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that the seventh day was the sabbath, like the commandment said, the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God, then the Lord's day in Rev. 1:10 is the seventh day is clear enough. If the apostles of our Lord always called the seventh day the sabbath, and kept it, six, ten, twenty-eight and six-three years after the church was fully compassed, then it must be the sabbath day now, and every one of the Lord's ministers who calls any other day the sabbath beside the one so called by the writers of the New Testament, gives it a title which is nowhere found in the scriptures.

Christ came not to destroy the law Matt. 5:17, a willfull transgression of it is a willfull sin, for sin is the transgression of the law. He that offends in one of these is guilty of all James 2:10.

The law is holy and commandment holy, just and good, Rom. 7:12. Any person who is not willing to keep the commandment of God, when plainly understood, has yet a carnal mind, which is not subject to the law of God, neither can be.

Our reader says we are not under the law, please read Prov. 23:9, for he that turned his ear away from hearing the law, even his prayers shall be an abomination. Those who pretend to keep the law differently from what God appointed it, and teach for doctrines the commandments of men, the first day instead of the seventh, such the word says, are vain worshippers, Mark 7:7; for there is but one law giver; James 4:12.

But you say it makes no difference which day is kept, or called the sabbath, provided we keep one seventh part of time. This is not correct, because God never said so, God is not to be mocked in this way, God did not leave this subject undecided so that his people would appoint different days and then for every one to call his own sabbath. But God blessed and sanctified the seventh day and not one in seven, any other way you make the commandment of God of no effect through your tradition, Mark 7:13. It would not have been according to divine wisdom, to say that shall keep one day in seven, for this would have left mankind in as much confusion as your theory could make them, God is not the author of confusion.

IN REGARD TO THE 7th DAY

Article Written For Last Week And Continued Account—J. F. Holler's Article

A correspondent to the Pioneer asks it's Christian readers why they disavow God's holy law?

The stress of his communication was upon the day of the week which we should worship God, "He asks if God would not have his children obey now, the same as before Christ came? And he asks is not one commandment as sacred as another? Most certainly it is. How about those which Moses broke, which account may be found in the 31st chapter of Numbers, "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not commit adultery?" As to the 4th commandment, let me refer the writer and his Christian friends to the following: The new moons, and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with, it is iniquity.—Isa. 1:13. One man esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be persuaded in his own mind.—Rom. XIV-5. Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath day.—Col. II-16.

Therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the Sabbath day.—John V-16. At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath day thru the corn and his disciples were a-hungry, and began to pluck the ears of corn, to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it they said unto him, behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath day. But He said unto them, have ye not read in the law how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profaned the Sabbath and are blameless.—Matt. XII-1-5.

It is written that the man, Moses, gave very strict laws to the people when that we have the commandments. And yet he was one of the first to break at least a part of them. The scripture tells us that if we break one we break them all. And David was another good man; a man after God's own heart, and he broke the commandments, Solomon, with his numerous wives, and several lady friends was another who did not have much regard for the commandments.

Sig. W. E. POOLE.

Jawa John 4:22.

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WHICH DAY?

Advent Announcements in Last Week's Issue by Rev. O. W. Flager.

To the readers of the Pioneer I will briefly say, that a minister who will try to make the Ten Commandments written by the finger of God, partly ceremonial and partly moral, is certainly trying to enforce the doctrine of men.

The Ten Commandments, as written in the bible, the first four we should render to God, and the others are for the protection of mankind, as they are all moral. If misapplied could change any part of the moral law, to the one which the chief could change the eighth commandment to a ceremonial one. The ceremonial law, you will easily understand, if you read the sixth and tenth chapters of Hebrews, was the law of ordinances in meats and drink, their's washings and sprinkling of blood from calves and goats, which was a shadow of things to come; also the sacrifice of burnt offerings which are not now under the bondage to keep those Christ came and shed his blood upon for all. They also observed days and holy days the same as we do today, as in Hebrew, Good Friday, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, etc., which are the ordinances of men and not found in the bible.

The gospel of Matthew was written six years after the resurrection of Christ, in the 28th chapter he speaks of the first day of the week after the sabbath was over, and in Mark 16:2, which was written ten years after the church had commenced, and was seemed to well know that the sabbath was the day before the first on which Christ arose, but he did not say it was therefore the sabbath.

The book of Luke was written 25 years after, when again they make belonging to the ceremonial, and

the next day was the first day of the week, they came early to the porch with spices and ointment, which they would not do on the sabbath, Luke 24:1, also John 20:1.

Now in the 19 verse Christ appeared to his disciples on the first day, the doors being shut, for fear of the Jews. They were not assembled to keep the sabbath, for they did not believe that Christ had risen. Now the 20th verse reveals that, 8 days, again his disciples were within and Thomas with them, then came Jesus and stood in the midst, and said, peace be unto you. Now let us count and see if that would be the next Sunday or first day of the week, and I will tell you AFTER, any one who knows how to count can surely see that this would not be the first day.

John's gospel was written 63 years after. Now next is Acts 20:7 where Paul preached on the eve and the first day ready to depart on the morrow, and there was many lights in the upper chamber, this corresponds with our Saturday, see Gen. 1:5, but the next morning, corresponding to our Sunday morning, he continues his journey 19 miles to Jerusalem, so there is nothing in the Bible to mention of Sunday sabbath.

The Corinthians were commanded to lay by a collection for the saints on the first day 1 Cor. 16:2, this might be money or goods, it was not a public worship, but a private setting apart.

There are all the texts which speak of the first day of the week, what do they prove? Nothing at all in favor of Sunday, and fully convinced it proves the sabbath, rather tell you then say it is a sabbath instead?

God only has no favor to trust in but Jesus Christ, who was according to the flesh Jew, no other sabbath or day of worship, no other day of worship, and indeed Jesus did himself, salvation is of the Jews, John 4:22. No where does the sabbath as it was changed, but

What reasonable objection have you to the law of God? What fault can you find with it just as it stands? Have you wisdom enough to change it for the better?

The law of God is perfect converting the soul, Psalms 19:7 you that have converted the souls of many even from the doctrines and commandments of men. Paul kept the sabbath Acts 13:14-24, 16:18, 17:2-4 and 18:2-4.

Search the scriptures carefully and prayerfully on this subject, and if you have the spirit of discernment and are willing to forsake error for truth you will give it up, if you are an honest christian in the sight of God, you will find Christ's resurrection has nothing to do with the sabbath any more than His birth, death or ascension, has nothing to do with one job or title of the moral law, love is the fulfillment of the law, Rom. 13:10.

The Savior explained to the Pharisees that it was lawful to do good on the sabbath day. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, John 13:34. If you love me keep my commandments as I have kept my father's John 14:10. If our Lord had wanted the day changed, he would have said so. He kept it as he left us an example that we should walk even as He walked 1 John 2:6.

Go to the Pope he will tell you who changed it at the council of Nicaea, A. D. 325, but if the scriptures do not will find it.

The 12 gates in the New Jerusalem are all mentioned in Jewish Rev. 21:12 there is no double gate, those that want an entrance must submit themselves Jewish, for salvation is of the

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Mrs. A. F. Brackett and niece, Florence Madden, left on Wednesday for La Moure, North Dakota, to visit with the former's daughter, Mrs. Darr Brandes.

LOST—between Pine City and the Ansonus ferry, on the road from the Ansonus ferry and Jervis Bay road, a set of black portable such as is used by telephone men. The finder will receive a reward by leaving at the Telephone exchange.

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**NEW RAILWAYS IN
CENTRAL CANADA**

**AMERICAN SETTLERS WELCOME
AND DOING WELL**

The Portland Oregonian, of Portland, Oregon, published a cartoon on the immigration of U. S. people to Canada, in its issue of October 1909. The picture was accompanied by the following article:

"Looking American farmers to Canada continues to be a phenomenon of the first importance. More of them are crossing the border this fall than ever before, and they are flocking from all parts of the country. Formerly it was the Middle West alone which thus lost the heart of its citizenship. Now all sections of the Union suffer alike. The regret which would help feeling over the migration of many thousands of excellent citizens has an economic side which causes some concern. The 70,000 farmers who will go to Canada to live this fall will take with them some \$70,000,000 in cash and effects. This is by no means a negligible sum, and makes a very appreciable drain on our resources. But, of course, the most serious loss is the men themselves and their families, who have forsaken the land of the free and the home of the brave to dwell under the rule of a monarch.

Why do they go? Naturally the cheap and fertile land of Western Canada attracts them. Each emigrant goes with a reasonable expectation of bettering his fortune. Indeed, in a few years he may grow rich through the abundant crop he can raise and the increase of land values. But perhaps that is not the sole reason for the astonishing migration. There is a common notion abroad that the life and property are appreciably safer than they are here. Murders are not so frequent, and are more speedily and more fully punished. The so-called 'unwritten law' are virtually unknown in Canada. Again the law is a vastly more ascertainable entity there. Canada does not permit its judges to veto acts of the legislative body. When a statute has been enacted it is known to be the law of the land until it is repealed. This naturally imparts to Canadian civilization a security and stability which we have not yet attained.

"We must remember, however, in the same connection, that the Canadian protective tariff is far less exorbitant than ours, and much less boldly armored for the benefit of special interests. Hence there is an impression, very widely diffused, that the Canadians are not so wickedly robbed by the trusts as we are in this country. Reasons like these sufficiently account for the exodus of a body of citizens, whom we can ill afford to lose, but they do not much assuage our regret that they cannot be retained in the United States."

Speaking of this, a Canadian Government representative says that the Americans who cross the border are most welcome. The splendid areas of virgin soil, a large quantity of which is given away to free homesteads, is close to existing lines of rail, and these under construction. The railway lines that are assisting in this development are the Canadian Pacific, the Canadian Northern and the Great Northern Pacific. The latter is built entirely on Canadian soil, and has opened up a wonderful stretch of land. Along this line during the year about closed thousands of American settlers have made their homes. They have built the towns, and immediately began as factors in the building up of the great Canadian West.

Agents of the Government are located in various cities throughout the United States who will be pleased to give any information that may be desired to further the interest of the settler.

ODD MISTAKE.



Short-sighted Old Gentleman—How your little boy has grown! But you shouldn't let him go out without a hat.

FOR OLD PEOPLE.

After reaching the age of forty the human system gradually declines. The accumulated poisons in the blood cause rheumatic pains in the joints, muscles and back. These warnings should be promptly relieved and serious illness avoided by using the following prescription which shows wonderful results even after the first few doses and it will eventually restore physical strength.

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Easy.

"I envy the good-natured man," said the philosopher.

"So do I," answered Mr. Birney Barker.

"His good nature is the cause of the deplorable things of life are entering his way."

**SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS MEETS
WILL CHALLENGE BAIL**

Speaker Calls the House to Order and Is Applauded by Friends and Enemies Alike.

Vice-President Sherman Presides Over the Senate—Numerous Bills Designed to Carry Out President Taft's Policies Are Introduced in Both Houses.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Sixty-first congress of the United States met at noon to-day for the first day of its first regular session, with Vice-President Sherman in the chair of the senate, and Speaker Joseph G. Cannon in the chair in the House. While this congressional gathering is the first regular session, it is the second session in reality, for congress met at extraordinary session last spring at the call of President Taft to consider the matter of a revision of the tariff.

Some interest was lacking in the proceedings of the first day in the capitol because at the beginning of the extraordinary session in March last the speaker of the House was elected. Moreover, before the extraordinary session was ended, Speaker Cannon appointed all the committees which are to take legislation under consideration for the next two winters. The appointment of the committees ended the campaign on the part of the members for choice chairmanships and, if the chairmanships were the proceedings of the first day in the important subsidiary bodies of the House.

Ready for Work at Once.

The members have had time to get over jealousies and rivalries, and so that, so far as a committee work is concerned, the House not only is ready to proceed at once to consider legislation, but most of the members have brought themselves into a frame of mind to do what they are called upon to do without regard to their past feelings of disappointment and perhaps anger.

As is always the case on the opening day of congress, admission to the galleries of the first day was by card and only those fortunate enough to know senators and representatives sufficiently well to secure admission tickets were allowed to witness the proceedings.

Galleries Are Crowded.

The galleries of both House and Senate were jammed with people. All classes of Washington society were represented in the throng of visitors. The diplomatic gallery in the House and in the Senate as well, was filled to its fullest capacity with ambassadors, ministers, attaches and the ladies of the different legations. Members of the families of the president and the vice-president, of the United States occupied seats in the executive galleries; and the cabinet and judiciary and army and navy circles were well represented.

By a rule which was adopted long ago, flowers are barred from the floor of the House excepting when the desks of the members are bare of floral decorations. In the old days

from the Senate, Speaker Cannon appointed a committee to join a like committee of the Senate to wait upon the president. The members of the body directed to notify Mr. Taft that the House was in session were by the appointment of the speaker, the Republican leader, Seno E. Payne, and the Democratic leader, Champ Clark.

The first day in the House as usual brought out hundreds of legislative measures in bill form, all of which were read by their title only and then referred to the proper committees. It was evident from the tone of the bills introduced that some scores of representatives were anxious to father measures which had been recommended by President Taft as being necessary to carry out proposed policies of progression. The bills range from those intended to correct alleged existing evils in interstate commerce to those to give increases of pensions to veterans of the civil war.

Applause Greets Speaker Cannon.

If Speaker Cannon anticipates any particular trouble with the "insurgents" of the House at the coming session, he gave no evidence of it when he took the chair as presiding officer to his witter's business at once. He was greeted with great applause from the galleries and from the floor of the House, many of the Democrats and insurgents joining in the demonstration. In either case, possibly the hand-clapping was given as an evidence of regard for the office of speaker, rather than as evidence of any overwarming affection for the speaker himself.



Speaker Joseph G. Cannon.

With the committees ready to begin work, the House will settle down to its witter's business at once. No bills will be passed immediately because all measures must be considered in committee, and the meetings of the committees will be held daily from now until the Christmas holidays and some of the more important House bodies will sit during the recess. When congress recesses in January many of the committees will be ready to report bills, and the debates of the winter will begin.

Opening of the Senate.

Vice-President Sherman called the Senate to order at noon. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, the chaplain of the Senate, having died during the summer recess, his place as chaplain, temporarily, was taken by a local clergyman who offered prayer. In the Senate the roll was called and it was found that nearly all the senators were in their seats. The resolutions were adopted to the effect that committees be appointed to inform the House and the president that the Senate had assembled and was ready to begin the business of the session. As was the case in the House many bills were introduced for consideration during the winter by senators who, like the representatives, desire to have a hand in forwarding administration policies.

After a comparatively short session "in the open," the galleries were cleared and the Senate went into executive session behind closed doors for the purpose of considering nominations for office sent to the Upper House by President Taft.

Tests of Diamonds.

Most persons are obliged, in the purchase of a diamond, to rely implicitly upon the word of the man who sells the stone. While many years of observation and experience are needed to become an expert with respect to the value and purity of diamonds, yet there are certain extremely simple tests capable of being made by the most inexperienced.

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FEDERAL COURT OF APPEALS DENIES FORMER BANKER A REHEARING.

IS GUARDED BY DEPUTIES

Judge Shows Prisoner Leniency by Permitting Him to Remain in Custody of Marshals—Will Appeal to Highest Tribunal.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Broken in health and broken in spirit, John R. Walsh, convicted bank wrecker, was taken into custody as a prisoner of the United States government, after the federal court of appeals had denied him a rehearing and refused to grant a removal of his bond.

With a five-year term in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth staring him in the face, the only thing that saved him from the gallows was the intervention of the United States supreme court.

Judges Grosscup, Seaman and Baker announced the fate of the former millionaire and railroad promoter, so far as the court of appeals is concerned. As Judge Grosscup read the decision the aged bank wrecker's head dropped between his hands and his face took on the look of a man for whom the last ray of hope had vanished.

Watched by Two Officers.

His hands shook and his legs trembled. Hurriedly he sat down in the nearest chair, as if the burden he had carried in the last four years had at last proved too much for him.

Bowing his head in his hands, the broken financier became unconscious of his surroundings in the courtroom. He remained thus until a deputy United States marshal tapped him on the shoulder, as he appeared to suddenly grasp the situation, and with much physical effort, arose from his seat. The government officer walked at his side. Another deputy fell in at the other side. Thus the man who formerly was one of the country's biggest financiers became a prisoner. He will be constantly under the guard of two deputy United States marshals until the United States supreme court takes action on his case.

Asks for Mercy.

For the first time in the history of the Walsh case, the latter's counsel made a personal appeal to the court in his behalf. Attorney Miller pointed to his client's advanced years, the terrible strain which he had undergone, his decreased capacity for work because of an accident, and, in conclusion, urged the court to be lenient.

This followed the court's announcement that the petition for a rehearing would be denied. Attorney Miller made a motion that the "decision" be stayed until an appeal could be taken to the supreme court.

LINE UP FOR BIG BATTLE

Crucial Conflict Between Zelaya's Forces and Insurgents is Expected Within Few Days.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 6.—A crucial battle between the joint management forces of Gen. Estrada with 1,500 men and Col. Onelio with 1,000 soldiers on the one hand, and the insurgent troops of President Zelaya on the other, will be fought before next Wednesday at Rama, it is expected.

Estrada is fortified at Rama, his intrenchments being strung with hundreds of miles of barbed wire. Victory for the insurgents is predicted here. If it materializes, the way will be open for an advance upon Managua during the dry season of January.

The United States gunboat Eagle has arrived at Colon and joined the Marieta.

Washington, Dec. 6.—With the arrival at Cortes of the government Albany and the gunboat Yorktown from Magdalena bay, the United States will be in a position to take an aggressive step as any occasion may demand for the protection of American interests along the Pacific coast of Nicaragua.

Together with the assistance of the gunboat Vicksburg, the three warships will have a quota of fighting men of about 600.

The guns aboard the vessels are considered large enough to subdue any hostile demonstration against Americans in any of the seaport towns. In event of trouble in the interior, the 800 men with a supply of ammunition, are regarded as sufficient to bring fear to any force likely to present itself in opposition.

National Civil Congress.

New York, Dec. 6.—In response to a call issued by the governors of the American Civic alliance, representatives of a large number of civic and educational organizations from all parts of the country met here to-day in a civic congress to take place until Saturday night. Men prominent in all walks of life have come to help consider and devise a means for co-ordinating civic activities throughout the country, and also to plan more effective methods of studying and solving municipal problems.

Dies from Ulcerated Tooth.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Joseph Warren, a prominent physician and a history at the University of Chicago, whose wife, Maud, had died of cancer, is a well-known contributor to magazines, and a frequent contributor to the press. He died of an ulcerated tooth.

Women's Secrets

There is one man in the United States who has perhaps heard more women's secrets than any other man or woman in the country. These secrets are not secrets of guilt or shame, but the secrets of suffering, and they have been confided to Dr. R. V. Pierce in the hope and expectation of advice and help. That few of these women have been disappointed in their expectations is proved by the fact that ninety-eight per cent. of all women treated by Dr. Pierce have been absolutely and permanently cured. Such a record would be remarkable if the cures were numbered by hundreds only. But when that record applies to the treatment of more than half-a-million women, in a practice of over 40 years, it is phenomenal, and entitles Dr. Pierce to the gratitude accorded him by women, as the first of specialists in the treatment of women's diseases.

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News of the Week.

Chips Picked Up Around Town and Vicinity

—Bob sleds and cutters for sale by Smith Hardware Co.

—Saxon Bede spent Sunday at Stacy.

—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Brooks went to St. Paul Saturday, returning Monday.

—Rev. H. Hilly, of Sandstone, preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

—Mrs. D. Greeley went to St. Paul Monday noon on a business and shopping trip.

—Mrs. Wm. K. Gray and son Geo. went to Minneapolis Monday morning on a shopping tour.

—Doctor F. J. Hallin will make his usual call at Pine City on Saturday, December 18.

—Regular services at the Methodist church Sunday. Preaching by the pastor morning and evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all those who have no other church duties.

—The ladies of the Emily J. Stone circle served one of their usual delicious suppers on Tuesday evening. Owing to the severe cold there was only a small turn out and the ladies only realized about ten dollars for their hard work.

—Sunday school at the Methodist church last Sunday morning, in spite of the severe storm, showed an attendance of 76 and the church was comfortably filled for preaching service. No services were held in the evening, the congregation being granted the privilege of attending the Presbyterian church.

—A special service of song and story "His Mother's Message," was given at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. The chorus consisted of the following singers: Sopranos—Mrs. Knapp, the Misses Viola Knapp, Anna and Julia Dosey and Miss Lund. Altos—Miss Nellie Miller and Miss McBride. Tenors—A. R. W. Olsen and K. W. Knapp. Bass Messrs. McCleary, Carlson, Bergun and Peterson. The story, taken from "The Bonnie Briar Bush," was read by Rev. Paddock. The singers were under the leadership of Mr. Olsen and certainly did splendidly. Owing to the blizzard on Sunday, many were unable to attend.

—A BIG DOLL would make a splendid gift for that little girl you have in mind. Get it of Breckenridge's. —XMAS CANDY—No one thinks of Christmas without candy. Come and see our stock. Breckenridge's Drug Store.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Degree of Honor, at their last Regular meeting, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

C. of H. Olivia Wilcox
L. of H. Anna Kendall
C. of C. Margaret O'Brien
Recorder Carrie Kubicek
Financier Margaret P. O'Brien
Receiver Mrs. N. Miller
Inside Watch Anna Hartnelt
Outside Watch Luella Madden

PYTHIAN SISTERS

The Pythian sisters elected the following officers at their meeting Tuesday evening:

M. E. C. Sadie Derr
E. S. Gladys Knapp
E. J. Lizzie Breckenridge
Manager Ida Dosey
M. of R. C. Margaret Greeley
M. of F. Portia Huber
Protector Anna Gustafson
Guard Carrie Kubicek
P. C. Della Smith

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

At a meeting of Pokegama Lodge, No. 77, held Wednesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

C. C. E. H. Dosey
V. C. F. M. Smith
M. of W. K. W. Knapp
Prel. S. G. L. Roberts
K. of R. & S. W. J. Gottry
M. of F. Robert Wilcox
M. of E. F. E. Smith
M. at A. Levi Arden
I. G. J. Y. Breckenridge
O. G. D. Greeley
D. to G. L. K. W. Knapp
Alternate D. Greeley
Trustee 3 yrs. J. Y. Breckenridge

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CORNELL

Oscar Thorson and Axel Bergin were Mora callers last Sunday.

Don't forget the big dance at De Frang's hall Saturday. A good time and good music is promised.

Miss Julia Thorson visited with the Peter Bergin family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. E. E. Peterson, our postmaster had his family out for a sleigh ride on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Horis Thorson returned home Saturday from the southern harvest fields, in a fine and healthy condition.

Mr. Gust Norlander went down to the cities last Sunday night on business, in company with J. M. Ingraham, of Sandstone, returning Tuesday.

J. P. Nelson, of Grasston, brot his brother, Willard, up here to attend the school this winter. He will stay at the A. Swanson home.

Mrs. Peter Dahlman, of Comfort, returned from Minneapolis Sunday morning, where she has been for the past week receiving treatment for her eyes.

The S. J. Peterson and the East young folks attended the shadow social at the Bryan school house last Friday evening and all report a good time.

A dandy party and dance was given at the Holmstrom place Saturday evening. Those who attended from Cornell were Gust Norlander and Peter Pearson.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Hilda Wickstrom has been absent for the past two weeks.

Ernest Jordan entered the A fourth grade Monday.

The first and second grade pupils are preparing an Xmas program.

Florence Juergens was absent Monday morning on account of illness.

Mr. Marks, State High School Inspector, visited our school Wednesday forenoon.

Cold weather reduced the attendance in the 1st primary about one half the fore part of the week.

Quite a number in the second grade were absent the first of the week on account of the cold weather.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETS

Board Meets Monday Evening And Transacts Following Business

Village of Pine City, Minnesota, December 6, 1909.

The village council of this village met at the council chambers in the village hall in a regular session on the above date, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the president.

Members present as follows: Robert Derr President
R. L. Wiseman Trustee
J. W. Axtell " "
August Larson " "
E. H. Dosey Clerk

The minutes of the meetings held on November 1 and 30 were on motion approved as read. Carried.

On motion the petition for making of a suitable road for passage on Underwood Avenue in Hazel Park addition, was allowed and the street committee was authorized to have the work done. Carried.

On motion the report of Justice John Atkinson, showing receipts of \$6.00, was accepted. Carried.

On motion a street light was ordered put in at the corner of Fifth Street and Fourth Avenue. Carried.

On motion the following bills against the village were allowed and the clerk was instructed to issue orders for each specified amount, to-wit:

J. Jaro 1 1/2 dys lab	\$ 2 62
H. Stephens 1 1/2 dys lab & team fix culvert	6 37
F. A. Johnson cr fire eng Nov.	5 00
A. C. Glassow mar sal Nov.	50 00
E. H. Dosey clerk sal Nov.	15 00
Reliance Lbr. Co. lbr.	4 02
A. Biederman sup.	2 35
Pine Co. Pioneer pub. liq. lic. notice	4 40
R. L. Wiseman fum. Benda res.	5 00
J. M. Collins chief 18 men	18 00
Brackett fire	18 00
J. H. Mullen bal. due snrv. 1909 10 00	3 07
G. Sherwood eng. dray on bell	3 07
J. N. Johnson Co. 1 1/2 in fire alarm bell	65 00
Waterous Eng. Wks. sup. for fire eng.	7 13
P. C. Elect. Power Co. st. lights for Nov.	69 00
Total bills allowed	\$295 96

On motion the council adjourned to meet on Thursday evening, December 9, 1909.

Notice To Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Pine County, at the office of the County Auditor, Pine City, Minnesota, up to 12 o'clock, noon, January 4, 1910, for the furnishing and placing of steel fixtures and furnishings in vaults at Court house.

Plans and specifications are on file in the office of the County Auditor.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$100.00 made payable to the order of N. Perkins, County Treasurer, said amount to be forfeited in case bid is accepted and bidder fails to contract.

The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved.

The successful bidder will be required to execute a bond in a sum at least equal to the amount of the contract for the faithful performance of the same.

Bids to be sent to the undersigned, Pine City, Minnesota, and to be marked "Proposals for Vault Fixtures."

Dated at Pine City, Minnesota, December 8, 1909.

W. H. Hamlin,
County Auditor.

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Old papers, 5 cents for big bunch, at this office.

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

For Sale—30 acres good unimproved land, 2 1/2 miles from Pine City. Also 120 acres unimproved land 3 miles south of Brookpark. Address H. care of Pioneer.

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SCRAP IRON 25 cents per 100, rags mixed and unmixed 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. Louis Lutz, the Rush City Scrap Iron Man.

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MELBOURNE NEWS.

Mr. Wiederman is busy these days trapping musk-rats. Woe to the rat.

Miss Amy Fisher spent the latter part of last week at the O. H. Olson home.

Miss Olga Sandberg was a snow-bound guest at the Ekberg home over Sunday.

The auction sale that took place at Nelsons' last Saturday was a success and the Aid society realized a neat little sum.

A week ago last Tuesday evening a young people's society was organized at the Olson home. The object of the society is to work for the Lutheran church now being erected.

Boo, hoo! And winter doesn't start till the 22nd of December. Well! We think 15 below is very nearly winter enough.

PLAESANT VALLEY.

We have got our winter at last.

John Karas was plowing for James Karas last week.

Axel Hanson returned from St. Paul this week.

Theodore Bazil has purchased a good shepherd dog of S. B. Wells.

Bele Bros., of Pine City, were last Sunday visitors at the Bazil home.

W. P. Gottry, of Pine City, was a Pleasant Valley visitor Monday morning.

A. W. Starr and Aug. Borg were leveling roads last Saturday. They did good work.

Aug. Grandt who has been out west ever since June, returned home last Sunday.

WILLOW RIVER.

Dan Solely moved his family to White Pine Tuesday.

Wm. Lofblad was granted a liquor license for another year.

Ed. Clough went to Pine City Monday to attend a meeting of the County Commissioners.

Our Marshall had the job last week of burying a dead dog. We wonder what they will want him to do next?

The weather was quite disagreeable last week. Sunday it snowed about six inches, but it came before the roads froze up, making the sleighing poor.

An error was made in last week's items in regard to a marriage. It was published, Miss Arlen Monrow and Wm. Vernaby, it should have been Mr. Arden Monrow and Miss Vernesky that were married.

Thomas Hady has come back to Willow. He was not satisfied with Watertown, Wis. He says there is no place like home, and Willow is home. He has not decided just what he will do for a living.

Monday when the south bound passenger was pulling out a man by the name of John Myers attempted to get aboard when he slipped and fell between the moving train and the platform. He was bruised about the ankle and had the heel of his shoe nearly torn off. He certainly played in great luck that he was not cut in pieces.

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Yours For Business,

V. Q. BELE Prop.

He was shipped from Stillwater on Saturday for to work for McGrath, on account of the storm Sunday he did not go out, but Monday morning he got full of bug juice, and came very nearly being killed.

ROCK CREEK

The Ladies Aid will hold their next meeting Friday evening with Mrs. Ainsdart, on the old Government road. They are looking forward for a good time, and hope to add quite a sum of money to their treasury.

All kinds of mission-trips are now traveling around the country, making speeches and addresses for pay, and asking aid of the farmers for to aid the missions in China, Japan and other parts of this great world, to help the poor heathen and make them christians. Now I know from experience that these people when won over to Christ are with Him as long as there is plenty coming from the missions, otherwise they go back to their old worship, praying in their way to their gods of wood or stone. If we wish to help the poor and needy, one can find the opportunity right here at home. There is not a state in the Union but what has cities, towns and villages

where there are thousands of deserving poor. Farmers if you have anything to give, give it to the poor at your very doors. No offenses to any one, but it is the truth never the less.

DEER VALLEY

Since deer season has been put on the retired list, the deputy wardens are looking around the country to get game, you know!

Sunday a very bad snow storm passed over the Valley, and it is getting much colder, so we have not been able to get much news from this point.

Mr. Nelson and wife, of Lisbon, N. D., who have been visiting relatives in the Valley, departed Wednesday for Wisconsin, to visit with Mr. Nelson's parents the balance of the winter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Heineman, a bouncing 9 pound boy. The mother and son are doing well, and E. J. will get some of Johnson's cigars to hand around to his friends. Deer Valley is improving very fast.

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Christmas in Washington

BY EDWARD B. CLARK
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THE Potomac river does not mark the boundary between the southern and northern Christmas. The spirit of the holiday season of the south makes itself felt through the District of Columbia, through Maryland and well into Pennsylvania. Here it is still the Christmas of the candlelight and of the blazing log, the Christmas of the distinctive old England cheer.

It is probable that there has been Christmas in the White House at every holiday season in every administration excepting that of Theodore Roosevelt. Old residents of Washington say that even the bachelor and the widower presidents had Christmas trees to remind them of their own childhood, or to be used as an attraction for specially invited children guests.

President Taft's youngest child, "Charlie" is of Christmas tree age and inclination. Both the president and his wife are young in heart, and the Christmas tree has always had a place in their holiday merrymaking. The president's two children, Robert and Helen, are in college, the son at Yale and the other at Bryn Mawr. Like all other college students who can make the journey home, the president's older children are with their parents.

Christmas in the White House is very much like the Christmas in the homes of all American families. When there are children in the great colonial mansion stockings are hung up, and the expectation and excitement of Christmas eve are just as great as they are in any of the humbler homes in the land. Christmas is a home day for the president and his family. All business is given over, and the White House clerks and employees, to say nothing of the cabinet officers and the senators and representatives who make daily journeys to the president's office, know that on Christmas day of all the days in the year the president wishes to throw off the cares of state and to have the same privilege that any other American citizen may have—the privilege of enjoying his family and of partaking with it undisturbed of the Christmas cheer.

It has been said that there was no Christmas tree at the White House in the holiday season when Theodore Roosevelt was president. There were six children in the Roosevelt family, all of them of Christmas tree age when the colonel became president. There were strong happy times at Christmas in the Roosevelt household, but the Christmas tree was barely in the president being a strong advocate of the preservation of the forests, thought that it was little less than a sin to cut down trees and of necessity kill them, in order to use them for merely decorative purposes.

It is said that on one occasion the youngest boy of the household had a tree for him, and thinking that inasmuch as it was already cut down he might as well keep it, he put it in the closet of his room and there surprisedly trimmed it. It is also said that his father discovered the tree, but the historians of the household do not know, or at any rate do not say, what happened then, and so the Christmas tree celebration in the executive mansion must forever remain unknown.

In the Potomac river section where the old time Virginia Christmas spirit still dwells, there is an openness about the holiday that is like the openness of the Virginia home. Perhaps—but here the ready doubter probably will interpose objection—it is the transmitted spirit of the old days still indwelling in the hearts of the inhabitants—the spirit of the cavalier who generally made too free with his means of inward cheer, but with whose "wices" charity always kept pace.

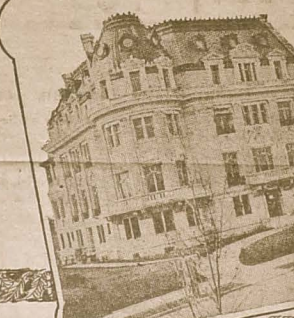
The war did not kill Christmas in Virginia. It survived battle and poverty and it is as happy and lusty today as it was in the seasons when the slaves brought the oak logs to the firing. It is the great feast of the south and of the northern country which lies adjacent to the Mason and Dixon line.

Washington is on the dividing line between most things northern and southern, but the Washington Christmas is wholly of the south. The markets of the city are fat and dripping. The marketmen sell and sell, and yet the stores of Christmas things seemingly never dwindle. It is the season of game. Washington reverses the rule of New York and Chicago. Its holiday markets give the game and the wild places of honor, while the chicken and the turkey stay in the shadow.

It may be, and probably is true, that the wild ducks no longer darken the water of the lower Potomac with the close-flying flocks of former years; it may be that the quail, the Virginia partridge, numbers its kind by hundreds where once it numbered it by thousands; it may be that the Virginia deer, the deer of the woods of eastern North America, is fast passing; but no evidence of an approaching or an accomplished scarcity is to be found in the markets of the southern cities or in the homes of southerners who keep Christmas as their forefathers kept it.

The Christmas of that part of Virginia which lies close to Washington is still the Christmas of other days, but with it has come a change. Northern capital and northern capitalists are entering the state and the candle light and the blazing logs are giving way to electric light and steam heat, which are as alien to the Old Dominion home as are the hired lackies who soon will displace the old "uncle" and "he old mummy" in the "quarters."

The steel man and the packer are invading Virginia to become part of the men who have been lords of the soil since the days of



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THE NEGROES WASHINGTON CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BY HOLLY.

the first Lee. The change, mayhap, will not be congenial to the invader, and so, possibly, Virginia will not be sorry if this specific kind of northerner recrosses the Potomac.

Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland have the holy habit. The holy has grown here in profusion from the day that no man knows, but it will not continue to grow unless there is a reform in habit and in law. The negroes bring to Washington great branches of the holy, backed from the parent stem with dark disregard for saving anything. The holy trees are among the chief beauties of the Potomac hills. They are going the way of other trees of the Appalachian range, and before long it will be necessary for the lawmakers to follow the lead of the Massachusetts legislator which was compelled to intervene to save the trailing arbutus, the mayflower, from the hand of the vandal.

No part of the country perhaps can claim a monopoly of the natural beauties of the season, but there is a glow about Christmas in this seed-southern country that is not found in the colder north. It may be the glow of externals only, but it appeals to the eye and to the sympathy. Out-of-doors there are contrasts in the Potomac regions that are not to be found farther north except in sections where the evergreens abound. The mountains are white topped, and below them in the valleys are the dark greens of the holly, the laurel and the wild honeysuckle, and the dark browns of the oaks whose leaves do not fall before the spring comes.

Scattered through the country south of Washington are old plantation homes still occupied by the families who have held them since the days of the colonies. There seems to be a general belief in the north that most of these old places are forsaken and desolate, but there are many, more than the city dweller knows, still remaining prosperous and showing scarcely a trace of change as the result of age.

It was said the other day by an old southerner in Washington that no home-loving Virginian ever would move "until after the next Christmas." The next Christmas comes and goes, but there is still another to come, and the moving is put off, and will be put off until the holiday spirit has gone from the south—a spirit that will go when the south goes.

Arlington, the old home of the Custises and of Robert Lee, is standing as it has stood for a century. It is situated just across the Potomac river from Washington, and it is typical of the old mansion homes of Virginia. The grounds of Arlington today are a national cemetery, but their beauty is characteristic of that

of all the old estates of the wooded country.

Arlington now is a sad enough place, and the Christmas feasting in the house where Robert Lee married Mary Custis is but a memory. One does not have to travel far, however, through the state of the Carters, the Boyds, the Penningtons and the Randolphs, to find in this holiday season the scenes of cheer that once gladdened Arlington.

In its feasting and thanksgiving it is a thoroughly southern city at the holiday season. It has its cheer and its charity in full measure and these things together make "A Merry Christmas."

"CHRISTMAS GIFT" An Ancient Custom

When the universal Christmas hold-up confronts you, don't explode.

Refuse, if you want to, but don't dwell in your thoughts upon the increasing depravity of the human race; don't exalt the rugged independence of our forefathers.

You may not yield cheerfully to the spirit of the season when the time comes to remember the office boy, the bootblack, the hotel waiter, the restaurant force, the ashman, the garbage man, the messenger service, the newsboys and others. Somehow you picture the Christmas "hold-ups" of bygone days, when a daring highwayman barred the progress of the lumbering stage coach and coolly took his toll. Christmas largesse is almost as old as Christmas.

In the south, if you happen to be in any section that preserves even a modicum of the old time atmosphere, you are liable to encounter everywhere, on Christmas morning, from such Christmas "hold-ups" of bygone days, when the familiar phrase:

"Christmas gift!"

It means, as one of the class favored by fortune, you are the less lucky are free to ask Christmas largesse, and that with no slinking of independence, with no sacrifice of self-respect. The custom does assume the superiority of a giver—does, indeed, assume it not very far

from the level of overlord and savior. But that is because it has passed through the stomp of slavery, which was serious, in literal fact.

At any rate, the custom goes back at least to the sweetest and most touching of Yuletide doings in England, the Christmas carol, that too, came first into being when serfdom was England's common law, when the lord of castle and of keep was served by his dependents and, in his munificent turn, gave them lordly largesse to drink his noble health.

But the beginning was not thus. Farther and farther back we must go, carol and of the song of England—even back to days of the wandering singers—the jongleurs and the minstrels, who came from Normandy with conquering William, and were gentlemanly adventurers as independent as you please, and very ferocious fighters in the bargain.

So the "Christmas gift," in the course of the ages has had its ups and downs, ranging from the lordly acceptance by a titled minstrel of plain yet royal wages to the humble appeal of the dependent serf, whose welfare was at his overlord's will and pleasure. The spirit in which, at various periods, it has been given and received was really what determined its social significance; and there have been times when that spirit was precisely the spirit of the most polite highwayman who ever bade startled traveler stand and deliver.

The Christmas wails of England, with their "God rest you, merry gentlemen; let nothing you dismay," soon established the precedent that, wherever they chose to intone their carols before a door, that door must open to them hospitably, and a table must be furnished forthwith with good things of the season for their prompt refreshment.

But there were curmudgeons among them then as there are now. Persons who happened to have other pleasures on their hands, and realizing keenly that the jovial wails came uninvited, could not perceive why anyone should play reluctant host. The curmudgeons unquestionably had the right of it, but the carol singers, many a time, burst in doors and wrecked house furnishings in their wrath at the refusal. There was a Christmas hold-up in grim reality.

"Christmas gift!" isn't altogether bad, as it isn't altogether new. It is only a recrudescence of an old, old custom by a humanity whose nature, in the mass, changes slowly.

And when it is all sifted down to its essence, you are getting a rather sincere compliment—the same compliment his longears paid bold William the Conqueror, and his fellow-citizens paid Dick Whittington, who became lord mayor of London.

IF IS STILL THE CHRISTMAS OF THE CHANGING OF THE YEAR OF THE BEARING JOB

In a London Omnibus.

A London "bus driver was hailed by a clerical-looking old gentleman, and on the first opportunity he remarked to the conductor, "Do you know who you've got inside, Bill? It's Cardinal Mannin!" "Go on, that ain't Cardinal Mannin!" said the conductor. "The driver argued further, and finally bet a shilling over it. When collecting fares the conductor determined to get matters right by direct inquiry. "Excuse me, but are you Cardinal Mannin?" The venerable passenger looked him coldly and boldly in the eye and answered: "What the devil has that got to do with you?" The conductor was satisfied, but even at the sacrifice of a bob he had to get even with his passenger. "Fucking job head out of the door he called up to the driver: "You are right, Bill; it was 'is 'olness."

An Ever Ready Opening.

The editor suddenly became conscious that some one was standing behind him. He looked round, his glance fell upon a seedy looking individual with the eyes of a crank.

"I beg your pardon," said the newcomer, "but I have an opening here for a first-class intellectual writer?"

"Yes," grimly responded the editor. "An ingenious carpenter, foreseeing your visit, has provided an excellent opening. Turn the knob to the right, and do not slam the door as you go out."—The Sunday Magazine.

There All the Time.

It is told of Dr. Thorold that he was once asked to give away the prizes at a school belonging to the London school board.

In the course of his opening address he gravely asked the children, "Which was the largest island in the world before Australia was discovered?"

When the youngsters gave it up, he said in the same grave way, which made them stare more, "Why, Australia, of course; it was there all the time!"

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