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For the first nine days of the New Year, to reduce my stock before taking inventory:

Soap, Lenox, 10 cakes, 35c
" " 100 " \$3.15

Starch, Celluloid, 4 10 c
pkgs 25c

Baking Powder, Calumet, 1 lb can 20c

Baking Powder, Calumet, 5 lb can 80c

Matches 3 boxes, 7,500 for 1-3 of what you are paying for trust goods 25c

Salt, 10 lbs table 15c

Corn Flakes, 3 for Shredded whole Wheat 3 for 25c

Oatmeal, Quaker brand, 10 lbs for 45c

Tomatoes, 12c grade, per dozen, \$1.20

Corn, 10c grade, per doz 90c

Pickles, sweet, per gal., 60c

" sour, 40c

" Dill, 30c

Soap for toilet, per dozen cakes, 45c

Molasses, Black Strap, per gal., 20c

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Sweet Apple Sides, 25c

White Wine Vinegar, 15c

Roby Kerosene, 5 gallons for Cheese, by the brick, per lb., 14c

Bacon, Swifts, 15c

Herring, Norway, 10 lbs., 50c

Anchovies, 5 pounds, 50c

Cabbages, fresh, by the pound, 1c

Oil - a Load, 10c

Wool Lard, 15c

Butter, 15c

Apples, N. Y. Baldwins, peck, 30c

Tomatoes, 5c grade, per dozen 25c

Onions, 5 and 3 gallon size, 15c

or add twelve throws in, per gallon, 10c

Yarn, Home-made, per pound, 75c

Woolen Sock Eggs, 50c per doz

Cough Drops, (Dutch) 2 pkgs 5c

Gum, any kind, 2 pkgs 5c

Sticks Candy, per lb., 15c

Lemons, per dozen, 25c

Oranges, per dozen, 25c to 30c

Sugar, (with \$3.00 order of other goods) 20 pounds for \$1.00

Bacon, H. P., per pack, 50c

These prices are for Cash Only, and quantity as above.

We are paying 38¢ for Eggs up to 30c for Butter.

A. W. ASPLUND
Pine City, Minn.

WILL HARNESS-THE SNAKE RIVER

After Ages of Freedom It Will Soon Turn Wheels of Commerce and Light Pathway of Progress.

Pine City will soon be furnished with hydraulic power from the Snake River. For the next six months surveys and levels have been taken the full length of Snake River east of Cross Lake, and the result of this is that a power plant is in course of development.

The promoters of this enterprise are J. M. Allen and R. P. Allen, both principals in the Pine City Milling and Electric company. The location of this plant is about seven miles east of Pine City, and is an ideal location for a power plant of this kind.

All of the work on the power plant is to be of concrete construction, making it permanent and substantial. Three hundred horse-power of this power will be working by September 1st, and the work will continue until the power, which will be 1,000 horse-power, is fully developed, and it is estimated that it will take three years to complete the work.

The electrical energy will be conducted to Pine City over three copper wires at a pressure of 10,000 volts. The development of this power will be a big boom for Pine City, as the company will make very low rates to consumers of power in large quantities, and it is safe to predict that Pine City will be a manufacturing town of importance in the near future.

"Monte Cristo" to be Produced Here

Arrangements were completed last week for the great romantic drama of "Monte Cristo," to appear at the Pine City opera house on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Mr. Fredrick Clarke and his excellent company will present this splendid play, so well known to almost every school boy. As a great deal of special scenery and electrical and mechanical effects are required to produce this play, we may look for something unusually good. As the attraction comes to us guaranteed by J. Cosgrove, the well known theatrical manager, this should be a splendid recommendation, as Mr Cosgrove has given us nothing but good things in the past.

HUSTLETOWN

Irvyn Haller, of Sandstone, visited with Peter Berkey Wednesday.

F. Belle and family have moved onto their farm west of J. B. Collette's.

Mrs. Henry Davis spent Monday afternoon at Meadow Lawn calling on friends.

D. L. Whitehouse assisted Stephen Smith to sow his wood Wednesday of last week.

D. E. Carrier and wife spent Christmas eve at the D. W. Scofield home at Meadow Lawn.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Elford on Tuesday of last week a son, Mother and child are doing nicely.

Alfred Olson, who has been operating a wood saw in Meadow Lawn has finished up there, and has started sawing in this locality.

Wednesday evening a load of the selectors of the public school, chaperoned by Missa Lydia Payne and Bertha Neutauer drove down to the residence of Felix Wilson at Hook Creek. They spent a very pleasant evening and returned home at about one o'clock yesterday morning.

ECHOES FROM THE DEAD PAST

North End Business Man Resents Aspirations Cast on His District by an Indiscreet Pencil-Pusher.

EDITOR PIONEER—The Beatbag Editor states he is of a mild temper, yet in his issue of the 17th the bowels of his wrath appear to be much moved and he lets off some more bile. He advises for me a course at the State U. I decline with thanks. Too many educated fools are at large now—I prefer to roam with the common herd. He says he didn't call anybody a dog, or anything else. Looks like he was trying to hedge—upon advice of counsel, I suppose. But he is getting out into the open some. He seems to have it figured down to one man and he in the north end.

He says Sandstone is sore, very sore over a letter got out, so he says, by this one north end man. I read the letter as printed very carefully, and do not see that it particularly attacks any candidate or locality. Some very thin-skinned people it might affect, but I would never for a moment think of its having any effect upon the hide of the Courier editor. That letter reads like a Sunday school essay, compared with the stuff that appeared in the Courier, and otherwise preached to the voters by certain Sandstone politicians. The people of Sandstone are not sore. A clique of politicians are sore because they didn't get all they wanted. They are sore and they imagine (in their conceit) that all the people there are are sore. The clique having constituted themselves the whole thing, imagine that when one of them gets jarred, the whole community must have felt the earthquake. My advice is, lick your sore, brace up, you may be the whole hog next time.

Look at the yell this dirty little sheet lets out of a Pine City ring, aided by this north end. Let us see. Including the legislative candidates there are about sixteen offices to fill in the county. Of this number Sandstone has a member of the legislature, a county commissioner, a county clerk, and a county coroner—some fourth of the total number; yet the dirty sheet froths at the mouth, yells ring and fraud, attacks people and communities for the simple reason that some more of its pay-suckers didn't reach the trough.

Referring to the county seat, some years ago the writer did what he could to help locate the county seat at Hineley because I thought it the most convenient for the people of the county. I think so yet. The poor farm I thought an unnecessary burden of taxation. I think so yet. The pitiful wall for help put out by the Courier editor to the Enterprise met with a cold reception. There is good horse sense in the Enterprise's position. Personally I care nothing for what any set of care-head politicians may say or write of me. When it comes to slandering the entire community in which I live, the shoe fits, and I take up the cudgels.

I decline to pledge the Courier editor in a bottle of so-called Sandstone mineral water. I believe the kind he uses (at least I never heard of any other kind being used) in "moonshining" down south, "prairie water" in Montana. Its use, I believe, affects the mind, withers the brain and makes people see things I wish, however, wish him a Happy New Year and hope that he will grow wiser, and also that he may land that postoffice. For is it not written that the servant is worthy of his hire, and the ass that works in the field shall not be forgotten?

Yours Truly,
G. H. CONNOR,
Sturgeon Lake, Dec. 28, 1908.

On Tuesday afternoon Congressman Bede's Shalband ponies took a five r. run. In turning the corner at the F. E. Smith residence they ran into a telephone pole, breaking the pole to the sleigh, and the wild horses. The team ran across the wagon bridge and home.

MILLBURN

August Ekberg left for Minneapolis last Monday.

Miss Clara Sundgard departed for St. Paul last Sunday.

Chris. Sagmoen departed for the twin cities last Monday.

Erick Olson and Peter M. Houg drove to Rush City last Tuesday.

Miss Sadie Sandberg was visiting at the Ekberg home last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Lindquist was visiting with Mrs. Erick Sandberg last Tuesday.

Rev. Satterlee preached at the home of M. Houg last Sunday forenoon.

Erick Sandberg and wife were visiting at the Sagmoen home last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Sophie Sundgard returned on Thursday of last week, to spend the winter at home.

John Nelson arrived home last Tuesday evening from Cannon Falls, where he worked last summer.

Leo Falin and wife, of Minneapolis, were visiting with Jonas Lindquist's family during the holidays.

Mr. Sundgard, who has been working at St. Paul for the last two months, returned home on Xmas Eve.

The Ladies' Aid of the Lutheran church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Houg, last Saturday.

The Peterson Bro's wood sawing machine is busily cutting wood for the farmers around here at the present time.

A surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Lindquist last Saturday evening. A good time was reported.

Charley Anderson came home on Xmas Eve. On Christmas day he returned to Forest Lake, where he is working on a farm.

The Christmas program which took place last Sunday evening at the church, was attended by a big audience, and everybody present was well pleased.

MEADOW LAWN.

Elmer Smith returned from Hay Creek Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hamlin spent Christmas in Pine City.

Fred Seymour, of Brookpark, was a caller in this vicinity Monday.

D. W. Scofield and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Allen Scofield.

C. K. Davis, of Sandstone, is visiting at the home of M. T. Lahart.

Walter Guttier and family visited with Mrs. W. L. Gunnick Tuesday.

J. S. Collett and family spent Christmas night at the Lahart home.

Dr. H. W. Froehlich and wife were callers in the Lawn last Saturday.

Hiss Hattie Lyseth and Mattie Lahart visited with Mrs. Rawie Tuesday.

A few of the young people spent Sunday evening with Harry and Hattie Lyseth.

Mrs. Ida Asher, of Minneapolis, was visiting relatives in this place the first of the week.

We Wish You All A Happy New Year.

You Know the Place

BRECKENRIDGE'S PHARMACY

MAIN STREET, PINE CITY, MINN.

Storm Sash and Storm Doors

They prevent the heat from escaping.

They prevent the cold air from entering.

For Sale by

G. H. WESTMAN LUMBER CO.,

D. A. PAYNE, Manager.

Pine City, Minnesota.

New, 'Rastus Brown, as he went through life, Had learned some wisdom, born of strife. Sez he, "When ye buy a winder, er lay a new floor, Er repair yer house, er buy a new door, Buy where ye c'n take a look at th' goods, (There's th' best to be had in this neck o' the woods) Would ye buy a critter sight unseen, Of a cat'log house, an' send your long green To them fellers wot don't care a cuss for you, An'll let ye fret an' swear, an' stew It it's spavined an' lame? Now take my advice, Keep yer money home, an you'll be wise."

MIDLAND LUMBER & COAL COMPANY,

ED. GALLES, Manager. 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.

Card of Thanks.
We wish through these columns to thank the kind friends and neighbors for their assistance during our bereavement.
MR. AND MRS. FRANK POEBBLE.

Our Deceiving Senses.

Many readers no doubt are familiar with Saxe's revelation of the Hindu legend relating the impressions of the six blind men who went to see the elephant; but few probably read it with so much as a passing thought to the great realm of mental phenomena at which it hints. The first, it will be remembered, happening to fall against the elephant's side, pronounced him like a wall; the second, touching his trunk, thought him like a spear; the third, taking his squaring trunk in his hands, found him to be very like a snake; and so the fourth, fifth and sixth, judging from his leg, ear and tail, each in turn insisted that he was like a tree, a fan and a rope. A little reflection will show, of course, that the difficulty with the six blind men was not inaccurate perception, if there really be such a thing; but insufficient observation for a correct generalization. Most, if not all our knowledge of the external world is gained through the sense organs; and since few subjects in that external world are of elementary simplicity, it follows that the ideas of most things are more or less logical aggregations of all the perceptions to which it has given rise. Thus the pencil I hold in my hand may be described, and (do I) taste it also, in the same way perhaps getting also a sensation differing from the others, from the graphite; and then I tap it with another pencil and hear the sound produced. Now all these and many more percepts, each more or less distinct from the others, go to make up the idea of pencil.

There are some grounds for gratification in the report made by the interior state commerce commission as to the number of railroad casualties during the fiscal year ended with June last. It appears that within the period mentioned 374 persons were killed and 65,899 injured, which is a decrease of 1,238 killed and 3,297 injured as compared with the preceding year. The showing is bad enough, but the returns suggest better conditions. It is also noted that during the last quarter of the late fiscal year no train accidents were killed in train accidents, the smallest number on record for that length of time. May the improvement continue.

It seems that the new postage stamps which Postmaster General Meyer is about to issue will be something in the nature of a restoration of an old design, rather than an entirely new one. There is occasion for popular congratulation that the fine old Hudson profile of Washington, which is the best and most distinguished ever produced, is to come back after five years of retirement to occupy the position it held for half a century. It goes back not only to the two-cent stamp, but on to the nine other higher denominations, leaving the profile of Franklin on the one-cent stamp, where it has remained from the first.

The old-fashioned covered wooden bridge across the Connecticut river at Hartford has been replaced by a beautiful granite structure described as the largest stone bridge in the world. Both the Cantabrigia across the Moulton at Wrentham and the Waterloo bridge over the Thames at London are longer, but they do not approach the 82-feet width of the Hartford structure. Whatever may be said of the advantages of iron or steel bridges they do not produce the restful impression of strength and permanence which is one of the great attractions of a stone bridge.

Empress William has raised his daughter-in-law, the crown princess, to the rank of colonel of the regiment of which her husband is only the major. Many a husband readily admits that at home he is the second in command, but what did the Kaiser mean when he gave the princess high or military rank than that of his son?

The elab, having tired of experimenting with constitutions, may as well be prepared for the loss of his throne, and the device for bringing home to a monarch his own unpopularity.

The report of the new White Star line steamer, the Titanic, is a very interesting one. The Titanic is the largest ship ever built, and is expected to be the most comfortable and the most rapid of any ship ever built.

There is a good idea. Based on the fact that the Titanic is the largest ship ever built, it is suggested that the Titanic be built with a watch box where he is duty.

ITALY SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKES

THREE PROVINCES ARE LAID IN WASTE BY VIOLENT EARTH TREMORS.

Several Thousand Are Killed, Havoc is Great and Destruction of Life and Property is Appalling in Extent.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The three provinces of Coazza, Catanzaro and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy on the toe of the boot, were devastated Monday by an earthquake, the far-reaching effects of which were felt throughout the entire country.

The town of Mesina, Sicily, was partially destroyed and Catania was inundated.

In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen and many persons were killed.

Owing, however, to the fact that telegraphic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed, it is impossible to obtain even an approximate idea of the vast damage done. Thousands are reported to be dead.

The fate of entire regions within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received here up to a late hour tonight indicate that the havoc has been great and the destruction to life and property more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years.

The uncertainty of the situation for many thousands has filled all Italians with the deepest distress, for they still have fear that the day is coming when that part of the country which seems to have been most blessed by nature will be destroyed by the blind forces of that same nature which nearly nineteen centuries ago overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905.

The tidal waves which followed the earth shocks on the eastern coast of Sicily sunk vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known that a number of people were killed at that place, but the rushing waters carried everything before them and caused such an indescribable confusion that it will be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and number of lives lost.

For a period the town of Messina and the province of Reggio were completely isolated.

EVACUATION.

United States Troops Will Leave Cuba Soon.

Havana, Dec. 23.—New Year's day will witness the beginning of the evacuation of Cuba by the army of pacification which has been in possession of the island since the beginning of the provisional government October, 1906.

The first provisional regiment of marines, numbering about 900, are being concentrated from various posts at Camp Columbia. About half this regiment will sail for Havana on Jan. 1 on the cruiser Prairie. The Prairie will return about the middle of the month and embark the remainder.

Headquarters companies A, B, C, D, Twenty-eighth infantry, will embark on the transport Summer at Matanzas on Dec. 31.

Team Breaks Through Ice.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—A valuable team belonging to the park board broke through the ice on Lake Harriet yesterday while one of the park board employes was scraping the surface to make it safe for horse and skaters which was expected on Christmas day. The driver narrowly saved himself from a watery grave, but the horse was drowned before help arrived.

The ice is considered perfectly safe for skating, but proved unequal to carrying the heavy team, which weighed in the neighborhood of 3,500 pounds.

Dynamited.

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Demanded he refused to pay \$1,000 because Black bands are believed to have attempted to kill Joseph C. Cullen and his family. Dynamite was exploded at the corner of the Canal house and considerable damage was done, but no one was injured.

Fire at Floodwood.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 23.—Fire destroyed the Park hotel at Floodwood Sunday and damaged the residence of Dr. Triplett. The large mercantile establishment of Coolidge & Schmeiser was saved by the fireman and citizens.

ROBBERS TORTURE A VICTIM

BEAR THE FEET OF AN OHIO MAN AND SECURE \$180.

Family Drugged While Bandits Obtain Loot and Escape with Stolen Horse and Buggy.

Toledo, O., Dec. 23.—By burning his feet with lighted matches, two masked robbers compelled the schoolboy Charles, near here, to open a safe in his farmhouse and turn over \$180 Friday.

After tying their victim to his bed with strips of a sheet and placing a gag in his mouth, the bandits went to the barn, stealing a horse and buggy, and escaped. A posse of farmers are in pursuit.

Upon battering in the front door the robbers placed an unknown substance upon a heated stove which overcame the family of seven, and the bandits then operated undisturbed. Schabow is in a serious condition, but will recover.

While one of the robbers was torturing Schabow with the matches the other kept him covered with a revolver, threatening to kill him if he uttered a sound. Schabow was country agent for the Lucas County Insurance Company of Toledo.

The first the Schabow family knew of the robbery was when the children rushed to their father's room to wish him a merry Christmas. He was not there, and upon entering a little front office, they found an officer, who rushed to the floor, unconscious, with his hands and feet tied and a woolen mitten stuffed in his mouth.

WON'T GO TO SALT LAKE.

G. A. R. Refused Low Rate May Select Cincinnati or Pittsburg.

Lima, O., Dec. 24.—J. Cory Wiann, chief of staff of the National Guard Army of the Republic, returned Wednesday from Salt Lake City, where he has been attending a conference of the executive committee.

Mr. Wiann says that from present indications the next national encampment of the Grand Army will not be held at Salt Lake City, but at Cincinnati or Pittsburg. This is because of the fact that the traffic association, which met in Chicago last week, to grant a rate of one cent per mile to the veterans. The date selected for the encampment was August 9 to 14, and following an official report from the traffic association, the governing body will meet to select the next meeting place. Both Cincinnati and Pittsburg will make a strong effort to secure the encampment.

DEED OF DANISH GOULDS.

Burial Place of Kings Robbed of All Its Valuables.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—The cathedral of Roskilde, the burial place for centuries past of the Danish kings, was looted by burglars Tuesday night and large numbers of articles of gold and silver vessels, urns and shields were carried away. The tombs of both King Christian and Queen Louise were robbed of the valuable gold and silver memorials sent by the crowned heads of Europe and the cities of Denmark.

RYAN QUILTS DIRECTORATES.

Financier Resigns from 31 Corporations for Health's Sake.

New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas F. Ryan, admittedly one of the greatest financiers in the world, has announced Wednesday that, yielding to the advice of his physicians, he had resigned from the directorate of 31 corporations. The only enterprises in the management of which the noted financier retains a hand are the Morton Trust Company, the National Bank of Commerce and the American Tobacco Company.

Fire Makes 1,000 Homeless.

New York, Dec. 24.—More than 1,000 persons were made homeless and \$100,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire which burned out an entire block of apartment houses between Second and Third avenues and Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, Brooklyn, Wednesday. Twenty persons were overcome by smoke, but they were rescued by firemen and carried from their burning houses to places of safety.

Mark Twain Company Formed.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The Mark Twain Company of New York, capital \$5,000, organized to secure to the author and his family all rights in the name or nom de plume "Mark Twain" through articles of incorporation Wednesday with the secretary of state. The directors are: Samuel L. Clemens, Clara L. Clemens, Jean L. Clemens, Isabel Lyon of Bedding, Conn., and Ralph W. Ashcroft of New York.

Mayor Is Frozen to Death.

Sherridan, Wyo., Dec. 23.—The body of John S. Taylor, who was serving his fifth term as mayor of this city, was found in a croup of bushes a mile north of town Friday, where he had evidently frozen to death.

Canal Blast Killed Twenty-One.

Washington, Dec. 24.—According to the latest advices to the isthmian canal commission there have been 21 deaths as a result of the premature explosion of dynamite at San Onofre December 12.

Pioneer Newspaper Man Dies.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Charles West Hight, a pioneer newspaper man of Kansas, died at the home of his son in Kansas City, Kan., Friday, aged 70 years.

BLEUTHING THE BLEUTH.



RESCUE STATIONS FOR COAL FIELDS

GOVERNMENT'S NEW SCHEME TO REDUCE NUMBER OF FATALITIES.

Will Train Mine Crews—Demonstrations of Oxygen Helmets and Safety Lamps to Be Made by Experts—Probable Locations.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Carrying out its efforts to reduce the number of fatalities in coal mines, the United States geological survey is about to establish rescue stations in the principal coal fields of the country, in addition to the experiment station now located at Pittsburg.

The new stations will be at or near the greatest centers of accidents and it will be the purpose of the experts to teach the miners and mine bosses how to use the most approved apparatus for mine rescue work.

Government mining engineers, though trained in the use of rescue apparatus, will be assigned to these stations, and they will be ready at a moment's notice to go to any disaster in the mine.

Will Train Rescue Crews. These stations also will be headquarters of the engineers for the study of the waste of coal in mining, one of the important problems before the geological survey.

It is the intention to have every station fitted up with an air-tight room where gas can be generated. The coal mining companies are to be invited to send picked men to these stations, where they will be trained by the government experts in the use of the oxygen helmets. The experts will be thoroughly trained rescue crews at their mines. All of the rescue stations are to be erected in co-operation with the mine owners and state geological surveys.

Where the Stations Will Be. One of the rescue stations will be at Urbana, Ill., in connection with the University of Illinois. Others will take care of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, northern Missouri and western Kentucky.

Several locations are suggested for the station which will cover Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, eastern Kentucky, Georgia and southern West Virginia. One also is located at station at Knoxville, Tenn., in connection with the University of Tennessee, which has a mining course. Birmingham, Ala. and Lexington, Ky., have also been suggested for location of the station and J. W. Paul, former state mine inspector of West Virginia, will have supervisory charge of all rescue work.

These stations not only will opportunity be given the miners to become familiar with the rescue apparatus, but safety lamps of all designs will be tested for their general safety and efficiency in the presence of the miners and the mine owners.

Bloody Tragedy in Johnston.

Johnston, Pa., Dec. 23.—John H. Hertz, a blacksmith, on a much-travelled street yesterday shot his wife, Mrs. Hertz, and his two children, and Mrs. William Kirt of McCookport, Pa., and then blew out his own brains in plain view of a crowd of horrified bystanders.

GO ON VISIT TO CANAL ZONE

TWELVE HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAIL FOR COLON.

Will Study Conditions and Possible Needs of Changes in Form of Government.

Washington, Dec. 23.—To familiarize themselves with conditions under the present form of government of the Panama canal zone and to consider whether it is desirable to change the members of the house committee on foreign and interstate commerce left Charleston today for Colon.

It is not thought that any measure having for its object a change in the form of civil government for the zone will receive the consideration of the congress at the present session, but as all but two of the members of the commerce committee, Representatives Hepburn and Sherman will be members of the house in the Sixty-first congress, the committee will find the information secured now of value later.

There has been some discussion of the advisability of attaching the zone to one of the southern circuits of federal courts in order to overcome criticism that has been made of the prevailing judiciary system because of the difficulties that have been experienced with regard to the limits of jurisdiction of the civil and military authorities on the zone and the government of Panama.

The congressional party not only will investigate this matter, but also will look into all phases of the construction of the canal.

The party will reach Colon on January 2, arriving in Washington, returning January 14. Those in the party who are accompanied by their wives are Messrs. Hepburn, Iowa; Cushman, Washington; Kennedy, Ohio, and Ryan, New York, of the committee. Other members going on the trip are Messrs. Stevens, Minnesota; Bacon, Wisconsin; Townsend, Michigan; Knowland, California; Hubbard, West Virginia; Adamson, Georgia; Richardson, Alabama; and Lincoln, Georgia. Messrs. Morse, Wisconsin; Humphrey, Washington; Lee, Georgia; Conner, Iowa, and Loud, Michigan, also are members of the party, as is J. F. Ryan, the clerk of the committee.

VIRGINIA CITY IS SHAKEN.

Severe Earthquake Does Damage in the Montana Town.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Virginia City, Mont., states that at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon that section was shaken by the severest of a series of seismic disturbances that have been going on for more than a week. The electric power and light plant was put out of commission. This plant is located ten miles distant from Virginia City.

Parents Fight Babe Killed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Alfred Turner, aged ten weeks, was killed in a peculiar manner during a fight between his parents here Friday. William Turner, his father, according to the report made to the police, attacked his wife because she did not have breakfast ready when he came downstairs. Mrs. Turner had the child in her arms and in the fight she dropped it to the floor. She was subsequently knocked down or fell upon the infant, crushing it to death. Both parents were arrested.

Father and Daughter Fatally Hurt.

New York, Dec. 23.—In a collision late Friday between a trolley car and an automobile in the sunken roadway which crosses Central park at Eighty-sixth street, George C. Hurst, the aged librarian of the American Geographical society, and his daughter, Miss Ellen Hurst, occupants of the automobile, were crushed in the ruins of the machine and fatally hurt.

President Fallieres Assaulted.

Paris, Dec. 23.—President Clement Fallieres was attacked Friday here by a mob of 150 men. He was a politician named Mapple. The president, grasped with his assailant and was severely bruised before guards could seize Mapple.

PRISON TERM FOR BIG LABOR LEADERS

GOMPERS, MITCHELL AND MORRISON ARE SENTENCED FOR CONTEMPT.

President of American Federation Gets One Year and the Others Nine and Six Months Respectively—On Bail Pending Appeal.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The famous contempt case of the Bucks Stove and Range Company against President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor was decided Wednesday by Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia adversely to the federation officials. Gompers was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six months. The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the company's products and the pulling of that company on the unfair list, and the federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus has attracted wide attention.

Tribe Released on Bail.

Pending an appeal to the United States court of appeals of the District of Columbia all three defendants were released on bail, the amount being fixed as follows: Gompers, \$5,000; Mitchell, \$4,000, and Morrison, \$3,000. A bond surety company furnished the bonds.

Defendants Are Denounced.

Judge Wright's decision was a scathing denunciation of the defendants. He recited the conditions attending the injunction and referred to the fact that for 25 years the Bucks plant had operated as a ten-hour shop, and always had maintained an "open shop." He also spoke of the numerical strength of the American Federation of Labor, with its 2,600,000 members, and of its repeated indorsement of the boycott of the Bucks Stove and Range Company through the American Federationist, the federation's official organ, speeches by the defendants, letters, circulars, etc.

Slam at Labor Officials.

The court referred to the use of the "We don't patronize" list and "Unfair" list of the labor organization, and said



Samuel Gompers.

that members of labor unions were forced and coerced into supporting it whether they were willing or unwilling, approving or disapproving," by various methods.

Following an exhaustive discussion of conspiracy in restraint of trade, Justice Wright said:

"From the foregoing it ought to seem apparent to thoughtful men that the defendants to the bill, each and all of them, have combined together for the purpose of:

- "1. Bringing about the breach of plaintiffs' existing contracts with others.
"2. Depriving plaintiff of property (the value of the good will of its business) without due process of law.
"3. Restraining trade among the several states.
"4. Restraining commerce among the several states."

Editorials Are Read.

The court here read a mass of extracts from reports of proceedings of conventions of the federation, reports of President Gompers' editorials from the columns of the American Federationist and the labor press generally in support of his statement that there was a pre-determination to violate.

Mitchell Is Scored.

Concerning Mitchell, the court pointed to various acts within the purview of the law which he was held to have done. He was cited by Mitchell's book on "Organized Labor, Its Problems, Purposes and Ideals," certain passages wherein Mitchell declared that it was the duty of all patriotic and law-abiding citizens to resist or disregard injunctions when they forbid the doing of a thing which is lawful. Mitchell also was credited with signing "with full knowledge the 'urgent appeal' which accompanied the \$7,000 or more circular letters to the various secretaries as heretofore specified against Gompers and Morrison, and with full knowledge of their contents."

Man Boastes Living Torment.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A man with his clothes saturated in kerosene from an attempt to start a smoldering coal fire with the old Charlie Callahan, a watchman, and it yesterday became a living torch and burned to death in agony near a watch box where he was duty.

MINNESOTA NEWS

Interesting News Gathered in the Gopher State

Official Figures.

St. Paul—Figures by the state canvassing board show that J. F. Jacobson, Republican candidate for governor, received a total of 147,857 votes, a gain of 300 over the unofficial returns. Gov. Johnson received 175,838 votes, a gain of 100 over the unofficial count. The official majority of Johnson is 27,778. There is little change in the figures on the other candidates.

The totals on the state officials as issued by the state canvassing board show only occasional changes from the unofficial totals issued by Secretary of State Schmahl a month ago. The official figures on state officers are:

Governor: Jacobson, 147,857; Johnson, 175,838; Haggard, 7,024; Moore, 6,516; Allen, 523.
Lieutenant governor: Eberhart, 124,884; Ratter, 103,010; Anderson, 19,217; Hirbee, 2,918.
Secretary of state: Schmahl, 178,561; Lamb, 96,961; Damon, 15,219; Lefevre, 10,939; Waterston, 224.
Attorney general: Simpson, 380,821; Mathers, 98,569; Uhl, 12,661; Power, 3,836.
State treasurer: Dinschert, 179,887; Nelson, 103,370; Kohn, 12,884; Nordlat, 2,861.
Railway and warehouse commissioner: Mills, 148,778; Elmquist, 149,804; Broge, 85,857; Mcv, 81,404; Lindsay, 29,790.

The total number of those who registered was 388,262 males and 2,749 females. There were 352,563 ballots cast by males and 16,700 by females.

Laymen's Conference.

The Minnesota Conference of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which is to be held at Minneapolis, Feb. 4-7, it is expected, will surpass in general interest any religious campaign ever held in the Northwest. It is to be state wide in its influence, as it is inter-denominational and inter-county in its organization.

It is distinctly a laymen's movement, inaugurated, organized and managed by them, with the sole purpose of quickening interest in missions and unifying the effort for evangelizing the non-Christian portion of the world.

The movement had a spontaneous beginning at New York two years ago and since then great meetings have been held in twelve cities of the south and west. The next meeting is to be held at Halifax, Vancouver, and last November in Boston.

Numerous representatives of missionary boards and missionaries, who are on foreign expeditions, are attending and prominent speakers will address meetings to be held in a number of churches each day of the conference. There is also to be a dinner, at which Mrs. Northrop, of the Minn. State University, will preside, which it is expected will be attended by many leading laymen of all denominations.

Among the prominent speakers expected are: Col. Elijah W. Halford, the founder of the Chicago-Inter-Ocean; W. T. Ellis, a newspaper correspondent of world-wide fame; J. Campbell White, regarded as the greatest foreign missionary speaker of this generation and E. F. Wilson, T. B. Conant at Halifax; Gov. John A. Johnson has pledged his desire to take an active part.

Tree Planting.

Boundaries for tree planting have been distributed during the present year from the state treasury to 2,128 persons, who planted 14,124 acres in trees and received \$18,008.75 of bounty money.

The amounts distributed by counties are as follows:
Becker, \$186.63; Benton, \$12.50; Big Stone, \$416.25; Blue Earth, \$773.75; Brown, \$668.13; Chippewa, \$1,510.02; Clay, \$28.25; Cottonwood, \$848.65; Douglas, \$191.25; Douglas, \$415.00; Faribault, \$372.50; Freeborn, \$17.25; Goodhue, \$10.03; Grant, \$161.25; Jackson, \$65.63; Kandiyohi, \$434.28; Kittson, \$29; Lac qui Parle, \$337.50; Lincoln, \$252.15; Lyon, \$425; McLeod, \$5; Martin, \$151.12; Meeker, \$432.13; Murray, \$1,684.25; Murray, \$1,244.37; Nicollet, \$55; Nodda, \$243.13; Olmsted, \$23.75; Otter Tail, \$165.62; Pipestone, \$70.63; Polk, \$34.75; Pope, \$340; Redwood, \$2,296.87; Renville, \$1,194.28; Rock, \$97.50; Sibley, \$340.75; Stearns, \$31.87; Stevens, \$73.50; Stevens, \$19,125; Swift, \$53.37; Traverse, \$85; Waseca, \$216.63; Watonwan, \$711.25; Wilkin, \$415; Yellow Medicine, \$783.62.

NEWS NOTES.

Mississippi—Banding indictments against W. K. Rice, secretary of the board of education, are noted.

Mississippi—When business closed on the 15th Mississippi bank clearings were found to have moved across the line by the amount of \$20,000,000, thus leaving the city again in the black dollar area.

Mississippi—Governor Bannister, leaving home May, returns to Fort Bogert, E. C., and reports discovery of a wonderfully fine gold deposit in the wilds of Alaska.

Mississippi—Judge O'Connell declines to issue writs of habeas corpus to a group of men who are being held in the state penitentiary.

Window Gardens Need Much Care and Attention.

Water is the most essential element of plant food, and water and air are the two that every plant requires. If there are no set rules that can be given when these things should be applied. Generally speaking, however, a plant should only be watered when it is dry, and should then be watered sufficiently to wet it thoroughly. Sometimes it is necessary to water plants two or three times a day in sunny weather, and again in cloudy weather, once a week may be good enough.

Plants should receive good air. It is well to open a window for a few moments every bright, sunny day, even in winter. But frequently close the pores. For this reason it is best to sprinkle the foliage plants by taking them to the kitchen sink or to the bath at least once or twice a week. If this is not practicable, dusting with a duster or washing coraceous leaves with a sponge is advisable. Where the plants can be properly sprayed, they are not likely to be troubled very much with insects. In case a single plant is covered with "green fly," place a paper bag over it, have some friend who smokes puff the cigar smoke into the bag.

A few times will remedy the trouble. Scale insects, if they once get hold, can only be removed by washing off with a stiff brush, or, if near a florist, have him give the hydrocyanic gas treatment. Pyrethrum or tobacco dust is also valuable, but is generally too objectionable to have in a living room. The best preventive is to always keep the plants in perfect health and growing. The pots or window boxes should be turned frequently so as to have the plants develop symmetrically.

After all, the secret of the greatest success with the window garden is the innate love for flowers by the one who grows them, worked out by constant daily contact with the plants themselves and thus learning the individual needs of each plant.

The environments of a set of two window gardens are exactly alike and thus each one calls for different treatment. However, if you study plants and fulfill their wants, they will nearly always amply fulfill yours in richness, cheerfulness and beautifying your school room or home.

SOFT TONES IN COMBINATION.

Feature That is One of the Characteristics of the Season.

Combination of softest tones is one of the season's characteristics. At a recent fashion show a beautiful costume was of dark gray crepe de chine richly embroidered with a Japanese design and worn with a ruff of Alice blue and a gray hat trimmed with a blue feather. It was a really wonderful arrangement, and the fair wearer was the epitome of all eyes.

Another beautiful dress was in the directoire style, of natter blue, marquisette made over a foundation of pale mauve. The hat was of black, trimmed with a cloud of mauve chiffon and a blue tuft of marabout.

A pretty black gown of crepe de chine was made with a deep gulf of gold lace, while the sleeves were also of the lace, with a short oversleeve of black. The crepe was draped round the figure and the overskirt hung gracefully below the line of the knee.

Piping the Brims.

One of the new touches in millinery is the tiny piping of color put at the edge of the brim of a black hat. This is run in between the over and under sides and gives a mere line of color around the face. The hatpins match. Usually it is chosen to carry out some color scheme in the costume.

Gifts to Bridesmaids Made in New and Pretty Fashion.

At a recent wedding the bride hit on a novel way of presenting the bouquets that every bride requires. That added much to the interest of the occasion.

After much looking she found in a Russian art store a number of fascinating old silver buckles, such as are worn by the peasants in Russia. The one drawback was that eight buckles alike were not to be purchased. But the girl hit on the happy plan of making the bridesmaids draw for their own gifts.

Each buckle was done up delectably in a box used for the wedding cake, with the monogram of the bride and groom on top. These were put in the center of a wedding bell, of white garden chrysanthemum, and a white ribbon with a small heart, cut from silver paper, was attached to each package.

The bell was a home-made affair, made from fine wire, with the flowers stuck in through the meshes. Each stem was wrapped in damp sphagnum moss to keep it fresh.

The boxes were concealed in the top of the bell above the clapper. A wire ask my bridesmaids to wish me good luck by ringing my marriage bell."

At the close of the wedding supper the bride rose and said: "I will now ask my bridesmaids to wish me good luck by ringing my marriage bell."

At the close of the ringings, each girl was told to gently draw her ribbon toward her, one at a time. This took the small boxes from the shelf without possibility of breakage.

The boxes when opened were found to contain, in addition to an odd buckle, a small card, with the date of the wedding, the initials of the bride and groom and a merry jingle appropriate to the occasion.



FATLET'S SOLILOQUY.

Hips must go—Fashion's Note
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To lace, or not to lace, that is the question. Whether it's noder in the flesh to suit the model was hipless—News Item.

Or sit down upon this dire announcement. And, by opposing, end it? To gasp, to faint. No more, and being fat, to say we end the horrible and the thousand natural shocks.

The flesh is heir to—'tis a consummation devoutly to be wished. To lace, to pull, to squeeze, perchance to pinch! Aye, there's the rub!

For in this class of style what frets must come ere we may nullify this mortal flesh. Must give us pause. There's the light Ah, heaven!

That make calamity of reaching up. For who would bear the grip of bone and flesh. The stifling steam within the Turkish bath.

The rubbing of masses, the gulping down of powders and pills of anti-fat. The stunning sweets and farinaceous food.

When she herself might her contentment make in a loose wrapper? Who would corsets wear? That neither let her walk nor stand nor sit. But that the dread of being out of style, That bridge-withless existence, from whose leonore.

No traveler returns, puzzles the will. And makes us rather bear the ills we must Than fly to others that we know not of? This fashion doth make cowards of us all.

And thus the native girth and size and plumpness is skinned off with bands of crushing steel. And lost the name of fatness. Easy, my good dresser! Sprung, in my director's.

"Be all my fat forgotten!" —Lita.

DRIVEN TO IT.

"What's the matter?"
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FRIENDLY ADVICE.

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"Oh, your highness, I will need some assistance," replied James, the valet.

"Get de lock!" came a voice from the gallery.—Yonkers Statesman.

Distracted.
Heredon—Did you ever notice how distracted he seems to look when he's talking to himself?

Justice vs. Iniquity.
It is joy to the just to do judgment; but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.—Proverbs 11:10.

A Lover's description.

Miss Muggs—I don't see how it is your sister failed to find me at the station. You said you would describe me to her.

Infatuated Lover (who sees a good deal more in Miss Mugg than other folks can)—Yes, I told her to look for a beautiful girl, with the face of a Madonna and the form of a sylph. It's queer she missed you.—New York Weekly.

EASY ENOUGH.

"No," I don't expect anything like that.

"But you say you were successful?"

"Comparatively successful. During the month I have loaned money to five friends and only three of them have quit speaking to me."—Washington Star.

Rather Caustic.
The comedian and the leading lady stood in the observation car admiring the scenery.

"What a beautiful sunset," said the leading lady, dreamily.

"Yes," laughed the comedian. "It reminds me of your exquisite complexion."

"Ah, how kind! Because it is such a beautiful pink and white?"

"No, because it is swiftly fading."

And they never spoke from Kokomo to Kankakee.—Chicago Daily News.

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IN VOGUE

The earring is still pronounced, large pearls and semi-precious stones being freely worn.

Jumpers are modified into the directoire waistcoat of lace or linen worn under coats.

Corsets are high in the bust, small and round in the waist and very long from the waist down.

Blue comes first in fall colors, and the dark rich tone navy will be employed in many smart gowns.

Tonca nets when embroidered in neutral colors are very rich for entire waists. The embroidery need not be very elaborate.

The variation of the usual plerrot skirt is one composed of white and gray miline from the collar of which spring minute tails of brown fur.

Crystal beadwork is found upon very dressy evening frocks, but the style is not so well received as satin flower decorations. Persian bandings are used under slashed waist seams.

Odd Necklaces.
Girls are now wearing necklaces made of rose quartz beads, onyx and natural beads of lapis lazuli, beads of coral, and of plain amber mixed with turquoise.

Sewing Bag



GRANDMOTHER will appreciate a sewing bag as a gift perhaps more than anything else you can give her. This bag is especially suited for a sewing bag as it is easily folded and can be carried in a small handbag when she goes visiting. One yard and quarter each of plain pink tulle and dressing gowns are required. Both silks are cut on the bias and divided into three pieces, then sewed together alternately, by hand, to form a dress, then pink, and so on. The foundation of the bag is a circle of soft cardboard five inches in circumference. This is covered neatly with pink tulle silk on both sides to which quarter yard of pink tulle is attached. After base is covered, gather silk and sew into base. This forms the bottom of bag. To make top, turn in silk about two inches from edge and sew to form a neat, neatly made top. Turn in silk about two inches from edge and sew to form a neat, neatly made top. Turn in silk about two inches from edge and sew to form a neat, neatly made top.

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A Happy New Year To All Our Patrons

There's nothing that adds more to the pleasure of business than cordial relations with one's customers; and, now that the holiday spirit of good fellowship is upon us, we wish to thank you for your liberal patronage of the past year, and we trust that the same cordial relations that have marked our dealings in the past, will continue in the future, to the mutual good of all.

If you are not already a customer of ours, start the New Year right by trading at the BIG STORE.

We Can Save
You
Money, Time,
and Worry.

Again we say,
A Happy New Year to All.

PINE CITY
MERCANTILE
COMPANY

News of the Week.

Chips Picked Up Around Town and Vicinity

The Pioneer wishes its friends and patrons a prosperous and happy New Year.

Ed Netzer departed on Saturday for Kulfie river to run a camp for J. E. McGrath this winter.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Agnes Spindler and Mr. Frank J. Karas, January 12, 1909.

Lon Cleary and wife, Frank Hurley, John Hurley and John Eagan, of St. Paul, were up to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Wm. Herz, of St. Paul, spent Christmas in this place with relatives and friends. She returned to her home on the Sunday after noon limited.

The Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters will hold a joint installation of officers Wednesday evening, Jan. 13. All the members of both lodges are urged to be present.

Miss Fannie Gray who is teaching school at Sudan, visited with her parents this week. She leaves today for Hamline to visit a few days before returning to her school duties.

The Christmas tree and program given by the Presbyterian Sunday school last Thursday evening was a very enjoyable affair. All those taking part in the program did their parts very nicely.

We are in receipt of a very fine calendar for 1909 from the Pine City Milling and Electric company, for which they have our thanks. Manager Allen always has a fine calendar, but this one is far ahead of any he has given out.

Died—At Boise City, Idaho, Dec. 27, 1908, in her forty-seventh year, Mrs. Emma Clark, beloved wife of William S. Clark, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kromer of West St. Paul, Minn. The deceased lady is the aunt of Mrs. John Axtell.

Died—On Tuesday evening at about 9:45, of bowel complaint, the seven-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pofert. The funeral was held Thursday. The Pioneer, with the many friends of the family, sympathizes with them in their bereavement.

Miss Anna Hunt, who is manager of the St. Paul Steographic company, with offices in Court block, came up on Friday's early morning train to spend Xmas and a few days with relatives and friends. She returned to the city on Wednesday's limited.

Charles Minier, our popular pool room man, returned on Tuesday from an extended trip to Texas, and a visit to the twin cities. He reports that he is well pleased with the Texas country. Mrs. Minier accompanied him as far as Minneapolis, where she is receiving medical treatment.

On account of tonight being New Year's Pine City Camp, M. W. A. will postpone their meeting until next Friday evening when the officers will be installed for the coming year. All the members are requested to be present at that time. Remember the date, Friday evening January 8th 1909.

Some of the friends of Leon C. Meyer, of Red Wing, may be interested to know of his recent appointment to the office of city clerk of Red Wing to succeed his father, selected Auditor of Goodhue county. Mr. Meyer will be remembered as being employed checking logs at the McGrath loading works a couple of years ago.

John Kelsey, of Cloquet, a brother of Mrs. E. E. Barnum, came down on Thursday of last week and spent part of Christmas day with his sister and friends in this place. He departed on Friday's afternoon train, for Michigan, to visit with relatives and friends for a week. He was accompanied on the journey by Miss Kate Barnum.

Mrs. M. R. Webster, who departed from this place a couple of weeks ago, being called by the serious illness of her mother, at Leaf River, Illinois, sent word to Mrs. F. A. Hodge last week that her mother had died on Tuesday. The lady lived to a ripe old age and passed peacefully away. The Pioneer, with the many friends of Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Hodge, extends its sympathy. Mrs. Webster will remain at Leaf River an indefinite time, on account of the illness of a sister.

Emily J. Stone Circle No. 16, will postpone their meeting until some time later in the month.

Mesdames Vina MacAdam and Grace Edridge and child drove up from Meadow Lawn Tuesday on a shopping tour.

Tuesday evening a party of young people got up a hay-rack party and drove to Rush City. They report having had a fine time.

Bert Barnum, who has been spending his Xmas holidays with relatives and friends, departed yesterday for Red Wing to spend Sunday with his friend Leon Meyers.

Miss Aurelia Janacek, who is teaching school at Beroun, came down Saturday, Dec. 19th, to spend her two weeks vacation with her mother and sisters in this place.

The German Lutheran Sunday school held their Xmas tree and exercises in the church last Thursday evening. Those attending report having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Regular service at the Methodist church next Sunday morning, preaching by the pastor. In the evening Rev. Gray will preach on some subject appropriate to the beginning of the special meetings. All are cordially invited.

Special gospel meetings will be held in the Methodist church every evening except Saturday next week. Miss Olive Paul, of Minneapolis, and Rev. Leavitt, of Sandstone are expected to assist. Everyone is invited to these meetings.

Last Friday evening the M. E. church was crowded to its capacity, the occasion being the Xmas exercises given by the scholars of the Sunday school and the tree given for their benefit. The entertainment by the school was very good, and each one of the little ones that took part did very well. At the close of the entertainment Santa Claus assisted by a number of girls distributed the gifts and candy bags.

Married—By Rev. W. K. Gray, at the home of the bride's parents in the town of Pokegama, Mr. Iyer Rivenes, of Minneapolis, and Miss Edna Anderson, of Pokegama. The bride is well known in this place as being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, who have lived on the west shore of Pokegama lake for a great many years, and is one of Pokegama's fairest daughters. After the wedding ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. Those present were: Mesdames Hanson and Hummer and their families, of Minneapolis, Mrs. Pennington and family of Pine City, and the neighbors and friends of the family. The Pioneer wishes the happy young couple joy.

GRASSTON DASHES.

Misses Lulu and Louise Wallace are visiting at their brother's home in the town of Pokegama.

Farmers are busy hauling logs these days, but a little more snow is needed to make good sleighing.

H. L. Wallace went to Pine City last Monday on business. Henry has more business than a government mule.

George and Walter Nellir, of Alexandria, are visiting at the home of their uncle, Wm. Peters, during the holidays.

The Latourell boys and Harry Everitt ate Xmas turkey at the home of Henry Latourell. They had a very enjoyable time.

The mayor of Cornell sent August DeFrank to warn the Latourell boys to look out for the big lynx that is running wild through the woods.

Wolves seem to be making lots of

noise these soft days. Between them and the big lynx it is hardly safe to go out after dark unless one is well armed.

The Bachelor's club, of Pokegama met at Emil Peterson's Saturday evening and had a very social time. Next week they will meet with H. H. Markusen. Keep the ball a rolling boys.

25 VOTES

For every \$1.00 worth of goods bought of us for cash we give you free a coupon entitling you to cast 25 votes for any person you wish, in the great Piano Contest conducted by the "Pine Poker." Buy your goods of us, and help your friends.

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WANTED—by the supervisors of the town of Rock Creek: one carload of 2 inch 14 and 16 feet long sound white oak plank for road and bridge work. Address Caspar Novak, Pine City, Route 1, and state price.

NOTICE all the new and appropriate goods daily arriving at the Drug Store.

FOR RENT—A farm suitable for a dairy, 13 miles from the union depot, Duluth, Minnesota. A platform for milk can be built on the land, as the Northern Pacific trains pass through the farm. For terms address R. C. Sloan, 601, 26th ave., West Duluth, Minn.

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—SUCCESS MAGAZINE requires the services of a man in Pine City to look after expiring subscriptions and to secure new business by means of special methods unusually effective; position permanent; prefer one with experience, but would consider any applicant with good natural qualifications; salary \$1.50 per day, with commission option. Address with references, R. C. Peacock, Room 102, Success Magazine Bldg., New York.

Bring your cream to Madden's. Horton, the photographer, is in his studio every Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

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

Bank Talks No. 12

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

Benefits of a Bank Connection.

No amount of information can give you knowledge of actual experience. You may know the advantages of a checking account at the bank, but not to test the method is to lose the benefits.

This is true of all departments of banking. To secure a bank connection is to add many advantages to your daily business transactions—

advantages that you can get in no other way.

Our bank is for the benefit of our patrons, for their use every day or occasionally, just as demands require.

We daily give practical service to the most exacting customers. We can serve you.

PINE CITY STATE BANK

D. GREEBLEY, 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 proper styles to choose from. It is well to be prepared. We have been looking out for your interest—that's our business. We have overcoats that are strong for wear, and you will wonder how we can give hand-tailored shoulders and coats so well made at the low price we do.

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"BODY Found in Trunk," began Clarke. "But I'll skip the headlines. Upon opening a box which they had purchased at an un-called-for freight sale two young men living in Astoria were horrified yesterday to discover the body of a man. It was wrapped sealed in a zinc case which was included in an ordinary round-trip trunk, which in turn was packed in sawdust within a pine dry goods box. Considering the fact that the box had remained for three years and a half in the freight warehouse, the body was in a remarkable state of preservation, due probably to the manner of packing it. There is no clue to the identity of the body other than that it was killed to a fetidous address on South Jefferson street and was shipped from Salt Lake City, having been retained there from El Paso, Wash.

"That's the gist of it, but, of course, after the fashion of you reporters the story is told from several angles in order to fill the column. It looks like a promising mystery."

"Yes, but one thing probably is impossible of solution considering the length of time," I answered.

"I'm not so sure of that. Did it ever occur to you that any crime can be solved if someone is willing to expend money, time, and travel? Given unlimited resources, I believe I could organize a detective force which would make punishment a certainty for every criminal. Crime goes unsolved because the men capable of doing effective work can make more money in other lines. I'd rather like to look into this case. Does your influence extend to the county morgue?"

"Deputy Coroner McNally in charge there is one of my particular friends. I am sure he will favor us."

"Suppose we call there this afternoon, if your engagements will permit."

I absented, but shortly after breakfast something arose that put the matter entirely out of our minds for the moment. I was busy at my own device, and Clarke was deep in a very erudite work on oriental mysticism when there was a violent tug at our door bell. I opened the door and admitted a handsome, athletic young fellow, square of jaw and keen of eye, but apparently laboring under the most intense excitement.

"Where is Mr. Clarke? I must see him at once," he gasped.

Knowing Clarke's rule to see all callers when possible, I immediately ushered him into the library.

"Oh, Mr. Clarke," he began without awaiting an introduction. "I am sure I have a word from her. I must have your help. The police will laugh at me but I feel it is a clue. I shall go mad if it fails. I know she is living. I have never given her up."

"But calm yourself, my dear sir, and let me have your story connectedly," said Clarke. "Remember, I am ignorant even of your name."

"Pardon me, I forgot. I am so full of this new clue. My name is Richard Dudley."

He needed to say no more to Clarke or myself. The name recalled instantly the disappearance, six months before, of Evelyn Mason. The country had rung with it. The papers had been filled with it. The best detectives in the country had struggled with it. Clarke himself, though not called in by the family had taken a deep interest in the progress of the case. A note of romance had been added to the affair by the recently announced engagement of the iron magnate's daughter to Richard Dudley, Harvard's old crack half-back who, at the time she so mysteriously dropped out of sight, was traveling in the Orient. His hind legs on homo as fast as steam and train could carry him and had taken up the thread where the police had dropped it in despair.

"Then you have a clue, Mr. Dudley?" asked Clarke when he had assured our caller that his trouble was well known to us.

"I think so. Here is what I received this morning. I hurried to you at once."

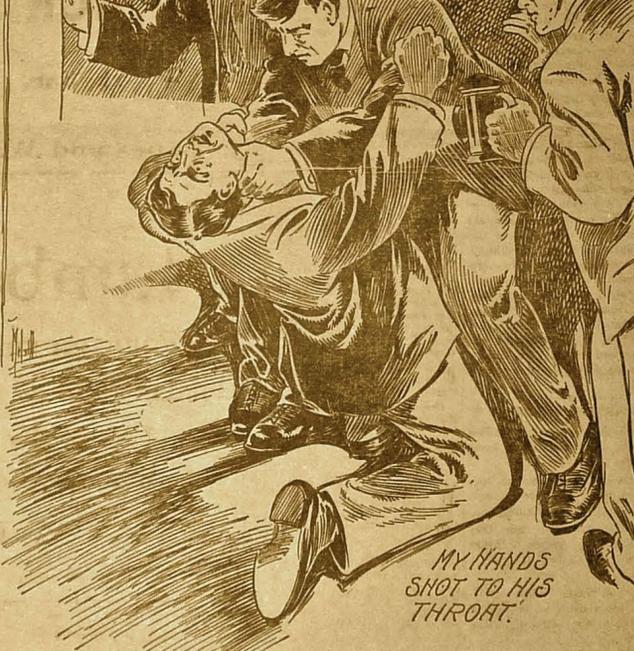
And Dudley handed Clarke a slip of paper.

Clarke read the paper and handed it over to me. It contained but one word, "Ossete," written in a sprawling hand.

"Where did you get this?" asked Clarke.

"It was slipped under my door last night. I have no idea by whom. I found it there this morning. Oh, Mr. Clarke, tell me that you have hope and that we will find her."

"What particular importance do you attach to this paper?"



MY HANDS SHOT TO HIS THROAT.

able, I trust, than you suspect. It will however take time and labor to develop it. I imagine it may take us to the Pacific coast. Are you prepared to take such a trip?"

"At once, if necessary. Oh! we shall find her, shall we, Mr. Clarke?"

"The body already had been prepared for burial, and Clarke did not ask to see it. The pine box he glanced at just long enough to read the fictitious address. The trunk also he passed with a look. When he came to the zinc case, however, it riveted his attention. He examined closely every seam and corner of it.

Clarke decided upon a trip to the Pacific coast.

When we finally reached the end of our long journey and succeeded in locating the town of El Paso, we found a little hamlet numbering about 500 souls. Across a snug harbor broods the broad expanse of the Pacific.

After some search we located the private sanitarium of Dr. Glendon Withersbee, a man known to Clarke to be a villain of the deepest dye. We entered a room in Withersbee's sanitarium.

What I have next to relate has been placed together out of a blur of hazy

memories. I am not aware just when I lost consciousness. My first sensation was that some one was looking intently at the back of my head. Then a soft, purring, voice said:

"Mr. Carlton Clarke, Mr. Richard Dudley and Mr. Paul Stanton, I believe; Dr. Withersbee is at your service."

When I awoke to consciousness some one was alternately snapping his fingers in my face and roughly shaking me. I was in pitch darkness, and the air was chill and clammy.

"Sixty, I'm ashamed of you," said Clarke's voice through the gloom. "You are a particularly easy subject. I should have given you some lessons in resistance."

"Where are we? What has happened? Where is Dudley?" I asked, in a breath.

"Dudley is here. He recovered before you did," answered Clarke, a fact which Dudley's voice confirmed. "We seem to be in some sort of an occult, of that dear Dr. Withersbee."

In single file we made the round of our dungeon. We found it to be about 12 feet square, walled with masonry which dripped dampness, and, too wet.

At last, after a wait which seemed an eternity, I heard a soft footfall outside of the door. Then iron bars clanked and grated. I heard the hinges creak and the door swung slowly open. A dark form framed in the doorway was outlined through the gloom. Then it stepped into our midst. My hands shot to his throat, which was cold and clammy as that of a corpse. There was no resistance. I heard Dudley wrenching the lantern from his belt. At Clarke's command I released him. Dudley was about to strike the light when Clarke shouted: "Quick, Dudley; the door!"

We emerged on the rugged side of a hill overlooking the broad expanse of the bay.

Lying flat on my back on the sand, my heart tugging and thumping, my

breath coming in rasping gasps which seemed to sear my throat, I waited, I know not how long.

At last I was aroused by a soft "hello," and the nose of a swift gasoline launch shot into the creek.

We had not long to wait. Clarke lifted his eyes from his intent watch on the shore line and said: "He's coming."

I knew who "he" meant and I shivered at meeting Withersbee on those black waters. Then my ear caught the "putt—putt" of a launch.

"Down in the boat, fellows, he's going to fire!" shouted Clarke. Dudley and I dropped. Six times a rapid succession his revolver cracked. But a swiftly flying launch is not easy to hit and we heard the bullets whistle overhead.

Withersbee's boat was almost upon us when Clarke gave the wheel a quick twist and our pursuer shot past within three feet of our gunwale. As he drew the wheel Clarke's right arm shot into the basket at his side. I saw his hand come out holding a writing black object. He swung it about his head and let go. I saw it burdle through the air and strike the doctor full between the shoulders. Withersbee dropped the wheel and stood up trying to fight the thing off with his boat, free of her helm, swung round in circles.

Suddenly he sprang to the gunwale of the boat, threw up his arms and, with a piercing, terrified shriek disappeared in the black waters of the bay.

Clarke shot our boat over to the staggering derelict, reached over her side and stopped her engine. I held the gunwales together while Dudley leaped into the doctor's boat at a bound and returned bearing in his powerful arms the unconscious form of a young woman. The figure in the stern sat fixed and motionless.

Dudley swiftly cut the ropes which bound her. "It's she, it's she," he muttered. Clarke felt her pulse. "She's only fainted," he said. We fell to chafing her wrists and Dudley scooped up a handful of sea water and bathed her brow.

At the tavern, after Miss Mason had been safely stowed away in a clean warm bed by the motherly landlady we patched together the ragged threads of the story over the best in the landlord's cellar.

"First," said Clarke, "if you are Oliver Dike, whose was the body that Dr. Withersbee shipped to Chicago in an oilman case?"

"He was another attendant, a young fellow by the name of Frank Williams. We were very similar in appearance even to the fillings in our teeth."

"I didn't worry much about her for he treated her well and she seemed to be in no danger from him, and I had seen so many terrible things in cases where he didn't want to marry them that I was sort of hardened to it anyway. I was the watchman of the whole place after Williams disappeared and the only white man about the institution, all the rest being Chiniks. I talked with Miss Mason on the sly sometimes but I paid no attention to her appeals until one day she mentioned the name of Mr. Dudley here. He was one of my boyhood football heroes and I determined to do something."

"But, Clarke, how did you see through all this when we were in Chicago?" I asked.

"I didn't see through it by any means. Only I saw some things which you didn't. Part of it you know. Then a connecting link was the zinc case which I recognized at once as one used in smuggling opium. I picked up the threads of Miss Mason's case where I had dropped them before, and the list of guests confirmed my hazy recollection that there was one in a room in the name of the town did not strike me the first time, of course, but the name of the doctor did, for while turning the case over in my mind I thought of some things which I should have remembered at the first time. It was that once in a Clark street opium den I had heard the name 'Withersbee' in a cautious whisper. My visit to Chinatown confirmed this. I have a Chinaman there that I depend on a good deal, and in reply to my question of who was the greatest dealer in smuggled opium in the country he whispered 'Withersbee,' saying that he would never live to see another day for having told."

Dudley and Miss Mason were married the next spring and Clarke and I are often guests at their beautiful Lake Forest home. Withersbee's so-called asylum, from which aided by the powerful Chinese gangs, in which he wielded great influence, he conducted his extensive smuggling operations, now stands for its past sins as one of the principal outposts in the war against "The Great White Plague."

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FOND OF ATHLETICS

PRESIDENT HAS SET GOOD EXAMPLE FOR CABINET MEN.

His Fondness for Healthy and Manly Sports Has Been Contagious with Advisers—Wilson Not a Sport.

Washington—Not the least good that Theodore Roosevelt, as president of the United States, has done his countrymen has been to quicken by precept and example their love and appreciation of healthy, athletic and manly sports. As a hunter, a horseman, a pedestrian, a tennis player, a boxer, an exponent of his Jim—in short, a follower of every wholesome form of exercise and manner of sport—the president has set an example that has been contagious and that will bear good fruit for many a day to come.

The eight serious and one fountain gentlemen who stand at all times ready, if not anxious, to lend their counsel to the president regarding the piloting of the ship of state are not unlike him in respect to their fondness for athletic recreation.

Secretary Straus, who has had considerable experience in the service of his country both at home and abroad, and who is now at the head of the many-sided department of commerce and labor, is an ardent fisherman and an enthusiastic pedestrian. He found ample opportunity to gratify both his things and walking propensities during the past summer.

The entire month of August was spent in the Maine woods, in company with William Loeb, Jr., secretary to the president. There, in a little cabin of logs, which Secretary Straus asserts cost him the magnificent sum of \$450, far from civilization and close to the heart of nature, where the deer came curiously up to investigate the intruders and the brook trout rose greedily to the fly, a happy party enjoyed to the full the unconventional delights of a genuine outing. The camp can be reached only after a considerable tramp through the woods, at that time the fairy glory of their richest foliage, so that on arrival at the unostentatious but hospitable portals the newcomers were in fit mood to appreciate the genuine sports before them. There, in the unconfined region and the environment.

The camp possesses every convenience that the "simple life" requires, and affords the most comfortable accommodation not only for Secretary Straus, Mrs.

Straus and their young son, but also for Secretary Loeb and several other guests.

The most striking feature is the central hall, with its stone chimney, where on a wide open heath spruce, pine and maple logs blazed cheerily all day and night, especially in the mornings and evenings, while in Washington people were seeking the parks and house-tops to get refuge from the humid heat.

"It feet east head of this department ought to know something about fishing," said Secretary Straus, almost naively, "as the bureau of fisheries is under his jurisdiction, and in order to learn about fishes you must live the sport of taking them."

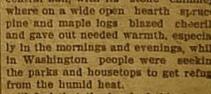
One would have to go far to find a more ardent sportsman and outdoor athlete than the postmaster general of the United States, George von Lengerke Meyer of Hamilton, Mass. With him athletic exercise is little short of a religion, and with his 50 years sitting over country roads and across outdoor most younger men. What he goes through during his vacation would kill any man whose nerves were not in perfect trim. In those muscles were not like whip cords and whose digestion was not capable of assimilating the heartiest viands.

But the postmaster general does not try to crowd his vacation all the exercise and open-air recreation of an entire year. Every day he jumps on his horse at seven o'clock in the morning and takes a ride at a rattling pace over country roads and across country in the bracing morning air. He is an accomplished and daring horseman.

James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, is no sport. When he wants recreation he exchanges one kind of work for another, and even when at home in the bosom of his family he is not wont to indulge in cards or checkers or chess or any other of the games commonly resorted to for recreation and amusement.

Vietor Howard Melville, the recent secretary of the navy, is an end of sport when at Yale he led his boat crew to victory, but he now finds recreation in other ways. Fishing, hunting and mountaineering formed his chief amusements during his vacation last summer.

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C. K. Davis, jr. of Sandstone, is visiting at the M. T. Labart home. Mrs. Louis Asber, of St. Paul, is visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Robert E. Hamlin and wife spent Christmas with Auditor Hamlin and family at Pine City.

Mrs. N. J. Edridge and child, J. P. MacAdam and children were county seat visitors on Tuesday.

L. A. Holler and family, of Sandstone, came down Tuesday to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Elmer Smith returned from Eversgreen, the latter part of last week, where he had been looking after the land that he owns there.

Florence Sperling came over from Millburn Tuesday and spent last week with her friend, Miss Nettie Lewis. She returned home Sunday.

Howard Nichols and wife of Windom, came up Wednesday of last week to spend the holidays with Mr. Nichols' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Smith.

Although we did not have a Christmas tree at the school house as was at first planned, several of the families had a tree at their homes and Santa Claus found us just the same.

Mrs. J. O. Clyne and son, John, went to St. Paul Sunday, to visit Mr. Clyne, who is quite ill at a hospital in that city. John came home on Monday, but Mrs. Clyne will remain with her husband for a few days.

STURGEON LAKE

Even old Sol is hot these days. What then can be expected of poor mortals?

Some more coyotes are taking up the cry. If the lousy pack will come out in the open, fur will fly.

The poor old Pine Poker crawls under the November wreck and feebly wails, "Who struck Billy Patterson?"

At the beginning of the New Year the business of G. H. Cunningham will be incorporated as the Cunningham Mercantile Co.

Chas. Olson, our genial postmaster, becomes a member of the Cunningham Mer. company, and the postoffice will resume its old quarters.

C. M. Kirby, our popular blacksmith, turns out a high grade of work. This the people are beginning to know, and his shop is a very busy place.

T. D. Wells continues to dish up ham and—Besides will shave you while you wait. He also wears the star and wields the only Big Stick in town. (Courier please copy.)

A bank and a newspaper are slated for this burg in the near future. Then if Pine City will only lend us the court house for a few years, we surely will make a noise like going some.

ROCK CREEK

Mrs. J. S. Stevens, of this place, is very ill.

Frank Stevens returned from Wisconsin to spend the holidays here.

The program given in the M. E. church Christmas Eve was very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Carlton, were spending the holidays at the Myers home.

Good carpenter wages at Rock Creek is 50 cents a day. Come and get your chance.

Mr. Carlson and family returned, Sunday from North Branch, where they spent Christmas.

Rudolph Anderson, who has been working in Duluth, has been spending the holidays at home.

Albert Alander, who has been working in Elmer, returned to his home Thursday to spend the holidays at home.

Jack Bassett, of St. Paul, is enjoying the holidays with his brother and sister, Henry and Isabel Bassett, at this place.

There was an excellent Sunday school entertainment given by the Baptist church people. There was a very good program.

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Total Income	\$1,532,925 12	Admitted Assets	\$ 5,231,229 94
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