SLOPE CATCHES ON

Good Times Have by No Means Passed It By.

THOUSANDS ARE MAKING HOMES

Soo, Milwaukee and Northern Pacific to Open Much New Territory.

Special to The Journal.

Bismarck, N. D., April 15.—After many years the Missouri slope and the western portion of the state of North Dakota is coming into its inheritance. The mushroom growths and the inflations of boom days have given way to a steady and substantial improvement in general conditions, the present year promising to see more development than any year for the past decade or more. Hardly a train over the Northern Pacific but bears landseekers into this section of the state, about all of whom make purchases. Where five or six years ago there were thousands of acres of partly improved farming lands to be picked up at $2 and $3 an acre, to-day there is little land to be had at any fair figure, about all of it being bought up, either by actual settlers or by investors who are holding it for better prices.

East of the Missouri river the Northern Pacific has closed out all its land holdings to land corporations, which are stiffening the prices every few months. West of the river, much of the railroad land has been bought by syndicates, which have entered upon a plan for settlement by farmers and stockmen. In the past few months, half a dozen land companies have ben organized to deal in land by thousands and hundreds of thousands of acres.

Principal among the features of development in the western part of North Dakota this year will be the work to be done by railroads. It is practically settled that the Soo will build from Braddock in Emmons county to Bismarck this season. The officials of the Soo have promised the completion of the Bismarck extension if the citizens of the city would furnish right of way and terminal facilities in Bismarck. The citizens have taken steps to carry out their share of the agreement and the terminals will be ready for the Soo. Ties and materials have already been shipped by the Soo to Braddock, and Chief Engineer Green of the road made an overland trip over the grade a few days ago, to see what work would be necessary. The work will begin this month or next and the road is to be ironed into the city by the first of September next.

The completion of this road will afford Bismarck and the surrounding country competitive freight rates, and will afford a north and south connection with the Bismarck, Washburn & Great Falls road, which has opened up and settled a rich farming and stock country. It will be an important competitor of the Northern Pacific in the stock regions in the western part of the state, for a ferry will be operated at Washburn, and cattle may be shipped across the river there, and marketed via the Washburn and Soo roads. The Soo will also carry the lignite coal from the Burleigh county coal fields into the country along its line. The Washburn road, which was built into a comparatively new and unsettled country a few years ago, is now paying properly, and does a large grain business, operating in connection with a line of steamers which tap the farming country in Mercer county and on the west side of the river.

The Northern Pacific will retaliate by cutting into Soo business, and materials are being shipped for the beginning of work on the extension from McKenzie southward through Emmons county to the Missouri river. This branch will open up a new country, will tap part of the Soo territory, and is expected to touch the Milwaukee system at Lincoln, in Emmons county.

The Milwaukee has already begun to build from Eureka to Linton, and it is predicted that it will be running trains into Bismarck, either over the Northern Pacific tracks or over a line of its own within a year. The Northern Pacific may also extend its McLean county branch west to the Missouri river, in an endeavor to cut off traffic from the Washburn and the Soo roads at that end of the line.

The demand for North Dakota farm lands has resulted in a prosperous condition all through the western part of the state. Real estate agents rejoice in many sales and liberal commissions. Small hotels through the slope country enjoy an unprecedented patronage at good rates, and the demand for lodging and accommodations exceeds the capacity of many of the hotels to furnish. The transients are, for the most part, land hunters with ready money. Liverymen share in the profits in the demand for teams to show purchasers over outlying lands. The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker and all branches of trade share in the era of good times. The state at large will also feel the result of the immigration. Thousands of parcels of property, formerly untaxed or taxed at a low figure, will appear on the tax rolls of the state and contribute its share to the support of the state government.

WILHELMINA AILING

Case of the Young Queen Develops Complications.

The Hague, April 15.—The indisposition of Queen Wilhelmina, which it was said yesterday was due to a simple cold, is developing complications which caused the queen's mother to start to-day to visit her daughter at Castle Loo. Two physicians are in attendance and a noted gynecologist, Professor Halbertstberg, has been called in for consultation. The festivities arranged for the birthday, April 19, of the prince consort, have been countermanded.

LUCKY MAN.
Catholic Standard.

"Talking about music," said Cadleigh, "there goes a man with a splendid ear for it."

"Nonsense," replied his long-haired friend; "he's stonedeaf."

"Exactly."

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SUPERIOR M. D. ARRESTED

HE'S KNOWN AS THE 'BONESETTER'

Miss Ordell Asserts He Got Her Money by Fraud and Misrepresentation.

Special to The Journal.

West Superior, Wis., April 15.—Christine Ordell to-day caused the arrest of Dr. W. C. Arons, known as the "Bone-Setter," who has been practicing in this city at what is called the "Home for Cripples," for about a year. Miss Ordell complains to the district attorney that six months ago she came here from a small town in Minnesota and paid the doctor $85 on the strength of his statements that he would cure her of hip trouble.

The doctor has been practicing on a large scale, promising to cure cripples without the use of instruments of any kind, but simply by the use of his hands. Miss Ordell worked for her board at the home for some time, and avers she has had no relief. When the warrant was sworn out the "Bone-Setter" was out of town, but he was arrested immediately upon his return at noon. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and has retained an attorney. He is out on cash bail.

The "Bone-Setter" has advertised extensively all over the northwest and has had hundreds of patients. He has a home in Fond du Lac.

BELGIUM'S JAR

Less Widespread Fighting, but Still It's a Jar.

Brussels, April 15.—In consequence of the disorders the pupils of several communal schools have been dismissed and the premises utilized as barracks for the troops. All the factories and mines at Morlanwelz, Valare and Mabille have been closed.

Socialist disturbances occurred last night at Namur. A mob stoned the police, who charged with drawn swords. Gendarmes scattered the rioters.

The strike is steadily extending in both this city and its suburbs, especially at Molenbeck, where large factories have stopped work.

The military and police have adopted more stringent measures to preserve order. The Burgomaster has refused the socialists' request to be allowed to follow their own devices in burying the socialists killed in Saturday's riots. Orders have been issued for the procession to be held at 6 in the morning without bands or funeral emblems. Otherwise the interment must be carried out at night.

The strikers in the Charleroi district number 50,000. There are frequent parades there but the town is generally peaceful, in accordance with the advice of the strike leaders.

PRICES SHOOT UPWARD

Builders' Hardware Suddenly Advances 20 Per Cent.

Builders' hardware of every description has advanced in price about 20 per cent at the factories. Jobbers have made a corresponding advance. For several years the manufacturers of this class of hardware have said that they were not making money. The advance is undoubtedly due to the fact that by the formation of the American Hardware company enough competition has been eliminated to enable the manufacturers to get together and make an advance. The new company is a financial consolidation of the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing company and P. & F. Corbin of New Britain, Conn. Several of the more important manufacturers in other parts of the country are so affiliated with the consolidated firm that they have entered into an agreement affecting prices.

Another reason for the advance is the great demand. Orders placed last December by some firms are not yet filled.

SMALL BOY SET ADRIFT

Strange Story of Little Edward McGrath of Stillwater.

Master Edward McGrath, aged 8 years, had a long ride and a long walk before breakfast this morning. He was found about 10:30 in the Great Western railroad yards, near Second street and Eleventh avenue S, by Roundhouse Foreman W. O. Brook. He told Brook that he was looking for his mama, who worked in a hotel in Minneapolis, the name of which he did not know. He said that early this morning his grandmother had put him on a car at Stillwater, giving him 50 cents, and had told him to go to his mama and never return. The urchin knew the hotel was near the railroad tracks and got off at the Great Western depot. Brook took him to police headquarters and officers, after giving the boy a breakfast, started out to find the mother. Edward says his grandmother lives on Laurel avenue, Stillwater.

BURGLARS' BUSY NIGHT

Edward E. McGill's Home Entered—Also Lake Cottages.

While the family of Edward E. McGill slept last night, burglars entered the home, 821 East Twenty-second street, and stole silver and jewelry worth over $400 and about $40 in money. The thieves opened the front door with a skeleton key. They secured Mr. McGill's trousers, near the foto of his bed, but before they could take the money from the pockets, were evidently frightened. The leaped through the window, and after removing the $40 from the trousers' pockets, left the garment in the yard. No one in the house was awakened, and the loss was not discovered until morning. Mr. McGill carried burglary insurance.

E. F. Elliott's cottage at Wayzata received a call from burglars last night. Nothing of value was taken. There was also evidence this morning that burglars were at the lake cottages of John Crosby, Charles C. Bovey and S. T. Knight, last night, but their visits were bootless.

BOYS STOLE WINE

The Probation Officer Saves Them From Reform School.

For one moment in the municipal court this morning the doors to the state reform school swung wide for Dick Collett, Roy Collett and Pat Ryan, all under 12 years of age, who live on the South Side. They were charged with grand larceny, and but for the intercession of George D. Holt, probation officer, punishment would have been summarily inflicted.

The boys pleaded guilty to stealing twenty gallons of wine from J. M. Labovitz, of 216½ Washington avenue S. As it was their first offense and they appeared duly penitent over their misconduct, Judge Holt decided to give them one more trial. After sentencing them to the reform school, he granted a stay of sentence for thirty days, during which time the boys will be under the watchful eye of Mr. Holt.

STAGE AND STATUE

French Actors Perform for McKinley Memorial Fund.

Paris, April 15.—The gala matinee performance at the Opera Comique to-day in aid of the fund for a memorial to the late President McKinley at Canton, Ohio, was a great artistic and financial success. The house was crowded with resident Americans and many Parisians of social prominence. The program consisted of selections and scenes from operas and plays, recitations and a ballet, and closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "The Marseillaise." All the artists were warmly applauded and there were many recalls.

DUBBED HER 'DIANA'

Eastern Press Attacks Mrs. Johnston for Shooting Pigeons.

THE BIRDS WENT TO THE SICK

She Believes This Mitigates the Seeming Cruelty of the Sport.

Like unto Diana is Mrs. S. S. Johnston of Minneapolis, according to a recent issue of the New York Press. The Press, in common with other New York and Chicago papers, is unmercifully hammering live pigeon shooters. A Chicago paper recently "handed it" to H. C. Hirschy of Minneapolis, who won the grand American handicap shoot. Now comes the Press with a sarcastic editorial roast for Mrs. Johnston, who also distinguished herself at Kansas City by leading the other women shooters who participated in the meet.

Under the caption of "This Modern Diana" the Press says:

A Mrs. S. S. Johnston of Minneapolis was murdering pigeons at Kansas City, in company of a regiment of gunners of high and noble purposes. She is styled the modern Diana. That is regarded as a compliment. Let's see about it: Diana sent plagues and death among men and animals. She was unmoved by love. She murdered the children of Niobe. She was a spiteful old maid. She was tall, nimble and had very narrow hips. Her forehead was high, her eyes shifting. Her hair was tied up, with a few stray locks floating down her neck. Her breast was covered, but her legs, as high as her knees, were naked, the rest being concealed by the chlamys. Mrs. Johnston's rainy-daisy reaches to her boot tops. Diana hunted the wild stag with bow and arrow; Mrs. Johnston murders harmless, helpless pigeons with a breechloader.

Mrs. Johnston Amused.

Mrs. Johnston expressed amusement rather than annoyance over the editorial when seen this morning at her residence, 1328 Eighth street S.

"I must plead guilty," said she, "to having shot pigeons at Kansas City, and I suppose I must take my medicine like the rest of them, if the papers see fit to say unkind things about us. The fact is that I have never laid claim to being a modern goddess of the chase, and that is the first time I have ever been called Diana. My long suit, as a matter of fact, is shooting at inanimate targets. I greatly prefer clay pigeon shooting to live birds. In all my life I don't suppose I have shot more than 200 live pigeons.

"While on general principles I am not an enthusiast about pigeon shooting, I believe a lot of sickly sentiment is being wasted over this question. Those pigeons are not shot just for sport's sake. Every pigeon killed is eaten. It is a fact not generally known that almost the entire 'kill' at Kansas City was devoted to the humanitarian purpose of affording inmates of New York hospitals delicacies in the way of game to which they are unused. But for a shoot like that, occasionally, such unfortunates would never have a taste of game. If that is the case, I believe the end justifies the means, and New York people or papers should have no kick coming."

Local sportsmen, including all who went to Kansas City, concede that the doom of pigeon shooting has been sounded in the present adverse criticism of the press throughout the country, and the attitude of state legislatures. New York has set the example, and they say other states will generally follow suit. It is for that reason that no strong attempt will be made to secure the next interstate shoot for Minneapolis.

JENKINS PARDONED

Operated Blind Pigs—Blar's Case Is Taken Under Advisement.

The state board of pardons considered twenty-eight applications yesterday. Three were granted, fifteen denied outright, and ten taken under advisement.

Joseph T. Jenkins, serving a jail sentence in Hennepin county for conducting a blind pig at Minnetonka, was one of those pardoned. He had served out the original sentence, and being unable to pay a $500 fine, was doing sixty days in lieu thereof. Two Ramsey county cases were passed on favorably. Frank J. Westcott, sentenced Nov. 9, 1901; to three years in prison for forgery, will be released, and Roy Cheesbro, serving a sixty-day workhouse sentence for disorderly conduct, gets off with half time.

An application was made for the pardon of Peter Blar, the Minneapolis saloonkeeper given thirty days without the option of a fine for selling liquor without a license. The case was taken under advisement, and as Blar's stay expires today, he will have to begin his sentence at least.

The applications denied were:

Frank J. Conan, robbery; Hermann Smith, grand larceny; Albert Annis, rape; Henry Brittenhelm, attempted abuse of female child; William Hawkins, grand larceny; E. Glover Atkins, attempted extortion; Henry Jerome, forgery; Joseph McAloon, malicious mischief; John Speelman, malicious mischief; Albert Lawton, manslaughter; Fred W. Lilly, assault; Joseph Cardiff, robbery; James A. Taylor, bigamy; William Smith, burglary; Mark O'Toole, grand larceny.

The applications taken under advisement were:

Nels Olson, rape; George McDonald, attempted robbery; Louis Krieger, assault; Charles William Hatcher, assault; Bertha Schilling, manslaughter; John Eugene Fritz, burglary; Richard O. Lunke, forgery; George Miles Reeves, grand larceny; James Cameron, murder; James Breen, grand larceny.

BENEFIT BY "EXPLORERS"

For Employes' Mutual Aid Society of Powers Mercantile Co.

The original Dearborn Opera company presents "The Explorers" at the Metropolitan theater Friday night for the benefit of the Employes Mutual Aid society of the Powers' Mercantile company. The performance for that evening was sold to the society at a price that will leave a fair surplus, which will go into the treasury of the employes. "The Explorers" is one of the best attractions that has been presented at the Metropolitan this season. This is a return engagement, which speaks well for the company. The former engagement was in Lent, which prevented a great many from attending who will do so now. The tickets can be secured from any employe of the Powers Mercantile company, or at the box office at the theater at regular prices. The sale so far has been most satisfactory, although plenty of good seats are still to be had. If you are going to see this show you cannot aid a more deserving cause, and at the same time get just as much for your money, than by securing seats for Friday night, thereby assisting the Aid society, which has for its object the financial assistance of any employe who, through sickness or accident, is compelled to lose time at his or her position.

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MINERS MAKE A MISTAKE

THEY CALLED IN AN INSPECTOR

He Ordered the Company Not to Hoist the Men and 400 Strike in Consequence.

Special to The Journal.

Red Lodge, Mont., April 15.—Four hundred coal miners are out on a strike. They were employed by the Rocky Fork Coal company. It is thought the strike will be a long-drawn-out and stubbornly contested fight.

The strike resulted from the refusal of the mining company to hoist the miners to the surface from the workings after the day's work was done. The refusal was in compliance with an order made by State Coal Mine Inspector Howard F. Walsh.

A short time ago the miners had Mr. Walsh come to the mine to adjust some trivial grievance which they had against the management. The visit was unfortunate for them. Walsh observed that the company hoisted the men up the slope of the mine to the surface at the end of the shifts.

This seemed dangerous to him, and a few days ago he sent a letter to the company requesting it to stop hoisting the men on the slope. The company acquiesced and the men were put to the necessity of climbing to the surface, a half mile away, on a slope of 20 degrees.

They refused to climb, saying that the company could provide some other safe means of hoisting them, and the strike followed. The mine is closed down, and the company manager, Mr. Shea, says that the company will not be in a hurry to open it.

The miners are Finlanders, and their average daily wage was $3.50.

THUNDER MOUNTAIN COMPANY

One Organized in S. Dak. With Stipulated Capital of $1,000,000.

Special to The Journal.

Pierre, S. D., April 15.—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the North American Spindle Top Oil company at Pierre, with a capital of $1,000,000; incorporators, W. J. Carden, George A. Carden, J. E. Evans.

The United States etProleum corporation of Beaumont, at Pierre, with a capital of $1,000,000; incorporators, Charles Dexter, George A. Carden, J. E. Evans.

The Columbia Gold Mining company at Sioux Falls, with a capital of $500,000; incorporators, William Ridout, James D. Warren, Curtis H. Winsor.

The Flandreau Driving Park association at Flandreau, with a capital of $10,000; incorporators, F. H. Bartle, C. M. Lake, James A. Farrish, Jr., James A. Farrish, Sr., M. A. Davis, Walter Malanphy.

The Thunder Mountain Mining and Development company, at Waubay, with a capital of $1,000,000; incorporators, L. A. Lidyard, Manson Rexford, Avery C. Moore.

The American Independent Telephone company, at Pierre, with a capital of $500,000; incorporators, D. K. Rinehard, F. H. Rinehard, L. L. Stephens.

Governor Herreid has appointed the following game wardens: Hyde, Dalton G. Oliver, Highmore; Custer, J. R. Cruson, Custer; Lake, J. A. McGovern, Madison; Grant, Charles E. Cobb, Big Stone.

REEDON CANNOT BE FOUND

Fargo Agent Said to Be Short in His Accounts.

Special to The Journal.

Fargo, N. D., April 15.—Fred Reedon is missing. He was agent for a Minneapolis paper and had charge of the circulation. It has developed on investigation he was short in his accounts and it is supposed that is the reason for his disappearance. Reedon came here about two years ago from Long Island and for awhile attended Fargo College, abandoning his studies to take charge of the paper here. There is no clue to his location.

It is announced that P. G. Crenshaw has again been promoted by the Standard Oil company. He was the manager here for several years. Last spring he was promoted to the Kansas City office and has now been transferred to the Chicago offices, where he will be assistant general manager.

GODDARD WOULD BE AUDITOR

To Win He Must Take Dickey Away From Marshall.

Special to The Journal.

Aberdeen, S. D., April 15.— Aberdeen people are much interested in the announcement made from Ellendale that F. S. Goddard, who was turned down for the postoffice there, will be a candidate for state auditor of North Dakota and endeavor to wrest the Dickey county delegation from Congressman Tom Marshall.

ABERDEEN PRESBYTERY

Opening Address by Rev. Mr. Corbett of Huron College.

Special to The Journal.

Aberdeen, S. D., April 15.—The annual meeting of the churches embraced in Aberdeen presbytery opens this evening in this city, the session to be addressed by Rev. Mr. Corbett, of Huron college. The Wednesday sessions will be held in the forenoon and afternoon until 4 o'clock, when the Y. P. S. C. E. of the presbytery will open its meeting and continue through the evening. These sessions will be held in the Presbyterian church and at the same time the Woman's Missionary Society will hold sessions at the M. E. church.

Surveyors this afternoon laid out the grounds on the courthouse square and staked out the excavations for the new $85,000 courthouse, for which the digging will begin this week. The contractor promises to have the building erected and plastered before freezing weather comes next fall.

The Tacoma Park socialist campmeeting management announces the engagement of Father O'Grady, of Tennessee, as one of the attractions.—Rev. B. M. Ainsworth of St. Paul, evangelist for the Christian church, is conducting revival services and is meeting with much success.

NORTH DAKOTA ARBOR DAY

Governor White Designates Friday, May 9.

Special to The Journal.

Bismark, N. D., April 15.—Governor White has issued his arbor day proclamation designating Friday, May 9, as arbor day in the state. The governor recommends that "an elm tree be planted and tenderly cared for on the grounds of every school and public institution of the state in honor of our martyred president, William McKinley."

PRISONER IS HEIR TO $20,000

In Consequence, He Will Care for His Family and Be Good.

Special to The Journal.

Hancock, Mich., April 15.—Otto Wolff, who has just been brought back from Ashland, where he was arrested by the sheriff for deserting his wife and family, will not have to stand trial, the charge against him having been dropped. Wolff recently fell heir to $20,000 left him by a relative in Germany, but did not learn of it until he arrived here in custody of the officer. In consequence of his good fortune, he has agreed to take care of his family, and the case against him will be dropped.

The Golf Girl—Dear me! How annoying!

The Caddy—Gee! If that's all she got to say when she breaks a stick, it's hardly worth while talkin' about it.

WHY SOO IS STRONG

Earnings Are Large; Its Surplus Is 2 1-4 Millions.

ITS TERRITORY IS FILLING UP

Its Capitalization Per Mile and Its Operating Expense Below the Average.

The Soo road had net surplus July 1, 1901, of $988,000. It has earned since that date about $1,260,000 net, thus bringing up its present surplus to $2,250,000. Every week the earnings show an increase over the corresponding week a year ago. Passenger earnings are one-third more for eight months than for the corresponding period last year. This increase in passenger business is the best evidence of the rapid settlement and development of the country tributary to the Soo road.

Last year 100 miles of new road were built and paid for by the issue of bonds. No new stock was issued, and it is the policy of the directors not to issue any new stock on account of extensions this year.

The Soo company now owns and operates 1,397 miles of road, against which there are outstanding $35,000,000 bonds and $21,000,000 stock, equal to $40,000 per mile for both. This is low compared with many roads. The Northern Pacific stock and bonded debt is $63,000 per mile, while Chicago Great Western is $66,500 per mile.

The operating expenses of the Soo road per mile are 5 per cent less than Northern Pacific and 25 per cent less than the Chicago Great Western.

Wheat seeding has been somewhat delayed on account of the ground being too wet, but is now in full blast all along the Soo road. It will require two weeks to complete the wheat seeding. Later will follow flax seeding, which is now the largest and most important crop in that new and fertile country. An enormous increase in acreage will be planted this year, and with the great amount of moisture now in the soil, resulting from the heavy snows of last month, a large crop is almost assured. If realized, the Soo road's earnings will show a rapid increase and its stock will continue its advance on merits. Present earnings are equal to 7 per cent per annum on both preferred and common stock, after allowing for $250,000 the directors authorized to be expended for betterments.

Rapid advances in stocks in the northwest are not unusual. In 1896 Minneapolis & St. Louis common sold at 12, and it recently sold at 112. Great Northern during the same period advanced from 106½ to 186. Twin City Rapid Transit stock in 1896 sold at 16½; it is now 120.

A conservative commercial authority in Minneapolis gives it as his belief that on the present showing Soo common is worth 80 and that with good crop conditions it will go to par.

MAYVILLE PASTOR RESIGNS

Unpleasant Surprise for a North Dakota Congregational Church.

Special to The Journal.

Mayville, N. D., April 15.—Rev. E. G. Zellars, pastor of the Congregational church of this city, surprised his congregation by reading his resignation. He requested that it be accepted on or before May 12. He said that his reasons are mainly personal to himself and wife, the main one being that they wish to be nearer their relatives, who live farther south.

Mr. Zellars has served here three years and his work has been successful. He is an earnest, scholarly young man and his sermons reflect these qualities.

SATCHEL WAS HIS BANK

Robt. Cameron of Dollarville, Mich., Robbed of $950.

Special to The Journal.

Newberry, Mich., April 15.—Because Robert Cameron, of Dollarville, a small town near here, chose to put away his savings in an old satchel rather than deposit them in a bank, he is out $950 with practically no chance of ever getting it back. The other evening his wife left the house for a few minutes and during her absence the thief, who evidently was familiar with the conditions, went through her satchel. The loss was not discovered until morning when Mrs. Cameron went for money to make a few purchases. No clue has been found.

Northwest Pensions.

Washington, April 15.—Pensions granted:

Minnesota—James D. Wood, St. Paul, $20; John H. Thomas, Redwood Falls, $12; Melissa Conley, Minneapolis, $8; Sarah L. Billings, Kasson, $8.

Iowa—War with Spain: Thomas L. Risewick, Knoxville, $6; Louis Dellage, New Haven, $12; William A. Emerson, Clinton, $8; John P. Connor, Sharpsburg, $8; James F. Overholzer, Diagonal, $10; James M. Beatty, Cedar Rapids, $6; Aaron M. Forster, Des Moines, $14; David McGaffey, Pittsburg, $12; William Mincey (dead), Missouri Valley, $12; Olive Vannosdell, Fort Dodge, $8; Emeline M. Sahles, Clinton, $8; Casander Weaver, Des Moines, $12; Mary E. Hughes, Tinley, $12.

South Dakota—William J. Allason, Hot Springs, $12.

North Dakota—Leonard S. Martin, Hamlin, $12.

Wisconsin—Isaac Elliott, Oconto, $12; John Murgatroyd, Vesper, $8; Wallace White, Lodi, $14; Daniel W. Cox, Fond du Lac, Gottlieb Eddmann, Green Bay, $8; William Covert, Bethel, $6; Sarah Shadel, Milton Junction, $8; Aimira Sherman, Plover, $12.

STAMP MILL ENGINE WRECKED

Crank Pin Broke and Let the Connecting Rod Drop.

Special to The Journal.

Lead, S. D., April 15.—The engine in the Highland stamp mill, one of the plants of the Homestake company, was almost completely demolished owing to the breaking of a six-inch crank pin. The engine is of 350-horse power, and was running under a full head of steam. The connecting rod dropped and began wrecking everything within reach. Both cylinder heads were knocked out, the engine was partly shifted from its bed, and the floor was torn up.

The engineer had stepped into an adjoining room a moment before. He hurried back and, groping his way through the steam, shut off the supply pipe leading from the boilers, thus stopping the engine. The Highland mill, of 140 stamps, will be closed until a new engine can be procured, which will require several weeks. It is not thought the old engine can be made serviceable. It had been in use twenty-two years.

INSTALLATION OF JASPER PASTOR.

Special to The Journal.

Jasper, Minn., April 15.—Rev. J. S. Sunbeck has accepted a call to become pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place. The installation services will be held April 22. Rev. N. H. Bell of Minneapolis will preside at the meeting. Rev. Mr. Connell of Pipestone and Rev. J. D. Gibb of Amboy are expected to be present.

BOY KILLED BY A KICK.

Special to The Journal.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 15.—Elliott Nash, aged 15, went into the barn on the farm of his father, Dell Nash, yesterday afternoon, when all but a hired hand were absent, to fetch a horse. A moment later he staggered out of the barn, his hands on his sides, and gasping "the horse kicked me," died.

HER TIME.
Yonkers Statesman.

"If time is money," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "the common belief that a woman doesn't spend anything when she goes shopping is fallacious."

FEMININE POINT OF VIEW.
Chicago News.

Husband—I see that a German scientist says idiots invariably cross the left leg over the right.

Wife—Nonsense! Any man who crosses his legs at all is an idiot.

WHEAT

Government Summary of Both Winter and Spring Conditions.

Washington, April 15.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

Although the temperature since March 1 has averaged above the normal over the northern portion of the country east of the Rocky mountains, the season is reported as backward in these districts, except in New England and New York, where it is from one to two weeks earlier than the average. The season is also backward in the southern states.

The week ending April 14 was cold in the central valleys and over the interior portions of the Atlantic coast and east gulf districts, although milder temperatures prevailed during the latter part of the week in the last-named districts. Rain is much needed in the Ohio, central Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, over the western portion of the lake region, in southern Florida and the Rio Grande valley, including New Mexico and Arizona. Warmer and dry weather is badly needed on the north Pacific coast.

Corn planting is nearing completion in the west gulf states and has made favorable progress in the south Atlantic and east gulf districts and Tennessee. This work is general in Kansas and Missouri, and preparations in Iowa are unusually well advanced. Eastward of the Mississippi no corn has been planted northward of Tennessee, excepting a little in southern Virginia.

While the growth of winter wheat has been slow, a very general improvement is reported from the principal winter wheat states, although the crop has deteriorated slightly in central and northern Illinois and is suffering for rain in northern Missouri. Though somewhat improved in Kentucky, Virginia, the tendency continues much below the average. On the Pacific coast winter wheat has made rapid growth in California and a heavy crop is promised north of Tehachapi, but in Oregon and Washington the condition of the crop is much less promising, especially in the last-named state, where a large area had to be resown.

A large region is sown in the spring wheat region and little has to be sown in North Dakota. A severe dust storm in southern Minnesota on the 10th and 11th uncovered much of the sown grain. Warmth and moisture are much needed for germination.

Oat seeding is well advanced in the states of the Missouri valley, but has made less favorable progress in the Ohio valley. The early sown is looking well in Oklahoma, Kansas and the southern portions of Nebraska and Missouri, but germination has been slow in the Ohio valley and the crop has sustained some injury by frosts in Indiana.

SENATORIAL ELECTIONS

Senate Committee Adopts the Depew Amendment.

Washington, April 15.—The senate committee on privileges and elections to-day, by a majority of one, voted to amend the house resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people by adding this amendment offered by Senator Depew:

The qualifications of citizens entitled to vote for United States senators and representatives in congress shall be uniform in all the states and congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation and to provide for the registration of citizens entitled to vote, the conduct of such elections and the certification of the result.

The committee voted down the Penrose amendment providing that senators shall be apportioned according to the population of the several states. Senator Burrows voted with the democrats in opposition to the Depew provision. Otherwise the vote was strictly on partizan lines.

KANSAS CITY BOYCOTT

Live Stock Receipts Just as Large, Except as to Sheep.

Kansas City, Mo., April 15.—The boycott started by the Kansas City live stock commission men, who last week urged their customers to ship to other markets, had no appreciable effect on the receipts here to-day, except possibly in the case of sheep. To-day's arrival of cattle amounted to 5,000 head, against 6,400 last week, while the receipts of hogs were 7,000, against 6,000 on last Tuesday. But 500 sheep were received to-day, compared with 4,200 a week ago. However, as the receipts of sheep generally are variable, this may not indicate anything. It is said that the members of the stockyards company are to-day considering the question of bringing injunction proceedings against the commission men to force them to call off the boycott.

CAMP FOR RIFLE PRACTICE

Iowa Guardsmen Will Shoot Four Days During May.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 15.—Adjutant General Byers in a few days will issue an order for the annual camp of instruction in rifle practice. It will be held at Cedar Rapids, May 26 to 29, inclusive. Colonel W. E. H. Morse of Algona, state inspector of small arms practice, will be in charge. Four members of each guard company in the state will be detailed to receive instruction. Adjutant General Byers will take immediate steps to have the rifle range of the state at Cedar Rapids put in order. Instruction in both the Springfield and the Krag-Jorgenson rifles will be given.

PARTNERS FALL OUT

One Has the Other Arrested for Taking Too Large a Share.

Special to The Journal.

Jamestown, N. D., April 15.—John G. Sieboldt was arrested yesterday charged with obtaining money under false pretensee. Thomas Fowler of Melville was the complaining witness. He alleges that Sieboldt sold hay belonging to him. The men were partners in a haymaking enterprise last summer and Sieboldt was to have one-third of the hay put up. Instead he took two-thirds, Fowler alleges.

Gus Grahn, residing five miles east of Courtenay, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. Some of his neighbors noticed that he had been acting strange of late and five of them went to visit him. On their arrival Grahn decided they were going to take him away and said he would go with him. He shaved and later went upstairs, leaving the razor in the case. In a short time he came down stairs, but returned in a few minutes and, unobserved by any of those present, took the razor with him. In a few minutes they heard a noise, and when they got upstairs found him dead with his throat cut. Grahn was a German, unmarried, owned three-quarters of a section of land and was practically out of debt. Ill health is believed to have caused him to kill himself.

PICTORIALLY MALIGNED.
Brooklyn Eagle.

"Now, if the Goddess of Liberty were only a real person," commented the briefless barrister, thoughtfully, "I might stir up some business."

"How?" asked the curious caller.

"Why, she would certainly have a good claim for damages for some of the alleged pictures of her that appear in the cartoons, wouldn't she?" demanded the briefless barrister.

SURROUNDED THEM.
New York World.

"Is he in his cups?"

"No, but he is on all sides of them."

GATES CONTROLS

His Interests Finally Take Over the Louisville & Nashville.

New York, April 15.—Negotiations looking to the settlement of the Louisville & Nashville differences began at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. this morning.

On the stock exchange there was an enormous demand for the Southern railway stocks, which lifted them 3 5-8 for the common and 3½ for the preferred. The buying was by Morgan brokers and was interpreted as indicating a settlement of the question of control of the Louisville & Nashville in favor of Southern interests. Harris, Gates & Co., stock exchange brokers and representatives of the Gates interests, issued the following statement:

We have bought a large block of stock of the Louisville & Nashville road. We did not buy it for speculation, but for investment, believing in the present and future value of the property. There will not be any corner in the stock. We have placed the entire matter in the hands of J. P. Morgan & Co. and requested them to act as arbiters in the situation, because of the prominence of the property and the desire not to disturb in any way the general market condition; and, because we know that they have no interest whatever in the property or in recent purchases.

John W. Gates and John F. Harris of Harris, Gates & Co., were at J. P. Morgan & Co.'s office. Another visitor was Edwin Hawley, who said that he was not associated with Mr. Gates in the Louisville & Nashville, but had a large block of the stock on his account.

Later Mr. Harris paid another visit to Morgan & Co.'s office and had another talk with Mr. Perkins. He was asked whether he had anything to add to the formal statement put out by his firm just before noon. Mr. Harris took out a pencil and changed the original statement so that it read:

"We have bought control," instead of "we have bought a large block of stock."

Record-Breaking Deals.

The dealings in Southern Railway common in the first hour amounted to 350,000 shares and for the two hours up to noon upwards of half a million. This breaks all records for dealings in single stock for one hour and for two hours on the New York stock exchange. During the exciting trading in Southern Railway one block of 10,000 shares changed hands at 40½.

The decision to make Morgan & Co. "arbiters in the situation" was not reached until shortly after 11 o'clock. It followed the conference at which Messrs. Belmont, Gates, Spencer, Harris, Perkins and Francis Linde Stetson were present. Mr. Stetson is J. P. Morgan's attorney and he is supposed to have formulated the agreement between the contending interests in Louisville & Nashville. None of the gentlemen present at the conference would iscuss the events of the morning beyond a remark by Mr. Gates that "it's all over."

All sorts of theories and opinions were advanced to account for the tremendous activity of Southern Railway shares. On the stock exchange it was generally believed that the first big orders came from Morgan & Co. Later, however, it was asserted that many heavy orders came from Gates' brokers. In fact, Harris, Gates and Co, made no secret of their operations in this quarter and reports credited them with the purchase of 175,000 shares up to 12:30 o'clock.

PAY VOUCHERS

Captain Witherell Court-Martialed for Duplicating.

Detroit, Mich., April 15.—Captain Charles T. Witherell, U. S. A., retired, was tried by court martial to-day at Fort Wayne on the charge of duplicating his pay vouchers for November and December, 1901 and January, 1902. It is alleged that Captain Witherell signed over his pay vouchers to Louis Silverman, of New York, and that he then issued duplicates for each month which he disposed of to three different persons here.

Captain Witherell's attorney contended that his client's stipend from the government as a retired officer was not pay, but pension, and that therefore he was not amenable to a court martial for the alleged duplication. The contention was overruled by the court.

$6.50 FOR FAT STEERS

82-Year-Old Stock Raiser Prepared Them for Market.

Special to The Journal.

Hokah, Minn., April 15.—What was doubtless the highest price ever paid for a carload of cattle in Houston county was paid by Dan Brown, the Hokah stock buyer, for a load of Hereford 2-year-olds, shipped to-day from Houston. There were seventeen head