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PINE CITY, MINNESOTA.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 3rd 1902.

The most impressive event of the past week in Washington was the joint Memorial Session of Congress at which Secretary Hay delivered the eulogy of the late President McKinley. The presence on the floor of the House of Representatives of the President and his Cabinet, the diplomatic corps, the Justices of the Supreme Court and the members of both houses of Congress gathered to do homage to the late President was in itself a brilliant and edifying sight and the spacious galleries filled with ladies, the wives and families of the members of Congress, presented a beautiful background to the more sombre assemblage below. Quite apart from the presence of the brother of the Emperor of Germany, the scene was one that will never be forgotten by those who had the opportunity of witnessing it.

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The week in the national legislature was ushered in by a decision of President pro tem Frye, of the Senate to the effect that because the Senators from South Carolina had engaged in a personal encounter on the floor of the Senate Chamber and had subsequently been declared "in contempt" by the Senate, their names should be stricken from the rolls pending the decision of the Committee on Privileges and Poles, to which the question of their conduct had been referred. The minority protested that the action of the Chair was a virtual disfranchisement of the state of South Carolina. Senator Frye later restored the names to the rolls and on Friday the Committee reported, censuring the Senators and relieving them from the charge of contempt, but no business was transacted by the Senate between Monday and Friday. On the latter day the consideration of the Hansbrough irrigation bill was begun, that being now the regular order. The conference report on the Census bill was received and approved on the same day. Saturday was devoted to the irrigation bill and some private claims bills.

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The House of Representatives has passed the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill, accepted the Census bill, which now requires only the signature of the President to become a law, and has determined to "re-open" on the Pringle bill as amended by the Senate. The bill is now in the hands of the conference committee.

On Friday the House took up the calendar and passed one hundred and fifty nine private and claim bills in three hours when, worn out with its labors, it adjourned until today. The evening a caucus of the republican members will again take up the question of reciprocity with Cuba. It is possible that some agreement will be arrived at although that hardly seems probable. I have seen most of the republican leaders during the past few days and have been unable to discover any inclination to recede from their widely diverse opinions which practically nullified the recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee at the last caucus.

New Telephone Rates.

On and after March 1st, 1902, the telephone rates by day from Pine City, Beroun, Hinckley, Priesland, Miller, Banning and Sandstone will be thirty cents for the first three minutes and ten cents for each additional minute, and the night rate will be twenty cents, and five cents additional. I am satisfied that with these rates that the people of your Village should be highly benefited.

Chas. Avery.

LIST OF PATENTS

Granted to Minnesota inventors this week, reported by C. A. Snow & Co., C. S. Bush, Hopkins, pneumatic tire collar; J. Burke, Minneapolis, pipe coupling; R. W. Gavonagh, St. Paul, automatic smokeventer; F. R. Oulshon, St. Paul, current regulator for electric transformers; J. Felton, Fertile, hand dump shovel; A. D. Gillett, Lake City, variable output; W. P. Gurr, Minneapolis, time recorder; W. D. Kelsey, Minneapolis, march shoe; W. D. Chubb, Stillwater, bed; C. E. Peterson, Minneapolis, typewriter machine; A. F. Ritchie, Duluth, piston and piston rod; B. Smith, St. Paul, atomic meter; plate; A. Stevenson, Pelican Rapids, comb cleaver.

For copy of any of above patents send ten cents in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

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CHICAGO'S WELCOME.

Prince Henry Is the Guest of the Garden City.

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Monday's Festivities Culminate in Grand Ball at Auditorium Theater.

Chicago, March 4.—The special train bearing Prince Henry and his party from St. Louis, over the Chicago & Alton road, rolled into the Union depot at 6:30 p. m., on time to the minute. The train from St. Louis to Chicago was without incident of any kind. But two stops were made during the trip, the first being at Springfield, Ill., where a large crowd gathered to see the prince. There were cheers for the prince, but he did not show himself. Another stop of eight minutes was made at Bloomington, Ill., where engines were exchanged. During almost the entire trip Prince Henry was in conversation with President Felton, of the Chicago & Alton road, and the two discussed their talk being commercial and various industrial problems. The prince asked numerous questions of President Felton, who answered them at length, but did his best to give the prince all the information possible.

The reception at the station, although rather formal and brief, was impressive. The German ambassador was the first to alight, and he received the imperial German ambassador and presented him to the prince.

Dr. Weaver then presented Mayor Harrison, who in turn introduced the committee appointed by the city council, consisting of Aldermen Meyer, Bellows, Brennan, Ehemann, Eldmann, Goldner, Leininger, Palmer and Vernon, and the city engineer. This latter presentation was an honor for the reason that there was no time for personal introductions. The party then entered the carriage and was driven to the Auditorium hotel under escort of a detail of police and a squad of Col. Young's cavalry.

The party was also escorted by a large body of German army veterans bearing lighted torches and cheering and singing as they marched along. The prince occupied a carriage drawn by four horses. He was accompanied by Mayor Harrison and Admiral Evans. Following came carriages containing members of the reception committee, Jackson and Michigan boulevards were densely crowded with enthusiastic spectators all along the route to the Auditorium hotel.

Immediately after the formal introductions at the depot the official presentation of the keys of the city of Chicago to the royal guest and also of the address of welcome which the city council has prepared for the prince was made by the mayor. The address is in the form of a book, the covers of which are of morocco leather, with gold trimmings, set with diamonds and other precious stones, with the seal of "H" crowned with an elaborate crown. The address is signed by Carter H. Harrison, City Clerk, William Levee and members of the city council Prince Henry reception committee.

The entire line of the prince's itinerary was lighted up with the brilliant calcium lights and searchlights, giving the entire street a daylight effect. Greetings expressed in decorations and electrical displays met the eye of Prince Henry along the entire route from the station to the Auditorium hotel.

The city hall, county building and other public buildings were decorated with flags and bunting. The flags unfurled their banners, adding their share to the general welcome.

Three hundred undergraduates of the University of Chicago, headed by the prince, as the procession turned into Michigan avenue from Jackson boulevard, with the college yell followed with "Ho, ho, der Kaiser" and "Ho, ho, Prinz Heinrich." The prince acknowledged the ovation with a smile and raised his hat.

The Evening's Festivities.

The prince arrived at the Auditorium at 6:30 p. m., and was immediately shown to the suite of rooms selected for his occupancy. After a very brief rest, he and his party attended a banquet given in his honor at the hotel. At 8:30 p. m. they left the Auditorium for the First regiment armory, where he was the guest of honor of the choral festival given by the First regiment armory. Returning to the Auditorium, he attended the grand ball in the vast theater of the building. Arrived in his gorgeous uniform, Prince Henry was formally presented to his officers by the mayor of the city of Chicago, and by the Hon. Wendell Yates, wife of the governor of Illinois. The "march of honor" was then presented to the prince. A large number were held in the royal suite, and the distinguished statesman was presented to the very cream of Chicago society. At a very late hour, after a luncheon, at which his hostess said her aid was his companion, the prince retired to his apartments.

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The Fish Hatchery.

There is great activity at the state fish hatchery, at Indian Mound Park, where Superintendent N. M. Marty and his assistants are preparing for the planting season which opens the latter part of April. The coming season promises to be a busy one, as over 600,000 fish will be planted in the streams and lakes. Of this number 3,000,000 will be trout of various varieties.

When seen at the state hatchery Mr. Marty said: "From now until the first of May we are quite busy preparing the fish for planting and taking care of the newly hatched broods. Every day thousands of little fish are coming out of the eggs, and these must be given close attention to keep the majority alive."

"This year we shall plant about 3,000,000 brook trout. Later in the summer we expect to have no pike planted but will secure a supply during April and May."

Died in Church.

During the celebration of high mass in St. Patrick's church, of Paul, Mrs. M. Quinn startled the congregation with a groan of agony, fell back in her seat and expired in a few minutes. She was 62 years old and had only been recently married. Her husband is a conductor on the Omaha, and was out of the city. When the congregation was standing during the reading of prayers, Mrs. Quinn was noticed to falter by persons in the rear. Her screams startled the attendants and created some excitement. Father Burns stopped the service, and Mrs. Quinn was carried into the reading room in a considerable amount of time, where she died before medical aid reached her.

Manufacturers' Display.

Minnesota manufacturers will have an opportunity this year to display their wares for the inspection of state fair visitors. Space will be given to them by the Minnesota State Agricultural society for the exhibition, not only of the finished product, but for the illustration of the methods of manufacturing various products. The display is expected to become a nucleus in time will be made one of the leading features of the fair. The display this year is largely for experimental purposes. Several local manufacturers have indicated that they will join in making the initial undertaking a success.

Notes Reduced.

The decrease in freight rates on the Twin Cities is a boon to Red Lake Falls and other northwestern Minnesota towns. The saving of from 8 to 14 cents per 100 pounds on merchandise makes a considerable sum even to a small business in a year's time. If the railroads continue the good work they are doing, the trade and commerce of the north will be less severe. James J. Hill is undoubtedly the man who will see to it that a man's heart is usually necessary to touch his pocketbook.—Red Lake Falls.

Little Girl Drowned to Death.

Little girl named death at her home in Minneapolis, and under the eyes of her mother. A clatter beneath the kitchen was being repaired when the child was left open. Mrs. Hanson was in another part of the house when the little girl came into the kitchen and stepped through the trap door. The mother heard the child's screams and hurried to the place. A rope was lowered into the plaster, but the little one could not grasp it, and the distressed mother was forced to see her child sink for the last time. The girl was 5 years of age.

People's Party Convention.

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Augusta, Ga., March 4.—Three lives were lost here in the flood which swept down the Savannah river Saturday and Sunday. Bert Lloyd, a 12-year-old boy, was killed by a railway bridge and was swept away. An unknown negro was carried off the trestle and the receding waters of the Savannah river carried him to the foot of Mills street. The water has declined three feet from its highest mark.

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KING EDWARD'S DINNERS.

Spender of the Appointments and Order of Arranging Guests on Formal Occasions.

When King Edward and Queen Alexandra give a state dinner the following is the form of invitation:

The lord steward commanded by the king and by the queen to invite Mrs. Vanderbilt to dinner Thursday, the 15th, at 9 o'clock. Full dress.

The guests assembled in the drawing room and then they proceeded to the entrance, which is made without announcement. With the ladies only in the drawing room, the guests are invited to a private dinner and their hosts in the drawing room to receive them. The guest of honor sits on the king's right hand and the royal family on the left.

The precedence at state dinners is as follows: Foreign ambassadors take precedence of all other nobles; with earls; foreign counts and barons take no precedence, but rank with English barons or great lords. The precedence of an earl's grandson, or near relatives of the aristocracy, precedes the acquire or country gentleman. Next come vicars, country gentlemen of no profession; then barristers and their wives, naval officers and their wives, military men and their wives, and finally the members of the royal household as next to barons.

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J. L. OLSON, of North Branch, has come out for Legislative honors this fall. Mr. Olson is one of the solid business men of that stirring little town in the center of Chisago county and is well known as a successful business man, and a shrewd politician. The following is what the Lindstrom Courier has to say of Mr. Olson: "John L. Olson, the well-known hardware merchant of North Branch, has announced himself a candidate for Legislative honors. Mr. Olson is well and favorable known in all parts of the county, having resided here for many years and taken an active interest in all the affairs of the county. As far as ability is concerned Mr. Olson has the highest qualifications and is known as an indefatigable worker in anything he undertakes. It is safe to say that this county could not present a candidate better fitted to take care of its interests in the Legislature, and this fact, together with Mr. Olson's wide acquaintance, will make his success almost certain."

The Legislature provided in 1901 for a revision of our tax laws because of the manifest injustice which characterizes taxation throughout the state. It is a notorious fact that the burden is now largely borne by real property. So far as personal property is reached at all, it is, generally speaking, the property of those small means. The morning large fortunes are taxed so lightly as to put justice to shame. The act creating a tax commission sought to right a great wrong. Party voice was hushed in the passage of the measure, and only eight votes were cast against it.

The commission was required to frame a code which would accord with the constitution and provide adequate means for the assessment of all taxable property at its true value in money. It had no discretion to do otherwise. And such a code was framed by it.

The code is now assailed because of its drastic and inquisitorial features, when, in truth, more drastic provisions are found in the tax laws of several of the leading commercial states of this country. No law will be effective which is deficient in adequate means for its enforcement. Tax dodging will not be checked, so long as the dodger can not be pursued and his hidden wealth brought to light. It is proper comment upon much of the current criticism of the tax bill, that the bill is denounced because it will make tax dodging a crime. It is unquestionably true that many honorable men are opposed to it on other grounds, but there is little doubt that back of the disciplined forces by which it is now most bitterly assailed, are powerful wealthy interests.

Many of the arguments employed are specious and well calculated to arouse the prejudiced and alarm the fears of the less thoughtful. Comparatively few of the tax-payers of the state have read either the tax bill or the report of the commission; and they are, therefore, unable to pass judgment upon the merits of the bill. He imagines, apprehending the value of this circumstance, have disseminated over our state, by letter and printed matter, alarming statements as to its provisions. This is it sought to slaughter the measure in the houses of its friends, and to array against it the very class who would be benefited by it.

The fact that its real enemies represent so many interests, demonstrates that it will have a marked effect both as to the listing and the assessment of property. The part of the hour is that the unassuming laws of the unformed masses will prove the strong weapon of its enemies.

A few plain facts will tend to clear the atmosphere. In 1895, the assessed personal property of the state was \$92,720,000 while in 1900 it was only \$92,000,000. We have therefore the astonishing fact, that during those fourteen years the personal property of this state had increased only \$10,000,000. Our law is to reflect upon the remarkable growth of the cities of the state in a state of population. They during the same period, so understood

how misleading are our assessment lists. The total population of the 27 cities named in the Legislative Manual of 1891, embracing all the larger ones, was only \$89,000. The population of St. Paul and Minneapolis alone is now equal to that aggregate. The wealth of cities has kept pace with their growth in population. The increase in personal property has, during those fourteen years, increased many times ten million dollars.

Under the present system real property bears far too great a proportion of the weight of taxes. Every farm and homestead is taxed beyond any class of personal property except banks and suburban property. The commission's bill would by proper administration place upon the tax lists personal property, now untaxed, amounting to at least two hundred millions. But there is no real property to be discovered, for it is always visible and always taxed. Every dollar of personal property discovered, the greater will be that relief. Whoever contends that the effect of the tax bill would be to increase a farmer's taxes, either wrongly misleads or is unable to reason clearly.

Misapprehension exists with respect to listing at full value. It is not the purpose of the bill to collect more taxes, but to distribute them more fairly. It will not necessarily result that more taxes will be raised because the assessment is raised. Rates will decrease as assessments increase. Moreover, it should be kept in mind that the bill seeks to collect greatly increased taxes from corporate wealth which has heretofore been too lightly taxed. Here, again, will relief be afforded to other classes of tax-payers.

As a general proposition, the following would prove true if the bill were enacted as it left the hands of the commission: The tax-payer who is now paying his fair share of taxes will then pay less than he now does, which he who is now paying less than his share will then pay more than he now does. —Henry W. Childs.

A Warning.

A lady of pleasing address and possessing appearance is now canvassing the state professionally for homeless children. She sometimes says she will send contributors a monthly paper about the work.

Many of the friends of the Children's Home Society of Minnesota have given money to her under the impression that they were giving to the work of that well known society that has been providing for such children for over twenty years past to the number of more than 1700. But inquiry shows that she does not represent the Minnesota Society at all, but a Chicago Society called the American Home Finding Association, that does not provide for Minnesota children and under the laws of this state has no legal right to bring children into the state.

When she has given receipts they are from that society or for the paper "Our Homes and Our Homeless," published by that society and the name usually signed is Olmstead. She has been in the state on a similar mission before.

All persons who desire to give money to the work of our own society should make sure that the person to whom they give is authorized to represent the Minnesota Society. All such representatives are fully supplied with credentials to prove it. Be sure that you know to whom you are giving.

OTHER PAPERS PLEASE COPY. See the Cheap Rates Between Pine City, Hinkley or Sandstone.

Those renting phones in any of those towns are entitled to the following:

10 calls per month	\$1.50
20 " " "	2.75
30 " " "	3.75
40 " " "	4.40
50 " " "	5.00

In addition to this rate you will have to pay a messenger, where the party you want to talk to has no phone. For further information call on or call up Chas. Avery.

The Pine City Mill and Elevator Company are paying 43 cents a bushel for oats.

In all the world no cure like H. W. Barker's Cough, Catarrh, Consumption Remedy, at J. Y. Breckenridge's Drug Store. Fresh readers and cooling, all the duty kinds at the Big Store.

Statement of the Condition of First State Bank, Pine County, at Pine City, Minn., at Close of Business, on the 31st Day of Feb., 1902.

Date of call by Supr. Feb. 25 1902	RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts	\$46,600.56
Overdrafts	None
U. S. Bonds	None
Other Bonds, Stocks and Securities	2,105.29
Banking House, Furniture and fixtures	2,077.00
Other Real Estate	30,271.14
Exchange on O. C. Hoop	None
Checks and Cash Items	7,125.81
Due from Banks	1,000.00
Due from Merchants	1,000.00
Due from Individuals	1,000.00
Other Assets	11,200.00
Total Available Assets	103,983.07
Other Resources	None
Total	\$113,983.07
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,000.00
Undivided Profits (Net)	4,581.59
State Payable	None
Notes Redeemed	None
Deposits Subject to Check	74,010.00
Demand Certificates	21,125.25
Certified Checks	None
Checks on Other Banks	None
Due to Banks	1,527.81
Total Liabilities	103,983.07
Total	\$113,983.07

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Digests what you eat.
J. H. DOYLE, Cashier.
JAMES H. WANDER, Register of Deeds.
Pine Co. Minn.

NEW LUMBER YARD

I have decided to open a Retail Lumber Yard and will keep constantly on hand a full supply of all kinds of building material. Will also buy and pay cash for any Lumber, Lath and Shingles that is offered, at Highest Market Price. The yard is located at my Sales Barn. Mr. Henry Spher will be in charge. When in need of anything in the Lumber Line try Henry.

Respectfully Yours,
P. W. McAllen
Pine City, Minn.

WILLOW RIVER.

The Presbyterian society elected trustees last Sunday for the ensuing year.

Bishop Morrison will preach in St. Jude church next Sunday.

The school teachers will attend the teachers association at Hinkley the 8th. School work is running along smoothly.

The lumbermen have done a little more work in the woods, since the last snow fell.

Very little sickness is reported in this village.

Mr. Brooks, from Elmore, arrived in town today with 24 head of cattle and six horses in fine condition. The stock are nearly all young, so they will grow up with the country.

The Woodmen will give a dance March 17th, (St. Patrick's Day).

The New Hardware Store
is stocked with a full line of Hardware, Paints, Oils,
Also agent for the celebrated Electric Seal Red Oil for illuminating purposes.
JOHN BARTA, Proprietor

JUST RECEIVED
Car Load of Wire and Nails
They will cost you More Money next Spring
Better buy Them NOW.
SMITH, THE HARDWARE MAN
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CLOSING OUT
The following Goods at these Low Prices

	Regular Price	Sale Price
No. 16 Round Oak Heater	\$16.00	\$13.50
" " " "	18.00	15.50
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Radiant Home, (base burner)	23.60	19.00
Grand Range	35.00	33.50
Side Board, oak	23.50	15.00
S. E. Extension Table	10.50	9.00
Flush Seat Rockers	2.50	2.00
Brass Table, Oxys Top	5.00	4.25
Combination Book Case and Desk	21.00	16.00
Book Case, second hand, worth new	10.00	6.00
" " " "	8.00	4.50
Center Table	4.50	2.25

Some Good Offers:
Wool Top Mattresses... \$2.00
Excelsior... 1.50
Good Iron Beds... 2.25
Panell weave Bed Springs... 1.60
Special "Cut on Rockers. We have some good bargains on broom sets of dining chairs

Sash and Door Sale.
On account of large stock on hand, limited room and a car load coming, we must sell out some of our stock. If you intend to build now is the time to buy if you want to save money.

Buggies at Wholesale Price
if you buy before the season opens.
Wiseman & Co.
Pine City, Minn.

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BY GEORGE EDWARD GRAHAM.
The Most Sensational Book of the Day.
The true story of the famous crime of the Flying Squadron under Commodore William B. Schley, including the blockade of the Spanish fleet, TOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME.
Contains an authentic endorsement and personal account of the battle by Rear-Admiral Schley.
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President Roosevelt, who is Governor of New York, said: "Mr. Graham's story is the best account I have heard of the naval fighting during the war. It is good and it is true. It is a book that every citizen should read. It is a book that every citizen should read. It is a book that every citizen should read."
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IN ALL THE WORLD NO CURE LIKE THIS
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News of the Week.

Chips Picked up Around Town and Vicinity.

NOTICE.

Hereafter all matter for publication and copy for advertisements must reach this office by Thursday morning.

Have you seen the fine display of new spring goods at the Big Store? New spring goods arriving every day at the Big Store.

All the new things in Ladies' Hats, Belt Buckles, Bodice Pins at the Big Store.

Prof. G. W. E. Hill, of Des Moines, Iowa, will preach in the M. E. church next Sunday morning and evening. In the evening the Prof. will speak of the celebrated "Passion Play." Commencing Monday evening Prof. Hill will give a series of three consecutive lectures in the church. His subjects are: Monday, "The Yankee in Europe," Tuesday, "Highway and Byways in Europe," Wednesday, "The House of the Atekes." The admission is only 10 and 15 cents.

There will be Lenten devotions at St. Mary's church Sunday evening March 9th at 7:30.

Melzer Brackett, who has been at work in the woods near Two Harbors, came down the first of the week to nurse a sore foot which he had the misfortune to cut with an axe.

Will Battick, the popular N. P. agent at Wyoming, was in town between trains Wednesday.

Smoke Sapharosa 5c. Cigar.

On Tuesday afternoon the ladies of Riverside Circle met for their monthly meeting in K. of P. hall. At the close of the exercises an elaborate lunch was served to the members of the G. A. R. and a few invited friends of the ladies.

Mrs. G. J. Albrecht, who has been secretary for the Circle for the past five years, was presented with a very handsome pin in the shape of a five-pointed star. In each arm of the star is a row of five pearls and in the center is a fine large ruby. It is a very handsome pin and very highly prized by Mrs. Albrecht.

Smoke Sapharosa 5c. cigar.

Hugh MacLean leaves Monday for Tacoma, Washington, where he goes to accept a position with the Northern Pacific, on the Tacoma Division. Mrs. MacLean and children will leave within a few weeks for their new home on the coast. We are sorry to lose Mr. MacLean and family but the Pioneer joins with their many friends in wishing them prosperity in their future home.

John Underwood this week purchased the Micho property in the Western part of the town and has moved his family into the same. The property is one of the finest in town and will make an ideal home for Mr. Underwood and family.

Mr. Micho has moved his family to St. Paul where he will make his future home. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Micho will be sorry to lose them from our midst, but wish them all kinds of success in their new home.

Dill pickles, sweet pickles and sour pickles at the Big Store.

On account of the warm weather there are a large number of teams coming from the woods, believing that spring has come in earnest and should it freeze up again it would not be of a very long duration. They report that considerable amount of logs were put in considering the length of the winter.

If you want to have good bread, buy your flour at Madden's.

Mrs. H. W. Harte entertained the ladies of the Women's Reading Club and the teachers at her home, Wednesday evening. A very interesting program was rendered consisting of music, recitations and guessing contests. A progressive game of letters was played and Mrs. Chamberlain took the prize, which was a handsome cup and saucer. Delicious refreshments were served about 10:30, when the girls repaired to their home, having spent a delightful evening.

Attorney Mullen, of Rush City, was a Pine City caller on Thursday.

Carl Broades, who has been employed in Harris for the past few months, came home on Saturday to remain for a time at least.

Dr. B. L. Irving, Dentist.

at the Pioneer Building, will be 26, 27 and 28. Gas administered for the extraction of teeth.

On Friday of last week, Mr. Avery, manager of the Minnesota Telephone Co., went over the road from here to the head of Pokagama Lake, and from there to Cornell on the Great Northern Ry., then he went to Brookpark and while there completed arrangements for a telephone system between these places and this town. Work on the same will be commenced as soon as the frost is out of the ground enough to permit the digging of the holes to set the posts. The line runs over the new road that has just been laid out and in the near future the company intends to extend the line to Mora and from there on through to St. Cloud, thereby opening up direct communication from that place to Sandstone where there is considerable business transacted. These new lines will be of great benefit for the new towns as it gives them direct connections with the county seat and the four great cities of the northwest. When these lines are completed we can be sure of good service as we are now getting as good service as can be wished for, and at a reasonable price.

See the rates of the Consolidated Telephone Co. in another column of this issue. This company has come in here and asks the public for a share of its patronage. They have put in a very handsome booth in the confectionery store of Arnold Cranon on Front street, and remember when you wish to talk to any of the places on the list, call at the exchange for you. Auction will commence at 11 o'clock sharp. Terms: Cash; or two months time given to responsible parties.

John Lindgren, of Greeley, was a county seat visitor on Thursday, and while in town made the Pioneer a pleasant call.

AUCTION SALE—On Monday, March 24th, consisting of a complete outfit of farm machinery, wagons, sleds, household goods, cows, heifers and calves; one mare, 6 years old; one colt, 1 year old. Remember the time and place, as this is a great chance for you. Auction will commence at 11 o'clock sharp. Terms: Cash; or two months time given to responsible parties.

School Notes.
Miss Gertrude MacLean resumed her school duties after an absence of two weeks.

There were no absences in the High school Monday afternoon, and but one in the morning.

William Buckley entered school Monday morning.

The classes in History and Literature had an examination in those subjects. The former took place Friday morning and the latter Wednesday morning.

Edward Veenboven was absent from school Thursday and Friday.

Two of the pupils who make a practice of drawing pictures during school hours, were asked to remain Tuesday afternoon and write an essay on "drawing pictures" of no less than five hundred words.

At the last meeting of the Webster Literary Society, the following officers were elected: President, Martin Hurley; Vice President, Marie Kibler; Secretary, Lillian Perkins; Treasurer, Benjamin Hurley; Anna Yoss, Hattie Pennington, Agnes Hurley and Marie Kibler were elected to act as the program committee.

The following members were chosen to act as a committee on "Election of Officers" and will report next Friday afternoon at 9:15 as to how officers are elected and how such meetings are conducted in business proceedings. The members are Hattie Pennington, Ernest Dossy, Ellen Swedengur, Benjamin Hurley, Marie Kibler and James McLaughlin.

The Civics class had an examination Wednesday afternoon.

The next programme will take place Friday March 14.

Carl Buselmeier returned to school after an absence of two weeks.

Twenty-two pupils in Miss Anderson's room have been perfect in attendance during the winter term.

Amelia Glasgow brought a photograph to school Thursday, and played eleven pieces for the school.

Julia Dossy, of Miss Simons' room is absent on account of illness.

Marie Kibler was absent Friday on account of sickness.

Headline of Charges Over Issue of the Consolidated Telephone and Telegraph Co. from Pine City, Minn.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Pine City Five Cents Club Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chief, W. P. Gottry; Cash, Frank Vorel; 1st Lieut., Nick Perling; 2nd Lieut., F. W. Ling; Sec'y, W. J. Gottry; Treas., Robt. Wilson. The Chief appointed Fritz Johnson 1st engineer, and Frank Madden, 2nd engineer, the same as last year. The boys are now in shape for another year and should do good work if needed which, it is hoped will not be the case.

People wonder how we sell so much clothing in a town the size of it. At the Big Store.

Pure Buckwheat Flour at Madden's.

Progressive croquet was played at Chas. Glanville's place Thursday evening in honor of Wm. Vennic. Prizes were won by Wm. Vennic and Master Harvey Davis. A large crowd attended and all report having had a good time.

Miss Millie Davis has been staying with grandma Husted for a few days this last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glanville and Henry Davis and family visited on Sunday last with James Steele.

Wm. Alfred, of Pine Island, will move onto his farm in Huselotown Thursday of this week.

Wm. Vennic was suddenly called home on account of the serious illness of his sister.

Dolan Brandenburg and Irving Holm have returned from the woods.

Mr. Scnes and Hobbelen have returned from Burnett county, Wisconsin, where they expect to move their families soon.

James Franklin and family moved to Burnett county last Saturday.

Eli Husted and folks and Mr. Beaver and wife spent Sunday evening with H. T. Davis and family.

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Allen, R. P., Res.	1
Breckecheide, J. Y., Store	5
Buselmeier, Theo., Res.	32
Bank	6
Barum, Dr., Res.	43
Bede, J. A., Res.	45
Brown, E. A., Res.	46
Biodeeman, A. shop	29
Bederman Adam, res.	25
Court House	7
Depot	4
Gottry, W. P., res.	10
Gottry, W. P., barn	3
Hodge, E. A., res.	2
Hurley, Jas., res.	30
Harte H. W., res.	24
Kick, George, butcher	34
Kowalek, saloon	47
Lafing, Chas., store	8
Madden, J., store	2
Madden J. J., res.	35-2
Mercantile Co., store	40
McAllen, room	17
Mill & Elevator Co.	31
McKusick, res.	49
Fritz, real estate office	20
MacLean Hugh, res.	23
O'Brien, P. H., saloon	33
Pitt, H. C., res.	10
Pioneer House	11
Pine County Pioneer	38
Pine Poker	39
Payne, res.	19
Pennington, store	18
Rybak, E. J., res.	36
Roberts, S. G. L., res.	12
Steinpalz, Louis, saloon	50
Saunders, res.	37
Smueller, store	12
Sherwood, drayman	22
Stone, J. E., res.	41
Saunders R. C., law office	21
Sloan Millie, res.	45-2
Wiseman, Dr. R. L., res.	10
& Co. store	15
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St. Paul	Ar	8:50 am	5:50 pm	5:10 pm
Pine City	Ar	10:20 am	9:07 pm	5:27 am
West Supr. Ar		9:50 am	6:10 pm	6:10 am
Duluth	Ar	12:00 pm	7:20 pm	6:30 am
NORTH BOUND		No. 2	No. 4	No. 6
Duluth	Ar	7:30 am	9:55 pm	11:15 pm
West Supr. Ar		10:40 am	7:30 pm	11:25 pm
Pine City	Ar	12:27 pm	7:55 pm	11:22 am
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Duluth, Montana and Pacific Coast	Ar	10:35 pm
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Leech Lake, Grand, Hatcher and Park	Ar	6:10 pm
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Tricks of the Trade

By F. H. LANCASTER.

He looked up at her, creasing his brows against dazle and doubt. "Isn't so much talent as—"

"Experience?" she suggested. "That ain't putting your eyes out. Even if you have but a moment to stay you might as well take one of these chairs and be comfortable."

"Thank you." He left his perch on the steps and drew up a basket chair with preoccupied carefulness.

"No, it isn't experience," he said, leaning forward to lay his hat on the banister. "I have never had any experience in love-making. You needn't be so polite. Honestly haven't. It's only understanding the tricks of the trade."

"You seem to understand them," she commented. "Your love stories are about the best I see."

"Now you are laughing at me. But I am in earnest. There's a good deal of art in writing a love story."

"Yes," she admitted. "I imagine you have to split a good many blue hairs. I suppose there is where the tricks of the trade come in—or is it the art?"

"Oh, it is all the same thing."

"What? Tricks of the trade and art?"

"Yes," he maintained. "It is all in understanding one's business."

"You seem to have made an exhaustive study of love-making," she asserted.

"I daren't say so much about you. Those strong bright little essays of yours show so much care and study, but I have studied this thing as earnestly more earnestly than I ever studied anything else of what Buskin said."

"And where do the tricks of the trade come in?" she asked, interested.

"Knowing just how much to say."

"No," he hesitated, regarding her long enough to make what you have said say a great deal."

"Well, you can do that," she said warmly. "Those little things of yours often remind me of what Buskin said of Titian. You remember? That he could put the issue of life and death into the back of a man asbing the way?"

"No please stop laughing at me."

"I am not laughing. You may call it trick of the trade, but I call it genius."

"Wasn't it Carlyle who said that genius was only an enlarged capacity for hard work?"

"No, I don't think it is. It sounds entirely too honest."

A quick smile leaped to his lips. "You will never believe anything good of that poor man because he treated his wife so roughly."

"Why, when you consider that she gave up everything on earth for him, I imagine that the idea of genius was to make life a burden for every being that he held authority over."

"Have you read his 'Everslasting No'?"

"Of course. I know that he was a shrewd and accurate thinker. I admit his genius, but—"

"His wife had your sympathy?"

"To be sure."

There was one of those short easy silences that drop so naturally into the conversation of genial people. The man was the first to speak. "You have been so good this afternoon that I think you deserve to pay the fine that all good people have to pay for their good nature and be imposed upon."

She smiled as her eyes turned lazily toward him. "Who is to impose upon you?"

"Yes. I am going to gain your consent to a project that I have long had at heart."

"I suppose it is not worth while for me to say anything?"

"Oh, you can say yes, you know."

"Well, and what is your project?"

"Let's get out a book together. You will contribute the essays and I'll furnish the love stories. We will call it 'Wheat and Tares.' My stories will be the Tares."

"I doubt that. There is more of the staff of life in your love-making than in my reasoning. Do you suppose we could get it published?"

"Brown Bros. have agreed to bring it out. Eight per cent. royalty. They will want it before spring."

She laughed at his nerve.

"You seem to have investigated the subject pretty thoroughly."

"It was all conditional—in case you consented."

She smiled and looked away toward the distant sea view. If his proposition held its promise of pleasure it also held an aftermath of pain. And just at present common sense was inclined to lay more stress upon the desirability of pleasure.

"You will consent, won't you?" he asked, anxiously.

She paused a moment to bid common sense a deliberate farewell. "Yes," she said. "I suppose we could manage it by spring."

"Good! I ought to write Brown Bros. by this mail, but I don't believe I can make it until you will lend me the use of your typewriter for a few minutes."

"Certainly. You know the way to my study?"

"Right through this window, isn't it? Thank you."

The girl's hands lightened on the arms of her chair. Was it pleasure or pain?

At first they did not see very much of each other. Crisp little business notes furnished their medium of communication, and as far as was concerned common sense put forth all her

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Maggins—"Your husband seems like a man with an iron will." Mr. Duggins—"A pig iron will."—Railroad Gazette.

Tom—"Don't you consider Miss Keyes rather dull?" Dick—"Well, after the way she cut me I can't say that I do."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Prest Lady—"Dear me, I never saw Mrs. Potts look so pale." Stewart Lady—"Nor is she's probably been out in the wet without an umbrella."—Pearson's Weekly.

Yonb's Father (proudly)—"We have a new baby at our house." Bachelor Friend (sympathetically)—"Well, well, you must do all you can to bear up under the situation."—Yonb's Journal.

Mamma—"Teacher tells me you were very naughty in school yesterday. Why did you not tell me yourself?" Tommy—"Why, you always told me why not tell tales out of school."—Philadelphia Press.

"Oh!" said the poet, laughingly, "if you don't accept my verses it doesn't matter much. I have other irons in the fire." "Ah! Then put these verses with them by all means," said the editor.—Philadelphia Record.

The Doctor's Calls—"Hunt—I have seen Dr. Pelee's carriage at your house three or four times lately. It has alarmed us greatly." Turner—"No body's sick; Pellet merely called to collect a bill. Nothing serious, I assure you."—Boston Transcript.

"But these chairs," she said, "never fashionable they may be, are very uncomfortable." Ah, replied the salesman, "that's the beauty of these chairs, madam. When a caller sits in one of these chairs, madam, she doesn't stay very long."—Philadelphia Press.

SOUTH AMERICAN TROUBLES.

The Different Governments Are Constantly on the Verge of War with Neighboring Powers.

International storm-signals are flying over a large part of South America, from the isthmus of Panama to the very tip of Tierra del Fuego, says The Commonwealth.

Beginning at the north, the insurrection in Colombia is so openly fomented by the government of Venezuela that Colombia has broken diplomatic relations with its unfriendly neighbor, and would probably declare war against it if its resources permitted. Moreover, Venezuela is not only occupied with watching Colombia and with keeping an eye also on a smoldering insurrection of its own, but has also provoked trouble with Germany.

President Castro is reported to hold that a revolutionary government is free from accountability for obligations incurred by its predecessor. It is indisposed to settle the claims made by foreign governments. German citizens have large claims, and the German government purposes using force to compel payment.

Peru and Bolivia are both nursing old grievances against their powerful neighbor, Chile, for occupation territory which once belonged to them. They are not strong enough to go to war on their own account, but if they could were troubled with another power, would ally themselves eagerly with its enemy. Their opportunity may come in a quarrel between Chile and the Argentine Republic, which, like most South American quarrels, turns upon a question of boundaries. It is a quarrel of long standing, but near the end of last year, threatened war. A temporary arrangement has averted immediate hostilities, and permanent peace may follow.

These disputes throw a curious light upon the proposal for compulsory arbitration which the Pan-American congress has been discussing. If such a system were to prevail, it might be that one-half of South America would be at war much of the time compelling the other half to keep the peace.

IOWA TOWN'S DAILY MIRAGE.

Singular Illusion That Is Visible in Cedar Rapids Whenever the Sun Is Shining.

Every day in the year when the sun is shining a mirage may be seen in this city, says a correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean. So far as is known this is the only place in the world where this phenomenon of nature can be so regularly observed, although there are many places where it takes place under certain atmospheric conditions. The mirage here is on one of the principal streets of the city and makes the street appear as if it was a pond of water covering it. So natural is this appearance that many times residents of the city who are not posted as to the mirage have turned from the street thinking that they thought they saw in the distance.

The best place to view the mirage from is on First avenue, in front of Coe college, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets. On a bright day, by looking down the avenue four or five blocks away will be seen this lake of water covering the roadway. Passing street cars are so plainly reflected in it that it is difficult to realize that there is no water there.

Prof. Bates, of Coe college, accounts for the mirage by the fact that the avenue is slightly inclined from the level at different points of view. A person, therefore, looks down at the mirage at an angle of about 30 degrees, and his line of vision crossing the road, coming rays of light obliquely at that point produces this singular illusion.

Horrid.

Harriet—Sadie's husband never gets excited, never fights back, and she don't count make him cross.

Estelle—Yes. The horrid thing. He is simply exasperating.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Valuable Feature.

"No," said the father to the principal of the leading school. "I am not going to send my daughter to your institution. I expect to be able to provide for her so that she shall not have to work in the kitchen after she is married."

"That's all very nice," said the principal, "but the most important part of our curriculum is the book instruction. After all, how to boss the cook, and to discharge her if necessary."

"At this the father immediately wrote a check for the full term's tuition.—Baltimore American.

Not Alternative.

"You admit that you are a tramp, do you?" said the eminent counsel to the witness.

"Well, I don't say I'm a tramp, but I'm not a lawyer."—Detroit Free Press.

No Immediate.

"He—Do you believe in love in a cottage?" "No—No, indeed, I don't."

"How about love in a palace?"

"Oh, George, this is so odd!"

"Well, it won't be if we've got to wait till I can rent the palace."—Sunset Set.

Not What He Required.

"You ought to try this new drug, as he held up a little bottle. 'It's the best thing out for dyspepsia.'"

"What's that?"

"Well, it's a little of my own making. I've got all the dyspepsia I want right now."—Daily News.

Maternal Love.

Mrs. Mulligan—"No, you have no mother now?"

Charles Boy—"No, mum."

"Well, my boy, whenever you feel the need of a good washing, come to me and I'll be a mother to you."—N.Y. Bits.

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Scientific investigation has proven that petroleum is far superior to coal for fuel. It is so light and so clean that it can be used in places where coal is not only inconvenient but also dangerous. It is also a very good fuel for domestic use. It is now being used in many places where coal was formerly used. It is a very good fuel for domestic use. It is now being used in many places where coal was formerly used.

Much in Little.

Biggs—"Mullin in Parvo." That's a queer name for a skimmer."

Diggs—"Quite appropriate, though. His specialty is ladies' shoes."—Chicago Daily News.

Kept on Talking.

Hook—"What has become of that office boy of yours who used to take everything he could lay his hands on?"

Nye—"He is in the Municipal hospital—took smallpox."—Philadelphia Record.

Logic.

Bylander—"Poor fellow! One of his round trips." I believe."

Pooleman—"So it is; but the other was also a round trip."—Philadelphia Press.

Soporific.

Bramble—"I used to be troubled with insomnia, but I cured myself."

Thorne—"How?"

"I joined a chess club."—Judge.

A Distinction.

When a man begins he admits it, and takes pills; but a woman begins to talk about her health, and she gets into the medicine of her environment.—Aldrich Globe.

McJagger—"I find it's a good rule never to hit a man when he's down." "Thimblebottom"—"It's a better rule never to hit a man when he's got you down."—Philadelphia Press.

"What intoxicating charms!" "Isn't she a bird, though?" "Bird and better than you, you might say!"—Detroit Journal.

A Difference in Time.

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Face Was Too Fast.

The Belgian hare has gone out of style. The Kansas jack rabbit set the pace last fall for the forequarter.—Washington Post.



Mrs. L. A. Harris, a Prominent Member of a Chicago Woman's Political Club, tells how Ovarian Troubles may be Cured without a Surgical Operation. She says:

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"I suffered for eight years with ovarian troubles; spent hundreds of dollars for relief, until two doctors agreed that an operation was my only chance of life. My sister had been using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for her troubles, and been cured, and she strongly urged me to let the doctors go and try the Compound. I did so as a last resort; used it faithfully with the Sanative Wash for five months, and was rejoiced to find that my troubles were over and my health restored. If women would only try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound first, fewer surgical operations would occur."—Mrs. L. A. Harris, 278 East 31st St., Chicago, Ill.

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These tickets are good on all trains, including the famous Great Northern "Flyer." This is the best opportunity that has ever been offered to parties who wish to investigate the many advantages offered in the Great Northwest. Information about Great Northern country is being sent by agents of the Great Northern Railway, or those desirous of ascertaining just what opportunities are offered there, can secure full illustrated information in reference to land, climate, crops, rates, etc., by writing to Max Baer, G. A., 520 S. Clark St., Chicago, or to F. L. Whitney, G. L. & T. A., St. Paul, Minn.

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