# CITY NEWS

**William Wise in Minneapolis**—William Wise, father of the Wise girls, who suffered partial paralysis as the result of a gun shot wound received at Anoka last May, was brought to Minneapolis Tuesday from the St. Paul city hospital. He is at the home of relatives.

**May Be a Former President**—Members of "U" senior class are looking around for a commencement speaker and if their ambitions are realized one of the most noted personages in the United States, perhaps former President Cleveland or Harrison, will address them. Arrangements will be made early in March.

**Class Play Written**—George Northrop, Amy Robbins and Margaret Moore, the committee appointed to write the "U" senior play, will read the play to the class next Saturday. The aim this year has been to make it more of a literary production than formerly and yet to allow room for specialties. The play is intended to interest outsiders as well as the students of the university.

**Bar Association Meeting**—A meeting of the Hennepin County Bar Association will be held in courtroom No. 1 on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to present the resolutions upon the death of Judge Russell to the full bench. The chairman of the committee, Judge Young, will present the resolutions. Remarks appropriate to the occasion will be made by various attorneys. Resolutions upon the death of the late C. A. Ebert will also be presented.

**Kahn's Money Mania**—Henry Hugo Kahn, a Hebrew traveling man, and a stranger in Minneapolis, was lodged in the county jail for insanity yesterday. It is a case of money mania with Kahn. He imagines himself possessed of far more money than he knows what to do with and speaks contemptuously of the financial importance of such light-weights as Rockefeller, Morgan and Carnegie. He says that he has staid up nights for a year counting money and that he has not yet reached the limit of his pile.

# 'TIS AN ISSUE IN IOWA

RY. ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

**Companies Have Profited Under Shaw to the Detriment of the Farmers.**

Special to The Journal.

Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 28.—An issue which will be urged in the forthcoming gubernatorial campaign in Iowa will be the decrease of the assessments of railways and the increase of assessments of other large taxpayers, notably of farmers. In most of the counties figures show that the executive council of the state under Shaw's regime has shifted part of the burden from the railways to farmers, the increases on the items of horses, cattle and other live stock being from 15 to 40 per cent. In Woodbury, Taylor and Ringgold counties these facts are notorious. The increase of assessment for taxation in Woodbury county, for instance, has been $136,681. The assessments of the various railways in the county have been decreased about $10,000, notwithstanding their prosperous condition and the high prices at which their securities have been quoted. The increase in assessment was borne by the farmers with the added amount of the sum which the railways had escaped paying.

In Ringgold the reduction per mile on the assessed valuation of the various roads is more marked. The Chicago Great Western secured a reduction of $120 a mile and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy of $2,000 to $14,000, as against $16,000 per mile for the Great Western. The reduction in the total valuation for the Great Western is $2,872, and for the Burlington, $57,284. The county officials of Ringgold county, confronted with the necessity of increasing the rate of taxation to make up for the diminished taxable property, is trying to figure out why the railroad property is worth less in 1900, a prosperous year, than in 1899, a less prosperous year.

In Taylor county the executive council lowered the assessment on railroads $112,729, while they increased the assessment on stock from 23 to 25 per cent.

# CITY OF PIERRE MUST PAY

OLD CAPITAL BONDS BOB UP

**Decision of the Lower Court as to Hector McLean Upheld at St. Louis.**

Special to The Journal.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 28.—By a decision just handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals at St. Louis, the taxpayers of Pierre will be required to pay the sum of $50,000 upon bonds issued in 1890. The decision was rendered in the case of Hector McLean against the board of education of Pierre, involving the validity of the bonds. The court of appeals holds that the bonds must be paid. McLean instituted suit in the United States court of South Dakota upon coupons cut from bonds issued, ostensibly for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad, but which were in reality for the purpose of providing the means for furthering the interests of Pierre in the now famous capital location contest of that year. The defense of the board of education was based on the following clause in the bonds:

This bond is one of a series of like tenor and date aggregating the sum of $50,000, issued for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of schoolhouse sites, the erection of school buildings and general improvements.

The defense contended that the board had no power to issue bonds for general improvements and use the funds to aid in the construction of a railroad. The trial of the case resulted in a victory for McLean, and an appeal was taken to the federal court of appeals, which, in its decision, holds that there are many "general improvements, such as fences, blackboards, water pipes, etc., incident to the building of schoolhouses, and when the bonds were issued it was the legal presumption that the officers acted with authority and the purchaser had a right to rely on this; a purchaser is never required to presume that the officers of the state or municipality are violating the law." In the opinion of the court of appeals the entire recital must be read and construed as one declaration, and being so read it was found that the bonds were issued under the authority of the state of South Dakota, and for this reason the board was estopped from defeating them.

**"WILL RUIN THE SCHOOLS"**

**Bill to Reduce the Levy Will Do It, Says Duluth.**

Special to The Journal.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 28.—Members of the local school board claim that the bill limiting districts of 50,000 or more people to an 8-mill levy will "ruin the schools" of Duluth. They show that the local schools cost $257,500 last year, aside from new buildings, and the 8-mill levy will give but $180,000 as a maximum, in addition to the state apportionment of $30,000 or so. There are about 10,000 children in the Duluth schools and the system is very complete and thorough, from the public kindergarten through to the high school, as the annual individual cost of $25 would indicate. The board has cut costs $50,000 while increasing the schools, and thinks it can do no more.

**Carrie Nation-ed a Pig.**

Moorhead, Minn., Feb. 28.—The ladies of Sabin last night emulated the example of Mrs. Nation and smashed the blind pig in that village. It is reported they made a good job of it and demolished bottles, jugs and fixtures.

**Big Roach Farm Sold.**

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 28.—A deal has been consummated by which Andrew Veitch, a prosperous farmer of Mekinock, has purchased what is known as the Roach farm, consisting of 640 acres, situated in Avon township in this county.—The police arrested Peter and Gus Hendrickson of East Grand Forks on a charge of larceny. Last week a watch was stolen from a saloon and yesterday the young men were seen attempting to pawn a watch similar to the one lost.

# MADE UGLY CHARGE

Alderman Powers Talks Freely at Des Moines.

HE'S LOOKING UP PAVING DEALS

**Too Inspectors and Other Officials Manipulated Brick Paving Contracts.**

Alderman Fred Powers of the eighth ward left for Des Moines imediately after the council meeting Monday night, accompanied by Perley Rhoads and, acording to a special from that city to The Journal to-day, is giving the natives some entertaining stories of what the Minneapolis aldermen do to paving brick contractors. He went to Des Moines primarily to investigate the paving brick proposition and incidentally to get some inside information on reports that have come to him of late that reflect severely on certain aldermen and city employes.

He had been informed, he is reported to have said, that it cost the Des Moines firm that furnished Minneapolis with paving brick last year $2.50 per thousand to get the brick accepted, and that the firm would require a definite understanding as to the program this year before it would put in a bid.

Alderman Powers says his information implicates several aldermen and one or two other officials

**Aldermanic Share $1 a Thousand.**

The aldermanic share of the "hold-up" was $1 per thousand, he says. Alderman Powers intimated that as soon as he had investigated the matter farther he would prepare to give names and make specific charges.

Alderman Powers has spoken of this matter to some of his friends on several occasions lately, and at his recent conference with the members of the Produce Exchange made substantially the same charges.

**What McGerresh Says.**

J. B. McGerrish, president of another Des Moines brick company, was asked today for his opinion of Alderman Power's charges. He said:

I think his statement of what it cost to get Des Moines brick into Minneapolis a little strong, but there is some foundation for it. We were given to understand if we sold brick to that city we would have to do business through a Minneapolis man who posed as a broker. When we went to him, we were given to understand that he would require $1 a thousand for placing the brick. We declined because the margin of profit was too small to afford it, and when we found we could not sell directly to the city we withdrew from the field and let other companies take the business.

## PREMIUMS INCREASED

**Some Important Changes in State Fair Rules.**

Several important changes in the rules of the State Fair association were made yesterday by the committee on revision. In the agricultural department the pro rata premiums were increased from $1,200 to $1,500, and six cash prizes were added for the six counties making the highest scores. The prizes will be $200, $150, $100, $75, $50 and $25. These are over and above the pro rata awards and the winner of the first added premium will therefore take down a comfortable sum in cash.

A new feature of the next fair will be the $50 cash prizes to be given to buttermakers of the county scoring the highest average. The usual $500 in prizes will be divided among individual buttermakers.

## SAVES NEW YORK MILLIONS

**Sweeping Effect of the City Wage Case Decision.**

New York, Feb. 28.—More than $30,000,000 may be saved to this city by a decision of the court of appeals in the case of Contractor William J. Rogers, who refused to pay the prevailing rate of wages. As interpreted by municipal experts, this decision means not only that the rate of wages fixed by law has received its death blow, but that all acts forcing the city to pay its employes prescribed salaries are unconstitutional.

The question has also been raised that this decision affects the constitutionality of the recent police law, which abolished the old board and under which Commissioner Murphy was named last week.

The Davis law increasing salaries of teachers $5,000,000 may be void. The salaries of all policemen, firemen and about half the employes in the department of street cleaning are affected.

## CONSOLIDATES CHICAGO LINES

**Charles T. Yerkes Gets Nearly Six Million for His Holdings.**

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Charles T. Yerkes has sold out the controlling ownership of his elevated roads in this city. The transactions involve the payment to him of approximately $5,830,000.

Mr. Yerkes admitted that the transfer of his elevated road properties to eastern capitalists was a step toward uniting all the elevated railroads in Chicago. The Union Traction company would become the central controlling factor of all the city's surface lines.

## GRANTS GET TOGETHER

**There Are Said to Be 12,000 of the Family in This Country.**

New York, Feb. 28.—Sixty members of the Grant Family association celebrated last night the third annual reunion and three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Priscilla Grant. It was announced that there are now 12,000 of the descendants of Matthew and Priscilla Grant in this country.

Matthew Grant and his wife Priscilla landed in this country in 1630. General U. S. Grant was one of their descendants. His sister, Mrs. Grant Cramer of East Orange, N. J., sat at the head of the table.

The menu cards contained the theories concerning the origin of the Grant family. Rev. Arthur H. Grant believes that it was of Scotch origin, Rev. Roland D. Grant that it was of Gallic or Norman blood, and Rev. Phelin O'Toole that the Grants antedate the birth of the first Irish kings. The notice on the menu cards concluded with the sentence: "A learned genealogist has lately proved that the Grants are descended from Asiatic pirates who existed prior to 600 B. C."

## STAND BY McKENZIE

**N. D. Newspapers Decline to Kick Him Now He's Down.**

Special to The Journal.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 28.—The state papers are commenting freely on the incarceration of Alex McKenzie in a California jail, because he obeyed the mandates of one court and ran counter to the orders of another. It is safe to bet that if the judges who sentenced him to contempt held their positions through the good will of North Dakotans, there would be some judicial vacancies in short order.

Despite the abuse that has been heaped upon Alex McKenzie in this state by the opposing party leaders and a few disappointed office seekers within the republican party, it is a remarkable fact that he is to-day probably the most popular man who claims a residence in the state. The recent troubles have only strengthened his position and made him friends where there was formerly lukewarm support.

Of all the papers in the state the only ones to roast McKenzie were the Richland County Gazette, Steele Ozone and the Fargo Call. Nearly every other publication has had a kindly word for the big Scotchman, and there has been an unusual demonstration of the fact that the people do not like to jump on a man when he is down.

THE CHARM OF NOVELTY.
Chicago Record.

"Don't you find the fad of collecting rather tiresome?"

"Oh, no; now and then I quit collecting some things and collect others."

# TOMLINSON IS PRESIDENT

HARDWARE MEN ELECT OFFICERS

**Banquet To-night and a Meeting of the Insurance Branch Tomorrow.**

Officers of the Minnesota Retail Hardware Association elected at the executive session this morning are:

President, W. H. Tomlinson, Le Sueur.

Vice President, H. T. Cleveland, Minneapolis.

Secretary, Thomas McCracken, Minneapolis.

Treasurer, George M. Evenson, St. Peter.

Members of executive committee, F. E. Hunt, Red Lake Falls; B. F. Kernkamp, St. Paul; Julius Schmidt, Wabasha.

The attendance was largely increased by last evening's arrivals and 275 members were present. The afternoon session showed a larger number.

Among other things discussed at the morning meeting was the garnishment law and proposed legislation to remedy the defects in the statute from the standpoint of the dealer.

The banquet takes place to-night at the Nicollet. The insurance branch will hold a meeting to-morrow, after which the convention will adjourn.

Late yesterday afternoon the delegates went into executive session, and discussed matters pertaining to prices and some of the more troublesome aspects of trade. The treasurer reported $86.05 on hand with all bills paid.

The committee on resolutions was appointed as follows: M. Mott, St. Paul; O. F. Olson, Brandon; C. F. Ladner, St. Cloud; A. T. Stebbins, Rochester; H. J. Smith, Minneapolis; George Wells, Duluth, and Julius Schmidt, Wabasha.

## BRICK BLOCK FOR ST. CLOUD

**Judge Bruener Awards a Contract—Democratic City Convention.**

Special to The Journal.

St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 28.—Judge Theo Bruener has awarded the contract to Carl Kropp for the erection on St. Germain street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, of a handsome solid brick business block. It will cost about $6,000, and the second floor will be devoted to offices for legal firms. It will be supplied with modern conveniences, and will be an ornament to that part of the city. The prospects are for an unusually large amount of building this season.

The democrats have called their city convention for March 23. There will be eighty-three delegates in the convention and a mayor, treasurer and seven aldermanic candidates are to be named. Mayor McDonald has absolutely declined to become a candidate for a third term and there seems to be no leading candidate for the democratic nomination. James R. Boyd has announced himself as an independent candidate. He has been mayor three times in years past.

Sauk Rapids has given notice of its intention to circulate a remonstrance against the removal of the county seat to Foley, and a fierce fight is promised between the rival Benton county towns. Counsel has been retained by both villages to look after the legal phases of the case.

A writ of habeas corpus will be asked for Edward Folsom, in the Stearns county jail on the charge of criminal assault preferred by Ella Neils. The county attorney was not ready for trial when the case was called by Judge Scott on Tuesday, and the court continued it for ten days against the protests of Folsom's attorneys. Now Judge Searle will be asked to issue the writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the man is being detained without due formality of law.

A. L. Rosing, who is planning to organize a stock company and purchase the St. Paul Globe, was in the city last night and conferred with leading democratic politicians at the courthouse. Some stock was subscribed and promises of moral and financial support were made. Mr. Rosing said he proposed to capitalize the new concern at $90,000.

FIRES AT MILES CITY

**Grand Central Hotel, an Old Landmark Totally Destroyed.**

Special to The Journal.

Miles City, Mont., Feb. 28.—Two bad fires occurred here within as many days. The dwelling house on Pleasant street owned by J. H. Burgess was burned on Tuesday and was a total loss; the property was well insured. The second fire consumed the Grand Central, the oldest hotel building in the city and a noted landmark. The hotel was an immense frame building and was erected in 1880, and considered at that time the most spacious and pretentious hotel in eastern Montana. It was originally intended for a general merchandise store and was so occupied for a short time, but it was believed that a hotel would be more profitable and the building was used as such until the city grew away from that locality. The building was then converted into a boardinghouse. The Phoenix Insurance company of Hartford had a $1,000 policy on the building at the time of the fire.

On March 1 the bill passed by the Montana legislature creating the new county of Rosebud from Custer county, takes effect. Rosebud county is taken entirely from the west portion of the parent county, and Forsyth is to be the county seat. The new county will contain 9,000 square miles with $2,400,000 taxable wealth.

Old Custer is now pretty well settled down, but it still retains 17,580 square miles and taxable wealth valued at $4,281,000. In 1880 Custer county included all of Montana lying east of a point eighty miles west of Billings.

TO TRAVEL WITH BEDE

**Richard Russell of Stewartville to Appear as "Uncle Sam."**

Special to The Journal.

Winona, Minn., Feb. 28.—It is reported that Richard Russell of Stewartville has been engaged by J. Adam Bede, the humorist and lecturer, to appear in the lecture that he gives on "This Yankee Nation," as a living example exemplification of Uncle Sam. In this character Mr. Russell is a great success. He rigged up last fall as Uncle Sam and attended many of the political gatherings in the first district, being impartial as to whether they were republican or democratic.

Martin Feltz, an aged man who had escaped from the asylum at Whitehall, Wis., was arrested by the police here late yesterday afternoon. He appears quite harmless but has been an inmate of the institution for 2½ years.

TRADES FOR A S. D. RANCH.

Special to The Journal.

Hastings, Minn., Feb. 28.—One of the most extensive deals in real estate for a long time has just been closed by Fred Busch, one of Hasting's prominent business men, and A. Murphy, of Minneapolis. The former bought an improved farm near Ipswich, S. D., and disposed of his brewery, the Bibbins hotel and other valuable property to Mr. Murphy. Mr. Busch will retain his residence here.

CHINESE BOYS ENTERTAIN.

Special to The Journal.

Deadwood, S. D., Feb. 28.—Three years ago Rev. Mrs. Ida Womeldorf, now pastor of the Baptist church of Lead, organized a school for Chinese boys who attended her church. Last evening the boys gave a banquet to their teachers and friends in the parlors of the Baptist church in honor of the anniversary. There are about thirty Chinese members of the school, who are instructed in common branches by different young people of the church.

MOREAU RIVER COAL.

Special to The Journal.

Huron, S. D., Feb. 28.—Persons who are interested in the investigations made by Geo. A. Fessenden, Don G. Medbery and Richard Ramsel, who went to the Moreau river country a month ago to prospect for coal, are much pleased with the report made, and it is probable a company will be formed and coal mining commenced. They report the existence of vast lignite beds and evidences of coal were found in many places. As soon as the weather will permit the party will return and continue their investigations.

# THEY GO TO WASHINGTON

"ROOSEVELTERS" ARE HAPPY

**They'll Probably Start Friday Night and Will Reach Washington Sunday Morning.**

The Minneapolis Roosevelt Marching Club will go to Washington in a special train of five sleepers and a dining car. They will leave Minneapolis over the Great Western and stop at St. Paul for the "Roosevelters" of that city. From Chicago the run will be made over the Baltimore & Ohio. Arrangements had been made to leave Minneapolis at 8:30 Saturday morning, but the start will probably be made on Friday evening to enable the boys to "place" themselves before the inauguration parade gets under way. Under the former schedule the train would not reach Washington until Monday night. The clubs will leave the capital Wednesday night and reach Minneapolis Friday morning.

As already announced, the club will have a prominent position near the head of the parade. A drill was held this noon, another will be held to-morrow noon. The boys will be fitted out with new gauntlet gloves and will present a spick and span appearance. They will march in platoons of sixteen file front.

The following members and officers of the club will go to Washington:

**These Will Go.**

G. K. Belden, captain; Thomas S. Ingersoll and Roy Pearse, lieutenants; George Chesnut, John E. Shaw, F. A. Hubbard, sergeants; H. I. Belden, G. S. Johnston, H. Knoblauch, A. A. Grimes, W. H. McCollum, Roy Merrill, J. Pillsbury, C. Pillsbury, corporals; and Privates A. S. Avery, C. W. Avery, S. D. Andrews, R. Boardman, R. T. Bausman, Ed Conant, Eugene Day, Wallace Davis, F. Fletcher, Sam Glast, Charles Gale, J. Hauschild, O. C. Hauschild, J. S. Hooker, Walter Hudson, Charles Heffelfinger, C. C. Heckel, E. T. Hanson, A. Hellewell, W. Hale, Walter Keys, F. A. Kiehle, George Lyman, J. C. Moore, C. R. McCollom, J. Morrison, Rockwell Osborne, Roy Pierson, S. H. Plummer, Roy Roberts, George Cole, C. G. Carr, C. W. Sawyer, W. M. Sawyer, L. R. Wells, Roy Wagner, F. B. Wood, W. Winslow, W. W. Heffelfinger, Charles Shepley, Charles Chalmers, Fred Mulford.

## THE STATE DIVIDED

**Dairy and Food Department's Plans for Inspection.**

W. W. P. McConnell, state dairy and food commissioner, has divided the state into six districts for purposes of inspection, placing one of his inspectors in charge of each district and making him responsible therefor. Active work in every district will be begun at once.

B. D. White will have the twin city district, comprising Hennepin, Ramsey, Chisago, Anoka, Isanti, Pine, Kanabec, Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright, Meeker, Carver and McLeod counties and the northern part of Renville. His headquarters will be at St. Anthony Park.

Sam Haugdahl will have the southern district, south of the Minnesota river and running east to include Faribault and Blue Earth counties.

H. F. Vroman will have the southeast district, with headquarters at Kasson. He will inspect the counties of Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmstead and Winona.

S. B. Scott will have a district comprising Wabasha, Goodhue, Rice, Le Sueur, Scott and Dakota counties, with headquarters at Zumbrota.

W. S. Chappell of Fergus Falls is assigned the northwest district, north of the Minnesota river and west of the Mississippi.

Otto Gifvert of Duluth will have charge of the counties of Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Carlton, Aitkin and parts of Itasca, Mille Lacs, Morrison and Crow Wing.

Local inspectors are assigned to the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Two experts will be in readiness to go to any part of the state where special help is needed.

## WOLVERTON DIVORCE CASE

**Emma Sues Byron Wolverton for a Divorce.**

Emma Wolverton, a former teacher in the Minneapolis public schools, wants a divorce from Byron Wolverton, well known in Minneapolis. Strangely enough File 85,183, which would give all the particulars of the case, was not in its place in the office of the clerk of courts yesterday morning, and only the bare facts that suit had been begun could be ascertained. Mrs. Wolverton asks for a divorce on the specific grounds of desertion.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ASBURY

**Mrs. Sarah Knight Makes a Generous Offer.**

It is learned that Mrs. Sarah Knight, who has already done so much for Asbury hospital, has supplemented the offer recently made by James J. Hill pledging the last $5,000 in the first $50,000 and the last $5,000 in the first $100,000 by placing her name for like amounts just ahead of Mr. Hill's name.

## BELONGS TO UNCLE SAM

**Famous Wind Cave May Be Opened as a Public Resort.**

Special to The Journal.

Rapid City, S. D., Feb. 28.—The long-disputed ownership of the famous Wind cave, near Hot Springs, has at last been settled by the department of the interior. The homestead entries of Elmer L. and Jesse D. McDonald have been canceled and all the alleged mineral rights have been disregarded and the cave will now be government property. Some time ago a thorough investigation was made of the cave for the purpose of determining whether it would be advisable to reserve it as a public resort. It now remains with the secretary of the interior to open it to public use.

CASS LAKE MILL MAN HURT.

Special to The Journal.

Cass Lake, Minn., Feb. 28.—George Green, a floor walker on the night crew at the Glenmont saw mill, lost the index finger on his right hand and badly injured the second finger. A large stick became lodged in the slasher saw, and while he was trying to knock it out, his hand slipped.—It is stated that an addition will be built to the new Elston hotel this spring. The proprietor finds it a difficult matter to properly house his guests, and needs more room for lodging purposes.—Several of the society people are making arrangements to hire a special train for the purpose of going to Walker to spend a night as guests of friends there.—James Dempsey, the logger, has purchased a half interest in the Lydick block and with M. L. Toole now owns the building. Mr. Dempsey sold his logging teams to George Lydick, who is logging "dead and down."

CURIOSITY GRATIFIED.

Special to The Journal.

Storm Lake, Iowa, Feb. 28.—Engine No. 169 of the Milwaukee railway is laid up for repairs and will have to be returned to the shops at Des Moines. While in the houndhouse here awaiting a trial trip, one of the helpers threw the throttle open, just to see what would happen. The locomotive shot through the roundhouse, throwing the helper off, and dashed on across the prairie for a distance before brought to a stop. A track will have to be constructed before the engine can be brought back to the roundhouse.

RELEASED FROM MARITAL BONDS.

Jamestown, N. D., Feb. 28.—Judge Glaspell has granted a divorce to Ethel Haynes Wonzer from James A. Wonzer, for desertion.—Near Bloomenfield the loss of cattle has been very great the past few weeks, due to severe weather. One man lost nine head, another seven and several others a number. The weather has moderated considerably and it is thought there will be but few more losses.

Newton, Iowa, Feb. 28.—Harry Vaughn, who jumped from a Rock Island train at Grinnell last Saturday, fracturing his arm, breaking a number of ribs, cutting his head and face and sustaining internal injuries, is dead. He was the only son of William Vaughn, the leading hardware merchant of this city.

# A Good Illustration.

The Spectator issue of Feb. 21 notes that a certain life insurance organization has withdrawn from the state of Massachusetts alleging as a reason the stringency of the Massachusetts laws regarding the reserve fund required.

This is a good illustration of the superiority of the Massachusetts insurance law. It is the only insurance law in the United States which places an effective check upon maladministration in life insurance management.

The State Mutual Life of Worcester, Mass., has been the most successful Massachusetts company for over half a century, and the new State Mutual policy contains all the attractive features developed by modern underwriting. If you will send your age and address to the undersigned you will receive a fac-simile of the best policy issued by the leading Massachusetts company. C. W. Van Tuyl, general agent, 505-9 Lumber Exchange.

# AN OFFER TOMORROW

Street Railway Company's Plan of Campaign.

ACCEPTS ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT

**On That Basis the Taxes Were $68,000 and That Amount Will Be Tendered.**

In the absence of President Thomas Lowry and Vice President C. G. Goodrich, the officials of the Twin City Rapid Transit company on the ground are reluctant to discuss the plan of campaign upon which the company expects to defeat the assessment of the state board of equalization. The state board, it will be remembered, increased the assessment of capital stock of the company from $2,700,000 to $4,600,000. On this basis the company refuses to pay.

M. B. Koon, attorney for the company, declined to talk of the matter yesterday, but from a reliable source it was Hennepin and Ramsey to-day. This learned that some action would be taken to-morrow In all probability, the company will tender to the proper county officials the amount of their taxes based upon the asssessment levied by the respective boards of each county.

That is, the amount of taxes imposed by the boards of equalization of Minneapolis and St. Paul as passed by the county boards of Hennepin and Ramsey, which are based on the assessment that obtained before the state board of equalization took a hand. The city and county boards passed upon the company's statement and made their figures accordingly, and then the state board increased the figures.

As the time is short, it is understood that the company through its attorney or auditor will make a tender of the amount indicated to the county treasurers of Hennepin and Ramsey to-morrow. This will save the penalty imposed for failure to comply with the law and leave the company free to fight. The amount to be tendered is about $68,000.

The greatest interest attaches to the action of the street railway company in the legal battle which its action is certain to precipitate

# WORK WILL BE PUSHED

CITY HALL COMMISSION TO MEET

**It Will Arrange to Float Certificates Authorized by the New Law.**

The legislative bill providing for $186,000 in certificates of indebtedness for the completion of two more floors of the new city hall having been signed by the governor, the board of courthouse and city hall commissioners will meet Tuesday to arrange for placing the certificates on the market. The architect will be authorized to make plans and specifications at once.

The law provides that these certificates shall draw not more than 4 per cent interest and shall be sold at par or better.

The board still has $50,000 of the former issue on hand. This will probably be needed, however, in furnishing the first two floors and in completing the Fourth street entrance.

It is thought the money from the new issue will be in hand in three or four weeks and that the plans will also be ready by that time.

## "UNCLE" SAVED HIM

**Prisoner Pawns Suit of Clothes to Pay a Fine.**

In police court yesterday morning C. A. Wallace was convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses. His sentence was $15 or fifteen days in the workhouse, plus a dash of vaccine virus. Where to "dig up" the necessary $15 within the next fifteen minutes was a burning question. Suddenly Wallace bethought himself of the sign of the three balls. A message was dispatched to a neighboring pawnbroker. Upon his arrival he was met by his client in the detention room adjoining the court chamber.

Five minutes later, when Wallace appeared before the court for sentence, Judge Holt scarcely recognized the prisoner, so homely was his garb, compared to the appearance that he had presented but a moment before. Gliding down the corridor in the uncertain light was the slouching figure of the pawnbroker, carrying in his arms the recently discarded suit of the free man Wallace, leaving the bundle of rags that the prisoner appeared in before the court. But Wallace dodged the vaccine virus and the fifteen days on the stone pile.

## JAMES T. FIELDS DEAD

**Old and Respected Resident of Blue Earth County.**

Special to The Journal.

Mankato, Minn., Feb. 28.—James T. Fields, an old and respected resident of the county, who had resided in this city during the past three years, died Tuesday of softening of the brain. A wife and six sons and daughters survive him.

Mayor Currier announces that he will accept a re-election. He will not accept a nomination as a party man, as he declares that when the populist party died a natural death it left him without a party. He will probably go on the ballot by petition, as he did two years ago, when he defeated the nominees of both of the old organizations.

The commission which is working on a new charter has reached a point where it has decided to abolish the board of public works and divide its duties among other officials, saving much red tape and some money.

FEEDING FOR LIVERPOOL'S MARKET.

Special to The Journal.

Rock Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 28.—Roach, Keck & Wold are feeding 1,000 head of cattle for the Liverpool market. They made a large shipment to the markets there last year.


# FRED. L. GRAY,

GENERAL AGENT.

1218-1226 Guaranty Building—Telephone 1656.

**Liability Insurance. Fidelity Bonds. Burglary Policies. Largest Casualty Insurance Agency in Minnesota.**

**London Guarantee and Accident Co.,**

Of London, England.

Fred S. Martin, Special Agent.

LONDON GUARANTEE AND ACCIDENT COMPANY, Ltd. Principal office in U. S., 315 Dearborn, Chicago, Ill. (Organized in 1869.) A. W. Masters, general manager. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota: Insurance Commissioner. Cash deposit, $200,000.

INCOME IN 1900.

| | |
|---|---|
| Accident premiums received | $171,773.02 |
| Employers liability premiums received | 739,278.98 |
| Total premium income | $911,052.00 |
| From interest, dividends and rents | 33,113.61 |
| Total income | $944,165.61 |

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1900.

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|---|---|
| Accident claims paid (net) | $91,281.97 |
| Employers' liability claims paid (net) | 319,359.35 |
| Fidelity and surety claims paid (net) | 25.00 |
| Net paid policy-holders | 410,666.32 |
| Remitted to home office | 48,154.92 |
| Commissions, salaries and expenses of agents | 257,986.98 |
| Salaries of officers, employes and examiners' fees | 46,397.19 |
| All other disbursements | 56,965.23 |
| Total disbursements | $820,170.64 |
| Excess of income over dusbursements | $123,994.97 |

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1900.

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|---|---|
| Bonds and stock owned | $1,011,703.40 |
| Cash in office and in bank | 50,899.09 |
| Accrued interest and rents | 9,724.08 |
| Deferred and unpaid premiums | 99,193.33 |
| Total admitted assets | $1,171,519.90 |

LIABILITIES.

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|---|---|
| Claims in process of adjustment and known | $49,839.80 |
| Claims resisted and disputed | 12,100.00 |
| Estimated expenses of settlement | 234,240.00 |
| Aggregate of unpaid claims | $296,179.80 |
| Reinsurance reserve | 385,047.78 |
| All other liabilities | 60,000.46 |
| Capital stock paid up | 200,000.00 |
| Total liabilities, including capital | $941,228.04 |
| Surplus beyond capital and other liabilities | $230,291.86 |

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1900.

| | Amount at risk beginning of year. | Written or renewed during year. |
|---|---|---|
| Accident | $16,034,100 | $22,660,150 |
| Employers' liability | 63,185,000 | 82,297,500 |
| Totals | $79,219,100 | $104,957,650 |

| | Premiums received thereon. | Amount at risk end of year. |
|---|---|---|
| Accident | $200,295.03 | $14,069,300 |
| Employers' liability | 823,762.76 | 77,127,500 |
| Totals | $1,024,157.79 | $91,196,800 |
| Losses incurred during the year | | $410,666.32 |

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1900.

| | Risks written | Premiums received. | Losses paid. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accident | $930,750 | $12,576,657 | $9,028.35 |
| Employers' liability | 4,905,000 | 74,215.18 | 28,508.49 |
| Totals | $5,835,750 | $86,791.75 | $37,536.84 |

| | Losses incurred. | Amount at risk end of year. |
|---|---|---|
| Accident | $9,028.35 | $865,000 |
| Employers' liability | 28,508.49 | 4,645,000 |
| Totals | $37,536.84 | $5,510,000 |

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
Department of Insurance.
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 27.

Whereas, the London Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of England, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of this state, relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies of its class.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby empower and authorize the said above-named company to transact its appropriate business of guarantee and accident insurance in the state of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the 31st day of January, A. D. 1902, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at St. Paul, this 27th day of February, A. D 1901.

ELMER H. DEARTH,
Insurance Commissioner.

**The U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.,**

Of Baltimore, Md.

C. H. Van Campen, Special Agent

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY—Principal office, Baltimore, Md. (Organized in 1896.) John R. Bland, president; George R. Collis, secretary. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota, Insurance Commissioner. Cash capital, $1,500,000.

INCOME IN 1900.

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|---|---|
| Burglary premiums received | $9,587.11 |
| Fidelity and surety premiums received | 767,221.81 |
| Total premium income | $776,808.92 |
| From interest, dividends and rents | 62,097.97 |
| From all other sources | 30,544.20 |
| Total income | $869,451.09 |

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1900.

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|---|---|
| Burglary claims paid (net) | $25.00 |
| Fidelity and surety claim paid (net) | 188,415.09 |
| Net paid policy holders | $188,440.09 |
| Dividends to stockholders | 75,000.00 |
| Commissions, salaries and expenses of agents | 270,931.73 |
| Salaries of officers, employes and examiners' fees | 74,859.63 |
| All other disbursements | 174,453.12 |
| Total disbursements | $783,664.57 |
| Excess of income over disbursements | $85,786.52 |

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1900.

| | |
|---|---|
| Value of real estate owned | $138,467.04 |
| Mortgage loans | 300.00 |
| Collateral loans | 790,789.00 |
| Bonds and stocks owned | 876,541.75 |
| Cash in office and in bank | 184,566.11 |
| Accrued interest and rents | 16,445.36 |
| Deferred and unpaid premiums | 172,755.86 |
| All other admitetd assets | 76,332.71 |
| Total admitted assets | $2,256,197.83 |

LIABILITIES.

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|---|---|
| Claims in process of adjustment and known | $20,120.48 |
| Claims resisted and disputed | 10,150.86 |
| Aggregate of unpaid claims | $30,271.34 |
| Reinsurance reserve | 461,358.60 |
| Capital stock paid up | 1,500,000.00 |
| Total liabilities, including capital | $1,991,629.94 |
| Surplus beyond capital and other liabilities | $264,567.89 |

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1900.

| | Amount at risk beginning of year. | Written or renewed during year. |
|---|---|---|
| Burglary | | $2,591,597.00 |
| Fidelity, surety | $180,136,534.00 | 232,374,942.00 |
| Totals | $180,136,534.00 | $234,966,539.00 |

| | Premiums received thereon. | Amount at risk end of year. |
|---|---|---|
| Burglary | $23,376.77 | $2,388,647.00 |
| Fidelity, Surety | 961,084.96 | 253,959,208.00 |
| Totals | $984,461.73 | $256,347,855.00 |
| Losses incurred during the year | | $218,711.42 |

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1900.

| | Risks Written. | Premiums Received. |
|---|---|---|
| Burglary | $190,554.00 | $2,287.08 |
| Fidelity, surety | 4,492,970.00 | 20,748.25 |
| Totals | $4,683,524.00 | $23,035.33 |

| | Losses paid. | Losses incurred. | Amount at risk end of year. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Burglary | | | $190,554.00 |
| Fidelity, surety | 3,921.01 | 4,436.23 | 4,587,534.00 |
| Totals | $3,921.01 | $4,436.23 | $4,778,088.00 |

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ELMER H. DEARTH,
Insurance Commissioner.


# ON GEN. DE WET'S TRAIL

ONE COLUMN JUST BEHIND HIM

**The Others Have Lost Him—British Capture Supplies at Scheiper's Laager.**

De Aar, Cape Colony, Tuesday, Feb. 26.—Thornycroft's column, when last heard from, was a few hours' march behind De Wet. The other columns have seemingly lost touch with him.

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