

Patriotic exercises were held at the Sixth ward school building, last Friday, in honor of Washington's birthday, which occurred last Wednesday.

M. D. L. O'Leary made a business trip down the line Saturday.

Not one child dies where ten formerly died from croup. People have learned the value of One Minute Cough Cure and use it for securing and that it troubles. It immediately stops coughing. It never fails.—City Drug Store.

The northwestern section of the State teachers' Association will meet at Stevens Point, March 27, 28 and 29. Prof. W. L. Morrison appears on the program and it is expected that a large number of the city teachers will attend.

If you have a cough, throat irritation, weak lungs, pain in the chest, difficult breathing, croup or hoarseness, let us suggest One Minute Cough Cure. Always reliable and safe.—City Drug Store.

C. D. Clark returned from a business trip south Saturday.

Geo. Gilson came down from camp Saturday.

Miss Mae Woodcock stopped off here Saturday for a short time on her way home from Oshkosh.

The spring term of the Wausau Business University begins March 6th. Students entering on, or at any time before that date, will be allowed a three months' course in bookkeeping, or a three months' course in short hand and typewriting. For special information relative to this liberal offer, address the W. B. L., Wausau, Wisconsin.

Catarth Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarth Remedy; sold on a guarantee. Nasal injector free. Sold by King & Kluetz, east side and G. C. Lickel, west side.

Miss Caroline Hogan returned Monday from a brief visit with relatives in Wausau.

H. Littlejohn spent Sunday with his family in this city.

H. H. Foster departed Monday on a business trip to Wausau.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure cures where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot. Sold by King & Kluetz and J. C. Lickel.

Mrs. T. C. Olson departed Monday for a visit with her parents in Wausau.

Miss Laura Gardner went to Tomahawk Sunday where she will visit with friends for a time.

Mrs. Joe Meyers and daughter departed Monday for Wausau which place will be their future home.

Stop that Cough! Take warning. It may lead to Consumption. A 25c bottle of Shiloh's Cure may save your life. Sold by King & Kluetz and J. C. Lickel.

C. Olson went up to Irma Tessler, to work in Langley & Alderson's camps.

Jack Gardner came down from camp Tuesday morning.

Last Friday evening the Misses Belle and Lulu Helms very pleasantly entertained about a dozen of their friends at their home on Seventh street. Charades furnished the principle amusement for the evening. Refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by all.

For Constipation take Karl's Purifier Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by King & Kluetz and G. C. Lickel.

Chauncey L. Webster, one of the crack printers of the Advocate office at Merrill, has been helping us "print" this issue of the "Tomahawk." Owing to sickness in the office force we telephoned Bro. Johnson of the Advocate for help last Wednesday and he kindly responded. Mr. Webster came up Wednesday evening.—Tomahawk.

Wheeler should give the '99 Phoenix attraction before purchasing their mounts for the season. See Phoenix man in Hudson Bros' tailor shop. Ernest E. Curtis, agent.

It is expected that ex-Attorney General O'Connor will give a lecture at the opera house March 17. His subject will be the "Spirit of the Times."

L. J. Bruce has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to attend to his duties in the office.

Before the discovery of One Minute Cough Cure, ministers were greatly disturbed by coughing congregations. No excuse for it now.—City Drug Store.

THE OLD WISCONSIN.

By WILLIAM H. ELLIS, in Northwestern Lumberman.

As no ye think the Old Wisconsin 's a mighty pritty stream. A tumbler 'round among the rocks, an' sparklin' with the gleam of sunshine fallin' through the spray, like di'monds in the hair of women who seem bent to see what gorgeous they kin wear. Well, yes, she is a pritty stream—best she she is to me— But laws—I've seen the days when 'died she was a stream to see. She ain't no ways the creek she was way back in early days. With lots of cypins an' loggers all along her windin' ways.

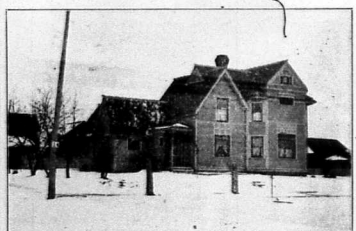
The railroad seems to kind o' knock the beauty from the scene. The birds don't seem to harmonize with sizzlin' screechin' steam; That ain't no livin' railroad that kin run a piece o' wood. An' do the sense of nature in a man a bit of good. It kind o' takes the tick clean out a quiet, peaceful stream, To see the world go rushin' by behind the push of steam; An' when it comes to follow, bring all its its artifice shades, You can't git that from wire-strung poles out from forest glades.



Residence of Mrs. J. R. Fleming.

You folks don't know the Old Wisconsin a riddle by in cases, A leavin' Tomah when the sun's hot kissin' out the stars, An' gittin' up to Tomahawk along at sun high noon— That's gonn' up the Old Wisconsin a heap o' sight too soon. An' thought my look, stars an' all the goods I ever had, That smile upon her as they bow beneath the gentle breeze; You can't see whar the waters dash up into angry foam Against the rocks that seem to try to stop them as they roam.

I mind the time—it's years ago—I started from the P'int, An' got along to Joe Bossert's to stay for overnight. An' thought my look, stars an' all the goods I ever had, That I had got a chance to sleep one more night in a bed, 'Cause I was on my way clear up to seven-thirty three. An' I knew that it was nigh the last of livin' I should see. Yes, laws, your self, I looked the kind all over the here stream Long 'fore they ever tied a mill that used a pound of steam.



Residence of Geo. W. Langley.

An' when a feller's got his house all strapped across his back, An' starts out in the woods to tramp without a sign of track, With heaven's great, broad, blue, deep sky the only roof he's got, An' sweetly smellin' bougns of pine to be his only out. He somehow gets a long ways nearer to whar God appears to be, Than you kin git in any church that I hev ever see. An' I don't believe you ever heerd such songs of music sweet. Es comes from God's bright songsters in the wildest wood's retreat.

Somehow you git away from things that bother up the mind, An' that you can't help thinkin' things a mighty different kind. Then when the rush of saw mills an' the crash of railroad train, An' business-decks an' fingers jumpin' handin' through your brains; An' somehow when ye git alone, away out in the pines, Ye think of things ye wouldn't think at any other times. An' on such trips es these alone, in days long years ago, The Old Wisconsin' an me was friends es peacefully she flowed.



Residence of E. Lediger.

An' then she was a pritty stream—she like a modest maid, She'd creep out from a glassy pool beneath a forest glade, Then you she'd break out in the gayest, maddest, merriest swirl, An' dash down over rocks an' stones, es mad es mad es you shrew, An' 'shamed like, on she'd float away in quiet, placid bays. Oh, she was like a woman in them good old bygone days— She had her fillin's, true to tell, but she had her wimin' ways.

But now her beauty's most all gone, she's broken down by work, For what with all her forelones the Wisconsin' ain't no shirk; She's told down the saw-logs that was once her life an' pride, She's turned the wheels o' saw mills, that hev sprung up by her side; She's give her wealth of water to the clouds for gentle rain. The bath the fable is in plenty as they bring forth fruit again. She waits in prison-cage dens for the drive the saw mills need, While beauty fades an glory dies to satisfy man's greed.

But then, she's still the Old Wisconsin', an' still she's dear to me, I love her fer the long years past; fer whar she used ter be, An' now I s'pose she's worth the more, with all her towins' an' mills. The whistles mean more business than the wild birds' sweetest thrills. But I can't help rememb'rin' how she looked long years ago, When through the untouched timber was the path she used ter flow, An' 'tain't no use a talkin', them there was the days fer me, The Old Wisconsin' wou't never seem the creek she used ter be.

O. B. SMITH.—One of Merrill's oldest citizens is Mr. O. B. Smith. He was born in Erie county, Pa., in 1819, at which place he lived with his parents on a farm until 1840, when the family came west and settled in Kane county, Ills. Here he resided until 1844, when he came to Trappe River, in what was then Portage county, this state, but now Marathon county, walking all the way from Chicago. Mr. Smith at once engaged in work in the lumber



camp by the month, afterwards embarking in the lumber business for himself, which occupation he followed until about five years ago. Mr. Smith was twice married, first in 1855 to Miss S. Ravlin. Five children are living—Fred Smith, Mrs. J. N. Cotter, Miss Kate Smith, of this city, and Frank and Charles Smith, who reside in Washington.

What Shall We Do.

A serious and dangerous disease prevails in this country, dangerous because so deceptive. It comes on so slowly yet surely that it is often firmly seated before we are aware of it.

The name of this disease which may be divided into three distinct stages is, First, Kidney trouble, indicated by pain in the back, rheumatism, lumbago, frequent desire to urinate, often with a burning sensation, the flow of urine being copious or scant with strong odor.

Followed to advance, this reaches the Second stage, or Bladder trouble with heavy pain in the abdomen low down between the navel and the water passage, increasing desire to urinate, with scalding sensation in passing, small quantities being passed with difficulty, sometimes necessary to urinate with instruments. If untreated or gravel has formed, it will prove dangerous if neglected.

The Third stage is Bright's Disease. There is comfort in knowing that Dr. Kilmer, the great kidney and bladder specialist, has discovered a Remedy famous for its marvelous cures of the most distressing cases and known as Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root.

It is sold by all druggists.

As a proof of the wonderful virtues of this great discovery, Swamp-Root, a sample bottle and book of valuable information will be sent absolutely free by mail on application to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing kindly mention that you read this liberal offer in the THE MERRILL NEWS.

Tour of All Mexico

In a special vestibuled train of Pullman Compartment, Drawing Room, Library and Dining Cars, with the celebrated open top observation car CHILLILITL, starting from Chicago Monday, February 27, for a term of 37 days, the longest ever offered. Tickets include all expenses—railway and sleeping car fares, meals in dining car, hotels, conveyances, special street cars, lunts, guides and interpreters, no extras whatever.

The party will be a select one and limited in number, and will be personally conducted under the auspices of The American Tourist Association, Room Campbell, Gen. Mgr., 1423 Marquette Bldg., Chicago. For full information, maps, circulars, etc., call on or address any Ticket Agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. 713

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I have an exceptionally fine lot of fresh milk cows, about 40 in number, of choice breeding, that I hereby offer for sale. Anyone desiring a fine cow should not fail to inspect my herd at my farm 1/2 miles east of the city. GEO. GIBSON.

Farmers. LOGS!

The blizzard having now subsided, you can easily haul from five to eight hundred feet more on each load this week.

Names of prize winners for the week ending February 11th, given next week.

Following prizes for this week:

- Largest load Rock Elm\$1.00
- Largest load Soft Elm 1.00
- Largest load Butternut 50
- Largest load Oak 50
- Largest load Basswood 1.00
- Largest load Ash 1.00

Quality of timber will be considered in awarding prizes.

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Yours for Success, Alfred Mellin.

Geo. Langley came down from camp to spend Sunday with relatives. H. W. Boyer returned to Wausau Saturday morning.

John Clear and niece, Miss E. O'Neill, departed Saturday for Heald Junction, to visit Miss Anna O'Neill, who is teaching there.

Mrs. J. G. Sullivan has suffered an attack of pneumonia, but is now improving.

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