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Oats	1.20
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2325c

" 800 to 1000 "

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134c

" 800 to 1200 "

200c

Fat cows

100c

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100c

Bulls

150c

Hogs 100 to 200 pounds

45c

Brisket hams

25c

Stale hams

20c

Stale bacon

20c

Feeding hams

20c

Feeding bacon

20c

Feeding lard

20c

Feeding butter

20c

Feeding cheese

20c

Feeding eggs

20c

Feeding flour

20c

Feeding meal

20c

Feeding oil

20c

Feeding soap

20c

Feeding sugar

20c

Feeding tea

20c

Feeding vinegar

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Feeding yeast

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Feeding water

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Feeding yeast

Living Up to Youth.
How do you keep so youthful?" somebody, says a London correspondent, recently asked King Edward VII. Thereupon his majesty is reported to have replied: "The secret is, to surround yourself with a young companion than your own, and to live up to it." The story may not be authentic; for reality, even when general and popular, does not permit itself to be caricatured in such a way, free-and-easy fashion. But the king might have made the reply truthfully; and it is a true saying, whether he said it or not.

The Americans of odd, friends in earlier years, met after long separation, and one who was an old man and admitted it said, almost fraternally, to the other, "What's new, you young?" The other, who had been for half his life the head of a public school, looked toward the splendid building that sheltered a thousand boys and girls. "With that great wave of youthfulness bearing up against me all the time, how can I grow old?" he answered. The schoolmaster would have been warranted in using the words attributed to the king. "Embraced by youth, and glad to be so, I lived up to it." That would mean, perhaps, says the Youth's Companion, that he clung to his early enthusiasms, including many which aging men might term illusions; that, while he thought and spoke sincerely, he kept a generous belief in others; that he refused to brood over the past, made much of the present, and looked always hopefully toward the future. For living up to youth means cherishing its spirit; and upon the spirit of youth Time hesitates to lay a withering hand.

Not a Meddlesome Commission.

The first hearing of the Commission on Country Life, held at College Park, Md., served to dispel some erroneous notions as to the purposes of that body. Prof. L. H. Bailey in an address explained that the commission has no idea of "investigating" the farmer. The design is not to go about inquiring officially and offensively into matters which are really a private nature, but to get at facts which can be useful and valuable to all concerned. For some reason, says the Troy (N. Y.) Times, there have been attempts to create the belief that the commission is likely to be meddlesome and unduly prying. Nothing could be farther from the intention, and a statement by way of explanation from a man of Prof. Bailey's character and standing is quite sufficient to set matters right. Prof. Bailey is one of the most successful teachers of practical farming in the country, and those associated with him on the commission are workers along the same line. The result of the commission's efforts cannot fail to be highly valuable to agriculture.

Lately an educational expert stigmatized American women as the laziest in the world, and as bringing up their children in the same path of slothful avoidance of all trouble and effort. Now a western man, speaking at a meeting of a patriotic society, declares that the women of the day have deteriorated, and that few would follow their husbands into privation and danger, as did the wives of the pioneers of American history. It is easy to make these wholesale, superficial charges and the case, apparently, is making it a fashion, but the men making them would find it hard to prove them. The women of the nation, as a whole, are as womanly and as wholesomeness as they ever were. If the contrary were the case, this country would not-day be occupying its proud position among the nations of the world, for every nation is what its women make it. It is time to call a halt on these reckless peeks for relief, regardless of truth.

One of the teachers in the Verry schools the other day asked her class the origin of the word *stateroom*. Not in the class could answer the question, and we doubt if there are many people who could. The word, says Verry (Ind.) Gazette, originated with the newspaper men of 1895, when the newspapers were twice yearly. At that time a *maritime* steamer was built and 25 sleeping rooms were made alongside the cabin. At that time there were 23 states in the union, and a room was named for each state. Later the state of Texas was added to the union, and the sleeping apartments were made for the officers of the boat was dubbed "Texas."

The English suffragettes are now about to organize a cavalry troop among themselves, before tired of walking and believing that when mounted they will have an advantage over the police in their suffrage parades. If they don't watch out, parliament and the scaffold will be captured bodily by these aggressive ladies yet.

A Parisian metallurgical engineer claims to have perfected a process of welding copper to steel wire so as to have a non-conceptive cooling.

OUR BATTLESHIPS BEST, SAYS EVANS

ADMIRAL RIDES CRITISM OF THE VESSELS BY FAULT-FINDERS.

Writes a Magazine Article—America's Latest Ships Vastly Superior to the Dreadnought of the English Navy, Asserts "Fighting Bob."

New York, Dec. 15.—That the latest battleships built by this country are vastly superior to English Dreadnoughts, is emphatically stated by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans in the latest number of Hamlin's Broadway Magazine, wherein he strongly defends the American navy and replies to criticisms of it made some time ago by Henry Reuterthal and others.

"I do not for a moment claim that the Indiana and her sister ships are equal to the Dreadnought of the English navy," Admiral Evans, "only that she is the best of the English ships at the same time. But I do claim that our latest ships are vastly superior to the Dreadnoughts and I believe that every fair-minded man who has given the subject intelligent consideration will agree with me."

Admiral Evans urges the superiority of the 13-inch gun over the 12-inch and asserts that the changes in the lesser caliber to conform to English type was a most serious blunder. This is chargeable, he says, to the sea-going officers of the navy and not to any star court.

ARMOR BELT DEFENDED.

Regarding the waterline armor belt, he says:

"I am sure, after many weeks of close observation, that the lower edge of the armor belt is too high rather than too low."

It had been strenuously contended by critics that the low location of the belt was a vital point of weakness.

"As the upper edge of the belt is always even with or above the level of the protective belt," continues Admiral Evans, "the danger to be apprehended from a projectile penetrating above the belt, beyond the wrecking effect of such projectile, is due to the amount of metal that may enter the hole. It is the damage that may be done by such projectiles, acting below that may cause the destruction of the ship—one projectile so placed may cause the ship to sink by exploding magazines or boilers, but this is impossible. It will require many 13-inch shells of the waterline, or in any other place, to penetrate or sink such a ship if the officers and men know their business and want to fight."

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THE THREE LEADING FEATURES IN BATTLESHIP DESIGN, WHICH ADMIRAL EVANS CONCLUDES, DESERVE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND CO-ORDINATION, ARE THE BATTERY, THE ARMOR PROTECTION AND THE MOTIVE POWER. ANY ONE OF THESE UNDULY SACRIFICED IN FAVOR OF THE OTHER, MEANS WEAKENING OF THE FIGHTING MACHINE.

FLEET ARRIVES AT COLOMBO.

Five Program of Entertainment Arranged for the Tars.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 14.—The United States battleship fleet arrived here Saturday and anchored in the harbor. The hoisting of the colors on the ships is excellent, with the exception of one case of smallpox on the Georgia, which detached herself from the fleet on December 9 and arrived here Saturday.

During the period the fleet will remain here the officers and men will be entertained extensively. The official reception to place Monday and after that every hour of leisure will be fully occupied in enjoying the excursions and festivities which have been arranged.

Well-Known Gaffer Killed.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Nicholas V. Hoyt, secretary-translator of the W. H. Smith Company, wholesale grocers, and one of the most widely known men in western oil circles, died late Saturday night from injuries he received in an automobile accident early in the evening.

FIFTEEN HURT BY EXPLOSION.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—Fifteen persons were injured, one fatally, in an explosion of a boiler at the cement factory of A. E. Nelson late Monday afternoon.

CARDOZO'S VESSEL IS SEIZED

GUARDSHIP ALIX IS CAPTURED BY DUTCH CRUISER.

Gelderland's Prize is Towed to Curacao—President of Venezuela Cheered at Berlin.

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Naturally the people of Curacao, who have long been clamoring for autonomy on the part of the Dutch government, were greatly rejoiced over this evidence that Holland had at last begun active measures against Venezuela.

Caracas, Venezuela, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 15.—Foreign Minister Paul Monday sent a note to the members of the diplomatic corps here protesting against the repeated violations of the territorial rights of Venezuela by the three Dutch warships that have been operating in Venezuelan waters since December 1.

The news of the capture of the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alix by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland became known in Caracas Monday. Acting President Goethals and the cabinet declared a state of emergency.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—President and Mrs. Castro and party arrived here Monday evening and were given a great ovation by a great crowd of people. Castro seemed full of energy, but looked

Edgewater, N. J., Dec. 12.—Proclaiming himself to be "John the Baptist, come to save the world," an armed fanatic, sought out a high pitch of maniac fury, terrorized this village for a full hour last night. He appeared suddenly on the main street, waving a big revolver, held up the proprietors of several stores, exchanged many shots with a hastily formed posse, and at last was wounded when the police and a mob of citizens ran him down.

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WATERWAY BONDS FAVORED.

Rivers and Harbors Congress Urges \$500,000,000 Worth of Bonds.

Washington, Dec. 12.—With men and women of Chicago's most exclusive and fashionable residence sections as horrified spectators, two persons, a mother and a child, received fatal injuries in a garage fire Friday night.

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SHOCKING ACCIDENT ON CANAL.

Premature Blast Kills Fourteen and Injures Fifty.

Colon, Dec. 14.—The explosion Saturday at Bas Obispado of a 21-ton dynamite charge was the most serious accident ever to occur in connection with the building of the Panama canal by the United States to control. The charge, dead now total 14. That many bodies were recovered, a score or more still under the masses of rocks and earth that were thrown up.

The charge consisted of 50 holes 60 feet deep and cut out over a large section of terrain. The last hole was being charged by John J. Reidy, an experienced powder man, when it exploded. The others were exploded by the concussion. Reidy was blown to pieces. The other Americans include John J. Hartman, steamshovel engineer, and J. T. Hunter, steam-shovel crane man.

HIS AIM WAS BAD.

He had plenty of ammunition, but unfortunately his aim was as reckless as his conduct. From time to time he darted into a store and, chasing out the clerks, rifled the money drawer. When weary, he seized a grocer's team and drove madly for a time, finally alighting near a house where he faced a handful of armed men and shot them. In the excitement he had a lively exchange of shots and then Pomeroy dropped with wounds in the forehead and cheek.

BURNS UP HIS VAST FORTUNE.

Dying Russian Saves Relatives from Evils of Wealth.

London, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg relates that a dying Moscow millionaire named Pomeroy, who had whole fortune withdrawn from the bank, had the banknotes brought to the alehouse. They were then piled before him and he was told to burn them. Petrov summoned his relatives and showed them the ashes, congratulating them on having escaped from the evils of wealth.

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE UMPIRES.

Officials of New York-Chicago Game Make Charges.

New York, Dec. 12.—Even more sensational than the tumultuous close of the recent National league playing season were the closing hours of the league's annual meeting here Friday when an attempt was made to bribe the game that decided the championship of 1905, between New York and Chicago, at the Polo grounds, October 8, were sprung and the magnates appointed a committee to probe them which even intimating that criminal prosecutions might follow the investigation opened.

The official statement by the league says none of the persons named are in any way connected with organized baseball.

WOMAN AND CHILD BURN TO DEATH.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—Frank Smith, housekeeper for James K. Gilker, a wealthy farmer here, and his two-year-old daughter were burned to death early Sunday in a fire that destroyed Mr. Gilker's farm buildings. Gilker escaped in his night clothes.

COLON SENTENCED TO JAIL.

Colon, Panama, Dec. 15.—John A. Tarster, publisher of Town Topics, a weekly paper, was sentenced Friday by Federal Judge Foster to serve eight months in the Washington county jail and to pay a fine of \$1,000. He was convicted of misusing the mail in sending out his paper containing attacks on local citizens.

MURDER IN AN IDAHO TOWN.

Idaho Falls, Idaho, Dec. 15.—The body of a man supposed to be Waldo A. Schlick of Dilhun, Minn., was found in a running house here. Schlick had evidently been murdered. His head had been horribly mutilated with

PROSPECTING AS IT WAS AND AS IT IS TO-DAY.



HOUSE OPENS WAR ON THE PRESIDENT

PERKINS RESOLUTION FOR COMMITTEE ON MESSAGE IS ADOPTED.

Story That Mr. Roosevelt Is Preparing Return Blow—Legislative Appropriation Bill Quickly Passed—"Insurgents" Plan to Change the Rules.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Immediately after the convening of the house Friday Representative Perkins of New York introduced a resolution which had heretofore been agreed upon privately for the appointment of a special committee of five members to consider the proper method of dealing with that portion of the president's message which criticizes the course of congress in prohibiting the discharge of service men to duty outside of their service bureaus. The resolution is preceded by a preamble reciting some expressions of the message. No effort is made to give voice to the feeling of the house. The resolution was passed.

ROOSEVELT MAY HIT BACK.

If the plan of the house to censure President Roosevelt does not stir up a genuine explosion it won't be the president's fault. He is not to blame, it is reported, getting together data concerning the personal and official life of a number of the congressmen, whom he expects to fire into congress, to show what might happen were there to be a genuine investigation of congressmen, such as he said in his message the congressmen seemed to fear.

If course the present talk may be intended merely to frighten some of the more timid congressmen—those who may have some loose skeletons in their desks—but sudden apathy on the promised censure.

NO DEBATE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

When the legislative appropriation bill was called up in the house of representatives Friday, by Mr. Bligh of Pennsylvania, the money situation was presented that for the first time in 12 years no general debate was asked for. Even the first reading of the bill was dispensed with by unanimous consent.

In charge, having the measure in charge, explaining its provisions, the main features of which already have been printed. It is reading for amendment then was begun.

"INSURGENTS" BEGIN FIGHT.

The fight for a revision of the rules of the house of representatives was started Friday night at a meeting of 25 Republican "insurgents" attended by 25 Republican "regulars." Representative Hepburn of Florida presided and was authorized to name a committee of five, with himself chairman, to draft the proposed amendments to the rules and report to the organization on Tuesday night.

BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR IN SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Brownsville affair continued through the entire session of the senate Monday. Senator Foraker obtained the floor early in the day and read letters from a former soldier of the Twenty-fifth regiment telling of the procedure of government detectives in attempts to get a confession from him.

Foraker introduced an amendment to his original bill to the re-enlistment of these soldiers providing that a commission of three retired army officers be created to determine whether the discharged soldiers are innocent of complicity in the shooting up of Brownsville as a prelude to their return home instead of leaving for their regular posts.

A message from the president was read, reasserting the guilt of the discharged soldiers, but saying he was willing they should be reinstated if they would confess, and promising immunity to those who did so.

WILSON TELLS OF GREAT CROPS.

Farm Products Make New Record in Country's History.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, in his twelfth annual report to President Roosevelt, declares farm products of 1908 made a new record in the country's history. American farms are reported to have exceeded the mines for coal, oil and precious metals are included in the showing of the latter.

Corn is declared King in the detailed account of cereals, staples, tubers, and the dethroned monarch—cotton. Cotton takes second place in value.

The hay yield makes a new record, is the greatest ever recorded, and thus helps the remarkable showing of agricultural products in general.

In its resume of values, the secretary's report shows the farm value of all farm products to have reached "the most extraordinary total in the nation's history—\$7,73,000,000.

COL. DARLING OF TOLEDO DIES.

Toledo, O., Dec. 15.—Col. Henry A. Darling, aged 80, who had a distinguished war record, died Monday afternoon at the home of his son-in-law, Judge L. W. Morris. Cerebral hemorrhage was the cause.

MOTHER AND BABY DIE IN FLAMES.

Salina, Kan., Dec. 15.—In a fire which destroyed their home at Havana near here Friday, Mrs. Frank Himmelfright, wife of a section foreman, and her six-months-old child were burned to death.

MINNESOTA NEWS

Interesting Items Gathered in the Gopher State

Campaign Funds.

Minnesota.—S. Swenson, treasurer of the republican state central committee, has filed with the auditor of Hennepin county a financial statement showing that the campaign receipts and expenditures of the committee were \$22,314.49, and that the committee is in debt to the extent of \$1,504.68. The statement is brief, and lawyers say that Mr. Swenson and the treasurers of the different campaign committees in Hennepin county who have filed statements with the county auditor have failed to obey the provisions of the state law and liable to prosecution for misdemeanors.

The state law provides, in section 232 of the code, that the treasurer of a political committee shall prepare and file with the auditor of the county in which he resides "a true and detailed statement, subscribed and verified by him, setting forth each and every item of money received by him received or disbursed for such purposes, the date of each receipt and disbursement, the name of the person from whom received or to whom paid, and the purposes of each. Such statement shall also contain a detailed statement of the unpaid debts, if any, of such committee, with the nature and amount of each debt, when owing; and, if there are no such debts, the statement shall so allege."

The code makes failure to file the account required by law a misdemeanor.

Planes.

St. Paul—Gov. Johnson before his departure for Washington admitted that the following officeholders were practically re-appointed:

Frank A. Day, private secretary;

Harvey Grummer, executive clerk; John E. King, state librarian;

Thomas Dowds, capitol building engineer;

Fred B. Wood, adjutant general; George S. Wood, assistant adjutant general;

W. H. Hatcher, military storekeeper;

J. A. Hartigan, insurance commissioner;

J. W. Olsen, superintendent of instruction;

G. C. Schulz, assistant superintendent;

Anton Schaefer, public examiner.

In the labor department, W. E. McEwan, now oil inspector, will be placed at the head while the office vacated by him will be filled by E. J. Lynch. These two appointments have already been announced.

Ore Shipments.

Duluth.—The News-Tribune's compilation of iron ore shipments for the Lake Superior region gives the tonnage as 14,400,000 tons complete with the exception of two or three cargoes which will leave Canada, Mich., tomorrow or Monday.

The Mesabi range in northern Minnesota produced the bulk of the ore, its output being 17,231,804 tons. Shipments from ports were as follows:

Duluth	8,505,000
Two Harbors	5,791,237
Superior, Wis.	3,263,111
Michigan	2,346,149
Ashland, Wis.	2,513,670
Marquette, Mich.	1,487,456

Last season the iron ore production of the Lake Superior region was 42,245,070 tons. Indications are that last year's record-breaking tonnage will be equalled or beaten by the output of next season.

Fifty Families Needy.

Duluth.—Mayor W. A. Haven of this city, chairman of the relief committee appointed by Gov. Johnson to relieve the unfortunate in this section, who suffered severely from the blizzard this year, has a list of fifty North Shore families deserving of assistance. At first it was estimated that not more than fifteen families would need assistance, but investigation has increased the original estimate. Many of the settlers need lumber to rebuild their houses, and it is planned to buy the necessary building material north as soon as possible. Mr. A. Miller has made a tour of the North Shore investigating mercantile cases, and upon his return definite advice as to actual needs of the fire sufferers will be available.

Wheat Receipts.

Duluth.—The following table gives the receipts of wheat, in bushels, at the four principal spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, Aug. 1, 1893, to Dec. 1, and for the same time of year ago:

This Crop.	Last Crop.
Minneapolis	46,273,656
Duluth	46,773,827
Chicago	12,228,599
Milwaukee	7,899,506
Total	107,199,207
	59,691,823

Miscellaneous Notes.

Minneapolis.—Charles Ward, 19 years old, a carpenter, was sawed from death by freezing when men broke into his room in a South Chicago lodging house and finding him helpless and unconscious as a result of exposure.

Faribault.—A 5-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis was found dead in bed. The child slept in the same bed occupied by its parents and in the morning it was found the child had been smothered during the night.

Duluth.—Increased mining of iron ore and decreased shipments this year means increase in taxes for Minnesotans.

St. Paul—Tag day fund aggregating \$1,500, according to reports received at meeting of tuberculosis relief committee.

Minneapolis.—C. A. Smith, Timber Company announces its intention to remove half a million acres of timber land; American firms expect to follow.

South St. Paul—Carl Braun and F. Boland were fined \$5 each by Judge Doss for failure to obey the school law relative to sending their children to school.

St. Paul—An industrial home for crippled children has been opened in St. Paul by the coming legislature in conformance with a recommendation of the state board of control.

St. Paul—A tax on the present water power of the state to form a sinking fund to wipe out the cost of deepening the Minnesota River and constructing impounding reservoirs is the idea a number of engineers of the state have expressed.

Brainerd.—The district court convened here. One of the most important cases to come before it will probably be that of Ralph Morey, the eleven-year-old boy, who on Saturday, Nov. 9th, shot and killed John Bushway, Jr., a lad of about his own age.

Duluth.—The recent of votes in the Riddell-Riley contest for sheriff of Itasca county, completed at Grand Rapids, Minn., gives Riley a gain of one vote, making his majority over Riddell fifty.

Outraged by the contestants will introduce evidence as to alleged irregularities.

Duluth.—There is now no doubt that the steamer D. M. Clemson went down with all hands near White Fish Point. Twenty-three hatch covers have been washed ashore there and their description convinces the Provident Steamship company that they belong to the missing boat.

Minneapolis.—According to a report of Frank Hoffman, director of the state labor department, there were now thirty-three strikes during the past two years, which involved 5,515 labor union men. There are 2,053 members of twenty unions still on the strike, although some are working.

Crookston—Regular passenger service on the Greenbush-Warroad line of the Great Northern road will be established on Dec. 21. There will be one each way on the line daily, leaving Crookston at 8:40 a. m., arriving at Warroad about 2 p. m. Then the train will leave Warroad at 3 p. m. and will arrive in Crookston at 10 p. m.

St. Paul—W. H. Williams, retiring labor commissioner, in the recommendation sent with his biennial report suggests that the office be made elective rather than appointive, but suggests the election should not take effect until December, 1910. He also believes that the twenty odd inspectors of the department should be placed under civil service.

Washington, D. C.—Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, in an address today before the joint conference of the national commission and the governors of different states, brought an enthusiastic message of accord from the great Middle West in the scheme of conservation, and declared that the paramount problem of the hour is the development of inland waterways.

Duluth—Wholesale importation of French women into the United States and more particularly into the Northwest was disclosed through the action of William H. Dean, inspector in charge of the local office of the immigration office of Clemence Dally, a native of Paris, who says she was brought to Duluth under contract by Mary Gahn, 234 St. Croix Avenue.

St. Cloud.—The roads in Minnesota last year caused the death of 151 people and injured 1,720, according to the sworn statements of the roads filed with the railway and warehouse commission. These figures include the report of thirty-four roads for the year ending last July. Six small bridges on the Duluth Belt line, and similar short stretches are the only ones which have no injury record.

St. Paul—Two steamers from state boards received Governor John C. St. John of Austin released from the state livestock sanitary board because of disability. He became totally blind some months ago and has not been able to attend a meeting of the board since his appointment. Edwin H. Hewitt of Minneapolis has resigned as a member of the governing board of the state aid society, pleading lack of time to attend to the duties of the position.

Minneapolis.—That favorite Swedish folk song, "The Little Girl in the Window," which has been before the public for nearly twenty years, will be the attraction at the Pion Opera House, Minneapolis, at 8 o'clock Christmas week.

Minneapolis—Blaze in home of dairymen located on boundary line between St. Paul and Minneapolis called out fire departments of both cities to put out a \$10,000 whale for \$200 in trade.

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IS WHALEBONE KING

EDGAR R. LEWIS HAS PRACTICALLY CORNERED SUPPLY.

Millions' Worth of the Stock Shut Up in His New Bedford, Mass., Stores—Business Is Sort of Gamble.

New Bedford, Mass.—A million dollars' worth of whalebone, practically all the whalebone in the world, will be stored in the board of regents at the annual meeting Tuesday, and its acceptance decided, has not decided whether to enforce the acceptance of his resignation.

When questioned as to his action Dr. Northrop would make no definite statement as to whether he would accede to the request of the board of regents and withdraw his resignation.

This fortune in whalebone is controlled by one man, Edgar R. Lewis, and if the whalebone manufacturers of the world want any of it they will have to come up to the captain's office and write, and on top of the fact that for a year or two the pounds of the bone has been on hand in this city with hardly a transaction comes the announcement to the whalebone manufacturers that practically all the sealing merchants have agreed not to send their steamers to the Arctic ocean next year.

This will allow the present large stock of whalebone to be worked on, and the whaling grounds will get a prolonged visit abroad.

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The first vessels that entered the Arctic found the whales easy prey. With the advent of the steam whaler, the bowheads grew gradually more bold. Each succeeding year now days the bowhead has been found further and further to the eastward, nearer to the ice pack, where he is harder to get at.

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While the catch of the Arctic whalers the past season is the smallest for several years, there will be actually more whalebone in first hands than has been the case in recent years. Most of the catch last year is on hand in the warehouses in this city.

The stock of over 200,000 pounds of bone could be easily disposed of at a medium price, say \$3.50 per pound but with the decision of the agents not to send their vessels to the Arctic next season, and with only the comparatively small quantity to be caught by the whales in the southern oceans, the holders think the bone worth more money, possibly rising five dollars per pound, and the price of whalebone.

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PRES. NORTHRUP RESIGNS

EMINENT INSTRUCTOR DESIRES TO RETIRE.

Having Reached the Age of 74 Years He Believes a Younger Man Should Take the Burden.

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FOR THE HOSTESS

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expressing your best wishes for the little stranger.

Way to Earn Money.

I would like to know of a few different ways that a school class of young ladies and men could earn a little money. Hoping to read your answer soon.

A. N. NUVEL.

There are many ways to make money. Much depends upon the taste at your command. "Plays," bazaars, supper at which the men serve, birthday and measuring, also weight parties, all bring money into the treasury.

R. T.

Without cards you must have something in which all the guests would be equally interested, so I would suggest one to come as some famous person, guess who is who and award several prizes.

Regrets for Invitation.

Will you kindly advise me as to the way to send regrets to an invitation printed on a card as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Smith

request the pleasure of your company Wednesday evening, the fourth at eight o'clock

Dancing at ten o'clock

MARY L. H.

Writing the name in third person defining the invitation and send to the address of the first named hostess.

MADAME MEIR.

To Keep from Inhaling Dust.

If you are ready to do your weekly sweeping, you will place a small piece of cold cream in each nostril, you will not inhale any dust in the head, as it will all stick to the cold cream. This can be easily removed with a handkerchief.

This is also good when riding in the summer, and again in the sharp winter weather, if you place some of the cold cream in your nostrils before going out in the air, it often saves a hard cold, and will be appreciated by any one troubled with catarrh in the head.

Dyeing a White Blouse.

The girl who has a new fall suit and who wants a white to match it will have trouble in finding it. The easier method is this: Buy a well-timed plaited cruse not blouse with a frill down front, long sleeves and high stock; then take it to the dyers with a sample of the suit. The result is excellent.

Girls' Dresses



The first is for a girl of 8 to 10 years. Jap silk in a delicate shade of pink used for it. The foot of the skirt has a narrow frill edged with lace trim.

Tucked net is used for the sleeves and yoke; a net frill, edged with lace, is used for the waist.

Books -- Books!

News of the Week.

Chips Picked Up Around Town and Vicinity

We have just received a large shipment of the very latest books, which we now offer at cut prices. A good book will always make a suitable present for young and old.

Get your pick early, while the assortment is new.

X-MAS

Comes but once a year, so let us have all the things to eat that make good cheer. We are headquarters for Fancy Holiday Groceries, so if you want your table well set let us supply your wants in this line.

You will want

Pickles,
Olives,
Cheese,
Pumpkins,
Mince Meat,
Peas,
Corn,
Cranberries,
Sweet Potatoes,
Fancy Cookies,
Apples,
Oranges,
Bananas,
Candies
and Nuts.

We have them all in the Best Quality.

Don't Forget!
the Big Sale
is Still On!

and will be continued until Christmas. New goods are arriving all the time to fill out the lines which are being broken daily. Don't wait too long, or the very thing you wanted will be gone.

Get The Habit!
Trade at
THE BIG STORE.

PINE CITY
MERCANTILE
COMPANY

H. F. Hanfelt, of Meadow Lanes, was a county seat earlier Monday. Attorney L. H. McKusic transacted legal business at Sturgeon Lake Wednesday.

We sorry to report that Mrs. D. Greely is very ill at her home in the western part of town.

Sheriff Hawley transacted business at Nokomis and Korrville for a couple of days before part of the week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bros, Tuesday, a son. The mother and child are doing well, and Joe wears a broader smile than ever.

When passing by the Smith Hardware Co.'s, stop and admire their two front windows that have been trimmed for the holiday trade.

The snow of Tuesday and Wednesday made fine sleighing and Thursday morning the merry jingle of the sleigh bells could be heard in every part of town.

The ladies of the M. E. church at their sale of Christmas goods and supper, held last Thursday and Friday in the church parlor, cleared about \$80.00.

The ladies of the M. E. church at their sale of fancy goods and lunches held in the McAllen building on Tuesday and Wednesday, cleared a little over seventy-five dollars.

Ed. Thompson, who was head sawyer in the McGrath saw-mill at this place for the past two years departed yesterday for St. Paul, where he will remain for a few days and then go south to spend the winter.

If you are in doubt, on account of the mild weather, that the Xmas holidays are close at hand look at the Christmas tree ornaments in A. Cranston's confectionery store window.

Mrs. H. W. Harte went to Hinckley on Wednesday, after her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Eddy, who has been quite ill at her home in that place. They returned here on the limited the same day.

Dr. K. W. Knapp, wife and child will depart on the limited next Tuesday for Dubuque, Iowa, to spend the holidays with Mr. Knapp's parents. They do not expect to return until the third of January.

All advertisers and correspondents are requested to hand in their matter not later than Wednesday evening of next week, in order to insure publication. The Pioneer will go to press early Thursday afternoon, in order that the printers may enjoy a Christmas holiday.

Mrs. Theresa Johnson, who at one time lived with her parents in the town of Royalton, but are now living at Two Harbors, but Miss Theresa has been clerking for the past four years in a store at Escanaba, Mich., came down the latter part of last week to spend a week or ten days with her sister, Mrs. John Johnson and family of Greeley.

Rev. Isaac Houglund, of Minneapolis, will hold Episcopal services as follows: Trinity church, in the Presbyterian church, Hinckley, evening prayer and sermon, Wednesday December 23rd, at 7:30. St. Jude's church, Willow River, children's service Thursday December 24th, at 7:30 p.m., Holy Communion and sermon Friday December 25th, at 10:30 a.m. Everybody welcome to these services.

Watch these columns next week for the ad and local of the drama "Monte Cristo," under the auspices of the Pine City fire department. The play comes under the management of John Cosgrove, who has appeared before Pine City audiences three times and has always given the best of satisfaction. The troupe carry their own scenery, and our citizens can look for something beyond the ordinary when they appear.

Oscar Brandes was in St. Paul the latter part of last week, where he went to purchase his stock of stationery etc for the new store to be started by him and his brother, Carl, at La Moure, N. D. the first of the new year. Oscar informs us that La Moure is a good opening for a store of that kind, and as the young man both had experience along that line, there is no reason why they should not make a success of their new venture. We wish the young gentlemen success.

News of the Week.

Chips Picked Up Around Town and Vicinity

Died—On Tuesday, the few days old child of Henry Steiner, of the town of Royalton.

D. W. Scottold, of the town of Munich, was a Pine City visitor business Monday afternoon.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

[BY F. P. GOTTRY.]

A final test in physiology was given in the 8th grade Wednesday.

George Gray was absent part of the week on account of sickness.

Catherine Fischer has been absent this week on account of sickness.

Everybody is anxiously waiting for Friday to come. Ask one of the little fellows the reason?

Every spare moment for the past two weeks has been used in preparing for the cantata that was given in Steinl's hall last night.

The "Christmas pie" used in the cantata last night, was made by Herman Kowalek, one of the boys taking manual training under Mr. Billing.

The teachers from abroad who are teaching in our schools will spend the two weeks holiday vacation as follows: Miss Brothman in the cities; Miss Lewis at her home in Minneapolis; Miss Olson at her home at Red Wing; Miss Seely at her home at Blue Earth; Miss Garvin at her home at Le Sueur Center; and Miss Hill in the twin cities and Albert Lea, for which places they will leave the latter part of the week.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' Almanac for 1909 Read Nov. 15, 1908, best ever sent out, beautiful covers in colors, with fine portrait of Prof. Hicks in color, all the old features and several new ones in the book. The best astronomical year book and the only one containing the original "Hicks Weather Forecasts." By mail, 35c, on news stands, 30c. One copy free with WORD AND WORKS, the best \$1.

Monthly in America. Discounts on almanacs in quantities. Agents wanted. Word and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust street, St. Louis, Mo. Every citizen owes it to himself to his fellows and to Prof. Hicks to possess the "Hicks" forecasts—the only reliable.

MANY people believe that State-wide prohibition is a better means for curtailing the liquor traffic than county option. If prohibition is good for an isolated county it would be better still for the entire state. A single county would have to fight bootleggers and blind pigs from adjoining "wet" counties and the court expenses would be greater than under the license system in the situation. But with the majority of the state behind prohibition there would be a real curtailment of the traffic.—Ortonville Herald-Star

By MONEY to Agents—Free Sample Offer

(15 days only), bright, sparkling, fa-

mous 25 Barnato Simulation Diamond Ring brilliancy equals genuine

diamond ring; this Masterpiece of

advertising is easily fulfill every

requirement of the most exacting

pleases the most fastidious of

the world. The cost of the real dia-

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kept until January, and bred to far

in April. Boars to be shipped

this month. This is an opportunity

to get pure black stock at 50 per cent

less than such are generally sold at.

Order at once.

Come early for your Christmas photos, sit now, so we can have time to get them out. A full line of A. M. Collie's fast sashes in card mounts and folders can be seen at the studio. Pick those you like. The very latest.

Prof. Photo Studio.

The undersigned has a number of acres of land to clear, grub and get ready for the breaking plow. The town of Royalton.

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the great Piano Contest con-

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Buy your goods of us, and

help your friends.

Smith Hardware Co.



W. E. POOLE
ARTIST

For the very latest in posing and lighting, go to Poole's Photo Studio for Artistic Photography.

Child studies a specialty.

OUR MOTTO:

"Quality, Not Quantity."

Popular Specials.

FOR your fine silverware for Xmas presents go to The Smith Hard-ware Co.

BRING your logs and lath bolts to Sower's saw mill east of the fair grounds.

FOURTH—On a dead, beef hide.

Owner can recover the same by calling on J. J. Wittrap, proving property and paying for this notice.

NOTICE all the new and appropri-

ate goods daily arriving at the Drug Store.

FOR RENT—A farm suitable for a dairy, 13 miles from the union depo-

tot, Duluth, Minnesota. A platform

for milk can be built on the land,

as the Northern Pacific trains pass

nearby. For terms address R. C. Sloan, 601, 26th ave.

West Duluth, Minn.

BREEDING STOCK FOR SALE

Eight pure bred Yorkshire boars

at \$12.00 each. Seventeen purebred

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A. J. McGuire,

Supt. State Farm,

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FOR SALE CHEAP—A nearly

new piano. Inquire of H. W.

Harte.

Dry stove wood—All kinds for

sale by the Pine City Ice and Fuel Co.

FOR SALE CHEAP—COAL STOVE

Medium size, self-feeder, hard

coal burner. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—BUSINESS MAGAZINE re-

serves the services of a man in

Pine City to look after advertising

subscriptions and to secure new

business by means of special meth-

ods. Unusually effective; position

permits one with experience,

but would consider any applica-

tion with good natural qualifications.

Salary \$1.50 per day, with com-

pensation. Address with references. R. C. Peacock, Room 102 Success Magazine Bldg., New York.

Bring your cream to Madden's.

The choicest water front lots in

town for sale by L. H. Claggett,

Horton, the photographer, is in

his studio every Tuesday and Wed-

niday.

TUD BARNATO DIAMOND CO.

Girard Building, Chicago, Ill.

Mount this paper.

Bank Talks No. 11

By the Pine City State Bank,
Pine City, Minnesota.

THE ADVANTAGES OF A STRONG BANK.

When it comes to a question of a bank connection, everyone who has ever given the subject serious thought, is aware of the advantages derived.

Our many years' experience in banking enables us to meet every need and supply prompt service.

We welcome personal calls from those interested, and assure you that information will be gladly given.

PINE CITY STATE BANK
D. GREELEY, Cashier

Did that Cool Night

Make you think about an Overcoat?

WHY NOT COME IN AND LET US LAY ONE ASIDE FOR YOU.

Anyway, let us show you what are the present styles to choose from. We have been doing well for you, and you will wonder how we can give you such a good shoulder and costs so well made at the low price we do.

THE SUITS WE SOLD HAVE * DONE THEIR OWN TALKING.

Above Goods

Sold by

Jelinek
Clothier

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PINE CITY, MINN.



....Capes and Winter Goods.....

Call up

Number 37

For your rush orders

Goods Promptly

and Cheerfully delivered

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F. A. WILEY,

MAIN STREET, PINE CITY, MINN.

I Have Just Received a Fine Line of

HORSE BLANKETS

The Best in the State.

Suit-cases \$1.25 and up.

Trunks \$2.50 d up

A full line of Hand made Harness Always on Hand.

V. A. BELE.

CUSTOM PLANING and FEED MILL

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

J. W. AXTELL, PINE CITY,
MINN.

The Shirt of Mail

By Don Mark Lemon

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Twice in the month of September Howard Thornton had approached to betray the interests of the Golden Gulch Mining Company.

First, one Solomon Peters approached the young superintendent with an offer of certain valuable collaterals if the latter would misrepresent to the miners that the company was about to close.

Dick Cummings had doubled the collaterals.

Thornton's answer was as clean cut and polished as a dynamite cap, and the two scoundrels hastily withdrew. Then on the second party was added to the dramatical personage. This fourth party was a Chinaman. He bore the name of Chew Lung, and stood nearly seven feet in his huge mining boots.

No man knew from where Chew Lung had come, nor where he were, or who believed they knew his residence; where he was going. Only Thornton had dared openly to express this belief.

He had caught the giant healthen one night on forbidden ground, and shoving a revolver in his face had demanded his secret.

Chew Lung remembered the incident very well, and patiently yet not less bloody he had bled his time for revenge. That time had now come on golden wings.

Concealing in his ample blouse the heavy scabbard of his scimitar Peters and Cummings had handed over to him, he returned to his quarters.

As certain as the yellow dragon flew over the imperial palace in the land of his ancestors, he would kill Howard Thornton. He had sworn it; and the blood-dust had been paid him; he



The Combatants Fought Desperately.

saved but a day and night to fulfill the compact of his oath.

Peters and Cummings were brilliant. With Thornton removed, they felt that they would have but little difficulty in gaining a controlling interest in the Golden Gulch claims, the owners of which lived thousands of miles away. The unscrupulous pair could freely handle bloody money, but would never others to handle bloody weapons.

"The Chinaman will ditch him," mused Peters.

Cummings snawed his finger mafia. "He'll make no noise, which way he does it."

Chew Lung, in his narrow quarters, spoke nothing to others not to himself. He buried the heavy sack of gold dust beneath his mattress, and vanished into the night, leaving a three-bellied woman, her grimling on the shelf over his bunk.

Up at the Golden Gulch mill, by the light of a single incandescent, Thornton was engaged at an assay. He chose to work secretly, as the speed, manner, and tested remarks were remarkably rich, and the new interests he represented were being born. He did not wish for any prolixity. Then down the following month, and he was on his way to lay before them palpable evidence of the richness of the Golden Gulch claims.

With fortune's golden chariot rolling nearer and nearer every hour, and each successful day's work bringing him one step closer to Her, nature called to him. He had again and again been disengaged, but not until a fine young fellow named Howard at his tabou did he realize that it was long past midnight and he was dizzy and exhausted.

Suddenly, in the seventh sense, something finer than the licensed sixth sense, an intuition as subtle as indolence, informed him that he was being followed. Somewhere there was a face peering at him.

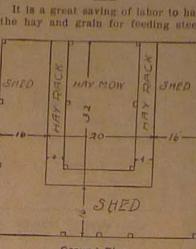
Giving no sign of his discovery, but yawning drowsily, he brought his hand up until it came in contact with the intruder's key. Another moment, and he had shut off the light that exposed that small cluster of ore, and sprung aside, silent and angry.

This movement changed the scene into terrible battle. Out of the darkness there sprang upon him the huge form of Chew Lung, the giant Chinaman, and a red silver of flame pierced his shoulder. ere he could grasp the hand that clutched a nervous dirk,

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Ground Plan.

One touch of the yellow skin had informed Thornton of his assailant's identity, and the young fellow knew that the odds of battle were heavily against him. He was outmatched in brawn and wearied an exhausted man of slender build pitted against an armed giant; yet against his gross adversary his finer heart might prove as steel against iron.

A moment he fumbled uselessly, as the Chinaman crushed him back with sheer weight, then freeing his right arm he sought for the blow which would end all the misery.

The short, hooked joist passed under the giant's hold on the knife, which fell to the floor and was kicked out of reach in the struggle that succeeded, and Thornton attempted to follow up the blow by seizing his antagonist.

In vain! His reach was inadequate against the other's huge bulk, and he realized that his only chance for life was to keep from being thrown and his neck or back broken.

It was pitch dark in the room, and the combatants fought desperately the furniture and other articles were overturned and smashed, and the rich samples of ore were scattered underneath.

Suddenly Thornton was aware that the Chinaman's blouse was torn, and he saw the hand of some substance as hard as steel. The giant had again and again come into contact with it, and now it flashed over him that his assailant wore a shirt of mail, which extended around his body beneath his arms to his stomach.

Back and forth, across the room and along the walls, the unequal fight continued, till the giant, still himself growing desperately weaker, to the crushing horror of the giant assassin in his shirt of mail, was added the knowledge that the Chinaman had reached the dirk.

Howard knew full well that things were pretty much the devil's way, when suddenly there came to him one wild, uplifting hope, and a young girl's white hand seemed to fall carelessly against his cheek.

He had been fighting against the original place of machinery in the room—a large pile of iron and steel power. He had had it installed but the week before for experimental work in separating gold from iron ore. If only he could reach the switch and turn off the power. His free hand fumbled among the wires. He sobbed as he felt his hand sweep in like a sponge with accumulating blood. There was a ring of metal against metal, a fearful howl from the Chinaman, and Thornton staggered forward headlong, fleeing from the giant's terrible hold.

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