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## THE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE HAS MET

Pine City, Mora, Hinckley and Cambridge Compete. Ball Game and Track Meet. Poor Field

### Was Held At Hinckley On May 20th

Big Bunch of Rooters From all The Towns Were In Attendance. Cambridge Prof. Gets Locoed And Puts Up Some Bum Kicks

The track meet of the high schools that are in the High School League, composed of the schools of Rush City, Cambridge, Mora, Sandstone and Pine City, held their first meeting at Hinckley last Saturday afternoon. About sixty boarded the eleven o'clock train from this place, where they found about the same number from Rush City. Upon their arrival at Hinckley they found that the delegation from Mora had arrived some time before in autos and at a quarter to twelve the Great Northern train arrived with the delegation from Cambridge. The Sandstone school was not represented.

The meet was scheduled to begin at two o'clock and shortly after that the ball game, Pine City vs. Mora, was pulled off. The game was remarkably good until the fourth inning, when Mora began to score, and Pine City was put out of the race, as they could do nothing with Handachu's delivery. Up to this inning, Cunningham, Pine City's twister, had the best of it, but for two innings he let up, and coupled with the errors of his team, the game went to Mora by the score of 5 to 2.

After the ball game came the 12 pound shot put: C. Pennington, Pine City, 38 feet, Sharkey, Cambridge, 37 feet 2 inches and Handachu, Mora, 31 feet.

In the 50 yard dash, Cunningham, Pine City, won over Chouard and Larson, of Cambridge.

In the 1 mile run event, were 6 entries, but only 3 were able to stand the grind. J. Clark, Pine City, won with ease—19 yards to the lead at the finish. Oppogard, Mora, second and Halson, Cambridge, third.

In the 100 yard dash, Cunningham, Pine City, was an easy first, Chouard, Cambridge, second and Handachu, Mora, third.

In the 12 pound hammer throw, Knapp, of Cambridge, was an easy winner, throwing it 114 feet 9 inches. Handachu, Cambridge, second and C. Pennington, Pine City, 37 feet 6 inches.

Up to this time everything had gone lovely and without a hitch, but the Cambridge professor found that he was not going to carry off all the honors and during the next event, the standing broad jump, he began to kick and continued to kick throughout the remainder of the meet. In fact he made himself so obnoxious that people from his own town became disgusted with him. A man who cannot hold his temper any better than this man did is a poor one to have pupils look up to, as a superintendent of a high school. In this event C. Pennington, of Pine City, jumped 9 feet 1 inch, winning over Sharkey and Chouard, of Cambridge.

Chouard, Cambridge, won the 220 yard dash; C. Pennington, Pine City, second and Oman, Mora, third.

Next came the pole vault, in which Chouard, Cambridge, was first, and C. and W. Pennington, Pine City, tied for second place.

In the freshman relay race Pine City took first and Cambridge second. In the base ball throw, Cunningham, Pine City, took first, Chouard, Cambridge, second and C. Pennington, Pine City, third.

440 yard run as follows: Chouard, Cambridge, first, J. Clark, Pine City, second and Blomgren, Mora, third.

In the running broad jump Pine City won over Cambridge.

In the half mile run, Pine City won over Cambridge.

Pine City took the high jump. This ended the track events, leaving the banner for Pine City.

In the evening, at Patrick's hall, took place the oratorical and debate. Mr. Seybold, of Mora, got the pennant and Cambridge won the debate and also winning the pennant. Taking the meet as a whole it was exceedingly good and in the next one it is to be hoped that every school in the district will participate, making the meet much more interesting.

## BOARDS MEETING

The County School Boards To Meet Soon

### Will Meet In June

The School Boards of Pine County Will Meet At Hinckley On June 10, 1911

To the School Boards of Pine Co.: The 6th annual meeting of the school boards of Pine County will convene in Patrick's hall at Hinckley, Minn., on the 10th day of June at 1:30 and 7:30 p. m.

On the 11th day of June of last year a meeting of the school boards of the county was held and about 225 members answered to roll call. To my mind the meeting has borne fruit in proportion to the interest shown at that meeting; and since the the school laws of Minnesota provide that such gatherings may be called annually, I feel that this affords an opportunity for us to get together and consider practical questions which concern our schools at the present time. United effort can thus be secured to work out certain reforms each year, so that in the course of time all will profit by the experience and wise counsel of those most competent to give advice in such matters.

No effort will be spared to make the coming convention the best ever held in the county. State Superintendent, C. G. Schultz, will be present at both afternoon and evening sessions, who will be found ready and willing to give good advice and practical suggestions. Other good speakers will be present and the program will be so arranged that we may have talks on proper heating and ventilation, hiring or competent teachers, compulsory education law and other topics pertaining to the interests of our schools. Hoping to meet you all at Hinckley on June 10, I am,

Respectfully,  
D. Greeley,  
Pres.

Dear Friends:

I wish to say in addition to the above that we will endeavor to answer all questions submitted by trustees, and in order that these questions may be answered in an intelligent and accurate manner, I would suggest that you mail your questions to me some time before the meeting.

Most of you are aware of the fact that each school officer attending is entitled to \$3 a day and 5 cents mileage each way.

If time permits I wish to offer suggestions along the following lines: Special state aid, hiring teachers, compulsory education and other topics that may present themselves.

Very sincerely yours,  
H. G. Otis,  
Co. Supt.

#### LETTERS ADVERTISED

Remaining uncalled for at the Post Office at Pine City for the week ending May 29, 1911.

Hilda Anderson,  
C. Blossom,  
Mrs. Anna Gustavson,  
Olga Johnson,  
Mrs. Sarah Poole,  
Mrs. Will Rodak.

Persons claiming the above letters will please say "advertised," giving date of this list.

J. Y. Breckenridge,  
P. M.

The old soldiers and wives are requested to take dinner at Hotel Agnes Memorial Day.

## OUR BIG PARADE

Decoration Day Will Be Observed In Pine City

### Tuesday, May 30th

The Ladies of the G. A. R. Will Meet On Monday Afternoon and Make All Arrangements

Decoration Day will be observed at Pine City, and we would ask that all sports be abstained from and the proper honor and respect be given to this day and the surviving defenders of our country.

The ladies of the G. A. R. will meet at the G. A. R. hall on Monday afternoon, May 29, and will make and arrange some crosses and wreaths and will be glad to receive any donations of greens and flowers for this purpose.

On Tuesday, May 30, the parade will form at the Grand Army hall at one o'clock sharp. All societies and lodges are to take part, as well as the firemen. All the school children bringing flowers are asked to be in line with their teachers at the appointed hour.

Carrriages will be provided for the old soldiers. D. Greeley will be the marshal of the parade and also have charge of the parade. The parade will leave the hall at one o'clock and march direct to the cemetery, and if the day is pleasant the exercises will be held out there. If the weather is not favorable, after decorating the graves, the parade will go direct to Stekl's hall, where the program will be rendered.

An urgent request is extended to all to abstain from business on that date and to take part in and attend these services.

Yours respectfully,  
Decoration Day Committee.

#### CHANGE OF HOURS

Beginning June 1, 1911, at Pine City, the post office will be open to the public on week days from 8 o'clock in the morning to 7 o'clock at night.

Sundays the office will be open only from 12 o'clock, noon, to 1 p. m.—one hour only.

On all legal holidays the office will be open from 11 o'clock in the morning to 1 p. m.—two hours only.

The public will please notice these changes. Week days the office closes at 7 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock at night. Sundays note the change: The office will be from 12 o'clock, noon, to 1 p. m.—one hour only, instead of from 6 to 10 a. m. and from 5 to 6 p. m.

On holidays the office has been open from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. It will now be open from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. only.

The office and post master have been giving greater service than the department required, or the business interests of the village have been in need of, and the hours have been much longer than those of the average business houses, especially in the summer time.

The office and postmaster still wishes to care for every business interest and give every hour necessary. It is the policy of the department to discourage Sunday work as far as possible and it desires to be sustained in this by the local sentiment of this and every other community.

No exchange of mails will be made Sunday afternoon, as heretofore. Please note the changes and if there is any criticism, please take the matter up with the postmaster.

Yours very truly,  
J. Y. Breckenridge,  
Postmaster.

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## PINE COUNTY PIONEER

ED. C. GOETZ, Editor and Prop.

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Pine City, Minnesota, May 26, '11

### THE STANDARD OIL CASE

The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the Standard Oil Case is one of the greatest decisions ever handed down. Its greatness lies in the fact that it settles for all time the great question of trust monopolies.

While holding with the contention of the government that the company is a monopoly in restraint of trade and therefore should be dissolved, the "rule of reason" principle promulgated by the court removes any possibility of the decision having an injurious effect on the business of the country. Honest business need have no fear under this decision.

Just what the effect of this decision will be on the company remains to be seen. In fact that is a question of minor importance. The great question was whether the Sherman Act could reach such a combination and dissolve it. The U. S. Supreme Court says it can.

The decision suits the Executive and all of those who have been interested in the case. There are some who are not suited, but they are the chronic disturbers who see in this decision a death blow to one or their bugaboos which has furnished them political capital for years. With the trans-Mississippi freight rate cases decided so as to take the railroads out of politics, with the Standard Oil gone the same way and with one or two more of their scare-crows gone, the demagogue will have nothing left to fool the people with. One of the great lessons must be that the courts can be trusted to protect the legal rights of the people against encroachment and those who abuse the courts, the law and the administration of governmental affairs, are the fellows usually who have an axe to grind and think by misleading the people to get them to turn the stone.

If this decision has no other effect than to arouse the people to the insignificance of the corporation hater it will indeed prove a great decision.

The man who knowingly misleads another in politics is as base as the traitor who willingly betrays his country to her enemies. Honest politics is the highest form of patriotism.

WE SOMETIMES jump at conclusions. The average man doesn't associate a

circus man with Y. M. C. A. activities, and yet down in Wisconsin the Railway Y. M. C. A., of Baraboo, is putting on a lecture by William J. Bryan on May 31, and one of the committee who have the work in charge is Charles Ringling, one of the Ringling Brothers showmen. In fact in their home town the Ringlings are known as men of excellent morals, deeply interested in anything that has an elevating tendency. It is this phase of their character which has done much to popularize their shows.

SINCE William R. Hearst banqueted Senator LaFollette a few days ago it has been announced that LaFollette would be the nominee for President and Hearst for Vice President on a "Progressive" ticket in 1912. Gradually the Wisconsin senator is working round to the company he belongs in. Hearst's attacks on President McKinley probably had much to do with his assassination. LaFollette's dirty attacks on President Taft and anything else which does not just suit his perverted fancy may produce equally direful results at any time. They'd make an excellent team. Both are untrustworthy schemers and party wreckers.

### WILLOW RIVER

Born—To Hall Sherrick and wife on Thursday last, a girl.

Ed Halva is riding around in his new auto these days.

J. W. Sherrick has opened up a new exchange office at Dunham.

Ole Thompson, wife and two daughters have arrived from Montana for a short visit.

The local base ball team played the Rutledge team Sunday, and won by a score of 9 to 0.

Don't forget the basket social and dance Saturday evening for the benefit of the ball team.

The case of the State vs. Frank Chmielewski was dismissed as soon as called, but he was arrested on another charge and bound over to the district court.

Sheriff Hawley was called here Tuesday, and took Mr. Vanard to the county seat, where he was examined, and sent to the insane hospital at Fergus Falls.

### MAKES TROUBLE

Thursday forenoon, it is said, Mrs. J. P. Bartos, of this place, became insane and was locked up in the village jail.

It seems that she had gone over to the A. W. Piper residence and began throwing stones through the windows of the house, breaking four of them. The marital was called and she was taken to the jail.

Later, Mrs. J. P. Bartos was taken by sheriff Hawley to Fergus Falls this morning.

### Ordinance No. 51

An Ordinance to Regulate the Public Health and to Prevent Public Nuisance:

The Village Council of the Village of Pine City, do ordain as follows:

Section I. It is hereby declared unlawful to keep any swine within the corporate limits of the Village of Pine City, and upon complaint in writing by any person filed with the health officer of said Village, it shall be the duty of said health officer to notify the owner of said swine or the person having control thereof to dispose of or remove the same outside of the limits of said Village within five days after being so notified by said health officer, and any such owner or person failing to comply with such notice shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Dollars or more than Fifty dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail at said county for not less than ten days nor more than sixty days. Provided, that nothing in this section shall apply to persons keeping swine on unplatted lands within the corporate limits of said Village, used exclusively for farming. Provided Further, That such swine shall be housed or penned not nearer than 150 feet to any street or highway within said Village and not nearer than 150 feet to the dwelling house of any resident of said Village.

Section II. It is hereby declared unlawful to dump or deposit any animal matter on any lots, streets, highways, public grounds or on any other place within the corporate limits of said Village, or less the same shall be buried at least four feet beneath the surface of the ground. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Dollars nor more than Fifty Dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten days nor more than sixty days.

Section III. It is hereby declared unlawful to keep for sale, or to sell or dispose of, in any form for human consumption any diseased, decayed or putrid meats, poultry, fish or other animal products, within the corporate limits of said Village and the having in his possession or under his control by the proprietor of any market, shop, store, warehouse or cold storage house within the corporate limits of said Village, or any such diseased, decayed or putrid meats, poultry, fish or other animal product shall be prima facie evidence that the same is kept by such person for sale or disposal for human consumption, provided, that nothing in this section shall prevent the keeping of waste meat scraps in boxes or other receptacles under the counters. Provided Further, That such boxes or receptacles shall be cleaned of such waste meat scraps at least once every twenty-four hours between the first day of May and the first day of October, and at least once in each week during the remaining months of the year. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than Ten days nor more than Sixty days.

Section IV. It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, maintain or operate a slaughter house, or to slaughter animals at any place within the corporate limits of said Village. Provided, That nothing in this section shall prevent any person residing upon unplatted agricultural lands in said Village from slaughtering animals for his own consumption. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than Ten days nor more than Sixty days.

Section V. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Passed this 23rd, day of May 1911.  
R. L. WISEMAN,  
Pres. of Council.

Attest:  
FRANK POPPEL,  
[SEAL] Village Clerk,  
May 26 June 2-9.

### PROSPEROUS HILL

Frank Orvin and family went to Rush City Saturday and spent Sunday with Mrs. Orvin's mother.

Joe Parent was in Rush City on business Friday. He returned home on the local in the afternoon.

Wm. Parent took a trip to the county seat last week, from where he took the train to the twin cities. He expects to be absent for several days.

Jerry Schermer, who went to see Dr. Till last week, reports that by improving and will be home next week. He will visit with his parents at Waverly while on his way home.

Joe Carson went to Rock Creek Monday and took the 11 o'clock train for the county seat, where he transacted legal business. He returned home on the noon train the same day.

# Big Special Sale Will Soon Be On



During the week beginning May 23rd and ending May 27th, we will place on sale 50 sets of Asbestos Sad Irons, including Flounce Irons, Sleeve Irons and Tourist Irons.

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| 6 bars Sunny Monday Soap for         | 25c |
| 2 packages Quaker Rolled Oats for    | 35c |
| 60c package Matches for              | 40c |
| Fancy Eating Apples, per peck        | 60c |
| Sunkist Oranges, per dozen, 35c 40c, | 45c |
| Sunkist Lemons, per dozen,           | 30c |

# Pine City Merc. Co.

### MEADOW LAWN

W. T. Sandberg spent Sunday with friends in Pine City.

Sam Heath and wife, of Beroun, spent Sunday in the Lawn.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor on Wednesday last a daughter.

Alfred Olson, of Hustletown, was a caller in the Lawn Tuesday.

M. T. Lahart and wife, spent Sunday afternoon at the B. F. Handfelt home.

Messrs. Curry and Patrick drove down from Hinckley last week to look at land.

Fred Clemens, who has been visiting his brother Harry, who resides in this place, departed for Alexandria Saturday.

Miss Eunice Fisher, returned to her home near Pine City Sunday, after having closed a very successful term of school in Dist. No. 80.

The Messrs Myers and Wright and Jos. Fisher drove out from Pine City Thursday evening to attend the program given by the pupils taught by Eunice Fisher.

Hattie Lysbeth spent Sunday at her home in the Lawn. On returning to Pine City she was accompanied by her

sister, Essie, who will visit with friends for a week.

Fred Spencer, wife and sons Manley and Roy, of Blue Earth, have been spending the week at the Chas. Purdy home. They made the trip in an auto. They started on their return home Wednesday. (Oh! you auto.)

### SELLS PROPERTY

The Soo Line Railroad Company is said to have disposed of a million dollars worth of its lands in Douglas Co. Wis., to St. Paul parties, who will turn them over to actual settlers. The St. Paul men are said to have disposed of the old St. Paul and Duluth lands in Pine Co. Railroads find it an easy matter to get rid of all the land they have to offer.—Taylor Falls Journal.

—Math Prochaska and George Sherwood were callers in Graston on Monday. Mr. Prochaska sold a big load of goods from his soft drink factory to a party over there. This shows that Math is doing the business and clearly demonstrates what brand of soft drinks the people like best.

### DOING THEIR DUTY

Scores of Pine City readers are learning the duties of the kidneys. To filter the blood is the kidneys' duty.

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**COUNTY SEAT NEWS**

—James Caroon was a caller here Monday.

—R. P. Allen transacted business in St. Paul Monday.

—Fred Norstrom was a passenger to Harris Monday.

—Roy Carlson was a business caller in Rush City Tuesday.

—Dr. L. R. Kowalke was a social caller in Beroun Thursday.

—Sheriff Hawley was a Sturgeon Lake caller the first of the week.

—Thomas Gill, of Rock Creek, was a caller in this place Tuesday.

—Miss Annie Wikstrom is visiting friends in Groningen this week.

—James Heywood and Eli Husted are now employed at Pokegama lake.

—Mrs. A. E. Stevens was here from Deer Valley on business Monday.

—Miss Anna Johnson, of Rock Creek, was a caller in town Thursday.

—Ed. Priest transacted business in Rush City Monday, returning the same day.

—C. M. Pratt was here from St. Paul last week tuning pianos and organs.

—Mr. Profit, of Mission Creek, was a business caller in this place Monday.

—County Superintendent, H. Otis, was a passenger to St. Paul Thursday morning.

—Dr. Wiseman returned home from a business trip to Minneapolis Thursday.

—William Stevens and sister, Ida, were callers in town the fore part of the week.

—W. L. Sandberg, of Meadow Lawn, spent Sunday with friends in this place.

—William Parent, of Prosperous Hill, visited in the county seat one day last week.

—Ross Rath, wife and child, visited Ross's parents in St. Paul Saturday and Sunday.

—Editor Folsom, of the Sandstone Tribune, was a caller in this place the first of the week.

—Oscar Selin, of Grasston, transacted business in this place the fore part of the week.

—Attorney Sobotka departed Monday for Glencoe, where he has a number of cases to attend to.

—Charles Gehl departed Tuesday for Rainey River, where he has mining interests to look after.

—There will be a big dance at Grasston tomorrow night, given by the M. W. A. of that place.

—Harry Carlson was a passenger to Rush City last Saturday to visit with relatives for a few days.

—Come to Pine City and help us celebrate on Decoration Day. A fitting program will be rendered.

—This is the kind of weather that will make the grain grow. We have had enough rain for the present.

—Mr. Barrett has informed us that the Tuxedo Inn, on Pokegama lake, will open to the public on June first.

—Miss Eunice Fisher closed her term of school in District No. 90 last Friday and returned to her home here Monday.

—John Stone, who is staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. Y. Breckenridge, is very low in this writing.

—Russell Bede and cousin, Nora, and Albert Jamer and sister, Josephine, made a trip to Grasston by boat last Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams, of St. Paul, spent a few days at the Charles Glanville home the fore part of the week.

—Miss Alice Pennington, of Stillwater, came up last Friday to spend a few days with her uncle and family, A. Pennington.

—Mrs. Henry Glasow returned to her home at Cloquet Thursday, after spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

—Charles Kodym and wife departed for St. Paul Wednesday, where they will spend a few days with relatives and friends.

—Miss Lonise Petschel, who was called home some time ago by the illness of her mother, has returned to her work in St. Paul.

—Miss Thomas, of Rush City, was up Monday instructing her music pupils. Miss Thomas has quite a large class in this place.

—Mrs. A. W. Piper and Mr. Norton, of Farmington, drove out to Huelstetown Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. Piper's parents.

—Henry Dose, of Rush City, was here the fore part of the week adjusting insurance. The cyclone of last week did considerable damage.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Havens arrived here Monday from the west and will spend a few days with Mrs. Havens's sister, Mrs. Chas. Spickler.

—Steve Tylon departed Monday for White Bear, where he will play with a band on Decoration day. He will return the fore part of next week.

—Ernest Dosey, of Farmington, visited with relatives and friends in this place the latter part of last week. He returned to his work Monday.

—Joe Gross and brother, Frank, who are employed in St. Paul, arrived here Monday and will spend a few days with their parents and friends.

—Mrs. Paul Perkins departed Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends in St. Paul and Stillwater. She will return home the first of next week.

—The supper given at the Mrs. Joseph Petschel home Wednesday evening for the benefit of the M. E. church, was well attended and a nice sum was taken in.

—Albin Staudy drove through here on his way to Princeton Monday, where he and his family will live on a farm in the future. They were residents of this place about ten years ago.

—Be sure to attend the mass meeting in the village hall this evening, for the purpose of deciding on a Fourth of July celebration. Everybody boost and help make this one a grand success.

—The baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the Pine City high school will be preached in the M. E. church by Rev. Anderson, of the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, May 23.

—There is going to be a big dance in the hall at Beroun Saturday night, May 27. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. The music will be furnished by a three piece orchestra from Pine City.

—The Misses Beattie Lambert and Ollie Swanson walked to Rush City on a wagon last Sunday. They agreed to "do" the distance in three hours, but they beat this time all to pieces. That is quite a hike.

—Save all your old papers and magazines and notify Mrs. Henry Baigrie, who will call for them at the end of the month. These are shipped to the woods, and will furnish good reading to the men employed there.

—Mrs. Charles Spearing and family moved their household goods to Groningen the fore part of the week, where they will make their future home. Mr. Spearing has charge of a section crew at that place.

—The Park Region G. A. R. Encampment will be held at Moose Lake on June 21, 22 and 23. Prominent speakers will be present and a fine line of sports is promised, including a base ball game between Moose Lake and Cloquet.

—Memorial services for the G. A. R. will be held in the M. E. church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The sermon will be preached by Rev. H. H. Parish. There will be no services in the Presbyterian church and their people will attend the Methodist church.

—Herman Kowalke is now the proud possessor of a new twenty-two foot launch, which he put in the water Wednesday. Herman built the boat during his spare hours last winter, and the boat clearly shows for itself the class of work done upon it. It is a very good specimen of the boat builder's art. The launch is equipped with a seven horse power motor and is rated at a speed of thirteen miles an hour. It is as nice a boat as can be found on the river.

**ROCK CREEK**

Guat Anderson, our Assessor, is way-laying the farmers as they come to town and finds out about their personal property. In this way he saves a good many miles travel.

John Nelson, our new blacksmith, intends to keep all kinds of farm machinery and binding twine. Give him a call when in need of anything in his line. He will use you right.

Harry Mills' mother came up on the 16th to visit her son and family, and to decorate the graves of departed friends and relatives. She returned to her home in St. Paul Monday noon.

The new belt and sword carried by Chief Forester, Karl Carlson, of the M. W. A. camp is a swell affair. At their meeting last Saturday evening they adopted several new members.

A. M. Challeen was down Sunday and let the contract for the finishing up of his house and also the building of a summer kitchen. When completed it will be occupied by Chas. Heine-man and wife.

John Lindberg, Asst. Dairy Inspector, drove up from Rush City the fore part of the week, and accompanied by his brother-in-law, Ben Bush, inspected the creamery at Greeley and the skimming station at West Rock.

An entertainment will be held at the M. E. church by the Ladies' Aid this Friday evening. At which time the orchestra of the M. E. church at Pine City will play some of the music. Adults 15 cents children 10 cents.

Fred Hartz, proprietor of the store at West Rock, is doing a fine business. He ships about one hundred and twenty gallons of cream every day, and thirty-five cases of eggs each week. He reports that business is increasing right along.

The school in the Stevens district closed last Friday with a picnic, the parents and children that attended report a fine time. Mr. Nightingale, the teacher, has departed for his home in Minneapolis, but may return and teach the same school again next year.

It is rumored that Mr. Skerloch, who has been Manager of the Farmers' Co-operative store for some time—past is about to resign the last of the month. A gentleman was here last week to look the place over and if everything is satisfactory will accept the position. Mr. Skerloch and wife have made many friends during their stay here who will be sorry to see them depart, but wish them success no matter where they may go.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock the following Memorial program will be given in the M. E. church:

Organ Prelude  
Chant Lord's Prayer  
Song Columbia the Gem of the Ocean  
Recitation Elsie Anderson  
Song Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory  
Selection DeLila Erickson  
Song The Star Spangled Banner  
The Blue and Gray By Children  
Selection Miss Brazil  
Song Tenting on the Old Camp  
Ground  
Memorial Sermon Rev. Blackhurst  
Song America.

**GLENWOOD**

Willie Stevens was a Pine City caller last Friday.

Henry Bassett is visiting his old friend, George Walton.

Miss Lydia Ridquist is staying at the George Stevens home.

Miss Ella Rydland visited her sister, Mrs. G. N. Stevens, on Tuesday evening.

Victor Pepin has his barn moved back on the foundation, which the cyclone moved off so easily.

The school picnic was a grand success. They had more ice cream and straw-berries than they could eat.

We had another rain storm Sunday. It cleared up Monday. The farmers are always pleased to see it rain.

John Schermer returned home this week from a visit to Dr. Till. He is now feeling as well as can be expected.

Mrs. George N. Stevens was taken very ill last Friday. Dr. Wiseman, of Pine City, was called. She is now doing very nicely.

Mrs. George Myers left today for

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Phone No. 51.  
Pine City.

Washington to join her husband, who went out there a few weeks ago. He seems to like that country real well.

Henry Dose was in the neighborhood this week doing business for the Nessel Insurance Co. He insured all of John Tate's holdings against cyclones.

William Nightingale, our school teacher, went home to Minneapolis Saturday. We expect to see him back in September. This is his third term which is a very good recommendation.

John Myers had the misfortune to tear a leg quite badly Monday. He was marking corn ground and got tangled up in the marker. Don't hurry so, Mr. Myers—haste makes waste, you know.

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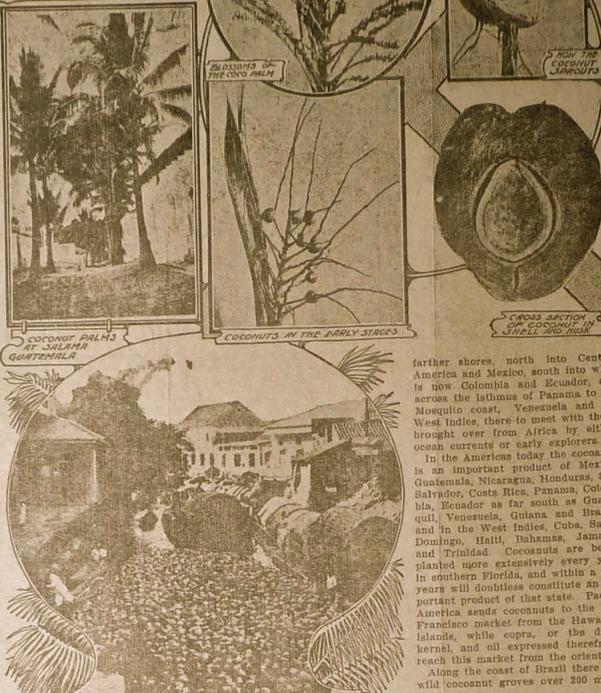


# COCONUTS in the AMERICAS

BY CHARLES MELVILLE BROWN

It has been commonly remarked that the uses of the coconut palm (cocos nucifera) are numerous and varied during the days of the year. Found nearly everywhere within the tropics, almost the sole dependence for food of the palmivorous inhabitants of many countries, this king of low tropical countries furnishes man with food, drink, medicine, domestic utensils, materials for boat and house building, oil for cooking, lighting, and lubricating, and innumerable other purposes, and is of all the palmaceae the one that yields the greatest variety of products. Tennant has truly said that of the coconut palm a ship can be built and laden, too.

De Candolle, "Origin of Cultivated Plants," does not consider the coconut palm a native of the western hemisphere, but places its original habitat in the Eastern archipelago and considers it in the neighborhood of Sumatra and Java, and surmises that nuts floated thence both east and west; eastward to the islands of the Pacific and the coast of Central America, and westward to Ceylon and the east coast of Africa. He places its introduction into Brazil, Venezuela and the West Indies by missionaries about three centuries ago. De Martius says that the Portuguese introduced it on the coast of Guiana about the same time. The navigators Dampier and Vancouver found it at the beginning of the seventeenth century in groves on the islands of Panama bay, as well as on Cocos Island, 300 miles off the Pacific coast of Costa Rica. At that time these islands were uninhabited. Later the coconut palm is reported on the west coast from Mexico to Ecuador, and Seaman reported having seen the palm both wild and cultivated on the isthmus of Panama. In 1520 Oviedo wrote that the coconut palm was abundant on the Pacific coast in the province of the Cacique Chiriqui, now Darien, Panama.



farther shores, north into Central America and Mexico, south into what is now Colombia and Ecuador, and across the isthmus of Panama to the Mosquito coast, Venezuela and the West Indies, there to meet with those brought over from Africa by explorers in the Americas today the coconut is an important product of Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, San Salvador, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador as far south as Guayaquil, Venezuela, Guiana and Brazil; and in the West Indies Cuba, Santo Domingo, Haiti, Bahamas, Jamaica and Trinidad. Coconuts are being planted more extensively every year in southern Florida, and within a few years will doubtless constitute an important product of that state. Pacific America sends coconuts to the San Francisco market from the Hawaiian Islands, while copra, or the dried kernel, and oil expressed therefrom, reach this market from the islands of the South Sea. Brazil there are wild coconut groves over 200 miles

Argument in favor of an American origin, as stated by De Candolle, is as follows: The trade winds of the Pacific, to the south and yet more to the north of the equator, blow from America to Asia, a direction contrary to that of the general currents. It is known, moreover, from the unexpected arrival of bottles containing papers on different coasts, that chance has much to do with these transports. His arguments contrary to an American origin of the coconut palm and in favor of an Asiatic are as follows:

First—A current between the third and fifth parallel, north latitude, flows from the islands of the Indian archipelago to the Gulf of Panama. To the north and south of this are currents which take the opposite direction, but they originate in regions too cold for the coconut, and do not touch Central America, where it is supposed to have been long indigenous.

Second—The inhabitants of Asiatic islands were better navigators than the American Indians. It is very possible that canoes from the Asiatic islands, containing provisions of coconuts, were carried by storms or false maneuvers to the islands of the west coast of America; the contrary is highly improbable.

Third—The area for three centuries has been much vaster in Asia than in America, and the difference was yet more considerable before that epoch, for it is known that the coconut has not long existed in the east of tropical America.

Fourth—The inhabitants of the islands of Asia possess an immense number of varieties of the palm, which indicates a very ancient cultivation. Binns enumerates sixteen varieties in Java and adjacent islands, and thirty-nine in the Philippines. Nothing of a similar nature has been observed in the Americas.

Fifth—The uses of the coconut are more varied and more habitual in Asia.

Sixth—It is not probable that the ancient Mexicans and inhabitants of Central America would have neglected to spread the coconut in several directions had it existed among them from a very remote epoch. The little breadth of the isthmus of Panama would have facilitated its transportation from one coast to the other and the people would soon have established in the West Indies, if it had then become naturalized there since the discovery of America.

Seventh—If the coconut in America dated from a geological epoch anterior to the Pliocene or even Eocene deposits in Europe, it would

probably have been found on both coasts and the eastern and western islands of tropical America equally.

Eighth—No ancient data of the existence of the coconut in America have been found, but its presence in Asia three to four thousand years ago is proven by several Sanskrit names. These facts the most ancient habitation in Asia would be in the archipelago and in America in the islands west of Panama. Its introduction into Ceylon, India and China, De Candolle states, does not date further back than three thousand years, but the transport by sea to the coasts of America and Africa took place perhaps in a more remote epoch, although posterior to those epochs when the geographical and physical conditions were different from those of our day.

In early botanical works coconuts are mentioned, being derived from an East Indian word, coc or coese, used to indicate the fruit of the cocos nucifera, or coconut of a fancied resemblance of the three circular depressions to the face of a monkey, whose conversational powers are limited to uttering a sound like "coco."

At the present day, on the islands of the Bay of Panama, such as Colibe, Cobita, Jicarua, Montosa, Lademene, and along the southwestern coast of Chiriqui in Panama, and Punta Barica and Golfo Dulce in Costa Rica, are found dense groves of wild coconut palms, the fallen nuts piled up around their base, in many instances to a depth of two and three feet, washed back and forth by the swirl of the great tides of these coasts near-by fishing crews, sunbathing at noon food and drinking to the divers whom the tides carry far from their base of supplies—an analogy to the aphorism of the ill-wind.

Accepting De Candolle's theory as correct, this same process of distribution from the lowlying coasts of the eastern archipelago to these islands of the Bay of Panama, mentioned by Dampier and Vancouver in their explorings, might have been taking place a thousand years before the Christian era, or by Columbus' successors in the Dukedom of Veraguas, off which coast they lie, thence carried by human agency to

look, and millions of nuts are shipped annually from this country to the United States and Europe. Mexico reduces much of its product to oil and ships to the United States in this form, although a good trade in raw nuts is maintained. Of those exported to Cuba, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Jamaica, the greater part is in the raw state.

Trinidad reduces much of its product to copra, for Europe, and every year exports the local consumption of its large East Indian population.

In 1908 the approximate estimate of area under cultivation in the coconut palm in all parts of the world was 3,140,000 acres.

Of this vast area there are probably 220,000,000 palms bearing fully 7,000,000,000 nuts annually, the majority of which are consumed for food purposes where produced.

The coconut palm flourishes near the equator and as far north as 30 degrees, especially along low coasts, although many are found in India at an elevation of 3,000 feet, and cases are known where the palm does well at an elevation of 4,500 feet above the sea.

As a rule a coconut tree throws out a spathe and a leaf every month, each bearing a nut yielding from 10 to 25 pounds net. The product of a healthy tree properly tended may be from 50 to 120 and even 250 nuts annually.

The principal products of the coconut palm are raw nuts, from which the delectated nut is made, copra, or the dried kernel, from which in turn oil is expressed; poonac, or the residue after extracting the oil and cake; and principally the use of these products, as well as of every portion of the palm itself, are almost innumerable. Twenty-eight per cent of all the coconuts raised in the world are grown in the Americas, where, however, they are scattered over a much greater area for each palm than is the case in the orient, thereby making the work of collecting and shipping more difficult and expensive. This, principally, is the fact, the vast stretches of coconut groves of Brazil, Venezuela, Mexico and the western coast of Central America have never been extensively exploited for coconuts. Increasing demand, higher prices than in former years, and the approaching completion of the Panama canal, which means new markets brought about by improved transportation facilities, are rapidly bringing these fields within the grasp of profitable exploitation, in addition to stimulating the scientific culture of the palm throughout tropical America.

## Uncle Hiram's Experiment

By LAWRENCE ALFRED CLAY

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The old farm had been sold—the bride had come to three days after their marriage. That was a long thirty years ago. Both husband and wife were now over fifty, gray-haired and wrinkled. There had been years and years of the hardest toil—sickness—debts—accidents; but man and wife had worked together and had conquered.

That evening, as they sat on the veranda and the sun went down there was an unconsciousness they had never felt before. Selling the farm was tearing their world up by the roots. For a long time they didn't look at each other. In a week more the buyer was coming to take possession. The wife had these thoughts alone as the stars stood bar eyes. The husband had other thoughts mingled with them.

That day as he chatted with a neighbor the neighbor had said: "Well, Uncle Hiram, I make out that you are fifty-three years old, and you have done a heap of hard work. Wouldn't take you for over forty, however. If you was to dye your hair, shave up and put on a good suit of clothes you'd pass for a spruce young widower out west, where you are going. Good wife you have got, but it's a pity you are married. You ought to have a chance to run around and see life."

Both laughed at the remarks, but they stuck with Uncle Hiram. He had told like a slave. He had never been twenty miles from the farm. He had never attended a circus. They had at eight o'clock—up in the morning at five, plow, plant, reap—that was the daily routine. Then there was milking to be done, hogs to feed, wood to cut. He had gone through all this without complaint, but just now he was feeling the bitterness of it.

Uncle Hiram turned a bit to look at his wife. In his selfishness he gave her little credit. She had done her best. She had often taken the place of a man in the field. If she showed more on her than on him, if her hair was whiter, if she was more stooped, if her face carried more wrinkles, he should have felt more tender. But he didn't. His bitterness was all for himself. He had planned to go west and buy another farm. He must take the "old woman"

had got through with him, not even his wife of thirty years would have recognized him. Farm life and toll had been left behind. He wasn't a married man now, but a widower. So he told himself and tried hard to believe it. There was no accounting for it. He had left a thousand dollars behind for the "old woman." Some men wouldn't have left a dollar.

Uncle Hiram took another name, and in due time he arrived somewhere, where. He found people who did not hesitate to ask him why he made a fool of himself by dying his hair, and whiskers. Indeed, he was asked a lot of questions and was amazed. When he arrived somewhere else he was taken for a man of sixty instead of fifty-three. The ladies hadn't taken away that stoop, and he walked with looser knees, as all farmers do. Boys called after him on the street. In a place of amusement he would find a woman whom he thought he would like to make his wife. He was the dashing widower now. In the midst of his gazing and thinking the woman turned on him with:

"See here, you old hundred-year-old mannikin, you quit your stalling or I'll have you thrown out of here!"

Uncle Hiram was dyed and padded, but he was deceiving nobody. People offered to assist him up and down steps and over rough places, and now and then men appealed to him in regard to dates of sixty or seventy years ago. It was very often that children called grandpa and he was cautioned that such and such weather was dangerous for an old man like him.

Uncle Hiram saw the elephant. He saw him literally and theoretically. He couldn't figure where he was better off for so doing. When he saw the animal literally, he without caution flung himself against coming too near, as Benjamin seemed to have a spite against old men.

In one locality Uncle Hiram renewed his hair-dye and started in to court a widow. She sniffed the dye and called him an old fool and held the door open for him to walk out. In no case was he any one deceived. In most cases he was asked why his wife wasn't with him, or how it came that a farmer who had got his education in the little country school-house.

Uncle Hiram had wandered about and spent three hundred of his hard-earned dollars before awakening to the fact that he had made a fool of himself. What to do? As he asked himself the question a great longing came to him. He tried to do it, but he couldn't. Then a feeling of remorse came. He had been a dog to abandon his wife and the fact that he thought it all over, from the day they were wed. She wasn't so gray-haired, but if she was, what if? She wasn't so stooped, but if she was, what if? If her face were wrinkled, in what of his?

Uncle Hiram did not spare himself. He administered kicks. He reviled the man. He shed tears. And how to mend matters? He had had a wife and home for thirty years. He was now an outlaw.

Back in the east was a sad-faced woman waiting. Aunt Jane had rented a little farm and was living all alone. The neighbors had commiserated with her, but to one and all she had said:

"Hiram will come back. I am waiting here for him. He will remember all that I have said. The words of a neighbor, uttered half in jest, were bearing fruit."

That night Uncle Hiram scarcely closed his eyes in sleep. There was a change in him, and he realized it. He found himself planning things that he would have turned from almost in fear thirty hours before. Yes, he went at it deliberately and planned, and when the restless woman beside him asked if he were awake he deceived her. He didn't want her either to weep or chatter to disturb his planning. He was to go out west somewhere alone and make the purchase, and the wife was to come on. That is, they had planned that way. It was the fear of travel that was keeping her awake that night.

In the next two weeks many people wondered what had come over Uncle Hiram. Of course, he would be a bit and about leaving the old farm, but why his nervousness and fretfulness? Why so brusque and blunt with Aunt Jane? Why tell so many conflicting stories as to the locality he should head for? Then who had known the man the longest criticized him most.

When he finally started away there seemed no real business in the matter. The wife felt it, and was not altogether unprepared for what soon took place. Uncle Hiram had been gone five days when a friend from the village placed a thousand dollars in her hands and told her that she would never see her husband again. Uncle Hiram was west. He had left in a city for a week to get packed up. When the barber and the clothes



"You Ought to Have a Chance to Run Around and See Life."

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French Jurist Defends Retra. The dumb animal has often been tried and executed with the proper legal formalities, even in England and in this as the nineteenth century. In the enlightened land a cock has been tried, found guilty and burned at the stake for the crime of laying an egg.

A correspondent reminds us of Chastance, the eminent French jurist, who defended certain rats accused of deserting their barracks during the war. He was a posthumous defendant, for so many defendants could not be reached by a single summons.

Seems Out of Proportion. With every exertion, the best of men can do but a moderate amount of good. It seems in the power of the most contemptible individual to do incalculable mischief.—Living.

