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IN PIONEER DAYS

"How I Came to Morrison County."

By O. A. COE

(Continued from December 31.)

In the fall of 1856 there were large swarms of grasshoppers that came here and destroyed nearly everything. But this was nothing to the number and amount destroyed the next year, when they ate up everything. Corn, wheat and potatoes were eaten down to the ground three times and then did not come up again.

The grass was all gone on the prairies and we had to go back into the woods from six to ten miles for hay, and it was very scarce at that distance.

That fall I hauled freight from St. Paul, Clearwater and St. Cloud to Crow Wing and Leech Lake. Late that fall, '57, I took my two teams and went to St. Paul and got two loads of flour and some groceries. I saved out 12 sacks of flour for my family, which lasted us until the next fall. I sold the remainder and, together with what I made on the flour and what other freighting I did, made \$500 that summer and paid. All had the same chance. Some paid as high as \$8 per 100 lbs. for flour that winter in Little Falls.

In the winter of 1858, with my two ox teams, I hauled the boiler for the first steam boat and mill ever used in the Indian country. The steam-boat was owned by the missionaries. Francis Spees went along and hauled the other machinery. The steam-boat was used on the Mississippi river, Leech Lake and Winnebogish. We left the boiler on the north shore of Winnebogish lake. We had a little trouble when crossing Leech lake. It had been quite warm for a few days past and the snow and ice had melted some. There was quite a place on the edge of the lake that was only just frozen over a little. The night before it had snowed so we could not see the bad place. One of our oxen got in and if it had not been for an Indian and half-breed that heard our cries for help, we would have lost one ox, and no doubt both, as the ice was giving away fast, but after a great deal of hard work we started on. I received \$100 for my work. Had to pay \$30 for the sled to haul the boiler on.

I came home alone, camping out four nights on the road. One day, on my way home, when I stopped at noon to rest, I had just got my fire built when eleven Indians came and sat down by the fire and ate their lunch. While they were eating I overheard one of them say, in their own language, that they would kill me, take my oxen and money. I walked up where they were and told them I was not the least afraid of their killing me. Soon after they packed up and went away. I do not know whether they really intended to kill me or not. It was always best to not show you were afraid even if you were. The Indians are great admirers of courageous people and if persons show that they are not afraid they will seldom hurt them, while if they act scared, it is almost certain death to them.

I will soon speak of the Indian outbreak.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Think of something that is for your own interest and go to the Great Milwaukee Clothing Sale on First street, one door south of Schlessener's hardware store. Remember they will only stay until the 11th of February. Their stock of clothing is the largest and prices are cut in half. There are others that have signs and bills out with the words "Great Milwaukee Clothing Sale," but be sure and strike the right place. See adv. on page 5.

Pillsbury Cor. Long Prairie Leader: A Mr. Ezy, from Little Falls, has bought the Martin Moeler farm north of town and expects his uncle and aunt to come and keep house for him shortly.

Clarence Yetter, formerly of Little Falls, is one of a number of men who will be sent to the Klondike by a Willmar company.

There will be a basket social at the Salvation Army hall tomorrow evening. Everybody invited. The baskets brought by the ladies will be auctioned.

The new Woodmen officers will be publicly installed tonight. There will be a musical and literary program, and refreshments will be served. All Woodmen in the city are invited to come and bring relatives and friends.

Wm. Beseman, of Swanville, was in town Friday, accompanied by his brothers, Frank and Anton, on their way to Minneapolis to attend the funeral of Mrs. Herman Beseman, who died Jan. 19th. Mrs. Beseman leaves a husband and three children.

There is a strong sentiment in the Second ward in favor of Nick Elvig for alderman. Mr. Elvig lives in the second precinct of that ward, and to select a man from that precinct would balance the ward's representation in the council. Mr. Elvig would make an efficient alderman.

St. Cloud Journal-Press: Marcus Maurin, of Cold Spring, is spending the day in the city. Mr. Maurin is feeling rather chagrined at the loss of his Morrison county case in the supreme court. An error of a deputy clerk of Morrison county is said to be the basis of the loss of the suit, which involved something like \$4,000.

A young man named Guerin, of Belle Prairie, was fined \$1 and costs by Justice Shaw Monday for striking a young man named Paquin, of the same town. Guerin then had Paquin arrested for using abusive language. Paquin was discharged. Paquin's father suggested that the two boys be locked up in a room and allowed to "fight it out."

Fred Buesing, an old-time friend of P. W. Ferguson, passed through here last week on his way to Glenwood. Mr. Buesing has just returned from Dawson City \$20,000 richer than when he went there. He left the mining town Dec. 4 with a dog train. His claim is a very rich one and he will go back in March. He says the mosquitoes are the worst thing in the Klondike district. The summers are quite hot, and the insects make life a burden.

Here is something from the St. Paul Dispatch which shows how little the St. Paul fellows know sometimes: "In the Morrison-Crow Wing district people who would wield the scepter say that Senator Fuller is booked for a return. C. B. Buckman had arranged to make a fight for the place, but it is said that a truce has been arranged between him and Senator Fuller. If this is so, Buckman probably has an understanding with Capt. Van Sant that he is to be surveyor general of logs and lumber for this district, 'or something just as good.'"

THE HORSES ARE PROUD



And their owner well satisfied is the result, say hundreds of horse owners each year that have purchased their harness at.....

VIKTOR BROS.

the place where you will always find just what you want at prices the lowest, and your patronage appreciated. Our shoe department is well supplied with the best make of men's, ladies' and children's foot wear, at prices that can't be beat.

Yours, anxious to please,

VIKTOR BROS.

A MUSS IN MORRILL

Country Dance Terminates in Promiscuous Pummeling.

BLACK EYES WERE NUMEROUS

Fracas Results in Fine of Four Offenders on Charge of Assault.

At a country dance at the house of Henry Foss in the town of Morrill, last Friday night, a disgraceful row occurred, which resulted in several men being badly hurt. Our Morrill correspondent writes us as follows:

Jan. 24.—A disgraceful row and free for all fight occurred at a dance which was given by Henry Foss at his house on Friday night, the 21st, in which several young men got quite badly hurt. Knives, stones and knuckles made of steel and other metals were freely used. Morrill has been infested for the past few years by a few rowdies who at all times are looking for some one to scrap with. These men, like all men of their low habits, know who to tackle and when to do it in order to come out best. One of their gang has told that they planned to whip the Litka boys at this particular dance. The Litka boys, Steve and John, are in good standing here as boys who attend to their own business, and are peaceable to the extent that they must be greatly imposed upon before they will fight. Steve Litka is an athlete and was dreaded by any one of this gang of roughs, but the crowd of them, consisting of Geo. Vail, Byron Edwards, Edwin, Fred and Albert Keehr, tackled Steve at this dance. Steve knocked them down for a spell as fast as they could get at him, but they overpowered and hammered him to their hearts' content. Steve had but the help of his brother, John, who is young and not in it with roughs. One Emmet Cassidy, in guarding Litka after Litka was gotten from the crowd of roughs, was compelled to use a knife on Edwin Keehr after Keehr had burst in a door. Cassidy came near cutting Keehr's throat. It is said that Vail got an arm broken. Byron Edwards and Edwin Keehr are the same two men who were arrested a few weeks since for assaulting Frank Wise, of Buckman, but the case did not come to trial, the boys having paid Wise to settle. The good people of Morrill sympathize with young Litka and we hope this crowd of roughs will get the full penalty of the law in such cases. There are some people of Morrill who roundly censure Henry Foss in this case. Henry has no true courage or he would not have allowed young Litka to have been battered up so bad in his house. We hear that Foss says that if the crowd will pay the damage done to his house that there will be no prosecution.

The two Litkas and a young man named Bogardis called on County Attorney Lyon last Saturday evening and asked that warrants be issued for the offenders. The men had their faces covered with bandages and appeared to have been in a disastrous row. After hearing the story of the three, Mr. Lyon had warrants issued for the arrest of Fred, Gilbert and Edward Keehr, and Byron Edwards and Geo. Vail. The officers left for Morrill Sunday morning and returned the next day with the prisoners and a lot of witnesses. The charge was assault in the second degree.

The examination was held before Justice Sheldon Monday afternoon. A. P. Blanchard appeared for the prisoners, and Mr. Lyon for the state. When the prisoners, complainants and witnesses assembled, the room contained a large assortment of black eyes in all hues and varieties. The fighting must have been fierce while it lasted. The evidence was quite conflicting. At first it was decided to hold the defendants, except Fred Keehr, to the grand jury, but after consideration, Edward and Albert Keehr, Byron Edwards and Geo. Vail were allowed to plead guilty to simple assault and fined each \$5 and costs, which will make about \$25 expense for each. Fred Keehr was discharged.

There are always two sides to every story, and it appears that

there was much fighting on both sides. The evidence was not deemed sufficient to convict the men arrested. Fred Keehr afterward had Bogardis arrested on charge of carrying a concealed weapon. The trial came off yesterday afternoon before Justice Sheldon and was not finished at the time of our going to press. Fred Keehr gave a bond of \$100 to keep the peace.

Died.

Jos. Doucette, of Belle Prairie, one of the oldest settlers of Morrison county, died at his home in that town, about 4 miles north of Little Falls, last Sunday morning, aged 62 years, 6 months and 11 days.

Mr. Doucette had been ill for over a year, but it was only a few months ago that the stomach trouble which affected him became serious. The malady was very painful, and he suffered much for some weeks before his death.

Joseph Doucette was born in Three Rivers, Canada, July 12, 1835. He came to the United States in 1853, and worked in Detroit, Mich., and in the woods near Lake Superior. He came to Crow Wing in 1856 and lumbered for a time, afterward moving to Otter Lake, where he opened and ran a hotel for a few years. In 1862 he came to Belle Prairie, was there some years, then lived in Crow Wing, Fort Garry and Little Falls, finally returning to Belle Prairie, where he has lived ever since. Mr. Doucette married Miss Julia Heroux, who survives him. Of ten children, seven are living. The oldest son—David—lives in Walker. Charles is at Rainy Lake. The daughters are Mrs. J. Rocheleau, Mrs. A. Cormier, of Little Falls, Mrs. Ed. Laforce, Mrs. Geo. Gaboury, Mrs. Ed. Guertin, of Belle Prairie. Mr. Doucette was one of the leading men in his section, had an extensive acquaintance, and was held in high regard.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning from the French Catholic church at Belle Prairie, Father Joneux officiating, and the remains were interred in the Belle Prairie cemetery. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends.

New Bank Officers.

The following are the new officers of the German American National bank:

President—C. A. Weyerhaeuser.
Vice President—J. W. Berg.
Asst. Cashier—S. A. Siverts.
Directors—C. A. Weyerhaeuser, J. W. Berg, E. M. Hoover, Drew Musser, C. I. McNair, F. A. Lindbergh, W. H. Laird, P. M. Musser, John Wetzel.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 1/4 as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Ada Herald: Mrs. Ludvig Schelling, of Little Falls, has been visiting with her brother, Henry Kappel and her sister, Mrs. Chas. Schlentz, of Pleasant View. She returned home yesterday.

New Store! Fresh Goods!

WM. O'SHEA

Below is our partial list, all other goods equally low:

Gold Dust per 100.....	\$2.25
Magnolia do.....	2.10
Bakers do.....	1.85
Feed per sack.....	.70
Bran per 100.....	.45
Shorts.....	.50

**Corn, Buckwheat Flour,
Graham Flour, Corn Meal**

Don't Fail to See Our Teas:
Good tea for 25c. 50 cent tea for 35c. 60 cent tea for 50c.

We lead the world in Coffee, 8 to 30c per lb. Dried Fruits, Canned Goods, Spices, etc. Come and see us and bring your Butter, Eggs, etc., and see what we can do for you. We can save you 80 per cent.

WM. O'SHEA, Mgr.

DR. DECHMANN DUSTS

Water Cure Man Leaves the City and—Some Creditors.

RECOVERS HIS WHEEL

Jas. Armstrong Finds His Bicycle Stolen June of Last Year.

Dr. F. W. Dechmann, who has conducted a water cure establishment in this city for the last four months, took his leave for parts unknown last Saturday morning, accompanied by his wife, and leaving several creditors to mourn his disappearance. Dechmann has not had much of a practice and found himself unable to get along. He told M. A. Kennedy, to whom he sold his furniture, that he was going to Germany, but that is not probable. The amounts owed by the hydropath were not large.

BICYCLE RECOVERED.

Jas. Armstrong Finds His Stolen Wheel.

Last June an Ideal bicycle belonging to Jas. Armstrong was stolen in this city, and all trace lost until it was found Monday in possession of Chas. Johnson, a young man living with his parents on First avenue southeast. Johnson was arrested and bound over to the grand jury in \$100 bonds. The young fellow claims that he bought the wheel in Bismarck, N. D., where he was working last summer. Chief Bailey had been on the lookout for the wheel, which Mr. Armstrong had recognized. The wheel corresponded in all particulars to the one stolen. The numbers had been filled in, and when cleaned, were found to be the same. It doesn't seem that the boy would ride the wheel around in the town where he stole it, and it may be that his story is true.

Adolph Lafond, Jr., and Miss Lea Beaudreau, both of the town of Little Falls, were married Tuesday morning at the French Catholic church, by Rev. Father Lamothé. A large number of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. Over fifty persons bearing the name of Lafond were present. There was a banquet at the home of the bride's parents after the ceremony and a dance in the evening. The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends.

Kerrich & Moeglein have purchased, for \$3,000, the Tanner property north of their meat market on First street. The lot is now occupied by a saloon building, which will be moved away. A two-story brick building will be put up, the lower story of which will be leased to Ellenbecker & Goulet for a hardware store, and the upper story may be united with the story over the meat market and used for theatrical purposes.

Cured at Last.

The story of his complete and wonderful cure as described in his own words. "For the past ten years I have been troubled with severe pains in the stomach. At first the attacks occurred every two or three weeks, but they became more severe and I would often suffer two or three nights in succession, especially if I overworked or became excited. I have been treated by several physicians for neuralgia, indigestion and dyspepsia, none of whom however succeeded in giving me any permanent relief. I had given up all hope of recovery. About this time Mr. Hollenbeck called on me and induced me to try Dr. Booth's German Herb Remedy. I have taken one bottle and am free to say that I believe I am cured. I have recommended it to many of my friends. I am glad of an opportunity to say a good word in behalf of this celebrated health-giving medicine.—WILLIAM MEYER, Rich Prairie, Minn.

Dr. Fortier is putting up a building which will be used as a summer kitchen.

Local Railroad Notes.

The new depot has arrived and was placed Wednesday forenoon. It is numbered 624, and is much better than the old one, as it is equipped with storm windows and the latest style of lamps.

Mrs. A. Lepper went to Staples last Tuesday.

While the switch crew were switching over at the paper mill last Wednesday evening, the engine left the track on the bridge and ran against the end of the mill. It was very fortunate that the bridge did not go down, for if it had the engine would have gone to the bottom of the mill race.

Geo. Hammon, who has been braking on the L. F. & D. for the past few months, went to St. Paul Tuesday afternoon and Archie Curry has taken his place.

C. D. Sterling, formerly station agent at this place, but now of Morris, passed through here Thursday on his way to the Twin Cities.

G. W. Downing, roadmaster between St. Paul and this city, was here Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Wm. Buskirk went to her home at Verdale last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nester returned from Minneapolis last Monday evening.

The Northern Pacific is hauling lots of steel rails these days, as they have about 250 cars at the Minnesota transfer to be used on the western divisions of the road.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

The City Band concert Monday evening was largely attended. The selections rendered were very good and received hearty applause. The singing by Mr. and Mrs. MacRae, the specialties by Mr. and Mrs. Hall, and the mandolin selection, received merited encores. The sale of the tickets for the concert has increased, which is gratifying to all interested in the success of the band.

The Great Milwaukee Clothing Sale on First street, next to Schlessener's hardware store, is now in full force. Their stock consists of the largest and best grades of clothing at 1/2 of the real value. They will positively stay not longer than the 14th of February. Don't let others deceive you by having signs and bills out like the Milwaukee Clothing Sale, as this is the only genuine. Our prices will tell you that and you will see that our store fixtures are only made for a short stay. See adv. page 5.

Candidate for Clerk.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of city clerk, and respectfully solicit your support.
FRANK E. HALL.

Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of city clerk, and solicit the support of voters.
W. W. HARTMAN.

Announcement.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of city clerk, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters.
G. C. RAYMOND.

License to marry has been granted Wm. Bisson and Emily Schwankl.