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IN PIONEER DAYS

How I Came to Morrison County.

By O. A. COE

(Continued from February 11.)

How we came to hear of the Chippewas' intentions to massacre the whites in this part of the country was through Dan Mooers. He was taken prisoner by the Indians and would not have escaped if it had not been for a friendly Indian. When he got away he sent word to everyone to prepare to fight the Indians, as they were planning a raid on the country. His advice was given none too soon. He sent word to St. Paul and a company of soldiers were sent up here at once. Fields of ripe grain were left to die, cattle were turned loose to take care of themselves. Every one went to the forts except Rev. Ayer's family and my own. My wife and I talked it over and as we were so well acquainted with most of the Indians we decided we would not go to the fort yet a while. The Sioux had sent tobacco and pipes to the Mille Lacs Indians and tried to get them to join them, but the chief sent back word that if they joined anyone they would join the whites.

The Chippewa Indians at Bare Island, Leech Lake, were the most bitter against the whites. I never left my home except three times that fall. A company of soldiers from Fort Snelling came up and wanted me to take my team and take part of them to Fort Ripley. I took thirteen. Levi Wheeler and John Johnson, with their teams, took the rest.

After Mr. Ayer and Mr. Kimball went south, I took their families to the Little Falls court house. My family went with me. When the Indians saw how the whites were prepared for them and how the government was sending out companies, Hole-in-the-Day held a council with his men and decided to give up fighting in this part of the country if the state would pay what they asked.

The Sioux and Chippewas had set a day when they should begin their bloody work. They were to appear friendly up to this time so the whites would be unarmed. But Dan Mooers' finding out their plans and escaping overthrew their plans.

The next morning after Hole-in-the-Day and the tribe had decided to give up the warfare with the whites, they started for Crow Wing to confer with the whites. Just as they came around the hill at the bend in Crow Wing river they suddenly came upon a company of soldiers getting breakfast. If the Indians had not been on a peaceable errand they could have shot every one of the soldiers before they could have reached a gun, as they had their guns stacked yet. This provoked Hole-in-the-Day. He said to them: "You are fine warriors; not one sentinel and all your guns stacked, and yet you think you are going to kill Indians." Hole-in-the-Day then made his aims known. Five prominent men from St. Paul at once brought tobacco, pipes, pork, flour and other things for the Indians. They held a council and at last came to an understanding. The Indians signed a treaty, taking what was brought and agreed to give up what horses and wagons they had stolen.

So it seemed peace was soon to come to this part of the country without much bloodshed. But the troops remained here sometime after. Families slowly began to come back to their deserted farms, and desolate looking places they were, too. Crops destroyed, fences down and everything sadly in need of repair. Early that fall the terrible news came to us that Mr. Austin, a former stage driver for years between St. Paul and Crow Wing, had been killed by the Sioux Indians west of St. Cloud. He was stage driver from St. Cloud to some western point when he was killed. Everyone regretted to hear of his death as he was a popular young man. Another victim that was well known here

was the father of Eugene Foote, who now resides in St. Cloud. The old settlers will remember Mr. Foote, how he was killed in his own home while building a fire one morning and how his wife barely escaped with her children.

The next spring everything was very high and few had money to buy with.

(To be continued.)

St. Mary's guild will meet with Mrs. C. D. Ayer Saturday Feb. 26.

A Degree of Honor lodge will be organized at Royalton March 2d. A number of the Little Falls members will attend.

Burtrum Cor. Long Prairie Argus: Miss Leona Arnold went to Little Falls Wednesday to stay with her sister, Lillian, who is ill.

I. H. Nelson went to St. Paul last week and successfully passed the barber's examination. Certificates of proficiency were issued to him.

Oh no, the Transcript is not the organ of the gamblers, but the fellows that endorse gambling are supporting Fuller's candidate. If that isn't so, say so.

A much quoted biblical quotation well applies to a certain newspaper in this city: "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib." "No strings on us!" Oh no, of course not.

Bishop J. D. Morrison, of Duluth, is in Albany and is engaged in raising funds for use in his jurisdiction. The bishop addressed several meetings in various churches at Albany last week.

The Ladies Aid society of the Free Norwegian Lutheran Zoar church will have a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Elvig next Saturday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Geo. Gerritz shipped a carload of potatoes Tuesday to St. Paul, and will ship a carload to Duluth next week. Mr. Gerritz is paying the highest cash price for potatoes, at present paying 30 cents per bushel.

Do you wish to make an investment in real estate that will net a profit of from 20 to 50 per cent within a year? If so, see

W. C. WYCKOFF
Hotel Buckman.

The Hon. A. A. Harris, an attorney of the city of Duluth, will lecture in the M. E. church on Tuesday evening, March 1, on "A Waif of the Confederacy." Mr. Harris is an exceptionally fine lecturer and is highly spoken of by the press of Duluth. This lecture should be heard by every old soldier.

Every Friday evening during Lent, beginning with tonight, Rev. Father Jones, pastor of the cathedral at St. Cloud, will preach at the French Catholic church in this city. Father Jones is an eloquent and learned speaker, and his discourses will certainly be profitable to all who hear them. All are invited to attend.

The Transcript says that a political opponent of Vasaly would naturally have the support of the Transcript. Why didn't the Transcript support Mecusker, a republican, instead of Bockhorni, a democrat, if it is republicanism and not electicism, that governs its course in city affairs?

"The Turn of the Tide" was presented by the local dramatic club to a very large audience at Gross opera house Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the City band. The entertainment was good. W. A. Butler, as the old fisherman, and W. H. Hall, as the darkey, kept the audience in roars of laughter. Both gentlemen scored the success their friends have learned to expect from them.

Frank Reid, as Capt. St. Morris and C. H. Brown, as Col. Ellsworth, were good. Mrs. C. H. Brown, as Aunt Rebecca, gave a finished characterization of the fussy fisherman's wife, and Mrs. W. H. Hall, as the ocean waif, did well. Miss Sadie Barton as the deserted wife was well received, and Miss Sophie Gravel made a very neat servant maid. After the play there was a dance, which was well attended. The band will give a concert about the middle of next month.

There has been no answer made to the issues brought prominently before the people by the Herald in the municipal campaign. It would be an easy matter to throw the supporters of Vasaly into confusion by showing and proving that the charges he makes are untrue. It is claimed, and not denied, that the men who profit by gambling are supporting Lindbergh. These men do not support candidates for fun or glory. It's a business proposition with them. They look forward to having things as they want them. Unprejudiced people ought to be willing to admit that if the men who profit by gambling are opposing Vasaly, it is because they have nothing to expect from him.

It is evident that Fuller thinks the mayoralty campaign is pretty near "the whole thing." How else explain his activity in the matter, his efforts to make candidates for other city offices pledge themselves on the mayoralty question, his attempts to befog the people in this campaign, and his reproaches to republicans for having the temerity to support Vasaly?

The paper which once had for a motto "No Strings On Us" asks the voters to mentally size up the two candidates and determine which would favor gamblers? That's easy. Are the card gentry supporting Vasaly?

We mentioned last week that with a mayor and council under the thumbs of the Electric and Water company, the opportunity for "grafts" would be boundless. The matter of lighting the city hall, as explained last week, was an instance. In consideration for the use of water from twelve hydrants, the city agreed to pay taxes levied for city purposes against the plant. It is charged that in some years the company received back in rebate all taxes, state and county as well as city revenue. In 1895 the council allowed but about a fifth of the tax rebate asked for, and in 1896 rejected, under advice of City Attorney J. H. Rhodes, the bill for tax rebate. This tax refunding matter is included in the cases now in supreme court. With a council and mayor controlled by the company, the tax rebate bills for the years back would likely be presented and paid without waiting for the supreme court decision.

The Transcript intimates that the present police force is interested in the city election. All good citizens should be? Will the Transcript kindly tell us why John Roy, Wm. Tourtillotte and others who have worn police uniforms, should be so enthusiastic for Lindbergh?

Talking about grafts, the city threw hundreds of dollars away yearly paying the company for flushing sewers. The council stopped that wasteful expenditure, concocted by the company, and the sewers are doing their work and no evil effects have resulted. Put a company council and mayor into power, and the great tax-eater will again receive the people's money for useless sewer flushing.

The supreme court would have rendered a decision on the pending cases by this time, if it were not that the company, not feeling sure about the decision, prolonged matters in hope of securing a pliable mayor and council. When the cases came up in supreme court last fall, counsel for the city was not quite ready, and asked the company's counsel for a few days' time. If the company were anxious for a decision, the request would have been granted, as is customary. But the request was denied and the cases had to go over to the spring term.

The question for the taxpayers is simple. Would a man involved in litigation engage one of the counsel opposing him, when he knows that by gratitude and interest the counsel is bound to the opposition? Outside of a farce comedy, a proposition of this kind would be considered preposterous, and yet W. M. Fuller, editor of the Transcript and manager of the Electric and Water company, wants the people of this city to swallow it.

Born--To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turk, Feb. 14th, a daughter.

Born--To Mr. and Mrs. M. Zettl, Feb. 13th, a daughter.

Born--To Mr. and Mrs. Joh Kanakowski, Feb. 9th, a son.

The Turner dry goods store has had this week which deserves attention.

The Freeman restaurant is for sale, Mr. Freeman intending to go to Omaha, Neb., for the exposition.

All who can should see the great tragedian, Frederick Warde, tomorrow night at Gross opera house. Tickets, 75, 50 and 35 cents.

Miss Maggie Blake was pleasantly surprised by a great number of friends Monday evening at her home on Fourth street. All present had a most enjoyable time.

Geo. J. Gaerth, late of Berlin, Wis., has purchased the bakery business conducted by A. Machitka in the A. K. Hall building on Second street northeast. Mr. Gaerth is an experienced baker.

Neither Dolt Nor Ass.

EDITOR SR. PAUL DISPATCH: Your paper of yesterday contained a purported "special" from Washington in which Cashier Masterson and myself are represented as having invoked the civil service law for protection; that I have "threatened to make trouble in the office," and that my "letters are a puzzle to the commission." So far as the above relates to myself it is an entire fabrication. I have not invoked the civil service law, have written no letters and have never "threatened" to make trouble in the office. In short, I am not yet either a dolt nor an ass. A. F. STORV.

Long Prairie Leader: Geo. Lee departed Monday morning for the Pacific coast. He will go to Seattle, Wash., where he meets an old friend and the two will go to the Klondyke country from there. George's many friends here hope that he may be among the successful ones who "strike it rich."

DEATH OF A PIONEER

F. X. LaFond Dies Thursday Afternoon of Bright's Disease.

REUNION OF THE OLD SETTLERS.

A Successful Meeting at the Buckman Tuesday Afternoon.

Hon. F. X. Lafond died at his home in this city yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, of Bright's disease, after a short illness, aged 65 years. Mr. Lafond had been a sufferer from the malady for some years, but only recently it took a serious turn.

Mr. Lafond was born in Three Rivers, Canada. He came to Scott county, Minn., in 1853, and about 1863 moved to Wright county. He filled a number of offices in Wright county, and in 1872 represented the 32nd district in the legislature. About twenty years ago he moved to Little Falls, and has been engaged in various lines of business since. Mr. Lafond was a member of a Minnesota regiment during the war, and has been Commander of the G. A. R. post of this city. He was also a member of the Masonic order.

Mr. Lafond leaves a wife and three children—Mrs. J. W. Close and Chas. N. LaFond, of Little Falls, and Mrs. J. A. Lowry, of Nebraska, and a large number of other relatives. He was a brother of Moses, Mitchel, John B. and Albert Lafond.

Owing to the necessity of waiting for the arrival of Mrs. Lowry, who had been telegraphed for, funeral arrangements had not been made at our hour of going to press.

Mr. Lafond always took a prominent part in city affairs during his long residence in Little Falls and was known and respected by a great host of friends. One of the pioneers of the state, he had a large number of acquaintances, who will regret to hear the sad news. The friends of the family in this city join in expressing deep sympathy for those bereft of a kind husband and father.

Territorial Pioneers.

The meeting of pioneers of Minnesota territory, held at the Buckman hotel Tuesday, was attended by quite a number of old settlers, and was a pleasant and entertaining affair. Those attending were as follows, the date of birth or of coming to Minnesota being given:

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| N. Richardson, Little Falls..... | 1854 |
| S. P. Fuller " " " " " " " " " " | 1855 |
| H. Hyson, " " " " " " " " " " | 1857 |
| Wm. Pedley, " " " " " " " " " " | 1855 |
| R. Fearing, " " " " " " " " " " | 1854 |
| C. Grest, " " " " " " " " " " | 1855 |
| C. Van Buskirk, " " " " " " " " " " | 1857 |
| F. Tibbitts, " " " " " " " " " " | 1846 |
| P. W. Hayes, " " " " " " " " " " | 1857 |
| Wm. Pedley, " " " " " " " " " " | 1856 |
| D. D. Sheldon, " " " " " " " " " " | 1855 |
| Adam Langer, " " " " " " " " " " | 1854 |
| Leon Houde, " " " " " " " " " " | 1854 |
| J. D. Logan, Royalton..... | 1855 |
| W. T. Lambert, " " " " " " " " " " | 1855 |
| Geo. Geissel, " " " " " " " " " " | 1856 |
| M. L. McClure, " " " " " " " " " " | 1855 |
| G. R. McGee, " " " " " " " " " " | 1855 |
| D. L. Trask, " " " " " " " " " " | 1855 |
| A. A. Morrill, " " " " " " " " " " | 1856 |
| Henry Clark, " " " " " " " " " " | 1856 |
| J. H. Hill, " " " " " " " " " " | 1856 |
| James Green, Swan River..... | 1855 |
| R. Neill, Green Prairie..... | 1857 |

Among the ladies present were: Mrs. James Tanner, Mrs. Richard Neill, Mrs. Wm. Pedley, Mrs. N. Tibbitts, Mrs. D. D. Sheldon, Mrs. R. Fearing.

After the banquet, which was served at 1:30, N. Richardson made some remarks, and acted as toastmaster. He called on Hon. Geo. Geissel, who gave a very entertaining address. Mr. Geissel's family was one of the large number who came to Morrison county through the representations of the famous missionary, Father Pierz, who circulated a pamphlet on the advantages of Minnesota. The Geissel family came to Minnesota from Michigan

in 1856. Mr. Geissel recalled many experiences of former days, and praised the men who had paved the way for the state's greatness.

Hon. Wm. E. Lee, of Long Prairie, vice-president of the state association, said he was glad to meet so many of his old friends. He gave entertaining reminiscences of early days, and said the cosmopolitan character of the state's population had given it the best that was in each nationality. He said all the pioneers should join the association.

Most of the pioneers present made remarks, and all who were not members joined the association. The occasion was an enjoyable one in every way, and it is hoped that future meetings will be as pleasant.

Rev. R. L. Snyder, pastor of the M. E. church, has been called away to Litchfield. There will be no services on Sunday except the Sunday school, Junior and Epworth leagues, which will be held at the usual time.

More news of Morrison county in the Herald each week than in all the other papers combined—and, besides, what interests advertisers—about as much circulation as any other two papers in the county.

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I am a candidate for mayor. I have made no pledge of promise, direct or indirect, to any man, concerning office under the city government. I will suppress gambling if elected.
CHAS. E. VASALY.

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. HARTMON.

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

New Store!
Fresh Goods!

WM. O'SHEA

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

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|------------------------|--------|
| Gold Dust per 100..... | \$2.25 |
| Magnolia do..... | 2.10 |
| Bakers do..... | 1.25 |
| 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, 9 to 50 c. or 15. 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 25 per cent.

WM. O'SHEA, Mgr.

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