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Contest Is Called Off

Legislative Contest Ended With the Outcome of the Count

By stipulation of the attorneys for Messrs. Berg and Larson, the legislative contest in this district was dropped last Saturday when the preliminary motions came up in Justice Lambert's court here.

The final word in the recount of votes really put the kibosh on the contest. With Larson one vote ahead to begin with and gaining eight over Berg in Chisago county and one in Pine, there wasn't much ground left to stand on.

Both sides claimed that the other sent out unsigned circulars in contravention of the law—and may be both sides were right though few would charge either Mr. Berg or Mr. Larson with any intent to evade the law.

The final in the recount showed Berg with a majority of 177 instead of 187 in Chisago county and Larson with a majority of 185 instead of 186 in Pine county—leaving Larson with a total majority of 10 votes.

Fair Management Commended

A well attended meeting of the board of directors of the Fair Society was held in the city hall Tuesday morning, developing considerable expressions of appreciation of the work of the management of the past year.

County Supt. Blankenship and Supts. McAdam of Pine City, Gunnings of Brookpark and Pryor of Hinckley were present and took up the "school exhibits" matter with the board, all expressing themselves as highly pleased with the way it was handled this year.

A "Children's day" or "hour" was suggested and this will doubtless be worked out for the next fair.

Supt. Pryor stated that Hinckley's exhibit for this year was not as good as it should have been owing to the articles being at the state fair but that this would be remedied another time and that Hinckley would have a thoroughly first class exhibit in the school building.

Heretofore school exhibits will be received, checked and judged at the court house before they go over to the grounds so that they will not be disturbed after they are placed up—and the exhibits can be kept more attractive.

The matter was placed in the hands of a committee consisting of County Supt. Blankenship, Supts. McAdam, Pryor and Gunnings and W. W. Clark and it is confidently expected that next year's school exhibit will far exceed anything heretofore. Work on its preparation will probably begin over the county after the first of the year.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Ives and Clark was appointed to audit the fair books and report at the annual meeting which is called to convene in the city hall at 10 a. m., Saturday, Dec. 26.

Pretty Wedding at Pokegama

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peters at Pokegama Lake, Dec. 5th, when their daughter Lillian became the wife of Alfred Peterson of Ashby, Minn. Rev. H. H. Parish of Pine City spoke the words under a bower of green and white which made them one.

The bride wore a charming gown of pink and white and carried pink

and white roses. The groom a suit of navy blue.

A bountiful three course 6-o'clock dinner was served to the wedding party and guests, the dining room being prettily decorated with a pink color scheme.

After spending a few days here, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson departed for Ashby on Dec. 10th at which place they make their future home, carrying with them the best wishes of all their neighbors and friends.

Civic League Was Formed

At a meeting at the Presbyterian church, Sunday afternoon, a civic league was organized to crystallize the sentiment in town in favor of the "material and moral welfare of the community" as the constitution states.

Judge Atkinson was elected president, Oscar F. Larson vice president, Rev. E. J. Clark secretary and Rev. H. H. Parish treasurer.

Chas. A. Sandberg Dead

Mrs. Jcs. Petschel suffered the loss of her father, Chas. P. Sandberg, of Graston, two weeks ago today, the funeral being held on Sunday following, from the Methodist church at that place.

Mr. Sandberg was born in Sweden, March 19, 1841, and migrated to America 12 years ago, locating in Grass Lake after two years spent in Iowa. He was well known throughout his home region as an upright, reliable man.

He leaves his widow and four sons—Gust, Oscar, Albert and Arvid—of Graston besides Mrs. Petschel who is an only daughter. He also leaves a brother at Braham and a sister at Deerwood in this state.

P. A. Christianson in Ry. Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Christianson had a very narrow escape last Monday while returning home from Benson, Minn. The Great Northern flyer on which they were traveling, came very near being wrecked near Howard Lake. Some one had removed the spikes and fish plates for two rail lengths. The train was not derailed by a miracle.—Hinckley Herald.

Improve M.E. Church at Hinckley

A crew of carpenters have been busy the past week remodeling the interior of the M. E. church and about \$550 is appropriated for the work, and when completed they will have a modern and up to date interior which can be thrown into one large assembly room to accommodate large assemblies.—Hinckley Herald, Dec. 9.

Times Have Changed at Willow

Several farmers who have brought in nice "quarters" and "halves" of beef and pork during the past week and found a ready sale for the same tell us that during the old sawmill regime here it was almost impossible to dispose of anything of that sort at a decent price. They would either have to sell it at the Company store at a low figure or take it home. They are evidently well satisfied with the changed conditions.—Willow River Farmer.

Changes East of Hinckley

The latter part of the week a deal was made in real estate in which several pieces of real estate changed hands. A. J. Benson sold his forty acres to Ole Olson and purchased the farm owned by William Lunny, who in turn purchased the 80 acres known as the Morgan stopping place.—Hinckley Herald.

Angora Goats Lost

Three Angora goats strayed from my pasture. Notify Wm. Daley, Pine City.

Seal Your Christmas

LETTERS AND PACKAGES

With Red Cross Stamps



For Sale at Postoffice

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These Stamps are put out by the State Board of Health. Every cent from their sale goes into a fund to help fight the spread of Tuberculosis.

This Is of Interest to Everyone

This dread disease is carrying off whole families and may get into your home if not checked.

Aid The Cause USE RED CROSS STAMPS

Bad Fire at No. Branch

Fire Engine Refused to Operate Shortly After the Fire Started

North Branch suffered a very severe fire last evening that cleaned out the Herreid and Martin corners in the center of town and all the buildings closely surrounding them. The total loss is roughly estimated at \$100,000 though this is probably high. Most of the losers carried fair to good insurance.

The fire started in the photograph gallery over the Setterstrom hardware store and quickly spread to the Herreid-Erickson store and the Strait livery barn at the rear. It jumped across the street to the north and wiped out the Nelson confectionery on the corner and the Martin garage in the rear as well as the old Frank Smith store and the Arlington hotel.

The hotel is probably the heaviest loser as it had only \$7,000 insurance on the building and nothing on the furniture.

The fire started at about 8 p. m. and it looked for 15 minutes as though it wouldn't amount to much when the engine stopped working and then the only thing to do was to watch it burn and save what goods was possible. By 10:30 it was all over.

A stiff south breeze at the time fanned the flame and sent them across the street.

At about 9 o'clock word came to Pine City for help. The fire engine and hose cart were loaded into a boxcar and taken down by an engine that came up "light" after it from the North. But when they reached the stricken town there was nothing to do and the apparatus was not unloaded.

Most Have Made a "Rye" Face

Dick Ives drove over to Willow, last week to see Dr. Ehmke about his leg which has been sore for sometime. The doctor cut him up a little and a few days afterwards Dick pulled a needle out of his leg. Better use something else for a pin cushion, Dick.—Denham Cor. Strangon Lake Hustler.

Lodges Elect Officers

Pine City Orders Prepare for the Work of the Coming Year

The lodges have generally held their annual elections recently though some have yet to do so.

The elections of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Degree of Honor have been previously reported in The Poker. Others are given below.

The Workmen will elect at a special meeting to be held Saturday evening. The Woodmen and the Equity Fraternal Union will also elect soon.

Titonia Aid Society.

The Titonia Aid Society held its annual election Dec. 5, reelecting Jos. Pofel, who has held the office of president for over 20 years, for another term. Theo. Buselmeier vice president, Otto Becker secretary, Mike Pangerl financial secretary, Wm. Patters treasurer and Chris Koletski trustee for three years. They will hold their installation the first Saturday in January. The lodge, which is purely local, was organized 23 years ago and is prospering fine. It has a membership of 60 and could easily have ten times as many if it wished. It is fraternal and beneficial.

Royal Neighbors.

The Royal Neighbors elected the following officers at their meeting last Thursday evening: Mrs. Jennie Schofield past oracle, Miss Edith M. Robinson oracle, Mrs. Virgie Lones vice oracle, Mrs. Agnes M. Henderson chancellor, Mrs. Mary Pofel recorder, Mrs. Lucinda Sherwood receiver, Mrs. Olivia Wilcox marshal, Mrs. Lucy Gibson inside guard, Miss Nellie Schofield outside guard, Miss Ruth Lones manager for three years. The installation will be held on the evening of January 7, in the K. P. hall.

Knights of Pythias.

The Knights of Pythias elected the following officers at their regular election: L. B. McCleary chancellor commander, Jas. D. Boyle vice chancellor, V. F. Joalin

prelate, Robt. Wilcox master of work, Blaine Rowe master at arms, N. Perkins master of exchequer, R. P. Allen master of finance, Arthur Anderson keeper of records and seal, Fritz Johnson inside guard, Henry Buirge outside guard, Frank Smith trustee for three years. The installation will take place the first Wednesday evening in January and may be, we understand, public. The lodge has taken in several new members this last year and is in a more flourishing condition than for some time past.

Popular Clerk of Court Weds

A. W. Gunn and Miss Fannie Gray were joined in marriage at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday by Dr. Innes of Hamline University at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Nickerson Perkins.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion in white, gold and green—the ceremony being performed under a shower of these colors in the living room. Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Perkins acted as sponsors at the ceremony.

Only relatives and a very few close friends of the contracting parties were present. Among the former were Mrs. John S. Lynds and Miss Violet Lynds and Mr. and Mrs. George Meader from Sandstone.

Following the ceremony an elaborate wedding dinner was served to the wedding party and guests, at which eighteen sat. The color scheme was carried to the table decorations and little kewpies held the place cards of the guests.

The happy couple left on the limited for a few days' visit at the Twin cities, expecting to be back the first of next week and they will soon be at home in the Nickerson Perkins house, which Mr. Gunn has purchased.

They were the recipients of numerous beautiful wedding presents, among them a 100-piece dinner set given by Messrs. Wandel, Hawley, Emil Hoefler, McCleary, Jas. Hurley, Heine Hoefler, Jos. Petschel, Roy Carlson and Rybak.

Both the bride and groom are well known and have numerous friends among our people. Mrs. Gunn has grown to womanhood here and has endeared herself to many. The groom—the popular "Sandy" Gunn—is known in every corner of the county as a kindly, square and obliging man. They have the best wishes of everyone for a long and happy married life.

Accident in Atty Ervin's Home

An accident in the home of County Atty. Elect Ervin at Sandstone, Monday morning, resulted in the complete destruction of the kitchen stove and a slight injury to Mr. Ervin's father.

The sudden extreme cold had frozen the water connections and a fire was built in the range without knowing this. As the water front was heated, steam was formed without any escape and the explosion resulted.

The range was completely destroyed and one of the pieces of flying iron hit Mr. Ervin Sr., who is 74 years of age, on the head, cutting a slight gash and administering a "knock out" blow, from the effect of which he is happily recovering.

Want Pointers on Basket Ball

A number of young people went to Rush City last Saturday evening to witness the basket ball game between the Rush City All Stars and a St. Paul team. The boys went down for the purpose of learning a few points about the game as we have never had a team here and one is being developed in the high school now. The game resulted in a score of 24 to 25 in favor of the visitors.

Were Gross' Remains

Body Found at Meadow Lawn Was That of Well Known Farmer

The remains of the man found a week ago at Meadow Lawn turned out to be those of John Gross who disappeared from his home about ten miles southeast of here on July 27 of last year. Members of the family recognized the clothing he wore and the gun he carried, which was found to contain an empty shell—indicating the method of his death from where it lay between his legs and up over the body.

The remains were brought in Thursday and on Saturday funeral services with high mass were held in the Catholic church which held a large number of relatives and friends of deceased. The pall bearers were, Jas. Franta, John Soukup, John O'Reilly, Henry Daley, Mike Pangerl and Nick Thirey and the remains were laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Mr. Gross was born in Austria, Feb. 22, 1856, coming in '41 to St. Paul and in '84 to Pine county where he located on a farm three miles west of here for a year and a half, returning to St. Paul where they remained until '91 when they located on their present place. He was married May 5, 1884, to Miss Alma Habrat at St. Paul, who, with six of their eleven children, survive him. All of the latter are grown, the youngest being 16 years of age.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express in this way our thanks to all our neighbors and friends for the unexceptional kindness shown us in the recent culmination of our fears for the welfare of our beloved husband and father, and during the last rites paid to his memory.

Mrs. John Gross and family.

A Sandstone Man Is Sorry

P. Langeslay returned to his Canadian homeland last week thinking the critical stage for being made a victim of the European conflict was over. From a recent arrival from King George's province across the border, it was learned that things were not running as smooth there as painted by the press reports and that the homesteaders who settled there from the United States in large numbers in recent years, were requested to report for military drill and be made full fledged citizens at once. This offer, however, is flatly rejected by most of those who intended to secure a home in that much advertised land, where milk and honey flows, and many of the able bodied ones are recrossing the U. S. border, where a strict watch is kept by the mounted police.

This particular young man says he went there with \$2,000 in cash and a young team of horses. The former he used up for building purposes and making general improvements, and the latter were taken in charge of the Canadian authorities just before his departure to the land of the Free, with the assurance that he would receive compensation for them when the war was over. Rather than go and report for duty, he gave up his all and forfeited his right to his 100-acre claim, after a residence there of nearly three years.—Sandstone Courier.

B. G. and E. G. Haas from Princeton have purchased the Fisher hardware shop, taking charge today.

Summary of Most Important News Events

Washington

A statement was made before the house committee on naval affairs at Washington by Representative Hamilton of Alabama that the United States made preparations for war in the Pacific in May, 1913, with Japan. The crisis was averted by British, Mr. Hobson's assertion.

The senate at Washington passed a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for eradication of the foot-and-mouth disease.

The administration's "economy policy" is maladjusted in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills reported to the house at Washington by the appropriations committee. The estimates are cut consistently all down the line. Including the allowance for the oceans, the bill carries \$34,744,733.50.

With a total of nearly a quarter billion pounds, all records for exports of domestic refined sugar were broken during the three months ending October 31 last, the department of commerce reported at Washington.

The post office appropriation bill for the next fiscal year was reported to the house at Washington. It carries \$217,700,254. Seventy-four million seven hundred thousand dollars is appropriated for the rural mail delivery and \$9,000,000 for the star route carriers.

In his annual report, made public at Washington, Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson announces the second consecutive surplus of his administration and points out that now, for the first time in its history, the postal establishment has been securely placed upon a self-sustaining basis.

Three thousand have been killed and 100,000 injured in the mining and metallurgical industries during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, according to the annual report of the directors of the bureau of mines at Washington.

The late Representative Seno Payne, the "father of the house," received the tribute of a state funeral in the house of representatives on Sunday at Washington.

Whether the navy department will send torpedo boats to the canal zone to assist Governor Goethals in maintaining the neutrality of the United States will depend, as announced by Secretary of the Navy Daniels at Washington, on information to be received by Secretary of War Garrison as to the reason for Governor Goethals' request.

The first complete compilation of returns under the income tax law was made public at Washington in the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue. It showed returns for the collection year of 1913 by 357,598 individuals paying taxes aggregating \$28,250,250.

David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, in his report issued at Washington, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, recommends a change in the methods of administering the national forests in undeveloped sections, so that they will yield at once revenues that can be applied to local development which will further assist communities and aid in the settlement of the territory.

President Wilson through the state department at Washington, has served notice on the continuing factions in Mexico that continued refusal of Mexico to honor the international border at Naco, Ariz., must cease.

European War News

An announcement from Petrograd says Russian forces north of Warsaw have won a decisive victory after piercing the German front beyond Cheshow and Prasany. A Russian defeat in western Galicia is claimed by Austria. The official press bureau at Vienna says the southern wing of Russian army was beaten December 17 and forced to retreat. Nine thousand prisoners captured.

The Servians, after a fierce battle with the Austrians, have recaptured Belgrade.

A dispatch from Punta Arenas states that the German cruiser Dresden departed there unharmed.

French forces on their right wing advanced their front in Alsace, according to the official announcement issued in Paris. In the Woevre region the French have captured a line of German trenches and repulsed two French attacks.

The British submarine H-11 forced a passage of the Dardanelles by diving beneath the mine fields and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Suedisliak. The Suedisliak, which carried a crew of 400 men, was sunk.

General Joffre's army in eastern France has announced an aggressive campaign to strike across the border at Metz. The plan includes the cutting off of the German army corps at St. Mihiel, southwest of Metz, and an advance on the Lorraine stronghold from the forest of Le Pretre, between Verdun and St. Mihiel.

A great battle for the possession of Cracow has commenced along a front 20 miles long and 30 miles from the Austrian stronghold, according to official dispatches received from Vienna.

A correspondent of the Nieuw Rotterdamse Courant says the losses of Belgians are estimated at nearly 8,000, one-third killed. In the spring a new army of at least 200,000 will be ready.

Personal

Richard Canfield, once known as the world's "gambler king," died of cerebral hemorrhage at New York. The hemorrhage was the result of a fracture of the skull he suffered in a fall on a subway stairway.

Joseph Smith, president of the Reorganized Church of the Latter-Day Saints, is dead at Independence, Mo. The son, Frederick M. Smith, becomes head of the church.

Representative Seno E. Payne of New York died suddenly of heart failure at his apartment in Washington. Mr. Payne was seventy-one years old. A representative from New York in every congress since 1889, except one, he was chairman of ways and means committee and Republican floor leader in 1903-10, and directed the drafting of the Payne-Adair tariff bill.

William H. Elliott of Newcastle, Ind., former district general of the Interior for Porto Rico under President McKinley, died in a hospital at Chicago.

Henry B. Joy, director of the federal reserve bank, Chicago district, is convalescing in Roosevelt hospital at Chicago after having undergone a minor operation.

Mexican Revolt

General Fuentes, whose son married General Huerta's daughter, was executed, together with four minor officials, in Mexico City.

The killing of two Americans, Thomas Francis and another whose name is not known, between Aguas Prietas and Nacozari, Sonora, was reported to the state department at Washington.

"If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco, it will be considered an unfriendly act. Notwithstanding, if friendly motives cloak the act," in this manner General Carranza made answer to the formal notice served by the United States on Gutierrez and Carranza that unless such firing ceased force would be employed to protect American territory.

A United States trooper was slightly injured while in the border patrol camp at Naco, Ariz., by Mexicans and a Mexican woman, Teresa L. Fonseca, was shot in the head while in her home. These make the total of killed and wounded on the American side during the last two months.

Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, while inspecting outposts at Naco, Ariz., had a narrow escape from snipers' bullets, a shot missing him by only a few feet.

Foreign

It has been decided to operate on the Kaiser's throat, but once revenue that will be deferred for a time, owing to the feverish condition of the royal patient.

Domestic

A jury in federal court at Chicago returned a verdict in favor of Joseph Leiter, in the suit brought by the Interior and Monarch Elevator companies to recover the sum of \$39,923, claimed as principal and interest on notes given by Mr. Leiter in 1898, when he attempted to corner the wheat market.

Charles White knocked out Jimmy Murphy in a bout at Kenosha, in the second round.

Dr. Thomas E. Cramble, president of Bethany college at Bethany, W. Va., was shot and seriously wounded in a dispute over \$100 alleged to be due Howard Woods, a plastering contractor, for work.

Five trainmen were injured, two engines and a number of freight cars derailed and 50 head of cattle killed when the New York-Chicago flyer on the New York Central collided with a cattle train on the Lake Shore tracks at Bayview, N. Y.

Seven people were killed and seven injured by the explosion of gas in an apartment house at Cleveland.

Governor McQuinn of Wisconsin announced that he will not appeal to the United States supreme court in a suit in that body. Governor McQuinn was defeated for the senate by Paul O. Huston, Democrat.

In a collision between two Wabash freight trains at Darling, West Va., on Dec. 11, at least six people are known to have been killed.

GERMANS ADVANCE AGAINST ARMY OF ALSACE

BRITISH WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES RESUMPTION OF CONFLICT IN THE NORTHERN PART OF FRANCE.

AUSTRIANS SWEEPING BACK INTO GALICIA

Russians Admit Hostile Troops Are Advancing Across the Carpathians—British and French Troops Attack Germans in Wytschate Woods.

London, Dec. 16.—That the Germans have driven their wedge deeper into the French line on the eastern end of the battle front in France since Belgium is admitted in the French official report. The French war office says the German attack in Alsace, the German infantry corps, the 10th, 11th and 12th, and the 13th, 14th and 15th, and the 16th, 17th and 18th, and the 19th, 20th and 21st, and the 22nd, 23rd and 24th, and the 25th, 26th and 27th, and the 28th, 29th and 30th, and the 31st, 32nd and 33rd, and the 34th, 35th and 36th, and the 37th, 38th and 39th, and the 40th, 41st and 42nd, and the 43rd, 44th and 45th, and the 46th, 47th and 48th, and the 49th, 50th and 51st, and the 52nd, 53rd and 54th, and the 55th, 56th and 57th, and the 58th, 59th and 60th, and the 61st, 62nd and 63rd, and the 64th, 65th and 66th, and the 67th, 68th and 69th, and the 70th, 71st and 72nd, and the 73rd, 74th and 75th, and the 76th, 77th and 78th, and the 79th, 80th and 81st, and the 82nd, 83rd and 84th, and the 85th, 86th and 87th, and the 88th, 89th and 90th, and the 91st, 92nd and 93rd, and the 94th, 95th and 96th, and the 97th, 98th and 99th, and the 100th, 101st and 102nd, and the 103rd, 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Pine City News

Mrs. Robert Greig is confined to her home by sickness.

Remember, most of the stores in town will be open every evening from now until after Christmas.

Edwin J. Pries and Miss Lillian A. Montney were married by Judge Atkinson at his home at 8 o'clock last evening.

The Catholic ladies aid are serving a Chicken dinner and holding a sale of home made articles in the village hall today. The dinner was an excellent one and both it and the sale drew a big attendance.

W. A. Greenley returned to Hinckley yesterday after a two weeks stay on his farm east of town, making improvements in preparation for occupying it. He has Contractor Joslin busy on a new house—the latest improvement.

Of course you want individual pictures of the members of your family and they want yours. But do not neglect the family group, for such are the pictures that are most cherished as the years go by.—Daniels Studio, Pine City.

Clerk of Court Gunn has purchased the Nickerson Perkins residence and they will occupy it on their return from the Cities. The Perkinses are moving the last of this week into the H. W. Hartle home, where they will reside during the winter.

Dr. Skully expects to leave next Wednesday noon—the 23rd—for his old home at Le Sueur to remain with his folks until after Christmas and will not be back until Monday noon following. So, if you have any dental work to be done, figure on it before or after those days.

Henry Schulz and George Olson of Pokegama lake were arrested last Thursday by a game warden, charged with operating a fish house without a license. They were arraigned the following day before Judge Lambert, pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 and costs, amounting to \$13.60 each.

The sale and supper held by the Methodist ladies aid in the G. A. R. hall yesterday afternoon and last evening did not draw a large crowd as it should have. The articles for sale were worth more than was asked and the supper was, as we predicted, worth twice the price in anyone's money.

Mrs. L. H. McKusick has arrived at Utopia, Fla., where her son Clinton is employed and where she will remain during the winter, expecting to get back home in the spring. Her month's stay at the Sanatorium at Battle Creek improved her health somewhat, her friends will be glad to know.

The Knights of Pythias, their ladies and friends, enjoyed a pleasant gathering at the hall last evening, about 60 being present. Rev. Wilson of Hinckley gave his illustrated lecture—"The Fourth Man"—which was greatly enjoyed and refreshments were served. Other features had been planned but were passed owing to the hour. Mr. Wilson will repeat this lecture in the same hall tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8.00 o'clock. Everyone should hear it.

Dr. Knapp and family expect to leave this afternoon for their new home—the home of the doctor's parents and of his childhood—at Dubuque, Iowa. They have both been residents of Pine City for a number of years. Coming here as young folks, they leave in the prime of life and carry with them the best wishes of all their friends and acquaintances. Both have numerous talents which have shown themselves whenever they took part in the public affairs of our town. The Polk join in best wishes for their success and happiness.

Hustletown

E. S. Bell's boy with his gasoline outfit sawing wood for the neighbors.

Some of our young people gathered at the Grove home Tuesday evening to help John celebrate his six-

teenth birthday. A merry time was reported by all.

Rev. H. H. Parish is pushing the building of the new church at Hustletown.

Miss Annetta Groskopp will arrive Friday from Grantsburg to spend a week with her sister.

A number from here attended the Chicken Pie Supper at the Town Hall Saturday night.

W. H. Powell arrived with a carload of household goods from the southern part of the state.

Misses Ethel Thomas and Alice Groskopp spent Sunday evening with Miss Laura Grove.

J. C. Gland expects to leave the first of the week for Minneapolis to spend the Xmas holidays.

Come one, come all! Attend the Basket Social at the Hustletown schoolhouse Saturday, 19.

M. D. Bargman is nicely located on the Hopper place. He was so unfortunate as to lose a horse last Friday, however.

Beroun

Strohkirsch Bros. will load a carload of livestock Tuesday.

Jos. Pulkrabek made a business trip to Pine City, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Munson were county seat callers Saturday.

Miss Lucy Kunesch visited with her parents at Pine City over Sunday.

Warren Derr went to Hinckley, Tuesday, to do some telephone line repairing.

Paul Scheele of Rush City called on Strohkirsch Bros. Tuesday, between trains.

Leonard Machart of Pine City visited here with his parents and friends over Sunday.

James Nemecek has his new house well under way and expects to have it completed before long.

Miss Kunesch of Dist. 34 will give an entertainment in the Beseda hall, Friday evening, the 18th.

Any time you want to have some butchering done, call on the Beroun experts—Bill Petronek and Thos. Kopacek.

Emil Strohkirsch and Henry Dan ger drove up from Abraham, Wednesday, for a short visit with the Strohkirsch Bros. here.

Miss Anna Bartos arrived home Tuesday from the southern part of this state where she has been visiting relatives for several weeks.

A large number of young folks from here attended the home talent play in School Dist. 42, 4 1/2 miles west of here, last Friday evening. They all report a fine time.

Mrs. Fr. Hofrichter and son and Miss Levy returned home from Wisconsin, Thursday morning, after a three weeks visit with relatives and friends there.

George and Jay Briggs left Wednesday noon for Nevada where they will join their parents and make their future home. George has been making his home with W. H. Gilson for the last year.

Beroun has a bank. The new institution was opened a week ago yesterday with C. M. Hanscome, cashier, in charge. It is located temporarily in the old Jones restaurant building on the east side of the track but a new building 24x42 is being put up just north of this with excellent banking rooms on the main floor and living rooms on the floor above. They are pushing work on this as fast as possible and hope to move in as soon as completed. John Runquist, the well known banker and railway contractor, is president; Peter Manderfeld, president of the Ramsey County State Bank at St. Paul is vice president and Mr. Hanscome, the cashier, comes from Graston where he has been assistant cashier and where he has made an excellent reputation both as a gentleman and a business man. The other directors are Cashier Westrom of the Graston bank and J. W. Runquist, son of John Runquist, who operates a large general store at Graston.

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Pine City News

The Perils of Pauline at the home Theatre as usual tonight.

Attorney Sobotka was a business visitor at Bruno, Monday.

Miss Julia Neville was a Minneapolis visitor last Saturday.

W. A. Sauser was a business visitor at the Twin cities, Monday.

Mrs. Jos. Hurley visited between trains at Hinckley last Saturday.

Mrs. Ingleston returned Monday from a couple of weeks' visit at St. Paul.

Miss Bessie Small spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister at Minneapolis.

Clint Breckenridge went to the Twin cities, Tuesday, for a few days' business visit.

F. R. Duxbury went to Superior, Monday afternoon, on business. He returned the following day.

Anyone wishing lumber saved this winter can get it done by piling their logs at J. T. Mider's farm.

Dr. Frasier, the oculist was here Tuesday and enjoyed a good business. He will be back in February.

Robert Aiken of Sandstone visited friends here last Saturday and shook his feet at the dance that evening.

'The Treasurership' in two parts and 'By Parcel Post' at the Home Theatre, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Miss May Cummings of Pokegama lake spent the latter part of last week with friends at Duluth, returning Sunday.

Miss Ruth Lones was at Rush City the latter part of last week when she attended the home talent play and visited with friends there.

Mrs. F. E. Smith returned Monday from a week's stay at St. Paul where she was continuing medical treatment though not in the hospital.

Word from the Douglas Greelays at Virginia says that they expect to leave about February 1 for California to spend the balance of the winter.

L. B. McCleary was a business visitor at Finlayson, Tuesday, where he and Mr. Ewart of the Pine City Saw Mill Co. attended to company affairs.

A baby girl was born Tuesday morning to Mrs. W. F. Sutherland of Bear River, north of Hibbing, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. W. Clark, here.

Attorney Roberts has been confined to his home since last Saturday from an attack of sciatic rheumatism from which his friends hope he will recover soon.

Mrs. Howard Folsom entertained more than a dozen ladies at a thimble bee at her home Tuesday for Mrs. Hartz who leaves Saturday for Missouri and California.

The floor of the gymnasium in the new High school building is being leveled and Mr. Campbell is going to begin to train the boys in basketball and other gymnastics soon.

The Temperance lecture by Oscar Wolf in the Presbyterian church, last Friday evening, failed to draw a very large audience. Mr. Wolf has done a great deal for the cause of temperance in some parts of the county.

Fred Wiley expects to leave next Wednesday for Carthage, S. D., where he will join Mrs. Wiley and the children who have been visiting relatives there since the first of last week. They will return after the holidays.

Mrs. F. W. Uhler left last Saturday for Crosby where Mr. Uhler is superintending the mines and where the family home will be located. She had been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pennington nearly two weeks.

Mrs. Leo Hunt and Miss Anna Petschel were called from St. Paul by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. Albert Petschel, are remaining here until she improves.

Mrs. Petschel is suffering from an attack of heart trouble.

Lath bolts are coming down from up the line for the Saw Mill Co's lath factory which will probably not begin sawing until about Jan. 1. A few loads have come in locally but the lack of snow for hauling is a hindrance here as elsewhere.

Clerk of Court Gunn returned last Friday from a few days absence at Mahanomen where he went as a witness in a land title case in which the allotment of Thos. Clark who was born at Chengwatana about 23 years ago and left this locality in 1894 was in question.

Joe O'Brien left Tuesday afternoon for North Branch where he took up his duties as "first trick" operator. He expects to move his family down within a few days and make their home there. Mr. Ferring from the Branch has taken the place left vacant here, for the present.

H. W. and Mrs. Harte expect to leave Saturday of this week for Excelsior Springs, Mo., where they will take the baths until about February 1 when they intend going on to southern California and will probably not be home until well along toward April. The best wishes of their friends in this region go with them for a pleasant trip.

Mrs. Carl Holmberg received word Sunday of the death of her uncle, Fred Marty, at Seattle that morning. Mr. Marty was an old settler at Rush City where he lived just east of the village. He moved to Seattle about nine years ago. The remains were shipped from there Tuesday and are expected tomorrow at Rush City where the funeral will be held.

Station Agent Peterson returned Monday from a few days' absence at Minneapolis and Jordan and, the following day, resumed his work at the depot, relieving Darb Gray after a three weeks' vacation. Mr. Gray has been detailed to inspect potato shipment on this division of the N. P. and will likely be in and out of this place irregularly for the next few months.

The Firemen's dance at the Armory last Saturday evening drew a good attendance and everyone had a good time. The "hone brand" music was good and generally enjoyed. Prof. Baker and his assistant gave a special sparkle to the evening and their next visit, some time in January is anticipated with much relish by the lovers of the Therschorian art.

Miss Nellie Madden returned home last Friday after a 15-month absence at Joplin, Mo. She expects to remain until after the new year when she intends going to St. Paul for a while though her plans for the future are not complete and she may not return to Montana though she likes it there very much and reports Frank as doing well in general in the grain business though this year the crop there is almost a failure.

W. H. Grant of Minneapolis was in town Tuesday afternoon long enough to attend to some business and call on some old friends. He was on his way home from a trip to Sandstone—his first in quite a few years. Mr. Grant's father, Col. W. H. Grant, was one of the pioneers of this county and he, himself, had much experience, especially at Sandstone and Hinckley, in the '80s. He was looking fine and his old friends were all glad to see him.

E. C. Gottry of Reedsburg, Wis., will deliver a free lecture at Odd Fellows' temple, Ogden avenue and Twelfth street, Wednesday night. The Superior Knights of cythias lodge made arrangements for the speaker. He will speak on fraternal topics. Mr. Gottry, who is a prominent attorney, well known throughout the southern half of the state, is scheduled to give four lectures in Wisconsin cities. This from the Superior news in the Duluth News-Tribune shows that Mr. Gottry, who is owner and publisher of the Pioneer here, is much sought after as a speaker in Pythian circles in Wisconsin.

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TREE
TRIMMINGS
CANDLES
and
DECORATIONS
of
All Kinds

News From The Christmas Shop

Our Store is brimming over with good things in all lines of Christmas Gifts. Something for everybody. Come in and see the grand outlay of beautiful and useful presents, as well as the largest and best assortment of Toys ever shown in this town, at unusually low prices. Make your selections early, when our stock is complete. If you wait until the last minute you will surely be disappointed.

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We have an endless array of acceptable gifts, consisting of Fancy Toilet Cases, Box Stationery, Perfumes, Fancy China, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear Jewelry and Handbags, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

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Toys of every description, Books and Games, Dolls and Doll Carriages, Toy Stationery, Blackboards, Etc. All at prices that fit all sizes of pocket-books.

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You simply must get your Xmas candies and nuts at the Leader. Our variety is the largest, our quality the best, and our prices the lowest. We have a big line of Xmas Candies, Chocolates, Mixed Nuts, Peanuts and Shelled Corn for popping. We know we can satisfy you. A trial will convince.

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Gentlemen, We Want You to Shop Here Also.

Beginning yesterday evening, December 16th, we will keep open evenings until Xmas, to accommodate our customers who cannot shop during the day.

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We have a beautiful calendar, which is yours for the asking. Come and get yours.

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Saturday, December 10

To try the fine eating qualities of

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We will serve FREE samples of
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Moccasin Coffee Will Be Served

Grocery Specials

Seeded Raisens, package... \$.10
Coconut Cleaned, " " " .10
Citron, Canded, pound... .25
Figs, package... .10
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Empire Grapes, pound... .15
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Oat Meal, (in bulk) 6-lbs.....	\$.25	N. Y. Russets, basket.....	\$1.25
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Arbuckle Package Coffee.....	.23	All of the Wheat.....	.50
" " " 3 for.....	.59	Pickled Pork, pound.....	.18
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Salt, barrel.....	1.25	Tomatoes, (whole) can.....	.10
Rock Salt, a hundred.....	.90	N. O. Mollasses, (bulk) gallon.....	.50
Packers Salt, a hundred.....	.90	Split Peas, pound.....	.05
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Santa Claus and Little Billee
By John Kendrick Bangs

Author of "A House-Bat on the Sky," "The Libel," etc.

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It was only a little bit of a chap, and so, when for the first time in his life he came into close contact with the irresistible current of human things, it was as hard for him to "stay put" as for some wayward little atom of fetsom and jetsam to keep from tossing about in the surging tides of the sea.

His mother had left him there in the big toy shop, with instructive net to move until she came back, while she went off to do some mysterious errand. She thought, no doubt, that with so many beautiful things on every side to delight his eye and hold his attention, strict obedience to her commands would be hard. But, alas, the good lady reckoned not upon the magnetic power of attraction of all those lovely objects in detail.

When a photograph at the other end of the shop began to rattle off melodious tunes and funny jokes, in spite of the instruction Little Billee had received, off he patterned as fast as his little legs would carry him to investigate. After that, forgetful of everything else, finding himself caught in the constantly moving stream of Christmas shoppers, he was home alone in the restless current until he found himself at last out upon the street—alone, free, and independent.

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home again, won't you?" said the child. "Surest thing you know," answered Santa Claus, looking down up on the bright but tired little face with a comforting smile. "Where do you live?"

"As if you didn't know that!" cried Little Billee, giggling. "Ha, ha!" laughed Santa Claus. "Can't fool you, can it? It would be funny if, after keeping an eye on you all these years, since you was a baby, I didn't know where you lived, eh?"

"Awful funny," agreed Little Billee. "Just then Little Billee noticed for the first time the square boards that Santa Claus was wearing.

"What are you wearing those boards for, Mr. Santa Claus?" he asked. "If the lad had looked closely enough, he would have seen a very unhappy look come into the old man's face; but there was nothing of it in his answer.

"Oh, those are my new-fangled back and chest protectors, my lad," he replied. "Sometimes we have big winds blowing at Christmas, and I have to be ready for them. It wouldn't do for Santa Claus to come down with the sneezes at Christmas time, you know—no, sir! This board in front keeps the wind off my chest, and when they try to—"

By Little Billee's persistent farther, Santa Claus went into the house. Now that the boy could see him in the full glare of many electric lights, his fur did not seem the most gorgeous things in the world. When the flapping front of his red jacket flew open, the child was surprised to see how ragged was the thin gray coat it covered, and as for the good old saint's comfortable stomach—strange to say, it was not!

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He led the little fellow into a public telephone station, where he eagerly scanned the names in the book. At last he was found—"Thomas Harrison, 1111 Broadway." And then, in the seclusion of the telephone booth, Santa Claus sent the gladdest of all Christmas messages over the wire to two distracted parents.

"I have found your boy wandering in the street. He is safe, and I will bring him home right away."

Fifteen minutes later, there might have been seen the strange spectacle of a footsore Santa Claus leading a sleepy little boy up Fifth avenue to a cross street, which shall be nameless. The boy vainly endeavored to persuade his companion to "come in and meet mamma."

"No, Billee," the old man replied sadly, "I must hurry back. You see, kiddie, this is my busy day."

But it was not so with Santa Claus, who, for Little Billee's papa, and his mamma, and his brothers and sisters, and the butcher and the housemaids were waiting at the front door when they tried to—"

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THE REVOLT OF THE TOYS
By WELLS HAWKS.



THE irritated hotel guest was frowning and fuming and quarreling with the clerk because he could not sleep. It was 10 o'clock on Christmas eve, and the din of merrymakers on the streets

so much noise that slumber on a ground floor was impossible. In a most obliging manner the clerk gave the guest an inside room on the sixteenth floor in place of his suit with windows opening on the street.

Outside a throng of merry people noisily, happily awaited the coming of the gladdist day in all the year; women and children old and young, jostled and pushed, blew horns and threw confetti, and the policeman stood on the corner and smiled, and the real people who could not sleep looked out from their windows and laughed and said: "It is so good to see them happy."

But on the sixteenth floor of the big hotel and in the solitude of its inside room a big, selfish man stood and rubbed his hands and smiled because it was so quiet. Once the distant blowing of a horn was heard, and he stood on a chair and stuffed a bath towel into a ventilator.

"Fine, fine!" said he. "Those fools! get some sleep now." And he undressed and walked about and smiled. Long ago, when the hair just above his ears began to show a little gray, a great wall arose in his life and cut off the past when he was a boy. And dead walls hung about this barrier, and its walls grew thicker and higher until it forced back all of the streams of happiness and



He was lying on the floor, while his chubby hands placed about the foot of the little soldiers he took from the man's mattress. He opened his eyes and looked about him. It was the inside room on the sixteenth floor. It was very quiet. He looked in the glass and saw a star in his eye. He ran down his cheek, and another came in its place and followed it. Then he threw open the window. Like a tempest he saw the blowing of the horns, the clatter of the rattles and the laughter of merry people. He dressed hurriedly. From his pocket he took a portfolio and, taking out a check book, wrote a check and, attaching his hat, rushed out on a hurry.

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for more time. Suddenly the troops more back again, and around the best corner in the city they found a British man in the bed groans. They are going to starve him out.

The man sticks his head out from the cover for air. His head is hardly out when it is struck by a great rubber ball, and then, like a July storm, a great cloud breaks, there comes from above a downpour of rubber balls, footballs, baseballs, tennis balls and balls of every description.

They beat on the bed and pummel the man like hail on a bed of roses. He has still and groans. The shower ceases, and then, with the noise of a hurricane, there comes rushing through the air what seems an African typhoon.

"It is the hoops, the hoops!" cry the wooden soldiers.

And so it is. The air is filled with every kind of hoop, and they roll backward and across the bed like a storm lashed sea. The man screams in pain. Some of the hoops have bells on them, and they ring as they pass over the sharp edges of the bed tickle cut his face. He is weak and pale, but does not give in.

Then there is a clang of bells and a blowing of whistles, and with a rush the entire toy fire department makes for the bed. Following them come the locomotives, wildly ringing their bells, and a host of them the toy trolleys.

The bed looks like a wide street during a four alarm fire. Now the hose connections are made, and scores of streams of water beat on his face. From the foot of the bed comes a cloud of steam from the engines, while hot and blazing above are sparks from the trolleys as they grind along the brass of the bed. He fights hard, but finally succumbs and falls weak and exhausted. The firemen ring their bells and start back for the fire houses, while the soldiers keep back the crowds of brownies, Indians, rubber men, teppins, jumping jacks and spinning tops, that were clinging around the ropes.

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ALLIES HOLD TOWN OF HOLLEBEKE, IN FLANDERS

Germans Are Collecting Near Courtrai to Meet the Anticipated Rush of the French and British Armies—Russian Victory Is Confirmed.

London, Dec. 16.—The offensive of the French and British has become general and the Allies pushed with strong forces, particularly in Flanders, the Aronne, the Woivre and Alsace. While the French claim to have been successful at all points, except at Reibach, in Alsace, the German official report says the allies' attacks have been unsuccessful at several places.

On the whole, however, it would appear that the allies, who now have a superiority in numbers as well as in artillery, have succeeded in making some progress and have withstood vigorous counter attacks delivered by the Germans.

At the Somme, the Allies have made considerable progress and maintained our advance of the preceding days.

The fact that the allies are in possession of Hollebeke, in Flanders, and that heavy fighting is going on again, shows that the Allies are making an appreciable advance during the last two days, as last week they were being attacked by the Germans two miles west of the St. Eloi, which is on the Ypre-Armentieres road.

In the Aronne region the French simply said: "We have made progress and maintained our advance of the preceding days."

The force, which has been checked at Steenbach, is the left wing of the army, which for some time has been fighting its way toward Muelhausen and which has cleared a considerable part of Alsace of German troops.

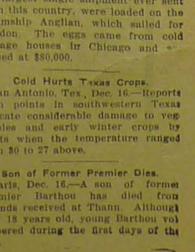
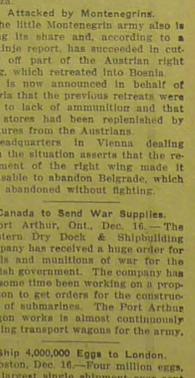
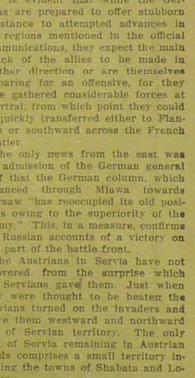
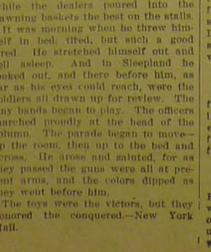
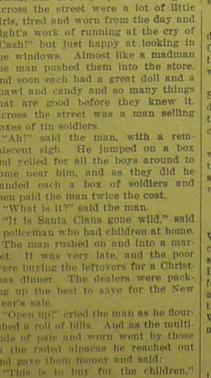
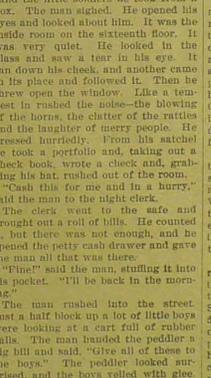
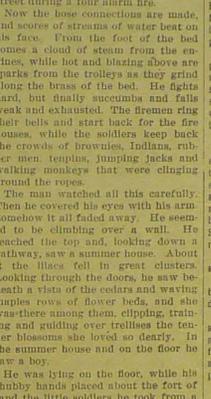
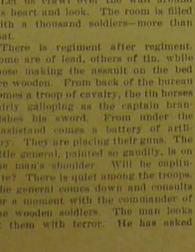
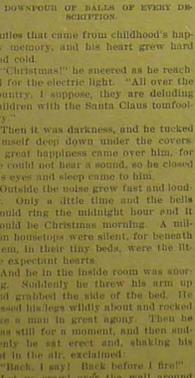
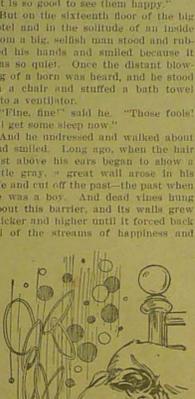
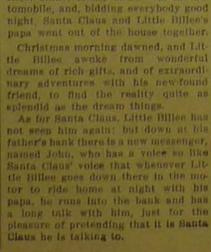
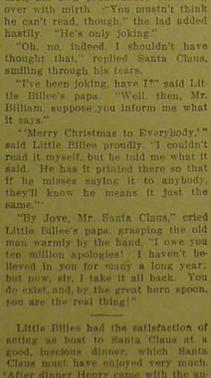
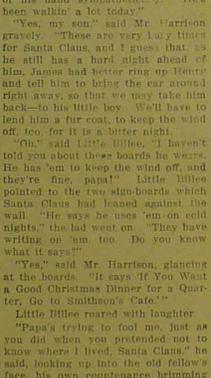
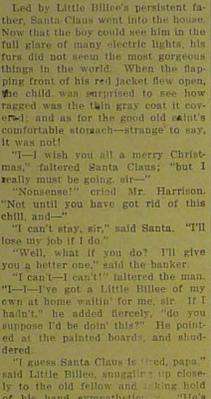
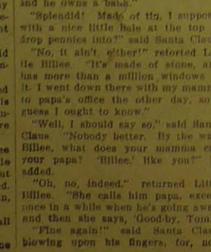
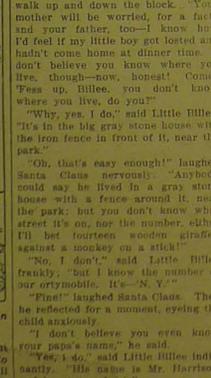
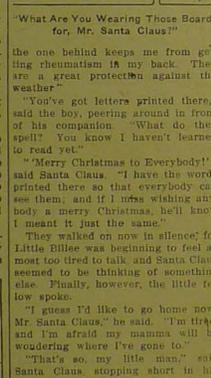
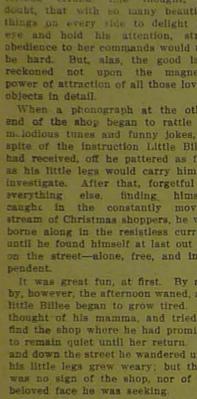
German Forces Gather at Courtrai. It is evident that while the Germans are prepared to offer stubborn resistance to attempted advances in the regions mentioned in the official communications, they expect the main attack of the Allies to be made in another direction or to themselves preparing for an offensive, for they have gathered considerable forces at Courtrai from the direction of the front.

The only news from the east was the admission of the German general staff that the German column, which advanced through Miwa, towards Warsaw, has recaptured its old positions owing to the superiority of the Russian army. This, in a measure, confirms the Russian accounts of a victory on this part of the battle front.

The Austrians in Serbia have not recovered from the surprise which the Serbians gave them. Just when they were thought to be beating the Serbians turned on the invaders and drove them westward and northward out of Serbian territory. The only part of Serbia that is still in Austrian hands comprises a small territory including the towns of Shabata and Lomnica.

Attacked by Montenegrins. The little Montenegrin army also is doing its share and, according to a Cetinje report, has succeeded in cutting off part of the Austrian right wing, which retreated into Bosnia.

It is now announced in behalf of Serbia that the previous retreats were due to lack of ammunition and that the stores had been replenished by captures from the Austrians.



WE CARRY

A LARGE HOLIDAY LINE OF SPECIALS

PINE CITY MERCANTILE COMPANY

THE BIG STORE.

Our Store will be open every evening until Christmas.

Fruits, Candy and Nuts

Our fruits, nuts and candies are the best the country affords. We have spared no expense to get the best to be had. New York Baldwin Apples, best grade, per bushel \$3.00. Hood River Spitzenberg Apples, highly colored, per box \$2.00, per dozen 25c. Xmas Eating Pears, per dozen 35c. Fancy California Naval Oranges, bright color, sweet and juicy, just the thing for Xmas, per dozen 25c, 30c and 40c. Fancy Emperor Grapes, just what you want for your table decoration, per lb. 20c. Fancy Florida Grape Fruit, large size, each 10c, 3 for 25c. Bananas per dozen 25c. Fancy No. 1 Mixed Nuts, per lb. 20c. Fresh Roasted, Large Jumbo Peanuts, per lb. 12½c. No. 1 Soft Shelled California Walnuts, per lb. 25c. Shelled Nuts: Walnuts, Pecans and Almonds, fancy new crop, per lb. 65c. Candy: Our candies are pure, wholesome and unadulterated. Prices range from 10c to 25c per lb.

Mens and Boys' Clothing



We call your attention to our extensive stock of clothing and furnishings for men and boys. In any line it is complete. We can furnish you with anything from hat or cap or gloves or mitts to overshoes, or from underwear to a fur coat. We are overstocked on clothing on account of the open fall and

during the sale will make a

10 Per Cent Cut in Price

Fortunately for the buyer, this cut comes just as the real cold weather hits us.

Men's Furnishings

We are making a few special prices in this line that certainly ought to attract your attention if you are looking for values:

Men's dress shirts from 50c up Men's neckties from 25c up
Men's dress gloves from 70c up Men's socks from 10c up

Crockery, Etc.

Our line of dishes, salad bowls, cake plates, fancy plates, sugars and creamers, celery trays, salts and peppers, tobacco jars, ash receivers, match holders, dresser sets, cutlery sets, cups and saucers, and cut glass water and berry sets have never been equaled in Pine County. The prices on individual pieces run from

10c to \$3.00

Every piece has style of design and workmanship. They are many of them hand painted with the most lasting materials. The sets of dishes are in the most exclusive and handsome styles and sell for only

\$10.50 to \$18.50

Our CHRISTMAS TOYS Bring CHRISTMAS JOYS



to the Young Folks

Toyland, with all its Christmas joys for the little ones, never contained so many "thrillers" as our toy department does this year.

We have ransacked the toy markets and we have secured the best from the choicest stocks. We can offer you—

The Greatest Christmas Values Ever Shown in This County

Do your Christmas buying early.

Toys of All Kinds

Toy watches, rubber rattles, bell rattles, enameled rubber balls, solid rubber golf balls, rubber animals, rubber babies, novelty rubber toys, toy guns, air rifles, tin soldiers, spinning tops, hammer tops, bell and gong toys, iron trains, fire engines, hook and ladder trucks, lifelike animal toys, child train's furniture, Xmas tree ornaments, musical toys, doll furniture, beautiful life like dolls, games for old and young, mechanical toys, coaster sleds, magic boxes, racing autos, toy safes, etc. etc.

HAVE YOU CHOSEN THE COFFEE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER?



There'll be more good fellowship—more Christmas cheer—more of the home spirit about the table if you finish your dinner with

CHASE & SANBORN'S

"SEAL BRAND"



Used By **THREE** Generations

Groceries and Fresh Vegetables

Fresh Radishes, Celery and Lettuce for Xmas dinner. Fancy Imported Fard Dates from Arabia, the finest grown, at per lb. 20c. Fancy Imported Figs from Smyrna, Turkey, large size, per lb. 20c. Select Candied Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel for the fruit cake, at per lb. 30c. Bengal Brand Seeded Raisens and Currants, pkg. 13c. Seedless Raisens, Thompson's fancy reloaded, just what you want for your turkey dressing, per lb. 12½c. Bengal Brand Prepared Mince Meat, at per lb. 25c. Home Brand Pumpkin, the very best, per can 15c. Heinz Plum Topping, your Xmas dinner dessert, per can 35c. Cranberries, large, red berry, per lb. 10c. Full Cream Cheese, very fine, per lb. 25c. Maraschino Cherries for your fruit salad, per bottle 45c. Heinz Pickles, sweet, sour and sweet mixed, in bottles, 25c and 30c. Heinz Catsup, per bottle 25c. Selected Pimento Olives, per bottle 25c. Large Queen Olives, 25c. Fancy Sliced or Grated Pineapple, per can 30c. Home Brand Sifted Peas, per can 20c. " " " " " " 15c. Chase & Sanborn's Coffee, per lb. 30c to 40c. " " " " " " 50c to 70c. Armour's Devonshire Farm Pork Sausage to eat with your buckwheat cakes Xmas morning, per box 25c. Armour's Star Brand Bacon, the very finest, per lb. 30c.

Ladies', Misses', Children's Coats

Our line is better than ever and with a big assortment to choose from. In fact, we are overstocked in Misses and Childrens Coats and have decided during this sale to make the following



Extraordinary Offer

Children's Coats, regular value to \$4.00, going at **\$1.98**
Misses' Coats, regular values to \$12.50, going at **\$6.88**

And these are only some of the remarkable values we offer in our Ladies Ready-to-Wear Department.

Cut Glass

We have a beautiful assortment of Cut Glass in the latest and best designs, and can supply you with most any article made in this ware.