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A MONUMENT TO PIKE

To Commemorate Explorer who Built Fort Near Here in 1805

Representative H. A. Rider has introduced a bill providing for the building of a monument to Zebulon M. Pike on the west bank of the Mississippi opposite Pike Rapids in Morrison county. The bill provides that the historical society shall be authorized to prepare the plans and specifications for the monument and direct the construction of the monument.

The bill appropriates \$1,000 for the monument, which is to be erected where the explorer built a fort in October, 1805, not far south of Little Falls.

Zebulon Montgomery Pike was a native of New Jersey. Years after his visit to the valley of the Mississippi, he became a general and was killed at the battle of York in the War of 1812.

It was under the order of General Wilkinson that Lieutenant Pike visited Minnesota, the primary object being to expel the British traders who were violating the laws and to form alliances with the Indians. It is said of Pike that during the day he would perform the part of surveyor, geologist and astronomer, and at night, though hungry and fatigued, and with enthusiasm kept him awake until he copied the notes and plotted the courses of the day.

On October 16, 1805, Pike's expedition reached the rapids named after him, near this city. He says in his journal of the expedition:

"When we arose in the morning, found that snow had fallen during the night, the ground was covered and it continued to snow. This, indeed, was but poor encouragement for attacking the rapids, in which we were certain to wade to our necks. I was determined, however, if possible, to make Crow Wing the highest point was made by traders in their canoes. We embarked and after four hours work became so benumbed with cold that our limbs were perfectly useless. We put to shore on the opposite side of the river, about two-thirds of the way up the rapids. Built a large fire, and then discovered that our boats were nearly half full of water, both having sprung large leaks so as to oblige me to keep three hands bailing. My sergeant, Kennerman, one of the stoutest men I ever knew, broke a blood vessel and vomited nearly two quarts of blood. One of my corporals also had trouble."

After giving up, owing to the condition of the men, the plan of proceeding north at once, Pike says:

"In the evening I went out upon a small, but beautiful creek, which emptied into the Mississippi, for the purpose of selecting pine trees to make canoes. I saw five deer and killed one buck weighing 137 pounds. By my leaving men at this place and from the great quantity of game in its vicinity I was enabled plenty of provisions for my return voyage. In the party left behind was one hunter, to be continually employed, who would keep our stock of salt provisions good."

Pike says of the blockhouse he built: "Enclosed my little work completely with pickets. Hauled up my two boats and turned them over on each side of the gateways, by which means a defence was made to the river, and had it not been for various political reasons, I would have laughed at the attack of 300 or 1000 savages, if all my party were with me."

The location of Pike's fort was on the west bank of the Mississippi about fifty rods below the rapids. The stockade was built on the summit of the bank, and was about 85 feet square. Until comparatively recent years, the spot was easily identified. N. Richardson says that in the early days of the county the decaying logs of the stockade were still visible.

In December Pike and some of his men went north and reached what is now Cass Lake on Jan. 20th. Here he visited a Canadian trader named Roy, father of the late Peter Roy of this city. Pike then returned to his fort, from which frequent expeditions were made, and on April 7th broke camp and left the region, never to return. Pike was the first American officer to visit the region of the upper Mississippi. The proposal to mark the centenary of his visit by erecting a monument on the site of his fort is a commendable one.

Ole Lyane, who visited here when his sister, Mrs. S. M. Siverts, lived here, died at Northfield last week.

John Batters is back from the Sullivan Lake region, where he has been hunting and trapping during the winter.

Rev. O. A. Williams of Minneapolis will speak on Home Missions Sunday morning and evening at the Baptist church.

D. M. Lachance and Ed. Marchand will contest for the city championship for fast skating in a 3 mile race at the roller rink Saturday night, March 25th.

Mrs. Anna Johnson, wife of Rev. Chas. Johnson of Green Prairie died yesterday morning of pneumonia. The funeral will be held from the home tomorrow.

NOTICE, SONS OF VETERANS.

All whose names are on the muster roll of the proposed camp of Sons of Veterans are requested to meet at the city hall Monday evening, March 27. Mustering Officer A. E. Veon of Brainerd will be in attendance. Don't forget the date.

Committee.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

MORRISON COUNTY ASSOCIATION WILL MEET TOMORROW.

The Morrison County Teachers' Association will meet at the high school building in this city tomorrow evening. A good program has been prepared, which will include an address by Dr. Colgrove of the St. Cloud Normal school. Following is the program:

Duet Misses Mueke
Paper—Language Work for Beginners Mrs. Belle Flood
Discussion Miss Stevens
Paper—How to Interest Pupils in Good Literature

Discussion Miss Clara Blanchard
Paper—Aids for Enthusiasm; part one, Miss Knill, part two Miss I. Heath
Discussion J. A. Mowan
Paper, How to Acquaint Pupils with the Dictionary

Discussion Miss Elizabeth Skoog
Address M. E. Barnes
Address Dr. Colgrove

J. Smuda of Platte is at the hospital ill with typhoid fever.

The new Dalstrom bakery on Second street was opened Tuesday.

Mrs. John Smuda of Platte died of cancer at the hospital Tuesday.

\$1,200 to loan on city or farm property. Sam Trebby.

The ladies of the W. R. C. will give an oyster supper in Maurin's hall tonight, from 5:30 to 8 o'clock. Tickets for supper 25c each.

Henry Venners has moved his cigar factory to the room south of Bracke's store, and will put a stock of confectionery in his old location, with G. C. Raymond in charge.

Port Orchard, Wash., Independent: Mrs. V. C. Gorst and son and Clinton Ainsworth left on Thursday for Goldfield, Nevada to join Mr. Gorst, who went there several weeks since.

Robert Kluge and family left Monday for Portland, Ore., near where Mr. Kluge intends to start a chicken ranch. He has been an employe of the Pine Tree Co. for some time.

For a piano go to the Cable Co., No. 63 1st Ave. southeast. Remember you have no middlemen's profits to pay. You buy direct from the factory for cash or small monthly payments.

Some improvements have been made in the Folsom music store, which will make the acoustics much better, and make the popular "evening concerts" more popular than ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gauthier and family, Mrs. Joe Butler, Chas. Hall and two sons, left Tuesday for Snohomish, Wash., where they will locate. Sam Gauthier has been at Snohomish during the winter.

It is a historical fact that the last time buffalo were ever seen in a wild state east of the Mississippi, was in July, 1820, when the Cass expedition saw two herds of buffalo on the east side of the river near the neighborhood of Little Falls.

Department Commander C. F. Macdonald of the Minnesota G. A. R. has announced the re-appointment of Orton E. Clark as Assistant Adjutant General. Dura Corbin of Little Falls is appointed a member of the Committee on Sons of Veterans.

Abe Van Praag, who is now on the road for the Lauritzen Malt Co. of Minneapolis, was in the city Tuesday. The article sold is non-intoxicating malt extract, and a large trade has been developed. Mr. Van Praag is selling the extract by the carload in several places.

The roll of the dead during 1904 in the Minnesota G. A. R., read at the recent meeting showed three of Workman Post No. 51, Little Falls—William Thoms, Private Co. I, 8th Minn. Inftry; Jan. 16th, Louis Vassaly, Private Co. A, 10th U. S. Inftry; May 3d, and Henry Charon, Private Co. G, 2d Minn. Inftry, Nov. 27th. Post 157 of Royalton lost one member, Chas. D. Hunter, Private Co. D, 6th Minn. Inftry, on Dec. 27, and Post 161 of Motley lost Albert J. Warner on July 31st.

"A Royal Slave," which comes to the opera house for one night, April 23d, only, is to be one of the real events of the theatrical season in this city. Of all the romantic dramas seen last season, few were as well received as Gordon & Bennett's beautiful production of the Southland. It is not only unusual in dramatic construction, but is magnificent in its scenic investiture, every piece of scenery used in the production being carried by the company.

We have received the first number of "The Law of Rights," the quarterly edited and published by Charles A. Lindbergh of this city. Mr. Lindbergh advances some very progressive ideas in this publication, ideas which will be educational to many, and presented in this form, will be of value. He sees, what more and more advanced thinkers must perceive, that there is a deplorable waste of energy in the present economic constitution of society, and that concentrated effort under better direction, is becoming a necessity. Mr. Lindbergh proposes a partial "solution" of the problem and whether it will be successful will be seen in the future. At any rate, the "Law of Rights" is thought-stimulating and can be profitably read.

THE LOWER TOWN WINS

Judge Baxter Decides Pierz Village Trustees in Wrong

Judge Baxter on Monday decided in favor of the plaintiffs in the case against the Village of Pierz, in which was involved the sale of the village hall at Pierz and its removal to the upper part of the village from lower town. A year ago the village government passed into the hands of the upper town men. Recently the village hall was sold, and it is claimed the intention was to move it and then buy it back. Several lower town business men asked for an injunction, and the case came into the district court at the last term. The decision sustains the contentions of the lower town people. At the election last week the lower town people and part of the north town combined and defeated the officers whose action precipitated the litigation. Lindbergh & Blanchard represented the village officers, and J. N. True the plaintiffs. Following is the decision.

The judge finds as facts: 1. That except as hereinafter stated all of the allegations and statements contained in the complaint herein are true in all respects as in said complaint set forth.

2. That the land upon which the village hall in controversy stands is deemed to said village by good and sufficient deed of conveyance for a valuable consideration as alleged in the answer in this action.

3. That a petition as alleged in said answer, and of the character therein alleged, was presented to the village council of said defendant village as in said answer set forth.

4. That except as hereinafter set forth none of the allegations contained in the pleading in this action are sustained by the evidence.

As conclusions of law he finds: 1. That the plaintiffs are entitled to the relief by them demanded in said complaint.

2. That the plaintiffs are entitled to recover of the defendants their costs and disbursements herein, including ten dollars attorneys fees.

And judgment is hereby ordered accordingly.

By the Court.
L. L. Baxter,
District Judge.

Note—The complaint in this action is quite lengthy, but the allegations of facts are not numerous, and are, in my opinion, fully sustained by the evidence, except in some unimportant particulars.

It is not necessary at this time to determine whether the village council of the village of Pierz possess the power to dispose of the city halls property belonging to said village without the approval of a majority of the legal voters thereof; and I have, therefore, not considered that question.

My decision in favor of the plaintiff is based solely upon the ground that the steps taken, and acts done by the officers of said village and those acting with them in the attempt to dispose of or move said village hall were unwarranted and illegal; even if under the statutes of this state a village council can, without the approval of the taxpayers and voters of the village, dispose of the real property belonging to such village particularly when, as in this case, the real estate consists of a public building erected and used by such village for its public and official business.

Proceedings on the part of the plaintiff are hereby stayed for a period of twenty days from and after notice to the defendants of the filing of the foregoing order, and the defendants are allowed that time to serve case.

L. L. Baxter,
District Judge.
Dated March 20th, 1905.

MRS. H. L. GORDON SEEKS DIVORCE.

H. L. (Thundering) Gordon, formerly of St. Cloud, now of Los Angeles, Cal., and very well known here, is again having marital troubles. The following is from the Los Angeles Examiner of March 17th:

Mrs. Nellie K. Gordon, yesterday filed a divorce complaint in answer to the suit for divorce filed by Colonel H. L. Gordon February 26th, last. The colonel gave statutory grounds as the cause of his action and his wife makes similar charges.

"I dislike publicity," said Colonel Gordon last night, "but now that the matter has come before the public I desire that the truth should be known."

Colonel Gordon alleges that ex-Governor Gage and Attorney W. J. Foley, attorneys representing Mrs. Gordon, ask for \$10,000 attorneys' fees. He stated that an injunction had been served against his property thus embarrassing his business.

"On February 21st Mrs. Gordon confessed her error," said the colonel. "On February 23d I left the house and have never returned. I will not be imposed upon."

Mrs. Gordon has two sisters, Mollie and Virginia Kennedy. Mollie is living with Mrs. Gordon at 1518 St. Andrew's place. Virginia lives with her mother. Colonel Gordon's eldest son, Huntly Gordon, has a half interest in the Hamman Baths. His daughter, Mary L. Gordon, is the wife of Elie Brassy, on West Seventh street.

Gordon lives with his brother, Huntly Gordon, at the Roosevelt Hotel on South Figueroa street.

Colonel Gordon has been married three times. His first wife died. His second wife was divorced. He married his third wife in Chicago. July 16, 1892.

SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT AND TAX RATE.

The March school apportionment has been completed by County Auditor Butler. The apportionment includes, in addition to the state apportionment, the one mill tax, the special tax, miscellaneous, and, in some cases, state loan interest.

Independent district No. 3 of Little Falls receives \$12,865, which includes \$912.19 from one mill tax, \$9,291.22 from special tax, \$1721.89 from miscellaneous and \$911.20 from state apportionment. In addition to the apportionment, the tax rate in each district is given. This tax rate in each instance includes the one mill tax.

No. of Rate Amt.	No. of Rate Amt.	Dist. Mills.	Appor.	Dist. Mills.	Appor.
1	6.74	\$111.07	59	8.8	101.24
2	9.76	331.01	60	11.4	164.75
3	20.69	12,866.00	61	6.1	162.26
4	6.	100.38	62	23.4	117.94
5	9.	264.69	63	10.6	177.65
6	10.	297.17	64	12.	122.19
7	11.3	97.63	65	16.	131.86
8	32.3	183.44	66	5.3	114.08
9	8.	184.06	67	16.	90.76
10	2.6	180.46	68	3.	161.40
11	11.	141.90	69	12.	101.09
12	7.	185.38	70	16.	82.15
13	5.4	100.87	71	18.	189.29
14	8.7	708.78	72	4.	109.37
15	4.4	137.39	73	17.5	322.01
16	7.5	112.85	74	8.5	185.19
17	9.	117.14	75	6.5	116.85
18	11.	99.26	76	16.	84.77
19	1.3	106.38	77	13.	94.00
20	6.	69.13	78	9.	140.55
21	17.4	283.54	79	13.	107.14
22	3.2	119.10	80	13.13	177.85
23	4.2	52.85	81	16.	63.86
24	24.	328.07	82	13.2	116.99
25	5.	188.74	83	9.	104.41
26	20.	180.08	84	14.3	120.63
27	11.1	518.89	85	16.	149.90
28	16.	143.38	86	10.3	107.47
29	6.5	185.00	87	7.5	175.38
30	37.	102.96	88	12.	100.20
31	7.	189.70	89	9.8	131.93
32	6.3	74.23	90	12.5	160.84
33	36.2	345.09	91	18.	131.92
34	16.	45.51	92	14.5	149.81
35	10.8	102.39	93	12.1	322.01
36	10.	321.97	94	11.5	171.00
37	8.6	304.15	95	10.7	125.40
38	4.5	71.15	96	18.7	73.23
39	5.	94.42	97	9.6	113.81
40	20.35	1607.40	98	9.9	119.04
41	16.3	528.63	99	9.	197.24
42	9.5	178.93	100	16.	189.68
43	8.	54.78	101	11.	154.11
44	4.	312.09	102	33.	66.14
45	4.5	154.54	103	12.	45.94
46	4.2	114.18	104	24.3	125.70
47	3.8	116.76	105	16.5	202.79
48	6.3	101.32	106	12.	75.53
49	13.4	185.25	107	21.3	180.19
50	8.5	74.33	108	13.8	105.02
51	7.4	106.06	109	15.8	149.24
52	6.1	170.01	110	9.8	95.74
53	10.2	123.20	111	14.	71.41
54	7.3	83.65	112	13.	64.51
55	6.5	121.18	113	13.	234.76
56	16.	130.58	114	16.	64.63
57	36.	145.86	115	12.	127.75
58	9.	149.98	116	16.	86.23
			117	14.	19.13
			118		39.02

FOR SALE—1000 bushels of seed wheat. S. Trebby.

Mrs. J. Belzer is ill with appendicitis.

Lineman Wm. Adams of St. Cloud was doing some repair work here this week.

Mrs. B. J. Hinkle was removed from the hospital to her home. She is in a serious condition.

Henry Schwank, who has been employed at L. D. Brown's pharmacy, will take a position in St. Paul.

Mrs. Hilda Christensen, widow of the late Chris. Christensen, has been allowed a pension of \$8 per month.

Mrs. John Wetzel was called to Marinette, Wis., by the serious illness of her cousin, Miss Rodabough.

Miss Rose Sellsbury has taken charge of the millinery and ladies' ready-to-wear department in Miller's large store at Staples.

A party of Knights of the Maccohas visited the L. O. T. M. lodge Wednesday evening, carrying refreshments and music with them, and several hours were spent in dancing.

The M. W. A. county convention will be held here April 5th to select delegates to the state camp to be held at Minneapolis in May. The delegates from outside camps will be guests of the Little Falls camp and will be entertained while here.

Geo. Lutens and Miss Rosie Stowell were married at the residence of the bride's parents on Fifth street northeast, Monday evening. Justice Don M. Cameron performing the ceremony. Both are well known young people, who will enter married life with best wishes of many friends.

Morris Times: The many friends in Morris and Stevens county of V. Altrich and family will regret to learn of their removal to Morrison county, this state. They left Tuesday of this week for that county, having rented their home here. Mr. Altrich is the owner of a fine 240-acre farm near Little Falls and he expects to go into the raising of fine stock there. Mr. Altrich and family have been residents of this county for eighteen years. In the earlier years of his residence here he devoted himself to farming, but for some years past he has lived in town and been employed as a carpenter. Mrs. Altrich was very agreeably surprised one day last week at the home of Mrs. A. B. Wells when a number of her lady friends presented her with a handsome chair, the best to be bought in town. It was greatly appreciated, showing the esteem in which she is held by her Morris friends, and through The Times she wishes to again convey her thanks.

THE CITY ELECTION

Cameron, Hunter, LaFond and Hang Win in Contests

The city election Tuesday was a quiet one, there being but three contests. There were 806 votes cast, a very light vote. Following are the names of officers elected:

Mayor—Chas. E. Vassaly.
Clerk—Fred Cary.
Treasurer—Chas. Sylvester.
Justices—D. M. Cameron, W. W. Hunter.

Assessor—Geo. LaFond.
Alderman at Large—Geo. Kiewel.
Alderman First Ward—John Vertin.
Alderman Second Ward—M. J. Bracke.
Alderman Third Ward—John J. Hang.

The contests were for justice, assessor and alderman from the Third ward.

The amendment to the charter was lost, being 70 short of the required three-fifths. There were 418 votes for the amendment, 148 against, and nearly 800 not voting either way. A separate ballot for amendments is evidently necessary.

Following is the official vote:

Names of Candidates	1st Ward	2d Ward	3d Ward	Total	Majority
For Amendment	138	113	74	325	413
No	51	39	21	111	138
Mayor	215	154	95	464	592
City Clerk	234	166	111	511	656
Treasurer	221	152	113	486	632
Chas. Sylvester	221	152	113	486	632
D. M. Cameron	170	145	103	418	569
W. W. Hunter	184	101	83	368	315
L. Gaudet	91	92	41	224	265
Assessor	68	138	56	262	378
Geo. LaFond	85	42	61	188	235
John McDonald	130	21	18	169	201
Peter Vinnig	213	159	108	480	528
Alderman at Large	213	159	108	480	528
Geo. Kiewel	213	159	108	480	528
Ald. First Ward	223	150	114	487	528
John Vertin	223	150	114	487	528
Ald. Second Ward	150	114	83	347	384
M. J. Bracke	150	114	83	347	384
Ald. Third Ward	150	114	83	347	384
John Hang	150	114	83	347	384
T. H. Dewey	150	114	83	347	384

CITY COUNCIL.

The council met Wednesday evening to canvass election returns.

Bill allowed:
W. A. Dow election judge 12.75
J. J. Gross same 12.75
J. Billstein same 12.75
G. C. Raymond same 12.75
John Hoblit same 12.75
W. E. Jacobson same 12.75
E. Bestfeld same 12.75
E. Kastner same 12.75
O. J. Moe same 12.75
A. W. Jones same 12.75
J. F. Johnson same 12.75
J. H. Canfield same 12.75
W