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Ladies' Fine Shoes, \$1.50 to \$2. Ladies' Fine Shoes, \$2-25. Gent's Fine Shoes, \$1.50 to \$3.50. Children's School Shoes, 75c to 1.25. Storm Overshoes. High and Low Overshoes. Misses' Overshoes. Children's Overshoes. Full Line of Foot-wear.

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to-day, with but two dissenting votes, decided to report favorably to the front. The ground gained is permanently won. It repeats the development of the human Lacey voted against the bill. The vote was first taken on the Lacey amendment, which proposed to exempt all lands in trust for the Indians from the operation of the law. This amendment would have made the law utterly useless to Minnesota, as all public lands in that state open to homestead entry are "trust" lands. This amendment was overwhelmingly defeated. It is generally believed that Lacey will use what influence he possesses to prevent the consideration of the bill in the house, Speaker Reed, however, has promised several western members to permit it to come up, and there is no doubt whatever of the passage of the bill if it can be brought to a vote in the house. An amendment was adopted which excepts abandoned military reservations from the operation of the bill, but this will not effect any of the land in Minnesota.

Notice. Sealed bids will be received until February 16, 1898, for furnishing wood for the court house at Bemidji, in Beltrami county. Wood to be dry Tanbark or No. 1 white pine, cut 15 inches long and quartered. Bids to be open on February 16, 1898, by Chairman Brunson. Said contract will be let to the lowest bidder, and payable in cash or orders the same as other claims against the county. J. H. HANER, Auditor Beltrami county.

United States Land Office, Crookston, Minn., January 22, 1898. Complaint having been entered at this office by John O. Wonneberg against Carl Ludwig Brink for abandoning his homestead entry No. 34, dated May 23, 1886, upon the lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8, section 18, township 149, range 37, in Beltrami county, Minnesota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 16th day of March, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. A. F. GEORGE, Receiver. P. J. RUSSELL, Attorney for Contestant.

United States Land Office, Crookston, Minn., January 11, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Crookston, Minn., on March 15, 1898, viz: E. W. Brown, one of the heirs of Elizabeth Stone, deceased. H. E. No. 1517, for the S.W. 1/4 Sec. 25, Twp. 142nd of R. 31st-W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon an cultivation of said land: Charles Brown, I. A. Wagner, Thomas Routley and William Jackson, all of Beltrami. SYLVESTER PEIERSON, Register.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Hal Haner, you're another! Judge Rosby is seriously ill with pneumonia, and may not be out for some time. Prof. Smith, the linguist, has a class in French hard at work on the roof tops of that tongue. Hank Maloney and Mell Oakes, of Moose Creek town, are both proving up on their claims. Rube Oakes, of Moose, had a runaway last week, and has been badly crippled up every since. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dudley, Nona, and Vern Hartley, went to Fosston last week to attend the wedding of Mr. Haner and Miss Hartley. They returned on Monday with the wedded couple. Mr. A. Clavin, of Little Falls, bought the Ed. Boyd lot on Third street, and is putting up a building for a first-class saloon. He is one ahead of Woodward, who is expected here next week. The Bemidji and Fosston stage keeps pretty good time these days, making the trip through in the flying time of ten hours. It always brings in one or more passengers, and sometimes a double load. Scott is a hustler. C. M. Bacon and Conrad Thompson, of East Grand Forks, came over to Bemidji by the Fosston stage yesterday, and put up for a good Third street business lot. They knew the town to be a good thing as quick as they set eyes on it. Dr. McEachren: "This is going to be a great town. I like it better than any place I know of. The location is superb, proud, beautiful. Would like to live here myself. Just get a saw-mill or two, and I will come over and live like a prince among you. Sure!" An order was issued last week establishing a postoffice at Columbia, Polk county, Minn., and William R. Cartwright was commissioned postmaster; also at Itasca, Beltrami county, Minn., with Martha E. Whitney, postmistress. Mrs. Whitney is the wife of the superintendent of the State Park.

Bert Getchell is putting up a good hotel at the new townsite at the mouth of Walker Brook. Dr. McEachren and A. Gilmore, of McIntosh, came in on a special Sunday night, and stayed over Monday. Mr. Gilmore has finally concluded to at once put a drug store in Bemidji, and not wait for some other fellow to head him off. This town has moved faster than he expected when here in October. There are three saw mills within two miles of Winsor on Lost river crossing, all running. Lumber sells at \$8 to \$10 per M at the mills, but a great deal is being hauled to McIntosh and Fosston, and there being traded for groceries at considerable less value. The lumber is mostly tamarac with a good smattering of white spruce and some oak, occasionally a birch board is found also. The white spruce is excellent lumber and should command a better price. The Moose Creek Lumber Co. has elected a new set of officers for the ensuing year, there being quite a rivalry among the stockholders to get out of holding the office of treasurer, owing to the omnipresent qualities of emiser Irvine, who appeared on behalf of Mr. T. B. Walker, the Minneapolis millionaire. Joe Wright says he is perfectly willing to blow the horn or hold the lantern, but absolutely refuses to hold down the skidway. He has therefore failed and neglected to qualify, although he had a tremendous majority at the stockholders' meeting. So there you are. The celebrated case of the State vs. J. T. Fothergill was on trial at Moose Creek the first three days of the week, before L. J. McCollum, the celebrated chief justice for that township. J. A. Hendricks, of Fosston, appeared for Fothergill, and the County Attorney for the State. The first day was consumed in getting a jury, and the second in trying the case, the trial running up to midnight, and two jurors hanging up the jury until almost daylight, when it brought in a verdict of "guilty". The chief justice rapped the court to order just as the dawn began to show in the east, and after receiving the verdict, fined the defendant \$50 or sixty days in jail. Defendant took the 60 days in jail, and Hendricks took the cow, while the Indian Polstrom is feeding the hay.

Married. At the residence of the bride's parents in Queen town, Polk county, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1898, Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hartley, and Joseph H. Haner, of Bemidji, Rev. Sather officiating. The newly wedded couple at once came to Bemidji and took up their residence with the bride's sister, Mrs. F. E. Dudley. The groom is the well-known and popular auditor of Beltrami county, and this is the first time he was ever married. The bride is also well known in Bemidji, where she helped make up the society of the place during the summer months, making many friends by her quiet and amiable disposition. Hal's smile used to be broad every other day, about the time the letter got here, but it is wide all the time now. The PIONEER cannot wish the couple too much happiness, and a long life. Killed in the Pinceries. On Monday, at the logging camp of Lummers & Nelson on the Clearwater, occurred an accident that resulted in the death of one of the best men in the employ of the firm. The name of deceased was John Steidl, and his place of residence was Centerville, a small town near St. Paul. Steidl was superintending the loading of a lot of logs, one of which fell off, striking him in such a manner as to crush the life completely out of him. His chest was crushed, and his head bruised sufficiently to have caused death. Steidl lived but a few moments after the accident. His remains were taken through to his home last night. Township Plats. Fac simile copies of the plats of the U. S. land office for sale at the PIONEER office. 25 cents each. Favorable to Free Homesteads. Washington, Jan. 25th.—The committee on public lands will hold a meeting to-morrow, and it is expected that the free homestead bill will be reported favorably. A poll of the committee shows that a majority of the republicans and nearly all the democrats are

favorable to the bill. The only republican said to be sure to oppose reporting the measure is Representative Kulp, of Pennsylvania. Chairman Lacey is still in doubt what position he will take, and asserts that he had doubts as to the wisdom of adopting the section of the bill covering ceded Indian reservations, where the lands are to be sold in trust for the Indians. The most active supporters of the measure on the committee are Morris and Eddy, of Minnesota, Ellis, of Oregon, and Barney, of Wisconsin. It being practically assured that the bill will be reported favorably, the next question is the steps to be taken to secure recognition of the measure in the house. The committee on public lands is not a privileged committee, and bills reported from it can only be taken up by unanimous consent or through a rule obtained from the committee on rules. It is well understood that Speaker Reed and Representative Dalzell, of the rules committee, are opposed to the free homestead bill, and there are some doubts as to what action the committee would take as to granting time for considering the measure. There are two or three important public land bills already reported which will be ahead of the free home measure and will have an advantage before the committee secures a day under the regular call of the committees. Some of the democrats and populist representatives from the northwestern states are objecting to the statement recently made in these dispatches that they would be pleased to see the bill defeated in a republican house. They assert that this is not true, and that they are working as hard for the measure as are their republican colleagues. There is no doubt that if the bill can be brought to a vote it will pass the house by a large majority. Washington, Jan. 31st.—The house committee on public lands