CITY NEWS

Oysters Soar—Oyster eaters in the twin cities will have to "dig up" for the next two weeks. The regular price has been $1.35 to $1.65 a gallon, owing to advices that Chesapeake bay was frozen over and that no more oysters could be secured for perhaps two weeks.

For Washington's Birthday — The Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. will have a joint celebration of Washington's birthday, Saturday evening, in the Y. M. C. A. building. The hall will be transformed into an attractive parlor, with rugs and draperies. The entertainment will include music by a mandolin club. Refreshments will be served after the colonial fashion.

Cricketers to Smoke—The Minneapolis Cricket Club will discuss the outlook for the coming season at a smoke social to be held Thursday evening at the Apollo Club room, third floor, Lyceum theater. The entertainment committee has arranged an excellent vaudeville program. The singing of "We're All Good Fellows" is to be a special feature. There will be a "pipe and bowl" accompaniment.

Favor Millers' Federation—Minneapolis millers, at a meeting Tuesday evening, indorsed the idea of a new national millers' organization, as proposed at Chicago. J. W. Heywood, of Minneapolis, and Seymour Carter, of Hastings, who represented the northwestern millers at the Chicago meeting, made their report, and John Crosby reported the progress made in the hearing before the congressional committees on the London dock charges. The subject was thoroughly discussed.

Fire Dep't Horse Debate—The fire department committee of the council is going to make another effort on Friday to buy sixteen fire department horses. The committee met this morning and received two bids, one from Barrett & Zimmerman of Midway, at $185 each; the other from James S. Nolan of Minneapolis, for $170, but without the usual fifteen days' trial. Alderman Dwyer insists that the Nolan bid is the better proposition. He also declares that the committee is by the council resolution required to buy horses of a Minneapolis firm.

"Workhouse" Kelly Again — John Kelley was in the police court this morning charged with being drunk. He pleaded guilty and was sent to the workhouse for sixty days. Kely is one of the regular patrons of the police court. He receives $8 a month from some relative. It usually happens that the man has a small supply of cash when he is released, which he usually invests in a glorious drunk. Kelly is an expert tinsmith and does most of the tinsmithing at the workhouse.

NECROLOGICAL

MRS. MARY ANN MURPHY, aged 80 years, died Tuesday night at the home of her niece, Mrs. Duncan Clark, 315 Fifth avenue ... The funeral was held from the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 9 a. m. to-day. Mrs. Murphy had resided in Minneapolis forty years.

MRS. THOMAS GANNON died Tuesday morning at her home, 204 Fourth street SE. The funeral services were held this morning at 9 o'clock from St. Lawrence church, and were attended by members of Division No. 2, L. A. A. O. H.

E. H. SPACE died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning at the family residence, 1404 First avenue S, at the age of 71. The funeral will be from the residence at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

SIXTY WERE INITIATED

AT I. O. O. F. GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Reports Show Minnesota I. O. O. F. to Be in Flourishing Condition

The thirty-second annual grand encampment of the I. O. O. F. was held to-day in the Odd Fellows' hall, Central avenue and Fourth street SE. Nearly 200 delegates were present. The forenoon was devoted to the initiation of sixty candidates into the grand encampment, the largest class ever admitted at one time.

Grand Patriarch M. F. Hepion, of Minneapolis, reported that there were forty-seven encampments in the state, with a membership of 2,028. The largest gain the past year was made by Duluth encampment.

J. F. Cramer, of Crookston, senior grand warden, will probably be elected grand patriarch. The present grand patriarch, in accordance with usage, will be elected representative in the sovereign grand lodge. There will be some lively contests for the other offices. The session will close this evening with the conferring of the Canton degree on forty-eight candidates. The meeting next year will be held in St. Paul.

WHOLE FAMILY INFECTED

They Dreaded Quarantine and Did Not Say a Word.

J. J. Williams, a laborer living at 3019 Emerson avenue N, his wife and three of his four children, are sick with smallpox. The discovery was made yesterday by one of the neighbors and the health department promptly quarantined the house. It appears that one of the children came down about two weeks ago. The family dreaded quarantine and so said nothing, neither did they call a physician. They did have the sense, however, to keep the other children confined to the premises. The fourth child was vaccinated about a year ago and it is a "peculiar coincidence," as Health Commissioner Hall puts it, that she has not taken the disease.

Dr. Hall has made complaint to Secretary Bracken of the state board of health that laborers are being sent into infected camps in the northern woods. Two such parties have returned from such camps in the past week and reported the situation to him. Secretary Bracken promises to investigate.

DEATH WITHOUT WARNING

Wesley Parker Dies En Route to the City Hospital.

Wesley W. Parker, aged 65, a carpenter living at 122 East Twenty-sixth street, fell unconscious at the corner of First avenue S and High street, near the Union station, at 9 o'clock yesterday and died in the police patrol wagon on the way to the city hospital. The body was removed to the morgue. It is believed that the death was due to natural causes, but the coroner will hold an autopsy.

Mr. Parker was for many years a resident of Minneapolis, but moved away in 1895, returning two years ago. He is survived by his widow and four daughters, two of whom are married.

IN NEW QUARTERS

Electrical Engineering Department of the University.

The electrical engineering department of the university has moved into its new building, recently completed at a cost of $20,000. The new building contains the dynamos and big electric light and power plant which is to furnish the lighting for the entire university and campus. This will not be in use for some time, however. The increase in the equipment of the department is attracting a better class of students of engineering from a larger territory than the university has ever enjoyed. The present is the second large addition within a year. There are as many students in the engineering department now as in the academic, including some fifteen young women.

MUTILATING RECORDS

Former Member of Wisconsin Legislature Under Arrest.

Marinette, Wis., Feb. 20.—B. O. Hunt, of this city, a former member of the legislature, was arrested to-day, charged with mutilating the records of Oconto county, Wisconsin, for the purpose of defrauding the Peshtigo Lumber company of Peshtigo, Wis., out of $50,000 worth of land. He is alleged to have lifted twelve pages out of volume 15 in the register of deed's office.

FIRE RATES OF 1897

Rise in Insurance Schedules Puts Them There.

PROSPERITY CAUSES FIRES

Factories at Full Blast and Hurried Employes a Dangerous Combination.

Minneapolis fire underwriters believe that conditions justify the action of representative companies in New York yesterday in agreeing to advance rates 25 per cent in all territory east of the Rocky Mountains, except New York city and vicinity. This advance will apply to mercantile stocks in all buildings except such as are occupied as dwellings above the grade floor, and on frame store buildings, all manufacturing risks and other special hazards not rated under revised and approved schedules within one year.

Underwriters say the new rates will be practically the same as those of 1897 and lower than the Chicago rates. They say the readjustment is not due to the immense fire losses within the last month or two.

Newell Head of Head & Son, Phoenix building, believes the west is paying more than its share of losses, which have been heaviest in the east. Says Mr. Head:

The principal causes of these losses are the inability of the insurance companies to keep pace with modern methods in the utilization of electricity and gasolene. We cannot adopt suitable precautions long enough in advance to meet the conditions that arise. Good times are also largely responsible for the alarming increase of fires. With factories going full blast and stores open until late at night, work has been hurried, employes have neglected precautions, and owners have felt too prosperous to worry. Then the keen competition of constantly improving business has forced rates below the safety limit.

Even if conditions should not improve, the companies have enough surplus to hold their own for two years longer.

Several foreign firms have withdrawn from the American field. Others have canceled certain contracts. Weak American companies have also given up the battle.

Mr. Head adds:

As a protective measure, the stronger companies will impose higher rates in cities shown to be extra-hazardous. The new mercantile schedule will be put in force in other cities and the country generally. Rates on the stock will be increased and those on the building, as a rule, lowered. The merchant will be taxed according to the nature of his fire protection, and will be given a lower rate if he installs needed precautions.

THE A. O. U. W.

Addresses of Welcome by Gov. Van Sant and Mayor Smith.

Nearly three hundred delegates are present at the annual meeting of the grand lodge of Minnesota A. O. U. W., beng held in Sherman hall, St. Paul. Governor Van Sant and Mayor Smith welcomed the members of the order yesterday. There were other addresses of interest by Supreme Master Workman A. C. Harwick, of New Hampshire, Past Supreme Master W. A. Walker of Wisconsin and W. W. Wilson of Michigan. Last night the delegates were given a reception at the Merchants' hotel.

Grand Master J. M. Diment, in his report, showed that the order made a net gain of 1,071 members in Minnesota last year, and that new lodges had been organized at Herman, Hancock, Comfrey, Brown's Valley, Westbrook and Graceville. He recommended that the per capita tax be raised from 80 cents to $1.50 per year, of which 70 cents should be applied to field work.

The Degree of Honor, the auxiliary order, held its meetings at Pfister hall. The total membership of this branch numbers 12,000. During the past year eighteen lodges were organized. The finances are in good condition.

A PAIR ARRESTED

Joe Hanley and W. M. Rogers Both Colored.

Joe Hanley, colored, is charged with using his opportunities as a porter for Brown Brothers, tailors, on Sixth street, to make away with clothes. This morning William Rogers, also colored, was caught by Detective Lee and Patrolman Flood trying to pawn a coat and vest in a Washington avenue pawnshop. They arrested him and he "peached," taking the officers to his room, at First avenue S and Fifth street, disclosing a "plant" of about $100 worth of clothing. Rogers said his roommate did the stealing while he did the "shoving," and both were arrested.

Her Boy Had Enlisted.

Special to The Journal.

Lead, S. D., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Mary Bransfield has just heard from the secretary of war that her son, James Bransfield, who disappeared from home about three months ago, had enlisted in the army and was on his way to the Philippines. The mother made inquiries over the country before applying to the war department, not knowing what had become of her son.

A Death at Winona.

Special to The Journal.

Winona, Minn., Feb. 20.—M. Krier died at his home in this city at the age of 79 years. He had been a resident of Winona since 1856, and was engaged in the tailor business for many years.

Washington Small Talk.

Calvin O. K. Neff has been recommended for postmaster at Groton, S. D.

Postmasters appointed to-day: Minnesota High Forest, Olmsted county, L. G. Armstrong. Iowa—Hamlin, Audubon county, Just Gustenson; Hartford, Warren county, A. M. Wellons.

WHEN SENATOR QUAY LET LOOSE.
New York Times.

Senator Quay of Pennsylvania is not a laughing man. He rarely lets anything move him him beyond the twinkle in his eye, but a Florida farmer's impression regarding him made him "let loose." The senator, returning from a fishing trip to his bungalow, at St. Lucie, Fla., rode in an accommodation train, and the farmer sat beside him and questioned him. Quay's knowledge of countryside gossip proved limited and discouraging.

"Don't belong in these parts, do ye?" said the farmer. "Don't know much abaout Floridy, do ye?"

"I have been here several times in my wanderings," said Quay.

"And what might be the reason ye air wanderin'?"

"I am trying to ameliorate the condition of man—the inner man," replied Quay, solemnly.

The farmer moved to another seat and remarked to the man beside whom he sat:

"Talked to the feller back thar a good bit 'fore I found out he was one o' them dern faith healers."

ONE FEMININE ADVANTAGE.
Brooklyn Eagle.

"When you come to think of it," commented the thoughtful man, "woman is not so unfairly treated as some of the sex insist. In fact, in some lines she has a distinct advantage."

"What, for instance?" demanded the champion of feminine rights.

"Well," replied the thoughtful man guardedly, "I was just thinking that it takes more than a scandal to make a dramatic star of a man."

TOO RISKY.
Brooklyn Eagle.

Johnny Smith—You ought to go to two Sunday schools, like me, so's to get two sets of candy and presents from Santa Claus.

Charlie Robinson—I don't care. I would be afraid Santa Claus would get on to me and he wouldn't bring anything at our house.

A GIVE-AWAY.
Brooklyn Eagle.

Mrs. Youngthing—Fleurette, that barber friend of yours smiled at me on the street last evening. Tell him I will tell my husband if he does so again.

Fleurette (thoughtlessly)—Oh, madam, he could have meant nussing. He must have recognized madam's automobile coat and thought it was me.

JOLT FOR RETAILERS

Wholesale Lumbermen Refuse to Accede to Overtures.

NEW CONSTITUTION ADOPTED

Election of Officers—More Work for the Committee on Grades.

Overtures from the Northwestern Retail Lumbermen's association were given a severe jolt yesterday at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's association. The request of the retailers for the strict reinforcement of the agreement between the two associations and the suggestion that a joint committee be appointed for the adjustment of all differences were both turned down hard. The old agreement bound the wholesalers to recognize members of the retail association in preference to dealers outside of that organization. The manufacturers are willing to remit 10 per cent to the retailers on lumber sold direct to consumers in towns where there are no lumber yards, but they refuse to discriminate against small dealers outside of the association.

The principal feature of the new constitution is the amendment providing for the assessment of manufacturers on the amount of lumber actually manufactured at the mills rather than on the amount of the sales.

President S. T. McKnight said in his annual address that according to present prospects there would be plenty of logs to keep all the mills going during the sawing season. While the production of white pine had decreased in Wisconsin and Michigan, there had been an increase in Minnesota. He saw nothing to indicate that there would be a rapid decrease of pine in the near future. The year opened with better prospects than 1901.

Secretary J. E. Rhodes believed, in view of the advance of all supplies incident to the manufacture of lumber, that the prevailing prices on lumber were not unreasonable. He looked for a continued, steady demand and an increased cut in white pine and all other timber. There had been more winter sawing this season than in years, but it had not been great enough to affect the total stock on hand, as the majority of the mills sawing had been placing orders early in the season.

With a few exceptions, the old officers and members of committees were continued in office. The officers are:

President, Sumner T. McKnight, Minneapolis; first vice president, R. L. McCormick, Hayward, Wis.; second vice president, L. C. Colman, La Crosse, Wis.; treasurer, H. C. Akeley, Minneapolis. J. E. Rhodes was re-elected secretary by the board of directors.

The association has ben asked to supervise the grades of the Wisconsin Valley and the Northwestern Hemlock Manufacturing asociations. The grades of the Mississippi Valley association have been generally recognized throughout the country. In several instances supreme courts have chosen the grades as a basis for the settlement of lumber litigation. The navy department has also adopted these grades.

TALKED PURCHASE EXPO

ST. LOUIS MEN HERE TO-DAY

Guests of Local Business Men at Commercial Club—Want a Minnesota Appropriation.

Two members of the St. Louis delegation which addressed the legislature Tuesday in behalf of the approaching Louisiana purchase exposition were entertained at dinner by the Commercial Club yesterday. They were Dr. C. H. Patton, a former resident of Duluth, and Clinton Rowell. The local men present were J. T. Wyman, ex-Mayor W. H. Eustis, ex-Mayor James Gray, President A. C. Paul of the club, W. D. Washburn, W. W. Heffelfinger, J. R. Kingman, Judge D. F. Simpson and E. J. Phelps. Mr. Rowell said:

Minnesota is the third state in importance in the Louisiana purchase, and we feel that she ought to be well represented at the big exposition, which we hope to make the biggest and best thing of its kind ever held. Illinois has come to the front with an appropriation of $250,000. Public sentiment in all of the western states assures us of hearty co-operation from all.

Ex-Mayor Eustis reminded the visitors that they were not in the Louisiana purchase proper while in St. Paul. It was necessary for them to come to Minneapolis in order to get on original purchase ground. The St. Paul side of the river is in the old northwest territory.

While business bodies of the twin cities will probably take no formal action, there is a general sentiment in favor of a reasonable appropriation.

ONE TACKLES TWO

A Pair of Box Car Thieves Surprised at Work.

Special Officer Morris Bresnan of the Omaha road had an exciting time with two robbers in the yards this afternoon. The detective surprised them at work and attempted to take them lone-handed. He grabbed both, but the larger wriggled away and ran. The other was locked up at the Central station on a charge of petit larceny.

Jack Turovoh, a youth of 21, was arrested this afternoon by Detectives Brackett and Malone. He is suspected of having aided in several recent burglaries.

COURT NEWS

COAXED OUT OF JAIL

Krumroy Released on Bail Against His Own Wishes.

Herman Krumroy, arrested for stabbing George Martinson in the shoulder at a social function in Northeast Minneapolis, has been released on his personal bond. Krumroy has harbored the delusion for several days that Martinson is dead, and on this account he refused to leave the jail, his argument being that inasmuch as he had committed murder, justice should be done and he ought to suffer the extreme penalty.

After much talk he agreed to return home, but when requested to sign the bond for appearance in court he flatly refused, declaring that the document was his death warrant and he would not sign his life away. It was with extreme difficulty that he could be made to comprehend the significance of the bond.

BONFIRE STARTED BLAZE

Mrs. Alice Hall Sued by an Insurance Company.

A rather odd law suit was brought this morning by the Union Insurance company of Philadelphia against Alice A. Hall. The insurance company issued a policy to H. H. Thayer, covering his residence at 222 Groveland avenue which was damaged by fire on Aug. 21 last. The loss amounted to about $2,000.

It is alleged by the company that the fire was caused by a carelessly attended rubbish fire started by the defendant on an adjoining lot. The insurance company wishes to make the defendant responsible.

ALL CASES MILD

Schools at Portland, N. D., Closed by Smallpox.

Special to The Journal.

Mayville, N. D., Feb. 20.—At Portland there are five cases of smallpox in the town and another case in the country a mile west. The public schools were closed yesterday and Bluffat academy, a Lutheran school there, is also quarantined. Rigid quarantine is held over all the cases and every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease. The cases are of the prevailing mild type and no alarm is felt.

TOLD OF COMMUNITY

Hill's Closing Testimony Devoted to Relations Between Roads.

WHY THEY TOOK HARRIMAN IN

'Twas Done to Show They Weren't Afraid of Him—Territorial Agreements Denied.

According to the best knowledge of James J. Hill, as given in his testimony in the Peter Power case Tuesday afternoon, what to the public is known as "community of interest" among railroads has worked no change in the policy of the roads interested. Mr. Hill said that there was no agreement between the various roads interested as to a division of the territory or their relations to the public. *It has been the common impression* that a thorough understanding had been reached as to the territory which each system should call its own.

Treatment of Harriman.

Mr. Hill also said that Harriman was made a member of the boards of various lines in which Hill and Morgan were interested to show him that Hill and Morgan were not afraid of him. It was pointed out to Mr. Hill that Harriman had placed his Northern Securities proxy in Mr. Morgan's hands, and in turn had been made a member of the boards of Morgan-Hill lines. He said there was nothing significant in this. Harriman and Schiff had been afraid that the northern coalition would be too strong for them and that the Burlington might be extended to California or to connect with Senator W. A. Clark's proposed line from Salt Lake City. He had told them not to be afraid, that the northern roads were busy developing an entirely different section.

When asked if he had taken part in any conferences with Harriman relating to an agreement as to territory or any phase of the railroad situation. Mr. Hill said that he had attended none touching the relations of the northern roads. Mr. Harriman had asked him to attend a conference between Harriman and George Gould over rate troubles in the southwest and Colorado. Their relations were much strained and rates had been badly smashed. The Burlington was interested in the situation to some extent, but as Mr. Hill was not an officer of the Burlington all he could do was to listen.

Referring to the fact that the Burlington and the Union Pacific were competing lines as testified by him in his evidence before the interstate commerce commission, Mr. Hill was asked if there had been any abandonment of Burlington extensions since May 9 last. Mr. Hill answered in the negative. He did not know of any proposed extensions. President Perkins of the Burlington had told him of a number of surveys that he had made. There had been no agreement since that date between the Hill and Harriman lines over extensions.

Witness was asked if there had been a better understanding between the Great Northern, Burlington, Union Pacific, and Northern Pacific since May 9 last.

He replied with a smile that there was no understanding unless it was a determination to maintain rates since the interstate commerce commission made its visit west.

Pres't Mellen Testifies.

President Charles S. Mellen, of the Northern Pacific, unlike Mr. Hill, acknowledged he was a reader of the newspapers. For much of his information of the big deals connected with Northern Pacific he referred to the press. Mr. Mellen answered readily all questions relating to the directorates and the operating of the Northern Pacific. As far as the naming of the new directors by J. Pierpont Morgan he said he had known nothing about it officially until fifteen minutes before the meeting. In answer to the question if this was not a remarkable procedure, Mr. Mellen said that he had never known it to happen before, but it was a remarkable time. The hearing was adjourned until Friday morning.

TAX DISCUSSION

Wisconsin Assessment Supervisors Pick Up Pointers.

Special to The Journal.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 20.—Assistant Tax Commissioners Curtis and Haugen gave the county supervisors of assessments some instructive pointers on their duties at the meeting to-day, which was fully attended. In the discussion which followed, Thomas J. Cleary, county supervisor for Grant county, urged his fellow officers to follow the law and not spend time discussing its possible faults.

"We have behind us," he said, "the generations of perjuries. There is truth in the statement that the poor man pays the tax." He believed most of the tax dodgers meant to be honest and were willing to be fairly assessed, providing their neighbors were also. He believed the coming year will see a new era in taxation in Wisconsin.

GOULD BUTLER

Forced His Way Into the House After Disobeying the Rules.

New York Herald.

Mrs. Howard Gould appeared in court at Port Washington, L. I., Tuesday, before Justice of the Peace Allen, as complainant against Eric Hamilton, whom she engaged last Wednesday as chief butler in her household. After hearing her story Justice Allen sent Hamilton to jail for a year upon his failure to give bonds for $400 to keep the peace.

Mrs. Gould took Hamilton into her employ at Mr. Gould's city residence, at No. 824 Fifth avenue. She informed him that it was a rule of the household that none of the servants should remain out later than 8 o'clock in the evening. Hamilton gave good references and promised not to violate the restrictions of the house.

Apparently these made but a brief impression on his mind. He went out on Thursday, and did not get back again until half past 2 o'clock on Friday morning. Mrs. Gould took him to task for this, but when he made explanations and promised not to offend again, she decided to give him another chance.

One of the footmen became ill on Friday night and gave Hamilton a ten-dollar bill with which to purchase medicine. Hamilton took the money and went out. He did not come back until Saturday morning, looking the worse for wear.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould had planned to go to Courtgould, their country place at Port Washington, on Saturday morning. Hamilton was to have gone with them, but when he did not return they went without him.

Hamilton, finding that they had left, packed his valise and followed them. He arrived at Courtgould on Saturday night, but by Mrs. Gould's order the door was closed against him.

He then went around to the kitchen, where he forced his way in, and frightened one of the maids into giving him dinner Mrs. Gould was informed that the man was in the house, and she promptly went to the kitchen and ordered him to leave. He refused to go.

Mrs. Gould called a footman, Pierce, who happened to be the same man whose $10 Hamilton had taken. An encounter followed between the two men, in which Hamilton received cuts and bruises which showed plainly. A deputy sheriff was summoned, and the butler was taken to Long Island City, where he was locked up over Sunday.

Hamilton seemed repentant after Mrs. Gould had told her story of his delinquencies. He said that he had been drinking and that he was sorry he had forced his way into the house.

Mrs. Gould said that he might be charged with larceny for taking the footman's $10, but she did not wish to press that complaint, as she merely desired to make an example of Hamilton for the benfit of the other servants.

Justice Allen put Hamilton under bonds of $400 to keep the peace for a year. As he could not furnish bond, he was sent to jail, where he will remain for a year, unless he secures bail.

BILLETS OF STEEL

First Ones Made at Clergue's Big Mill at the "Soo."

'TIS THE SECOND IN DOMINION

Five-Year Contract With Government Will Net It a Good Thing at the Start.

Special to The Journal.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Feb. 20.—The beginning of another important Canadian industry was marked yesterday afternoon when the first steel billets were successfully run in the Bessemer department of the Algoma Steel company's plant, F. H. Clergue's million-dollar enterprise at the Canadian Soo.

It is the second steel plant in operation in the Dominion and the rolling mill will turn out the first rails in Canada some time in April.

The plant will have a capacity of a hundred tons of finished product each day. The company has a profitable five-year contract with the government to furnish 25,000 tons of steel rails annually for the intercolonial railway, the price being $32.50 a ton.

The company has its own mines and transportation facilities and will net a large sum from the government contract alone.

DEBT TO SHORTHAND

Older Methods and the Present Ones.

London Standard

Between the days when David Copperfield was informed that learning stenography was accounted equal to the acquisition of six languages and the publication the other day of the "Twentieth Century edition" of Pitman's Shorthand, a great deal has happened. David, it will be remembered, gave half a guinea for his instruction book, and when he had got it he was plunged into a sea of perplexity which brought him to the verge of distraction. A "Phonographic Teacher" can now be bought for 6 pence, and the art may be acquired in three months of diligent application by any intelligent schoolboy. It was Gurney's system, long so highly esteemed, and even now not extinct, that Dickens used in the gallery of the house of commons; but it was probably not more difficult than its rival, invented by Samuel Taylor, or than the earlier method of Byrom. There were many previous systems; the Romans, we know, were acquainted with abbreviated writing, while the use of shorthand for reporting in English goes back well into the time of Queen Elizabeth, when men yet had leisure and inclination to read long sermons.

In one particular, at least, literature owes a heavy debt to one of these old forms of stenography, for Samuel Pepys wrote his "Diary" in Thomas Skelton's shorthand, which was published as far back as 1620. Had it not been for the welcome obscurity of "character," as Skelton's predecessor, Bright, called his invention, the famous secretary to the admiralty might not have found time to make his entertaining jottings—certainly he would have lacked effrontery to write down some of them in plain words, even had there been no fear of Mrs. Pepys before his eyes. The older systems have now no more than an antiquarian interest, even to the expert, since they were all rapidly and finally beaten out of the field when the late Sir Isaac Pitman devised what he at first called "Stenographic Soundhand," now so familiar under the name of phonography. The principle upon which it was constructed differed radically from that of its predecessors. Where they had followed the spelling of words, Pitman worked solely by their sound. Sixty years have elapsed, yet the excellence of his method stands out in brilliant contrast even to the many rivals that have been introduced during the second half of that period. Phonography made shorthand an elegant and graceful art, which, instead of being known merely to a few score newspaper reporters, is now written by hundreds of thousands of people of all conditions. It began, indeed, that revolution in the work of business offices which the typewriter has completed.

Like all other systems, it has been accused of illegibility, but when its simple mathematical forms—lines and curves, circles, dots and hooks—are written with any surety of hand, they are as readable as print, and much less trying to the eyes than the page of a German book. Phonetic shorthand is not a fixed quantity. It is constantly being improved—indeed, those who learned it five and twenty years ago, or even more recently, find that alterations have been made for which they often fail to recognize any necessity, and which hardly add to legibility. Pepsy tells us how he rallied Coventry, a stenographer of his time, upon his invention of "long marks for sentences in divinity which he is never like to make use of." We find elaborate lists of similar phraseograms, on which much the same criticism may be passed, in this "Twentieth Century Edition" of Pitman. Technicalities apart, however, the world has reason to be grateful to phonography. It has called forth a shorthand literature, which no rival ever did. The Bible and the prayer book are published in shorthand, together with much of Shakspere and Dickens, something of Scott and Macaulay, and classics like "Gulliver," "Robinson Crusoe" and "The Vicar of Wakefield," to say nothing of Bret Harte, Dr. Conan Doyle and Jules Verne.

Vaccinate, Says the Board.

Special to The Journal.

Rapid City, S. D., Feb. 20.—The board of health has issued an order requiring all school children to be vaccinated. This order was approved by the board of education and all pupils are required to submit to an examination. Unless they can produce a certificate of vaccination or show they are immune they will not be permitted to re-enter school. This order has also been extended to the state school of mines.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

YOUNG LADY OF EDUCATION AND REfinement, who is a good penman and saleslady, desires position in office or store. Address 2067, Journal.

LOST—MONDAY AFTERNOON, ON UNIversity av SE, between Merriam Park and Minneapolis, a leather-covered hardware catalogue. A suitable reward given for return of same to the Gregg-Seager Co., No. 106 and 108 Washington av N, city.

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INCOME IN 1901.

	Premiums Received.
Accident	$162,575.98
Employers' liability	$17,173.35
Total premium income	$979,749.33
From interest, dividends and rents	36,477.92
Total income	$1,016,227.25

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1901.

	Claims Paid (Net).
Accident	$76,773.20
Employers' liability	425,345.15
Fidelity and surety	64,450.00
Net paid policy holders	$562,762.85
Returned to head office	46,866.95
Commissions, salaries and expenses of agents	279,547.48
Salaries of officers, employes and examiners' fees	54,270.73
All other disbursements	60,776.36
Total disbursements	$944,224.37
Excess of income over disbursements	72,002.88

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1901.

Bonds and stocks owned	$1,020,292.68
Cash in office and in bank	96,526.97
Accrued interest and rents	10,147.55
Deferred and unpaid premiums	104,851.01
Total admitted assets	$1,231,818.21

LIABILITIES.

Claims in process of adjustment and known	$80,400.00
Claims resisted and disputed	4,100.00
Estimated expenses of settlement	217,000.00
Aggregate of unpaid claims	$301,500.00
Reinsurance reserve	410,728.36
All other liabilities	74,601.09
Capital stock paid up	200,000.00
Total liabilities, including capital	$986,829.45
Surplus beyond capital and other liabilities	244,988.76

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1901

	Amount at Risk Beginning of Year.	BUSINESS. Written or Renewed During Year.
Accident	$14,069,300	$21,527,500
Employers' liability	77,127,500	89,477,500
Totals	$91,196,800	$111,005,000

	Premiums Received Thereon	Amount at Risk End of Year.
Accident	$183,143.60	$13,856,900
Employers' liability	900,867.93	79,942,500
Totals	$1,084,011.53	$93,799,400
Losses incurred during the year	$502,762.85	

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1901.

	Risks Written.	Premiums Received.
Accident	$839,500	$8,856.47
Employers' liability	5,425,000	71,848.63
Totals	$6,264,500	$80,705.10

	Losses Paid.	Losses Incurred.	Amount at Risk End of Year.
Accident	$3,724.28	$3,724.28	$767,000
Employers' liability	45,501.05	45,501.05	4,985,000
Totals	$49,225.33	$49,225.33	$5,742,000

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
Department of Insurance.
St. Paul, Jan. 21, 1902.

Whereas, the London Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, 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 casualty insurance in the State of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1903, 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 31st day of January, A. D. 1902.

ELMER H. DEARTH,
Insurance Commissioner.

The U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.,

Of Baltimore, Md.

THE UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY. Principal office: Baltimore, Md. (Organized in 1896.) John R. Bland, President; Geo. R. Callis, Secretary. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota: Insurance Commissioner. Cash capital, $1,500,000.

INCOME IN 1901.

	Premiums Received.
Burglary	$126,331.14
Fidelity and surety	1,099,052.64
Total premium income	$1,225,383.78
From interest, dividends and rents	57,518.98
From all other sources	17,348.24
Total income	$1,300,251.00

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1901.

	Claims Paid (Net).
Burglary	$36,578.73
Fidelity and surety	201,135.65
Net paid policy holders	$237,714.38
Dividends to stockholders	90,000.00
Commissions, salaries and expenses of agents	419,515.43
Salaries of officers, employes and examiners' fees	107,341.84
All other disbursements	197,058.92
Total disbursements	$1,051,630.58
Excess of income over disbursements	248,620.42

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1901.

Value of real estate owned	$125,466.47
Mortgage loans	6,000.00
Collateral loans	655,744.00
Bonds and stocks owned	1,150,736.10
Cash in office and in bank	294,621.61
Accrued interest and rents	23,744.73
Deferred and unpaid premiums	172,208.07
All other admitted assets	68,158.56
Total admitted assets	$2,507,689.44

LIABILITIES.

Claims in process of adjustment and known	$21,967.00
Claims resisted and disputed	53,105.43
Aggregate of unpaid claims	$75,072.43
Reinsurance reserve	656,794.60
Capital stock paid up	1,500,000.00
Total liabilities, including capital	$2,231,867.03
Surplus beyond capital and other liabilities	275,822.41

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1901.

	Amount at Risk Beginning of Year.	Written or Renewed During Year.
Burglary	$2,388,647	$19,066,068
Fidelity and surety	253,959,208	334,365,520
Totals	$256,347,955	$153,431,588

	Premiums Received Thereon.	Amount at Risk End of Year.
Burglary	$165,958.20	$16,247,703
Fidelity and surety	1,280,035.60	326,659,171
Totals	$1,445,993.80	$342,906,874
Losses incurred during the year	$282,515.47	

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1901.

	Risks Written.	Premiums Received.
Burglary	$1,265,465	$11,161.92
Fidelity and surety	7,036,344	20,325.19
Totals	$8,301,809	$41,487.11

	Losses Paid.	Losses Incurred.	Amount at Risk End of Year.
Burglary	$2,854.32	$2,854.32	$1,210,400
Fidelity & surety	6,873.50	6,873.50	6,131,508
Totals	$9,727.82	$9,727.82	$7,441,908

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
Department of Insurance.
St. Paul, Jan. 31, 1902.

Whereas, the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company, a corporation organized under the laws of Maryland, 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 casualty insurance in the State of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the 31st day of January, A. D. 1903, 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 31st day of January, A. D. 1902.

ELMER H. DEARTH,
Insurance Commissioner.

THE INNES FESTIVAL

Three Brilliant Audiences to Greet the Great Band.

The sale of seats for the Innes festival series of concerts at the Lyceum continues briskly at the Metropolitan Music store on Sixth street. It is evident that the three audiences will be large and representative. There are still excellent seats to be had, however. The band and the soloists will arrive on the special cars in which they have been touring the country, Friday afternoon in plenty of season for the evening concert. Mr. Innes, whose energy and resourcefulness are proverbial, has found that by traveling in special coaches his artists arrive fresh and buoyant and ready for the best work, while bands that go in the regular way make long "jumps" and reach their destination worn and fatigued.

The Saturday afternoon concert will be a holiday affair in honor of Washington's birthday. The program is a very brilliant one, and will exhibit the work of the band at its best. The soloists, too, will give numbers illustrating their operatic talents under the happiest auspices.

Diamonds

We are selling them every day and are also purchasing them in large quantities at the lowest cost. We are confident that we can save you from 15 per cent to 20 per cent on purchases owing to the quantities we use. Our reputation and experience is worth considering and we will without doubt please in every case. Engagement rings, $10