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From Siberia.

John Sehr, formerly of this county, who has been doing considerable traveling in various parts of the world, has written to his half brother, John Philippi of Pierz, from Siberia, under date of Oct. 27th (Russian time Oct. 14th). Following are extracts from the letter: HARBIN, SIBERIA, October 27th, 1902, (Oct. 14th, Russian Time)

DEAR BROTHER: The last letter I wrote you was dated from Hamburg, Germany. Today I write you from Harbin, Siberia. It was a long and tiresome trip. I was on the train for 26 days. I could not understand the language. I bought a German-Russian dictionary, but it did not help me much. I was surprised to find so fine a country and the people so far back in civilization. The large places I did not see, as I traveled through the northern part and it took 13 days to go through Russia. There was plenty of snow and good sleighing. After crossing the Ural mountains the climate was much milder and warmer, although we were in Siberia. To Irkutsk where formerly the convicts and outlaws were sent, it took us seven days. The land is all prairie, same as in Dakota. It is good land for wheat, and stock raising is very profitable and not colder than in North Dakota, but more wood. The land near the railroad is mostly all settled. If the farmers had the machinery they have in America they would make money. The farmers cut their grain with a cradle. With the machinery America has Russia, or Siberia, would harvest twice as much grain as America does. Irkutsk is about in the same latitude as Dawson City, Klondike, but not so cold. The inland sea, Lake Baikal, was not frozen over last winter until in January. It is about 200 miles long and 40 miles wide at the widest place. Travelers in Siberia must carry bed clothes with them and make their beds on the floor of the cars. They also have a tea kettle and tea and sugar. Tea and whisky are the only drinks used. Hot water travelers can get at every station. The trains stop at every station long enough to give them time to make tea. Sausage and meat, chickens can also be bought. Eating and drinking is done after the train has started. The people in Siberia are very religious. One will find an altar with

pictures of saints and burning candles in each depot. When a traveler passes an altar he makes the cross or if the train passes a church the people get up and make the cross as long as they can see the church. The most of the people have no education. I have come over the Yellow sea, the Blue sea, the Black sea and the Red sea, but I did not see any difference in the water. People living in America have no idea of the life and habits in other countries. When I went to Japan last year I was very much surprised, but I have since been in places in Europe, where people are still more ignorant. Newspapers are very few and they don't bring much news. When newspapers come from foreign countries, they are carefully looked over before they are delivered and if there is any news that does not suit the officers that part of the paper is blackened with ink, so that it can not be read. As I hear the "Boxers" in China are on the war path again. A few days ago they attacked or Russian ship and also destroyed a station near Port Arthur. I have been in Harbin eight days. I met an old German that has been here for 27 years. I have got quite a lot of information from him. From what I hear and see the convicts are not treated as badly as is generally believed. They are scattered all over Siberia. Every traveler must have a passport and when you go to a hotel you are asked for your passport. The convicts have a passport for Siberia only. They are not allowed to leave Siberia. Here you can find the lowest and most degraded people in the empire, robbers, murderers and thieves. When on the train the conductor comes every evening and tells you to take care of your baggage and money. The convicts were on an island named Saghalien. The old German told me that a year ago there were 500 there and in spring they were mostly all gone. They killed and robbed one another, others hung themselves, and some run away over the ice. They have to work in mines and such go so much to do every day and if he does not do that he will be punished or get a flogging. There have been a great many women sent to Siberia, the old German tells me, and when they come the men all want a wife. He tells me that he has had three wives but has sent them all away, because they are no

good. Whatever he committed and for what he was banished I don't know. He told me he had a wife and children at home and they were financially well fixed. He tells me that he has to go back to Russia now, but his term is over and that he has made application for a passport home. He also tells me that he has earned plenty of money but spent it, because a man that has money is not safe of his life. I thought that the gold mines here were paying, but find out now I was mistaken, I am told that in Manchuria there is gold, but the Russian government will not let gold seekers in. The news among the people here is that there will be war between Russia and Japan before long. Don't write to me until you get a letter from me. I don't know where I will go to from here.

JOHN SEHR.

C. A. Parish has moved here from Nashua, Ia.

Sank Rapids Sentinel: Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson will leave here in a few days for their farm in Morrison county.

The fortieth annual session of the Minnesota Educational Association will be held in St. Paul Dec. 31st, Jan. 1st and 2d. County Superintendent J. H. Seal will give an address on "What the Present Demands of Us."

Benedict Cor. Jordan Independent: The fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hartmann of Pierz, was celebrated at the home of Val. Hartmann, last Sunday. A large number of friends and relatives had gathered, all enjoying themselves till a late hour.

Christmas Sale. A beautiful assortment of useful and fancy articles will be displayed tomorrow in the store adjoining the First National Bank, by the ladies of St. Catharine's Guild. Among the many dainty things offered will be picture frames, work bags, lunch cloths, towels, aprons, handkerchiefs, sofa pillows, home made candies and food will also be sold. Come early.

McGREGORS WIN.

Journal Press: Judge Searle of the district court has just signed findings in the Morrison county realty case of Emma and Peter Blair vs. Minneapolis Threshing Machine company, F. E. Kenaston, D. F. and Sarah McGregor, John A. and Margaret McGregor and C. A. and Evangelina Lindbergh, involving title to 240 acres of land in Morrison county. The decision is very voluminous, but holds in effect that the deed given by the Blairs to the McGregors is a mortgage; that there was no agreement to release the mortgage on the payment of \$300 as claimed by the plaintiffs. The court holds that the McGregors shall have the property unless the plaintiffs pay to them the sum of \$1,700, and that the indebtedness to C. A. Lindbergh, is \$3,393. The McGregor mortgage is a secondary lien against the property to that of the Lindbergh claim. The land is valued at possibly \$5,500. The threshing company is practically eliminated from the proceeding by the decision. Stewart & Brower appeared as attorneys for McGregors, E. P. Adams for the Blairs and A. P. Blanchard appeared nominally as attorney for Lindbergh.

Married

Dassel Anchor: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Holm at Litchfield, was the scene of a pretty little home wedding Thanksgiving in which P. E. Oliver of this village and Miss Lea Schuetz of New Ulm, were the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Stone of the Presbyterian church in the presence of a very few of the close friends of the bride and groom. The parlors were prettily trimmed with chrysanthemums and ferns. After the ceremony the party sat down to a wedding dinner and spent an hour in extending to the happy couple best wishes and congratula-

tions for a happy wedding life.

The bride has been a teacher in the Litchfield public schools for the past two years and has made many close friends among the citizens of that village. In her home town she is deservedly popular and respected by all who know her.

The groom has been the efficient manager of the McCoy Pharmacy in this village for the past eighteen months and also highly respected and popular. His friends here will sincerely congratulate him on his marriage and welcome his wife to a home among them.

Howard Lake Cor. Buffalo Journal: One of the prettiest and most formal weddings took place at the Presbyterian church on Thanksgiving day at 2 o'clock when Dr. Luther Davis was united in marriage to Miss Mae Staples.

The church was beautifully decorated and was filled with friends of the couple, a tribute to their popularity. After the short but impressive ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride. They left Monday for Dalton, Minn., where the groom is a practicing physician. The best wishes of their many friends are extended.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Gravel, Dec. 7th, a son.

J. Macusker has recovered from the eye trouble which bothered him for a while. It was due to smoking, and Mr. Macusker has given up the cherished cigar.

J. C. Flynn was in the city the first of the week. He confirmed the reports as to discovery of iron ore on state land leased by himself, Dr. Road of Hibbing and A. M. Chisholm of Duluth. The drill is down 260 feet and a very fine body of ore was discovered. Further drilling will be necessary to determine the extent of the vein. Mrs. Flynn is going south for the winter and Mr. Flynn will not be in Little Falls much of the time before spring.

This issue of The Herald contains twenty pages, including a great deal of matter appropriate to the season and much holiday advertising. The advertisements are worth careful reading. Christmas shoppers can get anything they want from the great stocks and assortments carried by the advertisers.

Jas. Frazier, who has had considerable trouble with his eyes, is improving greatly.

The timber examiners for Indian reservations in this state have been appointed. There is no Morrison county republican on the list.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Foster of Staples have gone to Juniata, Neb., where they were called by the illness of Chas. Newsham. Mrs. Foster's father.

Fred Schilpin, whose term as sheriff of Stearns county expires Jan. 1, has bought a half interest in the St. Cloud Times. He will have charge of the business management, while Mr. McDonald continues as editor. Mr. Schilpin was formerly with the Times, and in him Mr. MacDonald will find an efficient coadjutor.

F. F. Cawley attended a meeting of the Central Minnesota Miller's club at St. Cloud this week. The territory covered by the association is divided into districts and the St. Cloud-Sauk Centre-Little Falls territory was given a new price for the output of its mills, and this price is said to be 20 cents per barrel lower than recent figures. The St. Cloud Times says that among the objects of the meeting was to "settle the difficulties existing at Little Falls," but as two of the local mills were not represented, nothing was done. The next meeting will be at Little Falls in March.

WANTED—SHOW CASES. Prefer 8 ft by 15 inches. Inquire Herald.

PRETTY GIFT THINGS FOR CHILDREN.



Pretty dolls dressed and undressed 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50, 75c, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

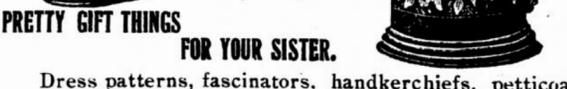
Silver mugs 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Rockers and other chairs, 25, 50, 75c. All kinds of pretty tin toys 5, 10, 15, 25c. Solid iron trains 10, 25, 50, 75c, \$1.00.

Drums 10, 20, 25, 50, 75, \$1.00. Bread and milk sets 25, 35, 50c.

Cups and saucers 10, 12, 15, 25c. All kinds of toy books for the little ones at 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25c.

Pretty gift things for your brother.

Albums, story books, prayer books, razors, shaving mugs, box writing paper, gold pens, rings, scarf pins. These are all sensible things. These are only a few of the hundreds of pretty gifts we have for you, and you are welcome to look them over whether you buy or not.



PRETTY GIFT THINGS FOR YOUR SISTER.

Dress patterns, fascinators, handkerchiefs, petticoats, dress and walking skirts, silver knives and forks, silver spoons, story books, toilet sets. All these are nice presents for your sister, and at from 50c to \$2.00. This is a small amount for a big present.



PRETTY THINGS IN THE CHINA STORE.

This store has credit for placing many pretty things in the homes of Morrison county people. You will always find everything you want in pretty pieces of china here.

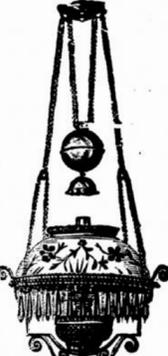
Bon-bon dishes, cups and saucers, pretty 4-piece sets, cabinets, bread and butter plates, cake plates, ice relishes, bread plates, and all the new things in odd pieces of china.

THE TOMELTY STORE NEWS.

PRETTY GIFT THINGS FOR YOUR MOTHER.

The mother of the house has toiled and worked for the family all the year; now you must all join and make mother happy by giving her one of these pretty gifts.

A dinner set of pretty dishes \$10.00 to \$20 and any price between.



A pretty lamp for the parlor, sitting room or dining room \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50.

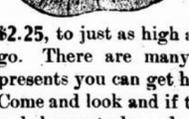


A pretty water set of 1 jug, 6 glasses and a nice tray at \$1.25 \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.95.

A nice dress pattern from \$2.50 to \$10.00 and any price between.



A dress or walking skirt \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3.00 to \$5.00.



A nice black sateen petticoat at \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.50.

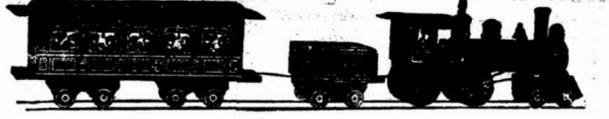


A nice album or toilet case \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25, to just as high as you want to go. There are many other sensible presents you can get here for a mother. Come and look and if this isn't the best and cheapest place, don't buy.

Pretty Gift Things for Father.

Here is your chance to get even with father for all the good things he done for you in the past year. A nice smoking set 50c, 75c, \$1.00 \$1.50. A nice album \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25. A nice traveling companion with comb, brush, soap box, tooth brush, nail brush and all the other little things that a man wants on a journey \$1.75, \$1.95 and \$2.25. A nice necktie or muffler 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Come in and see the many other things suitable to give your father for a Christmas.

The Christmas toy store is ready. The



largest and most complete in the city.



You need not buy because you look, or keep because you buy.



Toys, toys everywhere; such wonderful toys as you never saw all together before. Many that Santa Claus never saw before; wonderful things that boys and girls never dreamed of. The whole assortment is ready; the greatest collection the season will produce.




Tomelty's is the place of all places for children to come to see things before writing letters to Santa Claus. Parents and children all welcome alike at this store. Over 6,300 feet of floor space devoted to toys alone in this big store. It's as good as a circus to see the children enjoy themselves here; and the parents enjoy it as well. This store has gift giving things for every member of the family.