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Commercial Banking in all its Branches.
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Drafts on domestic points sold cheaper than express or postoffice money orders.
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PINE CITY, MINNESOTA.

BEST LUMBERMANS
ON EARTH

Herman Borchers
The Only Exclusive Shoe House in Town.
Repairing a Specialty
Come and see me. My Goods are First-class.
HERMAN BORCHERS

DEBATERS READY FOR FRAY
The Pine City High School Team Will Lock Horns With Duluth Students Tomorrow Evening.

A NOTABLE SOCIAL EVENT
Grand Masquerade Ball to Be Given By the Pine City Fire Department On Evening of December 31.

All Pine City, and especially the pupils of the public schools, are taking a deep interest in the debate which takes place at Stekl's hall tomorrow evening. Many of the citizens of the surrounding villages have announced their intention of attending, and the affair promises to be the greatest event in the history of our schools.

The local debaters, Rudolph Wosmek, Bernard Vaughn and John Hunt, have studied the questions at issue with undying zeal, and are well prepared to uphold the honor of their school.

In addition to the interesting debate there will be musical selections by local talent, and the class yell of the schools will be strongly in evidence.

The debate is held under the auspices of the Minnesota State Debating League and must be governed by the constitution of the league. One of the articles read: "The users must not admit any one to the room while a debater is speaking. This rule will be strictly enforced. For that reason I would require that all come before the hour set for beginning, and if any one should come late, to wait until the speaker has finished, which in no case will exceed ten minutes.

That the Duluth debaters entertain a wholesome respect for the ability of our home team is evidenced by the following from a recent issue of the Duluth News Tribune: "The Duluth debaters are ready for the Pine City contest which is to take place at the latter town Friday, Dec. 20. Those who will represent Duluth are Oscar Helam, Curtis Pillsbury and Robert Condit. A small delegation of high school boys accompanied by Prof. E. H. Lachert, will go down with the team.

The judges for this debate will be Prof. Anderson of the state university, Prof. Everson of Hamlin, and Junior Stultberg.

The local boys expect to win, but are not overconfident, as this will be Duluth's first debate in the league, and good work on their part will be absolutely necessary to gain the judge's decision.

The doors will open at 7:15 p. m. and the debate begins at 8 o'clock sharp.

Reserved seat tickets are now for sale at Breckenridge's Pharmacy, 75c each.

Pine City Fire Department at a special meeting held Saturday evening decided to give a Grand Masked Ball at Stekl's hall Tuesday evening, December 31st, 1907. The boys have engaged the National Orchestra, of St. Paul, to furnish the music. The fire laddies secured two elegant prizes to be given to the best costumed lady and gent. These prizes are worth going for. The lady's prize is an elegant changing dish purchased of J. La Page, and the gent's prize is a beautiful silver shaving mug, brush, and a Gillette safety razor, purchased at Breckenridge's Pharmacy. Both of these prizes can be seen in the window of the Drug Store.

The supper will be furnished by Mrs. Cook, Wilcox in the dining room, under the hall. Tickets for the dance are placed at the extreme low price of \$1.00 per couple. All spectators, adults and children, will be charged 25 cents. Masked ladies will be admitted free.

The Pine City firemen are noted up and down the line for giving first class dances, and the boys are using every effort to make this the best masked ball ever given between the Twin cities and Duluth. The prizes are ones that any lady or gentleman may well be proud of and they are well. Remember the date, Tuesday evening, December 31st, at Stekl's hall.

Only those wearing masks will be allowed on the floor, until 11 o'clock when the masks will be taken off. The grand march for the selection of those winning prizes will be at ten o'clock so that those wishing to compete, for the prizes should be in the hall by that time. Two prizes will also be given for the most comical costume.

If you wish to have a good time don't fail to attend the fireman's grand masked ball. It will be the ball of the season.

MEADOW LAWN.
D. L. Whitehouse spent Tuesday in Pine City.

J. Holler disposed of his hay and oats to Wm. Scofield, Wednesday.

Mrs. Scofield and A. Scofield and family are staying at the Clyn House, while Mr. Scofield is repairing his house.

IN HYMEN'S HOLY BONDS

Henry Hoeller and Miss Mabel Gehl, Two Popular Young Pine City People United for Life.

Thursday morning, Dec. 19, 1907, at 11 o'clock, at the residence of F. Koerner, Mr. Henry Hoeller and Miss Mabel Gehl were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. George Kick and Mary Poeschmann, cousins of the groom and bride acted as groomsmen and bridesmaid. After the ceremony the happy couple repaired to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gehl, where a reception was held at 1 o'clock, to the numerous guests.

The house was tastefully decorated, and the spread was fit for an epicure and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who had the good fortune to be invited.

The groom is well and favorably known in this place, having lived here all his life. He is an honest, industrious man, and has been the manager of the Bonns South copper mine for the past four years, he having complete charge of the mine during the absence of J. H. Smith.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gehl, and has lived here the greater portion of her life. She is an estimable young lady, and one of Pine City's fairest daughters.

Those present from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mrs. H. O. Oakes and Miss Mary Poeschmann, of St. Paul; Miss Tillie Poeschmann, of Rush City, and Mrs. Frank Baumhagen, of Leroux.

The happy couple departed on Thursday's limited for a few days' bridal tour, and on their return will be at home to their friends at the Gehl residence.

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SEAR'S, ROEBUCK INDICTED

Charged With Using United States Mails To Defraud and in Misrepresenting Articles Sold.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 26.—(Special)—Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, were indicted today charged with using the mails to defraud. The indictment is on three counts. It is alleged that the company misrepresented articles in its catalogues sent through the mails. The first count charges that on June 13, 1907, the company devised a scheme to obtain money by false pretenses from Dr. G. F. Spring, of Des Moines, by selling him while lead that Sears Roebuck claim to have made. The indictment alleges it was made by others. The second count is on a ring bought by R. H. Miles, and the third count is the sending of another ring, alleged to have been misrepresented through the mails.

R. W. Sears, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co. said last night that he had only learned of the indictment returned in Des Moines. "We read in the newspapers this morning that there was trouble in Des Moines," said Mr. Sears, "but I am sure that we are not involved in the whole affair. That we can give much publicity without having an opportunity to present our side of the case." Chicago Tribune, Nov. 27th.

Later—On the local stock exchange Sears, Roebuck and company preferred dropped to 47, a decline of four points from previous sales, the company's stock was never very well distributed and, notwithstanding denials, rumors continue that the company is in need of funds. The common stock sold at 20.—Chicago Tribune, Nov. 30th.

Prof. H. W. Marshall, manager of the company, thinks, will be sufficient to show a net profit of \$750,000 on orders of three months of the corresponding six months of 1906.—Chicago Daily News.

Warning Against Fire. OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL, St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 1907.

A year ago a Christmas tree caught fire in one of the larger churches during the program of a Sunday School festival, and a panic was barely averted.

Such awful consequences may follow incidents of this nature that it staggers imagination.

Warnings against the dangers lurking in this torchlike toy, this instrument of whole souled joy or, perchance, nameless horror, cannot be repeated too often.

A Christmas tree should be made as fire proof as possible. It is dangerous at best. No candles should be put on it, if candles must be used, then:

Don't put cotton on it.
Don't put paper articles on it.
Don't put celluloid articles on it.
Don't put lace or pop-corn-strings on it.

Don't put candles on weak branches, because they may shift position in losing weight from burning and set the tree on fire.

Don't put any inflammable articles under the tree when candles are lit; a spark from the twig may set them on fire.

Don't set the tree in a cotton-made snowbank; it may put your house in ashes and turn your joy to mourning.

Don't leave children alone with the tree, nor the tree alone with itself when the candles are lit.

Don't place the tree near window curtains; a slight draught may swing them against a candle.

Decorations can hardly improve upon Nature's architecture, as designed in a well proportioned evergreen, but if the tree must be decorated, non-inflammable articles should be put on it. The Christmas shapers gift with a countless variety of pretty and cheap ornaments that may be safely used. A little care in its selection may save money, joy, lives, churches, festival halls and homes.

Christmas Sale

Everything in Our Bargain Basement AT JUST ONE-HALF PRICE

Saturday, Monday and Wednesday

Your Advantage. Come and See.

1-cent article, 2 for 1 cent. 5-cent articles, 2c each. 10-cent articles, 5 cts each. This a bona fide cut

Lots of Toys and useful articles, such as Jardinières, Lamps, Dishcloths and Toilet Sets. We do not want to carry these over, and need the room and have not the room for display. Now shop for Christmas, at one-half right off the price.

YOU KNOW THE PLACE,

BRECKENRIDGE'S PHARMACY

MAIN STREET, PINE CITY, MINN.

Busy All the Time Filling Orders for

Pine City Flour

Ten Years on the Market. Your Dealer Has It. . . .

PINE CITY MILLING & ELECTRIC CO.

Storm Sash and Doors.

CALL AT THE WESTEMAN LUMBER CO.'s shed and leave your orders for Storm Sash and Doors. Also anything in the line of Lumber and Building Material.

G. H. WESTEMAN LUMBER CO., D. A. PAYNE, Manager. Pine City, Minnesota.

Did it Ever Occur to You

when you found that you had got the worst of some lumber deal that you would have been wiser to have looked around before buying? The next time we want you to come here before buying and let us give you an estimate—then buy our own plan. You will find out that when it comes to holding our place in bargain that we hold all of the face cards in the deck.

We go on the theory that we benefit ourselves most when we serve the best, so if you are looking for the best lumber or building material, remember us and give us a chance to please you.

Wanted—Proposals for digging about 100 rods of ditch, 4 feet wide and 30 inches deep through natural meadow, four miles north of Brookport. Can be done by the end of the year. Address: W. W. Bennett, 310 N. Y. Life Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

EDWARD PETERSON, State Fire Marshal.

LIST OF LETTERS Remaining uncalled for in P. O. Pine City, Minn., for week ending Dec. 14, 1907.

Mr. Ed. Barrett. Mrs. Agnes Martell.

In call for the above letter please say "Advertised," giving the date of this list.

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No Money Wasted.

Critics of the Salvation Army have charged that the funds contributed by the public are wasted and misapplied...

The Farmer's Opportunities.

German ingenuity not long ago created a flourishing industry based on the substitution of washed potatoes for wood in the manufacture of lead pencils...

A New York woman who was plumed for a family tree—not a pine tree—from which she could pick off a few kins for ancestors...

The dahlia rival the hansom cab in the matter of having smothered the memory of the man after whom it was named.

England has kindly sent us an apple of happiness which is going to teach us how to cheer up.

A Massachusetts judge has granted a divorce to a wife whose husband persistently searched his pockets.

The natives of Formosa have little common with the people of California, but they do share the spirit of the dahlia.

HARRY ORCHARD IS PUT THE RACK

SEVERELY CROSS-EXAMINED BY CLARENCE DARROW FOR DEFENSE.

His Story is Unshaken—Petibone's Attorney, However, Shows Up the Confessor as Guilty of All Kinds of Crimes.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 14.—Clarence Darrow, the Chicago attorney who is conducting the defense of George A. Petibone, had Harry Orchard, the state's chief witness, on the rack for two hours and a half Friday, endeavoring to discredit his testimony.

The cross-examination was rigid and effective in that it Orchard was pictured as an inhuman monster, a murderer, bigamist, perjurer, gambler, thief and incendiary.

Twice only during the day did he try to confuse Orchard in regard to his testimony, and each time he failed.

Darrow laid particular emphasis on the fact that Orchard was a criminal before he became acquainted with Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

Before telling of the Stuenenberg murder Orchard detailed his alleged attempts on the lives of Fred Bradley at San Francisco, Justice Gilbert, Justice Goddard and Gov. Penobut at Denver and of plans which he said were made to kill Sherman Bell, Frank Henry Sawyer and John H. Campbell.

Secured Much Dynamite. He said he got 50 pounds of dynamite at Max Malch's place, where it had been left by Adams, Malch and himself after stealing it from a magazine.

Next came the narration of the second attempt on Judge Gilbert, in which he said Pettibone assisted. A bomb, he said, was set with a wire across a path frequented by Gilbert.

Wanted Presidential Talk Switch Him from Senatorial Race. I have no thought of surrendering my candidacy for United States senator.

New Record in Immigration. Washington, Dec. 16.—Immigration to America during the year ended June 30, 1917, was vastly greater than in any previous year of the history of the United States.

Two Apprehended by Gas. New York, Dec. 17.—A woman and a girl were accidentally asphyxiated in an apartment on East One Hundred and Fourteenth street Monday, while a two-year-old child by the same name escaped unhurt.

Veteran River Pilot is Dead. St. Charles, Mo., Dec. 14.—Capt. Ed. Ward, 81, a veteran river pilot on the Mississippi river since he was 18 years old, died here from pneumonia.

TROOPS FOR HOPKINSVILLE

GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY TAKES STEPS TO PROTECT TOWN.

One Company of Militia Sent to Repel Raiders and Relieve Frightened Citizens.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17.—Upon recommendation by Adjt. Gen. Johnston, Gov. William Monday ordered company H, of the First Kentucky militia, to leave Louisville Tuesday morning for Hopkinsville.

Adjt. Gen. Johnston reports to me that the people in Hopkinsville are under a severe strain, receiving a great deal of relief, and that the impression prevails that the men connected with the last attack are in readiness to make another.

He incloses a signed request from the county judge, Adjt. Gen. Johnston and mayor of the city, asking for troops.

The presence of troops will restore confidence and relieve apprehension and cause all citizens to unite to punish the lawbreakers and restore the rights of every citizen.

WOMAN CALLED A FIREBUG.

Ohio Temperance and Church Leader is Arrested.

Norwalk, O., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Martha A. Campbell, president of the Women's Christian Temperance union, superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school at Stouenville, and wife of a wealthy Greenfield township farmer, was arrested Friday in Sandusky on a secret indictment charging incendiarism.

The indictment charges that Mrs. Campbell burned a dwelling owned by Miss Lea Mather, a neighbor, in October. Miss Mather also has been indicted for the same offense.

NEW YORK BANKS SWINDLED.

Fictitious Cotton Warehouse Receipts Floated for Large Sum.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 14.—It was learned here Friday that parties in New York have swindled banks in that city out of a large sum of money on fictitious cotton warehouse receipts purporting to be from Augusta.

PECULIAR SUICIDE IN PARIS.

Old Man Throws Himself Under Michigan Man's Automobile. Paris, Dec. 14.—An old man was run down and killed Friday afternoon on the Champs Elysees by an automobile owned by James Watson of Calumet, Mich.

MURDERER SANE BUT SAVED FROM DEATH.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 14.—Martin Panigrove, who murdered his sweet heart, Miss Mary Newman, because she would not consent to an immediate marriage, who was sentenced to hang and then committed to the insane asylum here, on order of Gov. Folk, has been declared sane by hospital authorities and Gov. Folk has commuted his sentence to life imprisonment.

OLD BELT COMPANY IN TROUBLE.

Beloit, Wis., Dec. 14.—Creditors of John Thompson & Sons Manufacturing company, makers of gasoline engines, asked that they be declared bankrupt, and J. Ferguson of Rockford was appointed receiver Friday.

Two Die in Mantiquette Fire.

Mantiquette, Mich., Dec. 16.—The three hand mill of the Chicago Lumber company were destroyed by fire here Sunday. Henry Hamuel, aged 52, a night foreman, and Night Watchman Andrew Norton were burned to death. The property loss was \$100,000.

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS



RELIEF ASKED FOR MONONGAH VICTIMS

COMMITTEE HEADED BY GOV. DAWSON SENDS OUT APPEAL FOR MONEY.

About \$200,000 is Needed—Fully 250 Widows and 1,000 Children Left Without Means of Support by the Mine Disaster.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The permanent relief committee headed by Gov. W. M. Dawson, to provide for the widows and orphans in distress through the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, Sunday prepared an appeal for funds that is being sent to chambers of commerce and kindred organizations all over the country.

Contributions of clothing, toys for the orphans at Christmas time, and similar donations are to be sent to W. H. Moore, mayor of Monongah, and chairman of the committee looking after the temporary wants of the victims.

Text of the Appeal.

The committee's appeal in part is: "At Monongah, West Virginia, on Monday, December 8, an explosion in the mines of the Fairmont Coal company resulted in the death of approximately 350 employees.

Only 250 widows and 1,000 children are left without any means of support. The most of these families live in the company houses at Monongah, the remaining families in various countries of Europe.

TRAGEDY IN A MOTOR CAB.

New Yorker Murders Woman and Then Kills Himself.

New York, Dec. 17.—A murder and suicide in an automobile cab occurred in the streets of Brooklyn Monday night. The victims of the tragedy were Elsie Kelly, a telegraph operator, 22 years old, and Bernard E. Wallace, who has been employed by the Commercial Cable company in this city.

TRIED TO REMOVE HIS APPENDIX.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—Crazed by delirium while suffering from typhoid pneumonia and laboring under the hallucination that he could cure himself by cutting out his appendix, William Eichler, 47 years old, of McKeesport, this county, stabbed himself in the left arm with a butter knife. He died at the McKeesport hospital.

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THAT SWEET CHILD.



"You'll be too old to sit on people's knees soon, Dolly."

BLACK, ITCHING SPOTS ON FACE.

Physician Called It Eczema in Worst Form—Patient Despaired of Cure—Cuticura Remedies Cured Her.

"About four years ago I was afflicted with black spots all over my face and a few covering my body, which produced a severe itching irritation, and which caused me a great deal of suffering, to such an extent that I was forced to call in two of the leading physicians of... After a thorough examination of the disease, the physician announced it to be skin eczema in the worst form. Their treatment did me no good. Finally I became despondent and decided to discontinue their services. My husband purchased a single set of the Cuticura Remedies, which entirely stopped the breaking out. I continued to use the Cuticura Remedies for six months, and after that ever spot was entirely gone. I have not felt a symptom of the eczema since. It was only three years ago. Mrs. Lizzie E. Sledge, 540 Jones Ave., Selma, Ala., Oct. 28, 1905."

Result Achieved to Injury.

An organ-grinder had been playing before the house of an irascible old gentleman, who furiously and amidst wild gesticulations ordered him to move on. The Italian stolidly stood his ground and played on, and at last was arrested for causing a disturbance. At the court the magistrate asked him why he did not leave when he was requested. "Me no understand moose English," was the reply. "Well, but you must have understood by his motions that he wanted you to go," said the magistrate. "I tink he come to dance," was the rejoinder.

There is more Calumet in this section of the country than all other sections combined. For a great many years Calumet has been the most prominent local resource, and by constantly falling in more with local treatment, it has become a more and more valuable resource. It is a natural resource, and therefore requires no artificial treatment. It is a natural resource, and therefore requires no artificial treatment. It is a natural resource, and therefore requires no artificial treatment.

Highball!

"Yes!—Did you go to exercise with a medicine ball?" Crimsenbeck—"Well, I've taken something for snake bites, but that's what you mean."

High Cream Prices.

Justice, it would seem, is both blind and deaf.

Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna

Cleanses the System Effectually. Dispel Colds and Headaches due to Constipation. Acts naturally, acts truly as a Laxative. Best for Men, Women and Children—Young and Old. To get its Beneficial Effects Always buy the Genuine which has the full name of the Company.

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion, and Biliary Colic. A perfect remedy for Headaches, Neuralgia, Dizziness, and all the ailments of the Bowels. Sold by all Druggists.

SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE.

Small Pills, Small Dose, Small Price. Genuine Small Bear Face-Simile Signature. Refuse Substitutes.

SQUADRON LEAVES HAMPTON ROADS

Vessels of Atlantic Fleet Sail to Join Their Sister Ships of Pacific at San Francisco—Thirty-Five Ships Under Command of Evans

Hampton Roads, Va., Dec. 16.—Led by President Roosevelt in the yacht Mayflower, the Atlantic squadron, under command of Admiral Evans, passed on its voyage to San Francisco, where it will join the Pacific squadron and proceed across the Pacific.

Quick Work of Preparation.

The president issued the orders for the sailing of the fleet on August 22, and since then coal mines, railways, and other agencies have been working to get the fleet ready for its voyage.

There are a variety of foodstuffs, including tons of cereals, salt meats, dried fruits and canned goods, and 30,000 pounds of flour for making fresh bread in lieu of long-anthracite hard tack. There are tons of desiccated foodstuffs that have already been tested and found good, and the more recent additions—dried eggs and dehydrated vegetables. There are 9,000 pounds of dried eggs, an equivalent of 35,000 fresh eggs, and when the Christmas baking is on and the 30,000 fresh eggs also carried are not available, the mixer of cakes will take the dried product, when mixed with water will froth as easily as the fresh.

New methods of communication between the ships have been installed, and new methods of controlling the fire from the guns. So new is this system of fire control that a retired naval officer was heard to remark when the news came to him: "That is a good idea, a good idea. I am glad to hear it, indeed, for fire is a most dangerous thing aboard a ship." The Colorado was first in this experiment. Wireless telegraphy had been a part of a battleship's equipment for so many years now that it is quite an old story, but the fleet decided it must have wireless telephony, too, so the past few weeks have witnessed a busy scene in Hampton Roads, and in New York and Brooklyn harbors, where experts have been busy putting in the appliances.

Equipped with Telephones.

New officers aboard any ship of this Atlantic fleet may converse with any one on board, or with persons aboard any other vessel within a range of eight miles. The system installed is that invented by Poulsen, a Dane. The telephone can be cut out and the system worked with a Morse key in wireless telegraphy, if desired.

Despite the enormous amount of work and of money necessary to fit out this Atlantic fleet, it was done to a degree of system and efficiency never yet paralleled. It is so great a feat of engineering that it has become a point of interest between that which is continental Congress fitted out on December 22, 1875, that it seems hardly credible that so great a change should have taken place in one nation in 132 years. In that year, at the suggestion of Rhode Island, congress decided that a navy was needed to maintain the

architecture that the bulky Merrimac forebadowed.

So great has been the revolution in battleship building in the half century that comparison is almost impossible. Shortly before the civil war the Merrimac, the Minnesota, the Hoosier, the Franklin, the Colorado and the Saratoga were finished, frigates and sloops of war of the highest type then known. So wonderful an achievement in naval architecture were they supposed to be that they were sent to England as an exhibit, and were a revelation to the people who saw them. They were constructed with the world-old idea in mind, that sooner or later they must grapple with the enemy, and with vessels fashioned after their own pattern as men as did John Paul Jones when he drove the Bon Homme Richard against the Seraphs. They carried such ordnance as was known in the war of 1815, and when the civil war broke out, they became a part of the 600 vessels that formed what some one has called the country's "nautical curiosity." Of course they could not be compared with the 16 clean built, graceful, powerfully armed battleships that swung out to sea today. The difference is so wide, so great, so remote, that they might have belonged to some other country and some other age.

Connecticut is Flagship.

Admiral Evans chose the Connecticut as his flagship. Capt. Ingersoll is her commander and chief of staff of the Atlantic fleet. Upon the shoulders of Rear-Admiral Brewster at Washington, much of the work of preparation fell. The splendid condition of the fleet when it left its anchorage here today shows how well he has done it.

History of American Navy.

It was in Hampton Roads that the first chapter in the world's history of iron clads was written. It was in Hampton Roads that the nation gathered 16 of her finest sea fighters ready for a trip of nearly 20,000 miles. Where the Merrimac swung climatically across the channel long ago and drove terror to the hearts of seamen who had never yet seen such a monster, iron clads as graceful and as swift as greyhounds have come and gone all summer until they have become a familiar sight. Among these in the Minnesota, the largest of Uncle Sam's big battleships, and next only in size to the Dreadnought, which King Edward ordered for the navy of Great Britain, and the Satsuma, Japan's new monster of the deep.

The first appropriation made for a navy for this country was that of the continental congress in 1775, and the sum of \$10,000 was expected to purchase, equip and generally outfit 13 ships. For the present year, ending July, 1908, the navy will have needed \$125,041,999, an increase of \$5,000,000 over last year. Nine million alone go for ordnance stores. The last appropriation of congress for the building of ships was \$100,000,000 to be expended on two big ships each of which measured 510 feet in length, 85 feet beam, and make 21 knots an hour. Three million dollars was appropriated for submarines of the Holland type, and in September five torpedo boat destroyers were contracted for. Think of this in comparison with the

CONGRESS MUST GO SLOWLY

Such is the Declaration of Mr. Tawney of Appropriation Committee.

Important Government Financial Statement Given Out by Minnesota Legislator. Expenditures for Year Exceed Revenues.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Chairman Tawney of the house committee on appropriations effected its organization by the appointment of the sub-committees as follows: Sundry Civil—Tawney, Smith, Brownlow, Fitzgerald and Sherry; Legislative—Bingham, Gillett, Driek, Livingston and Burison; District of Columbia—Candler, Bowers, Maddox, Burison and Vreeland; pensions—Keller, Gardner, Brownlow, Bowers, Livingston; fortifications—Smith, Grant, Gillett, Sherry and Fitzgerald; deficiencies—Tawney, Keller, Livingston, Brundidge, Jr., and Vreeland; permanent appropriations—Brick, Grant, Madden, Burison and Brick, Jr.

At the close of the committee's meeting yesterday Chairman Tawney gave out the following statement: "The committee on appropriations in congress are confronted with a situation which will require a very material revision of the estimates, submitted for public expenditures for the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1909. In order to meet the appropriations within the possible and estimated revenues of the government.

"The estimates submitted at the beginning of this session of congress for the new fiscal year totalled \$895,980,642. The estimates for the next fiscal year, submitted at the beginning of the session, in a book of estimates totalled \$996,949,238, or an increased estimated expenditure of \$101,968,646. The estimated total revenue for the next fiscal year is \$878,123,011, while the actual revenue, including postal revenue received during the last fiscal year, which total revenue was larger than that of any previous year in the history of the government—was only \$846,725,339.

Saloons Must Close.

St. Paul, Dec. 18.—Attorney General E. T. Young sent a letter today to Mayor Smith, and notified him that the state law requiring saloons to close at 11 p. m. must be enforced. The text of the letter was not made public, but it stated that a formal complaint had been filed with the state's legal department, alleging that the city administration was neglecting to enforce the liquor law. It notified the mayor that if he persisted in his conduct, the law made it his duty to see that the general court of proceedings for his removal. The law is well established under the St. Clair ordinance, and the attorney general's positive stand is expected to bring the 11 o'clock lid down with an emphatic slam.

Holdup Defeated.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 18.—A special train loaded with officers left here to investigate what is believed to have been an attempt to hold up Northern Pacific passenger train No. 3 near Trent a few miles east of Spokane.

When the train approached a point this side of Trent a signal was seen waving. As several signals had been seen there the past week and always proved to be false alarms, the engineer decided to stop. There was no accident to the train.

"If it were to have a commerce we must have a navy to defend it," wrote Col. Humphreys from the Barbary Coast in 1793 after he had been sent to see there was any means of stopping the piracy of Algiers and Tripoli on American trading vessels. For years the nation had been the victim of a series of payments tribute to these countries, and after Washington had incorporated this sentiment in his message of 1794 the United States paid tribute because there was no navy to prove her independence. However, that congress appropriated \$700,000 with which to build six frigates. Among these were the Constitution, now the oldest ship about under any flag, and a training ship for apprentices at Portsmouth. With this fleet and its later auxiliaries, Decatur took the return of Algiers and Tripoli a stern lesson, and America soon took her place among the naval powers of the world, a place which was disrupted after her victories over Great Britain in 1812-1813.

MINNESOTA NEWS

Interesting Items Gathered in the Gopher State

Well Provided. St. Peter—There are well filled granaries and root cellars at the St. Peter state hospital for the insane. From an agricultural viewpoint the year has been successful, and the showing is the best ever made by the hospital farm. In 1906 the value of farm products reached a total of \$31,900, but the figures this year will exceed that figure considerably.

Diversified farming is carried on on quite an extensive scale at the hospital. There are 450 acres of land under cultivation, and John Hurt, the institution farmer, made them yield abundantly. Potatoes, the largest of products with 10,000 bushels, and there are 6,000 of barley, 5,000 of corn, 5,000 of oats. Onion eaters among the patients will revel in 1,000 bushels of strong-scented bulbs, there are 1,500 bushels of carrots, 1,000 bushels of turnips and 6,000 bushels of other grains and vegetables. During the summer the inmates consumed 8,000 quarts of strawberries and 15,000 watermelons and cantaloupes, and fully 20,000 heads of cabbage, with many bunches of celery, have been stored in the cellars.

Asbestos.

Tower—What promises to be two of the greatest ore finds in this section of the country has been discovered of late and is being thoroughly investigated by the local business men.

Within a radius of three miles of the city of Tower an asbestos mine has been discovered, and within four miles a field of soft iron ore has been discovered. These latest discoveries were made by two of the local men, Dr. D. J. Murphy and D. Graham. The asbestos ledge is about one-fourth of a mile square at the surface and is of a rich quality. The men have in their possession some rich specimens, but as to the extent of the ore in depth they cannot state at the present time, as this part has not yet been thoroughly investigated. The specimens of iron ore are rich, but nothing is known as to the extent of the body.

New Dick Law Void.

St. Paul—The ditch law passed by the last legislature was laid away on the shelf in the opinion handed down by the supreme court, in which Justice E. A. Jesgaard declares chapter 101 of the laws of 1907, a new ditch law, to be unconstitutional and void. The new law gave the owner of wet lands the right to drain them across a neighbor's land. If the neighbor's land was affected by the drain offered an objection it was up to the town supervisors to appraise the damage. William Paulson of Rockford attempted to dig a ditch across the land of Charles Schubert, who entered a protest, on the ground that the new law permitted the taking of private property for private purposes.

Big Christmas Dinner.

St. Cloud—Inmates of the state institutions will be given a good Christmas dinner as usual. The state board of control is now securing birds on various delicacies. Christmas trees will also be furnished and every effort will be made to give the inmates a real Christmas day.

Bids will be asked for oranges, bananas and lemons, 3,500 pounds of apples, 3,000 pounds of candy, 8,375 pounds of poultry, 223 gallons of oysters and 30 barrels of cranberries.

A Surprise.

Minneapolis—Dressed in blue jeans and apparently not overburdened with wealth, a gentleman strolled up to the corner of the city controller's office and calmly offered to buy the purchase some of the recent issue of park and school bonds.

When assured that the bonds could be purchased in lots of less than \$50 each he smiled blandly and produced currency and certified checks to the amount of \$100,000 which he said he wanted to invest in the bonds.

NEWS NOTES.

Brookridge—The Breckenridge Telephone company has filed articles of incorporation. The officers and directors are all local residents.

St. Paul—The corner-stone of a temple being built by the Sons of Israel congregation at Fairview avenue and Robertson street was laid.

Minneapolis—Harry Clay Blaney, the diminutive comedian, has a new play season entitled "Willie Live, Harry Delivers," which he will present at the Bijou Opera House, all of Christmas week. As the name of his new play suggests, it is a comedy about the adventures of the irrepressible "Willie Live," the wacky character which Mr. Blaney has made so successful. "Across the Pacific," and "The Boy Behind the Gun."

Belle Plaine—Frightened by a prospect that their taxes will be increased, because the city has voted to put in waterworks, fifteen farmers have petitioned the district court to enjoin them from withdrawing from the collection, so far as the assessment and collection of taxes is concerned.

Fergus Falls—The bank statement just published here shows an increase in deposits of \$86,180.34, as compared with the same time last year.

St. Paul—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the home of late Senator Fergus Falls—The bank statement just published here shows an increase in deposits of \$86,180.34, as compared with the same time last year.

St. Paul—Frozen body of J. P. Smith found in woods, pistol by his side.

St. Paul—Miss Ethel Larson, a resident of the Upper Levee, was found dead in bed.

St. Paul—Climbing growers of the state will meet at the Capitol at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14.

St. Paul—The possession of a counterfeit \$5 bill got a man arrested by Detectives Collins and Schmidt on a charge of burglary.

St. Paul—The twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. George Setz, 84 West Jessamine street, several days ago, were found dead in bed.

Crookston—The opera house to be dismantled, and the town will be without any of the larger attractions until a new house is built.

Glencoe—The new Woodman-Odd Fellow hall was dedicated here. Over 500 attended the ceremonies. The hall is a substantial structure, erected at an expense of \$5,000.

Brainerd—George Sullivan, recently resigned as policeman, has filed a charge with the city court, alleging that he was forced to resign for improperly applying the "lid."

Minneapolis—An unidentified woman dropped a suitcase containing the body of a baby a few weeks old from the Wisconsin Central bridge in Minneapolis. The woman escaped.

Hemlock—Twenty-five feet of fry from the state fish hatchery, which have been placed in Lake Bemidji for the purpose of replenishing the lake with fry during the winter that inhibit the "deep" in the local lake.

Tower—What is seldom seen in even this part of the country in the winter has been here in the possession of the men here in their possession some rich specimens, but as to the extent of the ore in depth they cannot state at the present time, as this part has not yet been thoroughly investigated. The specimens of iron ore are rich, but nothing is known as to the extent of the body.

Mankato—The distribution of nine new companies needed to bring the Minnesota national guard up to the requirements of the Dick law in order that the \$200,000 of arms may be secured is causing the officials considerable difficulty.

Rocheater—The franchise to give the Tri-State Telephone company the right to enter this city as a competing line was given its final blow at the city council meeting. The ordinance was read three times, but no vote came to a vote it was a 4 to 2 against the proposed franchise.

Minneapolis—From a poor typewriter girl to the fortune of a fortune of \$100,000 is the good luck that has befallen Miss Stella M. Blethen, stenographer. She has been named in the will of George F. Porter, the Minneapolis business man who died suddenly last week in Omaha, as the beneficiary of a bequest of that amount.

Hennepin—Timothy Russell, fifteen years of age, a student at St. Thomas college, fell a distance of forty feet from the balcony of the building, and struck his head on a ledge. Two ribs on his right side are fractured, and he is thought to have received internal injuries, the real extent of which cannot at present be determined.

Fairbault—Mrs. Harry Downs, living in the northwestern part of Rice county, was killed by falling out of a wagon. She and her husband were hauling with three horses, and she drove the single horse. The wheels struck a stone, threw her from the wagon and the load passed over her. She died within several hours after the accident.

St. Paul—One of the finest specimens of a moose head ever taken in Minnesota, now in the possession of the state game and fish commission, is to be presented to Admiral Lord Charles Bessford, head of the English navy, by W. T. Bailey, a Duluth lumberman. The head is already mounted and will be shipped to England at once in order to reach there for Christmas.

Twin Valley—Fire destroyed the yards, warehouse and office of the Twin Valley Implement company's warehouse and office and the Weismann & Wiede warehouse. The total loss is about \$20,000; insurance about \$0,000. The origin of the fire is not known.

Milan—The Standard Lumber company's office and part of its sheds burned to the ground causing a loss of several thousand dollars.

St. Paul—Patrolman Palmer of the Rondu police station in stopping a team was painfully hurt. The team belonged to the American Cigar and Candy company and was away at Rice street and University avenue.

Mankato—The Mankato Baseball association has been organized, with headquarters at the Mankato state league to be formed. John H. Holmann was elected president.

Fergus Falls—Continued low weather and friction resulted in obtaining the danger of a low (amine) in this part of the state.



REAR-ADMIRAL "BOB" EVANS.

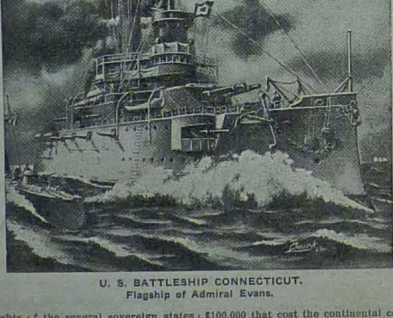
provision dealers, and manufacturers of heavy ordnance and ammunition have known the busiest season they have had since the Spanish-American war. Altogether 35 vessels go to San Francisco, and when all have assembled in the waters of the coast of California, "Fighting Bob" Evans will have under his command the largest, most invincible, most perfectly equipped fleet that has ever mobilized in one place since the history of the world began.

The aggregate displacement of the vessels sailing is nearly 42,000 tons, and the aggregate power is 664 guns of four inch calibre and over. The four divisions of this fleet will carry 531 officers and 11,500 enlisted men, as fine an array of jacksies as any navy has ever known, and an entire fleet, and, too, for as soon as the news of the cruise was noised abroad enlistments increased rapidly throughout the navy and decorations became practically unknown.

The modern wife who puzzles for days over the packing of her husband's grip and trench basket when he is off for a week's hunting trip, can never begin to appreciate the enormity of Columbia's task in fitting out her 11,500 men for an outing of 115 days, in which they are not expected to set foot on land at all. Besides all the stores that each ship can carry when her capacity is taxed to its fullest, there will be two ships that carry supplies alone, the Glacier and Colgate, and they will carry many novel foodstuffs that have never yet been carried by any navy of the world.

Immense Supply of Coal. The item of coal alone is not inconsiderable. On October 15, contracts were let for 123,000 tons to be delivered at the six seaport towns where the fleet will stop, Trinidad, Hoquiam, Punta Arenas, Callao, Magdalena bay and San Francisco. It is mined in West Virginia, shipped by rail to four tide water docks on the Atlantic, and when there is handled by American companies in 20 foreign steamers to the ports named, with their cargoes. The cost of fuel will be about \$2 a ton, and the cost of transportation will come to \$175,000.

2500 officers accompany the fleet. The Marcellus, Hannibal, Leonidas and the Sterling accompany the fleet to Trinidad, and then return for more coal. Others will go to be his and return to join the fleet at Magdalena bay, and all steam leave for America by the ship's side to supply for the Mars Island navy yard. The Connecticut carries 120 tons of hydrostatics made of steel and cast iron, and there is a 200-ton lot for use in the navy. The cost of outfitting, exclusive of the cost of coal, will be \$1,200,000, a sum more than equal to the bonded debt of the state of Idaho or the state of Washington. As to provisions, Columbia must pack enough in the giant hampers to feed her sons for the long 115 days



U. S. BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT.

rights of the several sovereign states and ordered 12 ships built each of \$66,000. Among the stores they carried were 7,000 pieces of canvas for sail, and the canvas was hard to get when suspicious England was watching. The vessels were purchased and remodelled and guns were bought between November 2 and December 1, and the commander of safety of Pennsylvania loaned 400 stands of arms and gave four tons of gunpowder. One assuming item of the five naves of requisites that the committee made for the sailor's supplies was canvas for padding bunks "one all over every 100 feet."

In striking contrast, too, is this fleet to the one that lay in Hampton Roads on the morning of March 8, 1862. It was then that the first iron clad in the history of the world was introduced into the world from the New York Navy yards and destroyed the wooden fleet. The Merrimac with her crude armor of railroad iron revolutionized the navy of the world, and the Atlantic fleet steaming out through the same channel in the great realization of that supremacy in naval

TWIN CITY MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—West—No. 1 northern, \$1.08; No. 2 northern, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.02; No. 4, \$1.00; No. 5, \$0.98; No. 6, \$0.95; No. 7, \$0.92; No. 8, \$0.90; No. 9, \$0.88; No. 10, \$0.85; No. 11, \$0.82; No. 12, \$0.80; No. 13, \$0.78; No. 14, \$0.75; No. 15, \$0.72; No. 16, \$0.70; No. 17, \$0.68; No. 18, \$0.65; No. 19, \$0.62; No. 20, \$0.60; No. 21, \$0.58; No. 22, \$0.55; No. 23, \$0.52; No. 24, \$0.50; No. 25, \$0.48; No. 26, \$0.45; No. 27, \$0.42; No. 28, \$0.40; No. 29, \$0.38; No. 30, \$0.35; No. 31, \$0.32; No. 32, \$0.30; No. 33, \$0.28; No. 34, \$0.25; No. 35, \$0.22; No. 36, \$0.20; No. 37, \$0.18; No. 38, \$0.15; No. 39, \$0.12; No. 40, \$0.10; No. 41, \$0.08; No. 42, \$0.05; No. 43, \$0.02; No. 44, \$0.00; No. 45, \$0.00; No. 46, \$0.00; No. 47, \$0.00; No. 48, \$0.00; No. 49, \$0.00; No. 50, \$0.00.

Only a Few More Days Before

X-MAS

and if you have not already finished your shopping, do it now. Our lines are still complete, and we shall try to keep them so up to the last minute.

CANDY and NUTS

Will be the first Things to go.

Christmas Groceries

- Citron Peel, per lb. 25c
- Orange " " 20c
- Lemon " " 10c
- Seeded Raisins, " 13c
- Cleaned Currants, " 10c
- Walter Baker's chocolates, per cake..... 20c
- Dominio Crystal sugar, 5 lb package..... 50c
- London Layer Raisins, fancy quality, per lb. 25c
- California table raisins, extra fancy goods, 1 lb cartons, per lb. 20c

Pickles

A barrel of Heinz fancy sweet pickles, nothing finer, per quart, 25c

Sweet Potatoes

Per pound, 3c

Oranges

Fancy California Navels, all sizes, per doz., 20 to 50c

NOTICE

It will be a great help to us in getting delivery orders out on time from now until Xmas, if you will send them in early in the morning. We have our own team, and with a little help from our custom-ers we will be able to take care of you on time during the Big Dash.

Get The Habit!

Trade at

THE BIG STORE.

PINE CITY MERCANTILE COMPANY

News of the Week.

Chips Picked Up Around Town and Vicinity

Allice Lyons visited over Sunday in the Twin cities.

Jas. Hurley departed Monday on a business trip on the Ranges.

Dolph formed the debate tonight, Duluth Central high vs the Pine City high school.

Miss Amanda Kaib departed for Minneapolis Tuesday to spend the winter with Mrs. Graler.

Royal Hunt accompanied John Mullen on a surveying trip to Hinckley, Monday morning.

Dr. K. W. Knapp, dentist, permanently located in the new Volmer building, Phone No. 61.

Mrs. Margaret O'Brien and sister, Miss Lydia Payne spent the latter part of last week in the Twin cities.

Eugene Barnum is working nights at the electric plant during the absence of Fritz Johnson, who is doing repair work about the mill.

Jay Netser who is at work for Capt. Seavy, in the woods above Duluth, came down Saturday to spend Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Henry Krass and children of Proctor, arrived on Tuesday to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. August Zastrow, at Chetek, Wis.

John Tyra has sold his saloon and building to Jas. Karas, the consideration being \$5,200. Mr. Karas took possession of the saloon on Monday last.

If you want to buy a new Christmas present for your horse, call on V. Bele and look over his stock. All his stock is hand sewed, and thoroughly reliable.

Christmas festivities will be the order of the evening at both the Presbyterian and M. E. churches next Tuesday. A Christmas tree and an interesting program at each church.

Henry Glanville, who is working for the D. M. and N. with headquarters at Proctor, arrived last week to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in this place.

Sunday afternoon, P. W. McAlister and Ernest Dosey took advantage of the fine ice and the lively breeze, and gave a few of their friends a ride on their ice boats. Mac and Ernest are getting to be quite accomplished ice boat skippers.

P. A. Hill, of Fort Pierre, S. D., brother of Grandma Piper, arrived on Monday to spend several days visiting relatives and friends here and at Hustletown. Mrs. Piper has not seen her brother for over twenty years. Mr. Hill is a successful ranch owner near Fort Pierre.

Mrs. Olsen, mother of A. R. W. Olsen, of the Pine Poker, arrived Friday and spent Sunday with her son. She departed Tuesday for Glenwood to spend Christmas with her daughter and family, and after the first of the year will go to Stockholm, S. D. to spend the winter with her daughter and family at that place.

Chemist Dr. N. Lehnen, of St. Paul, was up on Tuesday, and drove down to the J. Bennett Smith Corp. per mine. The Doctor informs us that the prospecting stage at the mine is now over, and that the time has come when the mine has grown too large for the present machinery. We acknowledge a pleasant call from the doctor.

Louis Kowalek returned Monday from St. Paul, where he has been practicing with Dr. Robt. White, the noted veterinarian of that place. Louis came up for a couple of days to visit with parents and friends. He returned to St. Paul, Wednesday to remain until Christmas after which he will return to his studios at Toronto, Can.

Mask ball will be given New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st, 1907. We have lots of masks to select from and will take your orders for renting any costume for the evening. Leave orders before Sunday evening, Dec. 29th. We can satisfy the most particular, with suits, from \$1.00 up.

J. Y. BARCKENRIDGE

M. O. Guphill departed Wednesday afternoon, Mich., where he will join Mrs. Guphill, who has been visiting in Michigan since last June. Mr. and Mrs. Guphill will visit relatives and friends at various points in Michigan, and will not return until next spring. Mrs. Guphill's many friends will be pleased to learn that her health is much improved.

F. Horeje, of Beroun, was a Pine City business visitor Tuesday, and made the Pioneer a pleasant call. Mr. Horeje recently purchased from Jos. Chalapsky his hardware and general merchandise store in Beroun, and reports his new venture as prosperous. Mr. Horeje is a recent arrival in Beroun from St. Paul. He is a gentleman of sterling integrity and good business ability, and will prove a valuable acquisition to the ranks of Beroun's business men.

Sheriff Hawley transacted business in Sandstone, Monday.

Stephen Jansky, of Starbuck Lake, spent Monday in the county seat.

Chas. Tingley, of Minneapolis, has been transacting business in town this week.

John Wytanbask of Finlandson, was a business visitor at the county seat, Wednesday.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Springer of Hotel Agnes has called off the banquet for tonight.

Otto and Rudolph Froehlich, of St. Paul, made the doctor and his wife a pleasant visit of a few days, this week.

We are sorry to report that John D. Yessan was confined to his bed the latter part of last week and the fore part of this week.

Frank Mista, of the town Munch, was fortunate in the capture of a wolf last week, receiving \$12.50 from the bounty thereon.

Dr. Swartout, the dentist, will occupy his dental parlours, in the Rybak block, for one week, beginning on the 20th day of December.

O. H. Westeman, of North Branch, passed through here Monday morning on his way to Hinckley to look after his lumber interests at that place.

Saturday, Dec. 21st, will be the shortest day of the year. Remember the old adage—"When the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen."

Encourage your home institution of learning by attending the debate between the Pine City and Duluth High School orators, at Stekl's hall, tomorrow evening.

Miss Agnes Brackett, who has been spending the past year in Maxpass, N. D., returned home last week accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Goghlan, who lives at St. John, N. Dak.

Comrade Chester Pitt was again seen on our streets Monday, after being shut up in the Jonas Gray residence since the last day of November. He made us a pleasant call Monday.

D. C. Gray, our popular station agent, who has been confined to the house with a slight attack of small pox is, we are pleased to say, able to be at his work again, the quarantine being raised Monday.

The Tri-State Telephone Company have a crew of men at work on the line from this place to Mora by the way of Cornell and Brookpark. The crew have been at work for the past couple of weeks, and on Tuesday had reached the school house this side of Pokegama lake.

Gerard E. Kruse, who resides on a farm one mile north of town received the sad news on Monday that his sister, who was 74 years old, four years older than Mr. Kruse, had died at her home in Golden, Ill. The Pioneer, with the many friends of Mr. Kruse extends its sympathy to the family in their affliction.

Miss Alvina Tesner, of Manchester, Mass., arrived on Tuesday to spend a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis Artz and family, who reside about nine miles northwest of this place, on the Jarvis bay road.

When leaving here she will visit with her parents near Arlington, before returning to her eastern home.

Have you seen the two elegant prizes to be won at the best costume ball and gentleman at the Fireman's Masked Ball New Year's Eve, Tuesday Dec. 31st? They are a chafing dish for the lady and a shaving mug, brush, and Gillette safety razor for the gentleman. They are on exhibition in the north window of the drug store.

Mrs. William Snell, nee Miss Anna Wescott, of Minot, N. D., visited friends in this place over Sunday. She came up from Minneapolis, Saturday, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. J. Albrecht, for a couple of weeks. She departed for Rock Creek Monday noon, where she visited relatives and friends until Tuesday noon when she departed again for St. Paul to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wescott. Mrs. Snell's many friends in this place were pleased to see her.

Miss Whitney, of St. Paul, has just opened Millinery Parlors in the building lately vacated by Mr. A. M. Asplund, and requests the ladies of Pine City and vicinity to call.

MISS WHITNEY

Popular Specials.

Wanted—Someone to do family washing. Inquire at Hotel Agnes. All those calling E. A. Wiley's graphophone tickets are requested to present the same at his store before January 1st.

For Sale—two and three inch elm plank, equal to white-oak for bridges, cow-stables, etc. \$15.00 per M. G. H. Cunningham, Starbuck Lake, Minn.

Coal Stove—Hard coal burner, for sale cheap. Apply to F. W. Redlich.

See I. H. Claggett in regard to excursions to Texas.

If you have any Stenography work to do, kindly leave it at the Pioneer office.

For Sale—120 acres farm, 5 miles east of Rock Creek; 40 acres clear, and 40 acres woodland, and 40 acres pasture; good well and good buildings. For particulars call at this office.

Storm Windows and doors at Midland Lumber and Coal Co.

Horton, the photographer, is in his studio every Tuesday and Wednesday.

The choicest water front lots in town for sale by I. H. Claggett. See I. H. Claggett about farm on us on 10 year plan, with the privilege of paying one-fifth each year. Rates reasonable.

For Sale—120 acres partly improved 1 1/2 miles north of Pine City. Will sell for \$19.00 per acre. Inquire at this office.

Bring your cream to Madden's.

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caters to your trade in DRESS GOODS, BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, SHOES, ETC., ETC.

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December Stock Good sale 33 1/2 per cent discount

During this month we offer a complete line, consisting of International, Meyer's, Stockman's and Clover Leaf brand Stock Foods at two thirds of the regular price.

Regular \$1.00 size package 66c

Regular 50c size package 33c

Regular 25c size package 16c

Regular \$3.50 pall \$2.33

Allen's Flour, Feed and Seed Store

Don't wait, they will not last long at these prices.

Allen's Flour, Feed and Seed Store

Notice for Hearing on Petition for Administration

State of Minnesota, County of Pine, in Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of Johnathan Adams, deceased.

Whereas, Rebecca Adams and Laura A. Rice have filed in this Court a petition praying for administration of the estate of the above named deceased, and that notice of said petition therein be granted to H. S. Akin U. S. District Judge, and that said petition be heard, and that all persons interested in said estate be and appear before this Court on the 15th day of January 1908 as in and to the said petition, and that notice of said matter can be heard, show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted, and that this citation be served by the publication thereof in the Pine County Pioneer according to law.

Witness the Honorable, Robert Wilcox Judge of said court, and the seal of said Court, this 15th day of December 1907.

ROBERT WILCOX, Probate Judge, L. H. McKenick, Attorney for Petitioner, Dec. 30-27 Jan. 23-08

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The Best Line Ever Brought to the Village.

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A Full Line of Harness and Horse Supplies.

I also carry a full line of Trunks, Suit Cases, Telescopes, Satchels and Traveling Bags, all kinds, and prices.

Now is the season when your horses need Blankets Call and look over my fine new stock. Harness repairing of all kinds a specialty.

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

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The Transformation of Old Nick

By S. E. RISER.

OLD NICK BRADSHAW was the richest man in Jonesburg, and for 50 years he had also been the most hated. There was a tradition that a girl whom he had married one Christmas day had eloped with another man a few hours before the time set for the wedding. Whether the story was true or not Old Nick, as everybody called him, had become a recluse. Nobody ever had a kind word for him.

It had been agreed that the death of Old Nick would be the luckiest thing which could happen to Jonesburg. Therefore there was general surprise when it was announced one year that Nicholas Bradshaw intended to have a Christmas tree for all

themselves to keep from freezing, and every little while there were cheers for Mr. Bradshaw.

At last the hands on the courthouse clock indicated that it was 12:30, and then one of Old Nick's hired men appeared with the key to the door of the big hall. With a wild rush and a loud whoop the people crowded inside and hurried upstairs. The Christmas tree loomed gloriously before them. Its branches were laden with packages all neatly tied with ribbons and each bearing a card on which was written the name of the person who was to receive it. The tables were set and ready for the feasters. There were his brown turkeys with drumsticks pointing upward; there were huge cakes, there were filled wineglasses at



The Christmas Tree Loomed Before Them.

the children in the town and that he would on the great day give a dinner to the people.

Three weeks before Christmas he began his preparations. He rented the biggest hall in the place, had an immense evergreen tree set up in it, and hired carpenters to fill it with long tables. The people could hardly believe that their eyes did not deceive them when they saw him getting things ready.

He made many mysterious visits to the great city in which the Jonesburg merchants bought their goods, and he always returned bearing many boxes and packages. Sometimes they were too big or too numerous to be carried by him, and he hired expressmen to take them to the hall, while the people stood on the sidewalks and made respectful remarks about the way they had wronged Mr. Bradshaw, or insisted that they had suspected all along that beneath a stern exterior he possessed a kind heart.

After the tree and the tables had been set up nobody but Old Nick himself was permitted to enter the hall. He explained that he wanted every one to be surprised. He carried the boxes and packages up the stairs alone, and he had the windows carefully curtained, so that nobody could see from the outside what was being done within.

On the day before Christmas the last shipment of Nicholas Bradshaw's boxes and packages arrived from the city. There was a wagon-load of them, and the excitement of the people as they saw them being transferred from the railway station to the hall where the feast was to be held became intense. Old Nick saw the wonder in the faces of the citizens, and he smiled with keen satisfaction. The day was very cold, but he apparently was oblivious of the fact. The people said it was the warmest of his heart that kept him from feeling the bite of the icy winds.

Christmas day dawned clear, and the town was astir earlier than usual. Expectancy was on tiptoes. The hall was to be opened at 12:30 sharp, so that people who wished to go to church could do so and still be in time for the beginning of the ceremonies over which Old Nick was to preside.

The crowd began to assemble an hour before the time set for the opening of the doors. People danced on the sidewalk, slapped their hands against

plates and on which was printed this statement: "I have for a long time believed that the people of this town celebrated Christmas, not for the purpose of exhibiting the true Christmas spirit, but simply to outdo one another in making a big show. If you are true to the faith you possess you will forgive me for what I have done and thank me for teaching you a valuable lesson. It is not what you give or what you receive, but the spirit in which it is given and received. I give you all these things with the heartiest good wishes and with the hope that joy will be yours in fullest measure. How will you receive them?" NICHOLAS BRADSHAW.

For a moment there was painful mouset a chair and said:

"I think Mr. Bradshaw has, as he says, taught us a profitable lesson. We have been drifting away from the true Christmas faith. We have made Christmas a time not of joy but of dread to the people who have to pay for the bills. We give not for the joy of giving, but with the hope of receiving something just as good in return. I propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Bradshaw for opening our eyes."

Some of the children and a few of the women were inclined to be silent, but the vote of thanks was given with a good deal of enthusiasm, and then Old Nick opened the door of an adjoining room which was filled with real things to eat and fine presents for all the people, and when everybody was seated and the feast was at its height he stood up, saying in tones that were rather hoarse:

"Friends, I have for a good many years been a skeptic. I have not believed in God and I have regarded all people as being inherently mean and selfish. You have shown me that I was mistaken. My old faith has come back to me; you have made me the happiest man in the world. God bless you all!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Three Weeks of Merry-making. Many unique customs are practiced by the peasantry living in the central mountains of Norway, though masquerading is not as much indulged in as formerly. There is a legend of an old man called the Dovregubbe, who was supposed to live in an enchanted castle and drive about on Christmas night, visiting his wrath upon all peasants who failed to place a bowl of rye porridge in his way. Very little shopping or unnecessary work is done in Norway until January 13, the time between that date and Christmas being largely devoted to joyful family and friendly relations. The Swedes and Norwegians of America, who are able to visit their native land, always plan to do so at the Christmas season, for it is one of the greatest joys to be at home in time for the heartfelt greeting of "Glaedelig Jul."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Making Him Work. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the president of the Woman Suffrage association, was citing diplomatic ways of making children work.

"A Chicago lady," she said, "has a little boy who hates to practice writing. Last fall she told me that in this matter of writing she could do nothing with the lad. But in December, when I met her again, she said, complacently:

"Well, Harry spends quite two hours a day now at his writing regularly."

"How in the world," said I, "did you bring this miracle to pass?"

"The woman winked slightly. "I told him," she said, "to make out, in his very best hand, a list of everything he wanted for Christmas, and he has been at it ever since."

Sure Thing. A man doesn't know how many ways there are to be uncondemned by exchanges Christmas presents with a lot of his young lady friends.—Birmingham News.



"Hello, Santa Claus!"



LOOKING UP THE CHILDREN'S RECORD

The Best Wishes of the Season

To the Solitary, the dwellers apart by choice or by chance, with heartbeats that for one hour dull and for two would glow and sing—to all of these,

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

To them that are set in Families, where love, bestowed with no thought of its return, passes back and forth abundantly between open hearts—to all of these, parents, children, kinsmen, friends,

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

To the Poor and the Rich, envying each the other's freedom from the cares of too little and too much, yet learning year by year that without health and enthusiasm and faith and love, none can be rich, and with them none can be poor—to these,

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

To the Workers, the vast fortunate majority, in humble places and in high, often baffled and disheartened, questioning if there is not somewhere for them a greater work with a greater reward, yet haggard the last if they will have it so, in seeing the figure they have wrought in the fabric of living, a figure drawn by the great Designer for their weaving and none other's—to all of these,

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

To Old and Young, with the years behind and the years ahead, years that show but a span in the centuries since the Light first shone from Bethlehem upon the paths of service, humility and sacrifice and gave to all the ages a spirit that has made them one; to Young and Old, treading with gladness these lighted paths, even though not always knowing whence the Light comes—to all,

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

—Yearly Companion.

Japanese Santa Claus. The patron saint of Japanese children is named Kettle. He is always pictured with a big sack, which is said to contain presents for the good children. When Kettle wishes to cross a river he uses this sack as a boat. He is believed to have eyes in the back of his head to watch the little ones, and has various other qualities which remind us of our Santa Claus.

The "Christmas Pye." A "Christmas pye" of the olden times was an immense and expensive affair. At one time it was compounded of flesh, fish and dowl, and the crust was called a "collie" in old English books.

Christmas in the Olden Times

By Sir Walter Scott

EAP on more wood!—the wind shall
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.
Each age has deemed the severest year.
The fittest time for festive days.
Even, beaten yet the savage Dane
At his mere deed the mead did drain:
High on the beach his galley drove,
And feasted all his pirate crew.
Then in the low and pine-built hall,
Where shields and axes decked the wall,
They gorged upon the half-dressed steer,
Caroused in seas of ale and beer.
While round in brutal jest, were thrown
The half-scoured rib and marrow-bone;
Or listened all, in grim delight
While scalds yelled out the story of a fight.
Then forth in frenzy would they lie,
While wildly loose their red locks fly.
And, dancing round the blazing pile,
They make such barbarous mirth the while.
As best might to the mind recall
The boisterous joys of Odin's hall.
And well our Christian airs of old
Loved when the year its course had rolled.
And brought blithe Christmas back again
With all its hospitable train.
Domestic and religious rites
Gave honor to the holy night.
On Christmas eve the bells were rung;
On Christmas eve the mass was sung;
The only sight, in all the year,
Saw the steeple strike the chalice near.
The daisied dorel the shrill shrill.
The hall was dressed with holly green;
Yorth to the wood ill merry-men go,
To gather in the mistletoe.
Then opened wide the baron's hall
To vaunt, to taunt, to jest, and all.
Power laid his rod of rule aside,
And ceremony doctored her pride.
Who logs before his death be borne,
That night might village partner choose,
The lord, undressing shorn,
The vulgar game of "post and gate,"
All halted, with uncontrilled delight,
And general voice, the happy night
That to the cottage, as the crown,
Brought tidings of salvation down.
The fire, the well-dried logs supplied,
And, roasting upon the chimney side,
The huge hall-table's saken face,
Scrubbed and shone, the day to grace.
Here then upon its massive board
No mark to part the serving and lord.
There was brought in the lusty brew,
By old blue-coated squires men;
The green board shone, from end to end,
With bay and rosemary.
Well can the green-garbed ranger tell
How, when, and where the monster fell;
And all the halting of the bear,
The stags, the hares, the good brown bowls,
Garlanded with ribbons, blithely twined.
There sat the archbishop, hard by
Plum-porridge stood on Christmas tide,
Nor failed old Scotland to produce
At such high-tide, her severest goose.
Then came the merry makers in,
Who lists may in their mummery see
Traces of ancient mystery.
White skirts supplied the masquerade,
And smothered cheeks the vires made;
But, O, what makers rightly light
Can boast of bosom's so light!
England was merry England, when
Old Christmas brought his sports again,
Twas Christmas eve, the night,
Twas Christmas eve, the night,
Twas Christmas told the merriest tale:
A Christmas game, it could cheer
The poor man's heart through half the year.

Holiday Cheer.

See that your stockings are right side up; never turn the hose on Santa Claus.

"What would you like for Christmas?" "A match and an ash tray." "But you don't smoke." "No, but think of the bills that will be coming in."

"Now, children," said the teacher of the juvenile Sunday school class, "can any one tell me what man attained the greatest age in the world?" "Santa Claus." "No, but think of a small boy who had ideas of his own."

Tees—May I having her own troubles worrying about Caddy Ruxley. Jess—Surely, she doesn't want to marry that simpering Tees.—Of course not, but she's having trouble keeping him on the books 'ill after Christmas.

Nelly—Do you expect to have much fun at the Christmas masquerade? Dolly—How can I help having it? My hat will be trimmed with mistletoe.

While the kiss under the mistletoe doesn't count, yet every girl counts how many she gets.

Stella—Don't you believe it to more blessed to give than to receive? Bella—Yes, indeed, there is no tangling ignorance of how much the gift cost.

"I won't be good," said Willy. "Then Santa Claus won't bring you any presents." "Wasn't I bad last year, and didn't I get more?"

Under the Mistletoe

The crimson coals within the grate
Were burning clear and bright,
The room was half in purple gloom
And half in rosy light,
I entered from the Winter dusk,
Where softly fell the snow,
And saw her stand with drooping head
Beneath the mistletoe.

I placed an arm about her waist,
And from her lips I drew
A kiss that breathed of roses wet
With drops of honey dew,
But all the same I knew that when
She heard my step below,
That artful maid arose and stood
Beneath the mistletoe.

Lack of haste sometimes means a waste of a job.—Thomas Aquinas.

