



SUMMER CAMP

On the evening of June 7th, the majority of thirty-two Civils boarded the "Fisherman Special" at the Union Depot. The next morning we arrived at Minocqua and, from there traveled by bus to State House.

Grouped about the magnificent depot which consisted of a small platform of weather bleached boards, some white letters spelling "State House," and nothing else, 'twas here we waited for our baggage. Galloping up the track, swaying from side to side, came the wonderful Boulder Junction Limited. It usually ran only on Tuesdays and Fridays but made a special trip this time to deliver the baggage. Once seen, it cannot be forgotten. Thereafter on Tuesdays and Fridays, if one was working near the track, he anxiously waited to see it go by with a caboose and a possible car or two.

The next move was to hike to camp. After a general survey of the vicinity of camp, tents were given out, four fellows to a tent, and baggages, some whole and some not so whole, were dragged up-hill to where the tents were located. By Saturday evening everything was ready for a six week's stay.

Work began Monday morning at seven A. M. with parties of two being sent out to tape distances. The three instructors, Professors Wells, Heald and Mr. Jaris, walked around from group to group seeing that the work was performed in the right manner. Quite a number of groups were advised against having a tug of war with the tape.

The rest of the six weeks was spent in measuring angles, triangulation, locating bridge piers across imaginary rivers that often went up and down hills, measuring areas, taking topography, land survey and railroad location.

There was plenty of time left over after the day's work and on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. Of course, there were notes to fix up and, at times, a whole evening was used in trying to have them ready before eight o'clock.

After a hot day in the field many would change from boots to bathing suit, if any, and run down to the lake to cool off.

