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FIRST STATE BANK PINE COUNTY.

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Commercial Banking in all its Branches.

Insurance written in Reliable Companies.
Drafts on domestic points sold cheaper
than express or postoffice money orders,
Drafts on Europe sold. Land Bought and sold.

Taxes Paid for Non-Residents.
PINE CITY, MINNESOTA.

MEDICAL MEN MEET

The Quarterly Meeting of the Chicago Pine County Medical Society held at Pokegama Lake.

The quarterly meeting of the Chicago Pine County Medical Society was held last Tuesday at the Island hotel, Pokegama Lake. The doctors arrived on the limited and were at once taken up the lake in the Sanatorium launch, where the first stop was made and the place inspected. From there they went to the hotel where a banquet was served, after which the doctors had their program which consisted of a short business session. Drs. Little and Nippert of Minneapolis, each read a very interesting paper. Those present were Dr. J. W. Little, Minneapolis, Dr. Louis Nippert, Minneapolis, Drs. Theo. Zein and Oscar Stenberg of North Branch, Dr. and Mrs. Gray and Dr. Anderson, Rush City, Dr. and Mrs. Wiseman and Dr. and Mrs. Froehlich, Pine City, Dr. H. P. Dredge, Sandstone, Dr. Tysberg of Taylor's Sanatorium. The next meeting will be held at North Branch, October 12th.

ROCK CREEK

Mr. Wilson was shingling his barn last week.

Having begun in full speed this week.

Leon Nelson is building a new addition to his barn.

John MacKaele has been visiting with Harry Mills this week.

The little boys of Rock Creek are practicing playing ball, and will soon be a good team.

Henry Hassett is now living in Wilson's old house, and is now doing his own housekeeping.

Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Strandberg were here to see Mrs. Alander, last Thursday, because she was on the sick list.

Some of the little boys around here are saying to build a dam to get the water in Rock Creek high enough to make a swimming pool out of it.

The M. E. Sunday school picnic has been postponed for the second time, because the people are too busy working in the field, and could not spare time enough to come.

A nice Sunday School picnic was held in Oscar Anderson's grove, on Sunday last, for the Swedish Lutheran Sunday school children. A good lunch was served, and a nice time was reported.

Last Sunday afternoon the Rock Creek and the local Woodmen team won the cross-stay on the south side of the creek, near Julius Anderson's. The score was 9 to 14 in favor of the Woodmen.

Died in Illinois.

Mrs. Schuyler Kilgore received word last week that her father, George Holler, had died at the home of his grand daughter, Mrs. Sophia Adels, who lives at Hardensville, Ill., July 6th, 1908. Mr. Holler was 77 years old the 4th day of last September, and had been visiting at Hardensville since last February. Mr. Holler is well known here by having made his home with his daughter in this place and his son, John, of Sandstone, but formerly of Meadow Lawn. The Pioneer extends its sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Bring your cream to Madden's.

A SAFE DEMONSTRATION

The Pine City State Bank Opens Its Outer and Inner Doors to the Public, and Gives an Object Lesson.

Last Saturday afternoon, as announced by the advertisement appearing in the Pioneer, Mr. G. L. Gifford, representing the Victor Safe and Lock Co., of Cincinnati, O., gave the public a demonstration of the new Victor Spherical safe which has recently been installed in the fire-proof vault of the Pine City State Bank. Those who were present had their eyes opened as to the safety of modern banking institutions. Ice cream was served to the visitors during the demonstration.

Burglary—especially safe breaking—has in the last decade gradually ceased to be an occupation of science or skill. To-day the safe-breaker no longer requires those beautifully fashioned, delicate yet powerful instruments and tools which formerly excited both the admiration and the solicitude of the manufacturer. The modern "yeggman," tramping it casually along a country road with a small phial of nitroglycerine, a tiny battery, a few yards of wire and an ignition-cap in his pocket, is able to open any kind of a plate safe, if not with neatness, certainly with dispatch. No longer is the ambitious "strong-arm" man doomed to hours of exhausting and necessarily noiseless drilling, wedging, spreading or jacking; for the introduction of nitroglycerine has not only obliterated their onerous labors, but has again enabled the safe-cracking industry to gain a step on the safe-making one. From the earliest days of safe making, the contest between the maker and the breaker has been closely analogous to that between the armour plate manufacturer and the gunsmith, with the safe-maker a little in the lead.

The use of nitroglycerine has dealt the time element, so favorable to the enforced honesty of the burglar and the confident security of some citizen's valuables, a knock-out blow. In daylight the yeggman is the harmless vagrant, and at night the terror of the bank official. The simplicity of the yeggman's methods is as great as the old-fashioned safe that so often is his "meat," but even safer of modern design of the plate constructed type, fall or, rather, meekly open before his ruthless and explosive attack. Even if the crack surrounding the door of the safe be so small as barely to allow the insertion of a sheet of paper it is sufficient to permit the entrance of nitroglycerine, either by means of a funnel or by forming a putty-up around the opening, located at the top of the door. The ignition cap is then placed in position and connected with the pocket battery by means of wires, which are brought in contact to make a spark—and the doors start on its aerial journey.

Should the door on the plate constructed safe—either square or round door—fit sufficiently tight to prevent the insertion of nitroglycerine, (which is rarely the case) then the plan usually adopted is to explode a small amount of nitroglycerine on the door-joint or on top of the safe where the front and back sections of the body are joined together. This will cause the screws holding the plates together to start and the plates to spring sufficiently to permit the insertion of a heavier charge of nitroglycerine, which will permeate down through the plates and around the screws, and then exploded rarely fails to destroy the whole structure.

Among other banks which have installed the Victor safe we can mention the County Bank & Trust Co., Canby, Oregon; the Seaside State Bank of Seaside, Minn.; Florence Deposit Bank, Florence, Ky.; Bank of Buckner, Buckner, Mo.; Peoples Bank of Stamping Ground, Ky., all of whom express themselves as highly satisfied with the action of the new burglar proof safe. A first class bank is a safe depository. The Pine City State Bank is one of these.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Pine County's Board Meets in Regular Session on Monday, July 13th, and Transacts Business.

The county board met July 13, all members present. A lot of the townsite of Burbury covering the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 15, Township 42, Range 17 was presented and on motion said plat was duly approved in accordance with Chap. 438 laws of 1907.

A petition for the formation of a new town to be known as Crosby was taken up and considered, and on motion it was voted that said new town be formed and established. The time for holding the first town meeting will be Saturday, August 1st, at the residence of I. E. Crosby.

The petition of J. W. Martin and others asking for the formation of a new school district in the town of Partridge, was on motion laid on table.

A petition signed by forty-four reholders of the county asking for the laying out and establishment of a county road on the town line between the towns of Bruno and Fleming, was presented and read. The 7th day of September, 1908, at 1 o'clock at the office of the county Auditor, was fixed as time and place of hearing on said petition. Commissioners Johnson and Clough were appointed as a committee to examine the proposed road and report on the same.

The petition of Frank Kosik, asking that he with his lands be set off from School District No. 3, to District No. 22, was on motion granted. The application of Albert Warren for abatement of taxes on real estate in the village of Hinckley, was on motion favorably recommended to the state tax commissioner.

Commissioner Foster was appointed to arrange for the building of a suitable granary on poor farm. A list of persons qualified to act as grand and petit jurors for the year 1908 was fixed with the clerk of court.

A revised list of the delinquent personal property taxes for 1907 was filed with clerk of court.

The village council of the village of Banning agreed on an appropriation for a street bridge across Kettle River in that village, the total cost to be \$3,000, and Commissioners J. W. and Clough were appointed to confer with village committee in regard to bridge.

The following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, by the Board of County Commissioners that the following taxes be and the same are hereby levied upon the taxable property of said county for the year 1908, and that the County Auditor be instructed to levy such taxes:

Ordinary county expenses, reserve fund, \$20,000.00. For support of poor, \$5,000. For interest on county bonds, \$1,000. For general road and bridge fund, \$3,000.

A tax of one tenth of one cent was ordered for the support of public schools.

The usual amount of bills were disposed of.

ROYALTON SQUIBS

Charles E. Ridout, of Elk River, is visiting J. P. Davis and family.

Fritz Beer, of St. Paul, is a guest of his friend Jos. P. Heeger this week.

Misses Alta and Irene Colcaud on friends at Ore. last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Gross, of St. Paul, visited her sons and other relatives in this vicinity last week.

Patrons who are interested in the welfare of the school, should attend the school meeting in the school house Saturday evening, July 18.

An automobile coming splashing along the Franzen road at a rapid rate last Sunday, and caused quite a commotion among the people returning from church. Several beams became almost unmanageable, and girls might be seen jumping in all directions from the rigs.

PINE CITY WINS EASILY

An Aggregation From the Saintry City Comes up and is Put to Sleep by the Local Nine.

The game of ball on the diamond on the north side of the river on last Sunday afternoon, was a complete walk-a-way for the local team, the score at the end of the game being 10 to 10.

Before the game started the youngsters who called themselves the Grottos of St. Paul, but to us they looked like a lot of kids who saw a chance for a lark and get their expenses paid, said that they had not been beaten this year and they told no lie, for this was the first game they ever played together. The only players they had in the bunch was the pitcher and a little kid in knee pants that played short.

During the practice game the on-lookers thought that they were going to see a good game of ball. Before the second inning was over it was evident that the local team had the game all their own way.

Clinton Breckenridge did the twirling for the locals and made good. In the first inning he passed a couple and a short single, the only safe hit made off his delivery bringing in the only score they got.

On the other hand, the locals pounded the Grottos left-handed pitcher all will and won the game by their superior batting, fielding and base running.

We have not been able to find out whether there will be a game Sunday or not.

MEADOW LAWN.

Harvey Lyseth began work Tuesday for D. L. Whitehouse.

Florence Sperring spent from Friday until Monday at her home.

W. H. Hamlin and family were callers at the Lawn Saturday evening.

Mrs. Lahart, Mrs. Donlon and son Warren, visited Thursday of last week with Mrs. Culbert of Hustletown.

Carl Cummings was a Sunday caller in Pine City. There seems to be a "tode-stone" attracting him in that direction.

Miss Edith Hamlin is spending a few days at the home of her brother, Robert.

Miss Gertrude Holler departed for her home in Sandstone last week after spending a month with relatives and friends. We all miss Gertrude very much.

Word was received here last week that George Holler had died at the home of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Sophia Adels, in Hardensville, Ill., July 6th, at the advanced age of 87 years. He leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

Notice.

All parties are hereby forbidden to trespass on my property on the East side of Cross Lake.

S. B. WELLS

Anyone having a gasoline engine, pump or machinery of any kind that needs repairs should call on E. W. Splitstover at his machine shop on the bank of the river, back of J. W. Aspell's planing mill.

ICE CREAM and SODA WATER

Good for you these Warm Days

You Know the Place

BRECKENRIDGE'S PHARMACY

MAIN STREET, PINE CITY, MINN.

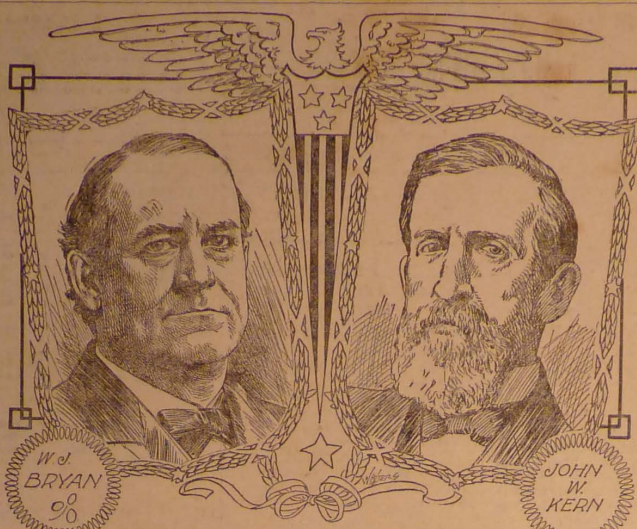
Is your Bread made from Pine City FLOUR? If so, it's Good. IT'S SOLD EVERYWHERE. PINE CITY MILLING & ELECTRIC CO.

Hurry Up! and buy your Lumber NOW! While it is Cheap. We have a Big Bunch of it, which we must sell Quick. G. H. WESTEMAN LUMBER CO., D. A. PAYNE, Manager. Pine City, Minnesota.

Sez 'Rastus Brown, on the first o' June, 'Now, I guess it ain't a bit too soon To think o' winter, an' coal an' sech, For them Trust Fellers has take a itch To raise the price, an' take no pay A good deal more'n I'd pay today, An' fall won't find me up against it all round, With coal stocks down, an' rails snow-bound.

MIDLAND LUMBER & COAL COMPANY, ED. GALLES, Manager. PINE CITY, MINN.

Flies.
Mankind is learning rapidly which of the myriad kinds of living things are friends and which are enemies.
Peas that run crops are zealously studied and fought by the farmer, but some peas that endanger human life are tolerated because their ravages are not visible to the unscientific eye.



ENTHUSIASTIC DEMOCRACY

Stirring Scenes at the Denver Convention Described.

The Big Gathering Will Go Down Into History as a Record-Breaker for Enthusiasm—The Interesting Incidents and Side Lights.

By A. U. MAYFIELD.

HOW THE STATES VOTED.

Table listing states and their votes for Bryan and Johnson. Includes states like Alabama, Arkansas, California, etc.

men from Europe had come to see it. They marvelled. They were astounded. They cheered, they sang, they wept with emotional enthusiasm as did the loyal thousands.

The selection of John W. Kern of Indiana, Bryan's running mate, was more commonplace in comparison, although it showed the lung power and the enthusiasm of the convention had not exhausted.

As I write the story here, crowds in upon my mind myriads of incidents that ordinarily would be worth reading, but so paramount is the impression made by the unprecedented exhibition of religious enthusiasm that mere incidents appear insignificant. It was that mightiest success. The cohorts came to name a man, and they named him. They came with tributes to a twice defeated candidate, and they placed them at his feet. They crowned him with laurels, and if the heaven which was stirred into a riot of fermentation in Denver, once met its avenging there will be something doing next November.

Like the great waves of the restless ocean, now dashing against the rocks and shoals of the shore, now retreating in subdued tides; now roaring and surging in the strong winds of a mighty storm, rocked and pulsated with human animation, set the great sea of humanity in Convention hall at the opening of the convention. Voices of 20,000 souls buzzed and hummed and groaned. It was a spectacle, fraught with enthusiasm and expectancy, that one would long remember.

closed with a resolution in respect of the memory of the late Grover Cleveland.
The Second Day.
So far as Colorado was concerned, she had ordered a perfect day.

Possibly this mid-air atmosphere had something to do with the endurance and yelling power of the lines that were to be tested later in the day. The congregations opened with prayer—it closed with a whoop. The person thanked the good Lord for "the best type of citizenship the world has ever known."

If anyone ever told you this was a gathering of chilly propensities, you would tell them different. Who ever heard of a long and delirious applause following the solemn invocation of a man of God on such an occasion as this? But that is what happened here.

When Theodore Bell entered the hall, led by a band. They played "Dixie," and the crowd roared. Dixie always brought the house down. Now and then the songsters of Nebraska would raise their banner, bearing Bryan's portrait, and there was applause.

Someone wanted to hear Senator Tamm of New York, but he was not to be found. Kentucky then voted to adjourn until night. The vote was not, but there were too many "noes."

A Wonderful Demonstration.
Taft waged war against our constitution, and asked us to give up our right to liberty and self-government.

A Little One Grown Up.
So far the convention had not shown any material difference from the ordinary country convention, except that it was grown up.

And then at last it came—rap, rap, rap—but no host was given. The chairman of the national committee storm and determined in features, held aloft his hands and would have quietude.

The First Outburst.
Dey, staid little like reports of a convention like this would be impossible. They said it was a cut-and-dried affair. Maybe it was, but the man who did the cutting and drying knew the conventional and spiritual qualities of the slices. He knew that dried apples

The name of the great commander had been mentioned.
At first the applause was ordinary. Then it grew in proportions and strength. The flood-gates of enthusiasm had been cranked to earth, and the roar of voices, the hammering upon seats, the waving of flags and the tossing of hats and coats in the air added a most clamorous, delightful demonstration this world has never seen or heard.

It was inspiring!
It was dramatic!
It was pathetic!
A man—a man without the sight of eyes—had pressed the button.

Directly opposite the chairman's stand hung the enlarged portrait of Grover Cleveland. About the gilt frame of the picture was resting softly in that silent face there seemed to be animation. It looked down upon the seething mass of wild humanity, and seemed to say:

How different from the demonstration at the afternoon session was that at the night session. Another man was upon the platform.
Richmond P. Hobson of Alabama—of Spanish bravery and kiasing popularity—was invited to the rostrum.

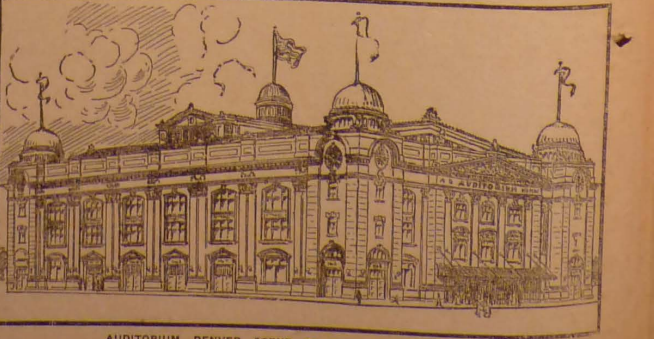
Hobson had some good ideas but he was too long in getting to them. His predicted war with Japan, and his prediction was met with vicious disapproval. His wailing talk about a better navy, but the altitude was too dry for the audience to listen to it.

Hobson soon closed. It was cruelly pathetic. Brave, noble Hobson—leader of a war-blessed and sanctified party's convention. Maybe the audience is not to be judged. It was there to hear of the commander, and not of war. It perhaps loved Hobson for the heroic deeds he had done, but it didn't want him now.

There were cries of "No," "No," all over the convention hall. Hobson tried to go on, but they wouldn't let him. He lifted his clinched hands above his head in defiance, but the frost was on the convention and there was no chance for the captain. Hisses began buzzing over the great hall, and not until Chairman Bell threatened to clear the balconies was peace restored.

But there comes a time of ending to all things earthly. Even Bryan enthusiasm, aided by the sustaining atmosphere of Colorado, could not last on forever.
"Mine die" must be written at the end of the page. Films must appear. The curtain must fall and the lights must go out.

This ended one of the greatest gatherings this country has ever known. Thus closed a convention that has increased more gathering enthusiasm than any like gathering in America.



AUDITORIUM, DENVER, SCENE OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

MINNESOTA NEWS

Interesting Items Gathered in the Gopher State

State Still After Taxes.

St. Paul—In addition to the taxes on gross earnings voluntarily reported by railroads and other public utility companies assessed under the plan, the state public examiner's department has succeeded up to date, in collecting \$270,000 on gross earnings omitted by the companies from their reports since 1922.

A considerable proportion of this amount has been collected recently as a result of a series of examinations of the books and accounts of the railroad companies, conducted by E. W. McGrew, deputy examiner.

In most cases the railroad companies have paid the claims of the state without protest, but in some instances there have been differences of opinion between the state officers and the officers of the roads as to the liability and under those circumstances it has been necessary for the state to begin suit.

Anton Schaefer, public examiner, now has in hand a report under which the state will begin suit against the Soo road for \$49,700.88 in back taxes. This company recently admitted its liability for \$10,000 of the taxes shown in the report and paid that amount.

A Bad Woman.

Rochester—A woman giving her name as Mrs. Adolph Nelson, and claiming to live near St. Paul, came late today Saturday night and put up at one of the rooming houses. In the morning she went to a lunch counter to get something to eat, and going behind the counter she took a knife and some dishes and threatened to clean out the establishment a la cowboy.

The proprietor sent for a policeman, who succeeded in capturing the woman and taking her. The next morning she appeared before the city justice and admitted that she was drunk and disorderly. She said it was morphine, but she admitted that her also had something to do with it.

The justice fined her \$5, which she paid.

Grow Alfalfa in Valley.

Crookston—Joel G. Winkler, formerly deputy state dairy inspector for this part of Minnesota, and now assistant dairyman for the government at Manhattan, Kan., and traveling over at the West Central states, urged the farmers of the Crookston valley to take up the development and cultivation of alfalfa, the growth of which has been commanding a great deal of his attention and study. He says that they raise five crops a year which sells for more than \$10 a ton, and in Kansas they raise four crops a year, which sells for \$12 and he believes that a crop of better quality could be raised in the soils and climates of the north valley than anywhere else in the country.

Narrow Escape.

St. Paul—The hair comb which she wore at the back of her head saved Clara Ziemler, 674 Lee avenue, from being killed. Engaged with jewelry, her escort, said to be Stanley Ross, 315 Fauschler street, shot at the girl, slinging his comb to hit. The bullet penetrated her skull, indicating a long stab in her scalp. Her injuries were declared not to be fatal at the city hospital. Ross, who is accused of the shooting, escaped to the street, shooting and had not been located by the police as a late hour.

The corpse went to White Bear, and it is said, quarters for a time on account of the actions of the young woman with other men of her acquaintance.

Big Men at Fair.

Hamilton—Spencer's urgent invitation to be given by the board of managers of the Minnesota state fair to William H. Tate, William Jennings Bryan and Guy Johnson to speak at the 1928 state fair during the week of Aug. 31. The form and urgency of the invitation will depend upon the choice of President H. P. Nelson, Vice President C. Milton Griggs, and Secretary C. M. Conroy, who, at the meeting of the board of managers, were made a special committee on securing these speakers for the state fair next fall.

Village Losses.

Crookston—The loss in the suit brought by Mrs. Laura M. Gaylord, wife of Attorney Gaylord, of Fortville, Minn., against the Village of Fortville for \$10,000 for damages alleged to have been incurred by slipping on ice caused by a broken water pipe in that village was decided in favor of the village by the jury. Attorney Gaylord dropped his case against the city for the same amount under this verdict. Court has adjourned sine die.

NEWS NOTES.

St. Cloud—Blank file work great havoc among poultry in Minnesota.

Hastings—Judgment was entered in the district court in the sum of \$10,000 in favor of P. E. King, of Havana, and against the Milwaukee road, in the action brought for personal injury.

Minneapolis—A mysterious fire destroyed the pavilion at Minnehaha, thus ending the bitter controversy over building of nursery lanes erected by the park board.

St. Cloud—New Minnesota legislature will probably be asked to pass a law compelling the pasteurization of all milk taken into consumption.

KNIGHTS OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

ELECTRIC PARADE OF SHRINERS WAS A MOST GLORIOUS SPECTACLE.

Spectators Form Solid Row of Faces Along the Line. Pageant Fully One Hour Long. Fully 5,000 in Line.

St. Paul, July 15.—Yesterday marking the third day of Shriner's week, and the first day of the Imperial Council in its actual business session was marked in with more interest than in its most beautiful, and went out in blaze of glory.

Both Minneapolis and St. Paul were out last night. St. Paul caught the big end of the celebration. The most important events of the day were the breaking of ground for St. Paul's new \$1,000,000 Masonic temple, the formal opening of the Imperial Council, the traditional banquet served the Imperial officers, and last and most noteworthy of all, the electrical parade of the evening along the business streets.

It is estimated, and most conservatively, that 15,000 men, women and children—and the number may have been in excess of 200,000—packed the streets along the line of march. It was almost impossible for the extra detail of police to make room for the passing marchers.

The parade started from Capitol Hill at 9:30. The line of march was along Cedar street to Seventh, thence to Broadway, Broadway to Sixth, Sixth street, Sixth to Sibley, Sibley to Third, Third to Jackson, Jackson to Sixth, Sixth to Wabasha, Wabasha to Fifth, Fifth to Washington, Washington to Third, Third to Franklin and Franklin to Fifth and Sixth streets.

The number of marchers was approximately 5,000. It took an hour and 15 minutes to pass a given point. The Arab patrols pleased the crowd along the line of march with exhibitions of military movements, executed in the main, with a precision which was unusual.

And St. Paul in wonder and pride watched the army of invasion roll onward, silent spectators at first and then as the winding chain of Lovelace unwrapped before them they burst into loud cheers that reached far above the light sheen into the night.

For just an even hour the resplendent cohorts of the great prophet passed before the wonder-stricken villagers, and when the last of the glittering train had passed, the light in the distance St. Paul drew a long, satisfied breath. It had seen the best to be done anywhere that year.

CROP DAMAGE EXTENSIVE

Hot Weather's Effect on Crops Is Not Yet Fully Known.

Grand Forks, N. D., July 15.—The full extent of the damage to wheat and other grain from the hot winds of Thursday and Saturday will not be known for several days. Traveling men arriving in the city report the conditions far from encouraging. From Williston to Larimore on the line of the Great Northern there has been extensive damage reported in nearly every locality. Branch line towns of the Great Northern report similar conditions.

Incidentally reports from points in the Canadian Northwest indicate that the damage done there was greater than in North Dakota. The wheat was further advanced and the severe heat had a worse effect than in North Dakota.

The Red River valley counties are feeling reasonably sure of a fair crop. There will be no bumper yield, but the stand of wheat is good and it is heading out in good shape. Oats, barley and flax will be fair crops.

Dreams of Wreck; Jumps.

Ashland, Wis., July 15.—George Recoulier, a news agent running between Mellen and Chicago, had the nightmare, and thinking he was in a brain wreck jumped from a two-story window over a saloon at Mellen, breaking one of his legs and his nose.

Park Is High.

Chicago, July 14.—The hog market which has been steadily rising since March, climbed to the high mark for the year yesterday when prime and light sows were sold at \$7 for the hundred pounds.

Found Pearls.

Barnesville, Minn., July 13.—While a party of bathers were in bathing in Whiskey creek, they found 16 oysters which contained nine pearls. The pearls vary in size.

TWIN CITY MARKETS.

Minneapolis, July 14.
Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.16; No. 2 northern, \$1.15; No. 3 northern, \$1.14; No. 4 northern, \$1.13; No. 5 northern, \$1.12; No. 6 northern, \$1.11; No. 7 northern, \$1.10; No. 8 northern, \$1.09; No. 9 northern, \$1.08; No. 10 northern, \$1.07; No. 11 northern, \$1.06; No. 12 northern, \$1.05; No. 13 northern, \$1.04; No. 14 northern, \$1.03; No. 15 northern, \$1.02; No. 16 northern, \$1.01; No. 17 northern, \$1.00; No. 18 northern, \$0.99; No. 19 northern, \$0.98; No. 20 northern, \$0.97; No. 21 northern, \$0.96; No. 22 northern, \$0.95; No. 23 northern, \$0.94; No. 24 northern, \$0.93; No. 25 northern, \$0.92; No. 26 northern, \$0.91; No. 27 northern, \$0.90; No. 28 northern, \$0.89; No. 29 northern, \$0.88; No. 30 northern, \$0.87; No. 31 northern, \$0.86; No. 32 northern, \$0.85; No. 33 northern, \$0.84; No. 34 northern, \$0.83; No. 35 northern, \$0.82; No. 36 northern, \$0.81; No. 37 northern, \$0.80; No. 38 northern, \$0.79; No. 39 northern, \$0.78; No. 40 northern, \$0.77; No. 41 northern, \$0.76; No. 42 northern, \$0.75; No. 43 northern, \$0.74; No. 44 northern, \$0.73; No. 45 northern, \$0.72; No. 46 northern, \$0.71; No. 47 northern, \$0.70; No. 48 northern, \$0.69; No. 49 northern, \$0.68; No. 50 northern, \$0.67; No. 51 northern, \$0.66; No. 52 northern, \$0.65; No. 53 northern, \$0.64; No. 54 northern, \$0.63; No. 55 northern, \$0.62; No. 56 northern, \$0.61; No. 57 northern, \$0.60; No. 58 northern, \$0.59; No. 59 northern, \$0.58; No. 60 northern, \$0.57; No. 61 northern, \$0.56; No. 62 northern, \$0.55; No. 63 northern, \$0.54; No. 64 northern, \$0.53; No. 65 northern, \$0.52; No. 66 northern, \$0.51; No. 67 northern, \$0.50; No. 68 northern, \$0.49; No. 69 northern, \$0.48; No. 70 northern, \$0.47; No. 71 northern, \$0.46; No. 72 northern, \$0.45; No. 73 northern, \$0.44; No. 74 northern, \$0.43; No. 75 northern, \$0.42; No. 76 northern, \$0.41; No. 77 northern, \$0.40; No. 78 northern, \$0.39; No. 79 northern, \$0.38; No. 80 northern, \$0.37; No. 81 northern, \$0.36; No. 82 northern, \$0.35; No. 83 northern, \$0.34; No. 84 northern, \$0.33; No. 85 northern, \$0.32; No. 86 northern, \$0.31; No. 87 northern, \$0.30; No. 88 northern, \$0.29; No. 89 northern, \$0.28; No. 90 northern, \$0.27; No. 91 northern, \$0.26; No. 92 northern, \$0.25; No. 93 northern, \$0.24; No. 94 northern, \$0.23; No. 95 northern, \$0.22; No. 96 northern, \$0.21; No. 97 northern, \$0.20; No. 98 northern, \$0.19; No. 99 northern, \$0.18; No. 100 northern, \$0.17; No. 101 northern, \$0.16; No. 102 northern, \$0.15; No. 103 northern, \$0.14; No. 104 northern, \$0.13; No. 105 northern, \$0.12; No. 106 northern, \$0.11; No. 107 northern, \$0.10; No. 108 northern, \$0.09; No. 109 northern, \$0.08; No. 110 northern, \$0.07; No. 111 northern, \$0.06; No. 112 northern, \$0.05; No. 113 northern, \$0.04; No. 114 northern, \$0.03; No. 115 northern, \$0.02; No. 116 northern, \$0.01; No. 117 northern, \$0.00; No. 118 northern, \$0.00; No. 119 northern, \$0.00; No. 120 northern, \$0.00.

MINE OWNER TO WED ACTRESS

James MacMillan Started Life as a Reporter.

San Francisco.—James Harry MacMillan, newspaper editor, theatrical owner and mining operator, of Nevada, who is reported engaged to Miss Edna Goodrich, the actress, began life at 20 years of age as a newspaper reporter in Ogden, Utah. He went from one western paper to another, until he became city editor of the Anaconda Standard, which at that time was owned by Marcus Daly. Still following the newspaper work, he became interested in mining in the old



JAMES HARRY MACMILLAN

Georgetown district, and developed several properties there. Having plenty of ready cash and a fondness for theatricals, he went to Montana, where he operated three theaters, one legitimate and two vaudeville houses. With still a high regard of the newspaper profession he went to Goldfield, where he published and conducted the Daily Sun, now the Tribune, which was the first daily paper to be published in Goldfield. Seven months later he sold out and returned to mining.

In the Manhattan district he organized and developed the Manhattan Platinum mining company, which he went back to Goldfield and in partnership secured a lease of the Mohawk Junimo mine. The production from the lease in five months netted the sum of \$1,038,000, with more than \$1,000,000 worth of ore in sight.

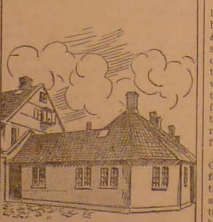
Mr. MacMillan is connected with a large number of mining companies as president and director, and is associated with some of the country's best known multimillionaires. He personally controls some 200 claims in the state of Nevada.

Mr. MacMillan met Miss Goodrich for the first time some months ago, when she was playing an engagement in Goldfield with Max G. Goodrich's company. Mr. MacMillan was born June 22, 1878, in Nevada.

HOME OF FAIRY TALES.

House Where Hans Andersen Was Born Now a Museum.

Copenhagen.—The little house at Odense, Denmark, where Hans Andersen was born, has just been acquired by the town, restored and filled with mementoes of the famous fairy tale writer, making it one of the most interesting of literary shrines. There



Birthplace of Hans Andersen.

are pictures, busts, first editions of the fairy tales, the famous original lead-pencil drawings for the tales by the Danish illustrator Petersen—these, perhaps, the finest things in the museum—and many other interesting relics. One of the busts of Andersen is that made by Joseph Duriam, an English sculptor, in one hour. Here are the Andersen's slippers, his English trunk and traveling bag, his will, and the busts on which his books were made, which, says the little guide book to the museum, "do not testify favorably to the beauty of his feet."

Chicago's Five Maiden Aunts.

Chicago is boasting of its "five maiden aunts" and declaring that they have done more toward securing better industrial conditions in that city and in the country at large than any other like number of citizens in the world. The "five maiden aunts" are Jane All days of Hull House, Julia Lathrop, Mrs. J. H. Paine, Mary McDowell, of the University Settlement, Margaret Haley, who organized the Teachers' Federation, and Dr. Cornelia De Beer, a practicing physician, who secured the settlement of the great stockyard strike by arbitration. Dr. De Beer has also been prominent in investigations of factory violations of the child labor law and is a member of the Chicago board of education.

LIVES AS A HERMIT

ISAAC G. MCGIRR, FORMER MASTER OF PEN AND VIOLIN.

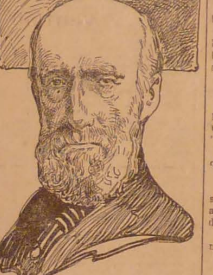
Passing Declining Years Alone in Farmhouse Home in Pennsylvania—Gives Nature Credit for His Greatness.

Washington, Pa.—Washington county has produced many distinguished men in the century and a quarter of her history. The notable achievements of numerous of her sons are written in many places on history's pages. Others—many of them—equally entitled to distinction have been "Born to blush unseen."

For lack of more fortunate circumstances their talents and accomplishments have remained hidden from the world.

In the latter category a striking example is furnished in Isaac Griffith McGirr, the aged hermit-artist and musician of West Pike Run township in a humble cottage surrounded by his two or more acres of land, not far from the village of Bealville, live now alone the former master of pen and violin. The sage caller at the little cottage of Isaac McGirr would little dream that the aged hermit had hidden away in his oakden chest, ever guarded with a jealous eye, specimens of his handiwork which the most notable art critics of America have pronounced faultless. He would never suspect that under the old colonial bed in the corner of the room, carefully laid away in its ebony box, reposed the violin that years ago furnished melody for the most fashionable audiences in the country.

The life story of Isaac McGirr reads like a romance. He was the son of



ISAAC G. MCGIRR

William McGirr, who came to Washington county from Maryland in 1808. His mother was Rebecca, a Washington county girl, who, in her teens, became the wife of Isaac Griffith. He died soon after the marriage. Isaac Griffith McGirr was born in the cottage in which he now lives, in 1828. When about five years old he took to the use of the pen. From his mother's side of the family, he says, he inherited his liking for the art. Before his seventh year of age he was able to write an even, flowing hand, and while still a boy became known as the best penman in eastern Washington county.

After a course under John D. Williams, in Washington, supplemented by a three-months course under Hester & Spencer, of Pittsburgh, McGirr was soon become recognized as a master of the art of penmanship. He early turned his attention to drawing, and with pen and pencil produced some of the drawings that have since been pronounced perfect. Many of them, which he still treasures among his possessions, cannot be distinguished by the naked eye from steel engravings.

While still a small boy Isaac McGirr learned to play the violin. He was 20 he had practically mastered the instrument. His desire to see the world led the Bealville lad to New York city. In the metropolis he readily rose to the top in his chosen profession. He soon became first violin in one of New York's leading orchestras. For several years he was a student of Ole Bull, the master violinist of the age.

In New York Mr. McGirr continued his pen and pencil work, and there he produced what he believed to be his most nearly perfect drawings. Mr. McGirr still has in his possession certificates from a number of notable persons who examined his work in New York and who pronounced some of his drawings the best in existence.

Mr. McGirr's parents having reached the advanced age, they were returned to the West Pike Run farm to care for them in their declining years. He was 13 when that farm has since returned to his home. He has never since been back to New York and the scene of his many triumphs.

McGirr's mother died in 1876 and in 1890 the mother followed her husband to the grave. To the care of Isaac McGirr two sisters were left. Both the sisters died, and Isaac McGirr has since lived entirely alone. Within the next two months he will be 70 years of age.

Despite his advanced years and his unforced solitude, Mr. McGirr is far from disinterested with his lot. In fact, with him to exist is self-sufficiency. He lives close to nature, is a thorough musician and honest, upright citizen. He is a member of the local church and his main points as the explanation for his robust health and splendid physical condition.

PIHOOF FOR TWO GENTS.

If You Suffer with Your Kidneys and Back, Write to This Man.

G. V. Winney, Medina, N. Y., invites kidney sufferers to write to him.

To all who enclose postage he will reply, telling how Dr. J. C. King's Kidney Pills cured him after he had doctored and had been in two different hospitals for eighteen months, suffering in ten's a pain in the back, lameness, twinges when stooping or lifting, lumbago, dizzy spells and rheumatism. "Before I used Dr. King's Kidney Pills," says Mr. Winney, "I weighed 160 lbs. and was completely cured."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Try Murine Eye Remedy

For Red, Weak, Watery, Itchy Eyes. Murine Does Not Smart—Softens Eye Pain. All Druggists Sell Murine at 15c a Bottle. Ask your Druggist in every town. Ask your Druggist. Murine Eye Remedy.

Comfort in That. "I see there's a new weather prophet out west who declares all the rivers in the country will dry up in time." "Well, so will he, thank goodness."

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTOR OIL, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. King* in Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

He Could Still Lie.

"Madam, we found your husband lying unconscious and with his umbrella over the head of another 'perfect lady'."

"What have you to say to the charge?" asked the man. "He had an accident. It was an accident, your honor."

"Do you mean to say that after smashing an umbrella over this woman's head you claim it was an accident?"

"Sure, yes; but I meant not to break my umbrella."

A Man's Tact.

Nobody but Mr. Henley would have asked such a question in the first place.

"Miss Fairley," he said, "if you could make yourself over what kind of hair and eyes would you have?" "If I could make myself over," said Miss Fairley, "I would look just exactly as I do now."

"You would?" exclaimed Henley in honest surprise, and to this day he can't understand why Miss Fairley thinks him a man of little taste and less tact.

Telegraphic Thrift.

News travels so fast nowadays as to render one almost speechless with wonder at the achievements of the wireless telegraph and telephone, says the *Palmira (N. Y.) Journal*. One night last week we saw a case of "whisk" at the Elks' hall in Lyons, and we don't know if home there were three church members, one official and two members of the band on hand to meet us on getting off the car. Since our arrival, all people whom we have hitherto believed respectable have come out of their respective ways to speak kindly to us.

DIFFERENT NOW

Athlete Finds Better Training Food

It was formerly the belief that to become strong, athletes must eat plenty of meat.

This is all out of date now, and many trainers feed athletes on the well-known food, Grape-Nuts, made of wheat and barley, and cut the meat down to a small portion once a day.

"Three years ago," writes a Michigan man, "having become interested in athletics, I found I would have to stop eating pastry and some other kinds of food."

"I got some Grape-Nuts, and was soon eating the food at every meal. For I found that with my Grape-Nuts, I was getting more active and active."

"Later, I began also to drink Postum in place of coffee, and the way I felt was certainly great. On the day I held most in June I weighed 124 lbs. On the opening of the football season in Sept., I weighed 140. I attribute my fine condition and good work to the use of Grape-Nuts and Postum, and to the use of Grape-Nuts and Postum, my principal diet during training season being Grape-Nuts."

"Before I used Grape-Nuts I never felt tight in the morning—always kind of 'out of sorts' with my stomach. Now when I rise I feel good, and after a breakfast largely of Grape-Nuts and Postum, and a cup of Postum, I feel like a new man." "There's a Reason."

Given again by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "The Road to Well-being" in plgs. Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. It is genuine, true, and full of human interest.

CROCKERY for Haying and HARVEST.

A big shipment just in. Everything you may need in white ware, and two new shapes and decorations that are the finest grade ever handled in Pine City.

SNAPS!

A few odds and ends of Decorated Crockery that we had to take off of the shelves, to make room for new goods. We are closing these out at less than the cost of white ware. Look this over early, before it is too late.

Jelly Glasses

Full 1-2 pint size, not 1-3 pint, heavy glass, tin top, for

per dozen, 30c.

Fruit Jar Rings.

5 & 10c per doz

We advise our customers to buy the best, as one jar of fruit lost by poor rubbers will pay for several dozen good ones.

Paraffine Wax!

Seal your jelly with wax, and it will not mould or take a taint from anything.

Get the Habit!
Trade at
THE BIG STORE.

PINE CITY
MERCANTILE
COMPANY

News of the Week.

Chips Picked Up Around Town and Vicinity

Mr. Halva, of Willow River, was a guest of J. A. Peterson last Monday.

Senator Moses E. Clapp went to St. Paul Monday, to attend the meeting of the "Shrimers."

H. W. Harte, of "Heart's Ease," Pokegama Lake, is taking in the meeting of the Shrimers.

Mrs. Harriet Gemmel, of Rush City, and Miss Ruth Barker, of Cambridge, were guests of Miss Portia Huber last Monday.

H. W. Harte returned Wednesday from his visit to the Shrimers in St. Paul. He reports that they were setting too fast a pace for him.

Miss Celestina Cassey, Miss Nora Cassey, of Atkin, and Mrs. S. C. Scott and daughter Marjorie, of Sandstone, are visiting with Sheriff Hawley.

Carl Holmberg, wife and child are St. Paul visitors this week. Carl will attend the meeting of the Shrimers, and Mrs. Holmberg and child will visit with friends.

It is reported that a number of Pine City's young social lights had a delightful row on Cross Lake last Monday, returning some time during the wee sma' hours of the morning.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Dr. Froehlich next Thursday afternoon. Luncheon will be served by Mesdames Froehlich and Roy Carlson.

County Commissioner Parish, of Sandstone, came down Monday, and got exonerated from service on the county board, which met at the court house this week, to attend the meeting of the Shrimers in St. Paul. He went down on Monday's limited.

Mrs. Dr. Knapp departs on Monday next for a two week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Slocumb, of Rockport, Mo. On her way back home she will stop off for a couple of weeks at Dubuque, Iowa, and visit with the doctor's parents.

Mrs. Dan Waldron and children, of Leonard, N. D., who have been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Heywood, for the past month, will return to her western home today. Maggie's many friends in this place are always pleased to see her.

John W. Armstrong, West. Kelly, J. Mins and Mr. Broquist, of Minnesota Lake, were here the latter part of last week, looking up land. They express themselves as highly pleased with the looks of Pine County soil. While here they were the guests of V. A. Bele.

Oren Stutsman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Stutsman, had the misfortune to get the fingers of his left hand caught between the ends of two ties which he was pushing from the saw at the Pine City Lumber Co's. mill Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The flesh of the little finger was split to the bone, and the ring finger was also badly crushed, but no bones were broken.

F. J. Rybak has moved his household goods from the back of his store to his new residence in the western part of town. Mr. Rybak has by far the finest dwelling in Pine City, and when the grounds around the house are completed, he will have the finest home between the two cities and Duluth. Here's to you, Frank, and may you and yours live many long years to enjoy your beautiful home.

A new society called the Equitable Fraternal Union was organized in this place last Friday evening, in Steintz hall with a membership of 32. The officers elected for the year were: R. L. Wiseman, president; K. W. Knapp, vice president; Mr. Sorenson, secretary; F. A. Wiley, treasurer; W. C. Stephan, advisor; C. Sherwood, guard; Peter Hoinm, past president; S. G. L. Roberts, E. L. Wilcox and A. W. Asplund, trustees.

J. S. Hartos, who has been living in the Jas. Karas house since coming here about a year ago, moved yesterday into the rooms in the Volney building, over A. W. Piper's furniture store. Mrs. A. E. Stephans moved at the same time into the house vacated by Mr. Bartos. The new room for the family of Roy, W. C. Pishka, who have moved into the Weick house, which is owned by Mrs. Fisher's parents.

DeV stove wood—All kinds for sale by the Pine City Ice and Fuel Co.

Geo. L. Stevens and wife, of Rock Creek, spent Wednesday in the county seat.

Henry Meyers, wife and daughter, Alice, of Rush City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlson this week.

John Hunt and Chas. Beckenridge returned the latter part of last week from a pleasure trip to Duluth.

Ray, W. C. Fisher and family, of New Jersey, arrived the latter part of last week, and will make this place their future home.

Mr. Sorenson, our popular creamery man, had the misfortune to smash his left hand quite badly while at work in the creamery last Tuesday.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church took in about fourteen dollars at their lawn social, given on the lawn at the residence of Mrs. Robt. Dorr, Wednesday evening.

Clinton Beckenridge departed on Wednesday morning for the Range country to visit friends for a month or so. He will be greatly missed at the base ball games to be played here during his absence.

J. S. Foster, of Rock Creek, Ed. Clough, of Willow River, J. F. Johnson, of Kerriek, and C. C. Ives, of Pine Town, the county commissioners, were here the fore part of the week, in attendance at the regular session of the county board.

Services at the usual hour at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. Subject, "The Greatest Thing in the World." Union service in the evening. Adm. are cordially invited. J. A. Pannoo, Pastor.

Thos. P. Norton and wife, of Chicago, came up, on Saturday, noon train to spend a couple of weeks with his uncle, Gust. P. Peterson, who resides about 10 miles southwest of this place. Mr. Norton is employed by a moving picture firm, and has a very lucrative position. Tom's many friends in this place will be glad to know that he is making good in the Windy City.

Handbills are out announcing a wrestling match in Stebl's hall Saturday evening, between Steve Koen, of St. Paul, and Alex, the Blacksmith, of this place, for a purse of \$100. The match is a handicap, in which Koen agrees to throw the "Blacksmith" two falls in 40 minutes. All those who enjoy athletic sports should not fail to see this bout. Koen is one of St. Paul's well known wrestlers, and will give a good exhibition that will be well worth the price of admission.

Last Sunday evening at about 8:30 it was reported that the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. L. Roberts had died at the Roberts' residence on the east bank of Cross lake. The little one had been very ill for some time past, and its death was no surprise. The funeral was held from the house at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. J. A. Paddock, of the Presbyterian church officiating, and the little one was laid to rest in Birchwood cemetery. The Pioneer, with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts extends its sympathy.

The Wilkesbarre, Penn., Sunday Independent, contains the following which will be read with interest, by the friends of Mr. Smith in this locality: "J. Bonnett Smith, the copper king of this valley, was 74 years old on Wednesday last, and hand-shaking was in order all day long. He was born on Jackson street, in this city, when houses and people were new and far between. He is a well preserved man for his age, never sick and always smiling. His knowledge of the lay of the coal and mineral fields in this section has made many a person rich. Many of the big coal companies have been organized here on his judgment, and the same has occurred in the West, where he discovered copper. He has always been conservative in his work, and at all times reliable. He is one of the few men that have gone through life without an enemy. As a snake charmer, when he was a boy, he took the cake. He caught hundreds of them and sent them to his old friend, the late P. T. Barnum. He derived the name President of the Sasaricus Club years ago, being a discoverer of this root in this valley while running down the big black rattlers."

Popular Spectals.

FOR SALE—A matched team of 4 horses weight 2400. Call on E. Maves, Pine City, Minn.

POST CARDS—20 good ones for 10 cents by mail prepaid. Ashley Card Co., Ashby, Minn.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A large 1 story building with a few room residence, and 120 acres of land adjoining the townsite of Rock Creek. Small business town, balance on easy terms. Apply to Carl Hamberg, Rock Creek, Minn. ju24

SALE—Economy 85 cents, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a dozen, Mason's 75 cents and \$1.00 per dozen. Extra caps, paraffine wax and can rubbers, at Asplund's.

EXTRA Dry Summer Sausage 15 cents, Dry Salt Pork 10 cents, Pine Leaf Bacon 15 cents, Small Hams 11 cents, Good Coffee 8 pounds for \$1.00, Crackers by the box 45 cents and \$1.00 per dozen. At Asplund's.

FOR SALE cheap, the dwelling house on the bank of the river, owned by Mrs. L. M. O'Brien. Bargains at the Variety Store Fair, Day June 30th. Call and see for yourselves. E. W. LANGER & Co.

For Sale—A good gray horse four or five years old, single or double. Apply to Gord E. Kruse, one mile north of Pine City.

DIVIDER'S Potato Bug Killer, Paris Green, and Bordeaux Mixture, for sale by the Smith Hardware Company.

ABSOLUTELY PURE Paris Green at the Drug Store—the kind that kills the bugs.

For Sale—I have for sale my farm of 50 acres 2 1/2 miles northwest of Pine City. Good frame house, log barn, and necessary out buildings. Will sell stock, horses and farm machinery. Apply at this office, or to Carl Gregor. ju 22

DON'T FORGET to call on E. W. Spittstoser for your launch and gasoline engine supplies. Just received, 2 barrels of dry batteries, fresh stock and best on the market.

DIVIDER'S American Potato Bug Killer—Absolutely warranted to kill the bugs and for spraying, everything only 25c per lb. at the Drug Store.

For fine fresh meat and first-class sausage, call on the North Star Meat Co., Jelinek & Janda proprietors.

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

The choicest water front lots in town for sale by I. H. Claggett.



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S. O. L. ROBERTS,
Attorney at Law. Pine City.

K. W. KNAPP,
Dentist.
Office in Volney Building, Pine City.

Bank Talks

By the Pine City State Bank
NO. 2. RIGID RULES

The man who runs his business loosely places himself in the path of bankruptcy. The same principle applies to the banking business.

But rigid rules are worthless unless the bank adheres to them. We maintain rigid rules in the conduct of our business; this is not only for our own good, but also for the benefit of our customers.

To stand by a set of rules enables us to treat every patron of the bank the same, whether his business amounts to much or little. A fair and impartial treatment to all is well worth your careful consideration.

Rigid rules protect our customers. It is possible for us to conduct a safe, conservative banking business, where every element of chance is eliminated.

We ask only a fair price for service and accommodation, and aim to give every depositor the best treatment and protection for funds.

One many years' banking experience has taught us what to do, and how to serve our customers to their advantage. Do you want A. No. 1 service? We can give you such service.

Your business will be better for our rules. We seek the opportunity to prove this.

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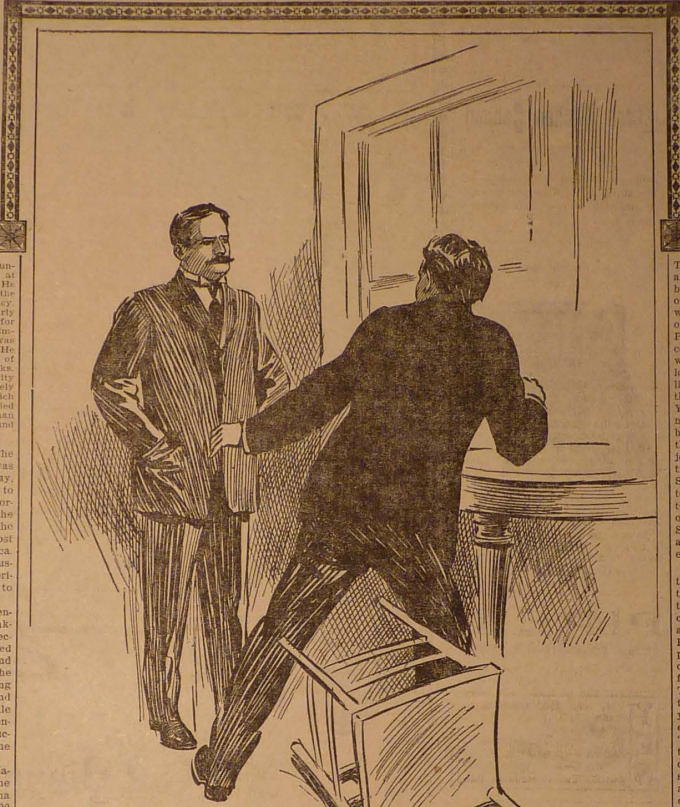
J. W. AXTELL, PINE CITY, MINN.

Robert A. Pinkerton's Solution of a \$40,000 Robbery

Passion for Gaming Table Turns Promising Master Mechanic Into a King of Crooks

By GEORGE BARTON

More than three thousand men, women and children of Susquehanna, Pa., put under surveillance in connection with big theft.



"WHAT DO YOU MEAN?" GASPED THE ASTONISHED MAN

Thief George H. Proctor, a wit, skilled musician, foreman in boiler shops and athlete, succumbs to great detective's marvelous powers of reasoning.

(Robert A. Pinkerton was born in Dundee, Illinois, in 1848, and educated at Notre Dame university in Indiana. He was the son of Allan Pinkerton, the founder of the famous detective agency. "Bob" Pinkerton, in a fact, is usually called, had a marvelous memory for names and faces, and his gallery of criminal photographs and biographies was supposed to be the finest in America. He made a big reputation by his method of handling great crowds at the race tracks. He was a man of unusual general intelligence and did much toward introducing purely business systems into a concern which he regarded as rather romantic. He died August 12, 1907, aboard the North German Lloyd steamer "Freemant" while bound for Europe.)

One morning before daylight the United States Express company was robbed of \$40,000, and, sad to say, there was not a shred of evidence to tell the story of how this small fortune was permitted to slip from the grasp of a corporation that had the reputation of being one of the most careful and conservative in America. The scene of the robbery was at Susquehanna, Pa., and the local authorities did everything in their power to locate the cash, but all to no avail. In this emergency the company enlisted the services of Robert A. Pinkerton. It is probable that no detective in the world was better equipped to grapple with a problem of this kind than "Bob Pinkerton." He had the experience of a lifetime in following the trail of this particular character, and although his adventures were little known to the public at large, he enjoyed the reputation of more success than any other man in the agency.

On June 20, 1883, the Marine National bank of New York sent to the First National bank of Susquehanna a sealed package containing \$40,000 in currency and national bank notes. The money was to be used in the payment of wages of more than 1,900 employees of the Erie Railroad company in the local shops. The package was carried to the United States Express company's office in New York by a clerk of the Marine bank who received a receipt for it. The money clerk of the express company took charge of the cash and inclosed it in the regular canvas pouch, sealed with the company's seal and attached a tag on which was the name of the company's agent at Susquehanna. The pouch was duly delivered to Messenger Van Wageningen, who placed it in the safe with other valuables. It was midnight when it reached Susquehanna and he turned the expensive package over to Dwight Chamberlain, a night clerk and watchman, who was jointly employed by the express company and the Erie Railroad company. Chamberlain placed it in the safe in the ticket office and locked it with a key which he carried in his pocket. After that he was busily employed in his usual duties about the station, frequently being away from the ticket office until seven o'clock on the morning of the 21st.

While casting up his accounts the messenger from the Susquehanna bank arrived and called for the sealed package. The pouch was taken from the safe, but instead of the \$40,000 in cash, a number of small packages of brown manilla paper, cut about the size of bank bills, were found in the receptacle. This being the case, either Chamberlain, the night clerk, one of the employes, or some other person, unknown, was guilty. Chamberlain was subjected to a rigid cross-examination, and at its conclusion Mr. Pinkerton expressed the belief that he was entirely innocent of any complicity in the theft. A careful watch kept on all of the employes of the company brought no developments. At this stage of the game the detective broadened the line of his inquiry so as to include every man, woman and child in the town of Susquehanna. Some instinctive feeling—probably the result of his long years of experience—made him believe that the crime had originated in the little town in Pennsylvania. After learning as much as possible about the personal history of the inhabitants, he began

the process of elimination, dropping out names of all those to whom he was morally convinced on suspicion could be attached. Then he ascertained the names of all persons who had left the town within the preceding 12 months, and as a result of this learned that George H. Proctor, the foreman of the boiler shops of the Erie Railroad company, had gone to Buffalo about a month after the robbery. This was a rich lead and the detective followed it up with great eagerness. He located Proctor in Buffalo without any difficulty and learned that the man was engaged in speculating in oil, and that he had made considerable profit from that occupation.

The man came in the course of a few weeks, and Pinkerton, who had assumed an alias, casually found an opportunity of having himself presented to Proctor. He invited him out for a stroll and finally suggested that they go to his room at the hotel and smoke a cigar. Once there, the detective turned to Proctor and said sharply: "It's no use, Proctor, the game is up!" "What do you mean?" gasped the astonished man. "I mean that my name is Robert Pinkerton, and that I have all the facts in the safe robbery."

"You have!" exclaimed the other. "I have," was the response, "and the sooner we close it out the better." After this Proctor threw off all reserve and admitted his guilt. He said, however, that he had been the tool of two men named Martin and Collins, who were now in Canada. They had given him \$11,000 as his share of the booty which he had placed in a glass jar and buried it in the yard of his house, leaving it there until his removal to Buffalo. Pinkerton believed this story and arranged to permit Proctor to go at liberty, determining to hold him as a witness for the prosecution and also as a de-

coy to bring Collins and Martin from Canada where they had gone to be beyond the reach of the American law. Proctor was allowed to remain at his home in Susquehanna, pledging himself to keep Pinkerton's agency constantly informed of his movements. One morning, however, he broke his parole without warning. Much chagrined at the mistake he had made in the character of Proctor, Pinkerton set about to recapture the three robbers. His first step was to put out a rumor that the trio were being sought by the police for a burglary committed in Canada. On hearing this, Martin, Collins and Proctor purchased tickets to Portland, from whence they had taken passage by telegram on a steamer scheduled for London. Pinkerton was informed of this through the various agencies at his control and stationed himself at Island Pond, a point in Vermont where the Grand Trunk railroad crosses the line into the United States. He boarded the train and interviewed the conductor, who told him that Martin and Collins, evidently suspecting trouble, had jumped from the train during a temporary slow-down on the Canadian side. He said, however, that the third man was still in his berth.

"That is enough," said Pinkerton, and he started for the berth where Proctor was sleeping. Pushing his hand in, he shook the man roughly. "What is it?" was the sleepy response. "Time to get up," said the detective, "hurry." Proctor jumped out of bed and stood in the passageway of the car rubbing his eyes with his hat. "I want you on a matter of great importance, Mr. Proctor."

As soon as he heard his voice, Proctor recognized the detective. He smiled grimly and said: "All right, I guess the jig's up. And the jig was up." In the trial that ensued the full details of the crime became known,

About a year before the robbery Proctor secured employment in the boiler shops of the Erie Railroad company at Susquehanna. In six months his superior skill made him foreman of the shops. In this position he learned that the money used to pay the employes was brought from New York city, and that it was frequently kept in the safe of the express company for 48 hours before being paid to the men. He next discovered who carried the keys of the safe and learned that the agent of the express company at Susquehanna and two of the clerks each had a key. His affable manner soon made him a warm friend of the three men. One day while in the shops, Proctor asked one of these clerks to loan him his keys in order to unlock his tool chest. In a friendly manner he handed Proctor his bunch of keys. They walked together towards the tool chest. Proctor easily picked out the safe key as he walked along. He had a small piece of white paper in his hand, and while he conversed with the clerk he rubbed the key lightly on the soft paper. The impression was perfect. It was all Proctor needed. That night, before going to bed, he had a key exactly like the safe key on the clerk's bunch—such is the expertness of "fitters" in the burglar's world. Before morning he had a plan of all the details of the robbery. He did not deem it safe to attempt the enterprise alone, so he secured the aid of the two Canadians named Collins and Martin. At the time they were living near the Suspension bridge.

Proctor now found that the pouch containing the \$40,000 would leave New York city at six o'clock in the evening on June 20. The train arrived in Susquehanna at three o'clock in the morning. In 60 minutes the pouch had been put in the safe by the agent and taken out by the conspirators. The bogus bag and seal had already been prepared and an hour after the genuine pouch was taken out the other was put in its place.

The substitution took place while the agent was busily engaged in the way-bill department of the station at four o'clock in the morning. The agent was out of earshot the time Martin opened the safe with the key that Proctor had made and took the bag containing the money. The substitute was put in its place and the safe locked, and in ten minutes time Collins and Martin, carrying a valise with the \$40,000, took a train for Corning, N. Y.; from thence they went to Schenectady, and then to Suspension bridge, where Proctor was waiting for them. The object of this circuitous journey was to throw anyone off the trail in case they were followed. At Suspension bridge the three conspirators met and divided their loot. Proctor received \$12,000 as his share of the booty, and calmly returned to Susquehanna, and, putting on his overalls and working clothes, resumed his employment in the boiler shops.

Robert Pinkerton was much chagrined to think that Proctor had been able to hoodwink him in the early part of the affair. Instead of being an innocent accomplice, he was a professional burglar with a checked career. Proctor, when he began the serious part of his life, was a first-class mechanic and at an early age became the foreman of the Portland boiler works. The passion for gambling caused him to lose his position, and in a few years he had joined a group of eastern burglars, acting for them as a "fitter" in opening safes. In the Centennial year, after he was convicted of a safe robbery in Lowell, he was sent to the Massachusetts state prison at Charlestown for four years. He became organist of the prison and had unusual privileges. As a result he became acquainted with Charles Bullard, a fellow convict, who was serving a 20-year term for breaking into the Boylston bank, Boston, and together they conceived a plan of escape. Proctor made impressions of the cell door keys and made keys out of old knives. From time to time he gathered enough clothes to be used by himself and Bullard when they made plans of escape had fully ripened. The clothes in the meantime were deftly hid in the top of the organ. One evening Proctor and Bullard, with seven other long-term convicts escaped. Proctor and Bullard went to Canada by way of New York. In Toronto they robbed the ticket office of the Grand Trunk Railway company at Brockville of \$3,000. A few days later they robbed another ticket office near Quebec of \$4,000. After that Proctor got work in the Toronto safe works, and after awhile was promoted to a traveling salesmanship. When he sold a safe he arranged the combination, and Bullard would follow him a little later and rob the safe. The suspicion of the safe company eventually caused his dismissal.

On another occasion Proctor attempted to break jail but did not meet with his usual success. He pried the bars of the cell door, but when he reached the corridor the sheriff stopped him at the point of the pistol. As a result of this he was sentenced to eight years' solitary confinement, part of this for his original offense and two years for attempting to break jail. A week after his pieces of paper were found on the floor of his cell bearing the impressions of the key of his cell door, the corridor door, and the door leading to the street. It was after he had served this sentence that he went to Susquehanna and lived as an honest man until the opportunity came for him to take part in the great safe robbery.

The "King of Burglars," as Proctor was called, was given a long sentence for the Susquehanna express robbery at hard labor in the Eastern penitentiary at Philadelphia. His accomplices, as far as known, were never captured.

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