TO-DAY'S "JOURNAL" SPECIALS FROM THE NORTHWEST.

SMALL TORNADO

Wind and Rain Do Damage in the Northwest.

La Crosse, Wis., June 3.—Last night a tornado struck this city, blowing off roofs, piling pedestrians up on street corners, smashing plate glass windows and clearing Main street of signs. A number of people were hurt, but none, it is thought, fatally. A woman was badly lacerated by broken glass, but will live.

A strange phenomenon accompanied the storm. Black clouds, with vivid lightning rose in the west, but a dead calm prevailed. Then a defening roar was heard, and in a moment the tornado was in full blast. At a height of 150 feet a funnel-shaped cloud appeared, from which a great ball of fire descended, striking in front of a saloon and exploding.

Panic seized hundreds of people on the street, who were drawn there by the appearance of an Odd Fellows' delegation. Three cars of delegates to the Odd Fellows' convention were just unloading at the corner of Fourth and Main streets when the storm burst. They were picked up, some running, others carried bodily, and scattered along the street for a block.

A portion of the spire of St. Joseph's cathedral was blown down, blocking the street with brick and timbers. Damage on the south side of the street is such as to make the street impassable for blocks, big trees, roofs and timbers being piled up in confusion. The damage here will probably reach $10,000.

Notwithstanding the reports that De Soto, a small town on the Burlington road a few miles below here, was wiped from the earth, there is still telegraphic communication with the place and the Burlington reports no trouble with its tracks. The telephone wires there are all down, however, and the town was undoubtedly visited by the tail end of the severe storm which struck La Crosse. The Preston, Minn., branch of the Milwaukee is not running to-day, that section having been visited by a terrific storm which washed out the tracks.

Platteville, Wis., June 3.—A tornado struck Louisburg, a small town sixteen miles southwest of Platteville, late yesterday and the damage was heavy. Barns, outbuildings, etc., were demolished. While Edward Ward, a farmer, was unhitching, his barn was blown to pieces, a heavy timber striking him in the forehead and crushing his skull. He died instantly. Heavy rains also caused great damage to crops and it is said that the season's work on many farms has been a total loss. The Sisson dwelling at Jamestown was totally destroyed.

Little Falls, Minn., June 3.—Mrs. A. Schultz was struck by lightning last evening. Her injuries are not considered dangerous and it is thought she will recover. A vacant dwelling situated just outside the city fire limits was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Duluth, Minn., June 3.—Duluth was the scene of a severe storm yesterday and the damage will amount to $10,000. The greatest damage was done to Panton & White's Glass Block, where the loss amounted to $5,000, being chiefly through the breaking of windows.

Clear Water, Minn., June 3.—The worst tornado that was ever witnessed here passed over this section late yesterday afternoon, unroofing a number of barns and demolishing all the wind mills in its track. Hail stones measuring three inches in circumference covered the ground. Fortunately crops were not far enough advanced to suffer.

Granite Falls, Minn., June 3.—A small tornado passed three miles south and east of here at about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Trees were unrooted and some buildings moved.

New Bankruptcy Ruling.

Dubuque, Iowa, June 3.—Judge O. P. Shiras, of the United States court, has handed down an opinion in a bankruptcy case that establishes a precedent. He holds that in the case of William C. Green, of O'Brien county, the individual creditors and creditors of the firm of William Green & Co. are each to share the assets. This is a new ruling, and one which is not applicable to section 5 of the bankruptcy act. This section provides that in case a man is bankrupt that is a member of the firm, that the creditors of the firm are entitled only to the firm's assets, and the individual creditors are entitled only to the personal assets.—The Hebrew women of Dubuque have organized a Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society.—William M. Dickens, an employe of the Iowa Iron Works, was blown from the roof of the structure to the ground, a distance of sixty feet. Both limbs were broken and he sustained internal injuries. He cannot recover.

New Asylum Started.

Grafton, N. D., June 3.—Ground has been broken for the new state institute for the feeble-minded and, as rapidly as brick and stone can be secured, the work will be pushed. —The contractors who were putting down the artesian well struck a fine flow of water at 230 feet. The well discharges at the rate of 1,900 barrels a day.—The hose company's running team, consisting of sixteen men, in charge of Assistant Captain A. E. Mead, left last evening for Valley City to attend the firemen's tournament.

Plumbers May Unite.

Waterloo, Iowa, June 3.—A move is on foot to unite the plumbers of the city to avoid a repetition of the strike troubles of a few weeks ago. Every plumber and journeyman would be a partner in the business and would feel an equal interest. Two supply stores would be established and this would enable the plumbers to purchase in large quantities at reduced figures.—A council of the United Commercial Travelers of the United States has been organized here with a full list of charter members and officers.

The Total Abstainers.

Frost, Minn., June 3.—The Total Abstinence Association, which is holding its seventeenth annual meeting at Dell, elected the following officers yesterday: President, Professor G. L. Nydahl, Minneapolis; vice president, Rev. T. J. Oppedal, Sacred Heart; treasurer, Rev. K. C. Holters, Minneapolis; directors, Hans Monson, Dell; A. G. Sund, Boyd; Rev. K. Dalager, McIntosh. Six new societies were admitted into the association and there are 5,300 members in good standing.

Iowa Masons' Grand Lodge.

Dubuque, Iowa, June 3.—The three days' session of the Iowa grand lodge of Masons opened to-day. The procession started from the Hotel Julien, led by Siloam commandery. At the head of the parade, for the first time in the history of Iowa Masonry, a national flag was carried, a resolution to this effect being recently adopted. The sessions are being held at Stout auditorium. Grand Master Baker, of Ottumwa, delivered his annual address this morning.

Some Smallpox in Iowa.

Cedar Falls, Iowa, June 3.—About thirty cases of smallpox are reported from Pennington and Mt. Vernon townships, this county. Waterloo and Cedar Falls are both free from the disease, as well as all other towns.—Waterloo has scored two points over Fort Dodge within two weeks by calling the Y. M. C. A. secretary, A. R. Ends and the science teacher in the high school, J. A. Meade, to Waterloo at advanced salaries.

Mad Dog in North Dakota.

Cando, N. D., June 3.—News has reached here from Bisgee, twelve miles north, that Theodore Gores, a well known farmer and Roy Boyer, a farm hand, were bitten by a mad dog yesterday. Both men are expected to go to Chicago for Pasteur treatment. Numerous cases of hydrophobia have been reported lately in the vicinity and in one instance several horses, mules, cows and dogs were bitten.

Wants $5,000 for Foot.

Rochester, Minn., June 3.—Adolph Olson, of this city, has sued the Chicago & North-Western Railroad company for $5,000 for the injury received by him in losing a foot last summer while on a freight train. Olson was riding without a ticket, beating his way.

Boy Drowned While Bathing.

Winnebago City, Minn., June 3.—William Westimire, Jr., the 16-year-old son of W. W. Westmire of this place, was drowned in the Blue Earth river while bathing.

Farmer Killed in Well.

St. Thomas, N. D., June 3.—William A. Tully, a farmer residing about eight miles northeast of this city, was killed in a well Friday morning, being suffocated by foul gas.

"CUR AND A LIAR"

Premier Dunsmuir Calls an Opponent Names.

Vancouver, B. C., June 3.—In order to conciliate two or three wavering supporters and thus secure continuance in office, the British Columbian government has brought in two more railway subsidy bills. One provides for a grant of $760,000 for a railroad between Midway and Vernon, in southeastern British Columbia. The other, $865,000 for a railway between Kitimaat and Hazelton, in far northern British Columbia. The opposition will strenuously oppose both measures as vote bribing, eleventh-hour expedients, and as adding greatly to the debt of an already heavily burdened province. The government meanwhile purposes to bring in a new rule to apply "closure," and gag debate in order to "choke off" the opposition. Politics are accordingly at fever heat at the provincial capital, where in the lobby of the legislature Premier Dunsmuir called Captain Tatlow, an opposition member, a "cur and a liar," and the latter returned the compliment by a blow, after which the attorney general interposed and drew away the premier from his opponent. The legislature has now set for a period unprecedented in British Columbia, during nearly four months, including adjournments. There have been fifty-eight daily sessions, some of them including all-night discussions, and the end is not yet. There has never been so disordered and disorderly a legislature in the province, nor a government so weak in control, and between them they are making parliamentary government a byword in British Columbia.

A Disaffected Church.

Oshkosh, Wis., June 3.—Trinity Episcopal church, of this city, the largest congregation in the state, will not be represented at the diocesan council which opened at Fond du Lac to-day. The reason is that there is a wide variance of opinion between the Trinity people and Bishop Graton and the other officers of the diocese, which split is becoming more and more marked, and which soon, it is believed, must lead to the secession of Trinity from the regular Episcopal organization. Trinity is pronouncedly "broad," and the bishop and council are "high church." Trinity would have no voice in the council, therefore it was decided not to send any delegates.

The Robinson Will Case.

Mantorville, Minn., June 3.—The court has under advisement the appeal from the probate court in the "election case," in the series of controversies that has grown out of the Robinson will case. This was won by Mrs. Raymond, daughter of Mrs. Robinson, in the lower court, it being decided that the widow should take under the statute instead of under the will. The injunction case, wherein the guardians ask that Mrs. Raymond be restrained from interfering with them in the conduct of their ward, was also tried and taken under advisement.

Preacher's Wife Wants Divorce.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 3.—Anna Elizabeth Matthews Richardson has commenced a second suit for divorce from Rev. Henry Lewis Richardson, who was successful in maintaining a defense in the action brought a year ago, and which was one of the most sensational in the history of the Milwaukee courts. This time Mrs. Richardson has appealed to the courts of Connecticut and simply charges her husband with desertion. In the first suit, most of the testimony was of a character unfit for publication.

Tanke Trial Friday.

Henderson, Minn., June 3.—District court convened here yesterday, Judge Cadwell presiding. The calendar was called and the trial of the Tankes for the murder of John Wellner, Mrs. Tanke's first husband, set for Friday. Tanke and his wife were brought from St. Peter yesterday and are in jail here. Judge Cadwell will, it is understood, summon another judge to try the case. The trial was begun at St. Peter last January, but one of the jurors became violently insane and died.

Wisconsin Odd Fellows.

La Crosse, Wis., June 3.—The fifty-ninth session of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Wisconsin opened here this morning. One thousand Odd Fellows and Daughters of Rebekah are in attendance. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Boschert and was responded to by Grand Master Brandt, of Sparta. An address was given on "Odd Fellowship," by J. W. Watson, of Fond du Lac.

Q. R. C. Excursion.

Cass Lake, Minn., June 3.—The Order of Railway Conductors gave their annual excursion to Cass Lake and Bemidji Sunday. The train started from Cando, N. D., and stopped at every station en route east to Cass Lake. The sixteen coaches of the train were comfortably filled, about half of the occupants getting off at Bemidji and the remainder coming on through to Cass Lake. The train left on its return trip at 9:30.

New Lutheran Hospital.

Madison, Minn., June 3.—Ebenezer hospital, founded by the Norwegian Lutheran churches at this place, was dedicated yesterday with an elaborate program. The principal speeches were made by Rev. M. Hanson of Red Wing, Rev. Jacob Fjelde of Renville and Rev. N. A. Giere of Black River Falls, Wis. Other prominent speakers were Rev. A. O. Utheim, Rev. I. Tharaldsen, Professor O. Lokensgaard and Dr. Giere of this place.

La Follette Indorsed.

West Superior, Wis., June 3.—The republicans held a meeting to start the campaign. Resolutions were adopted upholding the bill which provided for increasing of taxes on railroads and public property and indorsing the candidacy of Governor La Follette for re-election.—An auction sale of $4,000,000 worth of property belonging to the defunct Land and River company was held to-day.

Gold in Wisconsin.

Prairie du Chien, Wis., June 3.—Dr. Weidman, of the State Geological Society, and Dr. Lehner, chemist in charge of the gold and silver assays at the state university, spent some time in investigating, presumably on account of the gold and silver discoveries. While they gave out no information, their presence is taken to be very favorable to the finds. This is Dr. Weidman's second visit.

Land Patents Sent Out.

Pierre, S. D., June 3.—The state department has sent out fourteen more patents to final purchasers of state lands, nine of them going to Union county and five to Lake county.—The Iowa and Dakota Telephone company has paid into the state treasury $225 as 1898 taxes, after fighting the collection through the supreme court on a plea of overassessment.

Horse Thieves Plead Guilty.

Madison, S. D., June 3.—Sheriff Davis of Lake county has received notice not to appear at the preliminary hearing of Parks and Allen, alleged horse thieves. They have decided to plead guilty and have asked Judge Smith to hold a special session of court at Howard to pass sentence.

Murder and Suicide.

Rolling Prairie, Wis., June 3.—William Strauss, who recently married a widow named Mrs. Nichke, shot her three times, twice in the lungs and once through the wrist. The wounds will probably result fatally. Strauss then shot and killed himself. No cause is known.

A Crime Suspected.

Iron Mountain, Mich., July 7.—Charles Ericson, of Norway, this state, left home last Wednesday with a horse and buggy and has not been seen since. The friends of Ericson are worried over his disappearance as he had considerable money with him.

Hard on Free Lunch Hitters.

Kenosha, Wis., June 3.—A petition signed by forty-four saloon-keepers was presented to the council last evening, asking for an ordinance making it a punishable offense for any saloon to serve free lunch.

Drowning Delays Wedding.

Grand Forks, N. D., June 3.—While George Wishart, of Stump Lake, was on his way to Grafton to be married, he was intercepted at Emerado by a telegram announcing the drowning of a brother.

Black Hills Boy Shot.

Deadwood, S. D., June 3.—Vilas Scroggings, the 16-year-old son of D. Scroggings, Galena, accidentally shot himself with a 44-caliber Winchester rifle, from the effect of which he died in a few hours.

Child Killed by Roller.

Eau Claire, Wis., June 3.—A steam roller ran over and killed a little girl 3 years old, daughter of H. P. Erickson, an employe of the McDonough Manufacturing company.

BEARD HAS A RECORD

Man Suspected of St. Paul Policeman's Murder.

Lincoln, Neb., June 3.—In Al Beard alias Inman, wanted in Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska on murder charges, and in numerous other states for burglaries, the Lincoln police have encountered one of the coolest criminals that ever adorned the city jail. After arriving from Kansas City, where he was arrested, Beard candidly informed the officers that he hadn't anything to say, and all charges against his reputation might be placed in the hands of a local attorney. He will have to answer the charge of complicity in the murder of John J. Gillilan here last August. At Table Rock, Neb. Beard is wanted for the brutal murder of City Marshal Craig in 1886, new evidence in this crime having been recently discovered. He is desired at two other towns in the state for safe cracking, besides his trouble in Lincoln. Beard is also suspected of complicity in the murder of Policeman Mayer of St. Paul, and the authorities at Onawa, Iowa, want him for bank burglary. He will have his preliminary hearing in a few days. The state expects to produce a witness that will identify Beard as one of the two men seen running away from the scene of the Gillilan murder. The latter was killed within two blocks of the capitol building at an hour when people were returning home in great numbers, and yet but one man saw the miscreants escaping.

Assisting Turgeon Family.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 3.—Believing the Turgeon family, three of whom were shot by Sheriff Lewison of Union county, S. D., and his posse, three weeks ago, and believing that Sheriff Lewison exceeded his authority, Union county citizens about Jefferson, S. D., have circulated a paper to procure a fund with which to help the Turgeons prosecute Lewison and his posse for attempted murder. The wounded men have nearly recovered.

N. C. Roberts of Fort Madison, secretary of the state democratic committee, is sounding state opinion with reference to the election of J. H. Quick of Sioux City, district chairman, chairman for the state, at the committee meeting in Des Moines Thursday.—Arrangements are being made for a special train to run out of LeMars on the Illinois Central, to meet Bishop-elect P. J. Garrigan of Sioux City, when he comes to his new diocese, June 18. The train bearing the bishop will also bring Archbishop Keane of Dubuque, the Dubuque priests and the Waterloo and Fort Dodge clergy.

Railroad Commissioners Busy.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 3.—A meeting is being held here by the state board of railroad commissioners. In the matter of the application of citizens of Hartford for an order compelling the Omaha railroad company to construct a sidetrack to a new flouring mill which has been in been [illegible] at that place, the board has not as yet taken action, but [illegible] as it is believed the additional track will be built without resorting to force.—A committee has commenced the work of preparing a program for the annual meeting of the Norwegian-Danish Press association of the northwest, which will be held in this city on July 10, 11 and 12. This is the same date as the annual saengerfest of the Northwestern Scandinavian Singing society.

Ellis May Die.

Marshalltown, Iowa, June 3.—James H. Ellis, who was assaulted and badly cut up by Tom Cathers yesterday, is in a serious condition from his wounds and may die. Cathers is being held awaiting the outcome of Ellis' injuries. Ellis received his wounds while attempting to eject Cathers from the saloon because the latter became abusive. Cathers is a Keeley graduate and under the law Ellis was forbidden to sell him the liquor which he demanded.—The Toledo-Waterloo electric road seems to be almost an assured project. The surveyors are making good progress and there appears to be little doubt that the road will be constructed. It is the intention to make the line a freight as well as passenger one.

Body Not Yet Recovered.

La Crosse, Wis., June 3.—The body of Sidney Mikesell, the fireman of the raft boat J. W. Van Sant, who was drowned about three miles above Guttenberg on the morning of May 19, has not yet been recovered.—The remains of Engineer S. D. Purdy, of the northern division of the Burlington, who was killed in the wreck near Alma, were shipped to Purdyville, Pa., where they will be interred.—The flat cars, unloader and two engines, which were in the wreck, have been brought to the shops in this city for repairs. An investigation regarding the accident in which the officials were killed and injured was held before Acting Superintendent Hough, and a large amount of testimony taken.

Baptists at Rochester.

Rochester, Minn., June 3.—The twelfth annual gathering of the Southeastern Baptist Association is in session in this city, in the Baptist church, the first session meeting last evening, and will continue until Wednesday noon. About seventy delegates are in attendance from all parts of southeastern Minnesota. Addresses are being given by Rev. Messrs. G. W. Stone, Frank Peterson, C. T. Hallowell, E. R. Pope, F. C. Peck, F. E. Miller, E. S. Ness, O. A. Williams, E. Fagenstorm and Mrs. W. N. Herrick. The topics under consideration are, principally: "Growth," "A Working Church," "Young People's Part in the Social Mission of the Church," and "Culture for Service."

Impersonating Revenue Collector.

Brookings, June 3.—Swen Swenson is the name of a Brookings county farmer, who believed he had discovered an easier way of making a living than tilling the soil. He has been arrested on the charge of impersonating an internal revenue collector. Swenson is said to have entered a saloon at Lake Campbell and, after announcing that he was an internal revenue collector, demanded that the proprietors pay him the tax fixed by law for the privilege of selling liquor. The accused was taken before United States Commissioner Wood of Huron, who held him for appearance before the next federal grand jury.

Hastings Happenings.

Hastings, Minn., June 3.—The district court convened at the courthouse to-day, Judge F. M. Crosby presiding.—A. A. Scott has sold his photograph gallery, on Second street, to Ludwig Kuehne, late of Hamburg, Germany.—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to G. F. Steinberg, of Le Sueur county, and Miss Margaret Engler, of Randolph; Irving G. Page, of Minneapolis, and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, of Lakeville, and Hugh F. Coyle and Miss Mary F. Blesner, of Greenvale.—Class night of the high school will be observed at the auditorium this evening.

New Catholic Church.

Alexandria, Minn., June 3.—On Sunday the Catholics laid the corner stone of their new church in this village. The building is 48x82 over all, with an auditorium 40x58 and will seat about 500 people. The tower is 120 feet high and the edifice is to cost $9,760, not to include heating, seating, lighting and windows. Bishop Trobec of St. Cloud preached the sermon in English and Father Richter of Melrose preached the German sermon. Father Raster of Millerville was also present.

A Bunch of New Postmasters.

Washington, June 3.—Postmasters appointed to-day: Minnesota—Mountiron, St. Louis county, J. A. Reed; Mountain Lake, Cottonwood county, I. I. Bargen. Iowa—Lilly, Pocahonta county, B. H. Stegge; Schley, Howard county, H. S. Tonlum. Montana—Fleatail, Carbon county, Stresley Tunnell; Horr, Pak county, J. H. Cleave; Riverview, Carbon county, Emma Whitington.

Mutual Insurance Company.

Sleepy Eye, Minn., June 3.—At the annual meeting of the Stock Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company Peter Mertz was elected president, John Cutting secretary, J. Rosback treasurer. The secretary's report shows over 1,600 policy-holders and nearly $3,500,000 of risks, which were carried at a cost of $1,900 for the past year.

Huron Man Turns Up.

Huron, S. D., June 3.—A letter from Hillsboro, Oregon, brings information that Willard E. Cass, the shoe man, who mysteriously disappeared from his place of business in this city, last February, had visited former Huron people at that place. This dispels the theory that Cass had been foully dealt with.

Veranda Collapsed Under Them.

Hurley, Wis., June 3.—A delegation of the Knights of Columbus, numbering over 400, visited Hurley Sunday for the purpose of establishing a lodge. A banquet was given them in the evening, and during the festivities at one of the leading hotels, part of the veranda collapsed, injuring many, including a salesman from Superior.

Taxes Coming In.

Hastings, Minn., June 3.—The collections of taxes at the county treasurer's office on the 31st amounted to $20,878.07, the largest for a great many years.

STARTS OUT TO KILL

Former Asylum Inmate Is Shot by Sheriff.

Anaconda, Mont., June 3.—Patrick Fitzstevens, a former inmate of the state insane asylum, yesterday armed himself and started out to kill a number of persons whom he blamed for having testified against him when he was sent to the asylum. He shot Police Judge Hayes and Deputy Sheriff Joseph Daley, and was in turn shot four times by Sheriff Conley. Fitzstevens died two hours later. Hayes and Daley will recover.

Incorporations at Pierre.

Pierre, S. D., June 3.—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Chanute Crude Oil company at Pierre, with a capital of $1,000,000. Incorporators, P. G. Walker, S. F. Canterbury, L. L. Stephens. The Mine Owners' Exchange, at Huron, with a capital of $10,000. Incorporators, John Moffatt, S. F. Kilgore, Philip Lawrence. The Interior Telephone company, at Chamberlain, with a capital of $100,000. Incorporators, James W. Sanford, Walter L. Montgomery, Fred B. Rowe. Rogers Copper and Iron company, at Aberdeen, with a capital of $1,000,000. Incorporators, C. H. Shuler, G. S. Hoskins, George T. Smith, C. C. Gleckler, J. A. Ewing, W. J. Stark. The Northern Land and Investment company, at White Rock, with a capital of $50,000. Incorporators, H. Amerland, W. J. Mayer, George K. March. The Commercial State bank, at Wagner, with a capital of $7,000. Incorporators, Albert Boynton, William M. Pease, T. J. Hawley and others. The Michigan Electric Stain and Polish company, at Huron, with a capital of $500,000. Incorporators, Peter Geller, John M. Hey, Philip Lawrence. The Ethan Drug company at Ethan, with a capital of $2,100. Incorporators, O. L. Bronson, W. S. Snyder, F. M. Hammer. The Devils Canyon Mining company, at Deadwood, with a capital of $500,000. Incorporators, E. C. Talmadge, J. N. Lucas, John Ainley.

Another Bond Suit for Superior.

West Superior, Wis., June 3.—Over 200 Eagles, some of them accompanied by their wives, left for Minneapolis this afternoon over a special on the Great Northern road, to attend the national meeting. There were members of the Hibbing and Virginia Aeries to the number of about fifty on the special.

Superior has another bond suit on its hands. This one is started by the National Bank of Boston and is on fourteen bonds of $500 each making a suit for the sum of $7,000 together with several hundred dollars interest which the city has been defaulting for some time past. The bonds sued upon are of the same class as other bonds upon which suit has already been brought, being the special improvement bonds of the city.—Bids for repaving Tower avenue have been called for after a year's fighting over the matter, property owners threatening injunctions upon nearly every proposition that was brought up by the city and making a big fight.—Swan Hendrickson, mailing clerk at the postoffice, has been held to the United States grand jury for rifling the mails. He made a confession.

Cement Walks at Lake Preston.

Lake Preston, S. D., June 3.—The city council is about to enforce the laying of two blocks more of cement walks on Lake street. This will give Lake Preston three solid blocks of concrete walks. As soon as the legal notices have been served on the property owners, bids will be received.—The board of education has hired Ferdinand Orff, the Minneapolis architect to draw plans for the proposed brick school house which is to be erected this year.—The drillers at the city well think they have struck a sufficient flow of water to warrant making the test called for in the contract with the city. They are to pump night and day for seven days and furnish a flow of one thousand gallons per hour. The well is now 750 feet deep.—The real estate transfers for the week ending May 26th for this (Kingsbury) county numbered 25, consideration $25,387.

Huron Crops Are Good.

Huron, S. D., June 3.—Crop growth in Beadle county the past week has been all that could be desired. The temperature was warmer than the preceding week, and although strong winds prevailed two or three days, the drying effect was not noticeable. Rain fell over most of th county early Sunday morning, particularly heavy in the northwestern part, where most needed. Wheat is making rapid development. It is stooling and is strong and of fine color. Oats, barley and rye have kept pace with wheat. Rye is heading and is of good height. Corn is growing rapidly and many fields have been harrowed a second time. Fields generally are free from weeds. Cut worms have done some mischief, but in limited sections.

North Dakota Scottish Rite Masons.

Fargo, N. D., June 3.—The Scottish Rite Masons begin a reunion here to-morrow morning, continuing till Friday night. It is the first meeting of the rite since the death of Inspector General Fleming. H. C. Plumley, who has been deputy inspector general for several years has been appointed by the grand council as a member of that body till the next biennial meeting, when an inspector general will be chosen.—The grand lodge session of the North Dakota Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs began here this morning. It will require two days to complete the work.

$4,000 and Expenses for Grigsby.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 3.—Considerable interest has been manifested as to what salary will be received by Colonel Melvin Grigsby of this city, who has been appointed United States attorney for Alaska.—Colonel Grigsby stated that the salary fixed by law is $4,000 per year, with all expenses while away from home. As the headquarters of the United States attorney is at St. Michaels, while most of the work is performed at Nome, it is necessary for that official to be away from home practically all of the time.

To Dig Lignite.

Fargo, N. D., June 3.—A number of Fargoans are interested in a new lignite mine that is to be opened up west of Minto. W. von Steinwehr, the bonanza farmer, is president, and a number of tests have been in progress for several months, which have satisfied the organizers they have a good thing. The coal to be mined is deeper than most of the North Dakota mines, and is therefore of a better quality. Electrical machinery will be installed this summer.

Politics in Sixtieth District.

Moorhead, Minn., June 3.—The contest for the republican nomination for the lower house of the legislature has begun to warm up and John T. Lommen, of Comstock, who has twice been elected from the sixtieth district, has already declared his intention by depositing the fee with the county auditor. George E. Perley, a prominent attorney of Moorhead, will contest with Mr. Lommen for the nomination.

Hard Lines for North Dakota Dems.

Fargo, N. D., June 3.—It is probable that the democrats of the state will have some difficulty in getting on the state ballot this fall on account of the frequency with which the party has fused with the populists in the last decade. It is held that under the law they have no official standing and in order to get on the ballot will have to circulate a petition just as a new party.

Mennonites Publish History.

Yankton, S. D., June 3.—The Brotherhood of Mennonites, of Wolf Creek, Hutchinson county, has brought to this city 150 volumes of the history of that society for binding. This is the first publishing the Brotherhood has done in over 300 years.—John Sogge, of Mayfield, who was accidentally shot in the back with a target rifle, died at Sacred Heart hospital.

Arm Caught in Corn Sheller.

Armour, S. D., June 3.—A. F. Brown had his arm badly mangled this morning while operating a corn sheller on a farm north of town. He was removing cobs from the machine when his arm was caught. The injured man was brought to Armour and the surgeons fear it will be necessary to amputate the injured member near the shoulder.

Iowa County Institute.

Cedar Falls, Iowa, June 3.—The Black Hawk county institute will meet in Waterloo June 16 for two weeks. Besides the Waterloo instructors, County Superintendent Moore has engaged Superintendent D. M. Kelly and Miss Lura Phillips of this city, Superintendent Henry of La Porte and Superintendent E. L. Coburn of Boone.

Peculiar Disease From Dog Bite.

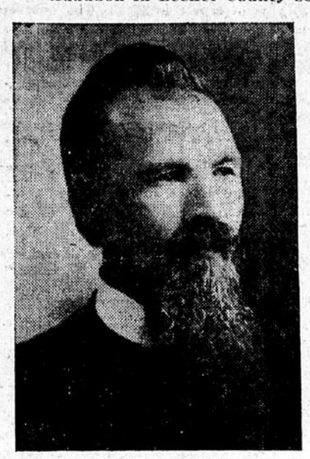
Jesup, Iowa, June 3.—The niece of of Thomas Hardwick was last fall bitten by a dog which was afflicted with rabies. The wound was cauterized and healed nicely, but for several weeks she has been confined to her bed, her body covered with sores. The physicians are unable to cope with the disease, and she is gradually wasting away.

Can't Sell Mavericks.

Medora, N. D., June 3.—Judge Amidon has issued a writ restraining county officials from selling tramp sheep for taxes until July 7.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH

Audubon in Becker County Selected as the Rallying Point This Year—Matters of Chief Interest.



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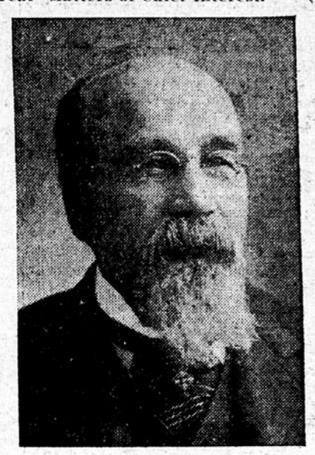

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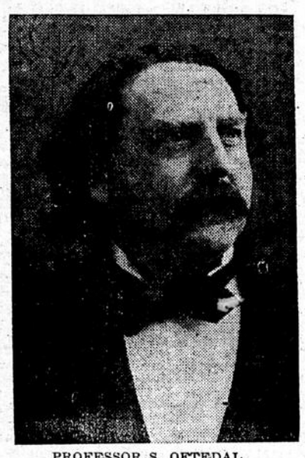
Blanchardsville, Wis., "Augsburg's Grandpa"



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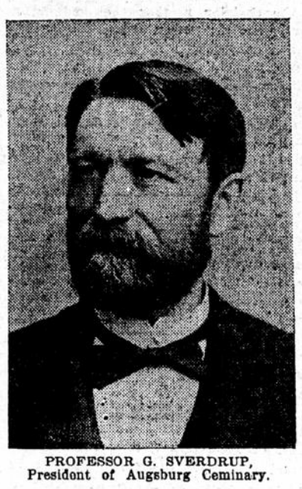

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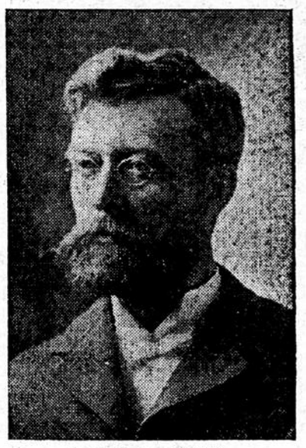

REV. E. E. GYNILD,
Willmar, Minn., President Lutheran Board of Missions.

The sixth annual conference of the Lutheran Free church will meet to-morrow at Audubon, Becker county. This conference is the annual rallying point of the working forces of the Lutheran Free church, where a great number of church people meet, not as delegates from congregations, but as a free body with common Christian interests. It follows that there is no compulsory atteundance, each attendant being actuated alone by his personal interest in the work in hand. From the constitution of the conference it is purely advisory; it hears reports from missionary boards, from the trustees of Augsburg seminary, the accredited theological institution, and from benevolent institutions that it wishes to give this privilege or in which it is interested; it recommends, discusses ways and means, encourages, and seeks in different ways to renew or awaken Christian impulse and enthusiasm. The suggestions and sentiments of the conference are taken up and acted upon by the different boards during the subsequent year. It follows that the power of the conference is purely moral and that its acts are binding upon those only who attend.

The Lutheran Free church has been known by its present name since 1897, when at a meeting held in Minneapolis its "working rules and principles" were adopted. As a free church movement it is traced back to the days of the "Norwegian Lutheran conference," which was dissolved in 1890 by becoming a component part of the present United Lutheran church. In 1893 the free church element in the United church represented by the old supporters and friends of Augsburg seminary, which by the terms of the "union of 1890" became the theological seminary of the United church, began to show strong signs of disaffection, inasmuch as it proceeded to hold separate meetings as the "Friends of Augsburg," giving as a reason for this irregularity that the United church, contrary to agreement, had begun to tamper with the educational principles and methods of the seminary as laid down by its founders, and that furthermore because of the legal inability of the trustees to transfer the seminary property to the United church according to agreement, the church had withdrawn its support from the school. From that time ministers and congregations that sympathized with Augsburg and the free church principles for which it stands, withdrew from the United church, forming the basis of the Lutheran Free church. A part of the Free church following yet consists of minorities of congregations and of individuals formerly belonging to the United church. By a later amicable settlement with the United church, this body secured the endowment fund of the seminary, while the free church element retained the seminary grounds and buildings.

Of those prominent in the counsels of the Free church, Professors Oftedal and Sverdrup, for thirty years on the theological faculty of Augsburg seminary, are well known. Very early they advanced this principle, which ever since has been the shibboleth of the Free church movement: "A free and independent congregation in a free church; a free church in a free country."

Among important matters that will come before the conference this year will be the resignation of Professor Oftedal as theological professor at Augsburg seminary, which the conference undoubtedly will ask him to withdraw; the recommendation to the board of a professor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor A. M. Hove; the question of a more uniform liturgy for Free churches; the extension of the home missionary field, the increase of the working force in the foreign mission stations in Madagascar, etc.

Affiliating with the Free church there are now about 130 ministers serving more than 300 congregations. The present officers are Rev. E. P. Harbo, pastor of St. Olaf church, Minneapolis, president, and Professor H. N. Hendrickson, of Augsburg seminary, secretary.

MOORHEAD COMMENCEMENT

Closing of the Normal—Other Northwest Graduates.

Moorhead, Minn., June 3.—The thirteenth annual commencement exercises of the Moorhead normal school were opened when Bishop Morrison of Duluth preached the baccalaureate sermon at St. John's Episcopal church. Bishop Mann of North Dakota and Rev. H. S. Webster, rector of St. John's, assisted in the services.

This evening the junior class will present the comedy, "Lend Me Two Shillings," and a one-act play, "Hocus Pocus." The seniors will present their play, "In Cupid's Palace," on Wednesday evening. It is a three-act burletta, written by Professor Edwin T. Reed, class counsellor. President and Mrs. Weld will tender a reception in honor of the graduating class at their home Thursday evening. On Friday morning the chapel exercises will be held and the class oration will be delivered by Jennie E. Parkhill and the allspice oration by Esther E. Clauson. Julia A. Sharp will read the class poem. Henry C. Mackall, president of the graduating class, will confer the standard and mantle and the response will be made by Martin C. Gullickson, president of the junior class. The class gift will be presented by Anna Walla and the farewell said by Adelaide Mason. The exercises of the training school will be held Friday afternoon. Commencement exercises Friday evening will include theses by Miss Nellie Erickson, Miss Bertha B. Angus, Miss Anna Walla and Miss Lulu Wagner. President Weld will deliver the address and the diplomas will be presented by Resident Director Nye. The members of the graduating class are:

Advanced Professional Course—Bertha B. Angus, Ethel Bell, Nellie Erickson, Adelaide E. P. Mason, Delia E. Johnson, Matilda Wessberg.

Advanced Latin Course—Bertha B. Curtis, Henry C. Mackall, Annie McIntosh, Jennie A. Parkhill, Jennie W. Partridge, Lulu E. Wagner.

Advanced English Course—Anna Walla.

Elementary Professional Course—Florence Atkinson, Myrtle F. Brown, Esther E. Clauson, Edith M. Colehour, Nella E. Emerson, Myrtle E. Fuller, Anna A. Haernet, Barbara E. Haug, Grace V. Hoy, Alma C. Jacobson, Elizabeth C. Long, Eliza J. McGuire, Elizabeth McNerthney, Alta H. McVicker, Gertrude Monson, Edith M. Porter, Louise M. Rhoads, Margar Rygh, Julia A. Sharp, Lillian V. Yemen.

Certificate Course—Henry O. Askegaard, Cornelia McGrath, Nellie McGuire, Ruby M. Mornn.

Sleepy Eye, Minn., June 3.—The graduating exercises of the class of '02, Sleepy Eye high school, were held at the Auditorium last evening. Diplomas were given to Harry B. Robertson, Ella Mohl, Michael Mellenthine, Henry W. Remele, Leroy G. Davis, Jennie Murfin, Glenn T. Davy, Marie Peterson, Alfred I. Mellenthine, Alvard Armstrong and Ellen Robertson.

Granite Falls, Minn., June 3.—The commencement exercises of the Granite Falls high school were held at the opera-house last evening, when a class of twelve, seven girls and five boys, were graduated. Rev. Marion D. Shutter of Minneapolis delivered the address.

Madison, Minn., June 3.—The sixth graduation of the Madison high school took place at court-house hall last night, when the following class received their diplomas: Frederic C. Borchardt, Zora L. Hayden, John P. Jacobs, Jr., Josephine R. Jones, Mary G. Larson.

Benson, Minn., June 3.—Commencement exercises of the Benson high school were held in the opera-house last evening. Diplomas were given to the following: Rasmus Alsaker, Angele Holland, Joseph Hurley, Secundella McVay, James Neale, Rosetta Thorson, Alfred Telen and Alice Wilcox.

Yankton, S. D., June 3.—Commencement exercises of the Yankton high school will be held on the evening of Friday, June 6. The following is a list of the graduates: Misses Grace Wynn, Jennie Gamble, Alice Woolley, Helen Roxana French, Helen Kathryn Tobin, Louise Majorie Ray, Clara Dakota Lloyd and Arthur Morrill Dean. The baccalaureate sermon was preached at the Congregational church on Sunday evening by Rev. B. G. Mattson.

Northfiedl, Minn., June 3.—The high school will present a triple bill at the auditorium this evening. The whole will be in the form of a farce. The three plays will be, "My Lords in Livery," "The Dream of Fair Women," and "The Merchant of Venice." They will be presented in the most modern version.

Appleton, Minn., June 3.—S. H. Schulz, assistant state superintendent of schools, delivered the address at the commencement exercises of the Appleton high school last evening. A class of three was graduated.

Winnebago City, Minn., June 3.—The commencement exercises of Parker college of this place commence Wednesday morning and continue until Wednesday, June 11. The address will be delivered by Rev. Charles McColley of Central city, Iowa. The graduates: Collegiate department—William Babcock; normal, Marion Weston; music, Delphine Penizo; elocution, E. E. Taylor; preparatory, Margaret Garrett, Ray Garrett, Carrie Holland, Albertus Perrine, Ernest Taylor, Mabel Thayer, Clarence Weston.

Lanesboro, Minn., June 3.—The graduating exercises of the