

GASOLINE ICE SAW.
 Motley Mercury: Frank Cottingham has invented an ice saw which is far ahead of the old method of sawing ice by hand. He has taken the gasoline engine off his automobile and placed it on a framework which is on runners. To this he has hitched a circular saw for cutting the ice.
 A man pushes the outfit over the ice

which the saw cuts as fast as a man can walk. It is said by those who have seen it work that it is a big improvement over all other ice cutters.
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Darling of Winnipeg will make their home in Duluth with Col. and Mrs. A. D. Davidson.

THE NORMALS WINNERS
Business College Defeated in Good Game by Score of 37 to 22

Before an audience of nearly 300 people and in one of the hottest basketball contests witnessed here this season, the Little Falls business college quintet was defeated 37 to 22 by the St. Cloud Normal team Saturday evening at the Germania Hall. The hall was so packed that it gave the players very small space on which to play, and this was probably the cause of a large percentage of the fouls which were called on each of the opposing teams, although in a number of instances Ahles, of the visiting team, was caught charging at his opponent. Outside of the many fouls, 24 of which were called on the visitors and 21 on the home five, which marred the game considerably, the playing was fast and exciting, the Normalites having a shade the better of the Collegians in the passing and blocking, and being more accurate in shooting baskets. Mockros and Parent, guards, were too much for Hall and Gannon, forwards, who were unable to secure goals from the floor, and Johnson, who relieved Gannon in the second half, being allowed to make but one goal from the floor. The visitors got a lead of 11 points in the first half, 19 to 8, but in the last half the locals picked up and played somewhat better. If the college boys had been a little more accurate in shooting baskets, it is very likely that the game would have ended victorious for them, as in a number of cases when they had an open field and near their goal they failed to score, a number of times the passing also being wretched.

The superior height and weight of the visitors helped the Normalites out considerably.
 The game was started at 8:15 and for the first few minutes playing the ball was rolled about the floor. A foul was declared on Griffith, followed by two on St. Cloud, neither team gaining any points on them. Ahles then shot two goals from the floor for the visitors. Gannon secured the first point for the locals on a foul by Ahles, Williams quickly following by another point for the Normalites on a foul by Gannon. Great fouled but nothing was gained on it, and then he managed to secure Little Falls' first goal from the floor, making the score 3 to 5 in favor of the visitors. Williams secured a point on a foul by Berg, and then made a goal from the floor, following this with another point on a foul by Griffith. Marahok secured a goal from the floor. Gannon then made a point on Ahles' foul, Williams one on Grest's foul, Gannon another on Griffith's foul, but scored a point at his chance on a double foul, Gannon failing to do as well with his chance. Ahles fouled again within half a minute and Gannon made good a point on it, this he followed by making Marahok's foul count a point. Points resulted for the visitors on the next three fouls, by Griffith, Hall and Grest, but Williams shot a goal from the floor shortly after. The locals failed on St. Cloud's next foul. Marahok secured a goal from the floor. Parent fouled and Gannon shot the ball for a point on it, Marahok then placed the ball in the netting for the last goal of the half. Ahles fouled just before the whistle blew for the end of the first half, but Gannon failed to connect for a point on it, leaving the score 19 to 8 in favor of St. Cloud.

The last half commenced a little more auspiciously for the Collegians, Griffith securing the first goal of the half, and secured another point on Ahles' foul. Although there were several fouls nothing more was gained until Williams shot Hall's foul, then Marahok secured a goal from the floor and was followed by Griffith with one for his team. Little Falls failed on the next two chances resulting from fouls by the visitors, Williams secured a point on Hall's foul, both teams failed on fouls by Parent and Griffith, and then Johnson connected for a goal from the floor. No point gained on Berg's foul, but Ahles next secured a goal from the floor, and Williams basketed Griffith's foul for another point. Williams failed at his try on Berg's foul, but Griffith made good on the next two fouls by Ahles, and Williams redeemed himself by securing a point on Johnson's foul. Ahles and Mochros secured goals from the floor. Williams fouled but Griffith failed to secure the point. Double foul was called and Williams and Griffith each secured a point for their teams. Hall made good on a foul by Mochros and was followed by a goal from the floor by Grest. Griffith secured the last point for his team on Parent's foul, and Williams the last for the Normalites on Berg's foul. Griffith failed to get a proffered point on Ahles' foul, and the game ended 37 to 22 in favor of the visitors.

Line-up.
 Business College— Normal—
 Hall r. f. Lg. Parent
 Gannon l. f. r. G. Mockros
 Griffith c. c. Ahles
 Grest r. g. l. f. Marahok
 Berg l. g. r. f. Williams

Johnson relieved Gannon in the last half.
 Goals from floor—Johnson 1, Griffith 2, Grest 2, Marahok 3, Williams 2, Ahles 5, Mockros 1.
 Goals from fouls—Gannon 6, Griffith 5, Hall 1, Williams 11. Fouls on Normalist team 24; on college five 21. Referee—Lynch; umpire—Moran. Attendance, 300

Brainerd Dispatch: Marshall A. Spooner, who resigned a district judgeship here and went to Spokane, Wash., a year or so ago to practice his profession, was in town on Tuesday. Mr. Spooner has decided to return to Minnesota, and will open a law office in Bemidji.

R. Albert Barton, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, who recently visited here, addressed the students of the University of Minnesota last week on "The Western Federation of Miners, Its Character, Work and Struggles," and on "Trade versus Industrial Organizations."

SPECIAL INSTITUTES
Clover and Potato Institutes to be Held Thruout Potato Section of Minnesota

The farmers' institute management will conduct a series of special potato and clover institutes throughout the potato sections tributary to the twin cities and Duluth, the latter part of March and early in April. Such subjects as varieties of potatoes, selection of seed, treatment for scab, preparation of seed bed, planting, cultivation, spraying and marketing, will be discussed by successful potato growers.
 Clover, live stock and potatoes make a very logical system of farming, as clover and small potatoes are good stock feed, clover and manure are the best known agents of fitting the soil for potatoes, and the combination distributes the labor throughout the year.
 Potatoes are an exhaustive crop to the soil if grown continuously on the same land. A crop of clover with its heavy root system and power to add nitrogen, and a good dressing of manure, renews the soil to its original producing power. Many farmers are getting from 200 to 400 bushels of potatoes per acre when handling their soils in this way.

The production of clover seed is now a very important enterprise in Minnesota and the best methods of handling the clover crop for seed should be known by every farmer.
 All of the above special topics will be discussed by practical men at the special clover and potato institutes to be held at convenient points throughout the potato growing sections. If you believe such a meeting would be of value to your neighborhood, held in your schoolhouse or village hall, make your wants known to A. D. Wilson, superintendent of farmers' institutes, University farm, St. Paul, and if possible your locality will be reached.

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SCALED LAST LOG
Swan River Logging Company Contract With Pine Tree Co. Finished

Brainerd Dispatch: J. V. Hodgens, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., was in the city on his way from Hibbing to Little Falls, where he goes to report to the Pine Tree Lumber Company, by which he is employed. Mr. Hodgens had the honor of scaling the last log on the big contract of the Swan River Logging company, and the company will go out of existence.
 The Swan River Logging company, originally Wright & Davis, had one of the heaviest logging contracts, if not the heaviest, in the history of the lumbering operations of Minnesota. The deal covered seventeen years, the company logging for the Pine Tree Lumber company, one of the Weyerhaeuser interests. The logs were delivered in the Mississippi river between Swan River and Grand Rapids and were sawed at Little Falls and Minneapolis the output of the company being from 80,000,000 to 50,000,000 feet per year during the entire seventeen years. The firm constructed the Swan River Logging railroad and when ore was discovered in that section and the road became of importance as an ore-carrying proposition, the Hill interests secured the road and logging business, taking the logging contract in order to get the railroad.

The completion of the contract, and the dissolution of the company which handled it, marks another milestone in the passing of the lumber industry in this part, at least, of Minnesota. The Pine Tree Lumber company still has considerable timber on Sturgeon lake and Willow river, which will now be logged. Heretofore that company has depended practically entirely on the Swan river operations, but hereafter will have to depend on the small loggers.

When the Play Fails.

"Patiently, morning, noon, night, sometimes far into the dawn, the rehearsal goes on, first the steps, then the music, then the words, then the situations with principals and stars in rehearsal and always the business, the exacting command, the sharp rebuke, the tireless round.

"How would you like to rehearse day and night, seven weeks, without pay, and find yourself out of a job after the first night?"

"Wouldn't you rather read of a glorious triumph and see the managers and authors and composers rake in the shekels, the golden, glittering shekels, even though they grew fat on them, for the sake of the people who had rehearsed seven weeks without pay?"

"The tragedy of failure is back in the land of make believe, down in the crowded dressing room, down where the girls huddle together and tremble, down where one weeps silently and dries her eyes on the skirt of a useless costume."—Smith's Magazine.

Poor Richard's Almanac.

Dr. Franklin himself in one of the last numbers of the almanac gathered together all the best sayings of Poor Richard, which for twenty-five years had amused and edified the country. These sayings are in constant use at this day. For example, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise;" "Drive thy business—let it not drive thee;" "Help hands, for I have no lands;" "No gains without pains;" "Constant dropping wears away stones;" "Three removes are as bad as a fire;" "He that by the plow would thrive must himself either hold or drive;" "A fat kitchen makes a lean will;" "Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other." It was such homely maxims as these inserted in all the little gaps of the almanac that made it so popular. Franklin said he sometimes sold 10,000 copies in a year, a wonderful sale for that day. The first number of Poor Richard's Almanac appeared in 1732.

Not Well to Butt In.

"After the crash," imparted the first hospital surgeon to the second, "I ran over to where it lay on the pavement, and when I raised it up I saw at once that its ribs were smashed, while a gaping hole was torn in its"

"Pardon me, doctor," broke in the medical student, who had caught these words as he was about to pass by into the consumptive ward, "but if you have no objections I'd like to take a few notes on that accident case." He pulled his notebook from his pocket. "Was the case a child?"

"No," the surgeon informed him to his embarrassment. "I was speaking of my umbrella."—Judge.

A Needed Change.

The navy department once received from the commander in chief of the fleet an official communication relative to certain changes recommended by him to be made in the uniform shirt of the enlisted men. In accordance with custom this letter was forwarded to various officials for comment or expression of opinion, the remarks of each officer being appended on an indorsement slip. Each indorsement introduces the subject matter of the letter in a brief, and one of them thus tersely explained the contents: "Commander in chief desires to change shirt."—Lippincott's.

Rhythm in Rowing.

Rowing means much more than mere exercise of muscles. Over it all lies the strong spell of ordered movement, the delight of pure rhythm, which the rowing man is perfectly justified in claiming must be experienced to be understood.—Field.

WILDCAT FOR A PET.

Strange Playmate of Two Little Girls in Pasadena.

How would you like to have a real live wildcat for a pet? This is what little Elsie Stearns, six months old, and Helen Stearns, aged nine, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stearns of Pasadena, Cal., regard as their dearest treasure.

They would rather play with this big California wildcat than with their smaller domestic cats, and he is just as good natured as any of the rest too.

Bengal is his name, and he looks the part, for his marking is very similar to a bengal tiger's. He is a beautiful animal, about three and one-half feet long and very heavy. His fur is soft and thick, and it is with this soft fur that the round faced baby loves best to play.

He was caught when three months old in the wilds of the San Bernardino mountains and purchased from a hunter at that age by Mr. Stearns. He has been with the family since that time.

He was put with several small angora kittens and grew up and played with these. He used to roam the house and jump on tables and bookcases, just as other kittens, but he has grown too large for that now, and they are obliged to keep him in the open, for in his playfulness he might break ornaments and dishes.

He is devoted to the children. He will lick the baby's hand and face and let her play with him just as roughly as she wishes, with never a growl or sound, and he is also fond of little Miss Helen. He likes women and children generally, but does not care for men.

He knows instinctively his natural enemies, however, and is ready to protect himself. He does not like dogs, and not very long ago a small dog ventured into his kennel and was thrown out and summarily killed with one stroke by the powerful cat.

The dogs belonging to the Stearns family, however, are exempt from this treatment. He does not go near them, but now and then runs up and gives them a sly tap, as if to say, "Now will you be good?"

HUSBAND ACTS LIKE SNAKE.

Misses in the Night, Says Wife, Who Wins \$1,438 Alimony.

According to his wife's story in court the other day, Lewis Sunderlin, a Rochester jeweler, had all the plans made for their deaths, cremation, funerals and newspaper obituaries and seemed to take a good deal of pleasure in detailing them to her.

He had found out the cost of cremation and told her at breakfast one morning that he planned bringing a coffin to the house, so that he could get into it and see how he looked. He offered to do the same for her, she said, and agreed to write a two column obituary notice for her, as he had done for himself.

"In the middle of the night," she added, "he would get up and scream and



"HE SCREAMED AND HISSED LIKE A SNAKE."

hiss like a snake, frequently talking to himself and frightening me," she said. Sunderlin is eighty-one years old. He retains many youthful propensities, according to his wife, who told the court that she had found him in the parlor one day making love to a friend of his daughter by a former wife.

Mrs. Sunderlin was suing for \$1,438, alleged to be due on an agreement under which the couple separated in 1897. He was to pay her \$100 a month. He did this, she said, until 1904, when he refused to contribute any more.

Under instructions from the judge the jury awarded her the sum asked. The separation, she averred, was due to his "cruel and inhuman treatment and remarks." She thought at times that she "would die of fright."

His False Teeth Fell Off "L" Train.

Although Detectives Conroy and Roach of the East Fifty-first street station searched the snow in Third avenue from Fifty-third to Fifty-ninth street, New York city, they were unable to find a set of false teeth lost by a passenger on an "L" train. Henry E. Blunkio, who said he lived at the South Ferry hotel, walked into the station house and started to mumble something to the sergeant. "If you can't talk, why, write it," remarked the sergeant. "I lost my teeth from the 'L' train," he wrote. Blunkio was on a train, and when seized with a coughing spell he went to the platform. In a fit of coughing his teeth dropped out.

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