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LETTER FOR PUBLICATION.

Pine County Pioneer,
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Gentlemen:
In your last week's issue you printed the following charges against me: Namely, that I was not getting my share of the county appropriation. The county Commissioners voted four thousand dollars (\$4000.00) to be divided between the different districts according to their assessed valuation, and according to the assessed value of the Town of Rock Creek, it's share was two hundred and thirty dollars, (\$230.00,) and said money was drawn from Auditor Hansen on September 15, 1909, by A. M. Chalmers, Treasurer of the Town of Rock Creek and there is still a balance in the County fund of one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and forty-one cents (\$187.41) for the Town Board of Rock Creek to use as designated.

Respectfully,
J. S. Foster,
County Commissioner.

NORTHERN PACIFIC BOOSTS APPLE SHOW.

The Northern Pacific railway has issued one of the most attractive publications which has been seen in a long time, in the interests of the Second National Apple Show, to be held at Spokane, November 15 to 20. The back-ground of the cover is a pretty buff tint, carrying a beautiful three color reproduction of a magnificent specimen of apple, while a decoration of blue ribbons with lines of gold harmoniously wrought, combine to make the booklet unusually attractive and artistic on the outside.

The inside is printed in three colors, showing pictures of last year's exhibits at the First Annual Apple Show, together with a synopsis of what this season's exhibition will comprise, the prizes offered, etc.

Copies of the booklet may be obtained from an application to the General Passenger Department of the Northern Pacific at St. Paul.

PYTHIANS TO ENTERTAIN.

The Knights of Pythias and Their Ladies, The Pythian Sisters and Their Gentleman Friends Will Spend Social Evening Wednesday.

At a meeting of Pokegama lodge No. 77 on Wednesday evening, it was decided to hold the first of the seasons meetings for the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian sisters. All members of both of these organizations are requested to be present in the K. P. hall on that evening and listen to the new phonograph recently purchased by the Knights and help the entertainment committee in picking out records for the same.

The entertainment committee intends to make the last half of this year the most entertaining the lodge has ever known and those members who miss a single meeting from now until the first of January will regret it.

All the young men in town who are over twenty-one years of age, should join the order so as to be in on the good times the Knights are going to have this winter.

One of the pleasant features of the social evenings is the luncheon. Those who have had the pleasure of attending these social functions do not need to be told that the sisters are all good cooks and that the Knights are first-class waiters. If you are a member be sure and attend and if not give your application to some Knight and become one at once so as not to miss any more of the good times that are sure to take place during the winter.

Remember next Wednesday evening at K. P. hall will be held the first social evening and make your plans accordingly.

ROCK CREEK.

The Ladies Aid Society gave an entertainment Friday evening at which everybody enjoyed themselves and it was as good as expected.

Now is the time to make black-bird pie, as there are certainly an immense lot of the birds in our corn fields and are doing considerable damage.

Mr. B. Walters, of Minneapolis, is expecting to visit Mr. and Mrs. Al Stevens as there is a prospect of hearing wedding bells in the near future.

The old soldiers are waiting patiently for their checks to arrive from Milwaukee. They are always glad to see the large white envelopes in their post office boxes.

We are always getting information in regard to a bank being established at Rock Creek, but as yet, we have failed to see one. We are badly in need of such an institution.

Mr. Erickson feels himself at home in his new position as manager of the Farmer's Co-operative Store and we hope the concern will do well under that gentleman's management.

DEER VALLEY.

Mr. Mathewson is here to visit Mr. Fransen. He is going to blow out some stumps and, it is understood, is the best stump blower in the country. Blow away, sir.

Mr. Gillig will soon be very busy engaged in taking land seekers and buyers to Deer Valley. It will not be long before all of the best land in the valley is sold.

E. J. Henneman and Stephen Gillig took the contract for building two out houses and a wood shed in addition to building the school house and they are hard to work at it.

Dick Caroon has returned from North Dakota, where he went some time ago to run a traction engine. He will now be busy about his farm, as he had a very good crop of everything.

School in the new school house is being well attended and the children are all well pleased with their teacher. We think the young lady is of the right stamp to give satisfaction to both parents and children.

ITALY WORKS TO RENEW FORESTS.

Italy, which has suffered extremely in the past from the ruin which follows the removal of protective forests is now among the leading nations working for the conservation of forest resources. Extensive operations in re-forestation have been going on for forty years and the Italian secretary of agriculture has just published his report on the progress made in that time.

This report indicates that the Italian government is keenly aware of the value of forests to the country and that it is determined to bring its deforested lands into a forested state as soon again as possible. To attain this end, planting operations have been conducted on government land to such an extent that during the last thirty years 122,000 acres have been planted in twenty-five of the provinces of Italy. Of this area, 69,000 acres, or approximately 108 square miles, were planted in the year of 1907 alone, causing an outlay of nearly \$2,000,000 and giving employment to a large number of men.

Reforestation has been carried on so vigorously that there now remains only about 36,000 acres of government land in need of planting. In addition to conducting planting operations on a large scale, the Italian government, during the last forty years, has distributed over 130,000,000 young trees and 237,600 pounds of seed, an amount sufficient to re-stock 100,000 acres of land. As the forest area of Italy amounts to only slightly more than 10,000,000 acres, this planting by the government and private persons, amounts to one fortieth of the total forest area of Italy. Further steps must be taken by the government, however, before its great policy will prove the success of some of its European neighbors.

Forest fires still continue to be the cause of heavy damage. During the year of 1907, 1294 fires were reported with an estimated loss of 194,400 dollars. While this amount is insignificant, when compared with the yearly loss from fires in the United States, it is large relatively speaking and would be viewed almost as a calamity in the better managed German forests. Of these fires, ninety-four were due to criminal design, 267 to culpable negligence, 132 to accident and the rest to unknown causes.

Fire, however, is not the only enemy of the Italian woods. The small land owner often fells recklessly and sometimes with good excuse because of the heavy taxation of timber lands. Large tracts which used to be covered by a thick growth of chestnut have, even during recent years, been stripped of every tree.

Like all other countries where forestry is successfully practiced, Italy must not only resort to planting the cut-over areas, but must also perfect a system of fire protection and enact laws to relieve timberlands of excessive taxation.

WILLOW RIVER.

Veronica Wintheasa left for Minneapolis Monday.

Twenty cans of fish have been put in Fish lake lately.

Everybody is busy banking up their houses, as their fear winter has set in for good.

Joseph Sigar moved to Park Falls this week where he will make his future home.

Walter Nein has moved to Spokane, Washington where he expects to go into business.

Mr. Grider has again moved into town. He says Willow River is the best place yet.

The first snow of the season came Monday. There are lots of potatoes in the ground yet and it makes the farmers feel kind of blue.



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E. C. GOTTRY, Editor and Prop

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PINE CITY, MINN., OCT. 15, 1900.

Citation for Hearing on Final Account and for Distribution.

Estate of August Nordstrom. In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of August Nordstrom. Decedent.

The State of Minnesota, in the final account and distribution of the estate of said decedent, the residue of the above named decedent, residuary of the above named decedent, having filed in this court his final account and distribution of the estate of said decedent, together with his petition for the final settlement and allowance of said final account and for distribution of the residue of said estate to the persons herein entitled, said estate to the persons herein entitled.

Therefore, You, And Each of You, are hereby cited and required to show cause if any you have, before the court, in the Court House in Pine City, Minnesota, on the 24th day of October, 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M., why said petition should not be granted.

Witness, the Judge of said court, and the Seal of said court, this 15th day of September, 1900.

Robert Wilcox, Probate Judge.

(Seal.)

Oct. 14-15-22

Order of Hearing on Petition of Legal Voter to be Set Off.

Whereas, A Petition signed by Charles Lawrence a legal voter, and treasurer and member of school district No. 6, in and against the approval of the County Superintendent endorsed incision, representing the owner of the following described lands situate in said district, to-wit:

Northeast fourth of southwest fourth, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section three 2, Township 17 N. R. 10 E., Range 12 W., which land adjoins school district No. 6, and which, that he, with his said lands, may be set off from said district No. 6 to said adjoining district No. 6 for the following reasons:

On account of the condition of the road to District 6 more convenient for me to take my child to school.

In going to District 6 my seven year old child will have to pass over 1/2 mile of unimproved road with woods on both sides, and in going to District 6 the road is settled on each side, and my child can have company and care of other children.

Now, Therefore, It is ordered that said petition will be heard by this court at the session thereof, on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1900, at the office of the County Auditor, in said County.

And it is further ordered, That notice of time and place of such hearing, be given by posting a notice, setting forth the substance of the petition, and the time and place of such hearing in some public place in each of the school districts to be affected by said petition and by handing to and leaving with the Clerk of each of said school districts, personally, a copy of said notice, at least ten days before the time appointed for such hearing.

By A. PAULI, H. Chairman, [APPROVED SEAL] ALTON W. H. HAMLIN, County Auditor and ex-officio Clerk of Board.

Oct. 14-15

Notice of Hearing on Petition for Formation of New District.

Whereas a petition has been filed with the County Board of the County of Pine, signed and acknowledged by a majority of the freeholders who reside in the proposed new district herein described, and who are entitled to vote at school meetings in their respective districts, and duly verified by the affidavit of one of the petitioners, and the proposed territory, praying for the organization of a new school district, to-wit:

Section three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), eighteen (18), and the said board of County Commissioners have appointed time and place for a hearing upon said petition as by law required.

Now Therefore, NOTICE Is hereby given, that a hearing upon said petition will be had at a meeting of the said board, commencing upon the 18th day of October, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the Court House in the Village of Pine City in said County, at which time and place, the said County Board will hear arguments and all persons interested, for or against the proposed organization of said new school district, to be held at Pine City this 27th day of September, A. D. 1900.

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Its inception is due to the initiative of the present sultan, and the enthusiasm created by its first announcement brought in subscriptions from the faithful in all parts of the Islamic world. A special stamp-tax forms a solid annual contribution to the expenses, somewhat less evanescent than other contributions may prove to be.

Geographically, the line has provided a means of travel in a country with a fascination of scenery quite peculiar to itself and unlike any other part of the world. Instead of traveling populous countries and great cities, it seems to delight in passing through immense solitudes—through a country peopled mainly by the spirits of the "Arabian Nights," where little surprise would be occasioned in finding a rock's egg in some inhospitable, rocky valley, or in seeing a gulf floating in a stream of thin vapor out of a magic bottle.

The line commences at the traditional starting place of the great pilgrimage, the Bab-el-Ahmed, the Gate of Allah, in Damascus. For the first few miles the line traverses the Hauran, running parallel to the French Hauran railroad. From ancient times this district has been an extremely rich one, and the Romans used it as a granary.

The deep, narrow ravines of the Yarmuk, the ancient Hieronymus, which the line follows in its descent to the Jordan, present several difficulties of engineering successfully overcome. Large numbers of Italian, Montenegrin, Croatian, Greek, and other European workmen had to be employed on the difficult rock cuttings, tunnels, and viaducts of this section.

The Jordan valley, where the line crosses it, is 800 feet below Mediterranean level; but the difficulties of construction cease when the Yarmuk valley has been successfully crossed, and the ascent to the sea is made by easy gradients.

South of Deraa the main line soon leaves the richer corn land and enters an upland, undulating country, the land of Baahian, producing abundant grazing in the spring. At that season troops of gazelle roamed about the country, and herds of camels, are found close to the line.

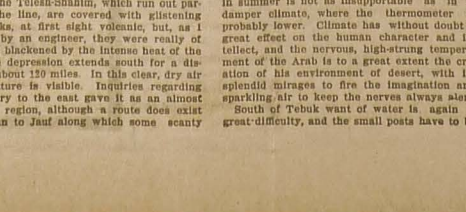
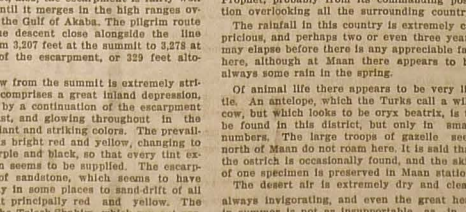
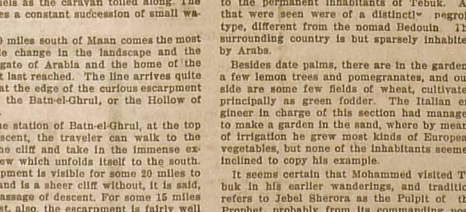
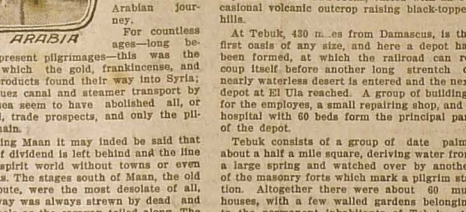
The landscape gets bleaker as the train moves south. The mountains of Moab are passed some distance to the west, and the track is laid far out in the desert, where the valleys are wide and easy to cross, and before they deepen into narrow ravines as they enter the mountains.

The old pilgrim route is followed very closely throughout, and at the stations the stone cisterns and reservoirs, to provide a supply of water to the pilgrims are noticed. Water becomes very scarce; in a few places wells have been dug and water is raised by wind-pumps. For some reason boring for artesian wells does not seem to have been tried. One attempt was made in rocky ground, and when the drills broke no further attempts were made.

As the line approaches Maan an extremely desolate country is traversed. Low ranges appear to the east, apparently of sandstone or limestone formation, although the ground is strewn thickly with black fragments of obsidian along some sections of the line. The ravines now trend eastward, to lose themselves in a wide depression, in that direction, as shown in the recent maps of this country by Prof. Alois Maxl, is the first point since Amman where water is procurable in any quantity, either from springs in the small town itself or from wells at the railroad station. The place is a large railroad center, with several stone buildings for officials, a small shop for temporary repairs, a hospital, and quite a good hotel—a substantial building, rather small in size. The small town, containing some good stone and mud houses, is not visible from the railroad, but lies beyond a hill nearly a mile off. Two copious springs supply the necessary water.

Date palms are reared; small gardens with various kinds of fruit trees and a few fields of corn are visible, but from a little distance the place is little else than a drab patch on a gray landscape. Its principal distinction is its proximity to the rocky city of Petra, a ride of some eight hours to the west among the Moab hills. The climate of Maan is invigorating, both in winter and summer, as the place stands 3,525 feet above sea-level, surrounded by the dry, invigorating air of the desert.

The principal drawbacks are the severe dust storms. Rain is not uncommon in the spring, and then a thin green spreads over



MAP OF DAMASCUS TO MECCA RAILWAY

supplied daily from the train. At Medain-Salih the valley widens a little, and here are found some rock-cut tombs similar to those at Petra, but far fewer and less ornate. Traces of a town exist, but there is nothing now visible except the usual forms of the pilgrims. Here again, as well as at Tebuk, the site would seem a favorable one for trying artesian wells, but no attempts have been made to prove their success or otherwise.

The permanent way has been laid

throughout by Turkish soldiers, but the station buildings, all of very solid masonry, as well as bridges and culverts, of which there are a great number, have been constructed mostly by Italian workmen, with some Greeks and Montenegrins. As many as three or four hundred Italian workmen were employed at one time on the works near Tebuk, and so little did fanaticism come into play that they built the fine new mosque at Tebuk. Subsequently they instructed some Turkish engineers, who continued the work from El Ula to the Holy City itself.

It is difficult to think of this railroad becoming a great highway in developing a great trade with Central Arabia, as the section from Maan to Medina traverses an unproductive country without possibility of development, and the interior of Arabia has no surplus products to dispose of. In any case, when the line reaches the sea, at Sherm Bahig, it is probable that any trade, either export or import, to Medina or Mecca will pass through that port in preference to the long land journey. The following summary of distances shows the extent of the line:

Damascus to Maan	285 miles
Damascus to Tebuk	430 miles
Damascus to El Ula	609 miles
Damascus to Medina	820 miles
Damascus to Mecca	1097 miles

The gauge of the line is the somewhat curious one of 1.05 meter (3 feet 5 1/2 inches), which was necessary when the line was first commenced, to correspond with the gauge of the Beirut-Damascus line, over which the rolling stock had to be brought. The branch to the Mediterranean, at Hama, was constructed subsequently. The rails were supplied by the American Steel Trust, by a French firm domiciled in Russia, and by the firm of Cockerill, in Belgium.

The engineers in charge of sections were also of various nationalities—French, Poles, Hungarians, etc.—while the guiding spirit in the construction has been Teisenen Pasha, a very able German engineer. But besides these the general direction has been under Marshal Khalid Pasha, to whom the greatest credit is due in bringing the line successfully into Medina, and to Hajji Mukhtar Bey, a brilliant Turkish engineer, who has absorbed all modern methods of construction, and completed the last section into Medina without European assistance.

In conclusion, it is difficult to admire the most, this far-reaching conception of his majesty the sultan—to build the line and thus to further the interests of Islam, by bringing together the outlying portions of his empire, or the silent, unswerving devotion of the Turkish soldier who has carried the matter to a conclusion, and who watches and waits, without a complaint over miles of line through a country so most without water or habitation.

TAKE CARE OF GOOD HEALTH

Mistake Most People Make is in Waiting for Bad to Come and Then Coddling it.

If we would take as good care of our good health as we do of our bad health we would have more of the former and less of the latter. We set our good health down in a draft and let it get its feet wet; we let it go to its sleep time and gorge it with unsuitable food at irregular hours. We load it with nerve-racking cares and duties, and reply to its frantic appeals for rest with, "You haven't time." We squeeze it with clothing; we distract its ears with noise and its lungs with bad air. But we put our bad health in a quiet room, on a soft couch. We ride it in a comfortable gown; we give it pure air at stated intervals; we put ice on its head and hot water at its feet; we feed it with food convenient for it. We take away all care and responsibility; we give it a soothing draught to rest it; and we pay a doctor two dollars to come and leave it a scrap of paper and say that it will better to-morrow. One might think we preferred bad health to good health. —From an article in Good Health.



Mrs. Henpeck—Did you ever hear of anything worse than a man who who smokes in the house?
Mr. Henpeck—Yes. A smoking lamp. Ask me another!

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Tommy—We was, but he's a molly-coddler! He paid to get later than ball grounds.

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