

BAD FIRE AT NORTHOME

Blaze Destroys Postoffice Building and Tin Shop of C. W. Field.

LOSS WILL AGGREGATE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$2,000.

Uncle Sam's Valuables Were Secure in Safe—No Insurance Carried.

The third disastrous fire in the history of Northome occurred last night and as a result the postoffice building, owned by O. W. Olson, and the tinshop of C. W. Field were totally destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at \$2,000. No insurance was carried on either of the buildings, and the loss is consequently complete.

The fire is supposed to have started in the postoffice from an overheated stove, the blaze being discovered at 9 o'clock. Many people surrounded the burning building and did all in their power to check the flames, but they soon spread to the Field building, and all efforts to save either building were futile, and they burned to the ground in the presence of hundreds of onlookers.

A fire department has recently been organized in the new town, but no apparatus has been received, and the most the department could do was to carry water in pails to the burning buildings. All the stamps, money, and other valuables of the postoffice were in the safe, and it is thought that nothing of value belonging to the government has been destroyed.

BASE BALL.

The Bagley team came up yesterday and engaged the locals in a game, being defeated by a score of sixteen to nothing. The crowd was small but enthusiastic, and everyone seemed to derive plenty of enjoyment from the contest. Bagley has a good team, but they have had but little practice and the battery yesterday was weak.

The game played Saturday between Blackduck and the Bemidji second nine on the Blackduck grounds was won by the visitors, the score being thirteen to six. Hazen and Finn were the battery for Bemidji. A dance was given by the Blackduck boys after the game and all those who attended from here report a very enjoyable time.

The Big Duluths are scheduled to play two games here, next Sunday and Monday. The Duluth aggregation is the same as Bemidji defeated the early part of the season in the close score of two to one. They are trying for the championship of northern Minnesota, and the games will no doubt be the most interesting ever played in the city.

We have demonstrated to the public that the **PRINCESS Grocery Co.**

Sells the best and cheapest Fruits for canning. Our sales of last week have induced us to duplicate our Fruit order. We are not able to quote you prices this early in the week, but they will be as low as the present market allows.

Wednesday we will have
California Peaches
Washington Pears
Metzuma Plums
Concord Grapes
Tokay Grapes
Rose Perie Grapes
Sweet Potatoes
Cauliflower
Sweet Corn
Hubbard Squash
Pumpkins
Green Peppers
Celery and Melons
Fancy Tomatoes by the bushel

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CHOUNARD IS READY

Wm. Chounard, Condemned Murderer, Calmly Awaits Execution.

By Special Representative of the Pioneer.

Word was received at Walker this afternoon at 4:30 from St. Paul that the motion for a new trial for Chounard has been denied.

Knowing that he must suffer death tomorrow morning before day break to pay the penalty for killing his wife at Cass Lake last January, Wm. Chounard, the condemned murderer, calmly awaits his execution in the Cass county jail. All the preparations for the hanging are complete, and as soon as the twelfth stroke of the clock tells the arrival of a new day, Chounard will be taken from the jail to the gallows and there "hung by the neck until dead."

He seems to be entirely prepared for the execution, and although a little haggard as a result of his long confinement, seems to be in the best of physical health, although at the time he was first told that he must die he almost collapsed. He spends his time reading the Bible, and says that he does not expect a stay of execution, and really does

not want it, as he has already awaited the execution long enough.

At 9 o'clock this morning he was sleeping soundly in his cell in the county jail, unconscious that before the light of another day he would be a lifeless corpse, his existence snuffed out in the cause of righteous justice.

It is not definitely known who will spring the death trap, but it is thought that Sheriff Hardy will press the button which will send Chounard to eternity.

Only a few will be allowed to witness the execution. Sheriffs from different counties throughout the state have been invited and will be present to assist Sheriff Hardy in arranging the final details. Among those who are now on the scene are Sheriff Forsberg of Marshall, Anderson of Kittson, Pederson of Norman and Lennihan of Red Lake county. A Brose of this city will represent L. H. Bailey, attorney for Chounard, and Rev. Murphy will spend the remainder of the day with the murderer preparing his soul for eternity.

EXPLOSION AT CASS LAKE

Acetyline Gas Plant Blows Up, Injuring One Fatally and Two Seriously.

The explosion of an acetyline gas plant at Cass Lake Saturday night completely wrecked the saloon of Rivard & Wold and probably fatally injured one man and seriously injured two others. Two men are supposed to be still covered up by the debris. Gust Rivard, one of the proprietors of the saloon, now lies at the point of death in the Cass Lake Hospital, and little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

The explosion occurred at 7 o'clock in the evening, and within a moment's warning the entire building was lifted several inches into the air and when it came down the walls fell in, making a mass of wreckage. Five men are supposed to have been in the building at the time of the explosion. Three of them were recovered within twenty minutes after the disaster. The two others are supposed to be buried beneath the mass of ruins, and are without a doubt dead. Iver Wold and John A. Johnson, the wounded men who have been recovered, escaped with but little injury, and are getting along nicely.

The building is a brick veneered structure two stories high, and next to it is the store of the Moberg Dry Goods company,

and the wall of this building was badly shaken. Nearly every window within a block of where the explosion occurred was broken, and the report could be heard for miles away.

The fire department was immediately called, as the building had caught fire, and within a few minutes after the explosion a stream was playing on the building, and the work of rescue commenced. The men were pinioned down by large quantities of brick, and the task was very difficult, as the flames swept around the rescuers and at times threatened their lives. However, three of the men were hauled out, but the other two supposed occupants of the building at the time of the explosion are thought to be still buried under the debris.

The loss will aggregate in the neighborhood of \$10,000, the saloon being valued at \$8,000, and the loss to the Moberg store building being estimated at \$2,000.

The gas plant was recently installed and it is supposed that the fittings were loose and a leak occurred, filling the cellar with gas, and that when an exposed light was brought down to the cellar the explosion took place.

FOOT CAUGHT IN WHEELS

Terrible Accident Sustained by John Morine Yesterday Afternoon.

FLESH OF FOOT LITTERALLY TORN FROM BONES.

Taken to St. Anthony's Hospital, Where Foot Was Amputated This Afternoon.

John, the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morine, sustained a terrible accident yesterday afternoon while riding from the baseball grounds on a dray. The horses were running at full gallop, when in some manner the boy's foot caught between one of the hind wheels of the dray and the platform, tearing the fleshy part of the foot horribly and cracking a number of the bones.

A physician was immediately summoned who accompanied the boy to St. Anthony's hospital, where the wound was dressed and he rested fairly well until today, when it was decided by the attending physicians that an operation was necessary and the foot was amputated just below the ankle joint.

A large number of men who had been at the ball game were on the dray at the time, and it is said that the boy was crowded too near the edge of the wagon. The sight was a sickening one to those who witnessed the accident, and few could bear the sight of the boy's bloody foot dangling from his leg as he was hurried to a physician.

His parents are very poor, and live on a hill known as Godman's hill, south of the Great Northern tracks. The mother is at present very ill, and is a charge of the county.

Have You Seen Him?

Should you perchance to meet a man, whose step is so light and buoyant that should he chance to step on a piece of air it would not break, who is so inflated with gladness, whose waistband may be far too short to reach around, and who may carry his brains rotunda with praise never before attained and whose general appearance is one of pride and satisfaction and who may appear so full that it bubbles over like a fountain of water. That man is Charles H. Hammond, though he may look excited, fear him not for all he will say is "It is a boy, who arrived Sunday morning and weighs eleven pounds." All of which is true so says, "Bill Nye."

Shot in Back.

Julian Peterson, employed at his father's confectionery store on Minnesota avenue, accidentally shot himself in the back yesterday forenoon with a .22 caliber rifle. A party of boys were crossing the lake in a boat when the gun was accidentally discharged, the ball taking effect in the thigh and penetrating about six inches of flesh and lodging near the spine about a half inch under the skin. The boy was taken to St. Anthony's hospital, where the wound was dressed, and is getting along very well.

Finish Survey Tuesday.

County Surveyor Stoner and his crew passed through Buena Vista Saturday noon making the preliminary survey for a railroad route from Bemidji to Buena Vista. The survey will probably be finished Tuesday and the party will reach Bemidji returning some time Wednesday. Two and perhaps three lines will be run. The season is the worst of the year for making the survey but it is being pushed with great rapidity nevertheless.

Cholera Infantum.

This disease has lost its terror, since Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy came into general use. The uniform success which attends the use of this remedy in all cases of bowel complaint in children has made it a favorite wherever its value has become known. For sale at Barker's drug store.

Chas. Johnson is a visitor from Blackduck today.

Fresh oysters the first of the season at Peterson's.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED TO RENT—Five, six or seven room house by a family of three. Apply at Pioneer office.

WANTED—At once, apprentice girl to learn to set type and to learn the newspaper business generally. Pioneer office.

WANTED—To fill your wants. Nothing does it like a Pioneer want ad

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This week we are showing a few new styles in Ladies' Suits and Coats.

Suits, \$15
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75 pairs Puritan and Royal Worcester Corsets, worth \$1.25; now 50c
Infants' Headwear, Tinnon and Mull, at 25% discount
5 dozen Boys' Waists and Shirts, worth 50c to \$1.00; now 38c

The Bazaar Department Store.

Wedding Groups
Souvenirs
Baby Pictures

Lakeside Studio,
on Lake Front.
M. J. MORSE, Proprietor.

Scrubs Win Game.

In the football game yesterday forenoon between the regular team and eleven picked-up players, the scrubs defeated the regulars by a score of six to nothing. The regulars were steadily forced back upon their goal and the scrubs made a touchdown on an end run. Crawford kicked goal.

Beginning Monday, Sept 5, we will start classes in the following branches:

Shorthand and Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Penmanship, Commercial Law, Commercial Geography, Business Arithmetic, Spelling Lumber Books.

Hours, 10 to 12 a. m.; 7 to 9 p. m.
Conway's Commercial College,
Box 744, 108 Sixth Street, between Bemidji and Beltrami Avenues.

Good Exhibit.

Harvey Boston, one of the prosperous farmers of the town of Port Hope, exhibited a fine display of vegetables at the recent county fair held at Buena Vista. Mr. Boston sent a few of his vegetable exhibits to the Pioneer. Among them are carrots eight and one-half, onions twelve and one-quarter, and rutabagas twenty-two and one-half inches in circumference.

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The New Shoe Store

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