

THE NEW WORLD OF THE WEST.

SIX HOURS OF RAIN

Tracks in the Vicinity of La Crosse Under Water.

HOUSTON IS FAIRLY UNDERWATER

Root River is Out of Banks—Washouts Between La Crosse and Austin.

La Crosse, Wis., May 21.—Railroad traffic is practically demoralized here today owing to six hours of rain in this vicinity. On the North-Western road there has not been a train in since last evening and two trains are held at Zloy, waiting until a bridge, which was washed out, can be repaired. There are also several smaller washouts between Sparta and Elroy. Near Midway on the same line one half mile of track is under water and at Bluff Junction several rods of track is washed out.

At River Junction on the Milwaukee two miles from here there is another large washout. The mail train No. 3 is held here and local passenger train No. 3 is still in La Crosse waiting until the track can be repaired. On the Southern Minnesota division of the same road much trouble is being experienced with the water. Between here and Austin, Minn., several minor washouts are reported. The worst place is at Houston, the whole town being practically under water.

Many head of valuable race horses on the lowlands there owned by D. J. Cameron of this city are in danger of being lost. Trains on this division are several hours behind schedule time. The telegraph wires are down in many places.

The Dubuque division is having its trouble. The first freight out of this city since Saturday left this morning and will attempt the trip. The passengers have been transferred at Lansing, Iowa, where the worst washout occurred.

Root river, a small stream in eastern Minnesota, is on a rampage. It has swollen to a degree that rivals the condition two years ago and much damage is feared.

REPAIR WORK DESTROYED

Second Washout on Burlington Lines in Iowa.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 21.—A hard rain fell Monday afternoon in the vicinity of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern last night, washing out a section of track just south of Oelwein, and no trains can be run until this evening. Saturday night's storm washed out practically all the track between West Union and Postville Junction. The repair gangs had got the track so that trains could be operated from West Union as far as Elgin. Last night's rain washed out all their repair work.

Several small bridges have been destroyed along this section of track, some of them of stone and steel. It will be several days before trains can be operated north of West Union. The meantime mail is being carried to Brainerd, Elgin and Clermont in hacks.

Heavy Loss in Glass.

Chatfield, Minn., May 21.—In the hall storm last night every window in town lost glass. The loss is about \$10,000. It was the worst storm in years. No trains are running either way.

Many Wrecks.

Special to The Journal. Starbuck, Wis., May 21.—Owing to washouts on the North-Western traffic north is entirely suspended last night. No. 2 is in the ditch at Bluff Station. Engineer H. C. Brown was hurt. No. 16 is in the ditch at Camp Douglas and a wrecking train was wrecked at Kendall.

Rain and Hail at Winona.

Special to The Journal. Winona, Minn., May 21.—During seven hours following midnight 2,000 inches of rain fell in this vicinity. In the early part of the storm there was a severe hail shower that broke much glass in Winona greenhouse. It is said grain in the country is not so much injured as it has been seriously injured by the hail. Several washouts on the railroads are reported.

Northern Pacific Track, Too.

Special to The Journal. Starbuck, Minn., May 21.—The heaviest rain ever experienced in this vicinity occurred yesterday afternoon. Everything is flooded. The Northern Pacific track is washed out in several places near town and much damage was done to property.

MINERAL DISCOVERIES

Sault Ste. Marie Man Finds Gold, Graphite and Cinnabar.

Special to The Journal. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., May 21.—Much local interest has been aroused by a mineral discovery announced today by Louis Causley who has been prospecting on the Michigan range. He said he has discovered three valuable properties, one gold, another graphite and the third cinnabar, the latter the source of mercury, about 100 miles north of the Canadian Soo.

Causley recently made known his find to reputable people here who made an investigation and returned today. They say it is a good thing and will turn out right. They brought back with them splendid specimens of the three minerals. A company is being formed to work the property.

HOLTON'S CARRIAGE TEAM

Bank Looters Believed to Have Robbed a Yankton Man.

Special to The Journal. Yankton, S. D., May 21.—Robbers entered the barn of George Holton in the residence section of the city at 3 o'clock this morning and stole a team of horses and a buggy. They were seen by neighbors as they drove away at full speed, and an alarm was given, but so far the men have not been captured. It is believed they are the bank robbers who broke into the bank at Harrison night before last.

WILSON ACCEPTS

Son of the Secretary Will Remove to South Dakota.

Special to The Journal. Brookings, S. D., May 21.—Professor James W. Wilson, son of Secretary Wilson, of Iowa, has accepted the chair of animal husbandry and director of the state agricultural college experiment station at Brookings. He will be here at Traer, Iowa, today, and will begin work here June 1.

CATTLE DIE

Over a Thousand Head From Texas Perish of Cold Near Billings.

Special to The Journal. Billings, Mont., May 21.—Several thousand cattle were recently shipped from Texas to stockmen around Billings. A large consignment reached here yesterday morning in poor condition and as a cold rain was falling over one thousand cattle chilled to death near town.

MADISON WILL HAVE IT

CONVENTION OF BADGER G. O. P. First Bout With the "Stalwarts" Results Advantageously to Governor La Follette.

Special to The Journal. Madison, Wis., May 21.—At a meeting of the republican state central committee in this city yesterday it was decided to call the state convention of the party on July 16. This is the first time in fifteen years that the convention has been called to meet in Madison. This action was taken in response to a desire of Governor La Follette, who believes that if the convention is held here instead of Milwaukee it will be more favorable to his interests. Milwaukee made a strong bid for the gathering, but was unable to overcome the influence of the governor. The vote on the question was 100 to 0.

The call was issued last night and provides for 1,000 delegates. It does away with the old custom of allowing proxies call the state convention. The vote of absentees shall revert to the delegates present from the districts to which such absentees are credited.

GOOD-SIZED CALENDAR

Opening of the May Term of Court at Albert Lea, Minn.

Special to The Journal. Albert Lea, Minn., May 21.—District court convened here yesterday with Judge Kingsley presiding. An adjourned session of the December term was first held to sentence W. G. Bragg, who was convicted of willfully colluding with a rig being driven by a contractor and he was assessed \$25 and costs of forty days in the county jail. It is expected an appeal will be taken. The December term of court was then adjourned to the 26th and the May term was convened. John Goinick was named foreman of the grand jury. The call of the civil calendar resulted in forty two being marked for trial by jury and about thirty to be tried by the court.

There are twenty cases wherein persons attempt to evade payment of a special tax levied on the construction of a sewer in the southern part of the city and there are ten cases wherein the plaintiffs claim damages from the city on account of the fowage of Fountain lake.

RUNAWAY ORE CAR

Assist. Supt. Birdsall Prevented an Accident by Quick Work.

Special to The Journal. Deadwood, S. D., May 21.—A loaded ore car got away at Pluma station on the Burlington, and running down through Deadwood, would have caused a serious accident probably loss of life but for the prompt action of J. C. Birdsall, assistant division superintendent. Word was telegraphed to Deadwood to look for the runaway car. Mr. Birdsall was on the station platform when the train dispatcher shouted. He ran to the switch back of the electric light plant and threw the switch. The car was stopped at the station with about 100 persons waiting to go to lead, and had the car struck them it would have killed some one, as it was going fifty miles an hour. It was loaded with fruit car on the siding, reducing one end of it to ruins.

MORE SHIRT WAISTS

School Principal Would Not Admit Boys Until "Properly Clothed."

Omaha, Neb., May 21.—Fifty-four of the young men students of the high school appeared yesterday clad in shirt waists and without coats. Principal Waterhouse called a meeting of the teachers and instructed them not to admit students hereafter unless they are "properly clothed." As a result of this order the boys presented their case to Superintendent Pearce, who said, "Well, boys, go back to your homes and get your shirts and opposes the wearing of shirt waists, put on your coats for to-day. Then, after school, present your case to him. Tell him you want to wear shirt waists. Give him a night to think it over in, and if to-morrow he still insists in his ruling, bring it up to me again and I'll see what can be done with it."

WILCOX RANCH SOLD

Fine Property Near Huron, S. D., Brings \$90,000.

Special to The Journal. Huron, S. D., May 21.—One of the largest real estate sales consummated in the state for several years was closed today by the Morris Land company for the Fred M. Wilcox ranch, situated about twenty miles northeast of this city, in Milford township. Six thousand acres are embraced in the ranch and upon it are dwelling, barns, cattle sheds, corral four artesian wells, and a lake covering twelve acres well stocked with fish. Mr. Wilcox will give possession of the premises Oct. 1st but reserves his herd of five blooded cattle and his horses. The price paid was \$90,000; the purchasers are John Z. Kleinfelder, Mathias Kleinfelder, Paul Stahl and Josua Stahl, all of Bridgewater, S. D.

SENSATIONAL AFFIDAVITS

Attorneys for Helme File Them in Minnie Healy Case.

Special to The Journal. Helena, Mont., May 21.—It is expected the supreme court will decide next Monday whether it will exercise its appellate jurisdiction and close the Minnie Healy mine in Butte pending the appeal. Attorneys for Helme sprang some sensational affidavits counter to those filed by the attorney for the amalgamated mine, which it was alleged Helme's mine blew up the stopes in the mine. The counter affidavits alleged that Mr. McLaugh, the miner who made the sensational affidavit against Helme, approached two of Helme's miners and offered them sums varying from \$2,000 to \$3,000 to make affidavits to the effect that Helme instructed his miners to destroy the stopes in the mine.

COMPANY HOLDS FAST

Turns Down a Proposition for Settlement of Smelter Strike.

Special to The Journal. Helena, Mont., May 21.—The executive board of the American Smelting and Refining company has rejected the offer of settlement of the strikers employed in its East Helena smelter who went out April 25 because the company refused to recognize the union. Manager Whitley has received a telegram from the chairman of the executive board of the New York reading. "We see no reason to recede from our former position."

This is believed to settle all attempts to adjust the trouble for the present.

INDIGNANT OLD WOMEN

Cared For Grand Rapids, Mich., May 21.—E. L. McDowell of Muskegon, who died in this city on the date he was to have married Miss Virginia Platt of Cincinnati, in his will left \$60,000 to establish a home for indigent old women at Fairmount.

An examination of the will shows that instead of "indigent" old women, he wrote "indignant" old women, and this error in spelling may invalidate the instrument.

NON-UNION MEN BARRED

MILWAUKEE WILL NOT EMPLOY Mayor Rose Tells the Board of Public Works Just What Is What.

Special to The Journal. Milwaukee, May 21.—Mayor Rose today sent a letter to the board of public works saying that hereafter no nonunion labor must be employed by the city on contract work. He said that the city must not deal with contractors who do not employ union men who belong to regularly organized labor unions. The matter at issue is the mason contract for the second ward school. Work has been stopped on the structure through a strike of union men who say Contractor William B. Duke is employing non-union men. The latter says his employees belong to an independent union not affiliated with the national organization. He was called before the mayor and the board of public works and after a conference Rose sent his communication to the board of public works.

WILLIAMS GAINING

Some Points in His Favor—Contest for S. D. Railway Board.

Special to The Journal. Langford, S. D., May 21.—The candidacy of Senator Williams of this county for the railway board is gaining strength as the time for the state convention approaches. It is but a few weeks since he entered the race and sentiment has been built up for him. He is being supported by Mr. Smith from Hand county, who is acknowledged to be his strongest opponent, hails from a county that has been popular for years and is likely to remain so. It is also the home of the present incumbent who has held the position for six years. While Mr. Smith, personally, is unobjectionable, the fact that he will have a strong bearing on the issue. Marshall county is on the north end of the district and has had no recognition on the board, and so the logical location is the other two commissioners live in the southern part of the state, leaving the north end practically without representation on the board, and so the geographical distribution of candidates is certainly very much in favor of Mr. Williams and Marshall county.

Mr. Williams has served Marshall and Day counties as state senator for three terms and always with credit to himself and entire satisfaction to his constituents. He is faithful in his duties and loyal to his convictions. During the last session of the legislature he was the only senator who did not miss a vote or a roll call during the entire session. His record as commissioner he will give the state the same faithful service as he did when serving as senator.

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BALL BEARING HEADLIGHT

Invention of Iowa Men Will Illuminate the Curves.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 21.—A headlight for locomotives will light the track around a curve instead of shooting the flash out into the cornfield is the invention of Herman Reich and O. M. Coate of this city, who have been notified a patent will be allowed. The device is an automatic movable headlight that can be used on any of the present style of locomotives. The light that the light will follow the track around curves, showing the rails the customary 400 feet ahead.

A portion of the mechanism is two plates operating on ball and roller bearings, on which the headlight proper is placed. The mechanism attachment is such that a rod extends down through the smoke end of the boiler to a point where other connections are made with the truck beam. The device has been successfully tried and railroad men say it will be a great improvement over fixed headlights.

SWEDISH BAPTISTS

Association of Iowa Opens Its Sioux City Meeting.

Special to The Journal. Sioux City, Iowa, May 21.—The twenty-first annual meeting of the Swedish Baptist association of Iowa opened last evening with a service by Rev. F. L. Lundstrom, of Stratford, Iowa. Between 100 and 200 delegates have already arrived. The convention will continue throughout the week. Visitors who will address the convention are Rev. O. Hadeen, of the Swedish Baptist Theological seminary, Chicago; Rev. Frank Peterson of Minneapolis, secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union; Rev. A. Olson of Marshalltown; Rev. Carl Oberg, Nebraska school missionary for Iowa and Nebraska; Rev. A. B. Nordberg of Gowrie.

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PERCHED ON A CLIFF

Becker Would Have Fallen Into the Pacific Had He Moved.

WAVES RUNNING HIGH BELOW

Aberdeen, Wash., Merchant Caught by the Tide in a Tunnel Under the Rocks.

Special to The Journal. Tacoma, Wash., May 21.—John Becker, a merchant of Aberdeen, spent all of one night and part of the next day perched on a narrow ledge of a cliff overhanging the Pacific ocean, unable to move for fear of falling into the waves, which were running high below him.

Becker was one of several men who had been up to the Queen's country and, returning, they took the route along the beach down through the tunnel. The tunnel, above North Beach. Just to the north of the cliffs is a long tunnel worn under the rocks and this short cut is usually taken.

When Becker reached the entrance to the tunnel he noticed that the tide was coming in, and before he reached the exit the water was up to his waist. When he came out on the beach the surf was breaking heavily along the foot of the cliffs.

To go back again was impossible, and Becker started to climb the face of the cliff. With both hands and feet, and finally succeeded in getting out of the reach of the waves. He found a cleft in the rock ledge through which he could crawl up. Night came on and his companions, who had gone on ahead, started back to find some trace of him. It was then almost dark and the surf was breaking heavily and ascended to the top of the cliffs. Every effort was made to get a rope to him, but none of sufficient length could be secured, and the men were compelled to abandon the attempt.

With the rising of the sun the tide commenced to ebb, and Becker started down. He had to climb the wall the night before, but he finally reached the bottom, so exhausted that he fell helpless on the shore.

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AUSTIN ODD FELLOWS

Grand Lodge Officers Help Them Dedicate a New Hall.

Special to The Journal. Austin, Minn., May 21.—The beautiful hall of Austin Lodge of Odd Fellows was dedicated this afternoon, with imposing ceremonies. The new hall, which is a grand lodge officers as well as a large company of representatives from neighboring lodges and leading Odd Fellows of the state, was dedicated by Rev. F. L. Lundstrom, of Stratford, Iowa. A banquet will be served by the Rebekah lodge. The new hall is a beautiful structure and will be a great benefit to the lodge. A reception will follow at Odd Fellows hall.

LOVES ANOTHER MAN

Mrs. Jandt Tried to Die Because She Could Not Have Him.

Special to The Journal. Huron, S. D., May 21.—Because her infatuated husband had been discovered, Mrs. Mary Jandt threw herself in front of a switch engine last night and was killed. Her husband, a brakeman alone saved her. She was taken to the police station and declares she will yet kill herself if she cannot have him.

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CROPS OF THREE STATES

Wanted to Save Time 77 Runs Away With 75

THE DAKOTAS AND NEBRASKA

Special to The Journal. Bismarck, N. D., May 21.—The government crop summary for the week ending May 19 is as follows: The fore part of the week was very favorable for seeding, which was in progress in all sections, but was again stopped by heavy rains the latter part of the week. On high land wheat seeding is finished in nearly all portions of the state, but on low lands, especially in the valleys of the Red, Sheyenne and James rivers, and their tributaries, much of the ground is too wet to get on for either seeding or plowing. Much of the land which is now too wet to work will be sown to flax later. If weather permits, the new Massey block here, which started flax, are being sown in all sections, and laid prepared for corn.

Warmer weather the past week caused a very rapid germination of all grain that had been sown, and much of it is now up, and without exception, looks very fine. Grass has also made rapid progress.

Huron, S. D., May 21.—Climatic conditions the past week were especially favorable to wheat growth and small grain crops. The weather was generally clear in many fields corn planting and flax and millet sowing were temporarily abandoned because of rain. Wheat has made rapid growth and the crop is well rooted and uniformly even. Some wheat, oats, spring rye and barley is sowing, and winter rye is jointing. These crops give most promise. Flax is well up and corn and clover is well sown, but the latter crop has been interfered with by wet weather; however, there is ample time for planting and the work will be practically completed the present week.

Lincoln, Neb., May 21.—Crop prospects for Nebraska are good, declares the section director of the United States weather bureau in the report just issued. Liberal rains, together with sunny weather, have brought about this result. In summarizing the situation the bulletin says: "Winter wheat has continued to improve in condition. It is heading in the southern counties with short straw. Rye is heading in the northern counties. Corn has not as yet averaged crop. Oats have improved, but are still below the average condition. Corn planting has been retarded by the weather. A considerable amount of corn is coming up nicely with a good stand."

Special to The Journal. Iron Mountain, Mich., May 21.—One of the finest armies in the state will be erected here this season for Company No. 1, 1st Regiment. The structure will cost \$10,000 and will be built on a site near the courthouse by a stock company.

LAD STOPPED A BALL

Special to The Journal. Menominee, Mich., May 21.—John Ferguson, a small boy, was struck in the face by a swift ball thrown by a first baseman, and missed the ball. The ball struck him senseless. His nose was split, his upper and lower lips cut and several teeth knocked out.

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ANNUAL PICNIC AND BALL

Special to The Journal. Janesville, Wis., May 21.—The Deutscher Kaiser Verein held its annual picnic here yesterday and gave a big ball in the evening. A large number of delegates and delegations from Waseca and New Richmond.

MONSTER FRATERNAL PICNIC

Special to The Journal. Sioux City, Iowa, May 21.—Arrangements have been completed for a fraternal picnic in this city. The picnic will be held on the U. W. and M. W. A., within a radius of 200 miles. At least ninety-two towns in Iowa alone have been given for a radius of 200 miles.

\$15,000 Lumber Yard Fire

Special to The Journal. Ironwood, Mich., May 21.—A portion of the yard of the J. Hager Lumber company was destroyed by fire, entailing a \$15,000 loss. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been from a spark from a passing locomotive. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The residents of Ironwood, on the Michigan side, and were assessed \$65.25 each.

WOMAN "SPELLED" EM DOWN

Special to The Journal. Menominee, Mich., May 21.—The spelling contest between ladies and business men of this city was held last night. Mrs. S. H. Metcalf won the prize. The annual meeting of the Schubert Club was held in Red Cedar yesterday. Over 100 members were present. Frank May won first prize and Herman Haas second.

DEATH OF MAYVILLE NORMAL STUDENT

Special to The Journal. Mayville, N. D., May 21.—Ira M. Chase, a student of the state normal school, died this morning at his home near Bismarck, after a second operation for appendicitis. He was 20 years old and a member of the third-year class. Joint committees from the faculty and students prepared fitting resolutions to be presented to the bereaved family, and arrangements were made for the holding of a funeral and for a representation from the faculty and the students at the funeral.

PROUD OF HIS BAND

Special to The Journal. Mayville, N. D., May 21.—The Citizens band gave its first concert in the opera-house on Monday evening. In spite of the bad weather the house was filled and everybody who attended well pleased. The band was assisted by Misses M. Emma Davis and Iola Ferguson, vocalists, by Osmond Veldt, violinist, and by Misses Eleanor Folsom and Ida Halverson and John Blitchfield, pianists. These artists were greeted with hearty applause and to Sergeant Gustav Adolph Peterson, the director, the highest praise is due for the high degree of efficiency to