LARGEST AND BEST NEWSPAPER IN PINE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

THE PINE POKER.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF PINE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Vol. XX PINE CITY, MINN., DECEMBER 6, 1917. No. 16

CHRISTMAS

TOYS

Just opened. Those who inspect them at once will get the best selection.

Also Christmas presents of various kinds for old and young. See what we have for you to give—it will surely give you an idea, and save you money.

Toilet Soap 5c

By buying an enormous quantity of "Goblin" toilet soap, we got it at a price that allows us to sell it in box lots at 5 cents, or 6 cents per cake.

THE LEADER

JOHN TATE, Prop,

PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

Electricity

IS CHEAPER to-day than ten years ago.

Every other commodity costs more.

Eastern Minnesota Power Company

PINE CITY, MINN.

OIL AND MINING

INVESTMENT

will you join the

Duluth Floral Company

Write at once for particulars.

HOTEL VENDOME

The Minneapolis Dollar-Hotel

250 MODERN ROOMS

Located in Heart of Business District

ONE PRICE--ONE DOLLAR

EUROPLAN; RATE FOR TWO PERSONS $1.50

PRIVATE BATH, SHOWER AND TOILET EXTRA

COMPLETE SAFETY

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS

AND FIREPROOF CONSTRUCTION

INSURANCE RECORDS SHOW THAT NEVER HAS A LIFE BEEN LOST IN ANY BUILDING PROTECTED BY AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS

EVERY ROOM HAS HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER, STEAM HEAT, ELECTRIC LIGHT AND TELEPHONE SERVICE.

A Safe Test

For those who are in need of a remedy for kidney troubles and backache, it is a good plan to try Doan's Kidney Pills. They are strongly recommended by Pine City people.

Mrs. P. Holm, Pine City, says: "I suffered awfully from kidney and bladder complaint, some three years ago. I was all run down and miserable and my back ached and pained so much, I would have to scream. When I had been sitting down, I could hardly get up again. I had dizzy headaches and many times I fainted away because the trouble completely unnerved me. Doan's Kidney Pills soon cured me and I can't say too much for them." (Statement given September 26, 1913.)

AGAIN PRAISES DOAN'S

On October 16, 1917, Mrs. Holm said: "I have needed Doan's Kidney Pills only once since I recommended them in 1913. About a year ago I began to feel lame through the small of my back and began to have those terrible pains again. Doan's Kidney Pills cured that attack just the same as they did the one described in my statement of 1913."

60c, at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

[illegible]

Poultry Show Next Week

County Exhibit Will Be Held at Brook Park, December 11-12-13

The annual county poultry show to be held at Brook Park next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, will be the best poultry show ever held in the county and will be largely attended.

Two special features which have been arranged will be great drawing cards.

The canning demonstration will be put on at 2:30 Wednesday, 12th, at 2 p. m. by Miss Bernita Thompson of Washington, D. C. This should be of great interest to everyone as it means saving of food for the fowls and affords an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the method of chicken canning by these government experts, and it is free. Tell your neighbors about it and be there.

On the same day at 8 o'clock Mrs. John Kruse, poultry judge and assistant in the state university extension work will lecture on poultry, every one interested in poultry should hear this lecture, Mrs. Kruse is an experienced poultry raiser herself and her talk will be based on actual facts and experience as well as much study on the subject, Mrs. Kruse is an excellent speaker, and will be enjoyed by all who hear her.

Draft Questionaire Coming Soon

Starting Dec. 15, the government through the local draft board, will send out a list of questions to every man registered for military service under the selective conscription law. These "questionnaries" will be mailed by the county draft board, starting Dec, 15 to 5 per cent of the registered men of the county. Each day thereafter another 5 per cent will be mailed until every registered man in the county has been mailed one.

The object of this action by the government is to make an accurate classification of every man registered and then the registrants are divided into five classes. All future calls for military service will then be made by these classes.

The provisions of this ruling are very drastic. All exemptions of the first draft are revoked and every man of military age, except those now in service, must answer the questions. The registrant must fill out the questions and return the blank to the county draft board within seven days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, and failure to receive a blank does not exempt the registrant from the penalty of one year in prison. If a registered man does not receive a question blank within reasonable time, he should notify the county board.

In all there are 147 questions in the "questionnarie," of which 26 is the minumum that may be answered, and 100 is the maximum. These questions are grouped into "Series," the first series having 15 questions which every registrant must answer. They are of a general nature and furnish a line on the capabilities and experience of the registrant.

Series 2 applies to the physical fitness of the registrant. Series 3 is regarding duty as a legislative, executive or judicial officers. Series 4 is for ministers of religion and Series 5 is for divinity students. Series 6 relates to military or naval service of registrant. Series 7 is questions on registrant's citizenship. Series 8 relates to officials, federal employees, pilots and mariners. Series 10 is relative to dependency; Series 11 applies to industrial occupation, and Series 12 to agricultural occupation.

[illegible] filled out by the registrant, and also a place for appeal from the classifications made by the local board.

The whole questionnaire is somewhat complicated and consists of 16 pages 9x11 inches in size. To a great many who receive them the proper filling out of these blanks will be a difficult task, and in order to help out the registered men arrangements will be made by local councils of defense, and other bodies, to have men who are well posted on the questionnarie to be at convenient places in the different towns and units of the county so that the registrants may apply to them for assistance in filling out the plans.

The above is a bare outline of what the questionnarie is and what its purpose is. Columns could be written in explanation of the various details, but this would probably result only confusion to the average reader.

The main point is that the blank must be filled out and returned to the county board promptly, and that all questions must be answered plainly and truthfully. Assistance will be given free of charge to all wishing it in filling out these questionnaries.

Soldiers Enjoyed Thanksgiving

H. N. Turner is in receipt of a letter from his son who is in the 164th infantry, now stationed at Camp Mills, Long Island, saying that he was one of the thousands from that company who were entertained at New York on Thanksgiving day. They were taken to the city by special trains, met at the station by sight seeing autos and shown about the city, after which they were fed at one of the swellest cafes in the city, about 1200 sitting at a time, and were then taken to shows and the Madison Square gardens. Later they were entertained at supper at private homes. He says that he enjoyed every minute of the time until the special trains carried them back to camp at midnight, and that it was one of the finest days he ever spent.

Tuberculosis Day Notice

In these times of high cost of living, extra taxation, the asking and giving no doubt the Public views the sale of Red Cross Seals with a question

The money received from the sale of these seals is used to educate the public in regard to the prevention of Tuberculosis.

Our little cemetery could tell many a tale of young lives snuffed out in their early bloom because of ignorance about the prevention of disease.

The death rate among the young in this community has taken a startling drop during the last twenty years. The reason is that parents are learning more about the prevention of disease.

The curse of tuberculosis can only be stoppeed by adequate means of preventing its spread.

That is why you are asked to contribute your pennies. No one knows who will be the next victim.

What ever helps your neighbor to live a healthy life helps you. Therefore don't forget the little Red Cross Seals.

Pine City School News

Contributed by Senior class

Books for all the English classes have arrived.

Red Inks come the 17, 18 and 19 of this month.

Miss DuVall and her little neice Jessie Rath visited H. S. Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Helen Benda began her two weeks' practice teaching Monday in the Demonstration School taught by Miss Hady. The Normal girls stopped practice teaching the first grade children, Monday. They have been teaching this grade an hour each morning for the past month.

The Basket Ball schedule for this season is as follows: Dec. 21 Pine City vs. Forest Lake at Pine City, Jan. 11 Rush City vs. Pine City at Pine City, Jan. 18 Pine City vs. North Branch at Pine City. Jan. 25 Rush City vs. Pine City at Rush City. Feb. 1 Sandstone vs. Pine City at Pine City. Feb. 15 Hinckley vs. Pine City at Pine City. Feb. 22 Sandstone vs. Pine City at Sandstone.

Co. Commissioners Meet

County Agricultural Agt. and Other Important Matters Disposed of

Coincident with and simultaneous to the assembly of the American congress at Washington, D C, the board of county commissioners of Pine county gathered at the court house for the transaction of county business, Monday noon, and remained in session until Tuesday afternoon.

Various matters to come before the board attracted quite a large attendance from over the county, the proposed appointment of a county agricultural agent being especially a matter of much general interest. Besides many from throughout the southern end of the county, there were present Messrs John Richards, Oscar Carlson, John A. Stenson and Adolph S. Larson from the Sandstone region, Anton Erickson, Mr. Foss and Frank and Ed Rodenberger from Bruno, S. Chr. Dixon, L Mosbaek and H. Peterson from Askov, W. H. Warren, George W. Empey and George Wallick from Hinckley, Editor Butler and Mr. Schoenrock from Finlayson and others.

Several road matters were taken up, Mrs. Frances Proffit, Gust Marine and Harry Winslow appearing to protest the condition of the town line road between Hinckley and Mission Creek towns east of the track while F. J. Knowlton was present to ask that some action be taken force the Mission Creek town board to put the town road in sections 4 and 5 in that town in better shape.

A petition for a new road on the line between sections 14 and 15 in Norman town was received from Stephan Purell and others, which was referred to Commissioner Zimmerman.

The bond and oath of J. E. Therrien as judge of probate were accepted and filed, also the board elected Mrs. Louisa N. Wallace as clerk of the probate court and accepted her bond.

The matter of a county agricultural agent was presented to the board by a Mr. Jones, representing A. D. Wilson of the state agricultural extension service. Talks were also made by citizens of the county favoring the move and the board passed a resolution pledging the county to pay $1,000 per year for the next two years to the plan if the citizens of the county raise $400 from personal subscriptions of $2 each. In addition to this, the state and government give $1,800 more, making $3,200 that will be available for the purpose if $400 is raised.

The petition of Frank Dunaiski and others for a county road between Kettle River and Sturgeon Lake towns was considered. A strong remonstrance was presented and the report of the committee, consisting of Messrs. Derr, Studt and Edin, that the petition be rejected was adopted.

The petition of Frank Orvis for transfer from school dist. 82 to 13 and of C. M. Johnson for transfer from district 70 to 61 were granted.

Petitions were received from A. F. McKay and Alf. Larson of Dell Grove for transfers to other school district and hearing set for Jan. 8th.

Engineer Buckley was instructed to investigate the condition of the Stevenson bridge over ditch in Norman town also for the chance for a bridge across Crooked creek at Gus. Mahlin's place in Ogema town.

Official record will appear in The Pine Poker, next week.

Farmers Get Better Milk Price

The Farmers' co-operative creamery, here, ceases to ship milk to the Twin City Producers Assn., today, and are shipping to the Elwell Dairy Company instead. The old agreement netted the creamery from about $2 40 to $2.50 per hundred for the milk while the new purchaser pays about $3—today's shipment tested 4.3 and brought $3.13 per hundred for the milk. This means much to the farmers of this region.

Moose Lake Organizes Home Gds.

Moose Lake has organized a company of Home Guards which will affiliate with the Pine county organization which already has companies organized at Pine City, Hinckley and Sturgeon Lake. The Moose Lake company starts with nineteen men in line under Capt P W. Swedberg, a veteran of the Spanish American war.

Old Pine Countyite Dies

"Jack" Welch, a resident of Pine county since the lumbering days until about two years ago when he moved to Chicago to receive medical treatment, passed away in his home at that city, Nov. 22. In the days before the Hinckley fire Jack was well known over the county though he made his home principally in and out of Hinckley He was caught in the woods on Bear Creek by the big conflagration and saved himself only by extreme exertions after he had been given up for dead. He later married and resided at Sandstone where he lost his eyesight and his general health declined.

State Road at Finlayson

The talk of the state road being layed out from the black and White trail to Pine Lake is still much in evidence, and the village council has a petition out for signatures asking the remaining Two Places and breaks in the road to be layed and a road constructed making the road straight and direct from the Black and White trail to the shore of Pine Lake Any one wishing to see the petition will please call upon any of the village officers or call at the bank where the petitions is at present This is an important matter for the village and everyone should lend a hand and see that we get this road and the state aid.—Finlayson Reporter.

Near Accident at Hinckley

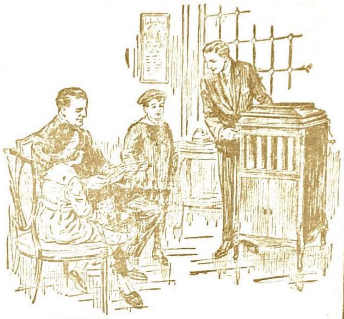
When the team driven by Joe Klynstra ran away Tuesday morning Joe escaped danger almost miraculously. The team was in front of the Noble warehouse and became frightened by a train and ran. Joe caught the rear end of the wagon and climbed on. For a time he was able to ride lying only part way inside the wagon box but worked his way forward and secured the lines. The team turned the corner at Coffin's hotel on the dead run and the wagon skidded to the ditch, where one wheel caught on the frozen ground and the rear axel and raech where broken The team never hesitated but went on with the remaining part of the rig and Joe managed to stay in and stop the runaways before they reached the village hall and turned them around and drove them back. Feed was scattered all over the road.—Hinckley Enterprise.

And It's "Judge" Therrien, Now

J. E. Therrien was appointed, last week, by Governor Burnquist to fill the vacancy that was caused by the resignation of Judge of Probate Wilcox, whose resignation was filed just prior to Mr. Therrien's appointment. He assumed the duties of his new office the first of this week. Joe Therrien is known from one end of the county to the other and has friends everywhere. It is understood that he will hold the office sort of "in trust" for Judge Wilcox who is at the front. Joe is thoroughly conversant with court house matters and the task given him is "right in his mitt!

Can you dance? If not, come to Bede's and learn—boys on Wednesday evenings and girls on Friday evenings. adv.

Columbia Grafonola and Columbia Records



"What ought I to pay for a Grafonola?"

There is only one way to decide wisely. Come in and judge the Grafonola for yourself. You will be welcome any time, and we will do our best to see that you get the right Grafonola at the price you ought to pay.

A. W. PIPER

AGENT

Pine City, Minn.

WHEN DOING YOUR

Christmas Cooking

You will get pleasure and satisfaction if you have

Quality Store Groceries

to use. Try them.

Schumacher's Grocery

PHONE 37 The Quality Store

HAVE YOUR

Harness Oiled

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

You'll not buy any Christmas presents that will give you more satisfaction or value.

B. G. HAAS

Leather Store PINE CITY, MINN.

302 Lindley Building N. W. Nicollet 1942

C. WARD FOLSOM

CHI-RO-PRAC-TOR

Spinal and Nervous Diseases

Electric-Vapor Baths Graduate Nurse Attendants

622 Nicollet Avenue Minneapolis, Minn.

PROTEST MADE TO RUSS PACT

American Ambassador Enters Official Objection to Proposed Armistice.

GERMANS MADE OFFER

Incomplete Returns Show that Bolsheviki Have Carried Election in Petrograd—Russian Officials Go on Strike.

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—Major Kerth, American military attache has been instructed by Ambassador Francis to make a protest on the part of the United States, similar to that entered by heads of entente embassies here, to negotiations for an armistice between Russia and Germany. Omission to join the protest entered by other allied ministers was due to the fact that it was based on the London agreement against a separate peace, to which America is not signatory.

Ambassador Francis, however, has assumed the attitude that all aid America has extended to Russia, and all recommendations to that end by him were made with the express understanding. Therefore, he believed himself justified, in the absence of instructions from the state department at Washington, to enter a protest against independent action of Russia in the matter of an armistice.

Bolsheviki Carries Election.

Incomplete returns from the election for the constituent assembly indicate the Bolsheviki have carried Petrograd, receiving 272,000 votes against 211,000 for Constitutional Democrats and 116,000 for Social Revolutionaries.

The report of representatives sent through the German lines by Ensign Krylenko, Bolsheviki commander-in-chief, to begin negotiations for an armistice have been given out here. It shows that the agreement to take up negotiations were made in behalf of Germans by their commander-in-chief. It was agreed that the conference should be held at German headquarters at Brestliovsk.

Government Employes Strike.

Petrograd, Dec. 3.—Employes of the ministries of finance, agriculture and communications have refused to recognize the authority of the Bolsheviki and have begun a strike of two days. The revolutionary committee sent a sailor to the ministry of supplies to ascertain the amount of meat and other food in Petrograd. The official in charge declined to deal with an agent of the revolutionists and refused the information.

SAMMIES FIGHT IN FRANCE

Acquit Themselves Valiantly When Under Fire.

With the British Army in France, ec. 3.—Large numbers of American army engineers, working on the British railways in the region of Gouzeaucourt, caught in the German turning movement, escaped by lying in shell holes and prone on the ground while the British fired over them. There they remained until the British were near enough to enable the Americans to join the ranks, when they fought valiantly and played an important part in replying to the enemy.

The British commanders refer to their valiant behavior with the greatest enthusiasm.

Americans elsewhere took a busy hand in the fighting and were under hot German shell fire. Numbers of them volunteered for patrol work in the danger zone and all acquitted themselves finely.

KINGS AGREE ON NEUTRALITY

Scandinavian Countries to "Observe Utmost Neutrality."

Christiania, Dec. 3.—Norway, Sweden and Denmark have entered a new agreement to preserve "the utmost neutrality." An official statement announced this result of the conference of the Scandinavian kings and statesmen which has been in progress here.

The conference, according to announcement, agreed on "Scandinavian harmony and mutual confidence, regardless of the length of the war, each nation to observe the utmost neutrality and all to assist each other by exchange of merchandise."

13 Escape From Joliet Prison.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 3.—Thirteen convicts escaped from the state penitentiary here by sawing the bars of their cells and escaping over the walls. The guards fired at them and the convicts were almost surrounded, but put up a fight, knocking down some of the guards. Several automobiles were requisitioned and the latest reports are that the convicts are still at large with the guards in hot pursuit.

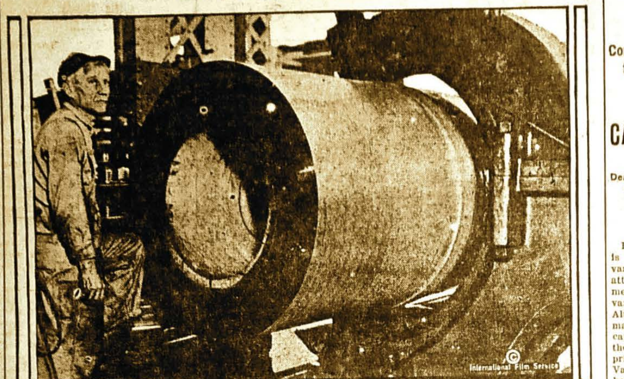
Cannon Urges War Money Supply.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Adequate appropriation by congress for further prosecution of the war were predicted by former Speaker J. G. Cannon upon his return for the new session. "Sentiment as far as I can observe," he said, "is for a vigorous prosecution of the war, to bring it to a successful end as early as possible. The financial needs will be great, both of ourselves and our allies. Of course, we can't provide for the whole shooting match but congress will respond adequately to the needs of the situation."

[illegible] Wound Was Not Self-Inflicted

Concord, N. C., Dec. 3.—Dr. William H. Burmeister of Chicago, state witness, was on the stand for further cross-examination when the Gaston B. Means murder trial was resumed. Dr. Burmeister testified it would have been impossible for Mrs. Maude A. King to have shot herself. He produced exhibits showing that on the dead woman's body powder grains from a pistol shot of the kind that killed Mrs. King would be imbedded at a distance of six inches. Hair would be singed up to four inches.

ONE OF THE BIG GUNS THAT ARE BEING TURNED OUT IN THE ARSENALS OF THE UNITED STATES



Close-up view of one of the 14-inch guns that are being manufactured in American arsenals for use against the Germans. These monsters and others of all calibers are being turned out in great numbers.

MOB STONES CARMEN

Five Thousand Engage in Riot in St. Paul Streets.

Fifty Carmen Are Injured and Many Cars Disabled—Negligent Officers Warned by Governor.

St. Paul, Dec. 3.—Nearly 50 trainmen were injured in rioting involving 5,000 persons in the loop district of St. Paul growing out of the agitation for a carmen's union.

Other results were the wrecking of more than a score of cars, cutting of trolley wires, complete suspension for the night at least, of street car service in that city, calling out of the St. Paul home guards and 1,500 uniformed sheriff's deputies in Minneapolis, and steps toward the mobilization of the Fourth Minnesota infantry.

Police Protection Inadequate.

The same situation laid before the governor, in addition to the question already before him of state contact with appeals for federal action, the necessity of dealing with the problem of adequate policing of St. Paul for preservation of peace and maintenance of the transportation facilities.

It was immediately after the close of a widely advertised meeting in Rice park, in the heart of St. Paul, that the dense crowd charged on street cars converging chiefly at Seventh and Wabasha streets, the principal junction point of the downtown street railway loop.

Agitators Address Meeting.

The mass meeting had been addressed, not only by agitators of a carmen's union and other sympathizers, but also by leaders of the Nonpartisan league. Joseph Gilbert, manager of the league, besides urging all labor to help the carmen, attacked Otto Kahn, New York banker, who spoke at the recent loyalty demonstrations in Minneapolis and St. Paul. James Manahan, counsel for the league, criticized the Public Safety commission, and openly pledged the assistance of the Nonpartisan league in the trainmen's fight.

COAL SHORTAGE IS GREAT

Government Issues List of Preferred Consumers.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The government's first move toward curtailing non-essential industries during the war was made when the fuel administration sent to coal producers a preferred list of consumers to serve as a guide in filling orders. The list establishes preferential shipment for government orders, railway fuel, household requirements, public utilities, steel plants, coke ovens and munition plants.

Although no direct order was issued requiring operators to give the list preference, a definite request was made and fuel administration officials believe it will be followed. The priority is asked for a period of 30 days.

DEMAND 40 PER CENT RAISE

Railroad Men Make Formal Application for More Pay.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—An increase of 40 per cent in wages is the request made by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Order of Railriad Conductors on almost every railroad in the United States. Vice President of the Brotherhood James Murdock admitted the increase had been asked for.

To Bury U. S. Slain in France.

Washington, Dec. 1. — The bodies of Americans who die or are killed in France will remain there until the close of the war. This decision by war department officials is in line with a recommendation of General John J. Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary forces. Persons who lose relatives in the American forces and request that their bodies be sent home are being advised by Secretary of War N. D. Baker of General Pershing's recommendation, which will be rigidly followed.

Invents Tractor; Gains Wealth.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 1.—A former South Dakota boy, Arthur Cole, has gained fame and fortune from a tractor of his invention. He is now a resident of Toronto, Can., and is making a visit to his father and brother, residents of Fort Pierre where he was reared. He sold the patent rights of the tractor to a corporation at Toronto, retaining a royalty upon the sales, and is employed by the company at a large salary. The British government has ordered [illegible] and Australia has placed a [illegible]

PEACE LETTER MEETS REBUKE

English Unionists Go on Record Against Lansdowne Plea in Great Meeting.

INDORSE BRITISH AIMS

Bonar Law, in Speech, Says Now Is Time to Prosecute war to Permanent Peace.

London, Dec. 3.—Resolutions deploring the publication of the letter of the Marquist of Lansdowne have been unanimously adopted by the Unionist party meeting, attended by 1,500 delegates, representing Unionist bodies throughout the country. Declaring firm adherence Declaring firm adherence to the war aims of the Allies, as defined by the premier, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Asquith, it was decided that the resolutions should be wired to the premier and Mr. Balfour at Paris.

Great Enthusiasm.

A scene of great enthusiasm ensued, the delegates rising and singing the national anthem. Bonar Law delivered a speech in which he admitted that he had never met anyone more patriotic or disinterested than the Marquis of Lansdowne. Nevertheless, Mr. Bonar Law said: "I disagree absolutely, not with the arguments, but with the whole tone of the letter. It is not that we do not desire peace. It is horrible to look forward to a continuance of the war, but it is a strange assumption that because the Germans declare their readiness for a pact of nations and talk of disarmament that peace therefore is possible.

"Before the war our government did not dare suggest disarmament to Germany. They often went near it, but the Germans regarded it almost as a casus belli, and before the war books recommending disarmament were prohibited in Germany and I believe they are prohibited to this day.

Letter Denounced.

"How can they be bound by a pact of nations? Nobody will pretend that they will be bound because they sign a treaty, and what force is to bind them? The whole world is against them today, armed and organized in a way that it is not likely again will be; and if we cannot insist upon our rights now, how will we fight against them in new conditions hereafter?"

The letter of the Marquist of Lansdowne continues to be deprecated or frankly denounced in all governmental quarters.

MRS. DE SAULLES ACQUITTED

Slayer of Husband Quickly Freed by Jury.

Mineola, N. Y., Dec. 3.—It required but 1 hour and 42 minutes for a jury in the supreme court here to reach a verdict of not guilty in the trial of Mrs. Bianca de Saulles for the murder of her divorced husband, John L. de Saulles, former Yale football star and clubman, at his home near Westbury, L. I., the night of Aug. 3.

In the verdict no reference whatever was made to insanity. It was a plea of temporary loss of accountability which formed the basis of the defendant's case.

Want "Peaches" and "Queens."

Los Angeles, Dec. 3.—"Peaches" and "high steppers" have crowded the sedate, mature woman of the business world out of it. Their efficiency goes begging and their experience is as dross while the "baby stare" and an "affectionate disposition" supplant themselves in the requirements of the boss. This, is the opinion of Mrs. Mayan Courtridge, member of the National Association of Correction and Charities. The desire for "steppers" and "queens" has likewise invaded the public schools.

Observation Cars to Be Dropped.

New York, Dec. 3.—Discontinuance of observation cars on all through New York-Chicago trains is announced by the New York Central railroad. These cars are to be eliminated to "permit handling of more passengers, avoid hauling space not actually needed—to the end that fuel and man-power will be conserved," the announcement said. Further curtailment of fast service between New York and Chicago is expected following the announcement that the Pennsylvania's Limited would be taken off.

SHOW HOPE FOR RUSSIA

Tolerance to Be Policy of U. S. in Dealing With Problem.

America Expected to Oppose Threat Against Bolsheviki at Paris Conference.

Washington, Dec. 3.—So as to show hope for the ultimate triumph of a sane democracy the American government is shaping what is described as a tolerant policy in dealing with Russia in her present straits.

It is declared that even should the Bolsheviki conclude an armistice with Germany, there is no present intention to broadly list Russia as an enemy, and that the American government is at pains to have all the people of Russia know its attitude.

Supplies to Go Forward.

Contracts for supplies of materials for Russia, it was said, would go forward as usual, in the hope that they would be applied to the cause of world democracy. It was pointed out again, however, that these are under control at all times and can be prevented from falling into hostile hands.

In view of the attitude expressed here, it appears that should the inter-Allied war council at Paris decide to send what has been described as a threatening communication to Russia, the American delegates might not subscribe to it.

Officials here base their position on the premise that while the Bolsheviki faction is working for a separate peace without regard of the opinion of the remainder of Russia, a great part of the country is not in accord with their aims and the success of the Bolsheviki is by no means wholly assured.

NEED "SOMETHING TO READ"

Sammies Send Plea to People Back Home.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 3.—Officers of the American soldier units in training here have asked the Associated Press to inform the American people that the soldiers lack reading material. They said that the comparatively small quantity of magazines and newspapers which have been arriving have eagerly been read by the men. Some of the publications passed through dozens of readers' hands until the pages actually were in fragments and were thus read by others.

MOB BURNS NEGRO AT STAKE

Take Him From Sheriff in Tennessee Town.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 3.—A dispatch from Dyersburg Tenn., says that Ligon Scott, a negro alleged to have attacked a white woman Nov. 22, was burned at the stake in the public square there. The negro was arrested in Jackson, Tenn., and was being taken to Dyersburg in an automobile by the sheriff and his deputies when a mob met the officers and relieved them of their prisoner. Scott is said to have confessed.

Sends Message to Mikado.

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Wilson has sent to Emperor Yoshihito of Japan his appreciation of the visit of Viscount Ishii and saying that its result would be as happy and as permanent as the enduring friendship of the peoples of the two countries.

Priests May Remain in Mexico.

Mexico City, Dec. 1—By order of the Department of the Interior three foreign priests, arrested and ordered deported, have been released and permitted to remain in Mexico as a result of efforts on the part of French Italian and Spanish representatives here. As an act of courtesy to these countries and to satisfy their demands, at least in part, the government will permit one Spanish one Italian and one French priest to remain. But foreign priests must not hold religious services in churches.

Nearing Holds Sneak Peace Meeting.

Denver, Col., Dec. 1.—Prof. Scott Nearing of Toledo has left Denver following a secret pacifist meeting, attended by about 25 members of the local branch of the People's Council at a private residence here. "The meeting here was an executive session," Nearing said. "In cities where the ordinances prohibit private meetings in a public hall we notify the police before we gather." The local branch of the People's Council has been prevented from holding several scheduled public meetings.

GERMANS FAIL TO STOP BRITISH

Complete Failure Is Result of the Crown Prince's Effort to Nullify Byng's Advance.

CASUALITIES ARE GREAT

Dead in Battle Are More in Numbers Than During Any Similar Period of Fighting Since the War Began.

London, Dec. 4.—Complete failure is the apparent result of Bavarian Crown Prince Rupprecht's attempt, by an encircling movement, to nullify the brilliant advance of Gen. Byng toward Cambrai. Although at certain points the Germans pierced the British lines and captured positions, men and guns, they have paid dearly for their enterprise in casualties—the dead near La Vacquerie during the course of the 12 hours having been greater in numbers than during any similar period of fighting since the war began.

Counter Attacks Continued.

With the British Army in France, Dec. 3.—British continued their counter offensive operations in the Gonnelieu sector, which was overrun by the Germans in an attempt to wrench off the salient which the British had driven in about Bourlon wood. The mopping up of Gonnelieu, which was recaptured by Haig's troops, was completed. About 300 prisoners were taken in this place. Fifty prisoners also were brought out of Les Rues Vertes, after a British counter attack and all told the Germans lost hundreds of prisoners in Saturday's operations.

Tank Captures Foe Guns.

After recapturing Gauche wood, the British pushed up still further on the higher ground to the southeast of the wood. One British tank captured 15 enemy machine guns in the assault in Gauche wood.

The Germans then began a heavy shelling of the British entanglements at the position known as the knoll, just south of Vendhuile, indicating the possibility of an impending attack in that sector.

It is now possible to state that the Germans employed a great force—at least six or seven divisions—for their attack from Moeuvres to Bourlon wood, and four or five divisions in the southern offensive in the region of Gonnelieu. The Germans fought in masses all that day in both sectors and their losses were exceedingly heavy.

WILL SAIL FOR HOME SOON

U. S. War Mission Winding Up Affairs in Europe.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Members of the American war mission have begun winding up their affairs preparatory to leaving for America.

They are busy compiling reports and clearing up minor details in conference with French and British associate.

It is officially announced that no plenary meeting of the conference will be held and that Americans will take no further part in meetings of the supreme war council until the mission has returned home and made its report.

The inter-allied council, which is a permanent body dealing with finance, shipping, munitions and other economic and industrial aspects of the war, will open its meetings in London within a fortnight.

O. T. Crosby is representative of the United States at this conference.

SLAIN IN FIGHT WITH BANDITS

U. S. Soldier Killed Fighting Mexican Cattle Thieves.

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 3.—In a battle at Buena Vista, Texas, United States cavalrymen and Mexican cattle thieves, one soldier was killed and another slightly wounded. Justo Gonzales, foreman of an American cattle ranch, who was acting as scout for the soldiers, also was killed.

Machine guns were used by the cavalry to drive the Mexicans from the houses of Buena Vista, in which they had taken refuge. Buena Vista is 20 miles northwest of here on the Rio Grande. The bandits numbered 200, of whom 35 were killed and many wounded.

Water Plant Blows Up; 1 Killed.

Fairmont, Minn., Dec. 3.—The water and light plant at Lakefield, Jackson county, blew up, killing Peter Nelson, engineer, and injuring three other men. The cause of the explosion is not known, but it is believed that the boilers went dry. The blast shook the entire town.

To Wipe Out Foe in East Africa.

London, Dec. 3.—The British forces in German East Africa are preparing to make their final drive at the single remaining German force in that colony which is estimated to number about 2,000 rifles. For this purpose, says the official statement on the East Africa operations, which summarizes the November campaign, General Northey's troops are concentrating to the west of the Mehesi valley. They will co-operate in the measures being taken in dealing with this last remaining German column.

Housing Control Latest Suggestion.

New York, Dec. 3.—Appointment of a "housing administrator" who would hold, with reference to war-time housing problems, the same position which Herbert Hoover holds with reference to food conservation, is recommended to President Wilson in a letter which it was announced had been forwarded to him by the National Housing association. Appropriation of government funds to house munition workers is urged as a war-time necessity. Seventy-one American cities suffer from house shortage.

News of the State

Condensed for Busy Folks

Emil Pierskalla, 19, who was accidentally shot in the shoulder while out hunting on November 4, died at St. Raphael's hospital at St. Cloud of lockjaw.

B. E. Sylvester of Plainview, ambulance driver, who returned injured from the French front recently, has entered the naval aviation corps. He will be a student at Dunwoody, Minneapolis.

Oliver Kenyon of Withrow, 84 years of age, is probably the oldest man in the southern part of Minnesota to make application for and receive a big game hunting license.

Dismantling of the old Schroeder brewery at Perham is under way and a considerable portion of the structure which was gradually disintegrating is being taken down. Such parts of the equipment as are saleable will be disposed of.

The Washington county grand jury now in session at Stillwater is confronted with a number of cases that will come up for consideration by that body. Nearly 70 witnesses have been subpoenaed by Sheriff T. H. Maher from various sections of the county.

Supt. F. E. Lurton of the East Grand Forks schools has been appointed for the fourth consecutive year as chairman of the Minnesota Red River valley declamatory contest, which is held annually in Crookston in connection with the Red River Valley Development association meeting.

Judge Morris at Fergus Falls passed sentence on men ho had been convicted of introducing liquor into the Indian country. Ellis L. Thomas of Dora, as given six months in jail and a fine of $100. John E. Johnson, hotel keeper of Bagley, was given three months in jail and a fine of $200 and the automobile in which he transported the liquor was ordered confiscated. John Ritter and Earnest Koppert were each given six months in jail and a fine of $100. Albin B. Haxen, former sheriff of Beltrami county charged with the same offense, was acquitted.

The North Branch Red Cross has made its first shipment of garments. The shipping consisted of seven sweaters, nine mufflers, twenty-eight pairs of socks, twelve pajamas, twelve pairs of bed socks, twelve hospital bed shirts and six pairs of wristlets.

Elbert M. Stevens, extension secretary of Carleton college, has been in Bemidji making a canvass for money for the college.

The following Minnesota postmasters have recently been commissioned for another four-year term: Elmer E. Putnam, Big Lake; Paul D. Mitchell, Brooten; Albert Anderson, Clearbrook; Michael Hollaren, Ellsworth; George H. Smith, Excelsior; Halbert L. Webb, Glyndon; Ruth G. Soderberg, Grand Marais; Albert K. Anderson, Spicer; John F. Flynn, Worthington; Mark T. Randall, Amboy; Martin Christensen, Barnum; Robert W. Stewart, Ceylon; Bernard W. Cummiskey, Currie; Nels E. Hawkinson, Grove City; George A. Blackmum, Hancock. Gustav J. Jarchow, Harris; Olof Ristad, Lancaster; Simon P. Brick, Little Falls; Emil L. Flaten, Moorhead; Walter W. Parish, Rushford; Harry L. Buck, Winona.

Complaints reached Brainerd that dogs are being used in the chase for deer in Northern Crow Wing county in the Little Pine country.

A thorough investigation has just been completed by the Polk county fuel commission, apponited by the safety commission, of the coal and fuel situation in Polk county, and it is said there is no fuel shortage.

Fred J. Wieck has qualified as one of the super-patriots in Winona county. Although he has a son in the fighting service of the country, he was not satisfied with his contribution and at the first opportunity went into the army. He is forty-four years old.

The Moorhead high school has entered the State Debating league and will have its first debate with Barnesville in December. Moorhead is to take part in a triangular debate with Detroit and Fergus Falls. One team will go to Fergus Falls and the other team will meet Detroit at Moorhead.

Ole Shelvick, 60, farmer near Halstad, was struck by an automobile driven by M. J. Goldston of Fargo half a mile from Halstad and died from the injuries a few hours later. On request of the sheriff of Norman county, Goldstone was retained at Fargo by the police and was taken back to Halstad to testify at the inquest.

John Brown, a woodsman living near Grand Rapids, who pleaded guilty to the charge of having placed a set gun in the woods near his cabin, which killed Lionel Smith, a boy whom he had sent to examine the gun, under sentence to an indeterminate sentence in the state penitentiary, is dead. Brown became ill shortly after he was sentenced and was removed to a hospital. Physicians declare the man was suffering from intestinal trouble.

A strong effort will be made by iron mine operators in the Duluth district for a higher scale of iron ore prices for 1918 delivery. Minnesota men are arranging to present statistics on that score before the general revision of steel prices is made by the war defense committee at Washington next January.

Mrs. Mary Stulkich, living near Buhl, was held up by two masked bandits in her home last evening and at the point of a pistol compelled to hand over $48, her savings, concealed under a mattress. The highwaymen left in an auto.

Winona clubs, quickened to a realization of the new safety commission order by the raids at Minneapolis and are taking steps to discontinue the sale of beer. Brewers declare they will sell no beer to unlicensed places. Clubs which conduct bars are unable to purchase these goods.

Demands for trans-Atlantic tonnage are so pressing that the Federal shipping board will be unable to lend immediate help to building up the Upper Mississippi barge lines promised a few weeks ago by Secretary of War Baker, according to a letter written to Chairman Edward N. Hurley.

LOWER TWINE PRICE MAY BE EXPECTED

CHAIRMAN WHEELOCK OF BOARD OF CONTROL PREDICTS DROP FOR NEXT YEAR.

FARMERS ASK EARLY SESSION

Country Members of Legislature Send Letters to Governor Requesting Early Date For Any Extra Session.

St. Paul.

Chairman Ralph W. Wheelock and Charles E. Vasaly of the state board of control, returning from a conference at Washington on sisal conditions in the food administration committee headed by former Warden Henry Wolfer, St. Paul, confirmed interviews with Washington correspondents in which they predicted that binder twine prices may be lower in 1918 than this year.

The board memers said, however, that the basis for the prophesy could not be disclosed at this time. The committee effort to obtain sisal at lower prices, they agreed, seems to promise success.

✣ ✣ ✣

Want Extra Session Early.

If an extra session of the Legislature is to be held, the farmer members wish it to take place early this winter, that the session may be over before it is time to begin spring work on the farms.

This is the tenor of scores of letters being sent to Governor Burnquist and to Representative P. H. Fye of Willmar, chairman of the Farmers' Forum, an organization formed by the farmer members of the Legislature at the last session.

✣ ✣ ✣

Ask Reinstatement.

Again protesting their loyalty and admitting that the notorious July draft meeting at New Ulm, which resulted in their suspensions from public office, was a "mistake" and should never have taken place, Mayor L. A. Fritsche and City Attorney Albert Pfaender of New Ulm asked reinstatement at the hands of Governor Burnquist at hearings on disloyalty charges against them.

County Auditor Louis Vogel of Brown county, suspended for participation in the same meeting, which he denied, also asked reinstatement. All three cases, together with that of Sheriff J. J. Urness of Mahnomen county, accused of neglect of official duties, were taken under advisement by the governor and early decisions are expected.

Ambrose Tighe of special counsel to the State Public Safety commission presented the case made by the prosecution against the New Ulm officials. T. J. McDermott, a St. Paul attorney, who appeared for the respondents during the hearings before James H. Hall, Marshall, commissioner to take testimony, was absent, and Dr. Fritsche and Major Pfaender made their own pleas.

✣ ✣ ✣

Goat to Mark Auto Trail.

In the past, diamonds, circles and other geometric signs have marked highways across the United States. Not so with a new highway from the Twin Cities to Glacier National park, application for which was filed with C. M. Babcock, state highway commissioner, by D. N. Tallman of Benson.

The famous "Kenny goat," originated as a trade mark for the Great Northern railroad by William P. Kenney, vice president, will mark the new highway. The goat, now pictured on all box cars of the Great Northern, is a picture of the Rocky mountain goat found in Glacier National park.

The new trail will run through Ramsey, Hennepin, Wright, Meeker, Kandiyohi, Swift, Pope, Stevens, Grant, Travers and Wilkins counties. It will follow the route of the Breckenridge division of the Great Northern.

✣ ✣ ✣

Old Auto Tags to Aid Red Cross.

Minnesota automobile owners can add $10,000 or more to state Red Cross funds, Secretary of State Julius A. Schmahl says, by returning to his office the old aluminum automobile license plates. A manufacturer has agreed to buy the aluminum at a reasonable price and turn the amount over to the Red Cross.

✣ ✣ ✣

Timber Board Orders More Sales.

The state timber board has authorized timber sales on state lands in eight counties. The tracts listed are small and the timber will be mostly of poles, posts and ties kinds, which, it is expected, will be bid in by settlers. The sales will be conducted in Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching, Itasca, Hubbard, Cass and Beltrami counties.

✣ ✣ ✣

Sees Hope of Ousting "Blind Pigs".

If breweries adhere to a decision to sell only to licensed saloons and to families, much will be done toward eliminating "blind pigs," said John F. McGee of the Public Safety commission. In discussing possibility of "blind pigs" getting supplies from saloons, Mr. McGee said: "There might be a tendency for 'blind pigs' to get liquor from licensed saloons, but I do not think it will get very far, because saloon licenses will be canceled as rapidly as owners are detected selling to 'blind pigs.'"

✣ ✣ ✣

More than $300,000 will be expended in improvement of the Burlington trail, soon to be renamed the Mayo trail in honor of the Rochester surgeons, according to C. M. Babcock, state highway commissioner, who recently met with delegates from various counties through which the Burlington trail extends. The trail leads from the Iowa line through Fillmore, Goodhue, Olmsted and Dakota counties to Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mr. Babcock said $30,000 would be expended on the trail in Goodhue county in 1918.

Small College Has Its Own Work to Do and Must Do It Efficiently

By L. P. POWELL, President of Hobart College

There are a few small colleges that stay small, and unless some of them mend their ways they will grow yet smaller as the years go by; for supporters are not going to confuse smallness with inefficiency, and the small college, however small, must function efficiently, or it will cease to have a reason for existence. But here and there you find a small college of which the alumni can proudly as well as truly say, with Daniel Webster, "It is a small college. And yet there are those who love it."

The small college is the real college. It has no ambition to be a university. It is not tainted seriously with the distinctively university spirit. It still stands for general mental discipline, a liberal outlook on life and what we call cultural interests, without longer narrowing the term merely to the pursuit of classical study.

The small college today must serve a valid purpose. It cannot rest on the laurels of the past.

The small college today must do well its own special work. Problems it has. What live institution has not problems, whether it is big or little? The small college has suffered much through the persistence of puerilities, but they are going. Sense and solidarity are taking their place. Brutal "hazing," vulgar "horsing," premature "rushing," vulgar "paddling," and excessive drinking, made possible by scholarship funds given to the college by good Christians, are going because they have to go—and they are going rapidly because they cannot withstand the pitiless publicity of good breeding.

How to Make Torches for Boys in Trenches

Many women and schoolchildren are busy making trench torches for the American soldiers at the front, following the example of thousands of women in European countries. These torches are very easily made. Here are the directions given for their manufacture at home:

Spread out eight sheets of old newspaper and begin rolling at the long end. Roll as tightly as possible until the papers are half rolled. Then fold back the first three sheets toward the rolled part and continue to wrap around the roll almost to the first fold. Then fold back another three sheets and continue to wrap around the roll to the last margin of the paper. On

Completed Trench Torch.

this margin, consisting of two sheets, spread a little glue or paste and continue the rolling so as to make a compact roll of paper almost like a torch. Cut this into short lengths with a sharp knife. The pieces must then be boiled in enough paraffin to cover them for four minutes and then when they are taken out and allowed to cool they are ready to be put in boxes and sent to the front. Candle ends may be used for the paraffin, if any are available, or block paraffin may be purchased.

Not only do these torches help to dispel the darkness of the trenches, but three of them, used together, provide sufficient heat to cook the soldier's rations and give some warmth to the trench.

Didn't Bother Him.

Mrs. Grogan—Pat, wake up! Oi can't shlape a wink on account av yure schnoring.

Grogan—Ye musht thry an' git used to it the same as Oi have. Oi niver notice it meslif at all, at all.

Even Steel Gets Tired; Engines Must Have Rest Just Like Human Beings

A train pulled into a station the other day several hours behind time—which in itself isn't anything unusual these strenuous days of railroading, says an exchange. When the engineer was asked why he could not make the time he said his engine was tired, that it had had no rest. A new employee smiled at the fellow, for he couldn't believe that a piece of steel actually required rest. But it is absolutely true, and the engineer understands it as does no other class of people.

An engine's working hours are as definitely fixed as a man's working hours. There is just as well defined limit to its endurance. It gets tired pulling a train, just as a man gets tired dragging a burden, and the more tired it becomes the less efficient it is, for all the world like a human being.

In the case mentioned nothing about the engine was broken. Its parts were well adjusted. But it had been sent out on the road for a second trip after having made a long, laborious run, and it was tired and didn't do its work as it would have done had it been allowed to rest for 24 hours.

A Parliament of Seven.

Excelling even the Scottish St. Kilda in loneliness is Pitcairn Island, a British possession in the Pacific, almost midway between Australia and South America. About two square miles in area, the island has a population of 169; including three Americans. The people are half-castes of Tahitian blood, but English is the only language spoken. A parliament, consisting of seven members, and boasting a president, a vice president, and a judge, conducts the affairs of the community. All persons above the age of eighteen can vote, and voting is done verbally. The natives are great music lovers, and take much pride in an organ presented to them by Queen Victoria. Sometimes a year passes without the arrival of a mail. It once happened that only two vessels called there during a period of 25 years.

"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

By EMMA COWAN BARBER.

"Somewhere in France" is all that she may know
Of where her husband waits to meet the foe;
Torn from his home, when life was past its noon,
To lead his troops beneath an alien moon.
But this she knows, through days of anxious care,
Wherever he may be, her flag is there;
Through days of hope, through days of dreadful chance,
Her loyal heart is there, "somewhere in France."

"Somewhere in France" her lover waits the call
To hurl himself amid the battle's pall;
Gone from her side, when all their rosy dreams
Had led through peaceful fields, by laughing streams.
She would not call him back, for this she knows,
Wherever he may go "Old Glory" goes.
Though thus may end for her life's dear romance,
Her loyal heart is there, "somewhere in France."

"Somewhere in France," her baby lips repeat;
She lifts inquiring eyes, so gravely sweet.
Torn from her arms, her father marched away,
And mother's face grows paler, day by day.
She may not know that where their loved one walks,
By night and day, a frightful spectre stalks;
That now, their pictured faces lie, perchance,
Against a silent heart, "somewhere in France."

"Somewhere in France," her brother, on the field,
Presents his splendid body as her shield;
Willing to die, or live a hopeless wreck,
If so, he helps to hold the foe in check.
Through busy days she feels the seasons drag;
Her thoughts are with her brother, and the flag;
With heart aflame, defiance in her glance,
She longs to fight with him "somewhere in France."

"Somewhere in France" her son is at his post,
Impatient to confront the hostile host;
Torn from her arms where yesterday, it seems,
He lay, an infant, smiling in his dreams.
And now, from smoke wreaths, dark against the skies,
His dear face seems to look, with smiling eyes.
If he should die, this boon a harsh fate grants;
He'll die with honor bright "somewhere in France."

"Somewhere in France," a million hearts are there,
A million souls are rapt in silent prayer.
Prayer for the loved, wherever they may be,
And prayer for those enslaved, they fight to free.
Unknown to us the field where duties call,
But one there is, who watches over all;
Who guides our flag, that truth may still advance—
Our God is with them all "somewhere in France."

Big Game Increasing.

British Columbia's big game is said to be increasing. In the seclusion of the deep forests and wild fastnesses of the mountains the black and grizzly bears, the moose, the caribou, the mule deer, the black-tail and coast deer, the Rocky Mountain goat and the sheep, ovis fannini, ovis canadensis and ovis stonei, the finest game animals on the continent, have been on the increase during the last few years, it is reported. In the United States, except in the game preserves, the larger game animals are melting away.

FOR THE POULTRY GROWER

Planning the Poultry House.

The height of the poultry house is governed by its width, or, rather, its length as a whole.

From four to six feet should be ample for the rear side of a practical poultry house.

But the front of the house must be of sufficient height for admitting light to the rear of the house.

Houses 12 feet wide should have windows that are at least six feet high to the top, and wider houses in proportion.

At least one-third of the front of a poultry house should be open, without glass, and provided with a muslin curtain for closing the opening in extremely bad weather.

In planning the poultry house provide a scratching shed, when the house is limited in size, for feeding the grain food and for exercising the fowls.

For the front use muslin in inclement weather, which gives sufficient light and ventilation.

When poultry houses are built as stationary fixtures they should have substantial foundations, with concrete floors, either plain or covered with flooring.

Colony houses of the portable type have only wooden floors, which are covered with litter.

Roofs for poultry houses are generally shingles or roofing paper, as may be preferred, and no pains should be spared in making a perfectly tight roof.

Strong, tight and rigid walls are necessary for the wooden poultry house, and there should be no cracks, crevices or openings in the side walls to cause drafts.

Alleys in the average poultry house of a few number of pens are unnecessary and a waste of space, and a wire door in the partitions of the pens is to be preferred.

The fixtures of poultry houses are portable, or at least they should be, so that they may be easily kept clean.

Place all high enough from the floor of the house so that the space underneath may be for scratching.

The roosts are placed at the rear end of the house, and all roosts should be on a level to prevent the birds from crowding.

Have the droppings board directly under the roosts; 10 or 12 inches will be sufficient, and cover the droppings board with dry bran or sand.

The walls of the poultry house are another of the important features that should not be overlooked.

The nests should be placed under the droppings board, and they should be portable to facilitate cleaning and attending to.

Attic Is Made to Order as a Playroom for the Kiddies.

The attic now provides the home with the most delightful of playrooms, that show in every detail a thorough understanding of what children love, says an exchange. It is a retreat that is their very own, just as they would have dreamed it. If you told them that the alcoves were formed by chance in the plan of the big house, they would smile incredulously. There is an alcove for each child, where each has her own individual set of furniture, decorated with her own storybook pictures.

Deep shelves furnish cages in which the wild animals sleep at night; and the tired hobbyhorse finds a stable and rest. Baby has a playground all her own, out of danger from prancing steed and raging elephant. There is a quiet corner for nurse, too.

What wonderful things are to be seen from the high-up windows, where the sunbeams peep in to wake up the toys! Perhaps the view may show ships far out on the river or bay, or miles and miles of treetops tossed in the wind, and soft, white piled-up clouds.

Nunn's Veiling.

It is said that the shoemaker shoes everyone well but himself. This is true in the case of a wealthy man named William Nunn of Teddington. He was a member of the famous lace making firm bearing his name—the first firm it is said to introduce lace-making into England. As a boy of eighteen he had fifteen hundred people under him.

He had a passion for designing beautiful lace, and for inventing improvements in lace machinery. Yet he lived the life of a neglected hermit and the windows of this man's house, who had adorned thousands of other people's windows were hung with dirty and dusty rags! Only a short while ago he died of cold and neglect.

It is said the flies will not stay in a room where the window panes are of bright colors.

Other Uses for Grapes.

Other uses for wine grapes than for winemaking have been discovered or are being perfected, that it is expected will reduce to a minimum any loss that may be threatened the wine grape grower by complete prohibition legislation, according to the viticultural department of the University of California.

It has been found that a good quality of grape sirup for preserving fruits, and other uses, can be made from wine grapes, and that it is estimated that this sirup, if found marketable, should bring the grape grower at least $15 a ton for his grapes. This is considerably more than the grape grower has been receiving in recent years.

The Howler.

Wifey—They sometimes call vocal lessons "voice placing."

Hubby—That so? Well, I wish you'd ask that girl downstairs to please place her voice across the street instead of in our airshaft.

Diana's Doleful Dumps

By Ella M. Bangs

(Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

"Diana," called a spritely voice, "Where are you, Di?"

"Diana," called a spritely voice. pink-cheeked Diana Kelsey curled up within the curtained window recess did not feel like talking just then. Indeed, she was only too glad to be hidden from sight for there were tears in her eyes and she knew they would be discovered by Bess Palmer if she came near her; so, while her friend went off in search of her, Diana continued to brood over her troubles which, as everybody knows, is the best way in the world to increase them, in fancy if not in reality.

To begin with—there had been so much of hilarity going on the night before that she had not slept well, and her head ached. The new hat of which she had expected so much, was not very becoming after all. She was disappointed in this house party. It had not come up to those of previous years, even though it was made up of nearly the same company. Worst of all was the fact that Alida Goodrich was to take the principal lady's part, and Earl Raymond was to be the leading man in the little play that was on foot. Earl had been her stanch friend and open admirer since their primary school days. In all the little plays which they had given hitherto, when she was leading lady, he, as a matter of course, had been given the part of leading man. Now, in the most ambitious thing they had ever undertaken, for, with an audacity given to youth alone, the club had elected to play "Romeo and Juliet," now she, Diana Wales, had been assigned the unimportant part of Lady Capulet,

Continued to Brood.

Juliet's mother—of all things! while Alida was to play Juliet to Earl's Romeo.

It seemed almost more than she could bear. She would have withdrawn altogether only she feared that that would be too noticeable, for somebody would be ready to say she was jealous. She wasn't jealous but she dreaded all those rehearsals with Earl repeatedly making love to Alida, even though it was only in play. They would both die in the end, however, and there was some comfort to poor Diana in that.

At length the girl roused herself. She felt that she really must join the others; so, touching up her hair a bit and wiping her eyes, she drew aside the curtain and stepped out. But she was hardly in a normal condition when she took her place as one of the merry company around the blazing wood fire.

So little did Diana join in the gay spirts of the others that Bess Palmer called: "What's the matter with Diana? She's not speaking a word!"

"What is it, Di?" asked some one else, "not in the dumps, are you?"

"Oh, yes," exclaimed Alida who had been looking over the play and still had the book in her lap. "Oh, yes, she must be having the doleful dumps. Let's see—how does that go? Here it is:

When gripping grief the heart doth wound
And doleful dumps the mind oppress,
Then music with her silver sound
With speedy help doth lend redress.

"Can't somebody give us some music?" She went on, "Where's your mandolin, Jack? Has that a silver sound?"

At this Diana laughed, a rather forced laugh, which she hoped no one noticed, and a little later it was suggested that, as there was nothing special on the docket, they should read through the chosen play of "Romeo and Juliet."

This would have to come sooner or later, so with an effort Diana joined the others and tried her best to put as much spirit as possible into the unsatisfactory part assigned her as Lady Capulet. At length after much laughing and expressing of opinions the reading was finished, and all agreed that there was no reason in the world why this should not be the greatest success of anything they had undertaken. All this, however, was as wormwood and gall to Diana Wales. Alida really did put a good deal of expression into the part of Juliet, and Earl—well, of course he was always good. Though it seemed to Diana that he put rather needless emphasis into his words of admiration for Juliet, still it was to be expected.

"You make a fine Lady Capulet," Alida complimented as the two girls chanced, to be standing together, "Really I'm quite proud of my mamma."

And for the remainder of the day to Diana's intense disgust Alida persisted in calling her "mamma."

Matters were not improved for Diana by the reading of the play, indeed even less than before, was she inclined to feel reconciled to the assignment of parts. She felt nervous and ready to cry, and then pride came to the rescue. She was acting like a child, she told herself severely, and giving them all good reason to comment on her unusual quietness. She would go out for a walk even if it was foggy, with the aid of outdoor air she felt she could surely get herself in hand, and be able to appear like herself. Accordingly a little later she donned her hat and raincoat and stepped out into the growing darkness of the afternoon unobserved, as she believed, even by the chaperon.

What a dismal day this was! Diana believed she didn't like house parties anyway. She quite wished she had not come. There had not been a ray of sunshine for the last two days. What did the others all find so funny to laugh about, she wondered. They seemed to do nothing but laugh. Had she ever been like that? It was hard to believe it from her present point of view. How she wished that something—anything short of broken bones—would happen to prevent her from having to take part in this proposed play, the play that was, no doubt, to heap laurels as never before on the heads of the Club of Young Amateur Players.

She had gone but a little way when she became aware of some one behind her, walking faster than she. It sounded like—only of course it couldn't be—Earl Raymond, who a moment later called boyishly:

"Hold on, Diana. I want to talk with you."

The girl turned, waiting gravely till the young man reached her side, and then they went on together remarking about the weather, and a few other such subjects as people are given to talking about when the undercurrent of their thoughts is elsewhere.

After a moment's pause Earl asked abruptly:

"Diana, why wouldn't you take the part of Juliet?"

"Why wouldn't I?" the girl hesitated in surprise. "Why, I was never asked to take it."

"Not asked? But Alida said—" Earl paused leaving his sentence unfinished. When he spoke again it was to say, "I understood that you refused to take the leading part, and—you see, Di, I was afraid you didn't want to play Juliet to my Romeo."

"What nonsense!" Diana returned.

"Then you did not refuse to take the part?"

"I surely did not, Earl. How could I when it was not offered me? I simply had no choice in the matter."

The young man turned and looked searchingly into the girl's flushed face. "Had I known that I would not have agreed to be Romeo," he said slowly.

"What difference would that make? Of course you would have taken it."

"No, Diana," he denied quickly. "It would have made no end of difference to me. It's all right now that I know how it was, but I did feel rather cut up to think you would go back on me that way."

"How could you think it!" the girl responded, then—"It's all right now as you say, but I was afraid you were tired of playing leading man with me as leading lady, and that did hurt a little. We are such old friends, you know."

The young man paused again looking earnestly into her face. "Diana," he began gravely, "don't you know that you are, and always will be, the only leading lady in the world—for me?"

Then suddenly the day grew bright for Diana despite the fog. She was feeling unusually well and as for the doleful dumps—they were altogether a thing of the past.

Hoop Holds Up Cars.

A mile of cars were recently held up in London by a small boy playing with a hoop. The blockade occurred in the evening just as the crowds of workers were traveling homewards. The boy was having a final spin before going home when his hoop rolled into the electric current slot which controls the tube and tramway. His only worry was that he could not extricate his hoop. The police and conductors vainly tried to pull it out and it was not until the breakdown gang arrived on the scene that the hoop was removed and the traffic could proceed.

Prefer Irregular Lines.

The straight line is an abomination to the Chinese. They endeavor to avoid it in their streets and buildings, and have banished it completely where country field paths are concerned. They will always substitute a curve wherever possible or they will torture it with a zigzag. To the Chinese mind the straight line is suggestive of death and demons.

Why a Rostrum?

The word rostrum is of Roman origin. The rostrum was a platform, or elevated place, in the Roman forum from which orations, pleadings and funeral eulogies were delivered. It was so called because it was adorned with the rostra, or beaks of the ships taken in the first naval victory gained by the republic.

Matters Where You Take It.

A small girl who had appropriated the lion's share of the bed in which she slept with her sister, listened attentively while her sister chided her. "You are entitled to just one-half of the bed," admonished big sister.

The little one replied: "Well, I had only a half. I took it in the middle, you know."

The Lever Principle.

In laying carpets and rugs, heavy furniture may be raised, with astonishing ease, by the use of a bed slat or something similar; a broom handle will answer for lightweight articles. Place one end of the slat under the furniture; put some solid object under that end. Then press down on the other end.

IS EASILY SCARED

Man Apt to Be Frightened by Little Things.

Many Get Stage Fright When Called Upon for a Speech, But Would Battle a Lion.

"I went to see Jim Smilax get married," said Loper, according to the Chicago News, "and he was a pitiable spectacle. He was all wilted, and the sweat ran off him in streams. Had he been in the hands of the executioner he couldn't have been scared worse. It's a queer thing. Smilax has more cool courage than any man I know, and he'd face a polar bear without displaying cold feet, but a little thing like getting married was too much for him."

"It certainly is a queer thing," admitted Gamboge, "and doubtless we'd have to go back to the stone age to find an explanation.

"Man is afraid of many things which shouldn't scare him for a minute. People who know me well must admit that I am no poltroon. Produce your Hyrcan tiger, your rugged Russian bear, and my firm nerves will never tremble. I have officiated as judge at a baby show and had a dozen disappointed mothers seething around me reaching for handfuls of my whiskers, and I was as calm as I am at this hour of going to press. I don't know what fear is in the ordinary sense; yet I can't face an audience and make a speech to save myself.

"I'd give a farm if I could rise easily and gracefully and take a fall out of the welkin when I am called upon for a few timely remarks. But when I get to my feet and look around upon a sea of expectant faces, my insides seem to give way and I feel faint and sick, and the next thing I know somebody is stooping over me with a palm-leaf fan, and somebody else is pouring ice water on me.

"Why should a man be afraid to stand up before his fellow citizens and turn loose his sentiments? Probably some ancestor of mine, back in the interglacial times, was swatted over the head with a spiked club while discussing the living issues of the day at some crossroads schoolhouse, and the shock affected all succeeding generations.

"It is but a little while since dentistry was in the same class with blacksmithing. Men who are waxing old can remember when a visit to the dentist's office was something that appalled the stoutest heart. It was the last resort. A victim of toothache would suffer until the last limit was reached before he'd consent to have any dental work done, and no reasonable person can blame him.

"When I was young the village dentist manhandled me two or three times, extracting teeth with a hammer and cold chisel. My own boys have such a dread of the dentist that I have to get the police to help me when it is necessary to take them to his office. There is no apparent reason for it. The modern dentist makes tooth pulling a luxury. It is better than an outing in the woods.

"I suppose it will take several thousand years to educate the fear of dentistry out of the human race.

"About a million years ago a dog threw itself down in the grass and was bitten by a snake. Ever since then dogs have turned around several times before lying down. This fact may explain, in some measure, why Jim Smilax was scared at his wedding."

Wild Foods, Seeds and Roots.

One of the projects outlined by the committee on botany of the national research council is the search for wild plants which may be used as wartime substitutes for the more costly crop plants. During the Civil war Dr. John Porcher, a southerner, published a book giving a list of plants of the South which could be substituted for much-needed food and drug plants. The American Botanist, Joliet, Ill., proposes, with the aid of its readers, to compile a similar list. Information is sought as to any plants not ordinarily cultivated which have edible fruits, seeds, roots, etc. It is suggested that valuable knowledge on this subject might be obtained from hunters, trappers, woodsmen, farmers, Indians and the foreigners, who pick up considerable food from the countryside. Similar information is desired concerning plants that can be used in medicine.

Jesuit Settlement.

A Jesuit settlement is being negotiated in Schweidnitz in Silesia. There was formerly a Jesuit settlement there from 1629 to 1776. It is proposed to purchase for the purpose the former Jesuit seminary next to the Roman Catholic church, which is now the headquarters of the provincial administration. The neighborhood of Breslau was one of the first places in which the Jesuits established themselves, notes a correspondent, so soon as the ban against them was removed some months ago, and they are evidently losing no time in taking advantage of the restoration of their freedom to settle in Germany.

Tasmanian Apples Cheap.

A large shipment of Tasmanian apples arrived in London at a time when there was a glut of home-grown fruit and when the lifting of the embargo on French fruit had brought a heavy shipment of pears from the other side of the English Channel. Ordinarily the Australian fruit would have been put into cold storage, but no space was to be found there, and the apples had to be sold for what they would fetch, some good varieties of cooking apples selling as low as 62 cents a case.

Mouth Decorations.

It is amazing how ideas of beauty vary with latitude and longitude. In Japan, the professional beauty loves to appear with golden teeth, in India she prefers them stained red, but in certain parts of Sumatra no lady who respected herself would condescend to have any front teeth at all. They are removed the moment they appear, and strictly suppressed if they should try again.

BRETHREN OF THE SWORD

Home of Cult Was at Wenden, on the North Line of the German Offensive in Russia.

The National Geographic society issues the following war geography bulletin on Wenden, on the line of the German offensive in the direction of Petrograd:

The town of Wenden, one of the oldest in the province of Livonia, is situated a few miles by rail northeast of Riga. It is a picturesque place, built two miles from the left bank of the River Aa. The Aa flows in a southwesterly direction from this point through that part of Russia known as the Livonian Switzerland, not on account of the height of mountains—the highest hill is only 265 feet—but because of the charm of the landscape with its well-wooded slopes bordering the river valley.

The story of Wenden goes back seven centuries to the time when the Brethren of the Sword, recognized by Pope Innocent III in 1202, made this place their headquarters in the campaign inaugurated by them to disseminate Christianity among the heathen Livonians. A castle was built here in 1210, and though it is now scarcely more than a crumbling ruin, as it was never restored after the destructive fire of 1748, around it cluster many romantic and fascinating stories.

One of the most celebrated grand masters of the Brethren of the Sword was Walter von Plettenberg, who rose to power during the closing years of the fifteenth century and was finally recognized as a prince of the empire by the Emperor Charles V in 1527. Plettenberg also built the castle of Riga (1494-1515), which has fared better than the Wenden stronghold, for it is still used as the seat of the Russian authorities (or rather, was used up to the time of Riga's fall a few weeks ago).

The most tragic chapter in the history of Wenden was enacted in 1577 when the members of the garrison of the castle, besieged by the forces of the implacable Ivan the Terrible, blew themselves up rather than fall into the hands of the czar. The castle was soon repaired, however, and a short time thereafter was the residence of Patricius Nidecki, appointed bishop of Wenden in 1583 by Stephen Bathory, king of Poland.

His Price Was Low.

While ashore in a port of one of the little island republics in the Caribbean a number of United States marines attended a bull fight that was graced by the presence of his excellency the president of the republic, says the Saturday Evening Post. The sea soldiers occupied a box near the presidential party and, to amuse themselves while waiting for the show to begin, threw pennies into a river that flowed by the arena and watched native boys dive for them. The word quickly passed that soldados Americanos were pitching wealth into the muddy waters and soon hundreds of black shining faces were on the banks of the river just outside the bull ring. The marines enjoyed themselves hugely watching the little fellows dive, but finally ran out of pennies and were forced to raise the limit to quarters and half dollars. One marine, more reckless than the others, pitched a big silver dollar, while a score of black boys dived for it. He was just about to repeat the performance when an excited native seated near by plucked at his sleeve and whispered hoarsely: "Please don't do that, senor, you'll have the president diving."

A Scarlet Rider.

Lieut. Col. G. E. Sanders, D. S. O. of the Second Canadian Pioneer Battalion, holds a somewhat remarkable record in the Canadian forces. He is said to be the first Canadian officer who has ever been known to suggest that his command should be taken over by a younger man. In view of the splendid work which has been done by the Second Pioneer Battalion, the Canadian authorities have been rather hard to persuade on this point; but Colonel Sanders has, unfortunately, insisted that, while he may still be useful in other directions, pioneering is a young man's job. Colonel Sanders, who fought through the Boer war with distinction, was before that war in command of the Northwest Mounted Police at Calgary. Indeed, he returned to that command of famous "Mounties" after the war.

South Africa Growing Sugar Cane.

Sugar planting is making rapid strides in South Africa, and the last few years have seen acres upon acres put under cane, from Durban to practically the end of the new railway line in Zululand, terminating at Somkele. The coast of Natal and Zululand is eminently suitable for the growth of sugar cane, and many farmers have given up their up-country farms for the more profitable sugar growing along the coast belt. The climate is very warm in summer, but as the main work, the cutting and milling of the cane, takes place in winter, sugar growers are enabled to leave their farms for a cooler climate during the summer months.

Unearths Corn-Grinding Quern.

An interesting relic of early Scotland was unearthed in Cramond recently. A grave digger was preparing for a burial, when he dug up, at a depth of about five feet, the neat half of the upper stone of a primitive corn-grinding quern, measuring 18 inches in diameter, and showing half of the central hole. Search without success was made for the other fragments.

Paper Hats and Shoes.

Paper shoes have been manufactured on a small scale in England, the paper being used for the uppers. The material is plaited paper closely woven, somewhat similar to that used in the manufacture of paper hats. Paper fiber is also used in making a cheap grade of imitation felt hats for men.

Most Important Bees.

The most important of the true bees are the honey bee and the bumble bee. Next to these are the cuckoo bee, carpenter bee and the mason, leaf-cutting and potter bees.

Why it Pays to Carefully Plan a

Chicken House

Get it just right for the number of chickens you have and the number of pullets you plan to hatch each year and you do two very important things toward getting the largest chicken profits.

1st.—You give each chicken a chance to do its best for you.
2nd—You make the work of caring for them easier for yourself or for whoever looks after them for you.

Arrangement of space, warmth, sunshine and ventilation all count big in egg production and profits.
There are different ways of building a good chicken house and we know about all of them.

Let Us Show You--Chicken House Plans--That We Now Have

If necessary we will make a special one for you. No charge for this service at all. It's all a part of our way of doing business—to help you get the best results from your farm.
The probable price of eggs this winter makes good chicken equipment worth while. Call soon.

PARRISH-BOO LBR. CO.
Pine City — Phone no. 63

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The largest varied assortment of goods
sensible Holiday Gifts of all kinds

Kodaks—$1.75, $2.50, $3.50, $4.50 and up
Dolls of all kinds, 10c and up
Fancy China and Dishes
Jewelry and Watches
Ivory goods in separate pieces and in Toilet Sets
Thermos Bottles
Razors
Delightful Perfumes
Complexion Powders and Talcums
Christmas Candies in bulk and Box Candy in 1 and 2 pound boxes
Best quality 5 and 10c Cigars in boxes 50c, $1.00, $1.15 and $2.25
Violins, Pathe Phonographs, Edison Cylinder Phonographs, Records—on easy terms.
Many other Christmas Gifts

Come in and look around
whether you buy or not.
You are always welcome.

You Know The Place
Breckenridge's Pharmacy
Pine City, - Minn.

MILK PRICES!

It pays the producer around Pine City to bring their milk to our creamery. Compare prices we are paying and have paid, with nearby creameries, and figure in dollars and cents your profit by selling to us, or your loss by selling to others

Highest Prices Paid for Hand Separator Cream- Give Us a Trial.

Bridgeman-Russell Co.
Pine City — Minnesota

[illegible] expert watchmaker and engraver, do your watch, clock and jewelry repairing. All work guaranteed. [illegible] pharmacy. [illegible]

Get your Xmas stationery and box candy early at Prochaska's pharmacy. adv.

[illegible] was up from his [illegible] to eat turkey with [illegible] east of town.

THE PINE POKER

Published every Thursday at Pine City Minnesota.

HOWARD FOLSOM, Editor and Mgr

Entered as second class matter at Postoffice at Pine City, Minnesota.

Subscription Price $1.50 Per Year

THURSDAY, DEC. 6, 1917

We note that the customary class pins and rings for high school graduating classes are being given up in various parts of the northwest and the money given to the Red Cross or some other public purpose. The latest information of the kind comes from Shenandoah, Iowa, where a class of 46 gave the money to the Red Cross. The young folks are to be commended for giving up these frivolities in times like these when their country needs their aid.

Methodist Church Notes

Prayer meeting will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock

The Adult bible class will meet Tuesday evening in Miss Goodwin's rooms.

Sunday school is at 9:45. For some unaccountable reason, a number were late last Sunday. Remember a quarter before ten

The pastor will preach at both services on Sunday, at 11 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock in the evening. If the weather is cold, come and find out how warm the remonated furnace makes the church—and how much easier it is to worship in comfort.

The Epworth League had a social evening followed by election of officers, at Piper's residence, Monday evening. The following officers were elected. Laura Cottrel president, Helen Benda 1st vice pres., Ethel Star 2nd vice pres., Marion Flaten 3rd vice pres., Faith Pennington 4th vice pres., Bessie Kilgore secretary, Hilda Wetter treasurer, Helen Spickler pianist Show them you are back of them at the meeting at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

Presbyterian Church Notes

On next Sunday morning, Dec. 9th at 11 a. m., the subject of the discourse will be "The Protestant Reformation." This is the 400th anniversary of the posting of the ninety-five theses by Lutheran and through the year special notice is being taken of the occasion in the various churches. Tell others of this service and attend yourself. Gospel message in the evening at 7:30—something vital for every life. Come and bring a friend.

The cold weather is coming on now and it will be harder for all, especially the little ones, to get out to Sunday school so one and all will have to put forth more efforts and make our school a real success in spite of the hinderances. 9:45 is the time we begin the opening exercises.

Keep on the lookout for the date and the particulars regarding the pre-Christmas sale of fancy and useful articles by the Ladies' Aid. It's coming soon

The Christian Endeavor meeting is a happy place to find yourself on Sunday evenings at 6:45 p. m. Try it and see.

Catholic Church Notes

The chicken pie supper served by the ladies of the Altar society in the Kubichek building, Tuesday eveinng, was attended by a very large number and netted the treasury of the society some over $100 Everyone said that the meal was well worth more then the price charged and there was some doubt that it didn't infringe on the laws against waste for everyone got more than they needed.

Father Peter Roy of St. Paul, Hrachovsky of Minneapolis and Meger of Sturgeon Lake are expected Sunday afternoon and Father Blachta of Royalton on Monday, to assist Father Leo with the Christmas duties. They will remain until Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday.

Preparations for the Christams play are progressing fine. There are about 30 young folks in the cast, and the play promises to be one of the best ever.

German Lutheran Church Notes

Services will be held in the church here, Sunday, with preaching in German, at 10 o'clock.

All who attend the English services are invited to an important meeting to be held in the church at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

Choir practice on Saturday evening at 7:30 and Monday evening at the same hour.

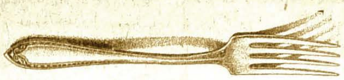
Services will be held in Hinckley, at 2 p. m. next Sunday.

Episcopal Church Notes

Episcopal ladies will hold a sale of fancy and useful articles in the K. of P. hall on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Sale opens at 3 p. m. Light lunch served.

Wedding rings at Geo W. Staacke the Jeweler.

Miss Lillian Lambert was at Duluth and Two Harbors to visit relatives, the latter part of last week.



Come to Us for Your

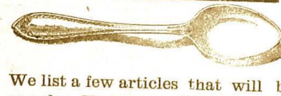
Christmas Gifts

You will find our store full of Christmas suggestions We have been very fortunate in securing a big stock and we have it all displayed for your convenience. Almost every article in this store would be appropriate for Christmas giving.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to begin your Christmas shopping now.

We wan't to have you come in and select those things which you now need We can lay them back for you if you don't wan't to take them along with you.

We wan't to advise you again to come in at your earliest convenience and select your wants. You can bet sure of receiving the most courteous treatment whether you buy or not.



We list a few articles that will be popular Christmas gifts this year

Loveliers
Rings
Cuff Links
Scarf Pins
Bar Pins
Waldemar Vest Chains
Bracelet Watches
Military Watches
Silver Wear
Hand Bags
Toilet Sets
Manicure Sets

W. A. SAUSER

The Favorite Store
Best Place In Pine County to Buy Hardware, Jewelery

MAXWELL

Most Miles per Gallon — Most Miles on Tires

Ordinary Common Sense—Sensible Thrift—and Maxwell Motor Cars

Common sense says to you, "Buy a Maxwell Car and use it."

The American people are going forward—not backward.

That is the purpose of the great war in which we are now engaged.

The success of the Nation depends on healthy business activity over the country—and sensible thrift.

Healthy business depends on the utilization of every possible labor-saving, time-saving, money-saving device known.

The light-weight, economical Maxwell—in passenger service—taking you where you have to go on business, helping you relieve delivery congestion—is one of the greatest known labor-saving, time-saving, money-saving devices.

Touring Car $745; Roadster $745; Coupe $1095
Berline $1095; Sedan $1095. F.O.B. Detroit

A. M. CHALLEEN
Pine City, Minnesota

You Are Losing Money

If you are not one of our customers, you lose money every time you buy FLOUR and FEED.

We always carry a large stock and you will it a pleasure to trade with us. Give our product a trial.

PINE CITY MILLING COMPANY

(First publication Nov. 29)

Citation for Hearing on Final Account and for Distribution.

Estate of Mathew J. Lahart.
State of Minnesota, County of Pine—In Probate Court:
In the Matter of the Estate of Mathew T. Lahart—Decedent.

The State of Minnesota to all persons interested in the final account and distribution of the estate of said decedent: The representative of the above named decedent, having filed in this Court her final account of the administration of the estate of said decedent, together with her 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. Therefore, You And Each of You, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this Court at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House in the Village of Pine City, in the County of Pine, State of Minnesota, on the 31st day of December, 1917, at eleven o'clock a. m., why said petition should not be granted.

Witness, The Judge of said Court, and the Seal of said Court, this 26th day of November, 1917.

(Seal) EDWARD W. STARK, Probate Judge Acting.
S.G. L. Roberts, Attorney for Petitioner

(First publication Nov. 29)

Citation for Hearing on Final Account and for Distribution.

Estate of John Y. Breckenridge.
State of Minnesota, County of Pine—In Probate Court.
In the matter of the Estate of John Y. Breckenridge—Decedent.

The State of Minnesota to all persons interested in the final account and distribution of the estate of said decedent: The representative of the above named decedent having filed in this Court her final account of the administration of the estate of said decedent, together with her petition praying for the adjustment and allowance of said final account and for distribution of the residue of said estate to the person thereunto entitled: Therefore, You, and Each of You, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House, in the village of Pine City, in said County of Pine, State of Minnesota, on the 31st day of December, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., why said petition should not be granted.

Witness, The Judge of said Court, and the Seal of said Court, this 26th day of November, 1917.

[Court Seal] EDWARD W. STARK, Probate Judge Acting.
S. G. L. Roberts, Attorney for Petitioner.

(First pub. Nov. 8)

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the payment of the sum of Sixty seven and 50-100 Dollars, which is claimed to be due and is due at the date of this notice upon a certain Mortgage, duly executed and delivered by Anders A. Kase Mortgagor, to Carl Th Petersen Mortgagee, bearing date the 13th day of August 1915, and with a power of sale therein contained, duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for the County of Pine and State of Minnesota, on the 24th day of September 1915, at 4 o'clock p. m., in Book 19 of Mortgages, on page 165.

And Whereas, The said Carl Th Petersen Mortgagee and Holder of said Mortgage has duly elected and does hereby elect to declare the whole principal sum of said Mortgage due and payable at the date of this notice, under the terms and conditions of said Mortgage and the power of sale therein contained; and whereas there is actually due and claimed to be due and payable at the date of this notice the sum of Five hundred, Sixty seven and 50-100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 13th day of August 1917, and whereas the said power of sale has become operative, and no action or proceeding having been instituted, at law or otherwise, to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given, That by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the statute in 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 Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter (SE¼ of SE¼) of Section Twelve (12), Township Forty two (42), Range Twenty (20), in Pine County and State of Minnesota, with the hereditaments and appurtenances; which sale will be made by the Sheriff of said Pine County, at the front door of the Court House, in the Village of Pine City in said County and State, on the 15th day of December 1917, at 11 o'clock a. m., of that day, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, to pay said debt of Five hundred Sixty seven 50-100 Dollars, and interest, and the taxes, if any, on said premises, and Twenty five Dollars, Attorney's 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 day of sale, as provided by law.

Dated November 8th, 1917.

CARL TH PETERSEN, Mortgagee.
B. H. Long, Attorney, Pine City, Minn.

(First pub. Dec. 6)

Amendment of Articles of Incorporation Eastern Minnesota Power Company.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, John M. Allen, President of the Eastern Minnesota Power Company, and, Reuben P. Allen, Secretary of said corporation, do hereby certify that at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of said corporation duly held in its office in Pine City, Minnesota, at eleven o'clock A. M. on Monday, the 12th day of November 1917, the following resolution was adopted by a majority vote of all its shares and shareholders, viz:

RESOLVED, That Articles VIII and IX of the Articles of Incorporation of the Eastern Minnesota Power Company be amended so as to read, as follows:

ARTICLE VIII

The Capital Stock of this Corporation shall be divided into Three Thousand (3000) Shares of the par value of One Hundred (100) Dollars each.

One Thousand Five Hundred (1500) Shares of the par value of One Hundred (100) Dollars each aggregating One Hundred Fifty Thousand (150,000) Dollars shall be "COMMON STOCK." Five Hundred (500) Shares of the par value of One Hundred (100) Dollars each aggregating Fifty Thousand (50,000) Dollars shall be "PREFERRED STOCK." One Thousand (1000) Shares of the par value of One Hundred (100) Dollars each aggregating One Hundred Thousand (100,000) Dollars shall be "SPECIAL PREFERRED STOCK."

ARTICLE IX

The "PREFERRED STOCK" of this corporation shall entitle the holders thereof and the corporation is bounden to pay out of its net earnings a fixed yearly dividend of seven (7) per cent payable before any dividend shall be set apart or paid on the "COMMON STOCK." Such dividend shall be non-cumulative and payable semi-annually.

The "PREFERRED STOCK" of this corporation shall, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be subject to redemption at One Hundred Five (105) Dollars per share at any time after its issue on six months' written notice to the owner or owners thereof of record on the books of the corporation.

After the "COMMON STOCK" of this corporation shall have been paid a yearly dividend of eight (8) per cent, then this "PREFERRED STOCK" shall also participate pro rata with the "COMMON STOCK" in any additional dividends from the net earnings of that year.

The "PREFERRED STOCK" of this corporation shall have no vote in the election of directors of the corporation.

The "SPECIAL PREFERRED STOCK" of this corporation shall entitle the holder thereof and the corporation is bounden to pay out of its net earnings the fixed yearly dividend of seven (7) per cent, and no more, payable before any dividend shall be set apart or paid on the "COMMON STOCK." Such dividend shall be non-cumulative and payable semi-annually.

The "SPECIAL PREFERRED STOCK" of this corporation shall have no vote in the management of the corporation.

The "SPECIAL PREFERRED STOCK" of this corporation shall, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be subject to redemption at One Hundred Five (105) Dollars per share and accrued dividend at any time after its issue on ninety (90) Days' written notice to the owner or owners thereof of record on the books of the corporation.

Dated this 23 day of November, 1917.

Witness the corporate seal of said corporation by the hand of its President and Secretary.

Eastern Minnesota Power Company,
JOHN M ALLEN, President.
REUBEN P. ALLEN, Secretary.

WITNESS—
CLARA MULHERN.
JESSIE MALLISON.

State of Minnesota, } ss
County of Pine }

Be it known that on the 23rd day of November 1917, before me, a Notary Public, within and for said county, personally appeared John M Allen and Reuben P. Allen, to me known to be the president and secretary, respectively, of the Eastern Minnesota Power Company, a corporation, and acknowledged the foregoing certificate to be their free act and deed.

S. G. L. ROBERTS,
Notary Public, Minnesota.
My Commission expires March 21, 1919.

State of Minnesota, }
Department of State }

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed for record in this office on the 28th day of November, A. D., 1917, at 11 o'clock a. m., and was duly recorded in Book E-4 of Incorporations, on page 633.

JULIUS A. SCHMAHL,
Secretary of State.

Office of Register of Deeds, }
County of Pine, Minnesota }

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office for record on the 30th day of November, A. D., 1917, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and was duly recorded in Book O of Miscellaneous, page 607.

JAMES H. WANDEL,
Register of Deeds.

(First pub. Nov. 1)

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Notice is hereby given that default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage executed by Fred Gustafson, mortgagor, to Theodore F. Koch, Trustee, mortgagee, dated February 19th, 1913, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pine County, Minnesota, on the 6th day of March, 1913, at three o'clock p. m., in Book No. 22 of Mortgages on page 132; that the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at this date is Sixty-three and 72-100 Dollars, together with Thirty seven and 64-100 Dollars delinquent taxes on the land hereinafter described, paid by said mortgagee. That the premises described in and covered by said mortgage is the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section number Thirty-three in Township number Forty-two, North of Range number Twenty, West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, containing, according to the United States survey, forty and no-100 acres, be the same more or less.

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 the sale of said premises at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash by the Sheriff of said Pine County, at the front door of the District Court House in the Village of Pine City in said Pine County, on Saturday the 15th day of December, 1917, at 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon thereof, to satisfy the amount then due on said mortgage, together with Twenty-five Dollars attorney's fees stipulated in said mortgage.

Dated October 29th, 1917.

THEODORE F. KOCH, Trustee, Mortgagee.
Owen Morris, Attorney for Mortgagee.
716 Globe Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

(First publication Dec. 6)

Citation for Hearing on Petition for Determination of Descent of Land.

State of Minnesota, } In Probate Court:
County of Pine. }

In the Matter of the Estate of E. D. Rand, Decedent.

The State of Minnesota to all persons interested in the determination of the descent of the real estate of said decedent: The petition of Thomas Broomfield having been filed in this Court, representing that said decedent died more than five years prior to the filing thereof, leaving certain real estate in said petition described, and that no will of decedent has been proved nor administration of his estate granted in this state, and praying that the descent of said real estate be determined by this court.

Therefore, you, and each of you, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court, at the Probate Court Room in the Court House, in the Village of Pine City, County of Pine, State of Minnesota, on the 31st day of December, 1917, at 11 o'clock a. m., why said petition should not be granted.

Witness the Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, this 3rd day of December, 1917.

{ Court } J. E. THERRIEN,
{ Seal } Judge of Probate
U. G. Argetsinger, Attorney for Petitioner.

(First Pub. Dec. 6)

Order Limiting Time to File Claims, and for Hearing Thereon.

Estate of Edward Everett.
State of Minnesota, County of Pine. In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of Edward Everett, Decedent.

Letters of administration this day having been granted to Inez Schimmele, and affidavit of no debts having been filed.

It is Ordered, that the time within which all creditors of the above named decedent may present claims against his estate in this court, be, and the same hereby is, limited to three months from and after the date hereof; and that Monday the 8th day of April, 1918, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Probate Court Rooms, at the Court House at Pine City in said County, be, and the same hereby is, fixed and appointed as the time and place for hearing upon and the examination, adjustment and allowance of such claims as shall be presented within the time aforesaid.

Let notice hereof be given by the publication of this order in The Pine Poker as provided by law.

Dated December 3rd, 1917.

(Seal) J. E. THERRIEN,
Judge of Probate.

4% ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS

4% INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

Purchase Red Cross stamps and place on your mail the balance of the month and thus help stamp out a plague claiming more victims than the war.

Pine City State Bank

When You're Togging Up FOR CHRISTMAS

-or-

When You'er Buying CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Remember that we can supply anything you may want in the line of

MEN'S WEAR, except foot wear.

JOHN JELINEK

Pine City — The Clother

CHRISTMAS

IS ALMOST HERE

When you think of presents, remember that nothing will give more satisfaction nor last longer than Silver or Gold. I have scores of these articles of all kinds to show you. Come in and see

Table Silver Rings Fobs Wrist Watches
Bracelets Brooches Thimbles Cuff Buttons

These are only a few suggestions. We also do engraving.

GEO. W. STAACKE

All Goods Guaranteed — JEWELER

HIDES, RAW FURS AND JUNK

wanted at Pine City at the following prices:

Skunk skins, from	$1.50 to $6.00
Beef hides, per pound	18c
Horse Hides, from according to size and quality	$7 to $4
Copper and Brass, per pound	10 to 14
Black Tin pipe No 1, per pound	40c
No. 1 Pure Tin Foil, per pound	20 to 35c
Rubbers No. 1 per pound	7c
Rubbers No. 2, per pound	5c
Rubbers No. 3, per pound	2c
Rags, per pound	21-2c
Scrap iron, per ton	$10

Don't sell your material to anyone before seeing us. We are a new firm and want to get acquainted and start business with you. We assure you honest treatment, correct weight and honest grading. We want to protect you from people who take goods from you for absolutely nothing, you can help us do this by selling to a home firm, and only to us. Our wagon will call any place in the city or vicinity for your goods.

H. STOLLER & CO.

Phone 105. Located in the old Kadden house, 1 block west of court house

Pine City News

Toilet preparations for Xmas gifts at Prochaska's. adv

Frank Chaleen was up from Minneapolis, yesterday on business matters

Cigars well kept at Prochaska's, also a full line of cigarette and tobacco adv

For sale,—pure bred, 7 months old, registered Holstein bull.—Harry Haynes, Pine City, rf 4. 15-3

Buy early and look over the line at Prochaska's pharmacy before you buy. adv.

We will lay aside any article for Xmas gifts at Geo. W. Staacke the Jeweler.

If you have a good row boat that you will sell cheap for cash, I will buy. Address the Pine Poker.

Just received, a new stock of silverware at Geo. W. Staacke the Jeweler.

Ed Netser was down from his humber camp, near Rawlins, to spend Sunday and Monday with his family.

Eyes tested, glasses fitted, Prochaska's optical parlor.—E Prochaska graduate registered optometrist. adv.-tf.

For sale—one block of good land west of school house. Will sell cheap if taken at once—A. E. Blanchard, Pine City.

Storage batteries need special care during the winter. We will store a and care for them at a reasonable price.—Dudley Bros.

Albert Wetter came up from Lanesboro, Ia., to eat Thanksgiving dinner and accompany his wife, who had been a 2-weeks' visitor here.

Keep your eye on the "Fighting Trail" some thing new every week. If you are missing this serial you are missing the show of the year.

At the last meeting of the Farmers' scale company Gene Wilcox was appointed deputy weighmaster, to act in the absence of Weighmaster Daniels.

Bunch of keys on chain, found last Friday between Inter-State lumber yard and Rybak store, can be had at this office by paying for this ad and proving property.

Rev. Parish was here to spend Thanksgiving with friends and attend to some matters in the line of his work for the state prohibition organization.

John Jelinek is in receipt of a pretty souvenir from Louis Helbich, formerly employed on some of the farms east of town, but now with the troops at Deming, New Mexico.

Do you think one of the pampered sons of the rich could earn a dollar a day and live on it? See Chas. Ray in the "Millionare Vagrant", at Family theatre, Sunday matinee and night.

Chas. Ray in "The Millionare Vagrant" a Triangle play about a rich man who learns for himself what it means to be up against it. Family theatre, Sunday matinee and night.

Following is the list of uncalled for mail at the postoffice: C E Wilson, Mr. Ole Sorenson, Mr. J. C Johnson, Mrs. Hattie Gudgell, Mrs. Theoda Parker, Miss Violet Peterson and Claude Anderson.

C. F Jackson was home the latter part of last week and, the first of this week, he is making a tour though the northern part of the county in the interests of his firm —the Milton dairy.

Sheriff Hawley received orders from Lieut. Wilcox, yesterday, to ship the naval militia boats to New York at once and they will probably go within the next few days.

Mr and Mrs. Carl Holmberg were at the cities last Wednesday and Thursday, securing new goods for the Christmas trade at the Big Store and taking in the popular "Turn to the Right."

Miss Jean Hay came down from Hinckley, Sunday, for a day's visit at the home of her aunt, Miss Hay, having been over from her studies at the St. Cloud normal to spend Thanksgiving vacation at the home of the Stephans at Hinckley.

Miss Jessie Stephan, who came home from her school duties at St. Paul to spend Thanksgiving, suffered from the grip the while but returned to her work with that winter's unpleasantness out of the way, at least.

Election of officers for the Degree of Honor will be held at the meeting tomorrow night—Dec. 7th. This meeting will be of special interest to beneficiary members and all are urgently requested to attend.

Henry Fisher was up from St. Paul to spend Thanksgiving at his mother's home but was called home on the early train, Friday morning, by the serious illness of his wife who was operated on that morning for appendicitis and is doing nicely now.

John Jumer returned from his hunting trip to Willow River, last Thursday, bringing a small buck with him. Miss Josephine, who teaches west of Willow came with him for a couple of days at home but, owing to the fact that the train did not arrive until 10 p. m., they missed some of the features of the day. Miss Helen was up from her school work at Minneapolis to spend Thanksgiving.

The Royal Hunts came home from St Paul, last Friday morning. They were accompanied by Lieutenant Earl Hunt who spent a couple of days at the home of his brother here. Earl, who is a 2nd Lieutenant in the national army, was on his way from Camp Lewis in Washington to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, but found time to run up to the old town where his friends were glad to see him.

Charley Gehl and the three Bills —Bentleon, Scofield and Schumacher—came out of the woods at Duluth—"well, not exactly at Duluth but about 200 miles a hoss"—last Saturday morning looking hale and hearty but not well heeled for venison. Gehl, the redoutable, and Schofield, the pathfinder, were skun completely. Schumacher shipped a 200 pound buck and Bentleon brought home 140 pounds of doe with him.

A baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eggleston at the home of her parents, the W. A Schofields, last Friday. A girl was born at the Fred Kutzner home, about two miles west of town, on Saturday. A boy was born at the Birney Blank home and a girl at the Thos. Mach home in this village on Tuesday. Yesterday morning a boy was born at the home of Rudolph Sklaciky, about five miles east of town.

If the date on your paper shows that your are in arrears on your subscription will you kindly send us a check or come in and pay up? This is not a dun but just a reminder that the only way we can pay our bills is by our friends paying what they owe us. The Pine Poker has not increased its subscription price as many papers have, which makes it more necessary that we should be paid in order that we may be honest with those whom we owe.

The monthly school board meeting in the office of Clerk Boyle, Tuesday evening, saw the transaction of routine business, including a discussion of the financial condition growing out of the fact that the treasury is considerably affected by the holding up of state aid money in the courts where a suit over the appropriation is pending. A motion expressing the confidence of the board in the administration of the school in matters recently arising in connection therewith was also passed.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. are planning to sell their ball and lots to A. M Chalieen as soon as arrangements can be completed. The circle reports the loss of the electric light bulbs in the hall by petty thievery, recently. Also, at a fairly attended meeting in their hall, Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were chosen for the coming term: Marilla Gottry president, Arlie Wells senior vice, Etta Wiley junior vice, Agnes Clarke treasurer, Lizzie Breckenridge secretary, Albina Netser chaplain, Barbara Penhiter guard, Alta Stephan conductress, Malinda Webster patriotic instructor. Nancy Engel assitant conductress and Dora Hawley assistant guard.

The postoffice offers a new savings system that accepts anything from 25 cents up and pays 4 per cent interest, compounded semi-annually. You can buy "thirft stamps" at 25 cents each, a card for 16 stamps being received, which, as soon as it is full can be retained or exchanged on a "war saving certificate stamp." These latter stamps sell for $4.12 each during the months of December and January and advance one cent a month each during 1918. They will be due Jan. 1, 1922 when they will be worth $5 each. The plan is a good one for small savers or large ones, for there is no maximum limit.—you can take as many war saving certificates, each holding $100 worth of stamps, as you like. The interest of these is more than 4 per cent because it is compounded semi-annually, and they have the additional advantage of being as good as cash for they can be exchanged at the potsoffice for cash at the purchase prices at anytime. See Postmaster Collins or your postmaster in any part of the county about them.

The regular meeting of the council was held last Saturday evening, Trustees Larson and Prochaska being absent. There was a large delegation of farmers present for the purpose of urging the removal of all weighing scales from the streets of the village except the one owned by the new Farmers' scale company. Walter Peterson, secretary of the company, and others spoke but the matter was laid over owing to the absence of the councilmen above refered to. The following bills were allowed: E. M. P. Co., November lights and power $155.24; Marshal Biederman for November $60; Clerk Bairge for Nov., $15; J. F. Petschel, 18 loads sand, $22.50; Fire Dept. 20 men at Merc. Co. fire, $20; W. A. Sauser, misc. and repairs on hydrants, $15.40; Peter Wosmek, 11 days st. work, $22; James Herman, 8 1-2 days st. work, $17.

Wm. Chalieen came home from Hibbing Wednesday and on Monday went to Duluth where he enlisted in the navy. He returned home the next day and is enjoying a few days' vacation prior to his leaving Duluth tomorrow for the Great Lakes training station at Chicago where he will train for the service. This is Bill's third attempt to get into the service, he having been rejected twice last summer when he attempted to get into the army. The best wishes of many friends will go with him to the front when he is fitted for service. He reports that when at Duluth he met a man who served on the Baron von Steuben on which several Pine City boys have made two or three trips to Europe in the transport service

At a meeting of the Royal Neighbors in the Pythian hall, last Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming term: Ellen Schumacher oracle, Lucia Holmberg vice oracle, Josephine Sobotka past oracle, Hannah Beechel recorder, Mary Poferl receiver, Florence Gray chancelor, Alvia Wilcox marshal, Jennie Scofield inner sentinel, Ida Saxon outer sentinel, Ethel Joslin manager for 3 years, Anna Borchers manager for 2 years, Lucy Gilson manager for 1 year, Ruth Scofield musician, Dr Josephine Tofte physician, Louise Bantleon faith, Anna Borchers unselfishness, Hannah Hagen modesty, Hilda Johnson endurance, Labra Cole courage, Anna Borchers special auditor. The Royal Neighbors of Hinckley gave us a pleasant surprise by sending the following ladies from Hinckley camp: Mesdames Ried, Mitchell, Van Rouden, Grimer and Shaffer. Refreshments were served by "sixth division." All visiting neighbors are invited to attend the camp meetings on the first Saturday evening of each month

Pine City Mercantile Company

PHONE 33-3 — THE RELIABLE STORE — THE BIG STORE

We Guarantee the Goods That We Sell To Be Just as Represented

Christmas Sale!

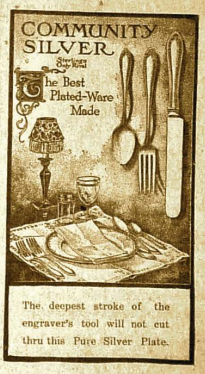
AT THE BIG STORE WILL BE NEXT

MONDAY, DEC. 10th, 1917

There are only little more than two weeks to Christmas after that you will need to "get a move on" if you are to get into any shape to play Santa Claus at your home on Christmas Eve.

Bring the children to see the toys and come yourselves to see the various Christmas gifts in useful articles.

Our Store Is Full of CHRISTMAS GIFTS



The deepest stroke of the engraver's tool will not cut thru this Pure Silver Plate.

Guaranteed for Fifty Years

COMMUNITY SILVER is the only plated ware that can be Engraved Like Sterling, because it has the Hardest plate of any Silver wear in the world. Your Engraver knows. Give something useful for Christmas this year, something may be used by every member of the family for many years. We would welcome your inspection of our most complete stock. See the pleasing pretty plain Patrician Pettern

Six Tea Spoons $3.00

PINE CITY HARDWARE COMPANY

QUALITY Hardware and REAL Service

Dufresnay's Christmas Awakening

ON Christmas morning of the year 1681 M. Dufresnay's apartments were in some confusion. Monsieur himself as he slept on a spindle legged sofa was not the very image of order. His rose colored satin coat was under his head, and his silk stockinged calves dangled over the end of his all too brief bed. The cards of yesterday and yesternight bestrewed the floor.

He was disturbed by the insistent tinkling of a bell. Dufresnay groaned and struggled to his feet.

On opening the door he beheld a very beautiful young lady quaintly disguised as a working woman and carrying a large basket such as laundresses use. Dufresnay retreated in confusion, bowing profoundly and wrestling with his coat.

"I pray you pardon me, mademoiselle. I did not expect a—a vision!"

"And I pray you, monsieur, not to mock me," she replied, with a wry little smile. "The last time I came your servant said you had no money. You owe me 17 livres."

Dufresnay gazed in speechless incredulity for a moment and then burst out laughing.

"A merry Christmas to you, mademoiselle!" he cried. "Is the basket for me?"

"I wish you also a merry Christmas. But please, please listen to me. Perhaps the wine is not yet out of your head. But I must have money today. Surely you can understand?"

Dufresnay partially mustered his wits and attempted an elaborate compliment.

"I have seen all the shepherdesses of our Arcadian Versailles and— By the goddess of the laundry, you are not crying! The basket is very heavy. And here are actual shirts!"

He looked in comic perplexity from the basket to the girl. Then he said gently, "Has no one ever told you how beautiful you are?"

"Certainly you are not the first to flatter me nor the first that failed to pay me, but," she added, and her eyes filled with tears. "I had better, hopes of you. Fine words will not help me."

"I know they will not. What have I that will bring 17 livres? This ring?"

"But that is a wedding ring."

"My mother's. And it is for my wife. It is for you."

"That is a cruel jest. And I thought you were so different. You have never seen me before, but I live not far away, and I have often seen you. You are not yourself now or you would not mock me so."

"I was never myself before," insisted Dufresnay.

At this moment a stately personage appeared in the doorway and rang the bell with great vigor.

Dufresnay greeted him with delight. "Is his majesty returned to Paris? No? He is well?"

Turning to the girl, he said: "I am, as perhaps you know, the king's poor kinsman, as poor as he is rich. M. Ribot has been the bearer of many good gifts. Monsieur, mademoiselle is my betrothed."

"Ahem! M. Dufresnay, his majesty intrusted me with this Christmas present for you—this purse of gold, 500 louis, I believe, and this commission creating you valet de chambre du roi, with a stipend of 100,000 livres per annum. I congratulate you, monsieur. As I have many other commissions to execute for his gracious majesty, I must humbly take my leave."

"Present my grateful thanks and Christmas wishes to his majesty."

M. Ribot made his departure with somewhat the air of one who gladly takes leave of questionable company.

"May I also congratulate you, monsieur?" timidly ventured the girl. "You can pay me now," she added rather tamely.

"You see my establishment—how I live. Could not the order of these

"I Did Not Expect a Vision!"

apartments be improved? Will you abandon me amid such ruins? The abbe who ministers in the church yonder is my good friend."

"Why, he is also my abbe!"

"Wonderful! White lambs and black are alike his care. I am a most unlucky gamester. And you can give me better luck than ever came of winning. On my honor, I love you. And the abbe will be very glad to see us. Shall we not make the good old man happy?"

"If you will, monsieur."—W. R. Van Deusen in New York Evening Sun.

A Christmas Prayer.

God grant no little child may go
With hungry heart or empty hand—
Give this thy world one radiant day
To understand, to understand.
Give us the fitting word to say,
The spendthrift smile, the brave caress;
Disclose our hearts and give us now
The courage of our tenderness!
Lord, we are old with toil and tears,
Our souls are veiled with various art,
Yet still the little children keep
Thine ancient simpleness of heart—
And they alone of all thy breath
May bind the burning angel's eyes
And, striking laughter from the sword,
Retrace the years to paradise.
They are so brave with love and dreams,
So eager eyed and, ah, so dear!
I think we must return them now
The faith they bore across the year.
I think that we must give them now
The spendthrift smile, the kindly word,
That earth may keep its ancient hope
And we thy full commandments, Lord.

—*Dana Burnet.*

Christmas.

During the reformation the custom of observing Christmas was looked upon in England as sacrilegious. Puritans were working toward its abolishment; and finally in December 24, 1652, parliament ordered "That no observance shall be had of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in the churches upon that day in respect thereof."

Then Christmas became a day of work and no cheer. The love of fun which must find vent was expended at New Year, when the celebration was similar to that formerly observed at Christmas. Christmas has never regained its former prestige in England. Year after year it has been more observed in churches and families, but not in the wild boisterous hearty style of olden times . . . when the murmurs of yore bade to each and all:

"A merry Christmas and a happy New Year,
Your pockets full of money and your cellar full of beer."

—Yuletide in Many Lands.

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN FAR OFF NORTHLAND.

ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

Resume of the Most Important Events in Sweden, Norway and Denmark—Of Interest to the Scandinavians in America.

FINLAND.

Finland's native crops for the year have failed. All hope of relief from Russia has been lost. Fifty thousand tons of wheat and rye contracted and paid for in the United States and Canada last spring have been commandeered for France. America is Finland's only hope. Dr. Kaarlo Ignatius, special commissioner from that country, is in Washington appealing to officials in the cause of humanity to release to his government the 50,000 tons of supplies purchased before the food law was enacted, but commandeered by Food Administrator Herbert C. Hoover for the allied armies in France. After weeks of negotiations with Administrator Hoover and the war trade board, Dr. Ignatius has failed to accomplish his purpose. He has Ambassador Bakhmetieff of Russia aiding him, and also the sympathy of the British government. "I am going to keep up the fight," Dr. Ignatius said. "Already our people are starving. If I must, I will appeal to your president, who has declared to all the world that America is fighting in this war for the preservation of the rights of all nations, small as well as great. I do hope that the United States, the first nation in the world standing up for the rights of mankind and nations, will save us in this critical hour. Our government foresaw a food shortage last spring and placed orders in the United States and Canada for 50,000 tons of grain. After placing these orders we could not get a license from the interallied supply committee in Petrograd to import these supplies. The committee said Finland could get all the wheat it needed from Russia. Thereupon our government paid 60,000,000 Finnish marks to the Russian government, which had taken over all food supplies of the country. Russia guaranteed to make deliveries of wheat to our country in August and September. Then came the revolution and Finland got nothing from Russia, not even her money back. Besides the revolution, transportation conditions make it impossible to get supplies from Russia."

* * *

The general strike in Finland was approaching a crisis Wednesday, according to a Reuter dispatch filed at Helsingfors on that date. Excesses are reported especially in south Finland, where about 25 men of the propertied class have been murdered. The socialists are armed with military rifles and further excesses are feared.

NORWAY.

The Christiania Morgenbladet has shown a strong pro-American bias since the entrance of the United States into the war. In a leading editorial it says: "America is now the focus of war preparations. The experiences of three years' war on all fronts are being profitably assimilated, and the most systematic military training is being practiced under French and English officers. Special commissions from Europe superintend the manufacture of all that is needed by sea, by land, and in the air. Ammunition making is being driven on with unheard of intensity, standardization of air machines, experiment with new weapons, new technical inventions in every field. If there is any place where we can learn things, it is in America today. Norwegian naval and military attaches should be at once sent to America. In the future Norway will have to obtain more of her war material from the United States, and it is very important to strengthen our legation in Washington." Foreign Minister Ihlen, in his speech in the storting, told how England had not only annulled the so-called branch agreement with Norway, but had suspended all such agreements.

* * *

A Hutchinson, Minn., produce company has received an order for butter from Capt. Roald Amundsen, the great Norwegian explorer, who is outfitting a ship for another expedition to unexplored regions in arctic waters. All provisions on such trips must be of the highest grade. It is because of the reputation for the keeping qualities of Hutchinson butter that the company gets the order, and for the same reason year after year the company receives a contract for a large amount of butter from the United States government for the navy, this year's contract being for 50 tons.

* * *

Oddmun Vik has resigned as food minister. The storting voted down a motion designed to force the resignation of the whole cabinet. Mr. Vik held his position a little over a year. For several months past he has been severely criticized on account of alleged mistakes in his food administration. Mr. Vik spent the early part of his life in educational work, and later became a journalist. He served several terms in the storting, and at the time of his appointment to the cabinet was governor of Romsdal.

* * *

White grouse are not numerous this year, especially in the eastern part of the country. But the hunters report that hares are plentiful. On account of the meat famine many moose and reindeer have been killed this fall.

* * *

While a picnicker was eating his lunch a few Sundays ago at Varingskollen, near Christiania, a hare jumped right into his lap. The man had presence of mind enough to catch the animal, but seeing how dreadfully scared the hare was he let him go again.

Haldan, Ditlex Simonsen & Co., ship-owners in Christiania, have organized a new shipping company with a capital of at least $500,000 for the purpose of co-operating with a well-known American firm of ship owners after the war. Rented ships will be used at first; but after the war it is expected that the cost of building new ships will be reduced to such an extent that the company can afford to order new ships built. The name of the company is to be the Norwegian-American Shipping company.

SWEDEN.

There are now hundreds and hundreds of homeless Stockholm families who cannot afford the rental required for any kind of a home. In proportion to the population, Stockholm has an extraordinary number of hotels, established particularly to meet the tourist stream in summer. It is now often impossible to get a hotel room in Stockholm. The guests are placed in bathrooms, office rooms, even in large wardrobes, so as not to be forced to spend the night in the street, and it happens that even as many as four persons, all strangers to each other, sleep in the same room. Still worse is the scarcity of house rooms and tenements. At the end of September those applying for rooms and tenements in Stockholm, numbered 1,936, and the corresponding opportunities were 232. In order to assist the homeless families temporarily, the housing commission has opened several school houses for them, and the Swedish Red Cross has assisted with equipment. The commission has also offered premiums to those families, willing to house the homeless in their own apartments. Even the attics and basements are used for lodging. The scarcity of coal in Sweden affects all industries, all branches of communication and home life. Many passenger boats and trains have been withdrawn, with the result that those still running are overflowed with people. A sleeping car ticket must be ordered at least a fortnight before the journey. The illumination of trains and railway stations is considerably reduced. Official buildings are not heated more than is absolutely necessary. Churches are warmed only on Sundays. Everywhere the saving policy reigns. During recent years many vessels loaded with coal have sunk before reaching the harbor of Stockholm. Persons now have tried to raise this coal from the bottom of the sea, and more than 4,000 tons is reported to have been recovered near Stockholm by this method. One of the coal fishers has earned $4,000 from his "fisheries."

* * *

The Stockholm Tidningen says: "America has decided on a policy which, according to President Wilson's nearest adviser in commercial politics, Administrator of Food Supplies H. C. Hoover, would simply place the neutrals face to face with the alternatives either of starving or joining the allies." Concerning the report of the American announcement that "Sweden has been urged to cease exporting iron ore and other materials to Germany," the Tidningen remarks: "Regardless of the extent to which this demand may be maintained, and even the United States should be contented with the limitations of our iron and mineral exports, the question remains in principle the same. Such demands are attacks on the right to dispose of and to control one's own products. Thanks to such rights, we have up to now been in a position to maintain our commercial neutrality. As far as known, Sweden has never given up its right to export its own products to whomsoever it wished. It is of enormous interest to Sweden to reach some such understanding with the western powers, that their blockade against us and other Scandinavian countries may cease at the earliest possible moment, but with the above in mind one must see that such an understanding is perhaps impossible to reach, on account of the exaggerated demands from their side."

* * *

Five examples of a new species of the gorilla, hitherto unknown by scientists, have been taken to the Riks museum of Stockholm by Capt. Elias Arrhenius from the eastern part of Belgian Congo. This new variety, which has been called "Gorilla Beringei Mikenisensis," after the mountain Mikeno, where it lives, has a longer skull than the nearest variety, "Gorilla Sabingo." The length is 310 millimeters, while the skull of the sabingo gorilla shows only 276 millimeters. The nasal-bone and the cheekbones are of a different shape. White markings like that of the chimpanzee probably indicates a crossing between gorilla and chimpanzee. The new variety also differs in color. "Gorilla Mikenisensis" lives in droves and is very shy. In order to get the five examples now given to the Stockholm museum, Captain Arrhenius and his men had to creep through the brush to get an opportunity to shoot. The negro population hunts this gorilla for its skin—or for vengeance. At the time of Captain Arrhenius' visit a negro shot five gorillas because one of his relatives had been killed by one of the beasts.

* * *

To get food for the horses, the Swedish population has started to harvest the heather, which grows abundantly in some parts of Sweden. They cut off and dry the tops. Experiments have proven that it has almost the same nutrition value as hay. A kind of flour also has been prepared from the heather, and it has been used for baking purpose. Coffee is now prepared of everything except coffee beans. Roots of the dandelion are used. Coffee is highly appreciated. The match factories operate with aspens from Sweden, not from Russia.

DENMARK.

The city government of Randers has opened a public kitchen which can serve 1,000 lunches a day. The rate is 11 cents for three courses.

* * *

The government has submitted to the riksdag a bill authorizing the expulsion from the country of any undesirable foreigners, including those who have lived in Denmark two years. The bill is intended to help the government to rid the country of spies whose presence has become obnoxious.

PRUNING OF FRUIT TREES IS ESSENTIAL

Well-Pruned Apple Tree and Peach Tree Pruned After It Was Set in Field.

Proper pruning of fruit trees is absolutely essential to the production of good fruit. And yet there is no other necessary work about a farm orchard so constantly neglected.

And when it is done, in the majority of cases, it is only half done. As a result of crowded limbs, and thick foliage, half of the fruit produced is of small size and bad color.

Now, all of this inferior fruit is unnecessary, for it is entirely possible to have every apple on the tree, of good full size, and color fully up to the standard of its variety.

There is no sufficient excuse for the prevailing neglect of pruning, for it may be done in the winter time, that season of comparative leisure in the country. The months of November, December and January make up the right trimming season, says Iowa Homestead. If done at that time the wounds dry up, so that loss of sap later becomes unnecessary. But if this work is done in February and March, it is so near the period of the flow of sap that bleeding becomes inevitable.

Much Depends on Age.

In pruning a tree to secure good fruit, the amount of work to be done depends upon the age of the tree, and the previous work which has been done upon it to keep it in shape.

A tree which has been entirely neglected until it is ten years old presents a hard problem when you wish to bring it into shape.

Three-fourths of the top should be removed, but as to take that amount off at once would be a serious shock to the tree, it is customary to take two years for the work, cutting out half of the superfluous branches one winter—and as many more the next year.

The wise way is, never to let trees get into that crowded, overgrown condition.

Avoid All Crotches.

When three-year-old trees are first planted, all crotches should be avoided, and for the next two years trees should be examined occasionally and so cut as to secure a well-balanced top. For many reasons high tops are the best—high enough so as to admit a full-grown man walking about them upright.

As the trees get larger, naturally more and more work will be needed in pruning. Thrifty eight to ten-year-old trees will make an astonishing growth of wood in one season.

Bear in mind that the tops should be kept thin enough so that the sunlight can penetrate to all parts. It is light which makes perfect fruit—other conditions being favorable.

Remove Weak Limbs.

In general, remove the weakest limbs, and where two interfere cut one. Then shorten in all branches which show an abnormal growth, thus preserving the symmetry of the tree.

Water sprouts—those sappy shoots which have started since last pruning, should be cut without mercy, excepting in cases where one is needed to fill a vacant place.

If you have followed the rules for pruning, you will have a spreading, open-topped tree—so scattered in foliage that it will be a poor shade tree for a hot day, but exactly adapted to the growing of large, showy apples.

Owing to the prevalence of strong southwest winds, it is best to plant trees with a little inclination to the two-o'clock sun, and in pruning encourge the heaviest top on the same side of tree.

It is customary to say: Make a smooth cut; and a very little thought will show the necessity of this. Nature will repair the damage, by healing over the wound as soon as possible. But if a rough, uneven surface is left, it is difficult, or perhaps impossible for the bark to cover it.

All cuts above an inch in diameter should be painted with a soft grafting wax. This is needed, because the hot sun will check the wound and water will penetrate.

VALUE OF SPRAYING IN APPLE ORCHARDS

Demonstration Experiments Have Been Carried on at the Missouri University.

During recent years the University of Missouri College of Agriculture at Columbia in co-operation with a number of practical orchardists has been carrying on demonstration experiments in the value of spraying, pruning and the general renovating of neglected orchards in Missouri.

The results of these demonstrations show that apple orchards well managed can be made to yield the largest profits of any Missouri farm crop. On the other hand neglected orchards in the same neighborhood hardly yielded interest on the valuation of the orchard.

During 1917 the results of proper spraying and pruning have shown larger profit than in any previous year. During the last year neglected orchards have set very little or no fruit. The little fruit which was set here and there was for the most part small, wormy and of low market quality. Orchards properly sprayed and pruned during the last two or three years have set anywhere from a fair up to a heavy crop of fruit. The quality of apples on well-managed orchards this year has been the best produced in Missouri in recent years.

Orchards properly sprayed and well managed have yielded anywhere from $100 up to several hundred dollars per acre, net. Neglected orchards in the same neighborhood have yielded anywhere from nothing up to $18 to $20 per acre, hardly enough to pay interest on the valuation of the land and the expense of growing the orchard.

Some orchardists have hesitated to assume the expense of equipping for spraying, and of employing the labor necessary to properly prune the orchard. There is a fear that should the crop fail the orchardist would not be in position to pay for his spraying outfit and his spraying material.

Many Missouri orchardists last spring complained that the rainy weather and cold nights during the blossoming period prevented the bloom from setting fruit, or killed set fruit on frosty nights. The killing was due almost entirely to the fact that in neglected orchards the blossoms were weak. In most of the properly managed orchards, at least a fair crop of fruit set and matured to fine condition, due to the fact that trees kept healthy can usually set fruit even during trying weather.

SUCCESS WITH SHEEP FLOCK

Future Lamb Crop Depends Great Deal on Feeding and Breeding and Care of Ewes.

A great deal depends on the future lamb crop, not so much for mutton as for the production of wool and the increase of farm flocks. And the future lamb crop depends a great deal on the feeding and breeding and care of the ewes during the next few months, says a writer in an exchange. The impression that a sheep can subsist on anything may be partially true, but in our many years of experience with them I found that it pays, in the thrifty condition of both ewes and lambs, to give the sheep careful attention.

Dispose of Inferior Stock.

Now that poultry foods are high in price only the best pullets and yearling hens should be kept. Any inferior stock, or hens too old to lay, will not make a profit on the food consumed.

Valuable Food Ammunition.

Keep the hens in laying trim. Their "shells" are valuable food ammunition.

Cow and Sow.

The arm of the farm is the cow and the sow.

Filth in Summer.

In the busy season, by the pressure of other supposedly more necessary work, it is very easy to neglect the poultry house and to allow filth to collect. This should not be, for the hen is one of the best crops on the farm.

Ground Feed for Chicks.

Provide for the chicks fresh, ground feed when the grass becomes tough. Allow them access if possible to the cornfield. Here there is sufficient green feed and abundance of shade.

Had To Give Up

Was Almost Frantic With the Pain and Suffering of Kidney Complaint. Doan's Made Her Well.

Mrs. Lydia Shuster, 1828 Margaret St., Frankford, Pa., says: "A cold started my kidney trouble. My back began to ache and got sore and lame. My joints and ankles became swollen and painful and it felt as if needles were sticking into them. I finally had to give up and went from bad to worse.

Mrs. Shuster

"My kidneys didn't act right and the secretions were scanty and distressing. I had awful dizzy spells when everything before me turned black; one time I couldn't see for twenty minutes. Awful pains in my head set me almost frantic and I was so nervous, I couldn't stand the least noise. How I suffered! Often I didn't care whether I lived or died.

"I couldn't sleep on account of the terrible pains in my back and head. Nothing seemed to do me a bit of good until I began taking *Doan's Kidney Pills*. I could soon see they were helping me; the backache stopped, my kidneys were regulated and I no longer had any dizzy spells or rheumatic pains. I still take *Doan's* occasionally and they keep my kidneys in good health."

"Sworn to before me,
F. W. CASSIDY, JR., Notary Public.

Get Doan's at Any Store, 60c a Box
DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N.Y.

Every Woman Wants
Paxtine
ANTISEPTIC POWDER
FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE
Dissolved in water for douches stops pelvic catarrh, ulceration and inflammation. Recommended by Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co. for ten years. A healing wonder for nasal catarrh, sore throat and sore eyes. Economical. Has extraordinary cleansing and germicidal power. Sample Free. 50c. all druggists, or postpaid by mail. The Paxton Toilet Company, Boston, Mass.

MILLINERY LOCATIONS
Either new or established shops present splendid opportunity for going into a profitable business this Spring. Capital required very small. Write for details today. Robinson, Straus & Co., Wholesale Millinery, St. Paul, Minn.

Proving It.

"Our friend Bessie seems to have quite an open disposition."

"Quite. She never shuts up."

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

Has been used for all ailments that are caused by a disordered stomach and inactive liver, such as sick headache, constipation, sour stomach, nervous indigestion, fermentation of food, palpitation of the heart caused by gases in the stomach. August Flower is a gentle laxative, regulates digestion both in stomach and intestines, cleans and sweetens the stomach and alimentary canal, stimulates the liver to secrete the bile and impurities from the blood. Sold in all civilized countries. 30 and 90 cent bottles.—Adv.

Rectifying Her Mistakes.

In the midst of war England has discovered the absolute necessity of rebuilding her school system, of returning to a shorter workday in her factories and of encouraging the upbuilding of the child welfare agencies that gave up their activities earlier in the war, notes the Red Cross Magazine. Sir Herbert Fisher asked in parliament last spring for an increase of £3,829,000 over last year's educational budget. The committee on juvenile education has recommended a general fourteen-year age limit for leaving school throughout England with the abolition of all exemptions, and the establishment of day continuation schools for children between fourteen and eighteen with compulsory attendance for at least eight hours a week.

Nothing Doing.

"I know who has the lost money," stated the visitor.

"Then, why come to me?" demanded Sherlock Holmes.

"I want you to get it back for me."

"Who has it?"

"My wife has it."

"Watson, kindly show the gentleman out," responded the astute Sherlock with a yawn.

Gramophone for Reprisals.

In the London Times occurs this amusing advertisement by an obviously much-tried man:

WANTED—A loud, second-hand gramophone—for reprisals.

Instant Postum

fits the spirit of the times perfectly. It is

Purely American

Economical (without loss of pleasure)

Convenient (ready for instant use)

and is a pleasing, wholesome, drug-free drink good for both young and old.

"There's a Reason"

Thousands Find Relief

IN THE RELIABLE OLD SAFEGUARD

DODD'S Kidney Pills

IN all parts of the country, every day, sufferers from kidney troubles are saying: "Goodbye, backache; goodbye, pains; Dodd's Kidney Pills have settled you for good." They know the efficacy of this fine old remedy which so many people have employed with success. You can be free from kidney ills, from eventual Bright's Disease and possible death, if you start immediately to tone the kidneys with Dodd's Kidney Pills. Be sure you see on the box the name with three D's. It protects you.

Every Druggist Sells Dodd's and refunds your money if dissatisfied

His Equipment.

"Pardon me, Mr. Gloom, but you walk in a most peculiar fashion this morning. Is your rheumatism worse?"

"No," replied J. Fuller Gloom. "In fact, it is quite a bit better. The trouble with my locomotion is that I have taken so many pills for my pains that I have ball bearings."—Kansas City Star.

NEVER FAILS TO END MISERY OF PILES

Stops Itching at Once.

"Hundreds of people in this vicinity," says Peterson, "know of the mighty healing power of PETERSON'S OINTMENT in eczema, salt rheum, old sores, itching skin, ulcers, pimples and all diseases of the skin. They know it cures these ailments—that it is guaranteed to cure them."

Now I want to say to every sufferer from piles, either blind, bleeding or itching, that I will guarantee that a 30 cent box of PETERSON'S OINTMENT will rid you of piles or your druggist will return your money.

"For years I suffered terribly with itching and bleeding piles. I tried everything and despaired of ever getting rid of them. It gives me great pleasure to state that Peterson's Ointment entirely cured me, and I sincerely recommend it to all sufferers."—Yours truly, David A. Seymour, Supt. of Parks, Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.

The Eternal Feminine.

Lola—Jack, dear?

Jack—What is it, darling?

Lola—You love me, don't you?

Jack—You know it, sweetheart.

Lola—And you are quite sure I am the only girl you ever told about the other girls you have been in love with?

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Druggists, 75c. Testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

A Near-Patriot.

"Is Dubson patriotic?"

"I suppose so."

"Didn't he buy a Liberty bond?"

"No. He said he couldn't afford it, but he bought a record of 'The Star Spangled Banner' to play on his phonograph."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are best for liver, bowels and stomach. One little Pellet for a laxative, three for a cathartic. Ad.

The Hurtful Truth.

"I cannot marry you, James Henry. You are too rich. Folks would say that I married you for your money."

"But what do you care what people say?"

"Ordinarily, James Henry, I shouldn't care at all. But in this case it would be true."

Based On Cost Per Tablet

It Saves 9½c.

HILL'S CASCARA QUININE BROMIDE

No advance in price for this 20-year-old remedy—25c for 24 tablets—Some cold tablets now 30c for 21 tablets—Figured on proportionate cost per tablet, you save 9½c when you buy Hill's—Cures Cold in 24 hours—grip in 3 days—Money back if it fails. 24 Tablets for 25c. At any Drug Store

Good Business.

"That clerk of yours who answers the telephone is very urbane."

"He is that."

"He fairly cooes at you."

"Yup, his girl calls him up four or five times a day. At first I thought I'd stop it, but now I guess I won't. Watching out for her keeps him keyed up to a polite pitch."

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head. Because of its tonic and laxative effect, Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 30c.

Your Mistake.

Nothing is more discouraging than to find that you have been running the elevator to take the other fellow to the top.

Philippines is increasing rice production.

Venezuelan meat packers are enlarging plants.

After the Movies Murine is for Tired Eyes. Red Eyes—Sore Eyes— [illegible]

Facts About Big Guns of the Navy

By Lieut. Fitzhugh Green of the U. S. S. Texas

A 14-inch gun is built up from eight or ten hoops or steel tubes. Each is turned to an exact fit less several thousandths of an inch, then heated red until expansion permits it to be drawn on. It cools and adds strength not only by its thickness but by the grip of its shrinking.

The first or inner tube has helical grooves to give rotation to the shell just as in any sporting rifle. Tremendous firing pressures between 15 and 20 tons per square inch combined with acid gases and other products of explosion cause erosion or wearing away and pitting of the grooves. Inner tubes must be renewed periodically. The life of the gun, so-called, is about 150 shots. Since frequent target practices are held few years elapse before guns must be taken ashore and retubed. The total cost of retubing a 14-inch gun is in the neighborhood of $25,000.

Besides the inner erosion constant shocks of explosion crystallize the whole steel structure. Crystallization of metal may be likened to the drying of cheese. At first the mass is relatively tough and elastic. After the heavy punishment of protracted firing gun tubes weaken and become brittle. Microscopic examination reveals contraction and disintegration of metal particles just as cracks and crumbly sections occur in a cheese. Further use of the gun is dangerous. Sometimes the crystallized state is reached sooner than is expected. The guns crack or burst. On the Michigan 15 feet of a 12-inch gun broke off and fell on deck. On the next load the gun captain, having opened the breech to report "bore clear," shouted "There ain't no bore!" Fortunately no one was killed.

The charge of a 14-inch gun is 385 pounds of smokeless powder put up in four silk-linen bags. The back end of each bag is painted red and contains about four ounces of black powder called the ignition charge. A brass primer similar to a rifle cartridge except it has no bullet, ignites the black powder which in turn sets fire to the smokeless powder. Contrary to popular belief there is no real explosion but a progressive burning of enormous rapidity. Vast volumes of gas at high temperature and pressure are produced, forcing the projectile out.

A 14-inch shell weighs 1,400 pounds, is five feet long, and contains a bursting charge. Twelve strong men lift one with difficulty. Yet from the gun it can sink a battleship 12 miles away. It travels at the rate of 2,600 feet a second or a mile every two seconds. On striking it expends an energy of 65,687 foot-tons, or enough to transport a load of two tons to twice the height of Mt. Everest.

Mother's Cook Book

For Meatless Day.

Where fresh fish are obtainable there are countless ways of preparing them so that there is no need of sameness. Carp, though a rough fish, may be made most appetizing, if the smaller ones are used. The skin should be removed, as in it lies the objectionable flavor, more noticeable in the larger than in the smaller fish. Roll in cornmeal, well seasoned, and fry in hot pork fat, using a bit of onion with the salt and pepper for seasoning.

Fish Chowder.

This dish may be made of either fresh or salt fish. Dice a few slices of pork and fry brown in an iron kettle. Add enough water to cook a half dozen potatoes and three onions, and when the vegetables are partly done add the fish if uncooked. If cooked or salted it need not be added until ten minutes before taking up. The fish should be shredded, using a pound to the amount of vegetables. Season well, then add a quart of scalded milk and a half dozen milk crackers which have been scalded with boiling water and well drained. Serve piping hot.

Salmon Fritters.

Separate one cupful of cooked salmon into large flakes. Lay the flakes on a flat dish, sprinkle with vinegar, pepper and salt and let stand while the batter is being made. For the batter, add one beaten egg to a half cupful of milk, a little salt and paprika, a tablespoonful of olive oil and a cupful of flour. Mix until smooth and glossy. Allow it to stand for an hour in a cool place, then add one teaspoonful of baking powder. Dip the flakes carefully into the batter and fry in smoking hot fat to a light brown. Garnish with parsley.

Baked Salmon.

Place a pound of fresh salmon in a saucepan with water enough to cover, add one teaspoonful of salt, a half teaspoonful of white pepper, three tablespoonfuls of vinegar and cook slowly until it comes to the boiling point, then remove from the fire and set aside until required. Place the fish in a baking dish, surround with vegetables add a little broth and bake until tender.

Salmon Steaks.

Cut slices 1½ inches thick, and wipe dry. Lay the fish in a well-buttered pan and add the juice of a lemon, salt, pepper and red pepper. Lay buttered paper over the fish and let cook, allowing twenty minutes for each pound of fish. Garnish with cubes of cucumber, finely cropped parsley and tarragon.

Nellie Maxwell

Red Is Warm Color, Blue a Cold One, Because of Their Places in Nature

Colors affect one's feelings because of their places in nature. Since blue suggests a cold winter sky and ice, it should not be used in decorating a dark and poorly heated room, points out Miss Grace Averill, instructor in home art in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"One thinks of red as being warm because he sees something of red in fire," said Miss Averill. "He realizes that it is an irritating color—it has been used with effect in bullfights. Even the old turkey gobbler is excited by red.

"Each color has its own individual characteristic. Red gives the idea of warmth and cheer, just as some persons have the faculty of making warm friends. Red, on the other hand, is likely to be irritating unless it is used sparingly. The effect of a touch of red in a room is cheering, but a room should not be papered in bright red.

"Blue denotes a different characteristic. It is like the cool, sedate, dignified person. Blue retreats instead of advances. For this reason a small room may be made to look larger if it is papered in blue. Because it is a cool color, its use should be reserved for rooms which are naturally cheery and admit much sunlight. A north room should not be papered in blue."

Bees Are Supplied With Two Sets of Eyes; One for Near, Other for Far Sight

The eyes of an animal can only work together when they can be brought to bear upon an object at the same time; so that, as a rule, the eyes of a fish must work more or less independently. This is sometimes also the case when the eyes can co-operate, as anyone who watches a plaice or other flat fish in an aquarium will soon discover.

Many insects possess more than two eyes, which do not act together. A leech, for example, has ten eyes on the top of its head, which do not work in concert, and a kind of marine worm has two eyes on the head and a row down each side of the body. Some lizards have an extra eye on the top of the head, which does not act with the other two.

A bee or wasp has two large, compound eyes, which possibly help each other, and are used for near vision, and also three little simple eyes on the top of the head, which are employed for seeing things a long way off. So that for close sight inside the hive and for far sight the bees will never need spectacles.

Italian Museum Has Most Valuable Book in World.

The Medico Laurentian museum of Florence, Italy, has in its possession what is said to be the most valuable book in the world. This book is called the Codex Amiatinus and is pronounced by some scholars to be perhaps the oldest and by all odds the best ancient Latin manuscript of the Bible. The work is believed to have been copied from the translation by St. Jerome, which he made direct from early Greek and Hebrew scripts. Its origin is placed in the ninth century, and is thought to have been the handiwork of English priests.

Only recently has the true character of this book become known. For many years it was owned by the Monte Amiati convent, without anyone being aware of its true value. Of course it was known to be of great antiquity, and was highly prized on that account. But it remained for Italian scholars to discover its real significance. The work is now priceless. It can only be examined by virtue of a special permit from the highest Italian authority.

Wise and Otherwise

Until Cupid recovers his sight marriage will continue to be more or less of a failure.

Some men attempt to practice what they preach, but they soon get out of the practice.

No wonder the way of the transgressor is hard when one considers the amount of travel thereon.

"In times of peace prepare for war," quoted the young man who had just squandered a lot of his hard-earned coin on an engagement ring.

A Good Old Game.

A man ninety-three years old, whose home is in a Massachusetts town, walked 11 miles one day recently to indulge in an annual checker orgy with his former neighbors. He left for home at the end of the forty-fifth game triumphant in the thought that he had made the best record known in 14 years. He had won thirty games and lost seven, while eight were a draw.

In these days of golf and tennis and pool and bowling, the sedentary game of checkers has fallen into some disrepute, remarks an exchange. Men who boast of athletic tastes speak slightingly of it as tame and tiresome. But it has its faithful adherents who are undisturbed by criticism. The game entertains them; it even arouses their enthusiasm; they become mildly excited over it. The old man in Massachusetts had undoubtedly been aided to pass his ninety years by the pleasant stimulus of the simple game. His mind was agreeably stirred by the effort to enter his opponent's king row, capturing as many "men" as possible on the way.

JUST FOR FUN

Taking No Chances.

Mrs. Dix — I was ashamed of you, Ephraim, to see you dust the chair you sat on at Mrs. Henshaw's. I saw her little boy watching you.

Dix — I saw him, too. I'm too old a fish to be caught on a bent pin.

Self-Praise.

"I don't see why I keep trailing around after you when I could marry a dozen other girls," complained Charley Dubson.

"It may be in bad taste for me to say so," replied Miss Peacher, "but I presume you care for quality more than quantity."

A Poor Compliment.

"I have never heard a more informing address."

"Thank you, sir. Thank you very much," replied the beaming orator. "Er—what part of my speech did you find the most instructive?"

"The part you quoted."

Oh, Woman!

Kitty—Jack was miserable when he kissed me good-by at the station.

Catty—He needn't have been. He didn't have to kiss you.

Some Doubt.

Business Caller—Who is the head of this house?

Knowing Neighbor—Mr. Smythe thinks he is, but then he hasn't been married long enough to know better.

Foxy.

Ma—I don't know how I can get Willie to take his medicine. If I tell him what it is he won't take it and if I don't tell him he won't take it.

Pa—Just put it on the table and forbid him to touch it and then he'll take it.

Information.

Irate Patron—I dropped a penny into this machine and nothing came out.

Agent—If nothing came out that shows it's empty.

"But, sir, what do I get for my penny?"

"Information."

Only Thought He Did.

Heck—Yes, I have met your wife. In fact I knew her before you married her.

Peck—Ah, that's where you had the advantage of me—I didn't.

Preparedness.

Little Ned—Must I sleep in the dark?

Mamma—Yes.

Little Ned—Well, then, wait a minute; I'll get out and say my prayers a little more carefully.

Alone.

"Alone," murmured the poor man. At least it sounded like that. Yet the man was not alone. Unfortunately his wife was with him.

"Alone," he continued to mutter.

His wife laughed a harsh, brutess laugh.

In dulcet tones she hissed, "Nix!"

"Alone!"

This time there was pleading in his voice.

And his wife laughed harshly and shook her head.

"Not a sou, you poor fish," she ejaculated.

He was asking for a loan.

An "Italian Sky."

Many poets have written rhapsodies in praise of the "deep blue sky" of Italy. The blue is deeper, not because the dust there is finer than in the northern countries, but because in the countries of the North, due to the greater coldness of the air, the vapor more readily condenses upon the dust particles. The dust particles thus become large, and consequently not so effective in turning back the blue rays alone, but others are also reflected, and a grayish light is produced. In a single location the blue of the sky may appear bluer at one time than another. The sky is oftentimes said to be very blue when some white cumulous clouds are outlined against it, in consequence of the great contrast with the brilliant white. After a shower, when the lower stratum of air is washed of its coarse dust particles, a deeper and purer blue is the result.

The Tailor's Dilemma.

"Do you exchange unsatisfactory goods?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, here's an overcoat I got here last year. I want it exchanged, as I think I like your new styles much better."

A Find.

Evie—I once knew a girl who got a pearl out of an oyster.

Maud—I knew a girl who got a diamond necklace out of a mug.

Trading in Human Hair.

Gradually changing styles in hairdressing in the United States and Europe have dealt a death blow to the trade in human hair in Hong Kong, China. In 1910 this trade reached its highest level, the United States alone buying such hair to the value of $606,187 direct, in addition to a large amount which went by way of Europe. With the advent of the war, says Leslie's Weekly, the European demand has fallen away, and the changing styles in the United States have cut down the demand from New York.

Starting It All Over Again.

She—I suppose if I were to die tomorrow you'd marry some other woman immediately?

He—Not right away. I'd take a little rest first.

About Right.

"How fast was this man going?"

"Easily forty miles an hour."

"What makes you think so?"

"He admitted that he was doing twenty."

Why of Course.

Though thoroughly patriotic, Johnny, aged nine, dining with his mother in one of the cafeterias on wheatless day, could not understand why he should eat corn bread instead of the usual white bread, relates the Indianapolis News.

In the argument that ensued his mother, losing her temper, ordered the young man "to get outside of his portion of bread right away."

After a thoughtful moment Johnny commented: "Mother, then I would be the peelin', wouldn't I?"

HEAL ITCHING SKINS

With Cuticura Soap and Ointment—They Heal When Others Fail.

Nothing better, quicker, safer, sweeter for skin troubles of young and old that itch, burn, crust, scale, torture or disfigure. Once used always used because these super-creamy emollients tend to prevent little skin troubles becoming serious, if used daily.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Primitive Methods.

"Are there any amusements in this town?" asked the stranger in a mining camp.

"Depends on what it takes to amuse you," replied the grizzled prospector. "Gunplay hereabouts ain't what it used to be, but occasionally two of the boys meet unexpectedly like on the street and settles a dispute without goin' to law about it."

KIDNEY TROUBLE NOT EASILY RECOGNIZED

Applicants for Insurance Often Rejected

An examining physician for one of the prominent life insurance companies, in an interview of the subject, made the astonishing statement that one reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease.

Judging from reports from druggists who are constantly in direct touch with the public, there is one preparation that has been very successful in overcoming these conditions. The mild and healing influence of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its remarkable record of success.

We find that Swamp-Root is strictly an herbal compound and we would advise our readers who feel in need of such a remedy to give it a trial. It is on sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes, medium and large.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

Inconsiderate.

Husband—I am ruined.

Wife—How could you? And before I got my winter clothes.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 30c.

An agency for leather to be used for shoes, furniture and gloves would be considered by a Brazilian firm.

Peace Only a Breathing Spell.

A soldier ought to consider peace only as a breathing spell, which gives him leisure to contrive, and furnishes ability to execute, military plans.—Macchiavello.

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

In Use for Over 30 Years.

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

A Chinese textile made of raw silk can be buried in the earth a year without deteriorating.

Greece has an area of 44,700 square miles.

PERSISTENT COUGHS are dangerous. Relief is prompt from Piso's Remedy for Coughs and Colds. Effective and safe for young and old. No opiates in

PISO'S

SELF DEFENSE

Defeat Backache and Kidney Trouble With Anuric

Many people in this section have suffered from rheumatism and kidney trouble and have found that Anuric was the most successful remedy to overcome these painful and dangerous ailments.

The lucky people are those who have suffered, but who are now well because they heeded nature's warning signal in time to correct their trouble with that wonderful new discovery of Dr. Pierce's called "An-u-ric" (double strength). You should promptly heed these warnings, some of which are dizzy spells, backache, irregularity of the urine or the painful twinges of rheumatism, sciatica or lumbago. To delay may make possible the dangerous forms of kidney disease, such as stone in the bladder. If you want quick relief buy Anuric now (60c a package)—or send Dr. Pierce 10c for trial pkg. This will prove that "Anuric" eliminates uric acid as hot water melts sugar.

It's the Same Story Everywhere

Lavalle, Wis.—"After having a severe attack of grip last winter I was troubled with backache across my kidneys and had such aching pains in every joint of my body I thought it must be rheumatism—never had anything like it before. I am 64 years old. One day I read an article in our paper that described plainly just how I felt, so I sent to Dr. Pierce for a trial package of the Anuric Tablets. After taking them the rheumatic pains left me, and I was greatly benefited."—MRS. EMMETT DARROW, P. O. Box 117.

Minneapolis, Minn.—"I became all run-down and weak. At times was very miserable. I saw Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription advertised as being good for this condition. I got it and am in better health than I have ever been."—MISS JULIA CARROLL, 1312 4th Street N.—Adv.

Carter's Little Liver Pills For Constipation

The Great Vegetable Remedy

Puts You Right Over Night

Genuine bears signature *Brent Good*

Small Pill Small Dose Small Price

Colorless or Pale Faces usually indicate the absence of Iron in the blood, a condition which will be greatly helped by Carter's Iron Pills

STRANGLES

Or Distemper in stallions, brood mares, colts and all others is most destructive. The germ causing the disease must be removed from the body of the animal. To prevent the trouble the same must be done.

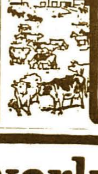
SPOHN'S COMPOUND

Will do both—cure the sick and prevent those "exposed" from having the disease. 50 cents and $1 a bottle; $5 and $10 the dozen. All druggists, harness houses, or manufacturers.

SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Manufacturers, Goshen, Ind., U.S.A.

Canadian Farmers Profit From Wheat

160 ACRE FARMS IN WESTERN CANADA FREE



The war's devastation of European crops has caused an unusual demand for grain from the American Continent. The people of the world must be fed and wheat near $2 a bushel offers great profits to the farmer. Canada's invitation is therefore especially attractive. She wants settlers to make money and happy, prosperous homes for themselves by helping her raise immense wheat crops.

You can get a Homestead of 160 acres FREE and other lands at remarkably low prices. During many years Canadian wheat fields have averaged 20 bushels to the acre many yields as high as 45 bushels to the acre. Wonderful crops also of **Oats, Barley and Flax.**

Mixed farming as profitable an industry as grain raising. The excellent grasses full of nutrition are the only food required for beef or dairy purposes. Good schools, churches, markets convenient, climate excellent.

There is an extra demand for farm labor to replace the many young men who have volunteered for the war. The Government is urging farmers to put extra acreage into grain. Write for literature and particulars as to reduced railway rates to Supt. of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or

R. A. GARRETT

311 Jackson Street, St. Paul, Minn.

Canadian Government Agent

Overworked Women must learn not to neglect their health

How Women are Restored to Health

Spartanburg, S.C.—"For nine years I suffered from backache, weakness, and irregularities so I could hardly do my work. I tried many remedies but found no permanent relief. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I felt a great change for the better and am now well and strong so I have no trouble in doing my work. I hope every user of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will get as great relief as I did from its use."—Mrs. S. D. McAbee, 122 Dewey Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

Chicago, Ill.—"For about two years I suffered from a female trouble so I was unable to walk or do any of my own work. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the newspapers and determined to try it. It brought almost immediate relief. My weakness has entirely disappeared and I never had better health. I weigh 165 pounds and am as strong as a man. I think money is well spent which purchases Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. Jos. O'Bryan, 1755 Newport Ave., Chicago, Ill.

YOU CAN RELY UPON

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

Save the Calves! Stamp ABORTION Out of Your Herd and Keep It Out! Apply treatment yourself. Small expense. Write for free booklet on Abortion, "Questions and Answers". State number of cattle in herd.

Dr. David Roberts Vet. Co., 100 Grand Avenue, Waukesha, Wis.

AMERICAN HIDE & FUR CO.

18 First St. N., Minneapolis, Minn.

The North's Greatest Fur House

Wholesale dealers in Hides, Furs, Wool, Rubber and Metals. Tanners and Manufacturers of Robes and Coats.

HIDE TANNING

Horse and Cattle Hides tanned and manufactured into Robes—Coats—Mittens that will last a life time. Old Furs and Robes repaired. We buy Hides, Furs, Metals and Rubber, top prices paid. Write for prices and tags.

FOSTER ROBE & TANNING CO.

1620 8th St., S. E. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

National Hotel

Opposite New Post Office

Washington and Second Ave. S., MINNEAPOLIS

Steam heat; hot and cold running water and telephone in every room. Special rates to Stockmen, Country Merchants and Farmers. 50c and up.

Western Commission Co.

SOUTH ST. PAUL

Ship us your CATTLE, HOGS and SHEEP

Seven salesmen that suit. Prompt returns at highest market price. We make a specialty of handling Shipping Association live stock. Write Us for Market Information

MONEY IN IT—SHIP FURS, HIDES, PELTS, WOOL to McMillan Fur & Wool Co. Minneapolis, Minn. Write for prices. FREE TRAPPERS' GUIDE to those who ship to us.

MASQUERADE AND THEATRICAL COSTUMES for RENTAL. Write for special discount. L. Kopfmann, Costumer, Successor to Smith Costume Co. 812-F Marquette Ave., Minneapolis

Sherman Hotel ST. PAUL BLOCK FROM DEPOT ROOMS $1.00 UP

I have become Distributor for
The Arro Phonograph

A suburb machine
Made in mahogony
With or without electric motor
Uses all needles
Plays all Records
Affords liberal education in music
Suited to schools and churches
Brings culture to the home
Keeps the young folks in the family circle
Beautiful Christmas present
Prices $50 to $100. Popular size $90
Terms made convenient.
A few on hand ready for immediate delivery. If you can't take Susan to the Opera, fetch the Opera to Susan.

J. ADAM BEDE

Tri-State Phone
PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

ORDER **COAL** NOW

Don't wait until Everyone "Beats You To It."

Louis Volenec

Phone your orders to

Prochaska's Pharmacy

phone 11

HEALTH IS YOUTH—YOUTH IS BEAUTY—WHY NOT KEEP YOUTH—OUR AIM GIVE HEALTH

C. WARD FOLSON FOR BETTER HEALTH

CHIROPRACTIC MASSAGE ELECTRIC VAPOR BATH TREATMENTS

3 IN 1

RHEUMATISM SPECIALIST SPINAL AND NERVOUS DISEASES

3 TREATMENTS FOR ONE PRICE

302 LINDLEY BLDG. 823 NICOLLET AVE. MINNEAPOLIS TEL. 1942

C. W. Spickler

Painting

Paper Hanging

Interior Decorating

PINE CITY

BEROUN NEWS DEPARTMENT

This Department Will Appear Regularly in The Pine Poker
Readers will find the Beroun News in it

More than fifty of our people who are interested in the organization of a cooperative warehouse association here met in Prochaska's hall, Tuesday afternoon, and decided to complete the organization under some such name as the Beroun Warehouse Assn. J. C. Hancock was elected president, Wm. Von Busch vice president, J. W. Chalupsky secretary and Alex Henderson treasurer. A board of directors was chosen to consist of Messrs. Hancock, Von Busch, Chalupsky, J. Pavek, Guptil, Henderson, Cabak, Houde and Simon Derr. A committee consisting of Messrs. Chalupsky, Pavek and Von Busch was appointed to handle the organization of the new company. The plan is to organize for about $3,000, sell the stock this winter and have everything ready to put up a building in the spring or summer and get into next year's business.

The Farmers' club meeting at the A. A. Nordholm home south of town, last Saturday afternoon, was attend by every member except two and a fine time was had. Prof. Ayers of Pine City spoke on "corn germination." Mr. Harte spoke along patriotic lines and Mrs. Guptil also spoke on dairying.

Mrs. Frank Runa and children returned, Monday night, from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Cadott, Wis. They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs Runa's mother, Mrs. Chylik.

Lillian Vacek and he cousin Lillian Kopacek from Minneapolis, visited at the Frank Vacek home during Thanksgiving. They returned to Minneapolis Sunday.

Miss Anderson is preparing the children of our school for a Christmas program though we are not yet informed as to where or when it will be given.

Messrs. and Mes James Hokanson and Dahlstrom from west of Hinckley spent Thanksgiving at the home of the formers' son, George Hokanson, here.

Lost—on road between Meadow Lawn and Beroun, book entitled "The Freshman Eight." Finder kindly leave at State Bank of Beroun.

Father Leo will not be able to be at Beroun on Monday, Dec. 10th, but will be here on Tuesday the 11th, instead, for Christmas duties.

Miss Mary Kothera of Pine City spent Sunday at the J. W. Chalunsky home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kryzer returned, Saturday noon, from Anoka, after spending Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. J. J. Brom.

John Pulkrabek returned, yesterday, to St. Paul where he is learning the barber trade after being home since before Thanksgiving.

John Rosecky left for his home at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Monday after being a guest at the home of John Chalupniks the past week.

Ole Erickson, from Ironton, Minn., and Miss Ida Berglund of Mora visited at the Chas. Peterson home the past week.

Miss Josephine Chalupnik left for St. Paul the first of the week, where she will be employed during the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kryzer departed Monday for a ten days visit with relatives and friends at Winona, Minn.

John Novy and daughter Henriette left, Monday noon for Olivia, Minn., for a weeks visit with relatives.

Mrs. O. S Brekke returned, last Sunday, from St. Paul where she visited at the home of her folks for a week

John Hornik left Monday morning for St Paul, to work during the winter months.

Strohkireh Bros shipped a car of stock to the St. Paul market, yesterday morning.

Meadow Lawn

Mrs Wm N Ison arrived from Seattle Tuesday for an extended visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E Hedin. Mrs. Hedin has been quite sick the past month but is much better at this writing and expects to be well again, soon.

Miss Hattie Lysett spent Thanksgiving with friends in Minneapolis returning home Sunday evening accompanied by her brother Harvey from Montana Mr. and Mrs Harvey Syseth expect to spend the winter in Meadow Lawn.

A magic lantern entertainment was given in the Lawn school, last evening, but only 15 or 20 were present to enjoy it.

James Warner left Monday for St. Cloud where he expects to work in the granite works there.

Bill Miller returned home Monday from Iowa where he has been at work for the past two months

DO YOUR
CHRISTMAS BUYING
-AT-
BEROUN

If you live within touch of this town you are always welcome in it and are invited to make it your business headquarters--for buying or selling, for your travel, your mail or in your social affairs.

And so, you are requested to remember Beroun in your Christmas buying. If we havent just what you want, we will endeavor to secure it for you. But,

MAKE BEROUN YOUR HEADQUARTERS

and help build up a town that, by its nearness and its activity, will add to the value of your farm and the pleasure of your living.

All Beroun wishes you a Merry Christmas and trusts that you may secure honest value in every Christmas present that you purchase

Yours Very Truly,

Strohkirch Bros. **Frank Horejs**
Beroun Creamery **Inter-State Lumber Co.**
Beroun State Bank

The Rock Creek Red Cross Branch Membership drive is now on.

Show your loyalty and help your boys by joining today.

Annual membership only $1.00. Annual membership with magazine $2.00.

Yours Respectfully,

FARMERS STATE BANK
ROCK CREEK, - MINNESOTA

CHRISTMAS GOODS

We have just received our stock of Christmas articles and invite you to

COME IN AND SEE THEM

They are mostly on the useful order for the grown-ups and most anything you want for the children. Don't think it necessary to go outside for your Christmas gifts—see what we have to offer.

J. Erickson & Son
Santa Claus Headquarters Rock Creek, Minn.

ROCK CREEK NEWS DEPARTM'T

Wherein is Published the News of the Rock Creek Region
It is intended to help Rock Creek in every way and solicits your aid

The Red Cross directors held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening. It was decided to make a special canvass for new members during the next couple of weeks. Two sides were chosen with Miss Neva Morrow at the head on one side and Miss Inger Bornhoft at the head of the other side. Every member should find out on whose side they are and get as many new members as possible so as to have the honor of being on the winning side. From the indications of the start of this campaign it will be a hot one.

Otto Ott disposed of his barber shop, the first of the week, to W. R. Beattie of St. Paul and left, Tuesday, for Hawkeye, Ia., to visit for a while before locating again. We understand that he will probably go to St. Paul. Mr. Ott has been here for nearly two years and has made none but friends during the time. Everyone was sorry to lose him. His successor is a brother of our townsman, Ed Anderson, is a fine young man and will fill the position he has assured, well

The Ladies Aid sale and dinner, Thanksgiving day, at the Rock Creek M. E. church was a complete success, both socially and financially, netting the treasury about $80. Everybody enjoyed a very pleasant day and evening. The men took advantage of the afternoon to put up a row of hitching posts along the east line of the church lot. So now there is no excuse for anybody to stay away from the church services on account of not finding hitching room.

The N. P. bridge crew have finished with the concrete work on the railroad bridge north of town. They expect to return in about two weeks to put on the steel beams and complete the bridge. This is a big improvement over the old wooden bridge and will not need any rebuilding for years to come.

Contractor Brossard of Pine City finished the plastering on the fine house that John Vesely is putting up, northeast of here, Tuesday, and Contractor Buscek is now putting on the inside finish. Mr. Vesely hopes to move in about Jan. 1st.

The entertainment given in Elim church, east of town, by the Seminary quartet from the Baptist college at St. Paul, last week Wednesday evening, drew a crowded house and gave everyone a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Gray—the latter formerly Miss Ada Enos of this place—have located at Moose Lake where he becomes N. P. station agent.

The Woodmen camp will hold its annual meeting at the Woodmen hall this Saturday evening. Every member should try and be present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Merriott and son Kenneth returned, Monday, from an auto trip through parts of Iowa and southern Minnesota.

Miss DeLila Erickson is recovering very nicely from her recent illness and is expected to be up and around in a very short while.

Lorenzo Dane is nearly recovered from his accident about three weeks ago and will soon be about again as spry as ever.

The Danielson family of Grasston spent Sunday afternoon at the Erickson and Lindstrom homes here.

Mrs. Ole Erickson has returned to her home here after spending the summer with her sons in Canada.

Mrs. Joe C. Dugan of Dodge Center spent last week with her folks, the J. M. Morrow family.

J. M. Morrow transacted business in the Twin cities last week, returning home Saturday evening.

Royal Neighbors' annual meeting at Johnson's hall 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

West Rock M. E. Church Notes

Services will be held in the Pine Grove church at 10:30 next Sunday morning and at West Rock at 7:30 p. m.

The sale held in the church at West Rock by the ladies aid, last evening, drew a good crowd and things sold well, about $65 being the income. Refreshments were served and a fine evening enjoyed by all.

Do you think one of the pampered sons of the rich could earn a dollar a day and live on it? See Chas. Ray in the "Millionaire Vagrant" at Family theatre, Sunday matinee and night.

Following is the list of uncalled for mail at the postoffice: C. E. Wilson, Mr. Ole Sorenson, Mr. J. C. Johnson, Mrs. Matilie Gudgell, Mrs. Theoda Parker, Miss Violet Peterson and Claude Anderson.

Keep your eye on the "Fighting Trail" some thing new every week. If you are missing this serial you are missing the show of the year.

HAVE YOUR
BARBERING

done in your own home town, where you will help a local business

I have just purchased the Otto Ott barber shop at the Creek and invite you all to come here for anything in my line.

A. R. BEATTIE
Rock Creek, Minn. Barber Shop

You'll Surely
ENJOY CHRISTMAS

if you help someone else to enjoy it. And, you know as well as I do that you have no better friend than your horses. Then make your horses happy by giving them a Christmas present, warm blankets out of my stock. Prices reasonable--quality tip top. If you want to see, you will always be welcome.

BEN CUDD
Harness, etc. Rock Creek, Minn.

Storage batteries need special care during the winter. We will store a and care for them at a reasonable price.—Dudley Bros.

For sale—one block of good land west of school house. Will sell cheap if taken at once—A. E. Blanchard, Pine City.

S. G. L. ROBERTS, ATTORNEY AT Law. Real estate and collections. Office a Rybak block, Pine City, Minn.

DR. R. L. WISEMAN, PHYSICIAN AND for ner Douglas Grosley residence.

DR. J. J. SCULLEY, DENTIST. Office in Rybak Block. Phone No. 61.

(First pub. Nov. 15)

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice Is Hereby Given That default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage executed by K. C. Sandum and Cynthia V. Sandum, his wife, mortgagors, to Peter J. McCann, mortgagee, dated October 23rd, 1915, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pine County, Minnesota, on the 26th day of October, 1915, at 11 o'clock a. m. in Book No. Nineteen (19) of Mortgages, on page 177 thereof, and that said default consists in this, to-wit: That the said mortgagors have failed to pay the installment of interest on the principal amount of said mortgage, which was due on the 23rd day of October, 1917, in the sum of Sixty ($60.00) Dollars; that the said mortgagee has elected and hereby does elect to declare and has declared and now does declare that the total amount of said mortgage, including the entire principal and the interest thereon is now due according to the terms, provisions and conditions of said mortgage; that the amount claimed to be due and now is due on said mortgage at this date, is the sum of One Thousand Sixty Dollars and Eighteen Cents $1060.18); that the premises described in and covered by said mortgage are the Northeast quarter (NE¼) of Section Thirty-one (31) in Township Thirty-nine (39) North of Range Twenty-two (22) West, except certain rail road right of way, and situate in the county of Pine in the state of Minnesota; 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 said premises, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for CASH, by the Sheriff of Pine County, Minnesota, at the front door of the Pine County, Minnesota, court house in the village of Pine City in the county of Pine and state of Minnesota, on Saturday, the 22nd day of December, 1917, at ten o'clock a. m., to satisfy the amount then due on said mortgage, together with the costs of this sale and Fifty ($50.00) Dollars, attorneys' fees, stipulated in said mortgage.

Dated November 16th, 1917.

PETER J. McCANN
Mortgagee.

Paul W. Martin and Godfrey G. Goodwin, Attorneys for the Mortgagee, Cambridge, Minnesota.

(First pub. Nov. 1)

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Notice is hereby given that default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage executed by Charles F. Erickson, mortgagor, to Theodore F. Koch Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, mortgagee, dated October 26th, 1911, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pine County, Minnesota, on the 4th day of November, 1911, at five o'clock p. m., in Book II of Mortgages, on page 4-B, and thereafter by an instrument dated April 1st, 1914, recorded in the office of the said Register of Deeds on October 6th, 1917, in Book of Mortgages on page 88, assigned to Carl C. Henry, and thereafter by an instrument dated July 5th, 1916, and recorded in the office of said Register of Deeds on October 6th, 1917, in Book of Mortgages on page 88, assigned to Theodore F. Koch; that the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at this date is One hundred and twenty-three and 86/100 Dollars, together with Eighty-eight and 86/100 Dollars delinquent taxes on the land hereinafter described paid by said Theodore F. Koch, Assignee. That the premises described in and covered by said mortgage are the West half of the Northwest quarter and the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-Eight in Township Number Forty-one, North of Range Number Twenty, West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, containing according to the United States government survey One hundred and twenty and no-100 acres, be the same more or less.

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 the sale of said premises at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash by the Sheriff of said Pine County at the front door of the District Court House in the Village of Pine City in said Pine County, Minnesota, on the 15th day of December, 1917, at 11 o'clock a. m. to satisfy the amount then due on said mortgage, together with Fifty Dollars attorney's fees stipulated in said mortgage.

Dated October 30th, 1917.

THEODORE F. KOCH,
Assignee of Mortgage.

Owen Martin, Attorney for Assignee, 718 Globe Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.