

Topics of a Week

Mrs. E. H. Douglas has been on the sick list this week.

N. J. Bray, of Hovland, was in town Sunday and Monday.

Wm. Corcoran, of the Pigeon River Lumber Co., is in town today.

Christian Winger returned from a trip to Duluth Monday afternoon.

Jas. Woods has opened a barber shop in the Stubstad building on Broadway.

Dr. Hicks and Rev. Sutherland left for Duluth in an automobile Monday morning.

Miss Hanson's line of millinery is now on display at Mrs. Hussey's. Come in and see them.

P. E. Alm is enlarging his store by taking away the portion between the two rooms in his building.

Mrs. Mountfort, who has been employed as a teacher in the village school, arrived on Monday's boat.

George Featherly came down from Duluth Monday with a number of horses, which he has on sale at Olson Bros. barn.

Murphy Bros., of Superior, brought in a crew of men and a number of horses and outfit on the Monday boat. They have taken a logging contract from the Red Cliff people, and are building camps at Durfee's creek.

Road Engineer Hughes returned Saturday from the east end of the county, where he located and surveyed the state road to the Pigeon river. The location of the bridge now having been decided upon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Engle, of Duluth, arrived in an automobile last evening. They said the roads were much better than they expected to find them. Mr. Engle represents F. A. Patrick & Co., and will transact business in town a few days.

A business meeting of the Congregational Society will be held at the village hall Tuesday evening, October 5th, to take into consideration the erection of a church. All interested are requested to attend as there will be important business to transact.—Building Committee.

Have you gotten your exhibit for the county fair ready? It will open next Thursday you know, and let's all pitch in and help make it a success. Mr. Chapman will be here, and those who heard him last year know that he alone would be worth coming for. But there will be other attractions as well.

For Rent—Or will sell on monthly payments, a four-room cottage. Inquire from Ed Nunstedt.

For Sale—Four female full-blood Foxhound pups, ten weeks old. Write for prices.—Carl Hagberg, Lutsen, Minn.

A Pretty Home Wedding

Mr. John Winger and Miss Laura Lindberg were married last Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents in the village, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. G. Sandeno, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Miss Inga Jackson acted as bridesmaid and Andrew Lindberg as best man. The home was very prettily decorated for the occasion, and the ceremony was attended by relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties. A wedding supper was served. On Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Winger started on a short wedding trip. They went by auto to Duluth, intending to go on from there to visit relatives and friends at different points in Michigan and Wisconsin. They will return to Grand Marais in about two weeks. Mr. Winger, who has resided here for many years, and is now an officer and the manager of the People's Dry Goods Company at this place. His bride, who has grown up from childhood in Grand Marais, for quite a long time has occupied the position of bookkeeper at the Cook County State Bank. The young couple are prominent and deservedly popular among the younger set in the village, and have the best wishes of the community as a whole for a happy and prosperous married life.

FINDS WIFE BY TAPE.

Worcester (Mass.) Scientist Declares Unhappy Marriages Need Not Exist.

Boston.—Incompatibility in marriage is soon to be a thing of the past, according to Dr. Max Raff, the Worcester scientist and former fellow in psychology at Clark university, who announces that he has discovered how to measure temperament.

With nothing more than a tape measure, he says, it is possible to find one's affinity and be positively sure that one is marrying the right man or woman.

Dr. Raff has had under observation Massachusetts' best known bachelor, Governor David I. Walsh. He recently announced the kind of a wife the governor should find in order to be assured of perfect happiness. Here are the specifications, the result of scientific observance:

She must be from five feet three inches to five feet six inches tall.

She must weigh from 141 to 146 pounds.

She must be tactful.

She must be cheerful at all times, especially before breakfast.

She must be sympathetic.

She must be ambitious.

Albert Rindahl and Victor Johnson left Tuesday evening to work at Geo. Mayhew's sawmill near Boy River.

C. O. Backlund received a scow load of coal last Friday, for local trade. He bought 364 tons this year.

On account of the northeast storm the America did not make her Friday trip, and did not arrive here until Monday afternoon.

Worth Thinking About.

To the Editor News-Herald:
Dear Sir:—

I noted with interest the article in the last issue of your valuable paper entitled "Thinking;" I even took pains to read it over twice.

Perhaps with others I have not studied Woman Suffrage or the Mexican War as much or as long as I should have, but my mind is firmly fixed on either or both, for I believe in the former and not in the latter—and where does this land me? neutral? I kind of think it lands a fellow between the two. Think of the position—between women's suffrage and the war.—Could you think of a worse place? You see I am just trying to get you a-thinking.

If every citizen of the county would fix his mind on something for the betterment of it, even for a short time each day, I believe we would soon be at the head.

You see, here is the thing in a nut-shell: Each community has to work out its own problems, in the same manner as each individual has to work out his or her problems, or difficulties of whatever nature they may be, and all is done by thinking.

Truly this county has advanced on the road of progress on a very large scale, within the last few years, and we look with pride upon it, especially so in the line of travel, I refer to our so nearly completed "North Shore Boulevard," heavy on the "Boulevard" please, for such it is. The pride of the county, and by the way, I believe that no harm is done in handing it to the County Board for the truly business like manner in which they have handled this very important undertaking.

But this is not what has bothered my mind of late, and set me a-thinking it is another matter, something else has struck me more forcibly, indeed to such an extent, that I venture to ask every reader to join in with me "thinking" ask you to spend at least five minutes of your time each day from now on until we reach the goal—adequate mail service for Cook county.

Have you ever stopped to think seriously of our present system? Have you ever stopped to think of why we have such inadequate service as we have? Perhaps you have blamed it to the Postal Department, maybe you have laid it to the steamboat company, just stop right here dear reader and think, think honestly, and I believe you will find the fault is right with ourselves.

Has there ever been any move made by the people of this county? I have never heard of it. Don't you know that "what is worth having is worth asking for," and it is no one man's job to have the present conditions bettered; no indeed not, it requires a united and determined effort of many, and it seems to me that it is high time that something is done for there is no use in barking at the moon any longer, for it will not fall, not if we keep up barking all winter.

As mentioned before it is the duty of every community to work out its own problems and difficulties. It is the duty of every citizen of this county to solve this problem, and I ask some kind reader to join in and suggest in this paper how, where and when steps should be taken for better service.

Would it not be a good idea to have a mass meeting some day of our county fair to discuss this matter and have petitions drawn and circulated to be forwarded to the Postal Department, calling for a much needed daily mail service?

Kindly come out of your shell with suggestions, write good naturally if you can, if not write anyway for you cannot offend

Yours truly,
CLAUS C. MONKER.

RUSSIA SEEKING AMERICAN TRADE

Manufacturers Are Advised to Go After This New Business.

NATION STRONG FINANCIALLY

Sazonoff, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Points Out Opportunities For Americans—Money Once Spent on Vodka Now Used For Agriculture—Bank Savings Make Record.

Chicago.—From its correspondent in Petrograd the Tribune publishes a dispatch quoting M. Sazonoff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs.

"Russia wants just two things of America, the first and most important being a permanent maintenance of the close and cordial relations between the two nations; the second, an enormous quantity of all kinds of manufactured articles," he asserted.

"Before the war Germany supplied from its workshops the greater part of Russia's demand, and as for commodities it could not supply itself acted as the middleman, exacting large profits.

"German merchants readily adapted themselves to Russian customs and had an added advantage of national good will.

"After this war Russia will prefer to buy elsewhere all the goods it used to buy in Germany upon comparatively equal terms.

"Now especially is the time for American manufacturers to send agents to learn the Russian ways in order to be in a position to fill the enormous demand on the part of the civil population when the war ends. The Rus-



Photo by American Press Association.
M. SAZONOFF, RUSSIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

sian government will lend cordial aid to all American firms wishing to trade with Russia.

"Even before the war Russia had established a line of steamers trading directly from Libau with New York. It will encourage more such Russian companies and will also encourage American companies trading to Russian ports."

The Russian government, the correspondent points out, is the largest single purchaser in the world. He also says that Russia offers not merely a market formerly monopolized by Germany, but an added market due to the abolition of the vodka traffic. The Russian peasant now has his vodka money to put into agricultural machinery. He has already become a more productive man, and even in this war time is a greater consumer of manufactured articles.

The London Daily News correspondent in Russia sends from Kiev the following dispatch:

"The situation in Russia from the military, economic and political points of view is better today than it has been at any other time since the first retreat of the Germans from Russian Poland."

"The country outside the war zone has suffered astonishingly little materially from the war. The purchasing power of the rouble has depreciated very little, food supplies are plentiful, and the agricultural population, except in the immediate war area, has more actual money than ever before, owing to the prohibition of vodka drinking. This is shown by the January savings deposits, which were more for the one month than for the whole of the previous year.

"It is declared in Russia that any independent peace with Austria must involve the question of neutral trading with Germany, for at this time Austria as a neutral power friendly to Germany might prove more dangerous to the allies than Austria actively hostile, but disintegrating through defeat.

East End News.

Dan MacDonough passed thru on his way to the Portage Monday night.

Henry Westerlund is assisting Ole E. Erickson in drilling work on his Colvill farm.

Dave Mullen and Owen McLaughlin have returned from trips to Duluth and beyond.

Commissioner Jacobson trapped a wolf on Section 12, back of Erickson's sawmill site.

Mrs. Mattie Olson and daughter returned from a trip to Duluth, on Wednesday's boat.

Emil Eliason has improved the appearance of his residence by the building of a tasty front porch.

Oscar Olson came down on Friday after Engineer Hughes, who had been out looking over east end roads.

P. M. Linnell drove in from the Reservation on Friday after a load of household goods for a new settler.

C. A. Floodman returned on Monday from Minnewakan, N. Dak., where he has been employed the past summer.

Jennie Eliason and Miss Wilson had a joint birthday anniversary gathering at the North school the past week.

A Mr. Rafferty is another new homesteader, who recently filed, and who can now be rated as a new settler on the Reservation.

W. J. Corcoran and Peter Grant of the Pigeon Co., came down from Duluth on Monday, Mr. Grant going out to the Portage from here.

L. R. Sias left on his return to Oak Park, Ill., on Thursday evening. He is engaged in building contract work in Chicago and vicinity.

Gustav Peterson was a Portage passenger for Grand Marais on Thursday, returning on the delayed trip of the "America" on Monday.

Esten Jakobsen and family showed their good will by their works by driving down six miles in the rain to attend the recent community club meeting. That kind of spirit counts.

Geo. Mattson recently from West Duluth has filed on a claim near the home of Martin Buckovitch, not far from the lake shore and will engage in fishing during the coming fall months.

Emil Johnson has purchased an "eighty" adjoining his uncle's farm in Moose Valley, and has gone to Duluth to complete the deal and turning over the papers transferring ownership. Emil has already started to build a commodious frame dwelling on the same.

A. S. Carlson boarded the "Goldfish" at Big Bay on Sunday bound for the county seat intending to return on the expected evening trip of the "America" but owing to the storm at the upper end of the lake joined the "watchful waiting" contingent at the hotel until Monday p. m.

Geo. Eliason took a flier to Grand Marais in his launch Monday forenoon, on his way to Two Harbors, as soon as the wind-storm subsided sufficiently.

The residents of the Reservation and Hovland have been for the past year or more discussing the need of an improved mail service between the east end of the county and the terminus of the railroad. Meanwhile agitation has been going on at intermediate points and the time seems now ripe for a concentrated united effort all along the line; for such improvement. A dozen or fifteen years ago when we had but one mail per week, and that carried by dog train in the winter time and by row boat during the summer months as the weather permitted, an application was sent in from Hovland for two mails per week, the situation being frankly stated, and the postal department very kindly granted us three mails per week with money order service additional. With our new national highway now nearly completed, and an extension of the railroad already begun, there is good reason to believe that a daily automobile service between Grand Portage and the railroad at least during most of the year might be inaugurated in the near future if the necessary steps were taken to accomplish that end. This would be a good subject for our several community clubs to take up for consideration. Let's hear from them.

Grand Portage.

Joe Spruce killed four wolves last week.

Philomen Ahnabquod is here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Thomas.

Mrs. Susan Mamasukawash is slowly recovering from her serious illness.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Roberts at the death of their infant daughter.

Henry LeSage is building a house southwest of Grand Portage, and intends to move from Chicago Bay before winter.

Dan MacDonough has taken the contract to build a fence around the Government Reserve. He came Tuesday from Grand Marais to begin work.

Slavs on Offensive.

To the northwest of Vilna the Russians are on the offensive. While the Germans say the Russian counter attacks have been a complete failure, it is said in Petrograd that the counter offensive seriously threatens the German left flank and communications with the army of Lieutenant General von Eichhorn.

The Russian center is still retiring through the marshy district. However, every day they are taking a toll of their pursuers. The Russians also are offering resistance to the Austro-German offensive in Galicia, and southeastward of Lutsk they hold a front of some 50 miles, intersected by hills, woods and rivers, which afford a splendid defensive cover.

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