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(First publication August 5)

Citation for Hearing on Petition for Determination of Descent of Land.

Estate of Thomas Steffek.

State of Minnesota, County of Pine. — In Probate Court:

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas Steffek, Decedent:

The State of Minnesota to all persons interested in the determination of the descent of the real estate of said decedent: The petition of Frances Hayes having been filed in this court, representing that said decedent died more than five years prior to the filing thereof, leaving certain real estate in said petition described, and that no will of decedent has been proved nor administration of his estate granted in this state, and praying that the descent of said real estate be determined by this court.

Therefore you, and each of you, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court at the Probate Court Room in the Court House in the Village of Pine City, in the County of Pine, State of Minnesota, on the 30th day of August, 1915, at ten o'clock a. m., why said petition should not be granted.

Witness, the Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, this 3rd day of August, 1915.

ROBERT WILCOX,
Judge of Probate.

(Court Seal.)

S. G. L. ROBERTS,
Attorney for Petitioner

Citation.

State of Minnesota, County of Pine — In Probate Court:

In the Matter of the Estate of John Peterson, an incompetent person, ward.

The State of Minnesota to all persons interested in the sale of certain lands belonging to said ward: The petition of Otto Peterson, as guardian and as representative of the above named ward, being duly filed in this court, representing that it is necessary and for the best interests of said estate and of all interested therein that certain lands of said ward described therein be sold, and praying that a license be to said guardian granted to sell the same:

Now therefore, you, and each of you, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court, at the Probate Court Room in the County Court House, in the Village of Pine City, County of Pine, State of Minnesota, on the 13th day of August, A. D., 1915, at one o'clock p. m., why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Witness the Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, this 13th day of July, A. D., 1915.

(Probate Seal) — ROBERT WILCOX,
Probate Judge.

MANTOR & ENNES,
Attorneys, Brainerd, Minn.

A 70 acre tract near the village Some bargain. See the Corn & Clover Land Co.

Money Must Be Returned

Public Examiner Says Some Payments By County Were Illegal

The following report by Public Examiner Fritz on the conditions found by Mr Boostrom, deputy examiner, when he went through affairs in the court house a few weeks since, speaks for itself.

There are several recomendations for change in methods of handling the work to comply with the present law and some refundments of payments from the county treasury are fund necessary but there is singular lack of that recommendation that the Hinckley Enterprise yelled so lustily about—"a new court house"—again proving the reliability of The Enterprise for news—nit! Here is the report:

To the Auditor and County Board of Pine County, Pine City, Minn.

This department is in receipt of report of examination of your county as made by Assistant Public Examiner Boostrom for the period from September 26, 1914, to July 17, 1915. The following irregularities were found:

1. Your board of audit has not checked the receipts since April, 1914. This is an essential element of the board of audit's examination and should be performed at least three times a year, as the law provides.

2. The record of the board of audit has not been written up since April, 1913. This should be brought down to date at once.

3. Your surveyor failed to file his bond. This is necessary to qualification for office and must be attended to.

4. Your sheriff does not keep a register of prisoners. This should be done as it is impossible to verify the claims of Washington county against your county unless such a record is kept.

5 Your tax levy record is not up to date. This should be written up anew by tax districts from January 1, 1915, so that the balance may be kept with the record in the state auditor's office.

6. Your superintendent of schools does not itemize his bills of expenses while visiting schools. The board is not authorized to audit bills unless itemized according to section 1016, G. S. 1913.

7. We regret to learn that overcharges previously reported have not been refunded. These should be placed in the hands of the county attorney for collection or deducted from future claims.

8. There are a number of illegal payments which prompts me to suggest that all claims against the county be passed upon by your county attorney as their legality, before allowed by the board. Such is the practice in many counties, and where a proper interest is shown on the part of the attorney, illegal payments are reduced to a minimum.

9. Poor bills are defective in that the person aided does not receipt for the goods, as provided by Section 3081, G. S. 1913.

10. Owing to the illness of your Judge of Probate no examination of his office was made. This will be covered at the next examination.

11. Under Warrants no. 7782, 8044, 5984 and 738, your superintendent of schools was paid $67.35 for expenses while at Pine City. Herewith we enclose copy of opinion of the attorney general's department, which holds that he cannot receive expenses while at the county

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NEXT-THE ELECTRIC HARVEST HAND. By "BART"

Electric Power Is Being Wired To The Farms. All We Need Now Is The Electric Harvest Hand.

Blomgren Will Represent Pine

Paul M. Blomgren of Sturgeon Lake will represent Pine county in the Boys Camp at the State Fair this fall, having won the privilege to be a guest of the management during State Fair week by having successfully competed in the essay contest on agricultural subjects that the Fair conducts among the boys of the state. The Poker congratulates Paul, and Sturgeon Lake also, upon the honor so conferred.

Will Boost for Pine City

A "booster" trip to cover the towns of Henriette, Mora, Grasston, Braham and Rush City by auto is being arranged for PineCity people for tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, leaving here at one o'clock.

It is expected that every auto in town will be in line and that they will all be loaded to the guards with Pine City boosters of every age and walk of life.

The trip is to boost for the Chautauqua and the Fair. Paul Perkins and others are out today arranging the trip and the visitors will every where meet a hearty welcome.

Naval Cruise Marred By Fogs

Word from the home boys on the good ship Gopher, now cruising with the naval militia of other states in Lake Erie says that the cruise has been considerably marred by heavy fogs that have draped the faces of clean shaven men like Lieut. Wilcox with queer looking "donnegals" and made them look like a red hot iceberg in the bottom of a lake.

On the cruise from here are Lieut. Wilcox, Fritz Johnson, Bill McKusick, Leslie Fitzgerald, Art Hoffman, George Robinson, Joe Neubauer, Tom Madden and Dan Dosey. They left last Thursday for a two week's cruise.

WHAT IS A CHAUTAUQUA?

ANSWER—Chautauqua is a name given to one form of giving to the people of a city and the surrounding country a treat of the best singers, speakers and musical talent obtainable. It is held in a big tent. It is a means of bringing talent to a city, that otherwise would be too expensive to bring. This is because the Chautauqua managers have large circuits and several of them. The circuit which includes Pine City is composed of 80 towns and cities. To bring this Chautauqua to Pine City alone would cost $1,200.00. To bring it here on the circuit plan costs $600.00

It is not backed by any organization or society here in Pine City, but by 26 business men of the city. These business men are endeavoring to give to the people of the city and the towns and country around five days of the best entertainment possible. They are trying to give you this entertainment at one half what it would otherwise cost you. They are endeavoring to but Pine City on the map as a city up with the times, and serving its people as are other cities throughout the country. There is no money in it for them. Had you to pay $3.00 for the five entertainments, which is what it is worth, these business men of the city would not need to get behind the proposition as they have. But they are giving you the opportunity for $1.50 for adults; which is just 15c an entertainment, and for $1.00 for children; which is just 10c for the children and the morning play time thrown in. This morning playtime for the children is under the best "Playground" instructors obtainable. You will know that your children are well cared for and alright.

A Chautauqua is a five day entertainment given the people of the city by the business men of the city, for almost nothing, composed of high class singing—high class music and high class speaking.

If you buy your season ticket before Wednesday next they will cost you $1.50 for adults and $1.00 for children. After that it is in the hands of the Chautauqua people and they will cost you $2.00. Thus the business men are giving each and every purchaser 50c if you buy of them.

Chautauqua Next Week

Ticket Committee Working Hard—"Boosting" Trip Will Be Made Tomorrow

Have you bought your Chautauqua ticket yet? You can buy now at $1.50 for adults and $1.00 for children—a transferable ticket good for any member of the family at every one of the ten lectures and entertainments for the grown ups and for all these and the four "play hours" also for the children. That makes the cost 15 cents per for grown folks and only 7 cents each for the children. If you pay to go into each show separately it will cost you more than twice as much and if you buy your season ticket after the big show opens it will cost you $2 for adults instead of $1.50 So buy now before the rush.

The course will commence next Wednesday, Aug. 18. Of course we haven't heard the program but the indications are that it will be a vastly better one than the really good one that we had last year. The program looks like five days of an excellent treat that no grown folks can afford to miss from the standpoint of education, and which will be of great pleasure and value to the younger folks as well.

The committee having charge of the sale of tickets consists of L. B. McCleary, F. E. Smith, W. F. Mikiska, Dr. Skully, Ross Rath, J. M. Collins, F. R. Duxbury, George Stekl, J. M. Beechel and R. E. Carlson. They have canvassed the business part of town with fair success and have reached out some as people have been down town, but as yet not more than one-third of the required ticket sales have been made.

Of course, if there is a loss the guarantors will have to make up the deficiency. There are 26 of them here and the total guarantee is $600. But it isn't a question of the guarantors; the real question is "the village." The Chautauqua is today a burden on the public spirited men who "sign up" to secure the course for the village and on those who are willing to assist them in selling the tickets. That they are willing to assume this responsibility year after year is only because of their desire to benefit Pine City and to afford themselves and their neighbors a season of enjoyment and education. Of course they do this beleiving that the town and its people will stand back of them.

The price of tickets is just as low as it is considered can be done with any reasonable safety in raising the guarantee.

A successful Chautauqua will lead to a great week for Pine City

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Commissioners Meet Next Monday

The county commissioners will meet in their regular monthly session in the court house at 1 o'clock next Monday afternoon.

The petition for an Elwell road from Sandstone north to the county limits, following the general direction of the Great Northern railroads, will be considered and doubtless allowed as there does not seem to be any opposition to it. Several school matters of local interest and other matters will be considered.

There will also be a short session of the board Saturday of this week at 1 p. m. to act on the proposed county ditch in Norman town, emptying into Willow River.

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TWO U. S. WARSHIPS OFF FOR VERA CRUZ

BATTLESHIPS LOUISIANA AND NEW HAMPSHIRE SAIL FROM NEWPORT, R. I.

FEARS ANTI-FOREIGN RIOTS

Commander McNamee, American Naval Officer at Carranza Capital, Asks Navy Department to Send Squadron—Situation Critical.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Two American battleships, the Louisiana and the New Hampshire, have sailed from Newport, R. I., for Vera Cruz, in response to an urgent request from Commander McNamee that his little fleet of gunboats in Mexican waters be reenforced in view of anti-foreign demonstrations at that port.

It is understood that President Wilson himself ordered the warships sent, although no official of the government would even admit that they had sailed. Care had been taken during the day to point out that any naval or military activity at this time would be purely precautionary to safeguard foreign interests and could not be construed as having any connection with the Pan-American conference which is to be resumed in New York to complete a program for bringing about a restoration of government in Mexico.

Code Message to Lansing.

Replying to Commander McNamee's request, President Wilson sent a long code message to Secretary Lansing, directing him to confer with Secretary Daniels or with Acting Secretary Benson.

The contents of this telegram were not divulged.

It was stated, however, that the president's decision as to whether to send the squadron would be formed at once and that the size of the squadron would be left to the discretion of Secretary Daniels and Secretary Lansing.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Commander McNamee, the senior American naval officer at Vera Cruz, has asked the navy department to send a battleship squadron to guard against antiforeign demonstration which he fears.

The Connecticut could reach Vera Cruz several days ahead of the New Hampshire and Louisiana.

In addition to the New Hampshire and Louisiana, orders were believed here to have been prepared ready for issuance to the rest of the Atlantic fleet, to steam for Vera Cruz on short notice.

Details Are Lacking.

Commander McNamee's report did not give details, but officials here believe the anti-American feeling which he reported is a direct outgrowth of the Pan-American negotiations in Washington for the adjustment of differences between the factions.

Guatemalan Minister Ortega and his family have taken refuge on the United States gunboat Sacramento, Consul Silliman reported to the state department.

The gunboat Marietta has been ordered to Vera Cruz to bring the Brazilian minister from Mexico to the United States. He will leave Vera Cruz at once.

The navy department officials did not attempt to hide their belief that the situation was deemed critical and that an anti-American outbreak was feared.

Anti-American Feeling Growing.

With the government officials they admitted the growing anti-American feeling at Vera Cruz.

Carranza, they learned, was hastening preparations to move to Mexico City.

His position there, it was agreed, would be much stronger than at Vera Cruz. Once in the interior, it was believed, he would declare himself provisional president and defy the United States. That this would be the signal for an anti-American demonstration, perhaps an anti-American outbreak, was thought highly probable.

Commander McNamee was authority for the statement that anti-Americanism was developing fast and that he feared trouble.

Kaiser Threatens Serbia.

Solonika, Aug. 11.—The Austro-Germans already have begun to concentrate a new army on the Serbian frontier, planning to overrun Serbia and frighten Bulgaria and Greece into remaining neutral. Advices received here said that nearly 100,000 troops are being massed along the Serbian frontier.

Oil Company Head Dies.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—William Sterling Porter, vice president and general manager of the Associated Oil company of California, died at a hospital here following a stroke of apoplexy.

Haitiens Quit Fort Liberte.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Evacuation of Fort Liberte by the Haitien government troops and the departure of the Gunboat Castine for St. Marc, where an uprising was recently reported, were announced by Admiral Caperton in a report to the navy department.

The Haitien tug Nord Alexis, which recently put into Port Au Prince carrying a number of native troops, has left for Cape Haitien. The soldiers were disarmed. Men whose homes are in the vicinity, left on the Alexis.

MARQUIS IMPERIALI

Marquis Imperiali, Italian ambassador to England, is one of the busiest men in London, for he and his staff are working day and night arranging for all Italians of military age to return to their native land.

APPEAL TO MEXICAN LEADERS

PAN-AMERICAN CONFEREES PREPARE THEIR MESSAGE.

Will Seek to Re-Establish Peace in Mexico by Friendly Means—Convention Planned.

New York, Aug. 11.—With the reassembling here of the ambassadors and ministers of six South and Central American governments and the secretary of state of the United States, a definite inter-American effort will be put into operation to re-establish peace in Mexico by friendly means and to restore the revolution-torn country to its accustomed place in the American family of nations.

The conference will be concerned with final details of the first step in a plan, the important features of which were unanimously agreed upon last week by the ambassadors from Brazil, Chile and Argentina, and the ministers from Bolivia, Guatemala and Uruguay, and Secretary Lansing.

First and foremost, the plan contemplates a supreme appeal to the consciences of the Mexican leaders of all factions and political groups. It has been prepared and after minor changes in phraseology are discussed, probably will be dispatched immediately, a reasonable time—a few weeks—being allowed for answers to be received.

The appeal will be brief, politely phrased, and transmitted in Spanish as originally written by one of the diplomats. It will show clearly that the several governments whose ambassadors and ministers, along with the secretary of state, sign it, have no desire to interfere in the strictly internal affairs of Mexico, to impair her sovereignty, or to show preference for one leader as against another. It will be a petition that the Mexican leaders participate in, or send delegates to, a convention or conference to be held on neutral ground in Mexico, for the purpose of creating a provisional government that can be accorded moral support and formal recognition by all the American states.

Villa Repudiates Own Money.

El Paso, Aug. 11.—A decree signed by General Villa and promulgated by Francisco Escudero, Villa's minister of finance, published here, fixes an import duty of 20 cents silver or 10 cents gold, on each peso of Villa currency imported into territory under control of General Villa. Violation of the order, the decree says, will be punished by confiscation of the bills, one to 11 months imprisonment for the first offense and two years for a second offense. The decree, it is declared, virtually repudiates Villa paper of a face value of millions of pesos now outside Villa territory.

Rearrest Alleged Robber.

Chandler, Okla., Aug. 11.—Charles Johnson has been found not guilty of having taken part in the robbery of two banks at Stroud, Okla., last March. Immediately after a jury had given its verdict, Johnson was rearrested on a charge of having received a part of the stolen money from the First National Bank of Stroud. Johnson was tried on a charge of having aided in the raid made on the banks by the Henry Starr gang of robbers.

Three Trawlers Are Sunk.

London, Aug. 11. — The trawlers Westminster, Harbor Wiper and Bengardna have been sunk. The members of the crews of all three were saved except two men on the Benardna.

Seeks Annoyer of Wilson.

New York, Aug. 11—Captain Charles Wright of the United States secret service is here seeking a crank who has been attempting to annoy President Wilson with letters and telegrams on the subject of neutrality. The man, who was registered at a local hotel as Ernest Holmes, Toronto, left town before Captain Wright arrived. The stranger came here Monday morning and is said to have sent several telegrams to the President during the day. He was well dressed and of middle age.

AMERICA REJECTS VIEWS OF AUSTRIA

SENDS REPLY TO NOTE ALLEGING WAR MUNITION EXPORTS "UNNEUTRAL."

HOLDS RIGHT UNQUESTIONED

United States Declares It Is Lawful for Exporters to Send Supplies to Belligerents Able to Purchase and Receive Them.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The United States government has dispatched to Vienna a reply rejecting the Austro-Hungarian views recently set forth in a note contending that the great scale on which war munitions were being exported from America to enemies of the Germanic allies is "not in consonance with the definition of neutrality."

The note was cabled to Ambassador Penfield, who probably will present it to the Vienna foreign office shortly. It may be made public later by agreement between the two governments.

Repudiates Suggestion.

Though framed in diplomatic language and entirely friendly in tone, the reply is understood to repudiate flatly the suggestion that the United States has permitted violations of neutrality and to stand firmly upon the right of American exporters to send war supplies to belligerents able to purchase and receive them. The United States always has held that this is an unquestioned right under international law, and high officials have pointed out that to prevent such shipments to one country because another was not in a position to receive them would in itself be a violation of neutrality. Precedents also have been recalled where in previous wars Germany and Austria imported arms extensively.

Austrian Note Lengthy.

The Austro-Hungarian note, handed to Ambassador Penfield on June 29, was a lengthy document, setting forth the views of that government and suggesting that the United States might redress the state of things complained of by informing the enemies of Austria-Hungary that the supply of foodstuffs and war material to them would be suspended unless legitimate trade in these articles between Americans and neutral countries was permitted.

According to Berlin dispatches this complaint was sent after a conference between the Austro-Hungarian and German foreign offices. Similar notes, it was said, soon would be sent to the United States by Germany and Turkey.

MODERN WOOD NYMPH TAKEN

Wisconsin Girl Cavorts Through Forest Clad Only in Night Cap—Captured by Sheriff.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 11.—After a week's search Sheriff George Poss and Humane Officer George Manuel drove into Sparta with Sparta's mysterious wood nymph securely wrapped in a horse blanket. Excitement ran high in Sparta when it became known the mysterious woman had been captured and crowds followed the sheriff's buggy to the jail, where the nymph is now being cared for by the sheriff's wife.

The identity of the girl is still a mystery and she refuses to talk. She meets all questions with a laugh and seems to care not at all that she has been cavorting about through Monroe county woods for nearly a fortnight clad only in a lace nightcap trimmed with a blue ribbon.

The girl is a decided blonde and appears to be about 25 years old.

Beyond admitting that she had been in La Crosse and that this city might be her home, she refuses to answer any questions. The sheriff's wife is endeavoring to ascertain her identity.

U. S. Cables Note on "Frye."

Washington, Aug. 11.—The American reply to the last German note regarding the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye was cabled to Berlin and probably will be given out for publication shortly. While the original position of the state department that the Prussian-American treaty of 1828 was violated by the destruction of the vessel is reaffirmed, it is understood that the United States now agrees to accept payment for the Frye under the conditions suggested in the last German note.

ALLIES' SUBMARINE IS SUNK BY TURK AIRMEN

Constantinople, Aug. 11.—A submarine of the entente allies, was sunk near Bulair by a Turkish aeroplane, which threw bombs upon the craft. All the crew were lost.

Russians Dominate Retreat.

Petrograd, Aug. 11.—Unofficial dispatches claim the definite defeat of the major object of the great Austro-German campaign in Poland, viz., the capture or utter route of the Russian field armies. The Russians whom Von Hindenburg sought to surround in the Warsaw district have escaped the trap. They are making an orderly retreat upon a line reaching in a northwesterly direction from Biedlen, having evacuated Praga. From the extreme southeast to the Courland, the Russians dominate the retreat.

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN FAR OFF NORTHWEST.

ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

Resume of the Most Important Events In Sweden, Norway and Denmark—Of Interest to the Scandinavians In America.

SWEDEN.

A few Sundays ago 65,000 Swedish women attended peace conferences in some of the larger cities of the country. In most cases they either strengthened their existing organizations or established new ones. On June 7, the tenth anniversary of the breaking up of the union of Sweden and Norway, the Nerikes Tidning said: "The Union, instead of uniting the two nations, finally stood as a wall between them. Therefore, its fall was the best thing that could happen. The Union in which nature has placed them still stands. A dissolution of the Union could not force them apart. And they begin to feel that they are more closely connected now than at any time during the Union period."

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Some boys in Ronneby found a pocketbook full of money and papers near a pile of garbage. They did not know what it was, and so asked an old man for an explanation. He could easily see that there was a snug sum of cash, but the papers he did not understand. He advised the boys to show what they had found to the police, and so they did. It was found that the cash amounted to $80, and there were three bank checks of $1,350 each. The police soon found the owner, who had lost his pocketbook while digging for angleworms in a back yard.

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The Swedish army has been considerably developed since the beginning of the European war, according to a correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. It is officially announced that Sweden now has 350,000 regulars and 175,000 Landsturmers. Supplies of ammunition and war material have been brought up to date, and the Swedish military writers state that the army has never before stood at such a high point of efficiency. Five thousand new officers and noncommissioned officers have been appointed.

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Book publishers all over the country have organized a special company for the purpose of using this as a means of disposing of books which cannot be sold in the usual way. The idea is to sell the books at a very low rate through this company. The capital stock of the company must be no less than $8,000 and no more than $24,000.

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It is reported from Gothenburg that Sven Hedin received a telegraphic invitation from Field Marshal von Hindenburg to be present at the capitulation of Warsaw. Von Hindenburg urged Hedin's immediate departure in order not to miss witnessing the great historic event. Hedin left immediately for Berlin.

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A dispatch to the Morning Post from Stockholm says "The British government has granted permission in the Swedish Cotton Spinners' association to convey to Sweden 55,000 bales of cotton now lying in English ports, provided satisfactory guarantees are given that the cotton will not be reexported.

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Dr. Sven Hedin has spent several months along the battle line in France and Flanders, and he will soon publish a new book on what he has seen. This book will be larger than the one he wrote about his observations along the eastern battle line. He will be sure not to handle the allies with silk gloves.

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The Swedish Cremation society has published its annual report for 1914. The membership at the end of the year was 3,724. The number of cremation funerals for the year was 123, of which 83 took place at the Stockholm crematory.

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Two more "Persian Swedes" have returned home from Persia, namely, Maj. G. H. Pravitz and Dr. H. Karlstrom. They had a very pleasant trip through Russia, where they were treated with exceptional kindness.

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The fuel dealers of Stockholm have raised the price of wood, the amount being from 50 cents to $1 per cord. The most expensive wood is unsawed birch, which is quoted at about $11 a cord.

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Russia has abandoned the plan of putting an embargo on the exportation of grain to Sweden.

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Mrs. Ida Trotzig, who has distinguished herself by her study of the tea ceremonies of the Japanese, has sent a valuable collection of Japanese objects to the national museum of Sweden. The objects were gathered in the vicinity of Kobe, from which locality the museum had very few specimens. Mrs. Trotzig has promised to send more specimens so as to complete the collection from this locality.

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In spite of the embargo on the exportation of eggs, the price of eggs is constantly going up.

DENMARK.

A temporary law giving the Danish minister of justice arbitrary powers to restrain the press in its comment upon matters connected with the war, has been hurriedly passed and signed by King Christian. Newspapers violating the regulation will be subject to fine and will not have recourse to the regular tribunals. The passage of this measure is due to the desire of the government to check its criticism of the belligerent powers.

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The Danish steamship Nogill, bound from Gothenburg, Sweden, for the river Tyne, and laden with railway ties, has been sunk in the North sea by a German submarine. The crew of the steamer was landed at Wilhelmshaven, near Bremen.

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German submarines have sunk three Danish schooners, the Maria, the Neptunis and the Lena, in the North sea. The crews of these vessels were landed at Blyth.

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The Danish steamer, Tuborg, from Baltimore for Nykjobing, Denmark, and the Norwegian steamer, Glitra, Savanna for Helsingborg, have been detained at Kirkwall.

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The Danish Dentists' association has received the permission of the war ministry of the country for its members to offer their services to the German army. The Danish minister in Berlin has been empowered to secure the permission of the German authorities for Danish dentists to work in the hospitals in Germany.

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The ice is still crowding upon the north shore of Iceland, and the like of it has not been seen by the oldest inhabitant. The Bergen steamers which were wont to go to the north coast could not go there this season and had to return half way. The fishermen complain that the prospects are very poor.

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The Germans have doubled the number of watchmen at the Danish boundary line, and now they are so close together that they may have a pleasant chat as far as the distance is considered.

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The son of a blacksmith in a Jylland village was called to the colors and had to go. This left the old man in a bad pinch. He could not afford to give up his business, he needed help, but no one could be had. So his wife, who is almost sixty years old, offered to take the place of their son, and she is now swinging the sledge hammer with a vim and perseverance which is the astonishment of the village. "Well," says the old man with a twinkle in his eye, "the old lady and I have struck many a blow together in this shop. We could not afford to hire help, and I can say that she is the most faithful apprentice that I ever saw, but I must also add that I have taught her the trade myself."

NORWAY.

The severe drought that for a while threatened to destroy the crops has been broken. About two inches of rain fell in the eastern part of the country, where it was most needed. This acted like a magic upon all kinds of plant life. The pastures and the root crops were put in good shape in a remarkably short time. In some places the grain had commenced to head out before the rain came, and in such cases the yield cannot be rich. The hay crop is bound to be small all over the eastern part of the country, but there is likely to be a rich aftermath. The reports are more favorable from other parts of the country. In Finmarken the prospects are very bright, for there has been plenty of rain and warm weather—above the polar circle. From Nordland and Trondelagen the reports are also favorable.

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The purchase of the co-operative supply companies of Norway amounted to more than $3,000,000 for the past year. Five years ago the amount was only $1,000,000.

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The Glommen river, the longest in the country, is carrying 5,500,000 logs to the sawmills or to the sea this season.

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There is 755,000 tons of grain stored up in the granaries of the national government and of the communes. The military stores as included this amount.

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One hundred years ago the national debt was equal to $8 per inhabitant, now it is $39.

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Sixty years ago the annual trade of Norway was about $84,500,000, now it is about $365,000,000.

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The late Georg Johan Knap and wife established a legacy of $14,000, the interest of which is to be used for the benefit of sea captains and mates residing in Tonsberg, or their widows.

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The Lastadian Christians, or followers of a Finnish revivalist named Lastadius, who made a great impression upon the people of northern Sweden in some fifty years ago, have held an international convention at Vadso, in the northern part of Norway. The church in which the sessions were held was packed every day. Several Finns were preached, and their sermons were translated into Norwegian.

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The Norwegian steamship Trondhjemsfjord was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

IN THE FATHERLAND

INTERESTING BITS OF NEWS FROM THE GREAT GERMAN EMPIRE.

WHAT'S DOING IN OLD HOME

Summary of the Most Important Happenings in the Land of the Kaiser —Timely Items for the German Readers.

Arrangements for a more complete consolidation of Belgian financial interests with those of Germany are moving rapidly forward. In Antwerp, it is announced, the German administrator of the Banque Centrale Anversoise has given out information that it is to be absorbed by the Deutsche bank, its head being a director of the latter institution.

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The exclusion of German war toys is what a movement started by the countess of Stanford hopes to accomplish in Great Britain. The movement is also an effort to provide a trade at which maimed soldiers can work when the war is over. Heretofore Great Britain has bought about $7,500,000 worth of foreign toys, which have been almost all of German make. The scheme provides for the financing of the industry by four per cent loans.

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In common with London, Paris and Petrograd, Leipzig has felt the effects of the war on the fur trade with extraordinary keenness. The business in this line is practically at a standstill, and few if any firms are adding anything to their already overlarge stocks. In previous years it has been just at this time that they have begun to load up. The heavy loss which the war has caused the fur trade is indicated by the fact that the price, last year, for a perfect black fox pelt, $750, has dropped this year to $100.

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The executive committee of the Socialist party of Germany and the executive committee of the Socialists of the reichstag have issued a statement urging the necessity for the party unity at the present. It is a reply to an anonymous hand sheet recently circulated which demanded that the Socialists abandon the party truce and open a sharp offensive against the government.

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The German government has begun a systematic gathering of figures and statistics concerning existing supplies of copper in every shape. It had been known previously that, in addition to the increase in copper production, the supplies surpassed 2,000,000 tons, sufficient to meet war requirements for ten years. A large proportion of this total is available without the adoption of special measures. Other portions of it will become available by the substitution of other metal. With the idea of securing complete copper data, to the end that systematic preparations for the future be made effective, the government has decided to investigate carefully what amount of copper might be found in utensils, instruments, boilers and roofs made of this metal.

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Germany possesses invisible aeroplanes, according to the Kolnische Zeitung. The wings are made of a clear transparent material called celon, which is the invention of a German engineer named Knaubel. Cellon, which is manufactured from cellulose and acetic acid, is tough, pliable and noninflammable, and is used instead of canvas. A machine covered with cellon is said to be virtually invisible above an altitude of 3,000 feet.

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Although the main German and British fleets have not been matched in battle, the ending of the first year of the war finds that Germany has distinguished herself at sea, says Capt. I. Persius in a naval review prepared for the Associated Press. Captain Persius, formerly an officer of the German navy, is a recognized authority on German naval affairs and is naval expert of the Berliner Tageblatt. He states that Germany's policy has been to attempt to weaken her chief opponent at sea by using submarines and mines to a point where there will be some prospect of success of an attack on the main British fleet.

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The German mines, since the war started, have continued to supply 40 per cent of their usual annual quantity to the Netherlands, but England has declined to permit the export of steam coal in any large quantity. Manufacturing concerns and municipalities turned to America for supplies, but the freight rates from the United States to Dutch ports were so prohibitive—the minimum reaching eight dollars per ton more than the rate from Germany—that nobody would buy.

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Kaiser Franz Joseph has conferred the military order for distinguished service of the first class on Archduke Eugene, commanding the Austro-Hungarian troops operating against Italy.

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The American consul at Dresden reporting to the department of commerce, said that a demand for insurance against bombs had been created by aeroplane attacks upon cities near the battle lines. As a result, a German insurance company has established what, the consul says, may properly be called aerial insurance.

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Rock Creek News Department

Wherein is published the news of the Rock Creek region. It is intended to help Rock Creek in every way and solicits your aid.

About fifty ladies were bid to the A. P. Erickson home yesterday afternoon by the Misses Jennie Schmidt, Anna Strand and Babe Erickson to a parcel shower for Miss Mamie Erickson. The afternoon was delightfully spent—there was a mock marriage with little Miss Sylvia Peppin and Master Harold Schmidt as principals, the wedding mach from Lohengrin being played as they tiptoed down the stairs, the guests each made a block for a patch work quilt, on which their names were worked, which will remind the guest of honor of the happy event for, we hope, 80 years more of happy life. Dainty refreshments were served and the guests departed at about 5 o'clock. Following the evening meal, the merry making was continued with a dance in the Woodman hall at which a large gathering of our people tripped in the dance until daylight appeared in the east. Ice cream and cake were served in the Johnson store room below.

More than 50 friends of John Nelson attended a surprise party on him at his home last Saturday evening in honor of his 31st birthday. The evening was spent with games and dancing and a fine midnight supper was served. John was presented with several fine momentos of the occasion and The Poker joins with everyone in hoping that our village blacksmith may live to see a towering elm tree shade his shop and have his great grand children at his birthday celebrations.

No, friends, the Woodmen's horse sheds are not dead. They simply sleepeth until after the harvest is over. Then look out for something to happen to get the balance of the necessary money together. We need those sheds as much as they need us. Creekers are getting too good horse flesh and to much tied up in it to let it stand out in all kinds of weather. Then, too, a horse has feelin's and will appreciate protection from sun or cold.

Cashier Becklund and the Misses Erickson are at Sandstone to attend the funeral, this afternoon, of the 10 year old twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edstrom, who was downed yesterday near Cambridge. The two boys were enjoying an outing there with their aunt. Miss Verlie Erickson and were both in danger of drowning though one was saved. Further details are lacking at this time.

The officers of School Dist. 13, east of town, were served, the first of the week, with a restraining order preventing them from prosecuting the work of installing a steam heating plant in their school house, the order being returnable at Mora the 17th, when they will be expected to show cause why an injunction should not be issued. The order was secured by Victor Pepin and others.

Whether we will have any corn crop this fall may be indicated by the fact that J. Erickson & Son have already sold nine corn binders here and expect to double the number. Corn can't look so awfully bad out through the country, or else our farmers have faith in a late fall.

John Christenson who is employed at the Peter Okeson farm northeast of town, is enjoying a vacation this week during which he is taking care of crops on his own place east of Pine City and today is stacking rye for John Vojta.

Sunday there will be services in the West Rock Luth. church at 11 o'clock a. m. and in the Pine Grove church at 3 p.m. Rev. A. Westlund of Minneapolis has charge of this work at present and his people are all glad to have him here.

Messrs Paul Pepin and Joff Begin autoed up from Minneapolis Friday morning. They found the roads in pretty good shape. The former expects to work in this neighborhood.

Mr. Begin left Saturday for Duluth where he will visit.

Olson Bros., from the St. Croix bottoms, and Frolkey shipped two carloads of fine fat steers from here last night. They were shipped in this last spring for fatting and no one could kick on their condition when they went out.

Little Sadie Nelson, daughter of John Nelson, our blacksmith, while playing Friday, fell on a nail. The head of the nail passing through her cheek. She was taken to the doctor immediately. She is improving slowly.

The young peoples society of the Pine Grove church will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, Aug. 14, in the church, 3 miles northeast of town. Refreshments will be served and friends are all welcome.

C. O. Johnson and family have been enjoying a week's visit, at their farm 3 miles east of town, from his two sisters who returned to their home at Chicago yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson, living west of town, have been enjoying a ten day visit from his brother and other relatives who left this morning for their home in Ohio.

A number of young folks attended the dance in Pine City, Saturday evening. They reported having a good time.

Oscar Peterson, living 3 miles northeast of here, lost a valuable horse—his best one—by colic last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Schmidt autoed to Waukon, Saturday, to visit relatives, returning Sunday evening.

Mrs C. W. Carlson of Finlayson is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morrow.

Sevan Alander of Forest Lake, formerly of this place, is visiting at the Frank Stevens home.

Miss Hilma Bjork went to Pine City today for a couple of days' stay.

A Bunch of Church Socials

With an ice cream social on the Lutheran church grounds Tuesday evening, one by the Methodist ladies aid on the Axtell lawn last evening and one coming tomorrow evening on the Carlson lawn, when the Presbyterian Sunday school will be hosts, the week may be said to be fairly full of socials and the people of ice cream and cake.

The evenings of the week have, to date, been ideal for the purpose, and both the socials held have proven enjayable. Though lack of knowledge of the event prevented a large attendance at the Lutheran social, the Methodists had a large attendance and had to replenish their ice cream supply twice, making a neat sum for the aid treasury.

Tomorrow evening, on the Carlson lawn, a program will be given and the Crescent orchestra will play. There will be ice cream and cake at 10 cents and also candy and flower booths.

Notice for Bids

Sealed bids will be received by Edmund Minar, clerk of School Dist. No. 53, Pine Co. for building a new school house in said Dist. up to 2 o'clock p. m. Aug. 28, 1915, the school board reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the clerk's office. A certified check to the amount of 4 per cent must accompany each bid. Dated this 11 day of Aug. 1915.

Edmund Minar, Clerk

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$6000 stock of general merchandise, goods all new. Will take in trade real estate mortgage or good farm of equal value.—P. C. Anderson, Hammond, Wis.

N. Perkins and family spent the first of the week with relatives at Sandstone, returning yesterday.

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Pine City News

Buy Golden Key Flour.

Miss Beth Marsh of Stillwater arrived last Saturday for a week's visit at the Pennington home.

Miss Emily I. Campbell of Stillwater arrived yesterday for a few days visit at the home of her cousins, the L. B. McClearys.

Attorney Sobotka leaves today for Silver Lake to drive back with his family who have been visiting relatives there the past ten days.

Lost, on Friday afternoon in Pine City, Aug. 6, two five dollar bills. Finder will please notify owner, John McAdam, or leave word at Pine Poker office. A reward will be given the finder.

A purse containing a sum of money and some letters was lost on the road north of town yesterday afternoon. A liberal reward will be paid for its return. Finder please phone this office or leave purse here.

H. W. and Mrs. Harte returned home Monday evening from Shakopee where they were for about a week while he took the mud baths. Mr. Harte took a bad cold while there but is getting back onto his feet since getting home.

A bunch of keys, having a large one marked "E S" on the ring, was found and is in the hands of Marshal Biederman. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this notice.

Mrs. H. J. Buirge entertained at her home yesterday afternoon in honor of the Misses Asplund who leave today for their home at Lake City after a ten days visit at the home of their brother here. About a dozen were present.

Don't you know that the 40 strand lightening rod was recommended at the State Association of Farmers Mutual Insurance Companies convention held at St. Paul, Jan. 13 and 14 of this year? It is the kind you want. For sale by M. A. Soderbeck, Pine City, Minn.

The Bentleons and Arthur Andersons autoed to Bruce, Wis., in the Bentleon car, Sunday. Miss LeBlanc of Bruce who has been a guest at the Bentleon home for a few weeks, accompanied them home and Mrs. Bentleon's little sister returned with them to visit for a time.

"The water supply point" sold by M. A. Soderbeck of Pine City, was recommended at the Farmers Mutual Insurance Companies convention held at St. Paul on Jan. 13-14 of this year. The report of the convention's committee was that it added 100 per cent to the value of any lightening rod.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sowers and children, Lloyd and Viva, autoed over from their home at Fredrick, Wis., to visit with their numerous friends at Pine City. J. B. and daughter departed Monday while Mrs. Sowers and son still remain. Mr. and Mrs. Sowers are well known in Pine City and their friends were all delighted to see them. Their son Manley was the editor of The Pine Poker about three years ago.

Holetz Bros. began work the first of the week on a big 36x60 machine shed back of their blacksmith shop and intend going into the machinery business stronger than ever. Flaton and Herdina have the contract.

Oscar Larson has the contract for a fine house that Ed Netser is to build on his farm on the east shores of Cross lake. Ed's old friends are all glad to see the numerous improvements he has made on his place.

Chas. Gehl was again taken to St Joseph's hospital at St. Paul, Tuesday night, and the following morning underwent another successful operation, in which his appendix and a large tumor were removed. His hosts of friends here are glad to know that he is improving at this writing and that he may be expected home in a couple of weeks if nothing intervenes.

Chas. Beechel is rushing work on his fine new 24x26 house just west of Frank Cort's and expects to have it completed from the full basement to the big garret above the second floor before cold weather. He yesterday moved from the old R. E. Carlson place to the woodshed at their new place where they will camp until able to get into the house. The Folsoms will move into the latter place tomorrow and Saturday the Asplunds intend moving in from their Cross lake cottage the first of next week.

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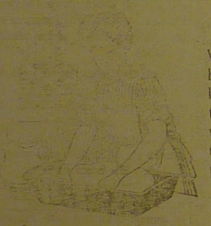

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Thirty four "forest rangers" have been cut off the state pay roll because the (sobs) state senate refused (and tears) to appropriate $270,000 (gasps for breath) more of the people's money than was given for the purpose for the coming two years (heart breaking convulsions) and State Forester Cox has busted into the press again to announce to the awe-struck public that the efficiency of the department will be cut in two. Mr. Cox is mistaken. Jupiter P. can do more in putting out a fire than a million "forest rangers"—and Jupiter is on the job. The legislature ought to have stopped the whole leak.

Up at Cloquet, the Pine Knot asys, they have instituted "community singing" along with their weekly band concerts in the Park. They gather and join in singing old, familiar songs like "Swanee River," "Sweet and Low" and "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" to band accompaniment. It is a fine practice and in time, will tell in Cloquet. It is common in many parts of Europe and was first tried in this country recently at Philadelphia, whence it has spread over much of the country, everywhere meeting with success.

It is the right of all to think as their judgement dictates upon public questions and to favor or oppose the enactment of this or that law according to their views of what is best. But when public opinion once becomes law, it is the duty of every citizen to obey it while it remains upon the statute books. If each of us obeyed only those laws which we wish at the time to obey, there would be no law.

A Virginia editor threatened to publish the name of a certain young man who was seen hugging and kissing a girl in the park unless his subscription to the paper was paid up in a week. Fifty-nine young men called and paid up the next day, while two even paid a year in advance.—New Ulm Review.

In a community where all are acquainted it isn't good for young people to divide into cliques at a dance, each by one in their own set. It indicates poor breeding, snobbishness.—Stillwater Gazette.

Pine City News

Mrs Dodge of Mankato arrived Tuesday for a several weeks visit at the home of her son Clayton.

Grover Koop and wife of Brainerd, Minn., arrived yesterday from Chicago where they have been visiting with relatives, for a few days visit at the home of Mrs. Koop's mother, Mrs. Mary Neville.

Harvey Cole returned yesterday after a visit of nearly three months with his daughter and others at his farm home at Gerand, Ill. Although he passed the time there very pleasantly he says that he is greatly delighted to be back in Pine county and to see the crops in such excellent condition.

Serg. H. L. Joslin came up from St Paul last Thursday for a week's visit at the home of his son here. The Sergeant is in charge of one of the cottages at the Soldiers Home at Minnehaha and if we were eligable we'd buy a ticket to that cottage tomorrow.

Elbert Bede has effected a combination of his paper and the other one published at Cottage Grove, Ore., by which both papers are to be continued under their present names and published at different times of the week. This will give the town a semi weekly paper and allow the publishers to give better papers because expenses will be cut. Elbert will edit both papers.

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Pine City News

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Harry Madison of Sandstone was a court house visitor, Monday.

"Rooms for rent signs" and various kinds of placards for sale at the Poker office.

Miss Faith Pennington went to St. Paul, Tuesday, for a few days' stay.

J. E. Therrien and wife went to Two Harbors for a weeks visit with relatives and old friends.

John Reinbolt departed Tuesday for Duluth for a few days visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris E. Leach of Minneapolis, arrived Monday to enjoy a few days' outing here.

Miss Clara Wickelman of Lake Elmo arrived Saturday for a week's visit with Miss Edith Hamlin.

Ben Haas made a business call at North Branch between trains, Tuesday.

Clint and Reynalt Falkner of St. Paul arrived Saturday for a weeks visit with their uncle, Will Dunning.

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Jas. Proffit and family returned to their home at Kingsdale last Thursday after a days visit at the Feury home here.

Miss Myrtle Cranton departed for Minneapolis a week ago yesterday, for a couple of weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Otto Swanson.

Blow out a ring of smoke from a clear Havana cigar. Get the cigar at Breck's Drug Store where they are kept just as they should be.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ealsthen of Braham made a short call at the R. E. West home Sunday afternoon, departing in the evening in their car.

For Sale, team of horses. One mare and one gilding, weighing about 2,600 five years old. Inquire at Pine City Brewery, Pine City, Minn. 49-1.

Girl wanted for dining room work at Pokegama Sanatorium. Good quarters and fair wages. Apply at once. S. W. Wittich, supt

Olaf Erickson finished a 30x48 barn on his place east of town in time to give a dance in it last Saturday evening, the Vojta boys furnishing the music.

Joseph and James Ikl and P. Bees of St. Paul spent Sunday and Monday with friends here. They enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon on the lakes.

Mrs. B. P. Tilden arrived Monday from California. She expects to make her future home here with her son Bob, who is employed in the Smith Hardware Co. store.

Chas. Poferl, wife and sister, Agnes, came up from St. Paul, Monday, for a visit at the home of his cousin, Treasurer Poferl, and with other relatives.

Alex Halliday sold his interest in the machine shop to J. C. Wait, Tuesday. Mr. Halliday is undecided as to what line of work he will undertake but will remain in town

We want an agent in this county to sell and put up awnings; also handle our tents, etc. Small capital required. Write at once. Mason City (Iowa) Tent & Awning Co.

W. H. Atwater of Bruno visited at the Daniels home Tuesday, departing Wednesday for St. Paul for a few days visit with friends and relatives there.

The Jumers and four other cars from Ingle Nook inn toured to the Rush City bridge on the St. Croix river, Monday, for a pleasant afternoon on the river.

Forty strand lightening rod wire 20 cents per foot and 32 strand at 16 cents. All this wire guaranteed to be .9984 per cent pure. Sold by M. A. Soderbeck, Pine City, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bror Wickstrom and son Erwin came over from Grantsburg, Friday, for a three weeks' visit at the home of his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. I. Wickstrom.

Mrs. Arthur Olson returned last Thursday from a several days' visit at Duluth. The Misses Burnson of Wahpeton, S. D., arrived Tuesday for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Olson.

Good 10 room house with two well kept lots, 100x150, on good corner in eastern part of town for sale at a very reasonable figure. City water and electric lights.—Chas. Stekl, Pine City.

Judge Comstock, of the Mankato district court, was in this region the past week, looking after his real estate interests, which he found steadly increasing in value from the improvement of the county.

Mrs. T. E. Ryan and children came up from Minneapolis yesterday to visit at the Melvin Olson home, east of town. Mr. Ryan will drive up Saturday and all will return sometime next week.

Waldo Fisher was home from last Thursday to Sunday, returning that day to Anandale where he is giving outings to Minneapolis boys under the Unity House settlement work, with which he is connected.

The Petschels and Staackes left last Thursday for a five days trip into the southern part of the state, extending as far west as St. Peter, in the Petschel car. They returned yesterday after a very delightful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Duxbury and son Richard accompanied by Bownie Gray as chauffeur departed last Friday evening for their two weeks summer trip through northern Minnesota and the Dakotas.

The following is a list of uncalled for letters remaining at the post office at this writing: Prof. W. Anderson, Mrs. Carl A. Byers, Wm. G. Lorentz, Enoch Milton, A. R. W. Olson, S. B. Route 2 and Oscar Wicklund.

W. G. Brust and wife of Cottonwood, Idaho, arrived here last Saturday for a week's visit at the homes of his nephews, A. W. and W. F. Schumacher. They are returning home from a trip that has covered the San Francisco exposition, Texas and intermediate points.

Mrs. Walter Stuckey, of Pine Island went to Bruno last Saturday after a two weeks visit with her parents, Auditor and Mrs. Hamlin, here, intending to visit her sister, Mrs. Hanson, at that place for a short time bofere returning to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul LeBar and family arrived Tuesday for a days visit with the Pipers, departing Wednesday for a tour to Duluth where they expect to stay a few days and then they will tour through the western part of the state back to their home at Owatanna.

Rev. Father Leo returned Saturday from his three weeks' trip through the eastern states. He spent a week with his aunt at Elmira, Penn., then toured through eastern Penn. and spent a few days at Arnot on the old homestead where he was born and then on his trip homeward. He reports having a very pleasant vacation.

A number of the little friends of Ella Davis were entertained at her home last Thursday afternoon in honor of her 6th birthday. There were present Jean McCleary, Naneen and Margaret Smith, Grace and Mildred Therrian, Helen Johnson, Clara Luebker and Lyle Norton and the little folks had just the bestest kind of a time.

Mayor Dosey experienced a pleasant contrast with the old days, Monday, when he took the noon train to Hinckley where he met a party of land buyers with whom he autoed to Bear creek and returned in time to catch the limited home after selling 400 acres of land. A few years ago such a trip would have occupied several days—and to have sold the land would have been a week's hard work. Roads in Pine county are improving and our lands sell themselves these days.

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The man who habitually says "tomorrow," "next week," "next year"—that man is doomed. To the world he contributes nothing worth while. Today is the accepted day for everything worth doing. Emerson says, "no man has learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is doomsday." Then do it today.

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Order Limiting Time to File Claims and for Hearing Thereon

Estate of Tufve Olson.

State of Minnesota, County of Pine—In Probate Court

In the Matter of the Estate of Tufve Olson, Decedent

Letters of administration this day having been granted to Henry Olson.

It is Ordered, that the time within which all creditors of the above named decedent may present claims against his estate in this court, be, and the same hereby is, limited to three months from and after the date hereof; and that Monday, the 4th day of October, 1915, at one o'clock p. m., in the Probate Court Rooms at the Court House, at Pine City, in said County, be, and the same hereby is fixed and appointed as the time and place for hearing upon and the examination, adjustment and allowance of such claims as shall be presented within the time aforesaid.

Let notice hereof be given by the publication of this order in The Pine Poker, as provided by law.

Dated June 29th, 1915.

(Probate Seal) ROBERT WILCOX, Judge of Probate.

(First publication August 1?th)

Whereas, Default has been made and now exists in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and delivered by Oliver B. Dibblee, unmarried, mortgagor, to Pine City State Bank, a corporation, mortgagee, dated December 21st, 1909, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pine County, Minnesota, on the 21st day of December, 1909, at 4 o'clock p. m., in Book No. 5 of Mortgages, on page 160, on which there is claimed to be due and is due at the date of this notice the sum of Four Hundred and Forty Four (441 and 84-100 Dollars, principal and interest, and the further sum of Twenty (20) and 66-100 Dollars, taxes paid by said mortgagee, in all the sum of Four Hundred and Sixty Five (465) and 50-100 Dollars, and no action or proceeding at law or equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof,

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed and the following premises described in and covered by said mortgage and situate in the County of Pine, State of Minnesota, to-wit: The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter (S.W.¼ of S.W.¼) of Section Twenty Two (22), in Township Forty Three (43), Range Eighteen (18), will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder therefor for cash by the sheriff of said Pine County, at the front entrance of the Court House, in the Village of Pine City, in said County and State, on Saturday the 25th day of September, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day to satisfy the amount which shall then be due on said mortgage and the costs and disbursements allowed by law, and Twenty Five Dollars attorney's fee, as stipulated in said mortgage.

Dated August 7th, 1915

PINE CITY STATE BANK, Mortgagee.

S. G. L. ROBERTS, Attorney for Mortgagee, Pine City, Minnesota.

Citation for Hearing on Petition for Probate of Will.

Estate of Edwin Freeman.

State of Minnesota, County of Pine. } In Probate Court:

In the Matter of the Estate of Edwin Freeman, Decedent,

The State of Minnesota, To all persons interested in the allowance and probate of the Will of said decedent:

The petition of Victor Freeman being duly filed in this court, representing that Edwin Freeman, then a resident of the county of Pine, state of Minnesota, died on the 13th day of June, 1915, leaving a last Will and Testament which is presented to this court with said petition, and praying that said instrument be allowed as the last Will and Testament of said decedent, and that letters testamentary be issued thereon to said Victor Freeman.

Now therefore you, and Each of you, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House in the Village of Pine City, county of Pine, state of Minnesota, on the 30th day of August, 1915, at ten o'clock a. m., why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Witness the Honorable Robert Wilcox, Judge of said Court, and the seal of said Court, this 17th day of July, 1915.

[Probate Seal] ROBERT WILCOX, Judge.

OTTOCAR SOBOTKA, Attorney for Petitioner

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the only silo that combines all the good points of every type of silo construction and gives you the biggest possible value for the money you invest. We want to place our silo proposition before you—drop into the office and talk it over with us—it will be to your advantage.

Pine City Saw Mill Co.

ED. F. GALLES, Retail Manager

"Yes, they say it has been hot outside all day, but it has been quite comfortable in the store. We have electric fans, the oscillating kind. You need extra pins for your hair the breeze is so strong."

"Not many customers? There's where you're wrong. The store was crowded from ten o'clock until we closed. My customers often tell me they do their shopping with us because the place is so cool and restful."

"I wish I had an electric fan at home—I wouldn't need to ride way out to the park every night to keep cool!"

If she only knew it she could have a

G-E Fan

in her room at small cost—and a single carfare would give a whole night's comfort. Did *you* know this?

Eastern Minnesota Power Co.

BEROUN NEWS DEPARTMENT

This Department will Appear Regularly in The Pine Poker. Readers will find the Beroun News in it.

News up here is scarcer than the proverbial hens' teeth this week. Somehow there's nothing to be had. Everybody is busy haying and harvesting and if there are any visitors or other news, nobody peeps about it. Let us know about your doings. We want to get the news. Help us to get it.

Jake Tone sold his farm 1½ mi. southwest of town, last week, to A. Karkan from Chicago who expects to move his family on at once. We understand that $5,000 was the price for the 80, stock, implements and half the crops. Mr. Tone went to Chicago, where his wife preceeded him.

The ball team was at Meadow Lawn last Sunday and secured an overwhelming victory over their boys, winning by a score of 18 to 4. Nevertheless, later reports are that their team will come back at us next Sunday and give us a fast return game, so we are anxiously waiting.

Frank Rys and family of Pine City visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Chalupnik, north of town, from Saturday to yesterday. Frank has closed his meat market at the county seat and is not decided as to what he will do though he may work in a market there.

Frank Vacek's new home is rapidly nearing completion under the direction of Ed Chmelik, who has three sub bosses on the job. They hope to have it ready for the plasterers in about a week. Mr. Spichal has the contract for the plastering.

The Hanscomes and Adolph Strohkirches started for Duluth in the formers' car last Sunday but were compelled to turn for home before reaching the Zenith city. They found the roads fine—north of Hinckley.

Mrs. Sebesta returned to her home at Montgomery yesterday after a several days visit with her sister, Mrs. Jos. Ouradnik.

Miss Vera Smith of Cambridge arrived yesterday for a week's visit with Mrs. Hanscome.

Hustle Town News

N. A. Guymon is helping August Erickson with his haying.

Miss Nellie Axtell was out from Pine City the other day to close her contract to teach the coming year in district 98.

Frood Bell, who has been sick nearly all summer, is able to be out again and we are all glad to see his face among us.

Mr. Villars, who lives on the east shore of Cross lake is making the hay on the Whitehouse place.

W. E. Smiley has completed his new 40x46 foot barn and is filling with hay. We suspect he is more Smiley than ever—at least, he ought to be.

Everyone is busy haying, these days. The harvest is late but the crop is a fair one. Many even think that corn will produce some if this weather holds and the fall happens to be a late one.

Preparations are being made to finish the new church so as to dedicate it on September 5. Everyone wants it ded cated before Rev. Parish leaves, as we understand he will probably not be returned to the Pine City charge.

Meadow Lawn.

The car of feed which was ordered by the Grange, arrived and was delivered Friday to the members

Lost, at Pine City, Friday, Aug. 6, two five dollar bills. Finder return to John MacAdam and receive reward. Phone 138-3.

The young folks gathered at the hall Saturday evening to partake of the feast which P. Berkey furnished to the "charivari party" the fore part of the week.

The Fred Miller, Geo. Geisler and G. Bergman families were entertained at the home of Wm. VonBusch, Sunday, while a number of other friends and neighbors dropped in to spend the evening.

The Beroun Boys came over Sunday to play ball with our home team. The locals were trimmed up by a score of 17 to 3 by the visitors. The same teams will cross bats on the ball grounds at Beroun next Sunday.

Mrs. Jno, MacAdam returned home Friday, from Cloverton, where she spent a week visiting relatives. Her brother, Clarence Holler, accompanied her on the trip, coming by way of Duluth and stopping off a day to take in the sights there.

Mrs. Frank Williams gave a picnic for her Sunday school class. Nineteen were in attendance and a lunch consisting of ice cream, cake, fruit, nuts and candy was served. The younsters departed for their homes late in the afternoon, having had a jolly time.

George Von Busch came up from Hallam, Neb., Friday, to visit his brother, William Von Busch of this place. He was very much pleased with the country here and asys that the crops here are far ahead of those in Neb. as it has been to wet there this year that crops are poor. He left for home Tuesday but said he would be back this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ullon and daughter Helen came over from Flandreau, S. D., and spent a week visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Williams. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Arnott of Volga, S. D., the former also a sister of Mrs. Williams. They made the trip in autoes. From here they departed Tuesday for St. Paul where they will visit a short time and from there they will go to Iowa before returning home.

German Lutheran Church

Church at 10 a. m., Sunday, with preaching in German. Also remember the Sunday school at 9 a. m.

There was not an especially large attendance at the ice cream social Tuesday evening because it was not generally known but a good time was had and a few dollars made for the society.

The ladies aid met in the school house yesterday afternoon when Mesdames Leubker, Haas, Hoefler and Claus Johnson were hostesses. There was a large attendance and a good time. Two weeks from that date the aid will meet with Mrs. Kick at her home just west of the village.

There were large attendances at both of the services last Sunday and the special mission sermons by Revs. Abbettmeyer and Huchhausen of St Paul and Minneapolis were greatly enjoyed. Rev. Huchhausen visited, Monday forenoon, with his old parishioners, the E. Bruzigs, south of town, before returning home.

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MUSIC—ENTERTAINMENT—ORATORY—INSPIRATION—FUN

Start right by attending the very first session. It will make you want more.

Music, Music, Music, oh, what a lot of it. Don't fail to hear the attractions the first day.

Arrange right now and reserve the date for The Grand Opera Singers. Rousing music by first grade artists, both vocal and instrumental.

Study the detailed program for popular lectures, travel talks and solid addresses.

There is plenty of wholesome entertainment and good fun. If you enjoy good laughs, you will get them.

Five days of picnic—five days of joy—five days without care—five days building up your spirits—five days removed from the daily grind.

Take the time to get your share of the splendid entertainments. You can do enough work the balance of your life.

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The Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MAC GRATH

Illustrated from Scenes in the Photo Drama of the Same Name by the Thanhouser Film Company

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CHAPTER XX.

Braine Tries Another Weapon.

"What I want now," said Braine, as he paced the living room of the apartment of the countess, "is revenge. I've been checkmated enough, Olga; they're playing with us."

"That is nothing new," she replied, shrugging. "At the beginning I warned you. I never liked this affair after the first two or three failures. But you would have your way. You wanted revenge at that early date; but I cannot see that you've gone forward. Has it ever occurred to you that the organization may be getting tired, too? They depend solely upon your invention, and each time your invention has resulted in touching nothing but zero."

"Thanks!"

"O, I'm not chiding you. I've failed, too."

"Are you turning against me?" he demanded bitterly.

"Do my actions point that way?" she countered. "No. But the more I view what has passed, the more disheartened I grow. It has been a series of blind alleys, and all we have succeeded in doing is knocking our heads. I can see now that all our failures are due to one mistake."

"And what the devil is that?" he asked, irritably.

"We were in too much of a hurry at the beginning. Hargreave prepared himself for quick action on your part."

"And if I had not acted quickly he would have started successfully on one of his world tours again, and that would have been the last of him, and we should never have learned of the girl's existence. So there's your argument."

"Perhaps you are right. But for all that we have not played the game with any degree of finesse."

"Bah!" Braine lit a cigarette and smoked nervously. "I can't even get rid of that meddling reporter. He has been as much to blame for our failures as either Jones or Hargreave. I admit that in his case I judged hastily. I believed him to be just an ordinary newspaper man, and he was clever enough to lull my suspicions. But I'm going to get him, Olga, even if I have to resort to ordinary gunman tricks. If there's any final reckoning, by the Lord Harry, he shan't get a chance in the witness stand."

"And I begin to think that that little chit of a girl has been hoodwinking me all along. By the way, did you find out what that letter said?" she asked after a pause.

"Letter? What letter?"

She sprang from her chair. "Do you mean to say that they have not told you about that?" Olga became greatly excited.

"Explain," he said.

"Why, I was at the garden day before yesterday, and a man approached and asked if I was Miss Hargreave. Becoming at once suspicious that something very important was about to happen, I signified that I was Miss Hargreave. The man slipped a paper into my hand and hurried off. I took a quick glance at it and was dumfounded to find it utterly blank of writing. At first I thought some joke had been played on me, then I chanced to remember the invisible ink letters you always wrote me. Understanding that you were to visit the cave in the morning, I had one man at the garden take the note. And you never got it!"

"Some one shall pay for this carelessness. I'll call up Vroon and Jackson at once. Wait just a moment."

He went to the telephone. A low muttering conversation took place. Olga could hear little or none of it. When Braine put the receiver back on the hook his face was not pleasant to see.

"That girl!"

"What now?"

"It seems she had been out horseback riding that morning. She had seen one of the boys cross the field and suddenly disappear, and she was curious to learn what had become of him. With her usual luck she stumbled on the method of opening the door of the cave and went in. She must have been nosing about. She didn't have much time, though, as the boy came up to await me. Evidently she crawled into that old chest and in some inexplicable manner purloined the letter from Jackson's pocket. They left to reconnoiter, and it was then that Jackson discovered his loss. When Florence heard them returning she jumped into the well. And lived through that tunnel! The devil is in it!"

"Or out of it, since we consider him our friend."

"And I had her in my hands, note and all!"

"But with all that water there will not be any writing left on the letter."

"Invisible ink is generally indelible and impervious to the action of water; at least the kind I use is. I'd give a thousand for a sight of that letter."

"And it might be worth a million," Olga suggested.

"Not the least doubt of it in my mind. Olga, old girl, it does look as if my star was growing dim. We'll never get our hands on that million. I feel it in my bones. So let's settle down to a campaign of revenge, without any furbelows. I want to twist Hargreave's heart before the game winds up."

"You wish really to injure her?"

"I do not wish to injure her. Far from it," he replied, smiling evilly.

"You want her . . . dead?" whispered Olga, paling.

"Exactly. I want her dead. And so if all my efforts here come to nothing, so shall Hargreave's. His millions will become waste paper to him. That's revenge. The Persian peach method."

"Poison? You shall not! You shall not kill her!" vehemently.

"Tender hearted!"

"No. If I must in the end go to prison, so be it; but I refuse to die in the chair."

"Very well, then. We shan't kill her, but we'll make her wish she was dead. I was only trying to see how far you would go. The basket of peaches is in the hallway. Every peach is poisoned. No man in the country knows more about subtle poisons than I do. Have I not written books on the subject?" ironically.

"And they will trace it back to you in a straight line," she warned. "I will not have it!"

"I can go elsewhere," he replied coldly.

"You would leave me?"

"The moment you cross my will," emphatically.

It became her turn to pace. Torn between her love of the man and the danger which stared her in the face,

He Went to the Telephone.

she was for the time being distracted. All the time he watched her with malevolent curiosity, knowing that in the end she would concur with his evil plans.

"Very well," she said finally. "But listen; we shall be found out. Never doubt that. Your revenge will cost us both our lives. I feel it."

"Bah! The law will have no hand in my end. I always carry a pellet; and that ring of yours would suffice a regiment. She will not die. She will merely become a kind of paralytic, the kind that can move a little but not enough; always wheeled about in a chair. I'll bring in the peaches; rosy and downy. One bite, after a given time, will do the trick. If they suspect and throw them out we have lost nothing but the peaches. A trusted messenger will carry them to the Hargreave house. And then we'll sit down and wait."

Meantime, in the library of the Hargreave house, Florence and Jim were puzzling over the blank sheet of paper.

"I'll wager," said Jim, "the water washed all the writing away. The fire does not seem to do any good. We'll turn it over to Jones. Jones'll find a way to solve it. Trust him."

"What are you two chattering about?" asked Susan, who was arranging some flowers on the table.

"Secrets," said Jim, smiling.

"Humph!"

Susan puttered about for a few minutes longer, then crossed to the reception room, intending to go upstairs. At that moment the maid was admitting a messenger with a basket of fruit.

"For Miss Hargreave," said he. He gave the basket to the maid, touched his cap awkwardly, and swung on his heel, closing the door behind him. He was in a hurry to deliver another message.

"O, what lovely fruit!" cried Susan, pausing. "I'm going to steal one," she laughed. She selected a peach and began eating it on the way up to her room.

The maid passed on into the library.

"What's this?" inquired Florence, as the maid held out the basket. She selected a peach and was about to set her white teeth into it when Jim interposed.

"Wait a moment, dear." Florence lowered the peach. Jim turned to the maid. "Who sent it?"

"I don't know, sir. A messenger brought it, saying it was for Miss Hargreave."

"Let me see if there is a card." But Jim searched in vain for the card of the donor. At once all his suspicions arose. "Don't touch them. Better let the maid throw them out. Fruit from unknown persons might not be the healthiest thing in the world."

"What do you think?"

"That in all probability they are poisoned. But there's no need trying to prove my theory right or wrong. Ask Jones. He'll tell you to throw them away."

"Horrible!" Florence shuddered. "But they do not want to poison me. I'm too valuable. They want me alive."

"Who can say?" returned Jim gloomily. "They may have learned that they cannot beat us, no matter what card they turn up. I may be wrong, but take my advice and throw them away. . . . Good Lord, what's that?" startled.

"Some one cried!"

"O, Miss Florence!" exclaimed the maid, terror stricken as she recalled Susan's act. "Miss Susan took a peach from the basket and was eating it on the way to her room!"

"Good heavens!" gasped Jim. "I was right. The fruit was poisoned."

Jim had head enough to send for a specialist he knew. The specialist arrived about twenty minutes after Susan's first cry. To his keen eye it looked like a certain poison which had for its basis the venom of the cobra.

"Will she live?"

"O, yes. But she'll be a wreck for some months. Send her to the hospital where I can visit her frequently. And I'll take that peach along for analysis. No police affair?"

"No. We dare not call them in," said Jim.

"That's your affair. I'll send down the ambulance. Keep her quiet. She'll have a species of paralysis; but that'll work off under the treatment. A strange business."

"So it is," agreed Jim grimly.

Florence knelt beside her friend's bed and cried softly.

"You called me just in time. An hour later, nothing would have saved her. She would have been paralyzed for life."

Jim accompanied the doctor to the door and went in search of Jones. He found the taciturn butler eying the fruit basket, his face gray and drawn, though his eyes blazed with fury.

"Poison!"

"A pretty bad poison, too," said Jim. "We can't do anything. We've just got to sit still. But in the end we'll get them. That she devil . . . ."

"No, my friend; that he devil. The woman is mad over him and would commit any crime at his bidding. But this is his work. We want him. He wasn't without courage to send this fruit, knowing that I would instantly suspect the sender. Yet, I have no definite proof. I could not hold him in court in law. He will have bought the fruit piece by piece, the basket in a basket shop. He will have injected the poison himself when alone. Poor Susan! That messenger was without doubt some one over whom he holds the threat of the death chair. That's the way he works."

Jim tramped the room while Jones carried the fruit to the kitchen. The butler returned after a while.

"What about that blank sheet of paper?"

"It has to be dipped into a solution; after that you can read it by heating. I have already dipped it into the solution. The moment the heat leaves the sheet the writing disappears again. The ink is waterproof. I'll show you."

Jones got a candle from the mantle, lit it, and held the sheet of paper very close to the flame. Gradually, almost imperceptibly, letters began to form on the blank sheet. At length the message was complete.

"Dear Hargreave—The Russian minister of police is at the Blank hotel under the name of Henri Servan. He is investigating the work of the Black Hundred in this country and can free you from their vengeance if you supply the evidence needed."

"Now, what evidence can he want?" asked Jim.

"Such as will prove Braine an undesirable citizen."

"And then."

"Quietly pack him off to Russia, where he is badly wanted."

"Who sent this message?"

"One of our mysterious friends. We have a few, as you already know. But I'll go and make this man Servan a visit. I have seen the real minister, and if this man is the same one, something of importance may turn up. I shall want you somewhere about. Here, I'll let you have this letter. Remember, heat brings it out and cold air makes it vanish. Now I'll go up for a moment to see how that poor girl is getting along. We are lucky; there's no gainsaying that."

"You're a clever man, Jones," said Jim.

Jones turned upon him, his face grave. The two men looked steadily into each other's eyes. Jones was first to turn aside his glance, as he had something to conceal and Jim had nothing.

When the ambulance took the tortured Susan away, Jones addressed Florence gravely.

"I am going out and so is Mr. Norton. Do not leave the house; not even if you have a telephone call from me or Norton. Both of us will return; so don't let anything bother or confuse you."

"I promise," said Florence, struggling with a sob.

Jones went downstairs again, paused by a window as if cogitating, and suddenly threw it up and looked abroad. A rustle among the lilacs caused a smile to flit across his face. So they had sent some one to learn the effect of the poison? Or to follow him? He should be leave the house? He returned to the kitchen and gave some explicit orders to the chef, orders which did not in any way refer to

Letters Began to Form on the Blank Sheet.

cooking. Then Jones and the reporter left the house, each quite aware that they were being followed. Near the Blank hotel they separated in order to confuse the stalker. He might double and follow the wrong man. But it was evident that this time he had been directed to follow Jones; for he entered the hotel a minute after Jones.

Meantime a second spy, whom Jones had not seen, had observed the transfer of the invisible writing and had immediately informed Braine, who was not far away. That his poisoned fruit had stricken down an outsider troubled him none at all. But that mysterious message he meant to have; it might be a life and death affair, it might be a clue to the treasure, or the whereabouts of Hargreave.

Thus, while only one man followed Jones, several kept a far eye on Jim.

Jones scribbled his name on a blank card and had it taken to the Russian's room. The page eyed that card curiously. It was different from anything he had ever seen before. In one corner were written three or four words which resembled a cross between Hebrew and Greek.

"Humph!" muttered the boy. "Whadda y' know about that? Chicken scratches; but I guess the bell rings Roosian. On your way, Hortense," he cried to the hall maid, who wanted a look at the card. "Up t' th' room, sir. He'll see yuh!" The boy kept the silver salver extended expectantly, but Jones went past without apparently noticing the hint.

The Russian was standing by a window when Jones knocked and was bidden to enter.

"You are not Hargreave."

"Neither are you the Russian minister of police," urbanely.

"Who are you?"

"I am Hargreave's confidential man, sir."

The two men eyed each other cautiously.

"You speak Russian?"

"No. I am able to scribble a few words; that is all."

The Russian lit a cigarette and smoked leisurely. He was in no hurry.

"No, I am not the minister; but I am his accredited agent. I am empowered to bring back to Russia a man who is known here by the name of Braine, another by the name of Vroon, and a woman who calls herself a countess and unfortunately is one. All I desire is some damaging proof against them that they are outlaws in this country. The rest will be simple."

"They have all three taken out naturalization papers."

The Russian waved his hand airily. "Once they are in Russia those documents will never come to light. This man Braine, it has been learned, has long been in the pay of Prussia, and has given the general staff of that country many plans of our frontier fortifications. I do not know what any one of the three looks like. That is why I sought Hargreave."

"I will gladly point them out to you," said Jones, rubbing his hands together, a sign that he was greatly pleased.

"That will be very good of you, I'm sure," in a rumbling but perfectly intelligible English.

"And suddenly they all three will disappear?"

"Suddenly; and you may believe me that from that time on they'll be heard of never more."

"All this sounds extremely agreeable to me. Mr. Hargreave will be happy to hear that his long enforced hiding will soon come to an end."

"All you have to do, sir, is to point them out to me."

"It may take a week or ten days."

"My government has waited for ten years to gather in this delectable trio. A month, if you like."

"The sooner the better. I shall call this evening after dinner. We shall begin with Mr. Braine; and generally where he is is the woman. Vroon will be the most difficult."

"After dinner, then, since you know some of his haunts. There is a reward."

Jones laughed shortly. "Keep it yourself, sir. Mr. Hargreave would willingly double whatever this reward is to eliminate these despicable creatures from his affairs."

"Thanks."

While this conversation was taking place Norton idled about; and feeling the cravings for a cigarette, prepared to roll one, only to find that he hadn't the "makings." So fate urged him to step into the nearest tobacconist's. He asked for his favorite brand and passed over the silver.

Braine and his companions saw Norton enter the shop. It agreed with their plans perfectly. The tobacconist happened to be affiliated with the order. So they hurried into the shop. Jim instantly realized that he was in a trap.

"How can I get out of here?" he whispered to the tobacconist.

The latter smiled. "I have to obey these gentlemen. I don't know what they want you for; but if I made a move to help you I should find my own throat cut without saving yours."

"The devil!"

Jim made a dash for the rear door, to find it locked. Even as he fumbled with the key, Braine and his companions flung themselves upon the reporter and overpowered him.

"Ah, my friend Braine!" he said.

"My friend Norton!" jeered the victor.

"And what do you want; some peaches?"

"A paper, my friend, a little secret of paper with invisible writing on it. We promise to give you something in exchange for it."

"What?" asked Jim with as much nonchalance as he could assume.

"Life."

"Search," said Jim. "You won't object to my smoking?" He began to roll a cigarette while they passed over him. He struck a match; the pleasant aroma of tobacco floated about his head.

"He's got it on him somewhere. I saw him take it. He's got his nerve with him."

The cigarette glowed. Jim smoked hurriedly.

Through every pocket they went. The contents of his wallet lay scattered at his feet; his watch dangled from the chain. The cigarette grew shorter and shorter. Suddenly one of the men stretched out a hand and whisked the cigarette from Jim's lips

Jones Paused by a Window.

He threw it to the floor and stamped out the coal.

"I thought so!" he exclaimed, holding out the scrap of burnt paper towards Braine.

The words "Dear Hargreave" were all that remained of the message. With a snarl of rage Braine whipped out his revolver.

"I will give you one minute to tell me what that paper contained."

"And after that minute is up?"

"A bullet in your stomach."

Quick as a flash Jim's hand shot out, caught the loosely held revolver, gave it a wrench, and brought it down savagely upon Braine's head. Then he reversed it and backed toward the front entrance.

"Au revoir, till we meet again, gentlemen!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Moved Pole and Wires.

Moving an electric-light pole, with its burden of wires, was the feat accomplished recently by a Cleveland illuminating company, which is regarded as novel from several standpoints. In adding five feet to the width of St. Claire avenue it was decided to move the curb on each side of the street back two and one-half feet, but for part of the way the difficulty was increased by the presence of a pipe just inside of the curb. This was overcome by the use of an electric truck of three and one-half tons capacity supplied with a three-horsepower motor and winch, which is ordinarily used for drawing wires through the conduits. This outfit was backed up to a distance of two and one-half feet from the curb and the pole secured by a chain near the ground. The pole and its load of wires then was raised and the truck backed to the curb and the pole lowered into its new location. This was done in many instances without any mishap.

Temperance Notes

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

NO MODEL LICENSE LAW.

Major Dan Morgan Smith was for four years general counsel for the liquor organization known as the Model License league. The following paragraphs from an address of his shows why he threw up that position and is now speaking and working for prohibition.

"For four years I advocated the passage of a model license law as a means of lessening the evils of drink. As the head of the law department of one of the three largest liquor associations in America, I maintained that its passage would take the liquor dealers out of politics and the lawbreakers out of the liquor business.

"Was I wrong? I shall never know, for the liquor crowd were paying me to talk reform and saying others to defeat reform!

"The model license law was effective as a vote-getter, but it never cleaned out one dive, never effected one reform, for, although advocated in every fight against prohibition in the last six years, it has never been enacted in any place. Its advocacy has fooled more decent people into voting with the liquor crowd than all the specious nonsense about taxes and personal liberty put together. Can we expect laws from the liquor camp that will eliminate the dive, or lessen drunkenness or stop the sale of liquor to minors? Can we expect brewery agents to pass laws that will take away the license of brewery-owned saloons? Can we expect legislators, nominated and elected by the brewery interests, to pass laws that will take the liquor business out of politics? No, the only thing we can expect from the liquor people is just what we have received in the past—lying promises.

PLEA FOR THE CHILD.

(From Address by FATHER PATRICK MURPHY of Texas.)

I contend tonight that there are helpless children whose little bodies are crying out for nourishment—the food they need—and yet the mother cannot cook it for them because that bunch got all the money first! The little child is crying. I'll tell you, and I am sure any doctors in the audience will bear me out, when a child in the poorer homes is not properly nourished, its pain is not in the stomach alone; there is not a blood cell in its little body that is not suffering.

I maintain that you men who are going to vote wet, should think of this: There is not a blood cell in the child's body that is not crying out to your God against you.

In your city there are little wasted hands raised up in pleading. You will find them in the homes of your drunkards. You will see the faces of the little ones, thin, emaciated and telling pathetically of their hungry bodies. These little children are praying that you will decide a great question regardless of what you seem to lose by it.

HERE TO STAY.

The following is quoted from a letter written by Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota to George W. Perkins, chairman of the Progressive national committee: "The prohibition movement today differs from that movement in other times. When you and I were boys, every spring there was seen a temperance agitation and everybody took the pledge. Some kept it and some did not. The present movement is entirely different. There is no hysteria or excitement about it. It is simply a calm, deliberate judgment on the part of the American people, from the man who employs to the man who is employed, that the saloon is a menace. Having come in this quiet way, free from hysteria and excitement, and as a result of deliberate judgment, I am inclined to think it is here to stay, and if times are good, is liable to be more of a factor than we sometimes suppose."

IN RUSSIA.

From July to December there were recorded in Petrograd in 1913 ninety-seven suicides, but in 1914 only four-teen. The same phenomenon was observed in Warsaw, where during the first half of 1914 there were recorded 419 suicides, and during the second half only 205. The reduction of the number of small loans made by the pawnshops, and the increase of the deposits in the savings banks, were among the further gratifying results of temperance. For the first two months of 1915 the savings banks of Petrograd received deposits exceeding the figures for the corresponding months of 1914 by one and a half million rubles (£150,000), while throughout Russia the quantity of deposits increased by a hundred billion rubles (£10,000,000).

HOW TO IMPROVE SALOONS.

A liquor paper wants to know how to improve the saloon. We make the following suggestions, and guarantee that if followed they will improve any saloon in America:

Take down the sign.

Move out the bars and fixtures.

Empty the stock in trade down the sewer.

Get the bartenders some other work.

Pull down the curtains.

Lock the doors.

Put a "To Rent" sign on the out side.—Exchange.

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2. Frame of steel and iron connecting with steel beams to malleable iron draft bar, with slotted connections to prevent strain on uneven ground.

3. Shovel of soft center steel can be raised or lowered at its point independent of the lever, by loosening the bolts in slots of shanks that connect the shovel to the main frame.

4. Main shaft has roller bearings and requires no oiling. Will run one horse lighter than any other potato digger made using the same size shovel and running the same depth.

5. The tongue is pivoted at the draft bar and there is no weight on the horses' necks.

6. Its simplicity in construction—therefore needing very few repairs.

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For Sale

At Pokegama Sanatorium farm: Holstein calves, heifers and bulls. Herd has had thoroughbred registered bulls for many years and the calves are almost pure blooded Holsteins. Also one registered Berkshire boar.

Notice!

The party that did the wrong act Sunday, July 12th, is known. Return property and save costs.

Frank Drimel
Chengwatana July 14, 1915.

Farm Lands For Sale

We have two Pine County farms, one of 240 acres and one of 280 acres. Either is an exceptionally good stock farm at a low price, that we could use a well improved small farm in exchange for.—Corn & Clover Land Co.

Some Land Snaps

Corn and Clover Land Co. have two forty acre tracts at nine dollars per acre.

320 acres extra good land 4 miles from Railroad town, $15.00 per acre easy terms.

Also small house and half block of land in Pine City within half block of sewer and water connection all for $1200.00, easy terms.

For Sale

80 acre highly improved farm 5 miels from Pine City on good road rural route and telephone in house 65 acres under cultivation balance pasture good six, room house barn 30x50, hog house, chickenhouse and granary also small orchard in bearing. Price $7500 terms $4000 cash down balance to suit at 6 per cent. This is one of the best farms in that neighborhood —J. L. Kopacek Rybak Block.

Mare Colts For Sale

Two mare colts, 1 year old. Inquire of Ole Sorensen, Pine City, route 2—one mile east of Rock Creek.

THE NEW BRIDGE ON STATE ROAD WEST OF STURGEON LAKE

BY COURTESY OF STURGEON LAKE HUSTLER

This bridge, one of the best in Pine County, has just been completed and shows the desire of the people of that region and of Pine County to make permanent highway improvements. Besides this, the work on the state road north of Sturgeon Lake is as good as any, if not the best in the County. Travelers through the county always say, "We found excellent roads north of Hinckley." Sturgeon Lake is to be congratulated upon its hustle as well as its Hustler.

Money Must Be Returned

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seat.

12. Under Warrants no 8044 and 548, the superintendent was paid $65.00 for the use of his own livery. This is a violation of Sec. 1089 G. S. 1913, and similar bills must not be paid in future. If there is anything wrong with the law, the remedy is in legislation and the law must not be disregarded.

13. Under Warrant no. 737 your sheriff was paid $3.00 for one day's time posting notices. This service is covered by his salary and the $3.00 must be refunded.

14. Under Warrant no. 873 Mr. Sobotka was paid $208.02 for services as county attorney in the Coulter case which is an improper payment. Section 972 provides for th appointment of an attorney to act in place of or to assist the county attorney and says: "the person so appointed shall receive no compensation where the county attorney is present at such term, except by his consent and to be paid from his salary" In view of this provision, I do not know how the board could possibly allow this claim, and it is up to the county officers responsible of this payment to see that the treasury is reimbursed with this amount.

Kindly advise us from time to time when corrections have been made.

Yourrs very truly,
Andrew E. Futz
Public Examiner.

Following is theletter from the office of the attorney general:

Hon. Andrew E. Fritz, Public Examiner.

Your favor of July 31 to Attorney General Lyndon A. Smith is before me for attention. You submit the following inquiry:

"Can a county superintendent who does not reside at the county seat, draw expenses at the county seat when he is there on official business?"

In my opinion your inquiry is to be answered in the negative. Section 692, G. S. 1913, among other things states that the county board shall provide offices at the county seat for the superintendent of schools. For this reason the ruling as to the expenses of a county attorney for whom no office is provided by the county board at the county seat, would not apply to a county superintendent.

Yours truly,
Clifford L. Hilton,
Assistant Attorney General.

Chautauqua Next Week

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and finally aid in making our town more and more of a camping center through the summer months. A successful Chautauqua this year alone does not seem to reach out far for any one of us but a successful Chautauqua every year will finally draw hundreds of visitors and make business for everyone.

The complete program is as follows:—

Wednesday

9:00 a. m. The Children will meet the Play Supervisor at the Chautauqua Grounds. A game of ball for both boys and girls the first morning. All children with season tickets may enter.

2:30 p. m. Opening exercises and important announcements. Opening entertainment, Variety Musicale, by The Lawson Trio, three splendid artists of versatile talents. Admission 25 cents.

7:30 p. m. Popular entertainment, literary and musicale by The Lawson Trio.

8:15 p. m. Interpretative reading "Polly of the Circus" by Miss Hazel Kepford, a real genius in child impersonations. Admission 35 cents.

Thursday

9:00 a. m. Children's innings, contest for honors

2:30 p. m. Entertainment, music and stories, by J. Walter Wilson Company

3:00 p. m. Popular lecture, "The Culture of Personality", by George Gibbons Yarrow a speech with the true ring. Admission 35 cents.

7:30 p. m Some fun in make-up, mimicry and music, by J. Walter Wilson

8:15 p. m. Illustrated travelogue, "Beautiful Hawaii", by has. A. Payne, a delightful descriptive talk illuminated with colored slides and motion pictures. Admission 35 cents.

Friday

9:00 a. m. Children's hour. They get down to business

2:30 p. m. High grade musical entertainment, by The Mendelssohn Six, vocal and instrumental artists who will please you. Admission 35 cents

7:30 p. m Concert of choice selections, by The Mendelssohn Six

8:15 p. m. Address, "Congress and the People" by Congressman Irvine L. Lenroot, one of Wisconsin's foremost public men. Admission 50 cents.

Saturday

9:00 a. m. Children's fun. Games and tests

2:30 p. m. Musical and literary recital, by The Avon Sketch Club

3:00 p. m. Popular lecture, "The Measure of a Man" by Dr. Alva M. Reitzel, setting up some strong tests of real worth. Admission 35 cents.

7:30 p. m. An evening of keen enjoyment, by The Avon Sketch Club, in costumed sketches of beauty and grace. Admission 35 cents.

Sunday

2:30 p. m. High grade musical, by The Bouchier Grand Opera Company

3:00 p. m. Business address, "Community of Interest" by Chas. H. Plattenburg, a live wire with a live message. Admission 35 cents.

4:15 Vesper Service

7:30 Oratorio Music by The Bouchier Grand Opera Company. Admission 50 cents.

For Sale

Have for sale several choice forty acre tracts, 3 to 5 miles from Pine City, best of soil, at bargain prices. —J. L. Kopacek, Rybak Bldg. Pine City.

Council Proceedings

The regular monthly council meeting was held at the village hall last Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members were present.

On motion of J. W. Axtell that the water main be extended 252 ft. farther east of the A. M. Challeen's residence corner was sec'd by H J. Buirge and carried unanimously The contract for the extension of this water main was offered and signed by Lohmar & Oman at $2.22 .50 for fitting it out with class D. water pipe, suitable for 173 lb. preasure, 400 ft. head, each 4 inch joints to be packed with joint packing and to contain 7½ lbs. of lead per joint. All joints are to be guaranteed to remain in good condition for 6 months.

Motion of J. W. Axtell that the sewer on 8th street be extended from the corner of 4th ave. south to the intersection of 6th ave was sec'd by Matt Prochaska and carried. Rogers & McLean contractors as to the work.

On motion, J. W. Duvall was given the contract to haul 50 loads of sand to road joining his farm at $.50 per load.

The following bills were allowed:

Eastern Minn. Power Co, to July lights and power	$133 38
Inter-State Lumber Co, mdse. for village	66 60
John Beiderman, Mar, sal. July	55 0
H. J. Buirge, clerk sal. July	15 00
John Buckley, surveying	4 50
A. C. Glasaw, 1½ days team wk.	6 00
James Herman, 6 days, 1 hour st. work	10 67
J. Jaros, 6½ days st. work	11 37
Peter Wosmek, 15 days st. wrk.	26 22
West Publishing Co., copy of Minn. Gen. Statutes for Judge A. H. Lambert	4 64
F. A. Johnson and helper, 2 days repairing fire engine for convention	13 50
O. F. Larson, labor on folding chairs at Armory	9 50
J. W. Axtell, labor on folding chairs at Armory	6 00
Kalb & Blanchard, building cement crossing and 2 culverts.	83 14
Total	$439 95

H. F. Davis presented a petition with seven signatures requesting the installation of a street light on seventh street near the river. Said street light was, upon motion of Math Prochaska sec'd by H. J. Buirge, ordered in.

Presbyterian Church Notes

Rev. Clark was a visitor at St. Paul last Sunday and while there suffered an attack of ptomaine poisoning, from which he is recovering satisfactorily.

Next Sunday—the 15th—will be the last of the pastor's vacation and all members of the congregation will be glad to see him back in his pulpit again.

Everyone ought to do some boosting for the lawn social to be given by the Sunday school at the Roy Carlson home tomorrow (Friday) evening.

The ladies aid was entertained by Mrs. Folsom last Thursday afternoon, nearly two score being in attendance.

A baby boy was born at the G. K. Hokanson home last Saturday.

SAVING THE BARNYARD PROFITS

Manure Wasted Each Year Would About Pay Farmers' Taxes

"There is so much to agriculture which we do not understand, and so much that we ignore, that we cannot afford to ignore that part which we do understand."

For instance, it is only lately that we have come to appreciate what soil is made of and how grains and plants manage to live and grow. We know now that we must feed the roots of growing crops just as we feed growing calves, and with about as much care.

Without going deeply into chemistry of this food supply, we have learned that the plant's bill of fare consists mainly of three things, namely: Nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. Where these foods are easily available, we have good crops; where they are absent, or locked up in dry, heavy earth, the plants starve.

Experience has taught us further that we can set the table, from which the plants will get their sustenance, in two ways—either by buying their food by the pound or by saving for them our barnyard manure. Modern chemistry has proved that for this purpose a half ton of fresh horse manure contains five pounds of nitrogen, three and a half pounds of phosphoric acid; and a similar amount of cow manure contains three pounds of nitrogen and two and a half pounds of phosphoric acid. This includes both the liquid and the solid manure. In fact, the liquid manure is the more important of the two. Great care should be taken so that the main part of it can be saved.

The farm's biggest money maker

The easier the farmer makes it for his growing plants to gather this food, the better crops he can promise himself. He fattens his wheat crops, and his other crops, just as surely as he fattens his steers. If, in thus fattening his corn fields, he goes to the store and buys nitrates at 15 cents per pound, and phosphoric acid and potash both at 5 cents per pound, he will find that the horse manure in his own barnyard on this basis, if properly conserved and properly spread, is worth $2.21 per ton; his cow manure, $2.02 per ton; and his pig manure $2.29 per ton.

It seems, thus, that saving the product of the stable lowers the high cost of plant living considerably, when we consider that twenty 1,000-pound cows will give one hundred and forty-six tons of manure in six months. To be strictly accurate in the cash value of a product, generally considered a little better than worthless, for every 1,000 pounds weight of stock, whether horse, cow, or swine, the manure each year is worth from a horse $21.74, from a cow $29.27, and from that weight of hogs $60.00.

That is, however, if it is saved right and used right. It has been estimated that the way manure is handled by the farmers of this country that almost enough is wasted each year to pay the taxes of all the farm lands in the United States.

There are two main leaks or avenues of dissipation in connection with this food supply of plants—first, at the stable, and second in the field. Just as one can ruin an otherwise good hay crop by not handling it right, so one can damage a good manure crop.

Manure is at its best when fresh and is sensitive to several demoralizing influences. It cannot stand rain because water leaches the best part of it away; it cannot stand dryness because it ferments and the nitrogen evaporates; in fact, it cannot stand at all. Fresh manure should be spread fresh.

The manure found in the barnyard in the spring or that found in little heaps in the field is only about half as good for plant food as the same manure would have been had it been pitched on a spreader from the stable and scattered over the land as soon as the load was complete.

Spreading a light coat

Next to spreading it fresh, the important thing is to spread it finely pulverized and to spread it evenly. This must be done with a mechanical pulverizer, because the hand that wields the fork from the wagon top can do no more than scatter it in chunks.

So important is the manner of spreading manure essential to its preservation that the University of Wisconsin in Bulletin No. 221 claims that it is advisable to apply the manure to a field as soon as it is made. Even winter spreading is worth while.

It is equally vehement in regard to pulverization. "To make itself worth while, manure must come in contact with the roots of the growing plants. To do this it must be thoroughly pulverized and evenly spread. The practice of applying the manure directly after plowing, and thoroughly incorporating it with the soil by the use of a disk harrow or cultivator is a good one."

Handling it by hand in the farm wagon and handling it with a spreader is another story. The amount of labor saved is one chapter of this story, the amount of money saved is another, and the increased bountifulness of the crops is a third.

Everywhere it is acknowledged that the spreader is a dividend-paying investment, and it would seem that with taxes to be paid, and other expenses coming along inevitably, that greater care would be taken to preserve in its entirety the full value of the barnyard refuse.