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PINE CITY, MINNESOTA.

COUNTY FAIR.

The Fair Association Holds Meeting.
 Elects Officers and Appoints Days
 Holding Fair for

At the annual meeting of Stockholders of Pine County Agricultural Society held in the directors room of the Pine City State Bank April 17th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT.....D. Greely
 VICE PRESIDENT.....E. H. Holbert
 ".....G. H. Cunningham
 ".....W. P. Hogan
 ".....J. S. Foster
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GREELEY GOSSIP

Most of the farmers will be through with seeding this week.

Mr. Willie Lueth who was kicked by a horse and badly hurt, is better now.

Quite a number of the citizens of Danewood were at the school Tuesday.

School has closed for a few months vacation. The teachers departed for their homes.

Miss Lizzie Sausen, who came from Wyoming is staying at the home of Fred Strelow of this place.

The program which was held in the school Tuesday night was well attended both scholars and other folks done well.

MEADOW LAWN.

Allen Soodfield and family spent Sunday at J. O. Clyne's.

Alfred Olson was a caller in the Lawn Wednesday.

Mrs. J. S. Collette spent Sunday with Mrs. Nellie Soodfield.

Lee Huberman was a caller at Mr. Labarta Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heath visited at the J. O. Clyne home Sunday.

Frank Heath and Jennie Butler spent Sunday evening with friends in this place.

Mr. Lyeth spent Sunday at his home returning to his scene of labor the same evening.

Wm. Parrent, who has been helping Mr. Livingston returned to his home near Rock Creek Friday.

Frank Novek, who has been receiving treatment at Dr. Froelich returned home Thursday, much improved.

Orra and Daniel Soodfield attended the surprise party given at Mr. Butlers, in honor of Mr. Otis. They report having a good time.

Miss H. C. Wright closed a very successful term of school here Thursday. She gave an interesting program after which refreshments were served. This is Miss Wrights second year here.

The hard time social given in district 20 was quite well attended. The prize was given to Alfred Decker for being the most ridiculously dressed. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bell, Mrs. Elmer Carrier and Mrs. Etta Parry attended from Hustletown.

DEER VALLEY.

A. E. Stevens intends to suspend operations at his saw mill until he has put in the crops on his farm, and after that is done he expects to resume making lumber, shingles and shingles until late in the summer.

Messrs. Steve Gillig and E. J. Heineman are kept busy meeting parties at the Rock Creek station who want to purchase land around here. They could not trust two better men to find them good land than the above two gentlemen, and they live in Deer Valley.

Chas. Heineman was a county seat visitor one day last week.

FARM BULLETIN

A. J. McGuire of the Northwest Experiment Station Talks to the Farmers of Pine County.

With the conclusion of 1908 we may look back over the results of the year, and from its experience shape more wisely the work of the coming year.

The state farm as it is called by the neighbors has prospered, and it is hoped that every farmer in northeastern Minnesota has gained some good in the way of better farm, a more comfortable home, and a greater knowledge and respect for his employment.

While northeastern Minnesota has not had as great an increase in settlement the past year as its needs demand, there have been developments that are most encouraging for the farmer. The extension of the numerous new mining towns all calling for farm produce, and most of all the interest in the development of agriculture that is being shown by every one, from the home steader to even the mining engineer. "More farmers and better farming for northeastern Minnesota" has come to be the watchword. Pass it along till this section of our fair state is contributing its rich share to agriculture. Till there is a farmer on every eighty acres of land. Till every swamp is drained and every needed road is built. Till every farmer realizes that farming is a business and requires system, and study and co-operation with his fellow farmers, for success, even more than the business of the man who lives in town.

The work of the experiment farm during the past year has been along the same line as described in a former bulletin. A system of practical farming with dairying as the foundation. The alteration of clover with grain and cultivated crops. Selling only finished products: butter, meat, eggs, potatoes, vegetables and small fruits. The grain, hay, fodder, corn and roots as fed on the farm, and the fertility which they contain is largely returned to the soil in manure. 400 loads of stable manure was hauled out during the year and applied to the field. Thru this and the growing of clover the soil of the farm is becoming a richer soil each year. Not only on the experiment farm but thru northeastern Minnesota the farmers who are practicing crop rotation—growing clover alternately on all the fields of the farm, and manuring each field every three or four years are securing equally good results.

That dairying is to be the system of farming for northeastern Minnesota is coming to be generally accepted. It is the dairy farmer who is now prospering most. The farmer who grows clover and feeds it on the farm, and who feeds it to the most productive of all animals, the dairy cow.

To increase the number of cows in northeastern Minnesota and to increase the acreage and cultivation so that feed may be grown for them is the most important agricultural subject we have to consider.

Fifty farmers in any community with 10 cows each can afford a creamery. With a production of 200 pounds of butter to the cow per year at 25 cents per pound would mean an income to that community of \$25,000 a year. This for butter alone.

The ways and means of this industry is worthy of consideration. It is only thru consideration and study that it may be brought about.

A. J. McGuire, Superintendent
 Northeastern Experiment Station
 Grand Rapids, Minn.

A GREAT POPULARITY CONTEST.

The Pioneer Offers Opportunities for Local Candidates to Win Valuable Prizes in Popularity Contest.

The Pine County Pioneer is pleased to announce that in connection with the St. Paul Pioneer Press young ladies in this vicinity are offered exceptional opportunities to win valuable prizes. The Pioneer Press proposes to give away Five \$450.00 pianos and fifty trips to the Minnesota State Fair with money for expenses. State Fair Tickets are good for the entire week and in addition entertainment will be provided at Wonderland Park for the same period.

The prizes for this district are as follows:

FIRST PRIZE—One Upright Raudenbush piano value \$450.00, to lady who receives the highest number of votes in this district.

SECOND PRIZE—Two Round Trip Railroad Tickets to Minnesota State Fair, Admission to Grounds and Grandstand one week, and \$50.00 cash; Admission to Wonderland and Attractions—to the lady who receives the second highest number of votes in this district.

THIRD PRIZE—Two Round Trip Railroad Tickets to Minnesota State Fair, Admission to Grounds and Grandstand one week, and \$25.00 cash; Admission to Wonderland and Attractions—to the lady who receives the second highest number of votes in this district.

FOURTH PRIZE—Two Round Trip Railroad Tickets to Minnesota State Fair, Admission to Grounds and Grandstand one week, and \$15.00 cash; Admission to Wonderland and Attractions—to the lady who receives the fourth highest number of votes in this district.

FIFTH PRIZE—Two Round Trip Railroad Tickets to the Minnesota State Fair, Admission to Grounds and Grandstand one week, and \$10.00 cash; Admission to Wonderland and Attractions—to the lady who receives the fifth highest number of votes in this district.

SIXTH PRIZE—Two Round Trip Railroad Tickets to the Minnesota State Fair, Admission to Grounds and Grandstand one week, and Admission to Wonderland and Attractions—to the lady who receives the sixth highest number of votes in this district.

This means that each district will have a separate list of prizes just like the above, and each district will, in a way, be in a contest of its own.

Any lady of good character is eligible according to the conditions of the contest and you may either nominate yourself or have a friend do it for you.

A special feature connected with the contest is that combined subscription with the Pine County Pioneer and Pioneer Press for the same length of time entitles the contestant to Double the Number of Votes according to the regular schedule.

For further information apply to the Contest Manager, St. Paul Pioneer Press.

THE GREAT

Spring Tonic and Blood Purifier

Kalamazoo Celery and Sarsaprilla Compound

Large Bottle for \$1.00

You Know the Place

BRECKENRIDGE'S PHARMACY

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STOP

IN AND SEE OUR BIG STOCK OF SHINGLES AND LUMBER

We can sell you anything you want in our line at prices that will surprise you.

C. H. WESTEMAN LUMBER CO.,

D. A. PAYNE, Manager.

Pine City, Minnesota.

IN THE FRONT ROW

You bet. When it comes to furnishing the best Building Material, at the lowest prices—you'll find us occupying a front row seat every time.

And it's a continuous performance, too. The man who once buys lumber and building material here, is usually never satisfied with any other place. He may find grades as good as ours some other place. And he might find as low prices elsewhere. But he won't find as good grades as ours, at as low prices as we ask for that grade. No sir! Not for a minute. The combination of high quality and low prices is what gets us the cream of trade—and keeps us "in the front row." Are you with us next time?

MIDLAND LUMBER & COAL COMPANY,

ED. GALLIES, 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.

FOR SALE—A 40 acre farm one half mile from good school, creek running through the place, nice lot of apple trees, 25 acres under plow, has a small house and barn, entire 40 well fenced, for sale cheap and on easy terms. Enquire of A. W. Pip r.

The Commercial Club, of Finlayson, Minn., has arranged, to have a market day on the second Saturday of May, July, September and November. An auctioneer will be provided by the Club and music by the Finlayson brass band.

ORAP Iron 25 cents per 100, rags 10 mixed and unmixd 50 cents per 100, clean rubbers, 4 cents per lb., clean copper and brass 6 cents per lb, highest price paid for bottles. I will make regular monthly trips to this place to get what you have saved the first trip will be the first week in May. Lotts Lutz, the Rush City Scrap Iron Man.

ONE OF THE BEST IN YEARS

Too much credit cannot be given Messrs. Brownlee & Reed who are directing the tour of the marvelous Melo-Dramatic success "The Texas Cattle King." The company is one of the best that has appeared here this season. Every member is well, well up in his or her part. The specialties introduced between the acts are of a pleasing and high class character. The wonderful scenic and electrical effects are a big feature of the show, our only regret is that they could not stay longer with us, and should they return they will certainly be greeted with large crowds and a hearty Welcome—Daily Journal, Ogdenburg, N. Y. It will be at Pine City Opera House Thursday, May 6.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
 Digests what you eat.

News of the Week.

Chips Picked Up Around Town and Vicinity

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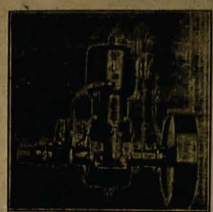
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Pine City Engine Works.



I wish to announce to the public that there is no more need of sending away for your Marine Engines as they are now being made in

PINE CITY
 and out of the best material that money can buy, and the best workmanship that skill, with 13 years experience with gasoline engines can produce. Prices moderate.

I do not build an engine that I can sell as cheap as some engine builders neither do I build an engine that needs tinkering up every time you want to use it. If you intend to buy don't fail to call and see the Pine City engine and be convinced that it is the best and cheapest engine you ever saw. It has all the latest improvements found on high priced engines.

The above cut shows its simplicity.
E. W. SPLITTSTOSER,
 Pine City, - Minnesota.

Popular Specials.

Bring your cream to Madden's. For the fresh meat and first-class sausage, call on the North Star Meat Co., Jelinek & Janda proprietors.

Wanted to exchange 60 acres of good land for village property. Inquire at this office.

FOR SALE—A team of gray horses weight 2700 lbs. For particulars call at this office.

WANTED Some steady boy or girl to learn Photography. Call at Poole's Photo Gallery for particulars.

HOLLER'S OLD TIME HORSE TONIC A sure relief for worms. As a blood cleaner it is unexcelled.

FOR SALE—Or will exchange for Wood, 1 set of single horse sleds and one set of double harness. For particulars inquire at this office. 3c

FOR SALE—A farm of 120 acres, 6 miles southeast of Pine City, 30 acres cleared. For particulars call on John P. Franta, Pine City R. 1.

FOR SALE—My 60 acre farm 4 1/2 miles northwest of Pine City. 12 acres cleared, with buildings and a good well. For particulars inquire of Henry Felton, Pine City, Minn.

FOR SALE—Strawberry plants, F. Dunlap and Warfield, grown direct from the Kellogg thoroughbreds Dunlap's \$5.00 and Warfield's \$4.00 per thousand. Address, Wm. Lewis, Pine City, Minn., Route 4.

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.

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE? If so we can help you. We have already put hundreds through college by means of our plan. Write to-day for full information regarding our offer of a free scholarship in any school or college. Address, Robert J. Sherlock, 29-31 East 22nd Street, New York City.

WANTED Success Magazine requires the service of a man in Pine City to look after the 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.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES
 Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
 Church Services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Sabbath.
 All welcome. Rev. J. A. Paddock, Pastor.

A SAFE FOUNDATION.

The safest way for you to lay a foundation for an income is to invest your surplus funds in one of our Certificates of deposit. There is no limit to the amount of money which you can deposit by this plan, as we issue certificates in both large and small denominations, while our Capital and Surplus afford unquestioned security for your funds.

PINE CITY STATE BANK

D. GREELEY, Cashier.
 Pine City, Minnesota.



When You go to Purchase

A SPRING SUIT consider well STYLE, QUALITY, FINISH and FIT.

Acorn and Sophomore Brand

Are the best line we have in all the new models for Spring and Summer.

Hats, Caps and Gent's Furnishing goods. Suits Made to Order a Specialty.

JOHN JELINEK, Tailor and Clothier, Minn

Watch

For the Closing out Sale OF MY COMPLETE STOCK

of Shoes

and Rubbers

F. A. WILEY,

MAIN STREET, PINE CITY, MINN.

Pine City Harness Shop

V. A. BELE Prop.

Hand Made and Custom Harness Always on Hand, also a Full and Complete Line of Lap-ropes, Shirts and all kinds of Horse Furnishings

We Keep on Hand a supply of Cushions, Aprons, Side-curtains and Tops for Buggies. Buggy top Repairing a Specialty.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED

A Fine line of Trunks, Suit-cases and Telescopes.
V. A. BELE, PINE CITY, MINN.

M. E. CHURCH SERVICES.
 Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
 Preaching, 10:45 a. m.
 Junior League, 4 p. m.
 Epworth League, 7 p. m.
 Preaching, 8 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
 All welcome. W. K. GRAY, Pastor.
 Call and see the Pine City Soay enir Pillow-tops and other new needlework materials at Miss Shearer's, Court House block. Mail orders solicited.
 SUSAN SHEARER.

IMPROVING THE PINE FORESTS

BY HERBERT F. JACKSON

THROUGH the improvement in the systems of turpentine the south has taken a long step forward in the movement for the protection and development of one of the country's most important natural resources, the rich yellow pine forests which make the United States lead in those products.

Improved methods of turpentine were first established to an appreciable extent during the producing season of 1904, when the cup and gutter system was installed by a number of the most enterprising manufacturers of naval stores in Georgia and Florida. Since that time there has been a steady and satisfactory increase in the percentage of turpentine and rosin



CLEANING THE GUTTERS PREPARATORY TO DIPPING

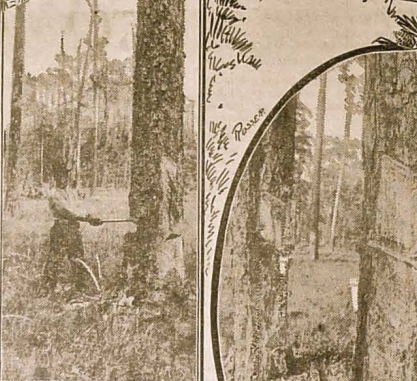
In produced by these conservative methods. The work in conserving these vast turpentine orchards of the south has perhaps come in time to stay the early destruction of yellow pine forests threatened by years of careless management.

Experiments conducted by the United States forest service at Ocala, Fla., and Green Cove Springs, Fla., as well as definite and reliable data received from operators throughout the naval stores belt, have effectively determined the great advantages of the new methods over the old. Not only has it been shown forcibly that the conservative methods are of great protection to the forests, but sufficient data has been collected to show that the increase in yield of both turpentine and rosin by the new and improved systems furnishes a strong argument in favor of their use.

Reports from the states where naval stores are produced show that where there is a greater percentage of turpentine produced by improved methods there is also a greater yield. The following table gives the average yield of turpentine per crop of 10,000 boxes or cups, reported and compiled by states, together with the percentage of turpentine produced in each state by either the cup and gutter or cup and apron systems.

State	Yield per Crop	Percentage produced by improved methods
Alabama	35.6 casks	8
Florida	29.6 casks	18
Georgia	26.5 casks	9
Louisiana	44.7 casks	44
Mississippi	24.5 casks	41
Texas	43.5 casks	49

Note. In North and South Carolina improved methods are not in use.



BOXING A TREE

Accepting the information contained in this table as a basis for comparing the results of the old system of cutting the destructive boxes in the trees, some allowance should be made for the difference in quality of timber as well as the age of the industry in the states given. The timber in Texas and Louisiana is considered superior to that in Georgia and Florida



FALLEN TREE—TOO MUCH BOXING



CHIPPING FOR CUP SYSTEM



THIRD YEAR BOXED TREE OPERATED BY CUP SYSTEM

and the industry is not so old in the two western states. But the improved conditions under which turpentine and rosin are manufactured in Texas and Louisiana will not account for more than one-fourth of the increase in yield.

To demonstrate more fully that the use of improved methods is largely responsible for the remarkable increase shown, the reports from two of the large establishments in Texas, one using the cup and apron system and the other cutting boxes into the tree, are compared. The establishment using the cup and apron system reported a yield of 1,373 barrels of turpentine for 29 crops, as against a yield of 1,500 barrels of turpentine for 25 crops where the old methods were employed, 68.2 casks per crop for the cup and apron system as against 42.3 for boxes.

Both companies were operating for

WESTERN CANADA'S HAPPY PROSPECTS.

In no year since the development of Western Canada has the spring brought a brighter outlook than it brings this year. In no preceding spring has there been greater assurance of advancing development and prosperity. The movement of immigration has already assumed large proportions, and is as desirable in character as it is satisfactory in volume; from across the Atlantic steady, industrious and thrifty newcomers are arriving in large numbers, homeseekers from Ontario and the other older provinces are coming in a steady stream, and from across the international boundary a movement is already in full flow, which, it is confidently predicted, will beat the records of all previous years; special settlers' trains are crossing the line, loaded with effects, actual material wealth being thus brought into the country at the rate of millions of dollars worth monthly.

The movement is so unprecedentedly large that extra Dominion immigration officials have had to be provided at both North Portal and at Emerson, and it is estimated that the total number of new settlers from the United States this year will be 70,000, at least, and may run well up toward 100,000. Last year's total of new settlers from the United States was 52,722; thus the area that will be placed in wheat and other grains this year will greatly exceed that of last year. Settlers are making extraordinary efforts to get on their hands and heads seedling operations. The price of wheat now, away above the dollar mark, is incentive enough, and when one has in view the splendid results that the past few years have shown, it is not to be wondered at that the present will be the banner year for immigration to Canada. Ask your nearest Canadian Government Agent for rates of transportation, and he will also send you illustrated pamphlet.



DOUBLE EVENT. Mrs. Highfly—And has she really got two servants? Mrs. Flutter—Yes—one coming and one going.

Prologue Required.
During dinner Mr. Galey began to smile at some of his wife's remarks. "What are you thinking about now?" asked his wife, sharply. "Why," began Galey, "the Cornell Widow tells an awfully good story about—"

"Indeed!" interrupted Mrs. Galey, freely. "Where did you meet this interesting lady, and how do I inquire?"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Red, Weak, Worn, Watery Eyes.
Relieved by Murine Eye Remedy. Murine does not irritate. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, for Murine Eye Book, At Druggists.

Age and Experience.
Bacon: As we grow less young, the aged grow less old.

Garfield Tea has brought good health to thousands! Unequalled for constipation, liver and kidney diseases. Composed of Herbs. Buy from your druggist.

In one year the escapement wheel of a watch makes 731,850 revolutions.

WE PAY 10-CENTS FOR COVVIDINES.
High prices for fur and seal leather. N. W. Hyde & Fur Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

A man with a roving disposition is not necessarily inconstant.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children's ailments. Borden's Infant Food Co., New York.

"Who cares if a duck of a girl is feather-headed?"

WE BUY CREAM, BUTTER, EGGS.
Samsel Bros., Minneapolis, Minn.

Two is company; three a soulless corporation.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
GRAVEL, RHEUMATISM, BRONCHITIS, DIARRHOEA, BILIOUSNESS, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY SYSTEM.

BOTTLES 375 GUARANTEED

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Heavy Eating. A perfect remedy for Biliousness, Headache, Dizziness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER, and all the other ailments of the Biliary System. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

Genuine Must Bear Face-Simile Signature

Wm. Wood

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

WRIGHT AEROPLANE "BLUFF" MAKES GOOD

By HOWARD S. COLTER

WILBUR WRIGHT has proved to the satisfaction of hundreds of persons in France that the pretensions of the Wright brothers that they flying were founded on fact, but for a long time they were under suspicion. They merely kept on saying that their aeroplanes had solved the flying problem, but they never showed the machine and they never discussed its makeup or plans. This reticence had the effect naturally of making the French say: "That's just a bluff."

The Wrights, Wilbur and Orville, always have been very secretive about their invention. As is most generally known they took up the flying industry about eight years ago. As is the case with many folks all sorts of explanations, foolish and otherwise, were made of the way in which they happened to become interested. From the start, however, these Dayton bicycle manufacturers were keen for soaring and flying of birds could be imitated by aeroplanes.

The manner in which birds kept on mile after mile after vessels at sea, merely moving their wings now and again, interested these brothers, as it has interested thousands of persons who are not wrapped up in aeroplanes. The brothers knew or feared that the birds occasionally flapped their wings in the midst of soaring because they had to mount another or different air current.

Air resistance is a harder thing to tackle than water resistance. There are more quirk and twists to the Mississippi water. All these things made dirigible balloon flying hard, and it had killed absolutely aeroplanes endeavor up to the time the Wright brothers began. The earlier aeroplanists had not been able to work out a scheme whereby the air resistance could be accommodated so that it would help the flying machine instead of dashing it to the ground.

The Wrights, too, believed that a man could make a much better wing than Nature had done. The resistance of feathers would not be present in a wing made of silk. Furthermore, because a bird sometimes has to alight, Nature has fixed the wings so that they may be folded. With an aeroplane that has nothing to do but fly there need be no device for collapsing the wings. They may stay extended all the time.

The earlier attempts at aeroplanes, Lillenthal's, Picher's, Langley's and Chanute's, all lent something to the ideas of the Wrights. They studied aeroplanes for years before they evolved the idea. It was in 1903 that after framing the machine of parallel box kites they got the idea of putting in a gasoline engine to run the machine and to force those changes of plane that would be inevitable in unfavorable windage.

They had a machine then that was merely a glider. It was picked up at either extremity by two men who ran with it for a distance until finally it caught the air and started off on its gliding. It was about this time that reports came east that there were two men in Ohio who had a flying machine that would fly. The Wright aeroplane had glided for a distance over ground, how great no one knew but the brothers and certain chosen friends.

That started the controversy over them, a controversy that never was over partly settled until when the recent public flights began in France. The brothers made it a point that no unfriendly persons should see the aeroplanes, and many successful

models were destroyed because the brothers didn't want to risk having any one steal their ideas.

They started off to France, which has been and is the foremost in aviation, and tried there to enlist funds for their enterprise. They apparently wanted the French government to take their aeroplanes mostly on trust. As a Frenchman remarked long after: "If it were a fraudulent gold mine every one would have been willing to subscribe. But this turns out to be an honest enterprise, so of course there was no eagerness to possess it for France."

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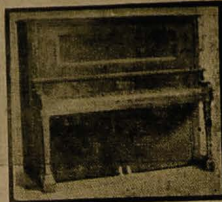
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