stand and compelled to admit he was not a Dr. and had no medical knowledge of appendicitis and never investigated to find out if the testimonal letters to our Co. were genuine.

A famous surgeon testified that when an operation was required Grape-Nuts would not obviate it. True.

We never claimed that when an operation was required Grape-Nuts would prevent it.

The surgeon testified bacteria [germs] helped to bring on an attack and bacteria was grown by undigested food frequently.

We claimed and proved by other famous experts that undigested food was largely responsible for appendicitis.

We showed by expert testimony that many cases are healed without a knife, but by stopping the use of food which did not digest, and when food was required again it was helpful to use a predigested food which did not overtax the weakened organs of digestion.

When a pain in the right side appears it is not always necessary to be rushed off to a hospital and at the risk of death be cut.

Plain common sense shows the better way is to stop food that evidently has not been digested.

Then, when food is required, use an easily digested food. Grape-Nuts or any other if you know it to be predigested (partly digested before taking).

We brought to Court analytical chemists from New York, Chicago and Mishawaka, Ind., who swore to the analysis of Grape-Nuts and that part of the starchy part of the wheat and barley had been transformed into sugar, the kind of sugar produced in the human body by digesting starch (the large part of food).

Some of the State chemists brought on by the "weekly" said Grape-Nuts could not be called a "predigested" food because not all of it was digested outside the body.

The other chemists said any food which had been partly or half digested outside the body was commonly known as "predigested."

Splitting hairs about the meaning of a word.

It is sufficient that if only one-half of the food is "predigested," it is easier on weakened stomach and bowels than food in which no part is predigested.

To show the facts we introduce Dr. Thos. Darlington, former chief of the N. Y. Board of Health, Dr. Ralph W. Webster, chief of the Chicago Laboratories, and Dr. B. Sachs, N. Y.

If we were a little severe in our denunciation of a writer, self-confessed ignorant about appendicitis and its cause, it is possible the public will excuse us, in view of the fact that our head, Mr. C. W. Post, has made a lifetime study of food, food digestion and effects, and the conclusions are indorsed by many of the best medical authorities of the day.

Is it possible that we are at fault for suggesting, as a Father and Mother might, to one of the family who announced a pain in the side: "Stop using the food, greasy meats, gravies, mince pie, cheese, too much starchy food, etc., etc., which has not been digested, then when again ready for food use Grape-Nuts because it is easy of digestion?"

Or should the child be at once carted off to a hospital and cut?

We have known of many cases wherein the approaching signs of appendicitis have disappeared by the suggestion being followed.

No one better appreciates the value of a skilful physician when a person is in the awful throes of acute appendicitis, but "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Just plain old common sense is helpful even nowadays.

This trial demonstrated Grape-Nuts food is pure beyond question.

It is partly predigested.

Appendicitis generally has rise from undigested food.

It is not always necessary to operate.

It is best to stop all food.

When ready to begin feeding use a predigested food.

It is palatable and strong in Nourishment.

It will pay fine returns in health to quit the heavy breakfasts and lunches and use less food but select food certainly known to contain the elements nature requires to sustain the body. May we be permitted to suggest a breakfast of fruit, Grape-Nuts and cream, two soft boiled eggs, and some hot toast and cocoa, milk or Postum?

The question of whether Grape-Nuts does or does not contain the elements which nature requires for the nourishment of the brain, also of its purity, will be treated in later newspaper articles.

Good food is important and its effect on the body is also important.

"There's a Reason"

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THAT PARCELS POST.

Unless the Populists in congress known as Insurgents go beyond the wise recommendations of the Executive there will be no general law for a parcels post passed by the present congress. The President's message to Congress discusses the matter but proposes to extend the system at this timeonly to rural routes. This measure is all right except as it may be treated as an entering wedge for the extension of the system. The Pioneer is no friend of the Express Companies and beleives that the rates charged by these companies could and should be cut materially-fifty per cent in many instances—and still the Express companies would make an excellent return on the money invested, but this does not change the conditions existing nor would it justify the extension of the law relative to the carrying of parcels in the mail. We believe that the law should be so framed as to give all an equal chance. It is not just for the postal department to carry a parcel from New York or Philadelphia to the patron of a rural route for the same postage that it would carry a package from Pine City to one of the patrons of the routes running out of this city. The merest glance would show that it places the dealer in the country town at a disadvantage and taxes the public to pay the expense of building up this carrying trade which would discriminate in favor of the large mail order houses. The late Postmaster General John Wannamaker, the proprietor of the largest mail order house in the country was the first man in this country to propose the scheme with any hope of seeing it carried into effect and the paper which is controlled by the Wannamaker interests, the Philadelphia North American is the leading exponent of this proposition in this country. Exactly why these papers want this parcels post is shown in the criticism published by the North American on the proposed bill. It says:

"These rates will apply only on matter mailed at a post office having rural routes, for delivery to patrons on the routes out of such office or to patrons of an intermediate post office on a rural route out of the office of mailing, or from patrons of the routes of to the office, or from patrons of the intermediate post office on the route, to the local patrons of the office from which the route starts. The local residents and patrons only will be entitled to the low rate of postage. It will thus be seen that mail order houses could not take advantage of the rates, as they are purely local and apply on local matter only."

This extract from the wail sent up by this paid tool of the department store shows why the representatives of the cities are so anxious for a parcels post and it is a sad commentary on the country press that it falls in line with the city papers in the crusade. In our own state where we have everything to lose and nothing to gain by such a measure many of the local newspapers of Insurgent tennencies are howling themselves hoarse for a parcels post because it is going to give the express companies "a black eye." It is too bad but is true that all you have to do nowadays to get the country press to help cut the throat of the country merchant is to set up the howl of "corporate benefit" and without giving the matter a serious thought the country editor rushes into the fight with sleeves rolled up ready to help the cities rob the country merchant of the trade that belongs to him. If the people whose interests center around the country town wish to preserve their status in the national distribution of business they should by all means oppose the parcels post and should see to it that their representatives represent the interests of the people they are supposed to represent and not the mail order trusts of the cities.

ORGANIZED OPPOSITION.

A call has been issued for a convention to be held in St. Paul early in January of the men calling themselves "Progressive Republicans", The call has been generally circulated as a meeting to discuss principles. There is no question in the minds of the people who have been keeping watch of the trend of political events for the last three or four years as to what this convention is called for. The element in this state which tried to capture the last State convention in the interests of the insurgent cause and which was turned down by the conservation element in the party now seeks to get together for the purpose of organizing their forces in an early endeavor to capture the convention in 1912. The real object of the convention is to try to organize Minnesota in opposition to President Taft and his friends so that it may be turned over to the Insurgents who have announced their intention to place a Presidential ticket in the field in 1912. No loyal Republican who has the interests of the nation or the party at heart would give countenance to the measure. The movement means simply that there is a faction in this state which wishes to stirr up the same factional strife in Minnesota that exists in other states. The name "Progressive" is used here the same as it is used in other states and particularly in Wisconsin where LaFollette dominates a faction in the Republican party composed of disgruntled Republicans and Democrats of Populistic tendencies and has placed himself at their head. When Minnesota develops the same factional fight that Wisconsin has had on for years it will mean the defeat of Republicanism in the Gopher State.

Just what may be the proper disposition to make of this convention to be called in this state may be questionabl. Sure it is that those who attend should see to it that any effort made to deliver this state to the Insurgents should be headed off and that those who are plotting the overthrow of President Taft should be given to understand that Minnesota is for the Taft administration and the Taft measures first last and all the time. If the Populists in Minnesota wish to organize let them do so and good riddance to them, but they have no right to use the Republican name while trying to defeat the Republican party.

SURE, a rose would smell as sweet by any other name, and Populism smells as bad when known as "Progressive Republicanism" as when called by plain fashioned Populism.

THE man who would drive business out of politics is the same demagogue who tells you that there are no honest men in politics now and will not be until he gets both feet in the public trough.

THE difference between honesty and dishonesty is plainly manifested in the attitude of some people on political questions. When a fellow spends all his time howling about the manner in which "the people" are being wronged it is pretty good evidence of the fact that he is looking for "the people's" votes.

ONE reason who the best moral sentiment of a community is not always represented in its legislation is because the moral element does not make its demands known to the legislative bodies. Lawmakers always respond to the pressure that is brought to bear upon them. Legislatures reflect the sentiment of the state and if the best element of the state wishes recognition it must make itself felt. The man who sits still and prays for the millennium while doing nothing to make his legislature move will never see the fulfillment of his desires. More work and less praying along this line will bring forth more fruit.

WHILE talking about "reform" do not forget that the Taft administration has saved the public several millions in trimming down expenses and in systematizing the public business. It is a safe bet that there isn't a loud-mouthed "reformer" in the bunch who would have had the nerve to cut off the heads of useless employes for the purpose of saving expenses. The motto with the Taft adminlrtration is efficiency in office is the first requisite of service. There are no "snaps" perpetuated by the present administration It isn't popular with the masses political hucksters who want a lot of fat jobs for their friends. Watch the men who are opposing the Taft administration and you will find them to be the fellows who want to turn the administration down so as to let them in.

SENATOR CUMMINGS isn't the whole thing in the Iowa delegation in the U. S. Senate. When his colleague made a speech in the Senate a few days ago he said something which was worth while. He called attention to the fact that the Iowa farmer had been selling pork for 10 cents under the Republican party's administration, and asked Cummings how he was going to run things so that the Iowa farmer would get 10 cents for his hogs and the eastern consumer would get two-cent pork chops? The real facts in the case are that a lot of us folks in farmer states have been filling the farmer's pockets. If there has been a time in the history of the country when the average man did any better or made any more mouey than he has in the last ten years just point it out to us.

DEER VALLEY

Our school is closed for the Holidays and will not be opened again until the 3rd of Jan. 1911.

E. J. Heineman was to Rock Creek last week with a load of turkeys which netted him a neat little sum.

Everyone in the Valley are taking something to town to sell so as to get money for Christmas.

Mr. W. Olson and E. J. Heineman have each had a new wagon box made by Mr. Soukup, the blacksmith at Rock Creek.

A good many friends will come from the twin cities and other places to spend Xmas with relatives and friends in the Valley.

Steve Gillig and Mr. Carpenter were over Monday to load a piano belonging to Mrs. Carpenter. The old log house will have plenty of music now as it did while it was occupied by Chas. Heineman.

ROCK CREEK.

Mr. Johnson expects several car loads of upland hay which he will sell at $11. 00 per ton.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Lindquist, who lives west of town is very ill, with little hopes of his recovery.

J. E Blank, of Stillwater, and Miss Sadie Biederman, of Pine City, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bush. Mr. Blank is a relative of Mrs. Bush. He departed for home on the noon train.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush will depart Saturday for Stillwater to visit with Mrs. Bush's parents. They will return Monday morning as Mr. Bush has to be on hand Monday to receive cream at the creamery.

A brother of Mrs. Bush, Assistant Dairy Inspector made a flying visit from Brainerd to stay a few hours with his sister and family. He had to walk to Rush City to catch the evening train for his home at White Bear Lake.

Comrade Burton is quite a pugilist It seems that young Meyers and Mr. Burton had a chewing match, when Meyers made a lunge at Burton who sidestepped and avoided the blow, in return Mr. Burton hit him a blow on the jaw, so that he immediately left for home.

The Ladies Aid had a social at the John Alguire residence last Friday and according to all reports it was well attended and a neat little sum realized. They will hold a fair at the hall Dec. 26th, with an admittance of 10 cents. Everyone should attend this sale.

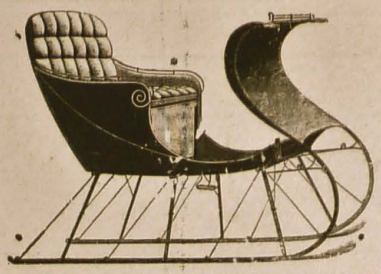
CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the kind friends for the sympathy shown us at the death of our sister, Miss Marie Busch.

THE BUSCH CHILDREN.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
Digests what you eat.

WINTER COMFORTS



Did you ever stop to think what pleasure it is to drive to town in a nice upholstered Sleigh instead of sitting up on a spring seat of a Bob-Sled? There is just as much difference as sleeping in a feather bed and on a board—QUITE A DIFFERENCE.

Comforts like these is what keeps the boys and girls on the farm. We old folks are not as particular as the young people, but we like to enjoy life just the same.

We have a fine stock of New Style Spring Cutters, trimmed in Car Plush, to the cheaper grades in Cloth and Velour.

After looking over our line, and you are not satisfied that we have one of the most up-to-date displays you have ever seen, we are satisfied to pass up this business.

SMITH HARDWARE COMPANY

CHRISTMAS GOODS

If you have not already done your Christmas shopping, do so at once, as some of our best bargains are left

Our store will be closed all day next Monday.

We wish you one and all a Merry Xmas.

PINE CITY MERCANTILE CO.

Now is the time to pick out your Christmas Gifts, and we will set it aside and you can pay for it when you get it

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The Holiday Season is with us again, and the Selecting of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS will be a small task if you will look over our large Stock of Desirable Gifts.

Chafing Dishes, Silverware
Carving Sets, Hand Painted
China, Coffee Percolators,
Cut Glass, Sleds, Skeis,
Skates, Pocket Knives,
Fountain Pens, Razors

And a Large and Complete Stock of Jewelry of all Kinds

W. A. Sauser,

PINE CITY, MINN.

Best Place in Pine County to Buy Hardware and Jewelry

COUNTY SEAT NEWS

—Wood will be received at this office on subscription.

—When you want good flour buy Pillsburgs, at Madden's.

—We wish all our friends and patrons a Happy and Joyous Xmas.

—Frank Karas and son John departed for the pinery Tuesday morning.

—The best blacksmith coal can always be had at Madden's. 20 cents per 100 lbs.

—When you want candy go to Madden's, nice fresh goods and only the best offered.

—Bring your logs and lath bolts to Sower's mill east of the fair grounds on north side of the river.

Clinton Breckenridge, who is attending the State "U" arrived home last Saturday to spend the Holidays.

—A. R. W. Olsen departs today for West Concord to spend Christmas with his sister and other relatives.

—Rudolph Wosmek, who is attending Hamlin "U" arrived home on Saturday to spend the Xmas Holidays.

—The regular Christmas service will be held in the M. E. church Sunday morning. The pastor will preach.

—The Sunday School Xmas program will take the place of the regular evening service next Sunday evening.

—Last week the Pine Poker came out with a Holiday number which is a credit to the hustling editor, A. R. W. Olsen.

—You can find everything you want for Christmas at the Drug Store and we wish you all a Merry Christmas, Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

—Mrs. A. Norton, of Farmington, who has been spending a few days visiting friends and relatives, returned to her home Tuesday noon.

—A big happy family is the Sunday School of the M. E. church. If you belong to no family of this kind, you are welcome to join this one.

—Retta Bede, who is taking a course at the State Agricultural College this year, returned home last week to spend the Xmas Holidays with relatives and friends.

—The Misses Genevieve Lambert and Jessie Stephan, who are attending the Duluth Normal, came down on Tuesday to spend the Holidays with relatives and friends

—John Goodspeed who has been staying at the Soldier's Home at Minnehaha Falls, for some time came up on yesterday morning to spend a few days with friends in this place.

—Three pounds and a half of money was given by the M. E. Sunday School to help relieve sufferers from poverty and sickness in the cities. The children are to be congratulated.

—Rev. M. E. Weisenberg, of Minneapolis, spent a few hours with H. H. Parish and wife Tuesday. He is assisting Rev. Beckendorf of Wyoming in revival meetings this week.

—Found last Saturday on the J. D. Wilcox hill between E. L. Wilcox and David Husted's residence a ladies brown kid glove. Owner can have the same by calling at this office and paying for notice.

—Don't forget the Fireman's ball to be given in Stekl's hall on the evening of December 31st. The boys have secured the North Branch orchestra, and a fine time is promised all those who attend.

—Mrs. William Williams, of St. Paul arrived on Tuesday to see her father, Mr. Chas. Glanville, who is quite seriously ill at his home in this place. Mrs. Williams departed for her home yesterday noon.

—Henry Grote, of Greeley, who departed a week ago yesterday for Los Angeles, Cal., to accompany the remains of his sister-in-law, Miss Marie Husch, arrived with the corpse on Tuesday's eleven o'clock train.

—Beginning November 1st, 1910 we will discontinue giving trade checks. We are going to give away at noon, December 31st, 1910, a $50 Edison Phonograph. Come in and get the particulars. You know the place, Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

—John Hurley, who is taking a course of Mining Engineering at the State "U" returned to his home in this place Wednesday to spend the Holidays with relatives and friends. He will return to his studies Monday the 2nd day of January.

H. W. Harnd, Optical Specialist of St. Paul, will visit Pine City professionally, Wednesday Dec. 28. All persons having defective eyes or needing their glasses changed should call and see him. Office at Hotel Agnes.

—At the last meeting of the Modern Brotherhood of America, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, M. A. Stephens; vice-president; Lucinda Sherwood; Secretary, Ella Stephens; Treasurer, John Stochl; Conductor, Mamie Peterson; Chaplain, Hattie Stephens; Watchman, Ged. Sherwood; Sentry, Geo, Carlson; Trustees, Chas. Jackson, Henry Spindler and Geo. Sherwood.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Faith Pennington is absent on account of illness.

The fifth grade pupils are making Xmas calendars.

Gladys Ingleston was out last week on account of illness.

The teachers will spend Christmas at their various homes.

Mrs. R. J. Hawley visited the primary department on Friday.

Chester Barnum has been bothered for several days with a sprained wrist.

Geo. Prochaska is back at school after an absence of several days on account of illness.

The first debate will be held on Jan. 12, 1611 the Thursday after school begins. It will be between the Duluth Industrial and our own high school. The Duluth team will have the affirmative. The debate will be held here and a large crowd will be expected. The school needs the support of the town people in this affair and we hope they will do their best in every way.

NORMAL NOTES.

Marie McAdam is out of school this week.

Nellie Miller is out of school this week.

Anna Swanson is on the sick list this week.

Word has been received from Edith Holbrook lately of this department, but she is now teaching in Dakota. Edith states that she likes the work and that everything is going along nicely.

MEADOW LAWN.

Alfred Decker received his new violin Saturday.

The oyster supper was well attended Saturday evening.

Arthur Armmond left Saturday for Breckenridge, Minn., to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nicols are nicely located in their little log cabin in Meadow Lawn.

Mr. Plaisted, of Breckenridge, is visiting at the home of his daughters, Mrs. Harry Clemmens.

Mrs. Berkey and daughter, Mrs. Norton spent Thursday afternoon the guest of Mrs. Robt. Hamlin,

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Purdy will leave Thursday for Aiden, Minn., where they will visit friends and relatives for a week or so.

Victor Plaisted had a bad accident happen to him Sunday when his horse turned a corner and tipped over the buggy throwing Vic. to the ground the fills were broken out but no further damage done.

The dance given by Frank Purdy Saturday evening was well attended, all report a jolly time it being Frank's wedding dance. There was a collection taken up among the men which amounted to about $25.00 which was presented to the young couple, besides many other presents they received.

BETSEY BOBBIT.

THE PROPER COURSE

Information of Priceless Value to Every Pine City Citizen.

How to act in an emergency is knowledge of inestimable worth, and this is particularly true of the diseases and ills of the human body. If you suffer with backache, urinary disorders, or any form of kidney trouble, the advice contained in the following statement will add a valuable assest to your store of knowledge. What could be more convincing proof of the efficiency of Doan's Kidney Pills than the statement of Pine City citizens who have been permanently cured?

Adolph Kaim, of Pine City., Minn., says: "Three years ago I suffered from headache, dizzy spells and trouble with the kidney secretions. I was advised to use Doan's Kidney Pills and I did so, getting a supply at Breckenridge's Pharmacy. I quickly realized that they were an ideal kidney medicine, for they entirely relieved me. I gave a public account of my experience at that time and now I cheerfully endorse Doan's Kidney Pills again. Other members of my family have taken Doan's Kidney Pills for backache and have received positive relief."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Millburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

DIED IN WASAINGTON.

Turner Hawk died at his home in the Lone Pine district last Tuesday, December 6. The deceased was born at Frankfort, Iowa, July 7, 1851, and had resided in this section of the country for several years. Funeral services were held at the Lone Pine school house Wednesday, conducted by Rev. Norcross of the Christian church of this city. Interment was in the Lone Pine cemetery. A wife and several children are left behind to mourn the loss of a loving husband and a kind father. —The Tekoa Blade, Washington.

Turner Hawk was a Pine City resident from 1880 to 1899 and his many old friends in this place will be sorry to hear of his death.

WILLOW RIVER

A Merry Christmas to all.

Ed. Clough is busy hauling land seekers these days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mottle were in Denham one day last week.

H. T. Carlson, of Moose Lake, was a Willow caller Tuesday.

Peter Praxel made a trip to Moose Lake Tuesday in his automobile.

Mr. J. J. Lund came home Sunday to spend the Holidays with his family.

Our school teachers are all going to their several homes to spend the Holidays.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lackra Monday, December 19th, a girl.

George Brooker, of Pine City, passed through town one day last week, on his way to the McGrath logging camps.

Our Marshal and Justice of Peace are keeping their heads close together these days. Something will happen soon.

Mr. McGrath is getting quite a lot of horses for his camps this year, nearly every day there is a drove of them heading that way.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Peterson Monday December, 19th, a 15½ pound boy. Mother and bouncing boy are doing nicely.

Word has just been received from Santa Claus that he will be unable to reach Willow this year, as there is no sleighing and his reindeers are sick so that he will be unable to get any further south than Winnepeg, Man.

Our constable was a very busy man last week. If you wished to talk to him you had to do it on the run. Very important business in the country. You can always tell that there is something going to be done when you see him peeking around the corner.

WANT ADS.

ROOMS.—Rooms for rent. Inquire of Susan Shearer.

The Kennedy Business College, St. Cloud, Minn., brings success. Send for catalog.

LOST.—In July, a stick pin; round head, set with garnets. Finder return to Susan Shearer and receive reward.

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

Wanted—Girl for general house work. Good home and good wages to the right party. Write to O. Clausseen, 525 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

For Sale—80 acres good unimproved land, 2½ miles from Pine City. Also 120 acres unimproved land 3 miles south of Brookpark. Address H. care of Pioneer.

For Sale—A team of draft horses four and five years old, weight about 3,000 pounds. Will sell at a bargain. Enquire of Anton Helebrant, Beroun, Minn.

For Sale—Ladies black, slush lined, fur collar coat, bran new. Cost $40. 00 will sell for $20.00, or will exchange for wood. Call at Pioneer office.

For Rent—A house with four rooms, cheap. Enquire of Mrs. Gerd E. Kruse.

WANTED.—A sorrel or bay mare weight about 1200. Must be good and sound. State price and where to be seen, call on or address,

J. S. Fritzen,
Pine City, Minn.

For Sale—I will sell my farm of 40 acres, one mile north of Pine City. Good five room house, large barn and hay barn, two good wells of water. The buildings are all in good repair. For terms and particulars inquire of Gerd E. Kruse, Pine City. Minn.

—$80.00 per month straight salary and expenses, to men with rig, to introduce our Poultry Remedies. Don't answer unless you mean business. Eureka Poultry Food Mfc. Co. (Incorporated.) East St. Louis, Ill.

Wanted—Everyone in Pine City and vicinity to read the opening chapters of the new serial by Robert W. Chambers in the November number of Cosmopolitan Magazine. It is the greatest novel of the year and is illustrated by Charles Dana Gibson.

SCRAP iron 25 cents per 100, rags mixed and unmixed 50 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.

WANTED—COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE requires the services of a representative in Pine City to look after subscription renewals and to extend circulation by special methods which have proved unusually successful. Salary and commission. Previous experience desirable but not essential. Whole time or spare time. Address, with references, H. C. Campbell, Cosmopolitan Magazine, 1789 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.

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Physician and Surgeon.
Office and residence in house just south of the Rybak block.
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Real Estate, Loans and Insurance.
Office—Rybak Block.
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S. G. L. ROBERTS,
Attorney at Law.
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In preparation for 1911 why not start an account at this bank—start it NOW?

An account started now and properly cared for will increase your credit. And credit, under modern business methods, is a very important factor in building up for financial independence.

Future prosperity depends not so much on one's earnings as upon his accumulations.

No matter how small your start, if you are in earnest and want to get ahead in the world, we shall be glad to have your account and to assist you in any way we can consistent with sound banking.

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D. GREELEY, Cashier.

You will find here when you come----you're sure to come----

this store is the headquarters for best dressed men. We have the finest array of browns, tans, grays and blues in Pine County, at prices ranging from $15.00 to $25.00.

OVercoats from $15.00 up. We have everything you could wish in the lines of hats, caps, scarfs, gloves and neckwear. Also gent's fall and winter underwear.

Our store is packed full to the brim with the latest creations in men's furnishings.

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I have a full line of Harnesses, Robes, Whips, Harness Material, Fancy Goods, etc. Call and look my line over. See my line of Trunks, Grips and Suit Cases.....

Pine City Harness Shop.
V. A. Bele, Owner.

CUSTOM PLANING and FEED MILL

For work in either branch I am prepared to give entire Satisfaction. A trial will convince.

J. W. AXTELL, PINE CITY, MINN.

THE CENSUS OF CANADA

ITS GROWTH IN TEN YEARS PAST.

A census of the Dominion of Canada will be made during 1911. It will show that during the past decade a remarkable development has taken place, and, when compared with the population, a greater percentage of increase in industries of all kinds than has ever been shown by any country. Commerce, mining, agriculture and railways have made a steady march onward. The population will be considerably over 8,000,000. Thousands of miles of railway lines have been construction since the last census was taken ten years ago. This construction was made necessary by the opening up of the new agricultural districts in Western Canada, in which there have been pouring year after year an increasing number of settlers, until the present year will witness settlement of over 400,000, or a trifle less than one-third of the immigration to the United States during the same period with its $2,000,000 of population. Even with these hundreds of thousands of newcomers, the great majority of whom go upon the land, there is still available room for hundreds of thousands additional. The census figures will therefore show a great—a vast—increase in the number of farms under occupation, as well as in the output of the farms. When the figures of the splendid immigration are added to the natural increase, the total will surprise even the most optimistic. To the excellent growth that the western portion of Canada will show may largely be attributed the commercial and industrial growth of the eastern portion of Canada. All Canada is being upbuilded, and in this transformation there is taking part the people from many countries, but only from those countries that produce the strong and vigorous. As some evidence of the growth of the western portion of Canada, in agricultural industry, it is instructive to point out that over 100,000 homesteads of 160 acres each have been transferred to actual settlers in the past two years. This means 25,000 square miles of territory, and then, when is added the 40,000 160-acre preemption blocks, there is an additional 10,000 square miles, or a total of 35,000 square miles—a territory as large as the State of Indiana, and settled within two years. Reduced to the producing capacity imperative on the cultivation restriction of 50 acres of cultivation on each 160-acre homestead within three years, there will be within a year and a half from now upwards of 5,000,000 additional acres from this one source added to the entire producing area of the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In 1901, at the time of the last census of Canada, successful agriculture in the Provinces of Monitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta was an experiment to many. There were skeptics who could not believe that it was possible to grow thirty, forty and even fifty bushels of wheat to the acre, or that as high as one hundred and thirty bushels of oats to the acre could be grown. The skeptics are not to be found today. The evidence of the hundreds of thousands of farmers is too overwhelming. Not only have the lands of western Canada proven their worth in the matter of raising all the smaller field grains, but for mixed farming, and for cattle raising there is no better country anywhere. The climate is perfectly adapted to all these pursuits as well as admirable for health. The Dominion government literature, descriptive of the country, is what all that are interested should read. Send for a copy to the nearest Canadian government representative.

Without Malice.

"What have you done?" exclaimed Mrs. Cumrox, as she flourished a letter at him.

"Has that anything to do with the correspondence I tried to help you with?"

"It has. It's an indignant protest. I told you to address that distinguished pianist as 'Herr Professor.'"

"And I did so."

"Yes. But you wrote it 'Hair Professor!'"

It Worked Well.

"How is the new filing system? Successful?" asked the agent of the merchant to whom he had sold a "system" a few days before.

"Great!" said the merchant.

"Good!" said the agent, rubbing his hands. "And how is business?"

"Business?" echoed the merchant. "Oh, we have stopped business to attend to the filing system."

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

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In Use For Over 30 Years.

The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Its Office.

"This cork is very tight in your brandy bottle. I can't budge it."

"Yes, that's the nature of cork. It was put there to keep the bottle's spirits from going down."

Unfortunately the people who marry in haste are not the only ones who repent at leisure.

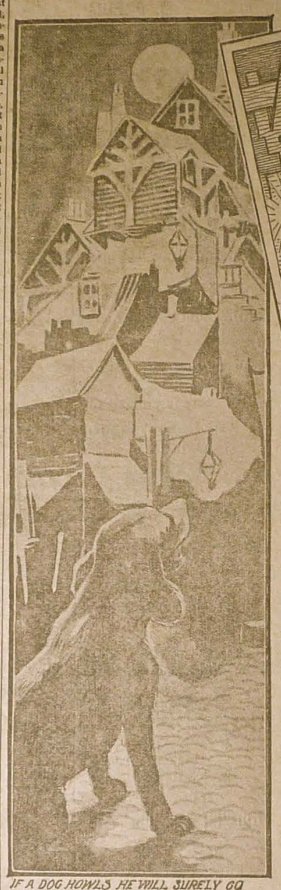
In case of pain on the lungs Hamlins Wizard Oil acts like a mustard plaster, except that it is more effective and is so much nicer and cleaner to use.

The noblest motive is the public good.—Virgil.

QUEER NOTIONS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

QUAINT and curious are some of the old customs, beliefs and superstitions of past ages which have come down through different countries regarding Christmas eve and Christmas. Many of these pertain so closely to the rites and ceremonies of heathendom that the connection may be easily traced; others spring obviously from legends, incidents and history surrounding the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus, the adoration of the three kings and the shepherds and the life and teachings and final martyrdom of the Christ. Most of those described here are so strange and out-of-the-ordinary that it is safe to say few readers are familiar with any of them.

Throughout Europe the people engaged in farming and agricultural pursuits generally have always regarded Christmas eve and Christmas as a season for signs and portents regarding the success or failure of their endeavors for the coming year.



IF A DOG HOWLS HE WILL SURELY GO MAD WITHIN THE YEAR

IF ANYONE'S SHADOW HAS NO HEAD, THAT PERSON WILL DIE DURING THE YEAR

TIE WET STRAW BANDS AROUND YOUR TREES TO MAKE THEM BEAR PLENTIFULLY

If you beat your trees on Christmas night they were certain to bear better crops than they had the year previously. A like result would follow the tying of stones on every Christmas eve, or to tie wet straw bands around the orchard trees on Christmas eve would increase their fruitfulness. To make the grass grow well the succeeding year, thrash the ground of your garden with a flail on Christmas eve with only your shirt on.

In several of the old counties of England the custom long survived of "saluting" the apple trees on Christmas eve, and in Sussex they used to "wassail," or "worsle" and chant verses to them.

Christmas time is regarded by the maidens of many countries as the season when the oracles are pleased to give them information concerning their love affairs, telling them by various processes what will be the color of their lover's hair and his eyes, his occupation and whether present love affairs will terminate happily or otherwise.

Some of these curious beliefs hinge on the exact time of the birth of Jesus. Scotch folklore has it that he was born at midnight of Christmas eve, and that the miracle of turning water into wine was later also performed at that hour. This belief is also recognized in parts of Germany, where it is held that water turns to wine between the hours of eleven and twelve on Christmas eve, while in other sections of that country the change is believed to take place on Christmas night.

Cosains in Germany must find great satisfaction in the superstition that if one walks into the winter corn on Christmas eve he will hear all that will happen in the village that year. Likewise, if one goes to the crossroads on Christmas eve he will hear "that which most concerns him" in the coming year.

Boys should have a care as to their actions the night before Christmas. If one howl on that night he will go mad within the year. Lights should be kept burning all of Christmas eve. If they are allowed to go out some one in the house will die. When the lights are brought in on Christmas eve, if anyone's shadow has no head he will die within the year; if it have only half a head the death will occur during the second half-year. If a hoop comes off a cask on Christmas eve, someone in the house will die during the year.

Somewhat more cheerful is the belief that if you make a little heap of salt on the table and it does not melt before morning you will live at least a year longer. Woe to him whose salt pile melts, however, for he will die within the year—the comforting part lying in the fact that a salt heap is not likely to melt, although some one having a spite against the maker of the salt heap might cause it to diminish and appear to melt away by carrying it off.

Lead, steel and vermin may be circumvented if the proper precautions are taken. For the first wear a shirt spun, woven and sewed by a pure, chaste maiden on Christmas day; wear something sewed with thread spun on Christmas eve and "no vermin will stick to you."

If one be born at "sermon time" on Christmas morning he can see spirits; burn elder on Christmas eve and you will have revealed to you all the witches and sorcerers in the neighborhood.

Thieves will find it consoling to know that if they steal anything on Christmas without being caught they can safely steal things all the year. Likewise, steal hay and give to your cattle, and not only will they thrive all the year and grow fat, but you will not be caught in any of your future thefts.

A Christmas day passed without eating any beans and you will become an ass; eat a raw egg on Christmas morning, fasting, and you can carry heavy weights.

If you have been disappointed, save the crumbs for three Christmas eves and they will be effective as a physic; shake out the tablecloth over the bare ground under the open sky after your Christmas dinner and crumbwort will grow there; hang a wash clout on a hedge on Christmas day or Christmas eve, then groom the horses with it and they will grow fat.

Take great care of your fire on Christmas morning; if it burn brightly that betokens prosperity for all the coming year; if it smolder, beware, for that portends misfortune and adversity.

It is unlucky to give to a neighbor a live coal with which to kindle a fire on Christmas morning; also it is unlucky to carry a coal or anything else from the house on Christmas morning until something has first been brought in.

Our Christmas tree, which is a feature of most public Christmas eve celebrations, and in many homes, is comparatively new in Christendom, but it springs from some very ancient customs. The Egyptians regarded the date palm as an emblem of immortality and of the starlit firmament and at the time of the winter solstice decked their houses with its branches. It was held by them to be "a symbol of life," triumphant over death, and therefore of perennial life in the renewal of each bounteous year.

A Scandinavian myth speaks of a "service tree" sprung from the blood-drenched soil where two lovers had been killed by violence. During the Christmas season mysterious lights which no wind could extinguish were often seen flaming in its branches. A later explanation of the Christmas tree dates back to Martin Luther and tells of him attempting to describe to his family the beauties of a snow-covered forest under a starry sky. Unable to make them comprehend satisfactorily, he went into the garden, cut a small fir tree and set it up in the nursery with its branches covered with lighted candles.

At about the season when we celebrate Christmas the Jews celebrated their Feast of Lights, or the Feast of Dedication, of which lighted candles are a prominent feature. "The Night of Dedication," Christmas eve is called in Germany, while the "Feast of Lights" is celebrated also in Greece, at our Christmas time, although Christmas is a dismal time in Greece, being disliked by that warmth-loving people because it is cold and dreary—also a favorite season for ghosts and goblins to walk abroad.

During the middle ages the Christmas tree became an institution at Strassburg and was familiar along the Rhine for 200 years before its popularity extended throughout the rest of the world.

Christmas cards, which may now be had in every degree of elaborateness and gorgeousness at prices from a penny each upward, are comparatively new. The extent to which they are used has, of course, increased correspondingly with the general popularity of the post card.

Joseph Cundall, a London artist, claims to have issued the first Christmas card proper in 1846. It was a lithograph, hand colored, about the size of a lady's visiting card. In 1862 cards of this character were first issued in large numbers. They were still of the visiting card size, inscribed, simply, "A Merry Christmas." Later holly, mistletoe, embossed robins and figures and landscapes were added until the present stage has been reached.

As a forerunner of the Christmas card were the "school pieces" and "Christmas pieces" of the early part of the nineteenth century. These were sheets of plain writing paper surrounded with elaborate pen flourishes and scrolls, and sometimes headed with copper-plate engravings, plain and colored. Schoolboys used them at the holiday season, says one writer, "for carefully written letters exploiting the progress they had made in composition and chirography. Charity boys were large purchasers of these pieces and at Christmas time used to take them around their parish to show and at the same time to solicit a trifle.

Modeling for Children

"Making Things" in Clay Give Pupils Idea of Artistic Beauty and Form.

There are sculptors who make a specialty of portrait busts and statuettes of children and recently a movement has been started to make plastic art, in the form of small models and figurines distributed among the public scaools, a medium for teaching new artistic ideals in young pupils.

Strangely enough, the idea of giving the children a lump of clay and setting them to "making something" themselves seems never to have occurred except to a few of our school teachers. In many schools the kindergarten sand box is about the nearest approach to it, but in some of the public schools in great cities modeling in clay is taught in the primary grades.

Modeling, the concrete expression of the sense of form, is the beginning of all art.

"The vital law lying at the root of all that I have ever tried to teach," says Ruskin, "is the dependence of all noble design in any kind, on the sculpture or painting of organic form."

The appreciation of form, as Mr. Schreiber argues, can never be so well taught as when the pupil has a bit of clay in his hands, and that it is natural is well proved by the desire of every child to mold something out of mud, if no clay is to be had. The children at the seashore try their best to "build something," though the sand slips away. So they wet it, and do the best they can. Give any normal child some clay and see how easily it learns to model familiar objects and how eagerly it amuses itself with this artistic play. It is along the pathway of clay that a child can be most easily instructed, being taught to see exactly and to reproduce more and more skillfully as it gains skill by practice. It is education of eye and hand at the same time. The joy of creation is aroused and stimulated and the powers of production are given full play.

If left to its own free will the child is apt to attempt the complex rather than the simple and therefore a certain amount of suggestion and guidance is necessary. To this end an entire series of models have been set as a course that will help to lay the foundation for later artistic education.

Stepmother of Mint Julep.

Romance and poetry have delighted to weave garlands with which to celebrate and perpetuate the glory of the blue grass in old Kentucky, famed for its fine horses, beautiful women and mint.

Kentucky has been designated as the home of the mint julep, and its colonels have become famous all over the world for the easy and graceful way in which they drink whisky with a little dash of sugar and a sprig or two of mint in order, chiefly, to overcome the necessity for a large amount of water in the beverage. The true Kentuckian doesn't want his whisky drowned.

It transpires, however, that the real home of the mint and the mint julep is right here in Missouri, whose crop of mint last year amounted to 7,653 pounds, or enough to make 1,224,520 juleps. This amount included the mentioned product only, no account having been taken of the countless thousands of juleps which were compounded during the year with a base of the undiluted moonshine whisky that never paid a cent of tax.—St. Louis Star.

Kept Umbrella Thirty Years.

A faithful old umbrella which has shielded the family of Dr. James A. Mullican of Greenwood avenue from the storms of 30 years, was stolen on Sunday. During the rain on that day the physician lent the umbrella to E. A. Seck, and while the latter was in a store some one stole it.

"The umbrella belonged to my father and has been in the family for more than thirty years," said Doctor Mullican the other night. "It has been covered several times.

"To persons who are unable to keep the same umbrella for more than thirty days this may seem incredible, but it is true," concluded Doctor Mullican with a smile.—Chicago Tribune.

A Willing Witness.

"Did his actions have an air of verisimilitude?" the lawyer asked the witness.

"What was that, sir?"

"I say, did his conduct wear an air of verisimilitude?"

"Oh," replied the witness. "Sure! He was verisimilitudin' all around the place."—Saturday Evening Post.

WONDERED WHY.

Found the Answer Was "Coffee."

Many pale, sickly persons wonder for years why they have to suffer so, and eventually discover that the drug—caffeine—in coffee is the main cause of the trouble.

"I was always very fond of coffee and drank it every day. I never had much flesh and often wondered why I was always so pale, thin and weak.

"About five years ago my health completely broke down and I was confined to my bed. My stomach was in such condition that it could hardly take sufficient nourishment to sustain life.

"During this time I was drinking coffee, didn't think I could do without it.

"After awhile I came to the conclusion that coffee was hurting me, and decided to give it up and try Postum. I didn't like the taste of it at first, but when it was made right—boiled until dark and rich—I soon became fond of it.

"In one week I began to feel better. I could eat more and sleep better. My sick headaches were less frequent, and within five months I looked and felt like a new being, headache spells entirely gone.

"My health continued to improve and today I am well and strong, weigh 148 pounds. I attribute my present health to the life-giving qualities of Postum."

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CASUALTIES IN STATE

LABOR DEPARTMENT'S REPORT RECORDS 8,583 ACCIDENTS —MANY FATAL.

STARTLING FACTS BROUGHT OUT

Mines Responsible for Largest Number.—Cause and Effect Set Forth —Families Unprovided For.

St. Paul.—Eight thousand five hundred eighty-three accidents, 252 of which were fatal, occurred in Minnesota during the year ending July 31, 1910, according to a report completed by Don D. Lescohier, special agent of the state labor department under the direction of W. E. McEwen.

Besides this number there are 60 fatalities and 1,400 accidents, which occurred on railroads bringing the total number up to 312 fatalities and 9,983 accidents. The largest number of accidents occurred in mines, where 83 fatalities were reported. Railroading comes next with 64 fatalities, and then lumbering with 55, general contracting with 37, public utilities with 19 and agriculture with 12.

Of the 8,583 accidents outside of the railroads 19 caused total disability, a fate in many cases worse than death. Three per cent of the accidents resulted in the loss of some portion of the body. In 469 cases bones were broken or fractured. Nearly 2,500 injuries were reported as "crushed," "bruised" or "maimed." The majority of these were of a serious character. Besides these there were 284 burns and scalds, 793 injuries to the eyes, and 60 internal injuries reported.

Causes Assigned.

The principal causes of the accidents were inexperience, callousness to danger, fatigue, youth, and the speeding up of the machinery. Thirty-one per cent of the persons injured had worked less than one month and 12 per cent less than one week. Many reports revealed that the workmen were injured either because they did not know how to perform their work properly or were not aware of the danger which surrounded them.

Nearly 13 per cent of the men injured had been at their work more than five years. Two explanations are given for these accidents. The dangers peculiar to an industry such as moving trains on railroads and falling rooms in mines are dangerous alike to the experienced and inexperienced workmen. Moreover men who have been accustomed to a danger become careless.

More than 17 per cent of the injured were under 21 years of age. The report says that boys between 17 and 21 are characteristic for their curiousness, thoughtlessness and rashness, which is mainly responsible for their injuries.

Comparisons Are Made.

A comparison of fatal accidents for each 1,000 men employed in the Minnesota mines with those in other countries show that there are four fatalities in Minnesota to one in France or Belgium, three to one in Holland or the United Kingdom and two to one in Germany. The fatal accident in Minnesota, however, has been decreasing during the past few years, falling from 7.25 per 1,000 men in 1906 to 4.05 in 1910.

In the study of mine accidents in Minnesota, the report makes analysis of the methods and processes of mining used in Minnesota, describing the open pit, the underground and milling system in considerable detail.

One of the important chapters in the report is the result of the investigation on the "employers' liability." The investigation covered 54 fatalities, 6 complete and permanent disablements, 50 partially permanent disablements, 50 serious but temporary disablements and 135 minor accidents.

Homes Affected.

The 54 fatal accidents investigated occurred in 28 industries. Thirty-nine of the men killed were married and had 118 persons dependent upon them. No child was considered a dependent who earned $5 a week.

In 13 cases the heirs received absolutely no compensation or aid from the industry, not even funeral expenses. In five cases three received some compensation, but less than the funeral expenses. In nine cases the funeral expenses and doctor's bill were paid. In 27 cases the family of the deceased was not compensated for the loss of their wage-earner. The income was taken away and no substitute offered. In eight cases where compensation exceeded funeral expenses it did not exceed $500. In three cases the compensation was from $501 to $750, and in two cases from $750 to $1,000. Five families were paid from $100 to $1,500, three families from $1,500 to $2,000, two were paid $2,500 and four from $4,000 to $6,352.

Fifty per cent received no compensation at all for the loss of the breadwinner, 24.20 per cent received $1,000 or less, 14.08 per cent received from $1,000 to $2,000, and 11 per cent from $2,000 to $6,352. In other words, half of the families were left by the industries with nothing to depend on. Taking the 54 cases the average price paid for human life was $536 and funeral expenses.

The report says that fortunately the families of the deceased workmen were not entirely dependent for future support upon the industries in which there bread-winners were killed. Twenty-five of the families received some form of insurance and four received aid from charity. In seven cases the insurance did not exceed $500.

Six cases of total disability were studied by the field agents. Three of the workmen were paralyzed, two were crippled and one was a physical and mental wreck. Two of the six received respectively $160 and $175 from their employers, one $4,500 and the others nothing. The one who received $175 paid his attorney $75. Four of the other men are now living wholly or partially dependent upon charity.

SITE FOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE.

Winona Board of Trade Gets an Option on Land for Bishop.

Winona. — The committee of the Winona Board of Trade has secured an option on the 105-acre piece of property at the foot of Gilmore valley, owned by Mrs. C. C. Beck, upon which Bishop Heffron has looked favorably with the idea of locating his $300,000 Catholic boy's college.

The committee, which declares it will have no trouble raising by subscription the money for the purchase of the land, holds the privilege of buying the site for $25,000 should it be accepted by the bishop and it will be given him outright. On the land, which figures in the option, is an old and romantic residence, which could easily be utilized as one of the minor college buildings.

Three acres of the land is given over to an orchard, 90 acres to a farm, a greater portion of which is on table land, although some of it is on the slopes. Ten and a half acres is woodland. The remainder of it is given over to residence property.

COMMERCIAL CLUBS TO CONVENE

Annual Meeting of Minnesota Federation is Announced.

St. Paul. — The annual meeting of the Minnesota Federation of Commercial clubs will take place in the St. Paul Commercial club assembly room, Jan. 25 and 26. The decision was reached at a meeting of D. M. Neill, of Red Wing, president of the federation; F. E. Wade, Fairmont, vice president; Major H. V. Eva, of Duluth, secretary; S. B. Nelson, of Luverne; W. W. Siveright, Hutchinson, and J. C. Van Hul, Jr., assistant manager of the Consolidated Publicity bureau, St. Paul.

Governor Eberhart will make the opening address. President J. H. Worst, of the North Dakota Agricultural college, will speak on agriculture, and Will Campbell, of the Omaha Commercial club, will speak on "Municipal Advertising."

The entire two days' program will be devoted to educational treatises regarding the building up of the state from every standpoint.

STATE GRANGE NAMES OFFICIALS

Sarah G. Baird, Minneapolis, Is Elected Master of Order.

St. Paul. — The officers of the Minnesota State Grange elected at the session of the state grange, Dec. 13 and 14, for two years, are:

Master, Sarah G. Baird, Minneapolis; overseer, James Morton, Dodge Center; lecturer, C. L. Rice, Austin; steward, A. J. Holm, Harris; assistant steward, Arthur Parkins, Lansing; chaplain, H. G. Hickok, Owatonna; treasurer, Laura Van Nest, Minneapolis; secretary, Augusta J. Adams, Minneapolis; gatekeeper, Andrew Hawkinson, Harris; ceres, Hattie Rinehard, Medford; flora, Elizabeth S. Wilson, Minneapolis; pomona, Dortha Morton, Dodge Center; lady assistant steward, Harriet Parkins, Lansing; members of the executive committee, A. W. Bigelow, Dodge Center; George H. R. Brush, Owatonna, and Samuel E. Adams, chairman, Minneapolis, and A. R. Hammergren, Harris, whose terms expire in 1912.

SEINING OF LAKE PROTESTED.

Otter Tail County Farmers Appeal to State Authorities.

Fergus Falls.—Residents of the vicinity of Pelican Lake, a short distance from Ashby, have decided to appeal to the state game and fish commission to prevent the seining of the lake for buffalo fish. They set fire to the netting of the men who had arranged for the seining of the lake, but other nets have been brought in and fish are being taken out by the carload.

ROMANCE ENDS WELL.

Uncle Sam Halts Progress of True Love, Cannot Stop Consummation.

Albert Lea.—A romance which had its beginning in Denmark, and in which Uncle Sam had a part, culminated in this city when Carl Madsen and Miss Volborg Johanson were married by the Danish Lutheran pastor.

The young people were engaged while in Denmark, and the young man then came to this country, locating in Albert Lea, where he secured employment as a carpenter. When he had been here several months he sent for his sweetheart, who immediately embarked to join her lover. When she reached Ellis island in New York her progress was barred by the stern mandates of Uncle Sam and the immigrant officials, as the young lady had only $3 with her, and the required amount that a person must have before entering this country is $25. She told the officials that she had come to marry a young man in Albert Lea, but they would not be satisfied until they received the written assurance of the young man, signed before a minister of the gospel, that he would marry the young woman as soon as she reached Albert Lea and accompanied by $22, the balance necessary to comply with the letter of the law.

The young woman came to this city a few days ago, and the marriage took place as soon as possible.

OWNERS OF STEAMER J. S. SUED.

Claims for Damages Aggregating Over $14,000 Are Filed at Winona.

Winona.—In connection with a suit and monition proceedings begun by the Acme Packet company in the United States court here, claims for damages aggregating over $14,000 were filed here with Court Commissioner H. M. Lamberton.

The proceedings, which will likely be threshed out at the coming May term of the court in this city, is a direct aftermath of the recent spectacular burning of the palatial excursion steamer J. S. at Bad Axe, below La Crosse.

The packet company sought to have their liability of the burning of the steamer limited to the value of the hull and contents, exempting the Acme Packet company as a corporation from any claims for damages. The corporation invoked a law passed in 1854, applicable originally only to the high seas, but later amended to reach inland streams. The claimants in this litigation, it is said, will maintain that inasmuch as John Streckfus, president and manager of the company, was on the steamer at the time of the burning of the boat and had personal direction the company should not be exempted.

MORE PROTECTION FOR GAME.

Uniform Hunting License Is Recommended.

St. Paul.—New laws providing for a uniform hunting license and requiring non-residents to procure a license to fish with rod and line are recommended by the game and fish commission in its biennial report submitted to Governor Eberhart. The purpose of these laws is to increase the fund for the better protection of game. The report deplores the violation of the game law in this state and predicts that unless some action is taken, the state soon will be without game.

The commission recommends that a plan should be devised requiring the licensed hunter to report all game killed by him during the hunting season. This would enable the commission to determine just how many animals are killed each year. The commission favors a federal law prohibiting the spring shooting of migratory birds. This law is enforced in Minnesota and has resulted in a marked increase in the number of game.

The report says the propagation of Chinese pheasants has not been successful in this state. Partridges, prairie chickens and quail are thriving.

FAMOUS MILL CITY LOT SOLD.

Home of Late "Elder" Stewart Brings $500,000.

Minneapolis. — The famous "Elder" Stewart corner, an entire half block at Fourth street and Hennepin avenue, and considered one of the best business sites in the city, will be sold to John and Samuel Friedman for $500,000.

The property which has been maintained in its primeval state since the late "Elder" Stewart built his little cottage on the ground will give place to one of the finest office buildings in the city. It is probable that a hotel may be included in the plan. The exact nature and designs of the improvement will be announced later.

The later "Elder" Stewart received many offers during his life for the property, but each time refused with the explanation that his "wife" would not let him sell."

FIGHTING THE WHITE PLAGUE

Number of State Institutions Is Double During the Past Two Years.

Sixteen state sanatoria, 28 county hospitals and 21 municipal hospitals for tuberculosis have been erected and provided for since January 1, 1909, says a recent bulletin of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Within the last two years the number of state institutions for tuberculosis has doubled, and the number of county and municipal institutions has increased from about 30 to 80. The expenditures of public money for the treatment of tuberculosis also has more than doubled. Not less than $3,000,000 of state money was appropriated for tuberculosis institutions in 1909, when 43 legislatures met, and over $600,000 in 1910, when only 11 legislatures were in session. The appropriations of counties and cities for tuberculosis hospitals and sanatoria in the last two years will aggregate fully $2,500,000, bringing the total of official appropriations for tuberculosis hospitals up to over $6,000,000 in the past two years.

In spite, however, of this good showing, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis states that not one-tenth of the public provision for tuberculosis that is needed has been made. More than 250,000 tuberculosis patients are constantly without proper institutional treatment.

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He Knew.

A certain jurist was an enthusiastic golfer. Once he had occasion to interrogate, in a criminal suit, a boy witness from Bala.

"Now, my lad," he said, "are you acquainted with the nature and significance of an oath?"

The boy, raising his brows in surprise, answered:

"Of course I am, sir. Don't I caddy for you at the Country club?"—Success.

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Every one interested in hunting should write for copy of 1910 Game Laws which contains 120 pages telling where the various kinds of game abound, when the seasons open and close, and what laws govern the hunting and game in each state. This book can be had free by writing to M. H. Hartley Co., 299 Broadway, New York, merely by mentioning the name of this paper.

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"I hear she is to be married. Who is the happy man?"

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GET MONEY AND JEWELRY.

General Store at Grand Rapids Entered and Loot Easily Taken.

Grand Rapids.—The general store of M. Ponti was entered Thursday night and the safe blown, $75 in cash and some jewelry being taken.

The authorities have been unable to find any trace of the robbers and the work is supposed to be that of burglars, who have been active all over the northeast part of the state lately.

Find Logs on River Bottom.

Fergus Falls.—The Great Northern is constructing a new concrete bridge across the river in this city, and in excavating for the foundations it finds that the bottom of the river is literally filled with logs. When the city was established in 1870 its first industry was a sawmill and logs were floated down in large numbers to be sawed into lumber here. Many of these logs appear to have become watersoaked, gradually burying themselves in the bed of the stream.

BABY SETS BROTHER AFIRE.

Fatal Results From Children Playing With Matches.

Brainerd.—Two little sons of Thad Cooley, a farmer residing twelve miles east of Brainerd at Bay Lake, were playing with matches. One set fire to the other, aged 3 years, and the little one succumbed to the terrible burns received. Doctors were summoned from Brainerd, but the child died before they could arrive.

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Slopay—He has a mania for collecting bills.

The General Opinion.

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Notice for Publication.

No. 08916.

DULUTH, MINN., U. S. LAND OFFICE.
Dec., 5th 1910.

NOTICE Is Hereby Given, That S. Henry Wilcox, of St. Croix Falls, County of Polk, State of Wisconsin, has filed in this office his application to enter under the provisions of Section 2306 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, the following described land, viz: Lot 1, Section 34, Township 38, Range 20 West of the fourth Meridian.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 26th day of January, 1911.

CHARLES HARTMAN,
Register.

Dec. 16-23-30 Jan. 6-13.

Citation For Hearing on Final Account and For Distribution.

Estate of Frederika Kline.

State of Minnesota, County of Pine in Probate Court.

In the matter of the Estate of Frederika Kline, Decedent:

The State of Minnesota To all persons interested in the above entitled matter:

Whereas, Adam Biederman has filed in this court his final account of his administration of the estate of the above named decedent, together with his petition praying for the adjustment and allowance of said final account and for distribution of the residue of said estate to the persons thereunto entitled;

It is Ordered, that said petition be heard, and that all persons interested in said matter be and appear before this court on the 3rd day of January 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Probate Court rooms, in the Court House, at Pine City, in said County, and then and there or as soon thereafter as said matter can be heard, show cause if any they have, why said petition should not be granted; and that citation be served by the publication thereof in the Pine County Pioneer according to law.

Witness the Honorable Robert Wilcox Judge of said court, and the Seal of said court, this 2nd day of December 1910.

ROBERT WILCOX,
(Seal) Judge.

Dec. 9-16-23-30.

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Music will be furnished by the North Branch Orchestra.

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LIVING IN TWO HOUSES

Various Advantages Found in Arrangement of One Home in Country.

"At a place where I lately visited," said a man just back from the country, "I found that my host had two houses which stood about two hundred feet apart. He had not built these houses but had bought them, one after the other, together with the grounds and some acreage property around them. If he had built here for himself he would doubtless have built one big house; but these two houses served his hospitable purposes and his own comfort very well.

"One of these two houses was commonly occupied as the family home and under its roof also were sheltered guests when these were few in number, but if the visitors were more numerous quarters were provided for them in the other house, which was thus practically a guest house.

"In another way the two houses served conveniently and comfortably for the family's own use. If either house was being done over or repaired or torn up in any way the family simply dwelt for the time in the other. With two houses equipped for use they can always have one in which they may live quite undisturbed."

FARMING BACK IN 1800

Agriculturist Lived in the Simplest Manner and in the Strictest Economy.

In a well built cabin of logs the farmer lived in the simplest manner and with the strictest economy. His rooms were warmed and his food was cooked by a fire in a 10-plate iron stove, which sent the gases up the flue of a solitary chimney that rose from the middle of the house. His food was chiefly pork and rye, onions and sauerkraut, milk and cheese, turnips and Indian corn. Sometimes fresh meat was added. But no beeves nor sheep were slaughtered till every part of the carcass had been disposed of among the families on the neighboring farms.

With this exception, everything he ate grew upon his own land. Everything he wore was made under his own roof. The good wife and her daughters cultivated the garden patch that lay near the house, trained the honeysuckles that shaded the door, spun the flax and woolen yarn, worked the loom, made the cheese and butter and, when harvest came, toiled with the sickle in the field. If he had a servant on the farm, the man or woman was a redemptioner.—From McMaster's "History of the American People."

Primitive Paper-Making.

In Madagascar a kind of writing-paper used by some of the native notables and the fetish priests is made from the bark of a shrub named havoha. The bark fiber is boiled and macerated until a thin paste is obtained. Then a leaf of the plant called ravinla, or traveler's tea, is coated with pulp, formed from a particular kind of rice, and over this is spread the havoha paste on both sides of the leaf. After the coating has thoroughly dried and adhered, it is polished with a smooth shell, and the paper is ready for use in writing. The manufacture of the ink employed, like that of the paper itself, is a monopoly of the notables and priests who use it. This paper may be bought by travelers at about a cent and a half per sheet, but only a few hundred sheets are produced in a month.

Working Backward.

A Japanese house is built differently from an English one. The roof, which with us is the last important part of the outward structure to be completed, is with the Japanese the first thing to be finished. All the tools used by the carpenters and joiners have a reversed action. The Japanese carpenter does not push a plane away from him, but pulls it toward him.

The gimlets are threaded in the opposite way to ours, the saws are made so as to cut on the upward pull and not on the downward thrust; screws have their threads reversed, and keyholes are always made upside down and the keys turned backward. In the house if the clock is an old one it will have stationary hands, with the face revolving backward and the hours marked 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and so on, reckoning from noon.

Habits of Crabs.

Some interesting investigations in regard to the movements and habits of the edible crab are being carried out by the eastern sea fisheries committee. Fishery Inspector Donnison informed the committee at the half yearly meeting at King's Lynn that during the last two months 1,811 crabs had been labeled and returned to the sea of the Norfolk and Lincolnshire coasts.

It is hoped to be able to trace their movements and to obtain other data which are likely to be of use to the fishermen. During the season just ended 1,281,000 marketable crabs and 46,000 lobsters were caught along the coast.—London Mail.

Her Auto Duster.

Mrs. Keen wasn't exactly satisfied with her new maid.

"Don't you ever use your duster, Pauline?" she sternly inquired.

"Oh, yes, ma'am," replied Pauline, shamelessly. "I always use it when my chauffeur beau takes me riding!"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage executed by Charles Freeman and Mathilda Freeman his wife, mortgagors, to Stefanus Olson, mortgagee, bearing date the [illegible] day of March 1902, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pine county, Minnesota, on the 31st, day of March, 1902, at nine o'clock a. m. in book "Q" of mortgages on page 241 thereof, which said mortgage was on the 10th, day of March A. D. 1904, assigned by said Stefanus Olson to First State Bank Pine County, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and said assignment was recorded in office of the Register of Deeds of Pine County, Minnesota on the 10th, day of March, 1904, at 3 o'clock, p. m. in Book "1" of Mortgages, on page 313 thereof; and no action or proceeding having been instituted, at law or otherwise, to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. That said First State Bank Pine County has paid the taxes assessed against the premises described in the mortgage for the years 19[illegible] and 1909, amounting to the sum of twenty-eight and [illegible] 100 Dollars;

That the amount claimed to be due on this mortgage at this date including said taxes and interest is two hundred ninety-nine and 54-100 Dollars. That the premises described in and covered by said mortgage are situated in Pine County, Minnesota, and described as follows, to-wit: The northwest quarter of the southwest quarter (NW¼ of SW¼) of Section eighteen (18) in township thirty-eight (38) north of range twenty-one (21) [illegible], and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter (SW¼ of the SE¼) of section thirteen (13) in township thirty-eight (38) north of range twenty-two (22) west.

That by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises, at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, by the Sheriff of Pine County, Minnesota, at the front door of the Court House in the Village of Pine City, in the County of Pine, and State of Minnesota, on Monday the 30th, day of January, A. D. 1911, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, to satisfy the amount then due on said mortgage, including taxes, together with the costs and disbursements of such sale and the sum of twenty-five Dollars Attorney's fees as stipulated in said mortgage.

Dated December 12nd, 1910.

FIRST STATE BANK PINE COUNTY,
Assignee of Mortgagee.

L. H. McKUSICK,
Attorney for Assignee,
Pine City, Minn.

Dec. 16-Jan. 27

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale.

Default having been made in the payment of the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen and 65-100 Dollars ($1,714.65) that is due at the date of this notice upon a certain mortgage duly executed and delivered by [illegible] O. Gibbons and Lizzie G. Gibbons, his wife, to Henry Anderson, mortgagee, dated September 7th, 1907, and having therein contained a power of sale, which said mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds within and for Pine County, Minnesota, on the 11th day of September, 1907, at 2 p. m., in Book 3 of Mortgages on Page 208; which said mortgage, with the debt secured thereby, was duly assigned by said Henry Anderson, mortgagee, to The Bank of Baldwin, of Baldwin, Wisconsin, by written assignment dated the 18th day of January, 1908, and recorded in the office of said Register of Deeds on the 18th day of January, 1909, at 9 a. m., in Book 6 of Mortgages on Page 405; and which said mortgage and debt were further duly assigned by said The Bank of Baldwin, of Baldwin, Wisconsin, the assignee and holder thereof, to Union Investment Company by written assignment dated the 28th day of June, 1909, and recorded in the office of said Register of Deeds on the 27th day of July, 1909, at 8 a. m. in Book 6 of Mortgages on Page 565; and no action or proceeding, at law or otherwise, to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, having been instituted;

Now, Therefore, Notice Is Hereby Given, That, by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, and pursuant to the statute for such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises described in and conveyed by said mortgage, viz:—

The West one half of the Southeast quarter (W½ of SE¼), The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter (SE¼ of SE¼), The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter (SE¼ SW¼). All in Section Nineteen (19), Township Forty One (41), North of Range Seventeen (17) West, Pine County, Minnesota; which sale will be made by the sheriff of said Pine County at the Front Door of the Court House in said County in Pine City, Minnesota, on the Fourth day of February, 1911, at 11:45 a. m., at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, to pay said debt of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen and 65-100 Dollars ($1,714.65) and interest and the taxes, if any, on said premises, and fifty dollars attorneys fees, as stipulated in and by said mortgage in case of foreclosure, and the disbursements allowed by law; subject to redemption at any time within one year from the date of sale as provided by law.

Dated this 6th day of December, 1910.

UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
By Wm. P. and Horace W. Roberts, its Attorneys.

Wm. P. and Horace W. Roberts,
Attorneys, 502 Metropolitan Life Bldg.
Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

Dec. 9-Jan. 27.

PINE CITY MARKET REPORT

GRAIN.

Corrected weekly by the Pine City Milling Company.

No. 1 Northern wheat per bushel
No. 2 " " "
Rye "
Corn "
Oats "
Buckwheat "
Barley "

LIVE STOCK, PRODUCE, Etc.

Corrected every Thursday by Pine City Merchants.

Steers 500 to 800 pounds
" 800 to 1100 "
Heifers 600 to 800 "
" 900 to 1200 "
Fat cows
Thin cows
Bulls heavy fat
Bulls light and thin
Veal calves
Hogs 150 to 250 pounds
Rough hogs
Fat lambs
Stock lambs
Fat ewes
Chickens
Ducks
Geese
Turkeys
Ham
Bacon
Butter per pound
Eggs per dozen
Triumph Potatoes
Early Ohio "
White "
Rose "
Cabbage per pound
Beets per bushel
Carrots "
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Onions "
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