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LETTER FROM CANADA

Former Resident of Pierz Writes from Saskatchewan

Lenora Lake, Sask., June 20, 1906.
Editor Herald: As it is a long time since I wrote my last letter to the Herald, I will let our friends in Pierz and vicinity know that we are yet enjoying the best of health at present. Our crops here are standing very good, and most of the grain will be headed out by July 4th. The rush into Canada is greater than ever. Homesteaders, landseekers, investors and men of the professional business rank, are coming in every day to look over the country and locate a suitable place. This country improves rapidly. Two years ago there was not a house to be seen where the town of Humboldt now stands. Settlers that are coming in here now are coming into a paradise compared to what the first settlers faced that came here into this country three years ago. At that time there was not a house to be seen for miles and miles, but there are settlers all over the country now. Two years ago the settlers here had to go from 100 to 125 miles to the nearest railroad station, but now since the main line from the Canadian Northern railroad is built through here, all these hard times are a thing of the past, and only to be spoken about now.

With best regards to all my friends in Pierz, I will close for this time, hoping that they will have a prosperous crop this year, as we hope the same here. I remain,

Yours respectfully,
John H. Gerwing.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Anton Feig, July 1st, a daughter.

A. P. Blanchard has rented the T. W. Palmer house.

Mrs. Rose Miller took possession of the Cornwell restaurant Saturday. Mrs. Miller is well known as a fine cook, and should do well.

Brainard Dispatch: Miss Lizzie Miller, of Little Falls, and Miss Loumay, of Brainerd, left Saturday night to spend a week in Minneapolis.

The board of public works will meet today to consider the paving proposition, and it will be learned what the prospects are for doing the work this year.

Vernon Brooks, aged 6 years, son of J. L. Brooks of Little Falls town, is at the hospital ill with appendicitis. He will be operated on when strong enough.

Chas. Walling has placed a very fine latest model soda fountain in his pharmacy. It is of white marble and onyx. The stand has a first class location, and should do a good business.

Peter Leon, who is running a store at Lancaster, Kittson county, eleven miles from Hallook, was in the city on the Fourth to see his family. Mr. Leon says crops look well in that region.

President of the council G. M. Kiewel has been looking into methods of street clearing and believes that the present plan of cleaning the paving after a rain injures the paving, as part of the binder is removed. He believes a method of dry sweeping will be needed, such as in use elsewhere.

A deed covering 144 pages was recorded by Register of Deeds Hall recently. It is from the Wisconsin, Minnesota & Pacific Ry. Co. to Robert Mather et al., as trustees for the Rock Island railroad. The deed covers twenty-one counties in northern Minnesota, and the consideration given is simply \$1.

Fred Stewart, formerly of this city, who left here for Brandon, Manitoba, nine years ago, was in the city last week with his wife and two children, for a visit with relatives. Mr. Stewart left Brandon six years ago. Lately he has been living at Gibsonville, on the northern shore of Lake Manitoba, and employed as locomotive fireman on an ore-carrying road. Mr. Stewart says the Canadian country is booming this year, and people are more land crazy than ever. He left afterward for North Dakota, and may move there. Mrs. Stewart and the children will visit her parents in Michigan.

Staples World: Mrs. C. A. Hanson and little daughter, of Little Falls, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson of this township. Mr. Hanson is now traveling on the road for the Giant Grip Shoe Co.

DIED

Mrs. Catharin Secherries, sister of Mrs. P. H. Gross of Los Angeles, Cal., and aunt of Mrs. F. G. Ruth of this city, died at her home at Cold Spring June 29th, age 95 years. She leaves ten children, two brothers and two sisters. She was a native of Luxembourg, Germany.

Thomas Moren, little son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jackson, of the East side, died June 29th, aged 3 years, 4 months, of bronchitis.

If you want the very best wearing materials in yarns, cloth or blankets, take or send your word to Golden Fleece Woolen Mills at Pillsbury, Todd county, and have it made up. Highest market price paid for wool in exchange.

Richard Bros., agents, Little Falls.

Ed. Briese and family visited relatives at Westport.

MARRIED.

Bert W. Lakin and Miss Eleanor F. Schluensener were married Wednesday evening, June 27th, at 8:30 o'clock, in Spokane, Wash., at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. A. L. Ritter. After a short trip to the coast cities, they will go to housekeeping at Bend, Oregon, which will be their future home.

Mrs. Lakin has spent nearly all her life in Little Falls. She is a young lady of most estimable qualities, highly respected, and will be an ideal helpmate to the lucky man who has claimed her as his bride.

Mr. Lakin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lakin of Bellevue, and is well known in Little Falls. He is a popular, energetic young man who has shown exceptional business ability, and is destined to rise. He is in every way deserving of all good fortune, not the least of which is the taking to wife of a fair daughter of Little Falls. Mr. Lakin located at Bend some months ago. Mrs. Lakin went west about two months ago, and has been visiting her sister. The young couple start on their matrimonial journey with the cordial good will and sincere hope of their Little Falls friends that "sunshine may be plenty, clouds but few, years very lengthy, good luck for the two."

Inadvertently the following was omitted from our issue of last week:

MURPHY-KENNEDY—James Murphy and Miss Emma Kennedy were united in the ties of marriage Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock at the church of St. Francis Xavier. The wedding was attended by relatives of the bride and groom. The bride was becomingly gowned for the occasion, the groom wore the conventional black. Archie Kennedy, a brother of the bride, was groomsman for Mr. Murphy. Miss Elizabeth Kennedy attended her sister as bridesmaid. After the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the home of the bride, where a sumptuous breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were made the recipients of a number of valuable presents.

Mr. Murphy is a steady and industrious young man of exemplary habits and character. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kennedy, is an accomplished young lady who has taught school in Morrison county the past five years with perfect success. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy left for the Cities on the 2:15 train where they will spend a week or ten days and from there will go to Tacoma, Wash., where they will make their future home. They have the good wishes of many friends for an unclouded and long enduring wedded life.

Chas. J. Moeglein and Miss Olive Holmstrom were married at the German Catholic parsonage Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Father Altendorf. Mrs. Moeglein is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Holmstrom, formerly of this city, now of Freedheim, and is a young lady of very estimable qualities and traits of character, which have secured for her many warm friends. Mr. Moeglein belongs to one of the best known and most prominent families in the city. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moeglein, always lived here, and is a general favorite and highly esteemed by all who know him as a worthy and deserving young man. Mr. and Mrs. Moeglein have the entire good will of all for a long continued, happy and prosperous wedded life.

For the present they are staying at the Moeglein home, but will occupy the house formerly occupied by Dr. Leffingwell.

WALLACE DISCHARGED

Robert Wallace has returned home. After serving in the army about a year, he deserted. He was captured here and taken to Ft. Snelling. The circumstances concerning the case were such that much sympathy was expressed for Wallace. He was in bad health, had a cancer of the eye, afterward operated on, and soon after his arrest his younger brother died.

A petition asking for clemency for Wallace was circulated and was presented to President Roosevelt by Congressman Buckman a short time ago. The result was the pardon of the young man and his discharge, which is good news to all friends of the family.

BODY OF CIRCUS MAN FOUND IN RIVER

David Smith, of the boom crew, found the dead body of a man floating in the river in the rear of the French Catholic church at Belle Prairie Sunday morning. The body was brought here and was placed in Simonet's morgue. An inquest was decided unnecessary, as the case was one of accidental drowning, and the body was badly decomposed. The body was that of Henry Hoyt, a teamster in the employ of the Gollmar circus, who was drowned at Brainerd June 23rd while bathing. He was aged 35 years. A sister living at Baraboo, Wis., ordered the Brainerd authorities to bury the body when found, and so it was interred in Oakland. The circus offered \$25 reward for the recovery of the body.

CLOSE STORE AT MELROSE

B. Burton and Chas. Woodworth have closed the store at Melrose which they bought some months ago, originally the Melrose Mercantile Co.

The store has done a good business under Mr. Woodworth's management, but is thought better can be done elsewhere and Messrs. Burton and Woodworth will ship the remainder of the stock to another location.

Mr. Woodworth is home for the present. Geo. Moeglein Jr., who has been cashier at the Melrose store, has also returned.

A. R. Davidson and family left this week for their home at Winnipeg.

Cole Not an Old Soldier

Motley, June 28, 1906.

EDITOR HERALD:—I have received several letters from comrades in the south part of the state making inquiries as to the military history of Mr. A. L. Cole. They have read in the Farmers Tribune that among his many splendid qualifications for Governor, that he also belongs to the G. A. R.

I have lived here 25 years. Mr. Cole has been here the most of the time for the last 20 years. I have never heard of it, nor can I find anyone that has. When he came here he was bitterly opposed to granting any more pensions to soldiers and thought that the most of what had been given ought to have been cancelled.

He has changed his politics so often that I have forgotten what party he claimed to belong to at that time, but I know under what head he would have been classed in the sixties. If he still retains the same opinions and is elected the copper industries of the Northwest ought to be well developed.

If you can find out his regiment, etc., please let the comrades know it through the columns of your paper.

Yours truly,
E. R. TUTTLE,
Co. A., 43d Wisconsin.

BOOSTED THE RATES

Fire Insurance Goes up Considerably on Certain Classes

The local fire insurance agents have received notice from Walter Fisher, secretary of the state board of underwriters, that fire insurance rates have been raised as follows:

- 20 per cent on stocks of merchandise.
- 30 per cent on all machine shops, boiler works, foundries, stove works, and on all iron and metal workers.
- 40 per cent on all boot and shoe factories.
- 50 per cent on all paper mills.
- 20 per cent on all terminal elevators. (Not country).
- 30 per cent on all flour mills.
- 15 per cent on all furniture factories.
- 15 per cent on all summer hotels.
- 15 per cent on all saw mills.

The official circular says that experience shows that on the above classes for the last five years the indemnity has been furnished below cost, and the advance is necessary to make those classes pay their just proportion of fire tax. This action has already been taken in the cities and none of the classes named are exempt in this state, except sprinklered risks.

The advance will hold good until such risks can be rerated under schedules which will be more discriminating as between good and poor risks. The rerating will be taken up and pushed as rapidly as possible so that the first advance will not be permanent.

There is a general belief, however, that the companies are seeking to recoup themselves for losses in the San Francisco fire, and local people protest that rates are too high already in many instances.

JUDGE DIBELL WILL PRESIDE HERE

Governor Johnson has designated Judge Homer B. Dibell of Duluth to sit in district court cases in Stearns and Morrison counties during the illness of Judge Searle.

REPLEVIN CASE OVER IMPOUNDED HORSE

John Robbins, acting poundmaster during the illness of his brother Charles, took up a horse belonging to Wilczek and Wilczek. He claimed that the animal was on the Antlers hotel lot, and that he was the owner of the horse. The meat market firm deny this, and say the horse was hobbled on their lot back of the market. Wilczek and Wilczek commenced action to replevin the animal, and Constable Feuger served the documents.

The case came up before Justice Cameron Monday, and was continued to next Monday afternoon at 2 p. m.

FIRST WHITE CHILD

Mrs. Charlotte O. Van Cleve, of Minneapolis, celebrated her 87th birthday at the home of her son, Dr. S. H. Van Cleve, on Sunday. Mrs. Van Cleve was born at Ft. Snelling, July 1, 1819—Minnesota's first white child. Her parents were Major and Mrs. Nathan Clark. Mrs. Ann Adams, in writing for the Historical society reminiscences of Fort Snelling from 1823 to 1829, thus refers to Mrs. Van Cleve:

"I remember Charlotte Clark when she was a little tot three or four years old, playing near the corner of her father's quarters." Mrs. Van Cleve married the late Gen. H. P. Van Cleve, of the Second Minnesota, who became a Major General for meritorious service in the civil war. She has two sons, Dr. S. Van Cleve, formerly of St. Cloud, and E. M. Van Cleve, both of Minneapolis.

SOMETHING ABOUT COLE

Motley Man Writes Interestingly about Former Townsman

Motley, June 30, 1906.

Editor Little Falls Herald: Motley has recently received a great honor. A gentleman who was until recently a citizen of our little village, has become the nominee for governor of a great party. Motley ought to enthuse. One would think. But it doesn't. Sad is the fact, yet true. There may be reasons for this lack of appreciation of a fellow-citizen who has suddenly achieved prominence.

A. L. Cole came to Motley about 1880, from Fergus Falls. When he came here he went into partnership with Mike Walsh, later buying out his partner. The store was run in the name of Mr. Cole's brother, A. B. Cole, until about five years ago. Mr. Cole did a great deal of business with and for the Northern Pacific Railway, and the local belief is that his associations with the company brought him fortune. He was the exclusive cordwood agent of the company and no one but himself could furnish cordwood to the company. In those days, when the country was being cleared, cordwood was almost a principal product, and the farmers had to submit to the local monopolist who practically controlled the industry. Others tried to sell cordwood to the Northern Pacific, but to no avail. Walter Benson put in lower bids several times, but to no avail. The railroad was very kind to Mr. Cole, doubtless for good reasons.

As the farmers had to sell their cordwood, and Mr. Cole was buyer for the concern that handled the most wood, Mr. Cole bought the wood, paying in trade, and getting cash. He issued store chips, and a practice much disliked by the people around here was common, that of discounting the store chips when presented at the store. Of course, this was simply a business proposition.

When Mr. Cole came here, he was a republican, so some of the oldest inhabitants say. But he later became a strong populist, and later still a democrat. He was active for Bryan, and for Lind and Towne in their campaigns. One of our citizens recalls a happening of the campaign of 1896 which seems rather amusing now.

One Sunday Mr. Cole addressed a meeting in a part of Motley town which is now the town of Rosing. It was at what is known as the Cy Deaver schoolhouse. He made a thrilling address, among other things saying he was surprised that as a business man he had been so blind to the iniquities and corruption of the republican party, and then he shed tears, he felt so badly about it. But the climax came when he said that he hoped God might strike him dead if he ever again joined the republican party! There are parties here who will make affidavit to this. Pleasant reading for our republican friends, isn't it?

Cole ran for office as a populist-democrat, also aspired for office, but never seemed to succeed. In 1898, when the people of this legislative district were after Senator Fuller because it was alleged his affiliations and actions in the legislature were of a corporation and railroad line, Cole supported Fuller for re-election. He was sore because the democrats didn't nominate him. It wasn't until several years after however, that Mr. Cole formally called himself a republican. His home was in Motley, but he had a store in Walker, as he has at Akeley and Pequot also. When in Walker he used two rooms over the store. He was as much a resident of Akeley as of Walker, and certainly a resident of Motley, when he became a candidate for the legislature in the heavily republican Cass county district. However, although Motley folks smiled, the other district did what this would never do—elected Mr. Cole to the legislature twice. He sold his home here about a year ago to Dr. Schaefer. The household goods were shipped to Pequot last winter, and then to Akeley. The piano is still here. Possibly something may arise wherein Mr. Cole may desire to prove residence here. Maybe the planner would do it. But this matter of residence is of small account, anyhow. It shows how a courageous man may overcome obstacles.

Mr. Cole is a kind man, according to a story told here. About ten years ago an unfortunate farmer who had a farm near Motley, was suspected of pilfering from the Cole store, presumably food for his family. At any rate, a bear trap was set to capture

the man, and the jaws, at the suggestion of a friend of the writer hereof, were covered with cloth so as not to injure the fellow—just catch him. He was caught all right. Scared out of his wits by threats of prosecution, the man and his wife were induced, as a recompense for the generosity which saved him from prison, to transfer their farm to Mr. Cole, receiving in exchange some \$60 or so of goods from the store. The farm is worth now about \$4000, which shows that kindness always pays. The man himself, and the clerk who was present, are all within easy reach of Motley, and the episode is remembered by all living here at the time. Our folks around here don't feel surprised that Mr. Cole is an advocate of drainage. He owns several thousand acres of Cass county land, over 10,000 acres, some claim—and while included are fine farms acquired in the course of time, there are many thousand acres of swamp land.

It is believed around here that Mr. Cole is worth \$200,000. It would not be a matter of envy even were he worth more. His fortune is a tribute to his thrifty, shrewd business habits, and he ought to be, and doubtless, is grateful to the railroad and lumber corporations who shed their kindly rays on him.

When a man asks for an office like governor, people have a right to know any little sidelights which reveal him. I hope I have given a few, have not been malicious—just truthful. Anybody really interested should come to Motley and he will find that this letter is, from top to bottom, a statement of fact.

Very truly yours,
OLD CITIZEN OF MOTLEY.

PIERZ

July 5.—Frank Marshik, who attended the St. Cloud Normal school, returned last week and will spend his vacation here.

Dr. and Mrs. Kerkhoff of Torah spent the Fourth here and will return Friday.

Sixty-one children received their first communion here last Sunday.

Robert Kings, who is employed in Bismarck N. D., and Nick and Wm. Konen of Fargo took in the Fourth here.

Frank Faust and Jacob Neilsen made a business trip to Little Falls Friday and will make another one next Monday.

Rev. J. G. Steigler left Wednesday for a trip for his health. He will be away about six weeks. Rev. Xavier Kapsner O. S. B. will take his place during his absence.

Joe Hennen of St. Paul is visiting relatives here over the 4th.

A party of Gravelville ran over a small boy of Nick Karst on the 4th with a buggy, the wheels passing over his legs. He was racing with another vehicle and the little fellow happened to be on the street and was run over, but was not injured.

The 4th of July celebration was a fair success. Both dances were well attended by the young people, but the crowd of old people that is generally here during the day was very small.

The 17 year old boy of John Stuckmeyer of Buh, who disappeared about a month ago, wrote a letter to his father stating that he was in Mapleton, and working on a farm for \$26 per month. In this letter he asked his father if he would allow him to stay there all summer, but if he desired him home he would come back.

Conrad Stig, overseer of the No. 8, which is supposed to have no overseer, presented a bill for road work done up to this time which was sanctioned by the board, and now the good work can go on.

H. Brust is sole agent in this vicinity for L. L. May & Co. goods. Call on him for anything in the line of fruit trees, shrubbery, shade trees, etc.

To the Democrats of Pierz and Vicinity:

Chas. E. Vasaly will speak at Blake's hall, Pierz, on Sunday afternoon, July 8th, at 3 o'clock, instead of the hour previously announced.

Mr. Vasaly will speak at Steger's hall, Lastrup, at 1 o'clock p. m., Sunday, July 15th.

Mr. Vasaly will be at Buckman Sunday, July 22d. Other places announced later.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Heman Lange, July 4th, a daughter.

Chas. Swanson, a well known resident of Scandia Valley, will be operated on for gall stones tomorrow morning at the hospital, by Dr. Fortier.

There will be services Sunday at the Presbyterian church at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.