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IN PIONEER DAYS

"How I Came to Morrison County."

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As my readers will see, I made a little mistake. The Indian outbreak was in 1862 instead of 1863. It was in July, 1863, that the noted Sioux chieftain, Little Crow, was killed. It was in the summer of 1863 that an intense drouth occurred and lasted until next summer. It was in '63 that we had news of the gallant fighting of our men in the south. That fall the provost marshals of the state made an enrollment of all the male citizens, preparatory to the draft. Resistance was made in some cases, but no serious disturbances took place as in other states.

In the winter of '64 Tom Hayes, William Pedley, Joseph and Frank Houde and I freighted from Anoka to Grand Rapids for the Garson and Whitehead Lumber company. We hauled some flour, but mostly feed for the horses, etc. We had to go to Leech lake, where there was a camp. When we got there one of the firm did not want to give us what he had agreed to, but Tom Hayes persuaded him to in the end. We left some of our freight there, then went on to White Oak Point, camping out one night on the road. At White Oak Point there was a blacksmith, an Indian farmer, a fur trader and a young Indian brave by the name of Beaulieu. There was another quarrel over the price of our goods, but at last everything was settled satisfactorily. We then started back for Leech lake and then for home. Wm. Pedley and I came on ahead. Mr. Pedley was a very fast driver and I determined to keep up with him. We averaged 50 miles a day until Saturday night, when I stopped at the trading post, Twenty-four-mile Creek, and stayed there ever Sunday. Mr. Pedley came on home. I reached home the next Tuesday.

Early in 1864 the regiments which had enlisted in 1861 and had re-enlisted as "veterans" were allowed to come home on a furlough. They were received in their towns with the most lively demonstrations of pride and gratitude and were banqueted and petted as the brave heroes deserved, but were soon called back to their field of duty.

It was in '64 that congress passed the law that 10 sections instead of 6 should be granted to the railroad company. There were taken thus, the odd numbered sections for ten miles on each side of the line and reserving the odd sections in the next ten miles to make up the deficiency where the odd sections of the land on the first ten miles had been sold. By this condition nearly all the odd sections in Morrison county were held to fill the railroad grant. The first district school house was erected here in 1865.

In 1865 was the end of the rebellion. Nearly everyone was crazy with joy when word was received of the surrender of Gen. Lee. And yet hardly was there a home but what was mourning for some departed one, who was destined never to return. Following this good news came the terrible news of our glorious Lincoln's death. This calamity was duly observed in all towns. But these gloomy feelings were soon dispelled by the return of our regiments early in the summer and their muster out at Fort Snelling. As each of these bodies of brave men returned they were received with such ovations and demonstrations of joy as a grateful people could devise. Quietly our soldiers hung up their bruised arms and were soon again absorbed into the body of the people. Minnesota had furnished to the armies of the republic 25,052 men, or about one-seventh of its entire population at the beginning of the war. Of these it is estimated from the best data obtainable that 2500 were killed in battle and died of disease during the war, while probably twice as many received wounds from which they suffered

through life. In her devotion to the cause of the Union our state has a bright record. The state was now almost free from Indian raids during all this year. Only now and then would there be a little skirmish with them.

With the close of the war a new era of prosperity seemed to have begun in the state. Money was plenty, immigration brisk, labor in demand, and real estate advancing.

In 1866 I was hired as farmer for the Indians at Red Lake. I remained there about nine months. From this date on, you all, or most all, remember the most important events. The state progressed very rapidly. In 1879, March the 18th, Little Falls held its first village election. The bill incorporating it as a village was approved Feb. 25, 1879. Those elected were: Leon Houde, president; Peter Medved, trustee; O. A. Churchill, recorder; John Wetzel, treasurer; James McCauley, justice. On the 21st of March the council held its first meeting. It appointed Jerry Root marshal. In 1876, after three different men trying, H. C. Stivers began the publication of the Little Falls Transcript, and it has since continued. So at last Morrison county was not without a newspaper. In a few years after others were started.

Now, as I realize how long I have tried the patience of my readers in relating of the days so long gone by, I will close this narrative. All is so changed now that the young of today will hardly realize the hardships that their pioneer relatives had to endure, and yet with the hardships there are many things that makes the old timer sigh for the good old times. Now, having related to the best of my ability a few events of pioneer days, I will dry my pen and bid you all good-bye.

St. Cloud Times: J. E. Hayden, formerly of Little Falls, has accepted a position with the J. Niels Lumber company at Sauk Rapids, as a scaler.

Chas. Latham was in Perham Tuesday, figuring on moving the Merchant's hotel there onto the street while the new brick building is being erected.

The Kickapoo Indian Medicine Co. will remain in Little Falls until next Tuesday, closing Monday night. They are giving some fine entertainments each night.

The Herald does not publish anonymous communications. If the Buckman town writer who sent us a letter this week, will send us his name, the letter will be published.

Long Prairie Leader: Harry Sprague dropped down from the west Saturday on a visit over Sunday, leaving again Monday for Sanborn, N. D., where he has accepted a new position, and a good one he says. Mrs. Sprague will remain here awhile longer.

Royalton seems to be republican headquarters for Morrison county. I. W. Bouck of that place was made district president of the republican league clubs, and J. H. Russell, also of Royalton, was made a delegate to the national club convention at Omaha.

Sidney (Wash.) Independent: The Herald, of Little Falls, Minn., in a recent issue, contains a report that John Gorst, who recently started for the Klondike, was drowned in the Yukon. This is far from the truth. Mr. Gorst and his companions, Chas. Ainsworth and John W. Gorst, are now at the lakes.

Walker Pioneer: Miss Minnie Adams, of Little Falls, has rented the first floor of the Quam building and put in one of the finest lines of milliner's goods this side of the large cities. She has already made several sales and hopes to do a thriving business here. Indications are that her expectations will be realized.

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A GOOD MAN GONE

Casper Schmitt Passed Away Yesterday Morning.

THE DEATH OF WM. WALLING

An Investigation Shows That There Was No Foul Play.

Casper Schmitt, one of the best known and most popular young men of Little Falls, died yesterday morning at 9:15 o'clock, of consumption, after a long illness, aged 34 years. He was unconscious at the time of his death.

Although everyone had known for some months that there was no hope for Casper, yet the news of his death was received with great sorrow. He had been compelled by ill health to give up active business about a year ago, and since had been at Hot Springs, Ark., and tried various treatments, in a vain effort to be restored to health.

Mr. Schmitt came to Little Falls from Chaska about fifteen years ago, and engaged in the blacksmithing business. He was a faithful, prompt and efficient workman, and built up a large and lucrative business. The shop is now run by Chas. Brannen, under lease.

Mr. Schmitt leaves a wife and two little boys—one about four years old and one a year old. He was a member of St. Joseph's society, and the Modern Woodmen, in which latter order he carried \$2,000 insurance in favor of his children. He was for many years a member of local bands and of the fire department. He served one term as alderman at large. Honest and genial, he had a multitude of friends, who will deeply deplore his death, and extend to the bereaved family their sincere sympathy. Mr. Schmitt's mother, two brothers and two sisters live at Chaska.

Mr. Schmitt owned considerable property and leaves his family in good circumstances.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been fully completed, but the burial will take place at his old home, Chaska. There will probably be services tomorrow at the German Catholic church. A delegation from the St. Joseph's society and from the Modern Woodmen will escort the remains to Chaska.

NO FOUL PLAY.

Accident Caused John Walling's Death.

BRainerd, March 27.—Friends of Wm. Walling, who met a horrible death on Norway brook, near Pine river, the first of the week, have just returned to this city on their way to Royalton, where Walling lived, after giving the matter a thorough investigation, and it has been proved beyond a doubt that there was no foul play connected with the affair, as at first supposed.

The information brought by them is that Walling had started on Saturday to move his headquarters to Lake Hattie, and had with him a pair of blankets and a cant hook. Reaching Norway brook, where he had a small pile of logs banked, he began to roll them into the river, the logs being frozen to the ground.

He put the hook into one, and in endeavoring to loosen it the hook broke and he fell and two logs rolled onto him, pinning him to the ground, one log lying across his hips and the other lower down. With his pocket knife he dug the frozen ground until he had made a hole which let his body into it, releasing the weight of the log farthest up on his body, but exhausted himself, and was unable to proceed in the same manner to get the other log loose. With the log across him he lay until Monday afternoon without food or water, and suffering untold agony. A trapper found him in this condition and released him

and, after relating his experience, he died, only living a short time after assistance arrived.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. O. Schuk, March 23d, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Townsend, March 29th, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Nels Oman, March 25, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. August Weber, March 24, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wojec, March 16, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Guinn, March 28, a daughter.

It is understood that the fight for the republican nomination for senator in this district is now on.

The last number of the War Cry, contains a good picture of Drum-Sergeant Rogers, of the local Salvation Army corps.

Lakeland Cor. Stillwater Messenger: Homer Hutchins and Fred Bahneran left here for Little Falls Monday, where they will spend the summer.

Those suffering with disease of long standing, will do well to consult the genuine Kickapoo Indian medicine man now at the opera house. Consultation and advice free.

St. Cloud Journal Press: Chas. Loid-oldt of North Prairie is in the city and will be joined by his brother, Joseph, of Wisconsin. They will open up a farm in Benton county purchased last fall of C. L. Alwood. The newcomers are cousins of Dr. J. C. Boehm.

This is Tough.

Long Prairie Leader: Editor Vasaly, of The Herald, was elected mayor of Little Falls last week against one of the leading attorneys of that city. Of the two evils the people probably thought it best to choose the least.

THIS IS TOUGHER.

Sleepy Eye Herald: Editor Chas. E. Vasaly, of the Little Falls Transcript, was elected mayor of his town the other day. The contest was a hot one and we congratulate our brother in his success.

Joined the Majority.

Sumas (Wash.) News: Under this heading appeared the following, which we take from the Vancouver World. It is a just tribute to a good woman and expresses the feelings of the people of this community: The numerous friends of T. F. Truswell, the obliging postmaster at Huntington, B. C., will regret to learn of the death of his wife, which sad event occurred at their home in that village on the night of Saturday, the 5th inst. The deceased had been ill for some time, she being a victim of that fell disease, consumption, and although it became certain that she could not recover, yet the end was not expected so soon. It was the intention of her husband to send her to a more suitable climate, but his plans in this respect were in vain, as death stepped in and claimed her for its own ere they could be carried out. When the announcement of her passing away was made it came as a shock to her friends in and about Huntington, and the announcement we make today we are certain will be received with general regret wherever Mrs. Truswell was known. She bore her illness with Christian fortitude, she being a devout follower of the Great Master and the Divine Healer, and had no fear whatever of death. She leaves behind her to mourn her loss a devoted husband and two little children, for whom the sympathy of the community in that vicinity will be extended in this, their hour of great sorrow. She was an affectionate wife and a tender and devoted mother. The funeral services were held at the house by the Rev. A. Miller, and the remains were taken to New Westminster for interment in the Episcopal cemetery, at Sapperton, where the Rev. Mr. Sidrick officiated when the last and rites were paid to her remains, as they were laid at rest, to await the great awakening.

COMMENCEMENT DAY

Date of High School Exercises Set for May 27th.

SIX CONSTITUTE THE CLASS

Three Young Women and Three Young Men Will Orate.

The graduating exercises of the class of '98, Little Falls High School, will be held at Gross Opera House, Thursday evening, May 27th. The class consists of three young women and three young men. They will all deliver orations. The names of the young people and subjects chosen for orations, are as follows:

Marie Richard—"Mary, Queen of Scots."

Grace Mahan—"Savonarola."

Nettie Carley—"Music."

Ernest Merick—"Bulwarks."

Leigh Tanner—"Battle of Gettysburg."

Henry Guerin—"Government Ownership of Railroads."

The colors of the class are purple and green. The motto has not yet been chosen. The young people composing the class have done good work and will certainly acquit themselves well on Commencement Day.

The class of '99—the juniors—will present patriotic exercises at the high school on the afternoon of May 26th.

Geo. Hall, late of Green Prairie, purchased the confectionery business of John Olson, in the Vasaly block, and took possession Monday.

St. Francis Cor. Anoka Union: Michael Cleary, who for some years past has been located at Little Falls, and connected with railroad business, is here for a visit to his brother James Cleary, our enterprising merchant.

pleased with the progress our town has made since he used to make it his headquarters.

Chicago Record (26th): In passing on the Rogers Park water yesterday Judge Haney held that, regardless of an ordinance passed by a municipality fixing water rates to be charged by a private water company, to remain unchanged for thirty years and as an inducement to put in the works, a subsequent council of the municipality can reduce those rates so long as the reduction is reasonable. The case will go to the supreme court.

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Died. Mrs. Addie Bridgman died at her home in the northern part of the city at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness, aged 32 years and 9 months.

Mrs. Bridgman had been sick since last fall, and had suffered much. She was at the hospital part of the winter, and was then taken back home about two months ago. Death had been momentarily expected, and came to relieve the sufferer. Mrs. Bridgman was held in high regard by her friends. She leaves a husband—W. E. Bridgman—and three children—a girl about eleven years of age, a boy of about eight, and a boy a little over a year old.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Episcopal church of which Mrs. Bridgman was a communicant, Rev. A. A. Joss, officiating, and the remains laid to rest in Oakland.

Mrs. Joseph Zormeier, wife of a

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prominent farmer of Buckman, died last Sunday at 4:15 a. m., of consumption. The funeral took place yesterday morning from the church at Buckman. The bereaved husband and family, together with a large number of relatives, have the sympathy of all.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank all the friends of my wife, especially the ladies of St. Anne's Guild, for their kindness and aid during my wife's illness.

W. E. BRIDGMAN.

Saturday evening, April 2nd. Ladies' society of the Norw. Luth. church will give a charity sociable at Nels Pederson's house, corner 7th ave. and 7th st. northeast.

The minstrel performance which was to have been given Easter Monday has been indefinitely postponed.

The City band will give their 5th and last concert of the season Easter Monday, April 11, followed by a grand ball. Music for the dance furnished by Folsom's orchestra of seven men. Tickets to concert, 25 cents; to dance, 75 cents. Concert will begin at 8 o'clock sharp.

Alphonse Cormier, an experienced baker from Chicago, has opened a restaurant and bakery in the building east of Marotte's saloon on Broadway. Fresh pies and cakes will be kept constantly on hand. Fruit and wedding cakes made to order. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Give Mr. Cormier a call. The new establishment will be ready for business tomorrow morning.

Our flours are sold directly to consumers. We guarantee satisfaction, or money refunded.

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On Saturday night, at the Kickapoo show, Prof. Miller will again present his great trunk mystery. Come and see this greatest trick of the age. Admission 10 cents.

Smoke the famous Pine Tree cigar. "Long as your arm." 5 cents.

For quick rising, moist and sweet bread, Wild Rose, is the best.

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