



On June 13, 1908, the "bunch" left Chicago for the north on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, at 10:30 p. m., arriving at the imperial city of Kremlin, Wisconsin, about one o'clock the next day. Although a few of the party suffered from sea-sickness and food that did not agree with them, everybody reached the camp site, about three-quarters of a mile from the railroad track, in good shape. Here they found only the cook tent, the dining tent, and equipment tent put up, and the next thing on the program was to erect the tents to sleep in. The fellows split up into parties of five or six, went to work and soon had all the tents put up.

The camp was situated on the tops of two hills. On one hill five tents were erected, which were collectively known as "Poverty Row." The feature of this group was the large 1910 pennant, suspended from the pole of the tent occupied by the "din-a-miters." The other hill was known as "Knob Hill." The four profs—"Pa" Phillips, Converse, Johnson and Stevens—were in one tent, and such model youths as Lanky Smith, Sheriff Lessel, Dago Letterman, Alias Convict 999, Butler, Erick Erickson, Whisky Szeszycky (pronounced Zzzssski), Black Batch Richards, Poor As Kent Harger, and Dutch Schlinz were in the tents adjoining that of the "powers that be."

Each tent of "Poverty Row" had a nickname. The "bunch" known as the "din-a-miters" comprised Bristol, the two Kellners, Eliel, Eckert, Williams and Kloman. Then came "Freiburg's," occupied by da Silva, Cleaver, Adolphus Jensen, Tough Mug Mandler and Parker. Next in line stood "Mamie's," dwelt in by the "Candies"—Mr. Vynne, Mr. Tobias, Mr. P. D. Van Vliet, Mr. Burke, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Pierce. Next came the "individually" and the "collectively" tent, where Messrs. Cole, Powell, Binder, Clark and Miller condescended to repose their limbs when the sun had sunk into the golden west. Last, though least, came the Igorrote village, inhabited by the Chico twins, Osmeña and