

**RICHER THAN ROCKY**

**Cosmopolitan Magazine's Sensational Article on Weyerhaeuser**

The Cosmopolitan Magazine for January says that the richest man in the world is a resident of St. Paul. He's got John D. Rockefeller, Morgan, Hill, Ryan and the rest of the heretofore acknowledged money kings backed off the board. His wealth is increasing so fast he can't count it. He's a modest, stay-at-home sort of a man that some people don't even know in St. Paul, that few people see and who makes no social splash to attract attention. He's a "man of mystery" that's why St. Paul is just finding out he is the world's richest man.

The author of the article is Charles P. McCross, and it is interestingly written, no matter whether one agrees with the author or not. The author calls Mr. Weyerhaeuser a "land grabber," and says he has followed some of the illegal acts of other "captains of industry," but, nevertheless, hands him the palm as the world's richest man.

Lumber and foresight. That's how Mr. Weyerhaeuser did it, says the St. Paul Daily News. He owns about all the forests there are left in the United States and has in his hands the proceeds in hard shooks from the sale of the timber cut from about all the forests there ever were, according to the magazine article.

And his holdings are advancing in value by unparalleled leaps and bounds. One piece of yellow pine land held 10 years ago at \$75,000 is unobtainable at \$750,000 today. Another tract of spruce and hemlock purchased five years ago for \$12,000 was recently sold for \$500,000.

The magazine article tells how the Weyerhaeuser fortune started from a dinky sawmill in the Wisconsin woods not very long ago, 1864, and developed until today it is reaped from an empire. Weyerhaeuser and his associates have done their part, just as Mitchell and many other men in the Northwest did their part in securing lands fraudulently, says the article.

Weyerhaeuser's wealth and opportunity grew out of a national crime. As shrewdly as the first Astor sought out and accumulated New York city property, Weyerhaeuser has sought out and secured the best timber properties," asserts another section of the narrative.

One recent deal is said to have netted Mr. Weyerhaeuser a profit of \$30,000,000.

If St. Paul really has the very richest man in the world, what about him? How does he live? Where does he spend his time? Who knows him? Who ever sees him? How about his social standing?

Lots of people in St. Paul probably don't even know his name in the directory. Lots more never had a glimpse of him. The magazine calls him a "man of mystery," just about right, too, maybe.

Federick Weyerhaeuser lives in a substantial but not at all pretentious home at 286 Summit ave. He has several children, some married, others single, and his wife is living, yet it isn't often the Weyerhaeuser's are chronicled at swell functions of the "400" though, of course, they are entirely eligible from every aspect.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser is seldom seen on the streets of St. Paul, or rather his presence about town is not frequently remarked. "Jim" Hill would create more of a furor on 4th st. than the whole Weyerhaeuser family.

But Hill's vast railroads are only toy money-makers as compared with the Weyerhaeuser forests, if the magazine article is correct.

Over in the German-American Bank building, Room 70, is Mr. Weyerhaeuser's office—just like any other office—comfortable, some desks, typewriters clicking and a swinging door behind which the richest man in the world sits in a swivel chair and dangles his legs much as does the \$12-a-week clerk outside.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser isn't heard of at the Commercial club—goes to the more aristocratic Minnesota club sometimes, and the doors of the Town and Country club are open to the family, but—

Well, not many people knew St. Paul numbered the richest man in the world among its citizens, and if it does St. Paul is mighty glad of it.

**MT. MORRIS**

Dec. 29.—Mr. Larson and Mr. Roneson were in Royalton last week. Miss Larson is spending her vacation at home. Louis Larson was at Ramey last week.

Charley Scott and family moved into Mt. Morris last week.

F. X. Sterr went to town yesterday. J. Thoen spent Christmas in Mt. Morris.

Erick Talberg went to town with a load of lumber.

Joseph Sterr spent Christmas at Gilman.

A crowd of Mt. Morris folks spent Friday evening at Theo. Fleck's.

A party of young folks spent Thursday evening at A. M. Roneson's.

Miss Hilda Roneson visited Miss Polisky Wednesday.

Daniel Johnson took a load of ties to Royalton.

**NOTICE**

We wish to state to the public that the Royal Insurance company of Liverpool has reinsured all outstanding policies of the German Insurance company of Freeport, Ill. We are not interested in the German of Freeport as we did not represent that company; but we do represent the Royal and know that there is no better or stronger company doing business and that policy holders of the German of Freeport can confidently leave undisturbed their insurance, backed as it is by this English giant. Respectfully, Signor & Schallern.

**WANT LAW CHANGED**

**Some Fighters of 1863 Do Not Like Present State Pension Law**

Hutchinson Leader: A number of the veteran Indian fighters of the famous Indian "outbreak" who participated in the defense of Hutchinson from Little Crow's band of savages met last Friday to formulate a plan of action in regard to the state Indian pension act which was passed by the state legislature at the session of 1905. Those present at the meeting were Al DeLong of Forest City, Vicecut Coumb of Greenleaf, Howard McEwen of Boon Lake, John Casper of Silver Lake and Sam Dewing and Oliver Pierce of Hutchinson. The act passed at the last session of the legislature requires that in order to be eligible to a pension the applicant must show by proof some injury, or disability suffered during the time he was in the state service in 1862. The injury or disability might have been ever so slight, but if the applicant can establish the fact, he is eligible to a pension, while his comrade, who went through the same hardships and dangers, suffered the same privations, but who can not prove any injury or disability incurred, is ineligible. The law is believed to be unfair and it is the purpose of the veterans who met here Friday to ask the legislature to amend the law and they invite other veterans of the Indian war to co-operate with them in effort.

**R. F. D. NO. 3.**

Dec. 27.—John Wietczkowski was a caller at Fawn lake last Sunday. School in Dist. No. 45 opened up after a few days vacation.

Mike Ledo of Two Rivers spent Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krottoschinski.

Miss Anna Kaiser, who has been visiting with her sister in Little Falls, returned home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kaiser of Buckman, are spending this week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Kaiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Januszak were in Little Falls last Wednesday.

Miss Julia Pierzina visited with friends in Little Falls last Friday.

Miss Annie Kaiser and brother, John, visited with Miss Estella Czech Wednesday evening.

Leo Roble was out here last Wednesday, also bringing his sister, Celia, to her school duties.

Mrs. Serowski, who is very ill and was not expected to live, is much improved.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kliber was christened last Sunday at the Swan River church.

William Gollnick and son, Max, spent Christmas as the guests of Mr. Gollnick's daughter, Mrs. Frank Mangas.

Misses Paulins, Annie and Jennie Lepinski, who are employed in Superior, Wis., came home for a two week's vacation.

Tom Supper of Flensburg, attended church in Ledoux last Sunday. Mr. Supper is visiting with his friend, William Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Czech entertained a number of their friends at a party last Wednesday evening. All report a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pierzina and Mrs. Blais Sochor left for Delano, Minn., last Sunday, where they will visit with their aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Czech and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Siminski gave a party on Christmas. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing cards and singing. A bountiful supper was served at 11 o'clock after which all returned to their home with smiling faces.

It pays you to have a good picture. At Nelson's studio is the place where they make them. 34 tf

**RANDALL**

Jan. 1.—Mrs. A. B. Cook and little daughter, Maria, who visited with A. Kennedy and family, left for their home in Monticello Monday.

F. H. Iten of Caswellton, N. D., visited with the family of A. Kennedy during the holidays.

Misses Lucile and Jessie Kennedy are spending a two weeks vacation with their parents in the city.

Mrs. A. V. McCarthy was a caller here during the holidays.

**PEACEFUL VALLEY**

Jan. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sams came down from Staples Christmas and attended the Christmas dance at M. E. Murray's.

Miss Jennie McDonnell is spending a vacation at her home. Joe Fisher of Philbrook spent Sunday in these parts.

Mrs. A. B. Robinson and sister, Miss Floy Avery, went to Staples Friday, returning Saturday.

A few from here attended the party at Frank Johnson's.

School began yesterday in Dist. No. 20 after a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Killian spent Christmas evening at Judge Bartolomew's.

All are invited to attend a basket social at B. Draper's Friday night, Jan. 4. The baskets will be sold to the highest bidder, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of school Dist. No. 111.

J. C. Bartholomew and B. Draper made a business trip to Philbrook Thursday.

A few from here shook their feet in the hall in Lincoln Christmas night.

Some of us attended the entertainment and Christmas tree at Philbrook Xmas eve.

There was a New Year's surprise party at D. E. McDonnell's in honor of their daughter, Jennie.

**SWAN RIVER.**

Dec. 31.—Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kacinski, Dec. 27th, a son.

Miss Mollie and Mr. Marks and Gilbert Sorenson came up from Bank Centre to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neils Walters.

Paul Gallus left for Watab Wednesday, where he will be employed.

Mrs. Fred Hunter and daughter, Rose, visited friends in Royalton Thursday.

Willie Krottoschinski, who has been visiting relatives at Long Prairie, returned home Friday.

Miss Agnes Kusek, who has been employed at Little Falls, returned home Saturday.

Rev. Belowski made a business trip to Little Falls Saturday.

Mr. Mike Kliber, who has been ill for some time is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Yorek, who have been visiting at John Stank's during the holidays, returned to their home in Little Falls Saturday.

Saturday was monthly market day and many of our farmers drove to the city.

A number of young folks spent a pleasant evening at the home of Chas. Hunter Saturday evening.

Harry Drum of Waseca, Minn., is visiting his uncle, R. J. Sutliff, this week.

Chas. Christanson returned to St. Cloud Monday, where he is attending the college.

John Hunter drove to Little Falls Saturday on business.

About six inches of snow fell Sunday.

John Stank returned from Minneapolis Friday, where he has been visiting.

Dr. Hall, of Little Falls, was out here Saturday on business.

Mike Zewnoski, who had his fingers cut by a circular saw, while sawing wood with Stanek Bros. sawing machine last week, is not doing as well as first expected and it may be necessary to amputate the first finger of the right hand, which is badly lacerated.

**FREEDHEM**

Dec. 30.—There will be English services in the Lutheran church Sunday Jan. 6 by Albert Winterquist.

The crowd that went to Darling report a good time.

Miss Mamie McMannus of Watab came up Saturday for a few days visit.

**MRS. BROWN CURED.**

Mrs. John Brown, formerly Mrs. C. E. Buckman, has returned to her home in Sauk Rapids from the Fergus Falls hospital, where she was treated for nervous prostration. Her many friends will be glad to hear of her early recovery.

Pantake & John's delivery team made a record run Monday from the hospital to the store, making the distance in about 1:49. No damage was done to the rig, the horses being stopped near the store by Wm. Burkel.

**THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE HAS CHANGED HANDS.**

For 50 years it was Leslie's Popular Monthly

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**RAIL PRAIRIE**

Dec. 31.—Miss Ethel Grace Pearson closed a very successful term of school Dec. 21 and left for her home at Little Falls. She will go to North Dakota to teach the rest of the season. All here were sorry to see her go, and that she wouldn't come back next spring, but wish her success in her new school.

Miss Mae Halverson was in Ft. Ripley Monday.

A. N. Olson was a business caller in Little Falls Monday.

A party was given at J. P. Nelson's last Tuesday night. All report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tabbs and family and Mrs. M. A. Tubbs were the guests of J. P. Nelson from the 23 to the 25.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Olson gave a Christmas dinner Tuesday. It was well attended and a good time is reported.

Ole Olson of Kensett, Iowa, is the guest of his brother, A. W. Olson.

A New Year's party was given at Pet Anderson's New Years Eve, in honor of his daughters, Nena and Amelia.

A number from here attended the masquerade and dance in Ausland Tuesday night.

Theman Olson and wife gave a Christmas party Wednesday night. The fun started at an early hour in the evening and lasting until a late hour.

Program given Dec. 22 at the school house in Dist. 70:

Welcome Song—by school; rec.—Grandma's Stocking, by Mary Husmann; rec.—Santa Claus, by Clarence Peterson; rec.—Mistletoe, by Sena Christensen; rec.—Xmas Tide, by Charley Christensen; rec.—Week Before Xmas, by Adolph Anderson; rec.—Where Santa Claus Lives, by John Johnson; dialog—Kindness and Cruelty, by Paul Cartio and Charles Larson; song—America, by school; rec.—A Supplication, by Otto Lokke; rec.—Made to Order, by John Hosmann; rec.—If I Were Santa, Herbert Larson; rec.—Poor Papa, Ida Lokke; rec.—Xmas Tokens, Linus Larson; rec.—Xmas Carol, Luana Johnson; dialog—The Little Mamma, by John Johnson and Anna Larson; song—Xmas Time, by school; dialog—Young America in Pinnacles, by Ada Pierce and Ida Lokke; rec.—Santa Claus up to date, by Peter Lokke; rec.—Santa Claus and the Mouse, by Fritchif Anderson; a dramatic acting charade—characters, Mr. Carroll, Nellie Carroll, Mr. Marston Haynes, Maggie and Jerry, their attendants; rec.—Little Rockets Xmas, by Nena Anderson; song—Jolly Old St. Nicholas, by Anna and Blanche Larson; rec.—The Gift that None Can See, by Amelia Anderson; rec.—Santa Claus' Fright, by Clarence Peterson; rec.—The First Xmas Eve, by Inez Halverson; rec.—The Fate of the Grumbler, by Harry Peterson; dialog—Cross Purposes, Aunt Dorothy, Lenore, Marian and Bertha; rec.—The Death of Santa Claus, by Luman Johnson; rec.—The Night before Xmas, by Adolph Anderson; rec.—Xmas Day, by Nellie Larson; dialog—Amateur Farming, by Amelia and Nena Anderson; song and tableau—A Merry Xmas by seven little boys; tableau—by eight girls; song—Xmas Bells, by school; appearance of Santa Claus; the lighting of the tree and the distribution of presents and candy sacks; song—God be With You Till We Meet Again, by school.

Report of school in District 70, for month ending Dec. 21:

No. days taught 18  
No. holidays 2  
Average daily attendance 19  
Those perfect in attendance were: Inez Halverson, Linus Larson, Clarence Peterson, Luman and John Johnson and Fritchif and Adolph Anderson. Those absent two days or less were Nellie and Herbert Larson and Harry Peterson.

Those who were perfect in attendance for the term of four months were: Fritchif and Adolph Anderson and Luman and John Johnson.

Ethel Grace Pearson, Teacher.

**LINCOLN**

Jan. 2.—Harry Eklund was up from Little Falls to spend a few days with relatives, returning Tuesday.

The county surveyor was up the first of the week, surveying for several persons.

A number from here attended the masquerade ball in Philbrook last Monday night. All reported a good time.

Arthur Bahier is home from Bridgman, spending the holiday vacation.

Miss Frances Enke left last Monday for Little Falls. She is on her way back to the St. Cloud normal school, after spending her vacation here.

Miss Valeria Bahier visited last week with the family of George Trafon of Cushing.

Misses Julia and Mary Warinner were visiting relatives and friends in this village last week.

Mrs. George Bahier received the sad news of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Maurice, of Annandale, which occurred last Friday.

C. A. Neal and John McDonnell were up from St. Paul to spend Sunday with their families.

Robert Harper is working in L. J. Pickit's store.

School reopens next Monday with the same teacher, Miss Clara Broder of Little Falls.

Miss Ruth Warner spent Tuesday at her home, a few miles from here.

**TO KEEP THE SALTON SEA.**

Now that the flow of the Colorado river into the so-called "Salton Sea" has been stopped, the dwellers in the surrounding region are beginning to realize that, although the indefinite increase of the lake would have meant ruin to them, its existence in a stationary form is in many ways a beneficial thing. They are therefore talking of methods of maintaining it at its present size. It is a well known fact that golden grain belt beer is the ideal table beverage. Take a glass before meal and you will not have to deprive yourself of the things you like to eat. Order of your nearest dealer or be supplied by Sylvester Casey, Little Falls.

Teeth! Dr. Stephen R. Fortier First National Bank Bldg

**THE GOOD ROADS IDEA TO START SOON**

**Seems to Have Been Profitably Sown Locally in Recent Address**

Randall people have taken up with some of our merchants the project of improving the road from Randall to this city which lies alongside the Northern Pacific right-of-way. The road is a good deal shorter than any other running here from that locality and could be put in fine shape with the expenditure of very little money. There are places where the road runs over swampy ground and in these spots it is very poor, but could easily be made passable by laying what is known as a corduroy.

It is said that a good deal of trade from the Randall region which now goes elsewhere could be brought to this city by putting this road in better condition. This seems to be the first outcropping of the address recently made here by State Engineer Cooley on the good roads question and it is an unquestioned fact that with Herald advertising to induce the people to do their trading here and with good roads for them to travel over, Little Falls will rapidly come to the front as a trading center.

**AUSLAND**

Jan. 1.—Ueell Posten, Otto Citrowski and John Knudson went to Pillager last Sunday.

F. J. Page went to Ft. Ripley on business last Saturday.

The young people in this vicinity intended to have a surprise party and also dance Christmas evening, at A. C. Stroming's, but things changed so they went to another neighbor farther east and danced until a very late hour. All report a good time. Arletta Bowder, who has been visiting in this vicinity for a couple of weeks, went to Crow Wing last Monday.

Norman Austin and family took a load of young people to Crow Wing to a masquerade ball Monday night.

Otto Citrowski is working for Cecil Posten at present and it is reported that Mr. Posten will adopt him as his own child.

It is reported from Bridgite that Herman Allger lost one of his horses. It is too bad, as bad luck seems to follow him right along.

Adolph Olson, Emma Olson, Maybelle and Inez Halverson of Rail Prairie came over to Ausland and attended the Christmas dance.

Albert J. F. Stroming seems to have quite a lot of business in Sweden these days. It would be a good thing if the Swedish government had counsel a little closer so the business could be straightened up in a little shorter time.

**Firelight Photographs.**

A photographer in London is taking portraits in a new way. He poses his subjects sitting by the fire and reproduces the scene with the fire and glow of a drawing room in autumn before the electric lights are switched on. The photographs are costly, but a bill of something like seven guineas a dozen does not dismay the woman who admires originality.

**Woolly Worm Prophecy.**

Forecasting the winter from the popular belief regarding the woolly worm, the coldest and the severest weather will prevail during the first part of the season for a month or more, followed by a corresponding or even longer period of open, comparatively mild winter weather, then to close with a short spell of cold, hard winter.

**Large New Dynamo Placed in Position Will Improve Electric Service**

The new 400 K. W. Generator for the addition to the Water Power Company's power house has been installed and will probably be started about January 15.

The huge dynamo is ten feet long and stands on a base ten by twelve feet in size, the entire machine weighing almost sixteen tons, and having a generating capacity of twice as much electric current as that of the generator now in use.

The new power house addition will be completed as soon as switch board connections are made and the generator has been placed in position, when the tile flooring will be laid and the building and machinery will be ready for use. It is planned to have the new generator carry the load from 4 o'clock p. m. to 8 a. m., during which time it is heaviest and the old machine will generate the current during the day.

**Granite**

Jan. 1.—John Schmolke will be at the place of Mrs. Math Gross Jan. 5th at 1 p. m., to receive bids to furnish 15 cords of wood to the Granite City Skimming station.

John S. Gross sold his 160 acre farm to Albert Neiss for \$3,000.

Dr. M. Gau, who stayed with P. J. Gau since April, left for Fon du Lac, Wis.

Nick Sehr, who has been in Canada, is back on business.

The farmers around here are busy hauling hay and wood.

T. W. Billmeyer is busy working in his gold mine.

George Leeb, Jr., bought a valuable horse.

Mrs. John Kramer, who has been sick for the last two months, is improving.

Peter Leeb and Jos. Smuda left for the woods.

**REDMEN MEMORIAL EXERCISES.**

The annual memorial services of the Redmen lodge were held in the lodge rooms Sunday afternoon, December 30. A large number attended.

The ceremonies were conducted under the lodge ritual. Music was furnished by a male quartette composed of Messrs. Hobbit, Lyon, Mero and Dunphy. Dr. Mero sang a solo, "Face to Face", which was followed by the memorial address, delivered by Rev. W. H. Farrell. Rev. Farrell is an earnest, hearty speaker and holds the interest of an audience from start to finish. His address was full of interest to his hearers and was very appropriate. After the address "Lead Kindly Light" was sung by the quartette, the exercises being concluded with an invocation by the prophet.

THE M. W. A. IN 1906.

Head Consul A. R. Talbot of the Modern Woodmen of America says that

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