CITY NEWS

Winn Brackett Ill—Winn M. Brackett of the internal revenue service, is reported as very ill at his home in Farmington, Minn., where he recently took up his residence.

May Get "Krags"—Senator Knute Nelson says that the clause appended to the army appropriation bill to furnish Krag-Jorgenson rifles to the National Guard has every prospect of going through.

R. W. Gilmer Dies—Robert W. Gilmer, for a long time with Voegeli Brothers, druggists, died recently at Willow City, N. D., of tuberculosis. Mr. Gilmer was 19 years of age and had many friends in the city.

Burglars' Big Haul—The residence of Rev. T. W. McLean, 613 Ninth street S, was entered by burglars Friday and $200 worth of wearing apparel stolen, among the missing goods being four overcoats. The burglars effected an entrance into the house by raising a front window on the ground floor.

Couldn't Get a Wife—John Peterson returned to his home near Webster, S. D., Friday, without securing a wife. The week's vacation which he had allowed himself was drawing to a close, and although his search was unavailing he decided to give it up for good and return to his farm home alone.

Died at Soldiers' Home — Albert Hallin, who served for the period of twenty-seven months in the Third United States infanty during and since the late Spanish war, died of diabetes, at the Soldiers' Home hospital, Wednesday. Mr. Hallin was 31 years old and was born in Sweden. He was discharged from the army last July and, on the 21st of September, entered the home hospital, from Big Stone county, for medical treatment. He has been a resident of Minnesota for thirteen years, was unmarried and leaves no known relatives in the state.

MODERN PAINTINGS

Free Exhibition of Choice Work Is Now in the City.

A free exhibition of modern paintings was opened this morning at Bintliff's and will remain there about a month. It is probably the largest private collection ever brought to the city, and includes works by many artists whose names are familiar but whose pictures have never been seen here. The collector is Edward MacDonald, through whose efforts many fine works of art have found owners in this country. The pictures are all foreign products, although some of the artists are Americans, as W. E. Norton, born in Massachusetts but now living in London. The collection is especially strong in Italian work full of color and picturesque costuming that appeals strongly to the popular fancy.

The collection includes 125 canvases, most of which are not too large for home adornment, although there are half a dozen works more suitable for a gallery, which would appeal more especially to the collector. Among the latter is a Corot of an early period that shows his aptitude for securing splendid atmospheric effects but has not the high key of his later works. A small example of Walter Crane's art, "The Finding of Elaine," is very interesting. The funeral barge has been drawn up in the strong light streaming through the open door and falls on the straightly-laid limbs, stiffened in death, and on the ghastly features, which still show a mournful trace of beauty. A group of gaily attired figures crowd the brightly lightly doorway, framed about with the darkness of the night.

Bernardo Hay has some Venetian scenes that are refined in color and at the same time represent truly the brilliant quality of Venetian skies, water and sunlight. A favorite and impressive effect is a foreground in cool, deep shadow with the tops of the buildings and the distant objects bathed in a flood of sunshine. One of his pictures shows an extensive view of the Grand canal, another the postoffice and a third a narrow canal deeply shaded, over which is thrown a high, vine covered bridge. The strongest marines are those of W. E. Norton showing English and American boating and seashore scenes. These are full of sentiment and atmosphere. Desvarreaux-Larpenteur is a Franco-American whose lost salon picture, "The Foragers," and several solidly painted cattle pictures are shown.

De Beauregard has a good genre, "The Last Command," an officer falling in the arms of a comrade, while other groups are seen near by. A portrait of an old man by G. Ciappi of Naples, is strong and rich in coloring. "A Wedding of the Eighteenth Century," by G. Vidal, is a large canvass full of figures that has all the pomp of the elaborate ceremony and the atmosphere of luxury suggested by the rich accessories and costuming.

Of Verboeckhoven's "The Dutch Farm" it is unnecessary to say that there are numerous animals treated with great fidelity as well as accuracy of drawing and color. This picture has much life and interest.

THE STRAUSS CONCERTS

The First of the Series Delights Those Who Hear It.

The opening concert of the engagement of the Strauss orchestra at the Lyceum theater created a remarkable impression that will doubtless assure the remaining concerts a liberal patronage. The organization is a splendid one, under an unrivaled leader, whose ease and grace in conducting is the result of power and perfect control over the instrument with which he interprets exquisite music. Eduard Strauss has brought to Minneapolis an organization of artists capable of producing programs that will satisfy the most exacting.

The classics were not neglected yesterday but mingled with the larger works were charming bits of lighter melodies. Each number was heartily applauded and received with evident pleasure. "Wiener Blut" and "Waldmeister" by Johann Strauss and the polka, "Hearty and Sensible," by Edward Strauss, created great enthusiasm. The Mendelssohn "Songs Without Words" number was twice repeated and Gillet's "Entr'acte a la Rocooo" also demanded a repetition. Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsodie, No. 12" has rarely had so spirited and faithful an interpretation. The program closed with "The Causian March," its fire and dash stirring the pulses of the audience strongly.

Several times to satisfy the persistent applause the leader took his violin and played with the orchestra, showing himself a great soloist as well as a leader.

Another concert will be given at the Lyceum to-morrow evening.

OOM PAUL'S RECEPTION

Col. Listoe Says in the Hague 'Twas a Warm One.

Colonel Soren Listoe, United States consul to the Netherlands at Rotterdam, was in Minneapalis this afternoon. Colonel Listoe, just before he left The Hague, met Oom Paul and had an opportunity to shake hands and converse with him. Said Colonel Listoe:

Kruger looks just like his photographs which are printed in the United States. You would know the old fellow the moment you shaw him, should he walk down Nicollet avenue. It is not true, as reported in the American press, that his reception in Holland lacked the expected warmth and cordiality. The people went wild over him everywhere. If Holland was in the first rank of the powers it is probable that she would intervene between the Dutch republic and Great Britain. The United States' trade with Holland is constantly on the increase.

TRY THE COUNTY BOARD

Lake Calhoun People Petition the Commissioners.

The county commissioners held a short meeting this morning, and after sizing up the business awaiting disposition, adjourned until 2 p. m. A petition was received from several Lake Calhoun property owners urging the commissioners to take steps to prevent the present wholesale cutting of ice at Calhoun. Those interested declared that the companies now operating at the lake are surely reducing its level. The signers of the petition were A. H. Rolley, E. L. Gedney, George H. Rentz, Joseph L. Hickson, John M. Norris and J. W. Penberthey.

IN TRUTH A QUEEN

Englishmen Pay Tribute to Their Beloved Sovereign.

HER INFLUENCE FOR PEACE

Former Captain in English Army Fears Serious Trouble With Germany.

The English people of Minneapolis are grief-stricken over the sad intelligence from Osborne house. They speak feelingly of "the beloved queen" and mingled with their expressions of grief are notes of alarm now that another hand is to guide the destinies of the empire. The fact that the queen has been but nominally at the head of affairs for years makes no difference. She was the strong rallying point in critical times, and her loss will fall severely upon the great English masses who loved and respected her not only as a queen but as a good woman.

Mrs. C. Fitzgerald Raikes of 1514 Nicollet avenue, who is visiting her son, Charles Fitzgerald Reikes, is an Englishwoman thoroughly conversant with court affairs. At her son's home to-day Mrs. Reikes talked interestingly of the royal family, particularly the Prince of Wales, who is a good friend of her sons and daughters. "My daughters have all been presented at court," said Mrs. Raikes, "and I so much wish they were here to tell of their meeting with the queen. I know a great deal more of the Prince of Wales, who has been particularly kind to us all. I believe him to be a good man. It is true that he has been criticised for his connection with certain events, but all that is past. He realizes his position, and I feel certain that he will become a wise and well-beloved sovereign."

Takes a Gloomy View.

Mrs. Raike's son is not so sanguine. He is the proud possessor of a commission in her majesty's army, igned in the left hand corner "Victoria Regina," in the handwriting of the queen herself. Taught from his earliest boyhood to revere the queen, Mr. Raikes takes a gloomy look into the future when discussing Victoria's death. Said he:

I believe that the friendly relations we have maintained with Germany have been entirely owing to Emperor William's love for England's queen. He does not like the Prince of Wales, nor does the prince like him. They kiss each other in public, and all that, but there is no love lost between them. I am afraid that England will have a hard time to steer clear of the shoals now that the queen can no longer guide the nation's counselors.

A prominent Minneapolitan who has lived many years in England, and who is familiar with English political sentiment, has had exceptional opportunities to learn of the queen's influence in international affairs. He says:

Many people suppose that Victoria has been a mere figure head, but there never was a greater mis take. She has not only taken an active part in all questions affecting diplomatic relations with other countries, but she has been the dominating influence. She has been the great factor for peace in all of England's controversies with other nations.

Queen Had Her Way.

The queen always exercised her constitutional prerogative to know all about international affairs, and she never affixed her signature to a document that she did not thoroughly understand. She loved America and when strained relations existed between the United States and her ministry during Cleveland's administration it was the queen who prevented serious complications. Her ministers sought in vain to induce her to modify a note which she had edited—a note which otherwise could scarcely have failed to induce the bitterest feelings in the United States. The note she gave instead was of so pacific a character that her majesty was informed that it indicated a weak attitude. But she had her way, as she did in all important matters. In all things she took the most intelligent and painstaking care. She was the last monarch in Europe to let things slide along without thorough investigation.

Cyanide Plant Burned.

Special to The Journal.

Lead, S. D., Jan. 21.—Fire last week destroyed the twenty-ton cyanide plant at Ragged Top, owned by Allen and associates. The plant was valued at $10,000, with an insurance of $2,500. It was one of the most successful in the Hills.

Big Timbers From Washington.

Special to The Journal.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 21.—What are said to be the largest sticks of Washington timber ever shipped eastward were received here Saturday. They are square pieces of Washington fir, each fifty-five feet long and forty inches square throughout, and each is sound as a dollar. It would take a tree nearly six feet through, sixty feet above the ground, to get any one of the logs. There are no such trees east of the Rocky mountains. The timber was received by the Duluth Dredge and Dock company and will go into the construction of a great dredge it is building here. The same company is also building a very large scow for dredging purposes.

Prosperous Institution.

Special to The Journal.

Minnesota Lake, Minn., Jan. 21.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Security State Bank, Peter Kremer, Ed Cote, Oscar H. Schroeder, Mat. S. Fisch and Nicholas J. Fisch were elected directors. The report of the examining committee showed the bank to be in excellent condition, while the amount of cash added to the surplus account was greater than the amount added to that fund the past four years. Peter Kremer was elected president; M. S. Fisch, vice-president, and O. H. Schroeder, cashier.

CRAFTY DANES

They Buy American Pork, Repack It and Then Sell It to the Germans.

New York Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Says a traveler for one of the largest of the Chicago pork packing houses:

"It was while I was making my trip through Bavaria a few months ago that I discovered a rather clever game that the Danes are playing on the good people of Germany, who have such a hatred of the American hog. Germans are fond of pork, and the sort that commands the highest prices among imported products is the Danish article. I was in an establishment where they were disposing of lots of pork when a little twist in the method of packing attracted my attention. I carefully kept an ey on the made-in Denmark pig products after that, and made a visit to Denmark in my Sherlock Holmes capacity. After a lot of investigation I at last clinched things, and was then able to prove if necessary that the Dane had been 'doing' the Germans and Americans. Those thrifty Danes, who have always been comfortably large buyers of our pork, had been taking good Chicago packed pork, changing the packings and labels and sending it to Germany, where it was sold as pork of Danish making. Then I went off to the nearest ratshkellar and had a quiet laugh to myself over the way the Germans were being taken in. Naturally I kept my mouth shut about the discovery until I reached home and reported to the firm. As we happen to have a pretty good sort of trade with Denmark, I'm not saying a word now that will interfere with our business. But I can't help having a quiet chuckle when I heard of one of those German agrarian outbreaks in the reichstag about the danger of eating and importing American pork products.

OPIE READ'S CAMPAIGN STORY.
Blue Rapids (Kan.) Letter in the Kansas City Star.

Opie Read told this story while he was attending a smoker which was given after his political speech here. He said:

"I stopped beside a group of young men, who were holding up the bank building and smoking cigarettes. I began telling them they reminded me of an old man I knew in the Tennessee mountains. You could always find him there, leaning against the same big gray boulder. One day I said: 'Why do you always lean against that rock? Why don't you try some other?'

"'Waal, ye see,' he replied, 'I 'low if I lean long enough an' hard enough I'm mighty shore to shove this rock away, an' it 'ul be mighty nice if I'd find a gold mine behind it.'

"He's like a man we all know, who is leaning mighty hard against the G. O. P., with the hope that he can shove it aside and find a White House behind it."

PLEA OF INSANITY

It Is Entered by Henry Sherman, Who Shot Isabel Benson.

THE TRIAL BEGINS AT ONCE

The Charge Is Manslaughter—Miss Benson an Interested Attendant on the Trial.

The case of the state against Henry Sherman, who shot Isabel Benson in her apartments on Fourth street the night of Nov. 27 was taken up in the criminal court before Judge Brooks this morning. Sherman pleaded not guilty to the charge of assault in the first degree, and the case at once went to trial. Most of the jurors were impaneled this morning. The defense will set up the plea of insanity.

The wild look of the eye and a general nervous, fidgety appearnce of the prisoner, seem to support the plea that he is not sound mentally.

Miss Benson, who has entirely recovered from the wound which threatened her life, occupied a seat back of the county attorney. She smiled broadly, and seemed to enjoy the situation.

Others Arraigned.

William Wright pleaded not guilty to a charge of grand larceny in the second degree. The case was set for Jan. 23. He is charged with stealing a watch, valued at $6.90.

Loy Bard and William Mack were arraigned on four charges of grand larceny and burglary. They pleaded not guilty, and will be tried Jan. 28. They were arrested for breaking into the store building at 312 Third avenue S. Ten valves, valued at $10, were stolen.

Benton H. Billinger entered a negative plea to the charge of grand larceny preferred against him by George W. Dysinger. His case will be heard Jan. 23. Dysinger charges him with the theft of a quantity of false teeth valued at $154.46.

MR. HAGMAN MAY GO

Superintendent of the Workhouse Is Under Fire.

WHALEN BITTER AGAINST HIM

Board of Charities and Corrections May Renovate the Shingle Creek Prison.

The board of charities anr corrections will make another investigation into the management of affairs at the workhouse.

At the recent special meeting of the board, Commissioners Miller and Rhineheart, the regular workhouse committee were instructed to make an investigation of the difficulty between Superintendent Hagman and Michael Whalen, his assistant. The committee met late this afternoon for a preliminary survey.

Those on the inside say the result will be a thorough reorganization of the workhouse staff. oBth Hagman and Whalen will have to go, they say, and practically all the present staff with them. Whalen and the rest of the staff hold their positions at the pleasure of the board. Hagman can hold on until July 1, unless removed for cause. It is said that Mayor Ames is fully satisfied that Hagman is not the man he wants in that position, and that, moreover, he is prepared to bring charges against him which wil result in his discharge. There are many ugly things being said against the workhouse management, and it is expected that they will be brought out at this investigation and the case against Hagman pressed hard.

Fred Canney, the workhouse enginner, who was mixed up with Hagman in the difficulty of last year, is out of the state and presumably that old trouble will not be resurrected. Assistant Superintendent Whalen is very wroth at his chief who he claims has abused him shamefully, and it is said, that Whalen will make an expose of workhouse affairs at the coming investigation.

LEGAL MEASURES AGAINST MALARIA
Rome Correspondence Pall Mall Gazette.

The discovery of the seat of malaria has caused a species of peaceful revolution in Italy. Those interested in the matter are determined to rid the country of the scourge at all costs. Professor Celli, a well-known deputy and hygienist, will present to the chamber a measure of a radical kind which, if it passes, will revolutionize the conditions of work in the country in certain large portions of the peninsula. The project is to make punishable by law the neglect of landed proprietors and all employers of labor to provide, in malarial districts, every means of fighting the fever. Another law to be submitted to parliament will cause greater opposition and more serious fighting. Professor Celli and his clique, as quinine is the chief factor in stamping out the infection, being the only known medicine which kills the germs in the human blood, wish the government to take the sale of this drug into its own hands, supplying it to the public at a little more than cost price, the aim being to protect itself against fluctuations in the price of the raw material. For instance, hydrochlorate of quinine, now sold at 11d a gram by druggists, and sulphate of quinine at 10d, under this system would cost 2d and 1½d respectively. There is no need to explain the enormous gain to the public at large, some of whom seem to live on the drug. It is calculated that the very slight margin on the sale would average £40,000 yearly, which would be devoted to the extermination of malaria. However, against this extremely humane measure there is a huge array of objections on the part of the powerful fraternity of druggists and manufacturers of quinine. Very similar propositions with regard to this medicine have been made before, and have been invariably defeated, but this time Professor Celli is determined, and as he is a good fighter, one may hope that what is now only a project may soon become law.

IMPORTATIONS GROW SMALLER.
Hardware Dealers Magazine.

The commercial record of the United States in the calendar year 1900 surpasses that of any preceding year, both in exports and the excess of exports over imports, or "favorable balance of trade," as this excess is usually termed. The imports were slightly below those of one or two preceding years, and when considered in their relation to population show a smaller importation for each individual than at almost any other period in many years. The exports of the calendar year 1900 reached about $1,470,000,000, and the imports $825,000,000, making the excess of exports over imports, or favorable balance of trade, $645,000,000, a sum greater by $25,000,000 than that of any preceding year.

JUVENILE COMMENT.
Salt Lake Tribune.

Two tiny bundles of rags were standing gazing in rapture at a doll about as big as both of them. She was gorgeous in evening dress, and made as much display of her arms and shoulders as some of her animate scrawny sisters, who know better.

"Gee, wouldn't you like t' hev her?" said little Light Moccasin, "an' that party dress with her?"

"'At's not no dress; she ain't dot no clothes on up——"

"Ah, ladies don' wear no clothes when they go t' a party," said the other, with a haughty air, as the two started down the street deep in Totland discussion.

HE NEEDED THE MAN.

"Excuse me for breaking into your conversation," said Senator Sorghum, as he approached the musicians who were discussing their art, "but who is this man you are talking about?"

"We have talked of several."

"But the man you last mentioned. You said he had such a beautiful and unerring touch. I am willing to pay such a man good money to get out and work on my campaign fund."

DEVOE WILL CASE

Supreme Court of Iowa Decides Against the Widow.

ANTENUPTIAL CONTRACT HOLDS

Signatures Had Been Detached, but the Court Admitted Oral Proof.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 21.—The supreme court has rendered an opinion in the noted Devoe will case, in which there has been prolonged legal contention between Mrs. Carrie E. Devoe, the widow of A. B. Devoe, a wealthy resident of Creston, and Devoe's six children by former marriages, for the possession of his property. The decision of the supreme court is a defeat for Mrs. Devoe and a victory for the children. The widow had also been defeated in the district court of Union county, and the supreme court upholds the lower court's findings.

Devoe had lived in Creston since 1875. He had large realty interests, and was vice-president of a Creston bank. At his death, in 1898, he left an estate of $120,000. In 1894 he married his fourth wife, a Miss Carrie Seely, who had worked at his home as a servant. He was then 73, while Miss Seely was 27. Devoe's six children by former wives did not sanction the marriage. In order to protect them, he made an antenuptial contract with Miss Seely, by the terms of which she waived her right of dower to one-third of the estate and was to have the income from $5,000, the sum of $300 in cash and $200 in value of the kitchen and household furniture. After his death, in 1898, Mrs. Devoe began action in the district court to obtain one-third of the property. She alleged the antenuptial contract had been obtained by fraud and later Devoe had revoked it.

The children of Devoe, on the other hand, alleged Mrs. Devoe had destroyed or secreted the contract, by which they held she had waived her right of dower. It did not appear, however, the contract had been entirely destroyed, as the attorney who drew it testified there was but one copy. The Devoe children introduced in evidence what seems to have been the original contract complete, except that the page containing the signatures had been torn off.

Sensational testimony was presented to the effect that after Devoe's death, the widow had been seen with faded-looking papers, supposedly the contract, tucked away in the bosom of her dress. Mrs. Devoe contended that because the paper was incomplete it was not competent evidence of the agreement. The supreme court took a different view and held that even though the document did not bear the signatures, oral proof of the contents of the missing part was admissible. The widow's assertion that the contract was rescinded was held by the court not to affect the case, as the burden of proof was with her to show the actual rescission of the antenuptial contract, and this she failed to do.

The court also held that it could not be justly contended by the widow that the contract was unjust or unfair, as it was shown the widow had entered into it with full knowledge of the conditions and that at the outset she was satisfied with those conditions.

'PHONE EXCHANGE TO BE SOLD

New Home Company Organized at Albert Lea.

Special to The Journal.

Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 21.—The local telephone exchange is about to pass into a corporation to be called the Albert Lea Telephone company, the stockholders of which are Mary B. Fobes, George W. Johnson, Charles F. Towne, Simon Strauss, William W. Parker, Clint L. Luce, Frank A. Thompson, Henry A. Morgan, Harris W. Brown, Frank W. Barlow, Charles Arthur Ransom. The capital stock is $15,000 and an entirely new outfit of instruments will be put in, and some rural extensions are contemplated.

Mrs. W. W. Galt, wife of one of the representatives in the legislature from Freeborn county, is lying at the point of death at the family residence near the village of London.

ARMS BLOWN OFF

Fatal Accident to a Well Driver Near Le Mars, Iowa.

Special to The Journal.

Le Mars, Iowa, Jan. 21.—Joseph Lang, a young farmer residing in Lincoln township, was killed by an explosion of dynamite. In company with his brother he was drilling a well on the farm of Peter Caspar, and went into the house to thaw out two sticks of dynamite in the kitchen stove. His brother heard a terrific explosion and running into the house found his brother writhing on the floor. Both his arms were blown off and his left eye knocked out and his body was punctured with pieces of iron. The stove and other contents of the room were blown to atoms and every window light in the house knocked out. The young man lived for two hours after the accident. He had been in the well-drilling business for some time and was in the habit of handling dynamite.

N. DAK. DIVORCE QUESTIONED

Des Moines Woman Sues for the Share of a Lawful Wife.

Special to The Journal.

Jamestown, N. D., Jan. 21.—Eugenia Beeman of Des Moines, is of the opinion that the divorce obtained by her husband, S. P. Beeman, in Jamestown in 1897, is not valid. She has, therefore, instituted proceedings to secure that portion of her husband's estate to which a lawful wife is entitled under the statutes of Iowa. Beeman died last March. Before his death he transferred certain lands and the sale is claimed to be invalid by his wife. The estate is worth about $10,000. In the action a half-section of land near the city limits of Des Moines is involved. Beeman had not remarried.

Attorney Charles E. Hunns of Des Moines, was in Jamestown looking up the records. He found that everything has been done according to law and does not believe that Mrs. Beeman will be successful in her efforts to have the North Dakota decree annuled.

He represents the interests of those opposed to Mrs. Beeman.

LO IS VACCINATED

Sioux Reservation Indians Make Little Objection.

Special to The Journal.

Fort Yates, N. D., Jan. 21.—Owing to a report of smallpox in Mandan, the whole reservation is being vaccinated. Most of the Indians are willing, but some absolutely refuse to be operated on. A strict quarantine is also maintained on the north side of the reservation. An Episcopal clergyman who had come 300 miles to visit his flock was not permitted to come upon the reservation.

A bill to pension the widows and survivors of the Indian police who captured Sitting Bull will be pushed in congress this session. This bill originated with Colonel McLaughlin, and has the endorsements of Generals Miles, Schofield and ex-Secretary Francis and many other prominent men. It provides a monthly pension of $15.

Ex-Secretary of State John Flittie is now financial clerk at the agency vice William Dobson, deceased. Mr. Flittie was appointed by Senator Hansborough. Financial clerk is one of the few positions in the Indian service not under civil service rules. The salary is $1,200 a year and house and fuel free.

A Musical Family.

Special to The Journal.

Deadwood, S. D., Jan. 21.—The Hedge male quartet, composed of four brothers, of Lead and Deadwood, assisted by Miss Heald, of Lead, gave a concert in this city. The leader is Professor Garnet Hedge, who has had charge of the musical departments of the high schools of Lead and Deadwood for several months. The Hedge family is a musical aggregation. For several years the father and four sons were engaged in the newspaper business in Des Moines.

THEY HAVE SPOKEN

Men Who Own the Nation's Railroads Heard From.

RATE CUTTING STOPPED SHORT

Shippers, Big and Little, Unable to Get Concessions From Tariff Rates.

The big shippers of the twin cities and the northwest generally are astounded at the stability of freight rates. Rates are firm and weak lines are making no concessions. Everything is as orderly as a counting house. Demands of big shippers and little shippers are alike treated with indifference. "We must stick to tariff," has become the burden of every freight solicitor in the business.

The causes that have induced this condition of affairs are found in the financial relations of the various railroad interests which have been prominent in the "community of ownership" gossip with which the newspapers have been rife for weeks. That which high salaried traffic officials could not accomplish by cunning combinations has been quietly effected by the financial men who own the railroads.

Where solicitors, spies and traffic bosses have failed, the financial interests have succeeded.

Stock Manipulations.

The various stock manipulations of both eastern and western roads during the past few months pointed the way for placing rates of all kinds on a firm basis. At the conferences of the Wall street men and the general managers of the lines affected, the whole story of northwestern rate manipulation was told. Some of the eastern financiers who had never dreamed of the extent to which the cutting and slashing had been applied were simply astounded when they learned the truth. The fact came out clear and strong that the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have been the centers of the worst form of low rate demoralization in the United States, that rates between Chicago and Minneapolis, either way, were cut in two, and that every species of cleverness was being employed by railroad agents.

Fluctuation Hurt Shippers.

The shippers, as anxious to get something for nothing as other people, fought for better rates when the roads were hauling their stuff at a loss. The consequence was that occasionally rates were restored and then the whole fabric of their sales was affected. Goods that had been sold with the understanding that freight rates were away below tariff lost money because the tariff rate was demanded on their shipment. The merchants were kept in a continual state of uncertainty and very often begged for stable rates, whether high or low, only let them remain fixed. This condition of things has prevailed ever since the roads found out that the interstate commerce commission was utterly powerless to control the rate situation. For a short time after the creation of the interstate commission, rates were maintained through fear, but it was soon discovered that five or six men could not keep tab on several thousand railroad men out to do business and to conceal their methods.

One of the most prominent traffic men in the country said that rates were as stiff os a poker. "Domestic rates," said he, "are absolutely maintained in both directions. The Morgan interests which dominate the Erie, Lehigh Valley and Lackawanna, the Vanderbilt interests controlling the New York Central lines, and the lines of the Pennsylvania company are working in harmony. Their western interests include the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the Milwaukee, the North-Western, the Burlington and the Rock Island. These roads can be depended upon to maintain rates. There is no necessity for leasing or absorbing them. It is enough that freight rates are maintained, and therein lies the basis of all this talk of "community of ownership."

Shippers Pay the Piper.

"All there is to it, is that the men who own the roads have got together and made up their minds to make money instead of cutting each other's financial throats. The ridiculous business of doing business for little or nothing in this territory has been going on for years, but now that the cat is out of the bag, shippers in this neck o' woods will pay for what they get."

The authority quoted added that the Wisconsin Central and the Great Western were also "good," through fear. While they are not owned or controlled by the interests in question they have a wholesome respect for the financial power behind them, and they are not likely to incur the wrath of people who may conclude to swallow them whole some fine morning.

The entire situation is unprecedented, and there is every reason to believe that stable rates have come t ostay.

BOUTELLE WILL RESIGN.

Boston, Jan. 21.—Congressman Boutelle of Maine, who is under treatment in the McLean asylum at Waverly, says he will resign his seat in congress soon after March 4. He hopes to be able to go to Washington and read his own resignation.

Como Came in Ahead—Como, a new horse to St. Paul, got first place in the free-for-all pace at Como Park Saturday.

CONFER ON TIMBER

No Agreement Is Reached in the Chippewa Matter.

NELSON LAND CHANGE FAVORED

Little Prospect of Action Unless the Conflicting Views Are Harmonized.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator Nelson and Representatives Eddy, Morris and McCleary had a two-hour's conference Saturday with Secretary Hitchcock, Assistant Indian Commissioner Tanner, Land Commissioner Hermann and Chief Larabee of the lands division of the Indian office, relative to Chippewa timber, but no decision was reached. Another conference will be held next Wednesday, if the congressmen can get together again.

The Indian and land offices officials presented their facts and figures, showing what had been done. Captain Mercer's report recommending a modification of the Nelson law to permit cutting and manufacture of timber by the modified Menominee system and Representative Eddy's plan for disposing of the timber were also presented and discussed. The Curtiss bill, favored by the department, was dragged in, notwithstanding the pronounced opposition to it by certain members of the delegation.

Beyond a general agreement that some modification of the Nelson act is desirable, no one proposition presented met with entire favor. The secretary suggested that perhaps as good a plan as any might be to invite sealed proposals for the timber according to government estimate. This would, in a way, prevent collusion among the bidders, but it has disadvantages.

Senator Nelson did not have any plan, but simply listened to the discussion. Some time ago, however, he expressed willingness to consent to a modification of the law to allow timber to be cut under the direction of the interior department and sold according to bank scale to the highest bidder.

The members of the delegation hope to reach an agreement at the next conference. If the conflicting views are not reconciled then, prospects of legislation at this session are remote.

—W. W. Jermane.

LET OFFICERS GO

O'Shaughnessy Gets After a Mutaul Insurance Company.

Insurance Commissioner O'Shaughnessy has advised the directors of the Northwestern Mutual Hail and Cyclone Insurance company of Winnebago City to dismiss the officers, M. T. Brady, president; B. G. Reynolds, secretary, and H. J. McGuiggan, treasurer. The advice is the result of a false report submitted to the insurance department last year.

The report stated that the company had no liabilities save one unpaid claim of $450. An examination has revealed that at the time this report was made, the company had a total of $2,526.17 in liabilities, with only $450 reported. In addition it was found that the company had borrowed money and failed to report it.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy condemns the management of the company as both incompetent and dishonest and had intended to proceed against the officers for perjury, but found no law under which he could do so.

SWALLOWING NICKELS

Slot Machines of the Forbidden Kind Still Running.

The nickel-in-the-slot gambling machines are still in operation, despite the orders issued to take them out a few days ago. It is reported that one of the mayor's new inspectors was seen trying his chance with one of these naughty devices the other evening. Under the edict of the mayor none of the machines that paid money were to be allowed to operate.

"SMALLPOX PHYSICIAN"

The Oshkosh Medics May Subscribe Toward a Common Fund.

Special to The Journal.

Oshkosh, Wis., Jan. 21.—The first case of suspected smallpox is reported here. Local physicians have been anticipating an outbreak for several days, and have discussed a plan of selecting one member to give up other practice and devote his entire time to smallpox if it gets a start. The other physicians will each contribute $1.50 per day for a salary for the smallpox physician, which will amount to about $60 a day to compensate the one selected.

EXCELSIOR PASTOR RESIGNS.

Special to The Journal.

Excelsior, Minn., Jan. 21.—Rev. C. L. Mears, who has been pastor of the Excelsior Congregational church for the past five years, tendered his resignation, to take effect Feb. 15, at the conclusion of yesterday morning's services. He will accept a call to the First Congregational church of Snohomish, Wash., one of the leading churches of the Pacific coast.—The Excelsior Improvement League will hold a meeting to-night. Matters of importance to the village are to be discussed and work outlined for the spring months.—The Junior Endeavor Society of the Congregational church will be entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Burnett.

Chapman's 8th and Nicollet.

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Oranges Fancy large, California Navels, reg. 40c. Special, per dozen **33c**
Lemons Our best, special, per doz **12c**
Dates Fancy Persian, special, per lb **5c**
Macaroni Spaghetti, Vermicelli, imported, reg. per pkg. 15c. This sale finest **11c**
Navy Beans The best, hand picked, per quart **8c**
Jelly Homemade Crab Apple, regular 15c. Special, per glass **10c**
Corn Our best Maine, special, per can **11c**, per doz **$1.30**
Peas Little Gem, small as French, special, per can **18c**, per doz **$2**
Salad Dressing Durkee's, 50c size, per bot **35c**
Pumpkin Van Camp's, 3-lb. cans, special, per can **7c**
Dried Sweet Corn Special, per lb **12c**
Salmon Steak The best, reg. 25c, special, can **21c**
Strawberry Beets Van Camp's 3-lb cans **12c**
Eggs strictly fresh, per dozen **22c**
Jams Cross & Blackwell's Strawberry and Raspberry, regular 25c, special, per jar **20c**

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CARDS BUT NO SCARS

MANY ESCAPE VACCINATION

St. Paul Health Commissioner Will Investigate—Dr. Hall Exonerates This City.

Health Commissioner Ohage of St. Paul is authority for the statement that there are probably hundreds of children in the St. Paul public schools who, while in possession of vaccination certificates, have not the marks to show that they were ever vaccinated. He has already gone far enough to convince himself that there have been many such false certificates granted, in come cases by reputable practitioners. He purposes a rigorous investigation.

Health Commissioner Hall of Minneapolis thinks that whatever may be the situation in St. Paul, an investigation of the local conditions would show no such irregularities. To his mind the best way to prevent such irregularities would be to hold the teachers to a strict responsibility. The trouble also shows the necessity of some system of medical inspection of the schools. With the teachers and volunteer medical inspectors and the board of health co-operating, such a state of affairs as that in St. Paul would be impossible, he thinks.

Arrives at Honolulu—F. Alex. Stewart, a former university student and a member of Company F of the Thirteenth, who is on his way to China, writes his parents of his safe arrival at Honolulu. Mrs. Frank Morse is on the same vessel.

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