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The Fallacy of "Something Just as Good at a Lower Price"

Women accustomed to use high-grade Cream of Tartar baking powders like Royal Baking Powder are sometimes induced to try other brands at the solicitation of canvassers or because of apparent lower cost.

Almost invariably those who make such a change notice the inferiority in taste and texture of the biscuits, cake, muffins and other food prepared with the cheaper baking powder and discontinue its use with no desire to repeat the experiment.

The difference in cost in practical use between inferior alum and phosphate powders and Royal Baking Powder is less than a cent for each cake or pan of biscuits. Certainly too small a difference to warrant putting alum into food, and especially food for children.

The label on the can shows whether the baking powder you are now using, or any brand that may be offered, contains alum or phosphate instead of Cream of Tartar. Read the label carefully and remember it never pays to sacrifice quality and healthfulness for low price.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.
New York

BIG NEW YEARS DANCE

TO BE GIVEN IN

The Armory, Pine City

By the Naval Militia

Monday Evening, Jan. 1, '17

This will be one of the finest dances, in every way, ever given in Pine City. The hall will be beautifully decorated and every care taken to please the dancers.

Pine City Crescent Orchestra will Play

\$1.00

More Honor for Pine Co.

Corn From This Region Again Captures First Prizes at St. Paul

M. M. Shuey and son, residing six miles east of Pine City, won two first and two second prizes on corn shown at the First National Bank and Northwestern Trust Company's second annual corn show at St. Paul. Mr. Shuey has given Pine county a great deal of valuable advertising in years gone by on corn prizes at various corn shows. This kind of advertising pays large dividends to Pine county, as it puts the county on the map as being in the corn belt. It is to be hoped that Mr. Shuey will continue to win prizes on corn and thus build up a market for northern grown seed, an industry he has so ably promoted in the past.

The prize awards are on exhibition at F. R. Duxbury's land office and may be seen by anyone interested.

Sandstone Wins at Basket Ball

Pine City's second game of the Basket Ball schedule was played at Sandstone last Friday evening. Our boys came home defeated by a score of 13 to 21. They went up to Hinkley by train and from there to Sandstone in cars. To mention some of the unpleasant things; blowouts had to be contended with, and one of the party returned with a frozen ear.

Coming from the cold into the hot, stuffy, dimly lighted hall had its effects upon our players. The hall was heated by two stoves which heated only a small space near them. The light was so poor that at times it was impossible to see the ball.

William Korbel, the mainstay of our team, was out of the game because he was disabled. Brandes played center, Procha taking his place at guard and Klieker forward. The first half ended 9 to 7 in our favor. Babcock is credited with 3 points, Blanchard 4, Brandes 4 and Elin 2. If Pine City could shoot fouls they would have won the game. The average weight of Sandstone players was 170 lbs., Pine City's average weight is 188, but the weight didn't seem to bother our boys.

The feature of the game was the long shots made by our players. About 18 loyal rooters went up with the team. Wait till Sandstone comes down here, in a good place to play, well lighted and well heated. We are all going to be there to root our boys to victory.

Big Christmas Tree at Hinkley

Hinkley is to hold Municipal Christmas exercises on Friday afternoon of this week with a big Christmas tree on the corner between the village hall, Folsom Hardware store and Sigel general store. The school children will sing and give a series of folk dances and a big choir will lead the people of the town and country in singing familiar Christmas songs. Santa Claus will make this his headquarters in giving presents there and the churches will have "white" trees, later without presents except cards etc. The different churches there are also taking charge of all charity giving, giving a control and insuring reasonable distribution.

Short Term of Court

Judge Nettaway held a special term of court in the city hall, Monday afternoon, the court room not yet being ready for use. Only motions and arguments were listened to, the MacAdam divorce case, which was set for that day, being adjourned owing to the necessity of Judge Nettaway leaving in Bill an engagement in the southwestern part of the state where he had been assigned by Gov. Burnquist to try a murder case.

Poultry Show Closed Saturday

The Pine County poultry show closed, last Saturday, having laid an egg that ought to hatch out into more interest in poultry and poultry products in this region. It was an excellent show and there was much in it to crow about.

There were 463 birds on exhibition or twice as many as have ever been shown before in this county. But the attendance was poor.

There was no competition in the "open to the world" classes.

Besides the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth prizes given on each variety, special prizes of blue ribbon were given for best cock birds, best hen, best cockerel and best pullet in each class, three classes being represented—American, Mediterranean and English. These prizes were awarded as follows:

American class: cock, White Plymouth Rock owned by Wm. Fisher of Beroun; hen, White Wyandotte owned by Mrs. Wetzel of Rush City; cockerel, White Wyandotte owned by And. J. Johnson, of Pine City; pullet, white Plymouth Rock owned by Wm. Fisher of Beroun.

Mediterranean class: cock, Rose Comb Brown Leghorn owned by W. E. Otte of Pine City; hen S. C. Ancona owned by G. H. Washburn of Pine City; cockerel, S. C. Black Minorca owned by Alex Tate of Rock Creek; pullet, S. C. Buff Leghorn owned by Mrs. E. G. Jones of Pine City.

English class: cock, Buff Orpington owned by Leslie Wasson of Pine City; hen, S. C. White Orpington owned by Harry Olin of Rush City; cockerel, Buff Orpington owned by Leslie Wasson of Pine City; pullet, English Red Cap owned by Jos. Murphy of Rush City.

A purple "Champion" ribbon was awarded for best male and best female in show, regardless of class. These were awarded to Alex Tate on Black Minorca cockerel and Wm. Fisher on White Rock pullet.

A business meeting will be called in the near future, when officers will be elected for 1917 and other business discussed. Everyone at all interested in poultry is requested to watch for notice of same and attend this meeting.

The exhibitors were: Pine City: C. F. Jackson, Mrs. R. J. Jones, And. J. Johnson, S. B. Wells, G. H. Washburn, Leslie Wasson, Robt. E. Hamlin, I. M. Beechel and Mrs. Margaret Carlson. Hustletown: W. E. Otte, Meadow Lawn: Geo. Siroch, Rush City: Wm. E. Anderson, C. C. Coste, J. A. Haines, O. M. Haines, Jos. S. Murphy, Harry Olin, O. W. Rehfeld, Carl Sommers, J. E. Sotherland, Wm. R. Sommer and Mrs. C. F. Wenzel. Brook Park: Mrs. C. E. Camp, and M. A. Schofield. Rock Creek: Mrs. H. E. Dane, and Sandy Tate. Beroun: Frank Horejs and Wm. Fisher.

Looks Like Old Tunder

While banking the creek shanty at their newly established mill at the mouth of Snake river, a couple of weeks ago, Leo McAdam and Chas. Purdy found a human skeleton buried just beneath the sod. Thinking it was the grave of some Indian or early woodman, they worked about it, leaving it alone.

When Leo was telling his uncle, I. A. Holler, about it, while on a visit to town a couple of days ago, Mr. Holler's mind harked back to '98 or '99 when a trapper and claim fisherman named Freemont, whose camp stood only a few feet from where the body was found, suddenly disappeared.

Freemont was in the habit of carrying considerable money about him and, it is also reported, had trouble of some kind with a companion, thus leaving a tale of possible murder for money or revenge. At the time, it was thought that maybe he had "dug out," whereas present conditions rather point to the suspicion that he was "dug in."

If the skeleton be that of Freemont, it probably proves murder in '98 or '99.

Freemont was around lower Snake and the St. Croix, trapping and clearing for two or three years. No one knows where his home was.

JUST TO WISH YOU A Very Merry Christmas

and to let you know that we have everything necessary to make your Christmas dinner the biggest and best part of the whole Yuletide celebration.

A Few Christmas Specials OYSTERS

Fresh Lettuce	Imperial Grapes
Green Onions	Sun Kist Oranges
Fresh Pineapples	Bananas
Fresh Celery	Pears
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Fit for a King Mince Meat	
and all kinds of Fancy Groceries	

Our Meat Department

Is complete for the Holiday trade. We shall have Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Spring and Old Chickens. Beef and Pork at prices that you can afford to pay. Place your orders for Poultry at once.

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CHRISTMAS GREETING

may the day bring its share of the Good things of life and Happiness and Sweet Content. Above all, may it be a day spent among those you love the best and who love you. May Good Health, Good Fortune and Happiness be your Companions during the New Year - in Business Affairs and Personal Associations day by day.

Pine City State Bank

Make Our Bank Your Bank

H. PERKINS, Cashier

Grasson Band Reorganizes

Today evening the Grasson Concert Band was reorganized with sixteen pieces, consisting of two cornets, two altos, three tenors, one saxophone, one baritone, three clarinets, two tubas and two drums. With the personnel that makes up the list of members, Grasson will undoubtedly have a first class band. —Grasson Advance.

Will It Ever Burn Out

The big sawdust pile at Rutledge when the dust from upwards of 25 years of timber manufacturing was deposited, which has been afire since last spring, is still smoldering and smoking like a sleeping volcano. It has been afire before this.

For rent—4 room cottage. Apply to Mrs. M. L. O'Brien. Adv.

Sale Closes Saturday, Dec. 23

Your Last Chance

to buy clean, new harness, collars, whips, robes, blankets, suit cases, grips, etc., at

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Sale Positively Closes
Saturday, Dec. 23

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THE PINE POKER

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THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1916.

The Brahan Journal notes a "slumber party" in that wide awake town, but admits that the young ladies who participated couldn't tie up their tongues or their tickled feelings long enough to slumber a bit until after breakfast.

Brer Colby of the Sandstone Courier has purchased the moving picture theatre, at Sandstone and will devote a portion of his attention thereto. Here's hoping that he succeeds in every way with both businesses. Carl is a hustler and means well.

The Willow River Farmer apologizes for failure to mention last week that "Billy Weekley and son Orrin have gone to Cusin for the winter." One might expect the perspicacious Bert to omit that kind of announcement altogether. Anyway, Billy's friends down here want to know what kind of cussin it is.

The Anoka Union notes a higher moral tone in the news of that community than was apparent 25 years ago. The old geographies used to show Anoka drinking out of the Ruin river but lately they've dammed the Ruin, down there, and the old town, with its vocal chords of hilarity all dried up, has taken to running up the moral scale.

The Askov American has installed a Linograph, the latest arrival in the so-called "type setting" line. The Petersons are giving the people of Askov the best paper to be found in any town of that size in the state. It is one of the best papers in the county—typographically excellent and ably and cleanly edited. But anything must be above the average to keep up with the Askov standard.

Down at North Branch, the adult bible class of the Methodist church is the "Robert Forbes" class. That a fine idea. Robert Forbes is Methodist's grand old man in this region. It is well to recognize men like this wherever found, complimenting their memories because they have done something worth while and, moreover, fixing a few landmarks for present folks to note—and heed if they will.

Otto Daugherty of Lindstrom has taken to finding fresh laid eggs on the pillow beside his head when he wakes in the morning, since his neighbor's chickens have discovered where he sleeps, says the Press of that place, which opines that he had boiled eggs for breakfast. That's all right for Lindstrom, but there are places were a yarn like that would land a fellow in the boiled-owl-at-midnight class.

Pine City News

Grant Nicoll returned, Monday, from a weeks visit with his grand parents at Hastings, being accompanied by his cousin, Miss Swails of Winnipeg, who will remain a couple of weeks at the home of her uncle Geo. D. Nicoll, east of town.

Several from here expect to attend the program and social to be given by Miss Ellen Lindstrom and her pupils of school district 80 in the Pine town hall, this evening. A number of the young folks have been planning on attending the program and basket social to be given by Miss Hazel Laurich's school on Saturday evening of this week. Still others will likely attend the program and basket social in the "Clark" school, northwest of town, taught by Miss Cole, this evening.

Mrs. Ann Patna of Colorado Springs spent last Sunday with her sisters, Mrs. Emma Fisher, here, coming to Minneapolis to attend the funeral of her husband who passed away in a hospital in British Columbia as a result of cold contracted while on a short business trip to that region. The funeral was held at Minneapolis through the family home here, of recent years, been at Colorado Springs. Their children come as far as that city. Mr. Patna's early home was at Carlton where his father was an extensive lumberman, while Mrs.

Paine spent her girlhood days here, still retaining a warm place in the memories of her old friends as Miss Bertha Wilk.

Santa Claus arrived here from the north pole at 3 p. m., last Saturday, in an automobile which he said he was compelled to use this side of Duluth, owing to a lack of snow for sleighing. He circled around town two or three times, looking for the Leader store, the location of which he said he had forgotten since his last visit here. He found more than 300 boys and girls from the region waiting for him, to whom he gave out bags of candy and nuts, assuring them all that he or his hired man would be here with other presents. Then he pulled out on the Rock Creek road for Rush City. He reported fine sleighing at the Pole which he said was still there, neither Admiral Peary nor Commodore Cook having had the nerve to bring it back to the states with them.

Schools throughout the county that have not already closed will close for the Christmas vacation tomorrow—Friday. Teachers in our village schools will spend their 2-weeks vacation as follows, leaving tomorrow afternoon and early Saturday if going away: Miss Herriek at her home at North St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Schimnele with his parents at Mapleton, Misses Mary and Ida Kiel at their home at Rochester, Miss King with her folks at Redfield, S. D., Miss Lindemann at her home at Minneapolis, Mr. Avers with friends at Minneapolis, Miss Schavde with her parents at St. Peter, Miss Arneson at her home at Benson, Miss Goodwin with her folks at Duluth, Miss Bush at her home at Minneapolis, Miss Knight and her mother expecting to leave the first of next week for their home at Taylors Falls, Mr. McAdam with friends in the cities and Misses Bede, Wright and Simon remaining here.

The Royal Neighbors gave a delightful parcel shower for Miss Ethel Schofield at the home of her parents, last Friday evening. There were more than a score present and the bride-to-be was the recipient of numerous pretty gifts. There were several musical numbers and readings with social enjoyment and refreshments and a dramatic mock wedding, in which Mrs. Robert Wilcox acted the part of the parson, Miss Louise Wilcox as the growling groom, Mrs. W. F. Schumacher the blooming bride and Mrs. Benton the fat father who gave the bride away. It was some swell wedding, too, with Mrs. Duxbury as best man with a fine mousethat and gaiter, while Mrs. A. W. Schumacher was the charming bridesmaid and two petite train bearers were found to be Mesdames Chas. Bechel and Sobotka. The ceremony was full of pomp though the audience was full of titters and it will be a long time before the thoughts of it fade in the minds of the Neighbors.

Cornell Creamery Assn. Will Meet

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Cornell Cooperative Creamery Association will be held in Miller's hall at Henriette, Minn., December 30, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m. Having disposed of all the holdings of the company, the question of a division of the money will be acted on and a full attendance of all stockholders is requested. Owing to the burning of the books of the corporation, it is impossible to send personal notice to each stockholder. Bring your stock certificates with you—Paul Dorrow, president.

Bids for Printing

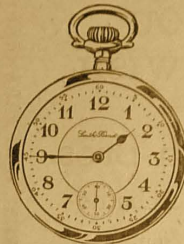
Notice is hereby given, that bids will be received by the County Board of Pine County, Minnesota, for doing the County printing for the year 1917, said work consisting of—

All proceedings of the County Board, all notices required by law, also the Delinquent Tax List; and the Auditor's Financial Statement, and such other printing as may be ordered by the County Board. All bids to be sealed, plainly marked on envelope as to contents, and to be filed with the County Auditor not later than 12 o'clock, noon, of Jan. 2nd, 1917.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory bonds in the amount required by law, for the correct performance of the work.

By order of the County Board,
W. H. Hamlin
County Auditor

A Few Suggestions For Last Minute Buyers



WATCHES
\$1.50 to \$45.00



Coffee Percolators
\$2.00 to \$4.50



CUT GLASS
SUGAR
and
CREAMER
\$3 and \$3.50



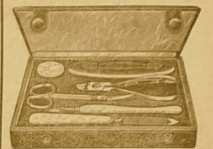
CUT GLASS BOWLS
\$4.50 and \$5.75



Military Brushes, \$1.50 to \$3.00



Collar
Bags
75c
to
\$3.50



MANICURE SETS
\$1.25 to \$5.00

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This always makes a desirable gift.

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Best Place in Pine County to Buy Hardware and Jewellery



Electric Toast is Perfect Toast

Electrically made toast differs from the average kind as fresh coffee from stale. It needs but a trial to convince. Equip your breakfast table with a

G-E Radiant Toaster

and learn the delight of crisp, golden toast made at the instant you want it, fresh, hot and appetizing.

Let us show you these toasters. It costs you but one cent to make ten slices of delicious toast—enough for the average family.

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Power Co.



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Make Christmas Merry

Use it to line your
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Pine City, Minnesota
Phone No. 63

State of Minnesota, County of Pine, District Court, 15th Judicial District, Peter Oksen, Plaintiff, versus Isaac Barrett, Mary Barrett, Mary I. Adams, also all other persons unknown claiming any right title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendant.

The State of Minnesota, To the above named Defendant:

You and each of you are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint of the plaintiff in the above entitled action, which complaint is filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at Pine City, Minnesota, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscriber, at an office at Pine City, Minnesota, within twenty days after the service of this summons upon you exclusive of the day of each service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, together with the costs and disbursements in this action.

S. G. L. ROBERTS,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Pine City, Minn.

LIAS PENDENS.

Notice is hereby given, that Peter Oksen, as Plaintiff, has commenced an action in the District Court of the County of Pine, State of Minnesota, against Isaac Barrett, Mary Barrett, Mary I. Adams, also all other persons unknown claiming any right title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint in said action, to determine the claim of defendant, and each of them and all other persons unknown to some right title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate hereinafter described adverse to the plaintiff in this action. The real estate involved in said action is situated in the County of Pine, State of Minnesota, and is described as follows: Township 35N of Range 23E of Section 05N (1), Township 35N of Range 23E of Section 05N (2), Range Twenty-one (21).

Dated December 2nd, 1916.

S. G. L. ROBERTS,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Pine City, Minn.

State of Minnesota, County of Pine, District Court, 19th Judicial District, Eastern Minnesota Power Company, a corporation, Plaintiff, versus Edward W. Wilkin, Wesscott Wilkin, Wesscott Wilkin, Sarah W. Coleman, also all other persons unknown claiming any right title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendant.

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S. G. L. ROBERTS,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Pine City, Minn.

LIAS PENDENS.

Notice is hereby given, that the Eastern Minnesota Power Company, a corporation, has commenced an action in the District Court of the County of Pine, State of Minnesota, against Edward W. Wilkin, Wesscott Wilkin, Wesscott Wilkin, Sarah W. Coleman, also all other persons unknown claiming any right title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint in said action, to determine the claim of defendant, and each of them and all other persons unknown to some right title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate hereinafter described adverse to the plaintiff in this action. The real estate involved in said action is situated in the County of Pine, State of Minnesota, and is described as follows: Township 35N of Range 23E of Section 05N (1), Township 35N of Range 23E of Section 05N (2), Range Twenty-one (21).

Dated December 2nd, 1916.

S. G. L. ROBERTS,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Pine City, Minn.

The following bills were audited and found:

Come to The Poker
for Fine Job Printing.



Have You
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The Store of Practical Christmas Articles at the Right Price

KODAKS The gift is no sooner opened than its used
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Everything for Christmas. See Us
"The Art Stamps Store"
Breckenridge Pharmacy
Main Street Pine City, Illn.

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IS MADE FROM THE HEART OF THE
Finest Pine County Wheat

It is Pure and Wholesome

PINE CITY COMPANY



Christmas Groceries

FRESH VEGETABLES, CELERY and LETTUCE
 SWEET POTATOES and CRANBERRIES
 SWEET CIDER: Best, guaranteed, absolutely pure, 25c per quart bottle.
 NUTS: Clean and sound, this year's growth from 15c to 25c per pound.
 Mixed Nuts 23c per pound.
 NUT MEATS, PECANS and WALNUTS.
 CANDIES: Pure and wholesome, absolutely no adulteration, from 15c to 25c a lb.
 ORANGES: Ripe and juicy, 25c, 40c and 50c per dozen.
 APPLES: Fancy Jonothans, Winesaps and other varieties.
 GRAPES: Rich, sweet table grapes.
 POPOORN that will pop, on cob at 6c per lb.
 LUTEFISK: Finest prepared, the best you have ever eaten.
 MINCE MEAT: Good as you can make at home and cheaper.
 HINZE'S Plum Pudding Rich, cheap, pure.

Our Christmas Wish to You

Is that your Christmas this year may be more happy this year than any year you have experienced. The joys of Christmas are more in giving than in receiving and we hope that what you have given may give others as much joy as you have had in the receiving.

We're Prepared For Late Shoppers

Our supply of suitable Christmas Gifts has been depleted somewhat but we're still prepared to show you a big line of various articles suitable for every member of the family. Come and see for yourself

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We Guarantee the Goods That We Sell To Be Just as Represented

Warm Things to Wear and Good Things to Eat Are Our Christmas Hobbies

We Still Have a Large Line

OF

..TOYS..

Dolls Handkerchiefs
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If Your Christmas Wants Have Not Been Filled

We thank you for your liberal Christmas patronage and wish you all A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

A. W. SCHUMACHER

The 5c and 10c Store The Leader Store

Pine City News

Read the advertisements in The POKER.

For rent—4 room cottage. Apply to Mrs. M. L. O'Brien Adv.

Make Prochaska's pharmacy the Rexall drug store, your drug store.

Andrew Ness went to St. Paul, Monday, for a few days' business trip.

Eric Larson returned, Monday, from a few days visit with the fair sex at Grantsburg.

Emil Revling arrived last Thursday to visit at the Otto Pecker home until after the holidays.

Note the ads in this paper. They express the intent of business men in dealing with the buyers of this region.

The big New Year's dance, to be given by the Naval Militia will be one of the finest ever given in the Armory.

Your prescription work always carefully attended to when you have them filled at Prochaska's pharmacy.

Mesdames Hodge and Breckenridge returned, Tuesday, from a 3-weeks stay at Mud Baden, much improved in health.

Grandma Webb of Sandstone spent the latter part of last week and first of this at the A. H. Daniels home, south of town.

Buy now before all the best Xmas items are taken up—also avoiding the rush. Look over some of our very suitable Xmas gifts—Prochaska's pharmacy, the Rexall store.

The Boyum hardware sale, which closes Saturday evening of this week, has been the biggest sale of hardware ever held in this region and has proven satisfactory to proprietor and public alike.

Christmas business never was better in Pine City than this year. It opened fairly early and has kept up fine. Without a doubt the latter part of this week will see the usual rush for holiday presents.

Mrs. T. J. Buselmeier is spending the week with relatives at St. Paul. She will probably be accompanied back, Sunday, by Mrs. Rae Olson who will spend the holidays with her parents, the Buselmeiers at.

Jos. Petschel left, last Saturday, for St. Paul to join the other "Overland" auto dealers of the northwest on a trip to Toledo, Ohio, where the car is manufactured, expecting to be home today or tomorrow.

W. C. Parker, returned to his home at Jamestown, N. D., last Thursday, after a few weeks' visit with his sister, Mrs. Tilden, here. Mrs. Erb, who has been at Reagan, N. D., for a short time, is expected Saturday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Tilden.

Mrs. Hare and Miss Bush were called to Minneapolis, last Thursday, by the serious illness of a brother who passed away after an extended sickness from ulceration of the stomach. The funeral was held Monday at Dover Minn. Mr. Bush was married, about 35 years of age.

O. E. Lyseth informs The POKER that he was mistaken in stating in last week's issue that Mrs. Lyseth was at all hard of hearing, this possibly accounting for her failure to hear the approach of the train that caused her death. He says that she could hear perfectly well.

N. A. Anderson of Kerriek, commissioner elect from the Winifremere-Kerriek-Nickerson district, was here Monday getting the lay of the land and taking his oath of office. Mr. Anderson gives the impression of being excellent timber for the office to which he has been elected—one of the most important in the county.

Emmett Mark, the Willow River circus man, is in town on business, Monday. Emmett, who endeavors to cover up his alleged Irish ancestry by signing himself "E. Z. Mark," informs The POKER that he has disposed of the dog and pony show, on which he cut his eye teeth in the circus line, and that he is now looking for a few elephants—says that his "long suit" is white elephants, anyway. That's why he signs himself "E. Z."

The Naval Militia will give a big New Year's dance in the Armory, Monday evening, Jan. 1, 1917. The big hall will be hung with the national colors and strings of electric lights from the draperies will cast a beautiful effect. The Crescent orchestra will play and tickets are

to be kept down to the popular price of \$1. The Degree of Honor will serve the lunch. There will doubtless be a large attendance for everyone wants to start the New Year right.

The Pine City post office will be open next Sunday, Dec. 24, between the hours of 12 and 6 p. m., to receive mail for the limited trains and also to distribute mail arriving on them. By special courtesy of the various postmasters along this railway the same plan will be adopted at all the villages and cities except Carlton, Cloquet and Stillwater. Postmaster Collins and the other postmasters of the county are men who are as anxious to give good service as they are to draw their salaries and this action is just one of the many proofs.

We Have Just Received

A COMPLETE LINE OF

Jewelry, Silverware Watches, Clocks, Rings, Etc. For Christmas Presents

By making a small deposit we will lay aside any article

Remember We Do Engraving—Script, Old English or Monogram

Geo. W. Staacke ...JEWELER...

Kirstin Stump Puller One Man — Horse Power

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WHEN SPIES MEET

Do you believe the spy is as honorable in war as the soldier in the trenches? If you caught a spy in the act, would you spare his life, at least, would you do it?

Time: The year 1811. David Larrence, young English weaver, comes to Corydon, Indiana Territory, intending to kill an old enemy. He meets Patrick O'Bannon and his charming daughter, Foinette, and becomes clerk in Colonel Posey's store. In Job Cranner's office, his daughter Lydia, recently come from Britain, David finds congenial wants to marry Foinette and Doctor Elliott dislikes one another. Elliott wants to marry Foinette and Cranner wishes planning to meet at night in the courthouse. He hides there. What he hears and the strange adventures which befall him is told in this installment.

CHAPTER IV—Continued.

With the closing of the doors behind him, in the dim light of the street, he stepped out at the other end of the room the high platform and desk where the judges were to sit, when a man stepped forward from old Vincennes. Behind the high-backed desk he would be absolutely concealed from the eyes of the court. He made himself comfortable behind it and settled down to what promised to be a wait of several hours. A man in a square of a shirt showed through the unfinished roof. The afternoon was warm. David was more tired than he had realized. He was more tired than he had realized. He was more tired than he had realized.

When the speaker began to read, he heard a low, steady, rhythmic sound, like the ticking of a clock, or the beating of a drum. It was a sound that he had never heard before. It was a sound that he had never heard before. It was a sound that he had never heard before.

"Money? Why, I tell you, man, there's barrels of it waiting at Maltese." The voice was impatient, a guttural harshness that made an effort to a whisper; sometimes it rose as though its owner could with difficulty constrain himself. "Barrels of it, I tell you. Heaps of good dollars like maize in the Indian villages."

"And you think he is with us?" David could scarcely repress a start at the second question. "The first speaker greeted contemptuously. "And with blood on his hands? You're as sure of him as you are of me."

"The voice that answered was one of hearty friendliness. "There, there, Captain Girty, no need to be so nervous. But you'd admit that I was sent over to treat with you and you only. And now you propose the name of this man. You must admit, Captain Girty, that there's a bare chance he would prefer a Yankee to an English commission."

"The man addressed as Girty swore irritably. "Americans? He isn't no more American than I be. You're commission a nice berth with the king's commission and protection and he'll take 'em."

"And if he refuses?" "No one's the wiser. I'll cut his throat as easy enough."

Recounting the adventures and love which came into the lives of David Larrence and Antoinette O'Bannon in the days when pioneers were fighting red savages in the Indiana wilderness.

should return to the pitch-dark room than he had been in the street. And this he did. When he had crawled soundlessly back into the smoky kitchen, he saw the door open and the figure of the first man, Girty, fall full length in the aperture. Unseen, unheeded, David stole forward. Then the door opened again and the heavy figure of Cranner to emerge. And then the third man, went out. With the quickness of death, David glided at his heels.

He had picked up a heavy horse shoe from the floor of the smoky kitchen, the first weapon that had come to hand. The tall figure was just before him. His arm rose, and even as the heavy weapon hung in the air, Scull, the Virginian and a gentleman he would soon be to Princeton.

Blackford laughed. He was a young lawyer who had just arrived in the territory, the first of the galaxy of young men bred in the eastern colleges who were to achieve distinction in the new country. His face had attracted David's attention; singularly, there was something in the man's face, straightforward look that drew opportunity; he could not grow angry. He was a young man, a young man, a young man.

"I have you ever met the president, Mr. Blackford?" Harrison went on. "Once only, Governor Harrison. I shall never forget seeing him at commencement exercises last September; he was there with his two classmates, Philip Frenau and Judge Blackford, of Pittsburgh. They were great cronies while in college. I believe, I once saw them wandering under the stars with their arms around one another's shoulders, laughing at some nonsensical ballad about England that had just been written."

"Frenau is our greatest poet," said Harrison. "Such is his beautiful lines on the Indian Daring Ground, his exquisite ode to 'The Wild Honeysuckle,' and that matchless dirge for the dead that he fell at Butte Springs will live forever."

And in his deep and resonant voice, his face shrouded in the shadows of the veranda, he began to recite that splendid elegy. For a while no one spoke. Each was thinking of the shadow of war with England that seemed deepening with the days; of the closer, more terrible shadow of the Indian Daring Ground.

Someone began to speak of President Madison's policy of diplomatic coexistence with England, and his attempts to settle the maritime disputes peacefully. "Spies Spencer, the hot-headed—David's best at the very end of the world to reply that it was more intolerable than any other." "Two defects in regard to sight—color-blindness and color-blindness—are described by an English writer. He points out that they are not defects of the eyes at all, but are really defects of the brain. They are found very often in clever men, the discoverer of the defect—Dalton, a great scientist—being himself color-blind."

ly, "you're just as sure to be a spy as any man in the territory. You are, you know you are."

"I'm not a spy," said David, laughing. "I'm just a young man who is here to see the world. I'm not a spy, I'm just a young man who is here to see the world. I'm not a spy, I'm just a young man who is here to see the world."

"No, we're neither of us spies," David said, becoming the merchant of the West, and I'm a lawyer, though I'd hate to have the late that. He'd roll over. I've spent the last year of my young life in the law. I'm not a spy, I'm just a young man who is here to see the world."

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