



Topics of a Week

George Brisson left last week for Sandstone, Minn.

Ed. Toftey left by stage Sunday for a business trip to Duluth.

John A. Blackwell returned home Sunday from a business visit to Chicago.

Andrew Larson left Tuesday for a trip to the southern part of the state.

Nels Eide, of Tofte, is in town today, transacting business at the court house.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John N. Eliason, of Hovland, Tuesday morning, Dec. 28th.

There will be a grand masquerade ball in the near future for the benefit of the public library.

Hans Kasper and Rev. W. H. Ripon have exchanged residences. They moved into their new homes Monday.

The instruments for the newly organized band was sent for last Tuesday. The band will consist of twenty pieces.

The Modern Samaritans will give a New Years ball on New Years eve, Dec. 31st, at the Happy Hour hall. Tickets, including supper, \$1.00.

"The Phantom Light", "Mayor's Maricure" and "Never Said a Word" will be presented in moving pictures at the Princess theater next Saturday evening.

Harry Hummich came in Tuesday from his trapping camp near Greenwood lake. He left again yesterday morning, going as far as Hovland by stage.

The steamer Crescent was reported disabled off Split Rock Tuesday afternoon. There was a heavy sea running and quite a strong northeast wind blowing in the evening so there was considerable anxiety as to her condition. Last night a telephone message was received from Capt. Johns saying they had gotten into Two Harbors safely.

A Patenaude, who was held to the grand jury for larceny, asked to be taken before the judge and plead guilty. The request was granted and Sheriff Lien will start with him for Duluth tomorrow morning. County Attorney Murphy and Clerk of Court Leig will accompany them to take the necessary records and make testimony in court.

L. G. Lundquist came home Monday evening from a business trip through the state. He started from Duluth in his automobile Wednesday last week, being five days on the road. In spite of the almost unpassable roads for autos, on account of the deep snow, he drove his car as far as Good Harbor Hill where he left it and got a team to take him home. He was accompanied by Hans Toftey from Tofte.

Golden Wedding Celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Johnson, Sr., celebrated their golden wedding last Sunday, Dec. 26th. A party was given at their home in the evening in honor of the occasion, at which about twenty of their friends and relatives were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married in Tjomo, Norway, fifty years ago. They are both 76 years old and have enjoyed the best of health all their lives, except that Mr. Johnson injured his eyes through an accident about seven years ago, which caused his sight to be steadily failing, otherwise he is quite robust. Mrs. Johnson is still in the best of health. They immigrated to this country in 1888 and first settled in Duluth. Five years later they moved to Grand Marais and have made their home here since. They took up a homestead on Good Harbor Hill where they lived for many years. Mr. Johnson was also engaged in the fishing business. About ten years ago they moved to town and are now making their home with their son Matt.



The Norwegian Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Chris Holte next Thursday afternoon.

Wm. Howenstine left for his trapping camp near Gunflint yesterday morning, after spending Christmas in town.

The Union Sunday school held their Christmas entertainment at the Congregational church last Friday evening.

Miss Lucy Keller, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Blackwell, for the past month, left on the stage Sunday.

Godfrey Plante spent Christmas with his family in the village. He returned to his fishing camp at Grand Portage yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Olson, of Big Bay, visited relatives and friends in the village Monday, returning home Tuesday morning.

Heddy Redmyre, formerly of Cross River, but for the past eight years or more has been residing in the state of Washington and Alaska, will come back to Cross River to make his home. His mother is also returning with him. Mr. Redmyre was at Cross River two weeks ago but returned to Duluth to arrange for the shipment of his household goods. Their many friends in the county are glad to learn of their return to their former home.

PECULIAR STORM CREATES HAVOC

Rain, Hail, Snow, Thunder and Lightning in East.

HURRICANE VISITS NEW YORK

Gale Reaches Velocity of Ninety Miles an Hour in Gotham, Resulting in Seven Deaths.

New York, Dec. 27.—One of the weirdest storms the East has seen in many years—rain, hail and snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning and a gale that reached a maximum velocity of ninety miles an hour—descended from the northwest as the aftermath of a Christmas fog.

It caused seven deaths in this vicinity, carried down telegraph wires, damaged shipping, crippled railroad traffic and caused considerable property damage.

A gale from the south, accompanied by rain, had been blowing, but the temperature dropped, changing the rain to hail and then to snow.

The local weather bureau reported a total precipitation of 5.2 inches, of which 2.8 was snow.

The wind shifted to the northwest and increased in violence, reaching its ninety-mile intensity, and soon after carrying off the storm clouds. The gale continued, however, blowing in hundreds of plate glass windows, hurling signs and copings to the streets and demolishing several partly built structures.

The storm had its center in Massachusetts and the telegraph companies said their service in New England had been crippled, although communication had not been entirely lost with the principal cities.

Shipping of all kinds scurried to shelter to escape the heavy seas and several ocean liners dropped anchor. Twenty-five persons aboard fifteen canal boats, driven ashore off Sandy Hook, were rescued by the coast guard crew.

WILL SUE FATHER-IN-LAW

Young Man May Appeal to Court to Get Girl-Wife Back.

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 27.—Victor Edward Palm may resort to legal action to get his girl wife from the custody of her father, Henry Vollmer, former congressman.

Mr. Palm, who is a wealthy Chicago young man, and nineteen-year-old Dorothy Vollmer were married secretly Wednesday afternoon.

Her father became angry on hearing of her marriage and turned his son-in-law out of the house.

Mrs. Palm left for California Friday with her brother for an indefinite stay.

JOHNSON WOULD COME BACK

Negro Pugilist Informed Law Must Take Course.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, who fled to Europe after being convicted of violating the Mann act and who thereby forfeited a bond of \$20,000, wants to come back, according to a letter received from him by Charles F. Cline, United States district attorney here. Johnson requests that the case be "settled."

Mr. Cline mailed a reply saying that the law must take its course. Most of the bond has been collected.

FREIGHT RATES INCREASED

Advances on Western Roads Take Effect on Jan. 31.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Hundreds of thousands of dollars additional revenue will be derived annually by railroads west of the Mississippi as a result of the interstate commerce commission's decision allowing material increases in freight rates, despite the fact that numerous increases sought by the carriers were denied.

Most of the advances, which include such commodities as agricultural implements, canned goods and boots and shoes, take effect Jan. 31.

TO HEAR NAVY BILL SOON

House Committee Will Begin Session Jan. 5.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Hearings on the naval appropriation bill will begin before the house naval affairs committee probably Jan. 5, it is announced.

The navy department's recommendation for provision in the bill for a dry dock at Norfolk, with a limit of cost of \$3,500,000, is the principal dock problem in the naval plans.

STATE NEWS BITS.

Happenings of the Week in Minnesota.

Dr. E. S. Fowler, a practicing physician of Staples, expired suddenly.

Fire in the Great Northern roundhouse at Minneapolis caused \$130,000 damage.

Osman Temple, Mystic Shrine, will build a \$400,000 mosque temple in St. Paul.

John Gradl, one of the earliest farmers in Winona county, is dead, aged ninety years.

Charles Carlson, a building workman, was killed at Minneapolis when a derrick arm fell on him.

Cal E. Stone has been appointed as the first traffic passenger manager of the Great Northern railroad.

N. H. Watson, ninety years of age, who had been identified with the lumbering business at Winona for a half century, is dead.

Clyde Gilmer, three years old, son of John Gilmer of Brainerd, fell into a dishpan of hot water and was scalded to death.

The depot of the Minnesota and International railroad at Laporte, together with the freight on hand, was destroyed by fire.

Dr. Arthur W. Dunning, fifty-five years old, one of the best known physicians in St. Paul, died suddenly from an attack of heart trouble.

Pennington county is dry, the twelve saloons at Thief River Falls having closed as the result of the recent county option election.

Mountford S. Lloyd has been appointed deputy clerk of the United States court at Duluth to succeed the late Captain T. H. Pressnell.

Mrs. E. M. La Penotiere, one of the best known women in Minneapolis and prominent in the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs, is dead.

From the ministry to the vaudeville stage is the gap bridged by William Hainsworth, former pastor of the Methodist church at Mountain Iron.

Bernice Brodtkorb, sixteen months old, died at Little Falls from burns on the face and abdomen suffered when she fell against a stove while at play.

Tree bounties paid for 1915 total \$3,723.54. A total of 475 persons will divide the amount. A bounty of \$2.50 an acre is paid those who plant trees.

Archibald Curtis, aged seventy-six, who was a member of Company D, First Minnesota regiment, in the charge at Gettysburg, is dead at Osseo.

Minnesota postal savings banks number 308 and at the close of the fiscal year there were 12,103 depositors, with aggregate deposits of \$1,744,145.

Thomas Egan, seventy-five years of age, dropped dead near his home near Finlayson while returning from a church service in McGrath, six miles distant.

The supreme court has just decided that county auditors cannot sell lots forfeited for nonpayment of taxes unless authorized by the state auditor to do so.

W. H. Sandon and Bert Derby captured a silver gray fox in a corn field near Winnebago City. The market quotation for the fur is quoted at \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Mrs. Caroline Petrowske, aged eighty-eight years, is dead at St. Paul from injuries sustained when she fell down the cellar steps at the home of her granddaughter.

Barnesville went dry on Nov. 20 and from that date until Dec. 20 there was not a single arrest. During the thirty days previous to Nov. 20 there were seventy-nine arrests.

A jealous impulse prompted Benjamin Arbuckle, thirty-four years old, of St. Paul to shoot his wife and attempt suicide. He probably will die, but the woman will live.

Edward Rasmussen, a patient at the asylum for the insane at Fergus Falls, was killed when he fell on his head while trying to escape from the asylum with another inmate.

Elbridge O. Parker, a resident of Minneapolis for sixty-four years, is dead. His father was the first man to run a steamboat on the Mississippi river above St. Anthony Falls.

State Auditor Preus has just distributed \$85,000 among county agricultural societies, in which ninety-six participated. The counties are allowed a maximum of \$1,500 under the law.

Mrs. John L. Merriam, widow of John L. Merriam, pioneer St. Paul capitalist, and stepmother of William R. Merriam, former governor of Minnesota, is dead, aged eighty years.

All the street cars on the 540 miles of track in St. Paul and Minneapolis stopped for five minutes during the funeral of C. G. Goodrich, president of the Twin City Rapid Transit company.

The state board of control has rejected all bids for the old state prison at Stillwater at the request of the people of that city who have intimated they may find a way to dispose of the property in a manner which will bring manufactories to the town.

Indians living on the Fond du Lac reservation near Cloquet are signing a petition addressed to Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs at Washington, requesting him to clamp the Indian liquor "lid" on all territory embraced within the reservation.

P. H. Stolberg, judge of the Nineteenth district, composed of courts in Washington, Chisago, Pine and Kanabe counties, is dead at Hinckley, where he had gone in an effort to recuperate from an illness of several months. He was sixty-five years old.

William Engel of New Ulm has reported to the police the loss of \$4,000 in currency from a bureau drawer in his home. Three weeks ago he added the last \$20 to his savings and had not looked in the drawer since then, so does not know just when the burglary occurred.

Harry L. Moore, alderman from the Seventh ward of Minneapolis and commercial agent for the Monon line, is dead. Mr. Moore was the third generation of his family in direct descent to live in the Mill City. His grandfather, Joseph Moore, came to Minnesota territory in 1851.

It has been determined definitely by those who have been surveying the field for the Anti-Saloon league not to petition for an option election in St. Louis county until the early part of 1917. The multiplicity of primary and other elections during 1916 is the reason for postponement.

Strikers may "picket" a plant and use peaceful and legitimate means to induce other workmen to leave their jobs, but violence must not be resorted to, according to an opinion of the state supreme court in modifying a temporary injunction granted the Minnesota Stove company of Shakopee.

One feature of the farmers' and homemakers' week at University Farm, Jan. 3 to 8, will be a congress of live stock breeders. The breeders will come together in the general meetings of the Minnesota Live Stock Breeders' association on Jan. 6 for the discussion of problems relating to live stock.

Calvin G. Goodrich, president of the Twin City Rapid Transit company, which owns the St. Paul City Railway company and the Minneapolis Street Railway company, died suddenly at his home in Minneapolis. A severe cold rapidly developed bronchial pneumonia, from which he died. He was fifty-nine years of age.

Mrs. Gideon H. Pond, widow of Gideon H. Pond, who was missionary to the Sioux Indians and one of the first two white residents of the present site of Minneapolis, is dead. Mrs. Pond, who was ninety years of age, came to Minnesota in 1843 with her first husband, Robert Hopkins, to do missionary work for the Presbyterian church.

Patronize Industry.

It is surprising that the great bulk of parcels the mail order stores send to the postoffices of the county and it means money that should be kept at home is being expended elsewhere it rarely, if ever, comes back.

By spending our money in our own county we keep it here or at least a portion of it which will be put into circulation again. It will be like an endless chain from the consumer to the dealer and from the dealer back to the wage-earner. While on the other hand money spent away from home is gone.

But why are the people of Cook county spending the larger per cent of their money abroad; why do they prefer to patronize business in far away cities; why do they choose goods from mail order houses in preference to the local stores? It is because of the inefficiency of our local merchants; because the people find it cheaper to buy abroad and pay the transportation charges than at home. This should not be. There is no reason why our merchants cannot purchase goods at wholesale in large quantities, (which not only enables them to purchase more cheaply but to reduce transportation charges) and sell them as cheaply as the mail order establishments in Minneapolis, Chicago and other large cities. Another reason for this is some merchants are not so accommodating as they might be. Mail order houses are always ready to show their customers every courtesy possible. Some go so far as to sell on account or by the installment plan, therefore, our merchants should not kick out of the harness if their neighbor should ask for credit for a short time. They have thirty days for settlement on most of their goods and should be glad to oblige a customer.

It is reasonable that the people would spend their money at home, where it would profit them again, and receive their goods at once which at times they are in need of if there was not a drawback somewhere.

The merchant or jobber, and consumer should come to a mutual understanding and both be benefited. The people should patronize local merchants, and they in turn show their appreciation by keeping a stock that will supply their needs, to be sold at a reasonable profit and in case he should not have an article called for, he should show his appreciation by ordering same.

In addition to this the merchant can handle a portion of the country produce, furs, etc., or at least act as broker for the producer.

Hoping these few lines may be the means of benefiting our communities, I am yours for progress.

N. P. PARSONS.

"And how did you find the outlet?" asked the cheery proprietor, rubbing his hands.

"Sheer matter of luck" replied the old customer. "I chanced to turn over a potato and there was the outlet."

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