TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

JUNE'S PRODUCTION

Largest in the History of American Copper Mines.

HOUGHTON, MICH.—The June production of refined copper was the largest in the history of the American mines, and the lake producers assisted in the increase. The local mines are now turning out the largest production in the history of the district, and with the opening of four more new mills before the close of the year, the output will be further stimulated.

John J. Case, superintendent of the Lake Superior Smelting company, has returned from Montana and states that the new Washoe smelter of the Anaconda company is a success, and that the stories to the effect that the new smelter was a flat failure are fabrications. These stories have been in constant circulation and have been elaborated with great wealth of detail.

The Rock Lake mine, in the western Ontario copper district, lying southeast of the outlet of Lake Superior, is employing an average of 125 men, and is producing copper, though handicapped by the lack of a smelter within convenient distance. The Bruce mines, not far distant, are not producing, because of lack of smelting facilities, and the cost of transportation to the nearest available smelters is so great that it is difficult to make copper at a profit.

The unwatering of the old Allouez mine has been completed, and the management is now considering the advisability of attempting to work the mine again. Upwards of a million and a half dollars have been expended there without earning a penny for shareholders, though the mine has paid profits to tributors at various times, but tributors are merely robbers who loot a mine as expeditiously and thoroughly as possible.

Rumors at the lake that Mass and Adventure are likely to levy further assessments are met with spirited denials from the east. The truth seems to be that both mines are so situated they can dispense with further assessments, if necessary, but could use additional sums to excellent advantage in extending underground openings.

The "branch" vein at the Michigan has been cut again, this time in a crosscut from the tenth level of "A" shaft. This branch vein, while narrow, is wonderfully rich in heavy copper, and promises to become an important factor in the future of the mine.

The Victoria has begun the work of utilizing the immense water power now going to waste at Glenn Falls, and a dam is being built.

The Isle Royale has begun diamond drilling on Section 10, at the southern end of its tract, in search of the northern extension of the Baltic lode. Recent developments at the Globe, south of the Champion, where a diamond drill is running, are of an encouraging nature.

Controlled by Northern Men.

CALUMET, MICH.—Captain Thomas Hoatson, formerly of the Calumet & Hecla mine, and a director of the Calumet & Arizona mine, has returned from Bisbee, Ariz., where he inspected the mining properties controlled by a group of Calumet, Duluth and Pittsburg capitalists. He says that 1,000,000 tons of high grade ore are already blocked out in the Calumet & Arizona. The new 300-ton smelter will go into commission Oct. 1, and the production of the mine for 1903 is estimated to exceed 30,000,000 pounds of refined copper. The same capitalists control the Pittsburg & Calumet and Lake Superior & Western properties. It is proposed to consolidate all three.

The Northwestern Development company, controlled by Lake Superior and Chicago capitalists, has contracted for a ten-stamp mill and a large amount of new machinery for the mines in British Columbia.

The Trimountain has finished its diamond drill work on the north end of the mine and work on two drop shafts will be started next week. The shafts will be sunk through 150 feet of quicksand, an undertaking almost as difficult as sinking through water. The drop shafts are very expensive, but the best method of reaching the ledge rock.

A 150-horse power boiler has been installed at B shaft of the Michigan mine. Work at the Wolverine stamp mill at Traverse bay is held back by a few minor matters and stamping will not commence until next month.

Work on the Champion mill at Freda is practically suspended owing to the inability of the contractors to furnish the machinery as agreed.

Coal shipments to the lake district are heavy and all the mines are well supplied with fuel. In the early stages of the strike some uneasiness was felt as the stock was low.

In the Coeur d'Alenes.

WALLACE, IDAHO—The machinery for the dredges of the Northern Gold Mining company and the Delta Gold Mining company is being hauled from here as fast as eight four-horse teams can take it. While the companies are entirely distinct they are both under the same management, and the stock is about all held by the same men. The same persons have organized still a third company, the Beaver Creek Gold Mining company, to operate in the same neighborhood, and a plant has been ordered for it. It probably will not be completed in time to run this year. The Hercules at Burke has commenced work on a lower tunnel which will be 2,300 feet long, cut to ore body 500 below the present works, and shorten the haul to railroad a half mile.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Pensions granted:

Minnesota—Joseph A. Blew, Gresham, $12; Frederick Klahr, Belleveder Mills, $12; Nelson Johnson, Waseca, $8; William O. Sherman, Howard Lake, $12; Albert H. Steinhofer, Mankato, $24; Betsy Gumm, Benson, $12.

Wisconsin—Jason Phillips, Marshfield, $10; Israel D. Orrison, Wisconsin Veterans' Home, Waupaca, $12; Henry Sorg, Spring Green, $12; William Langemak, Brillion, $17; A. Brown, Viroqua, $17; Chester F. Cole, Trempeleau, $8; Parly F. Strones, Galesville, $12; Thomas Armstrong, Gillingham, $12; John M. Wheeler, Monewoc, $24; Julia Boen, Gilmanton, $8; Mette C. Peterson, Racine, $12; Huldah G. Carroll, Mauston, $12.

Iowa—George C. Thompson, Blakesburg, $10; John Myers, New London, $8; Lemuel Ross, Martinsburg, $8; George Wellman, $10; Isaiah M. Hoggatt, Salem, $30; David N. Coon, Fort Madison, $10; Daniel E. Weatherly, Zearing, $12; Mary Boulden, Reels, $8.

South Dakota—James King, Deadwood, $6; Curtis H. Winsor, Sioux Falls, $10; Charles W. Ford, Cavour, $12; Dudley Cary, De Smet, $30; William D. Stites, Sioux Falls, $20; Thomas Hannah, Canton, $24; Anna May Hogan, Howard, $8.

North Dakota—Linda W. Slaughter, Bismarck, $35.

Montana postmasters appointed to-day: Solway, Custer county, E. M. Mitchell; Teedee, Custer county, Ellsworth Hall.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA

The Illinois Central railroad will, about October, connect Sioux City with its Chicago offices by long-distance telephone. The 514-mile wire from Sioux City to Chicago will cost the railroad about $45,000, and the entire telephone system about $150,000.—The killing of one employe of the Milwaukee railroad and the serious injury of another has aroused the company to a war on the tramps, who have been the offenders. Two special police have been appointed by Superintendent Beardsley to keep off tramps who would board trains at Sioux City, and others will be appointed for important South Dakota points. Train men will be armed.—The first annual commencement of the St. Joseph's hospital training school will be held at the hospital Saturday evening, when nine will be given diplomas.—Rev. C. F. Ensign has resigned the pastorate of the Third Presbyterian church, to go to Eagle City, Alaska, where he and his wife will act as missionaries.

HASTINGS, MINN.

All of the fresh vegetables used at the Stillwater prison this season have been supplied by the asylum here, averaging three shipments a week. The work in the garden is done by the inmates, the profit in the transaction inuring directly to the state. Verified bills are turned in each month, with payment by check, which is deposited to the credit of current expenses.—Most of the brick work in the basement of the new wing of the asylum has been completed, and it is expected to begin upon the superstructure next week.

WEST SUPERIOR, WIS.

Excitement reigns in copper circles over a big find in the property of the Weyerhaeuser-Durant syndicate on the Minong copper range. A ton of pure mass copper was taken from the shaft of this company in one hour. News of the find has just reached this city.

ANOKA, MINN.

J. Adam Bede, candidate for congress from the eighth district, was in Anoka yesterday. He said he was absolutely sure of St. Louis county, and every other county in the district, unless it was Anoka, which he had not canvassed fully.

RHODES' SCHOLARSHIPS

S. D. Superintendent in Correspondence With Ambassador Choate.

VERMILLION, S. D.—State Superintendent Collins has received from Ambassador Choate a communication concerning the scholarships provided for in Cecil Rhodes' will. According to the will, each state can select a candidate each succeeding year to go to Oxford to attend one of the many colleges there. Superintendent Collins believes a uniform method should be adopted by the states for choosing candidates, and is accordingly corresponding with state superintendents to that end. Mr. Collins realizes that a scholarship at Oxford for three years, and an allowance of $1,500 annually is no mean gift, and is greatly interested in the selection of the first representative from South Dakota.

The manner of selection is not definitely settled by the will, but it recommends that four conditions be considered in making the choice. Academic training and heart qualities each count sixty points, while athletic standing and general leadership count forty each. It is hoped that selections can be made in time so that scholars may begin next year.

The task of choosing the right student is no easy one, and if each state adopts a method of its own many favored ones will be sent to England. Among other important features not specified is the one relating to the grade of a student. Superintendent Collins is disposed to consider none but college graduates, with A. B. degrees, while some of his friends advise him to hold out for an A. M. degree. The latter, however, is a little high, and will probably not be required.

Another question will arise: Shall the graduates of South Dakota institutions only be considered, or shall students of the state who attend outside colleges be permitted to enter the contest? The former would seem the more plausible, since it would encourage attendance at home colleges and universities.

It is possible a meeting of state superintendents will be held in Denver soon and the matter be discussed at great length and a decision reached.

PIERRE, S. D.

Returns from less than half the counties of the state show an increase in assessed valuation of over $5,000,000.—Ninety-four filings were made at the Pierre land office for the first twenty days of July.—The state treasury has received from the general government a draft for $25,000 for the maintenance of the state agricultural college, the aid being from the "Morrill fund."—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the International Fiber, Pulp and Paper company, at Gettysburg, with a capital of $250,000; incorporators, E. C. Talmadge, J. N. Lucas and B. P. Hoover. For the Union Coal and Coking company, at Sioux Falls, with a capital of $10,000,000; incorporators, Earnest Brown, John H. Preston and H. Lyon Smith. For the Tippit Nut Lock company, at Huron, with a capital of $1,000,000; incorporators, William McCaleb, T. C. Friedly and Philip Lawrence. For the Idaho Irrigation and Beet Sugar company, at Huron, with a capital of $500,000; incorporators, Ivan M. Taylor, Alfred E. Strobridge and Philip Lawrence.—Commissions have been issued for Professor H. C. Solberg, of Brookings, as chief of engineers and ordnance in the state guard, with rank of colonel, and for Oscar L. Olsen, of Watertown, as a colonel on the governor's staff.—The state treasury has received a certificate from the county judge of Hanson county, calling for the money which was deposited about a year ago as the portion of the Kaufmann estate in that county which belonged to a lost heir. A Mrs. Jensen, of Racine, Wis., claimed the money, and has shown to the satisfaction of the Hanson county court that she is entitled to it.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

Lieutenant Commander Walter S. Hughes, who has been visiting friends in this city for a few weeks awaiting orders from the navy department, has been notified to report to the commandant of the naval station at San Francisco. He will be assigned to the training ship Pensacola, of which he will be executive officer.—W. P. Gaffney, a member of Company H of this city, has been placed in the county jail to await the action of the insanity commission. He served in the war with Spain. He was a hard drinker and liquor is probably the cause of his mental aberration.—A telegram from Denver announces the death of Mrs. Timothy Brown. She was the wife of Timothy Brown, at one time one of the best known lawyers in the west and author of several standard law text books.—The opinion given by Attorney General Mullan regarding the building of a sewer across the Soldiers' Home grounds for connection with the new Mercy hospital here will not deter the building of that structure. Rev. Father Lenihan, after reading the decision, decided to go ahead with the work and to build cess pools for temporary use.

CALUMET, MICH.

The Copper Country Butchers' Association will give a picnic in this city Aug. 20.—Joseph Ziehr and Tim Harrington were injured in a wrestling tournament. Both sustained broken collar bones.—The Germans gave a picnic at the Section 16 park.—The Centennial Water company has completed the work of constructing a water system at Centennial Heights. The company is capitalized at $20,000, the stock being owned by the residents of the heights, which is a suburb of Calumet.—Little interest is manifested in the county elections which will be held this fall. It is likely a fight will develop over the position of prosecuting attorney. O. J. Larson, the pesent attorney for the county, is in the field for a re-election after two terms of office.—The remains of W. J. Evans, who was killed at Anaconda, will be interred in this city. He was formerly connected with the copper mines of this distict. He leaves seveal relatives in this city. For many years he was superintendent of the Atlantic stamp mill and he invented the Evans slime table, in use in all the stamp mills in the country.

OWATONNA, MINN.

J. Frank Dean, publisher of the Owatonna Journal, is seriously ill. While at work last week, he was suddenly taken with a severe pain at the base of the brain. He suffered several attacks of a similar nature, each one of which was more serious than the one before. He suffered the last attack while in a store Tuesday evening, and was taken to his residence, where physicians were called. He made no improvement, and Dr. Jones, of Minneapolis, was called in consultation. The nature of Mr. Dean's disease is somewhat obscure, but he is thought to be suffering with some growth on the brain, perhaps a tumor. He made no improvement yesterday, and his recovery is doubtful.

TYNDALL, S. D.

A correspondent from Tripp sent an account of the unearthing of a skeleton of a woman and the subsequent arrest of an alleged murderer. According to the account, the so-called criminal had been placed in the Bon Homme county jail at Tyndall to await the term of the circuit court in December. It is true that some bones were found in the northwest corner of the county, but neither the sheriff nor the state's attorney have any knowledge of any person under arrest for murder.—Bricklayers are veneering the new building which is being erected by William McBurney. Mr. McBurney was delayed again in securing workmen. The building will serve for a quick lunch room when finished.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA

The new town of Frenald took its place on the map of Iowa yesterday. At the auction sale of lots, over $5,000 worth were sold in about two hours. The new town is in Story county and was started by the Des Moines, Iowa Falls & Northern railroad. It is named after Banker Frenald, of Boston.—Mrs. E. H. Yarger has leased the Hotel Winchester, at Eldora, and will make her future home in this city. The new landlord is Martin Slack.—Division Master Mechanic P. J. Sargent, of the Rock Island, has tendered his resignation and will quit the railroad business.

OSCEOLA, WIS.

Joseph Corey, a pioneer resident of this county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Isaac Hale, yesterday afternoon, from paralysis. He was about 80 years of age and a veteran of the civil war, having served with distinction in Company F, Fourth Wisconsin cavalry.—The hail storm of a few days ago did more damage than at first estimated. At Nye, Balsam Lake, Dand Lake and in the southern part of the county the ripened grain was cut and corn fields stripped.

MADISON, WIS.

The Northwestern Casualty company, of Milwaukee, accident and sick benefit insurance, was licensed to do business to-day by the insurance commissioner, and deposited $1,000 in securities with the state treasurer. The company, which is just organized, will elect its officers next Monday. The incorporators include W. W. Allis, George Bruce, George H. Benzenburg and W. G. Rauschenberger.

MAYVILLE, N. D.

A heavy wind and hailstorm passed east of here and hailstones two inches in diamater fell.

McLAUGHLIN THERE

Sioux Indians Hold a Big Pow-Wow Over Grass Land Leases.

ABERDEEN, S. D.—Reports received from Standing Rock Agency state that the Indians of the reservation are holding a big powwow over the leasing of the grazing lands on part of the reservation. It is said the Sioux are pleased with the prospect of getting the lease money, which will amount to about $40 for each individual of the age of 1 year or over, but some of the old Indians fear there is some catch in the deal which will eventually take their lands away from them. These, it is alleged, have been the cause of the gathering at this time. Major McLaughlin, the well-known inspector of Indian agencies, whose home is at Standing Rock, and whose family are members of the band, is at the powwow as the representative of the interior department to explain the leases and answer questions.

A movement has been started among the business men of the city for the holding of a carnival and harvest festival in Aberdeen this fall. A meeting will be held this evening at the Commercial Club to effect an organization.

Yesterday was the hottest day of the season, the temperature getting up to 99 in the shade by the government observer's thermometer. Wednesday was also a hot day, the temperature going to 97 late in the afternoon.

MANTORVILLE, MINN.

Another chapter in the notorious Robinson will case is given to the public in the decision handed down by Judge Buckham sustaining the ruling of the judge of probate of Dodge county, who ordered that the widow, Catharine Robinson, incompetent, should renounce the provisions made in her husband's will and take under the statute. This order was promulgated after a hearing of the case on Dec. 13, 1901, and did not meet the approval of Mrs. Dr. Percy, to whom the residue of the estate was to fall after the death of the widow. Mrs. Percy promptly appealed from this order and it was brought to trial May 28. This decision, from which it was stipulated there was to be no appeal taken, is a decided victory for Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Smith, the heirs of Mrs. Robinson. The amount thus reverting to the widow is between $20,000 and $25,000. This in addition to her individual estate of $15,000 will insure her care and comfort during life. Another case is set for Aug. 20. This is an order for the guardians to show cause why they should not be dismissed and the court allowed to appoint other men in their stead.

LE MARS, IOWA

A meeting of northwestern Iowa millers was held at the Union hotel parlors yesterday afternoon to form an asociation of Iowa millers that they might join the Millers' National Federation, an organization which is devoted to advancing the general interests of the trade. H. S. Kennedy of Chicago, secretary of the federation, was present to explain the plan of operation and the object of the organization. The following officers were elected: President, H. J. Hutton, Sioux City; secretary, C. A. Wernli, Le Mars; directors, Scott Logan, Sheldon; J. T. Folger, Alton, and William Fulton, Sioux Falls. The delegates to the next meeting of the federation are William Smiley, J. T. Folger and Scott Logan, Sheldon. The following were in attendance at the meeting: H. S. Kennedy, Chicago; William Fulton, Sioux Falls, S. D.; H. J. Hutton, Sioux City; Aug. Martens, Sioux City; William Smiley, Le Mars; Edward Sitz, Peterson; William Burr, Alta; H. W. Aupperle, Sibley; J. J. Gehlen, Le Mars; Frank Hoese, Merrill. The membership of the club will be largely increased before the next meeting.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.

The Boston shoe store, owned by A. C. Hagen, has been sold to P. G. Reynard of Merriam Park, who will take possession Sept. 1.—An informal dancing party was given at the Odd Fellows' Home last evening.—The free mail delivery is expected to begin Sept. 1. Three carriers will be employed. Boxes for the reception of mail will be located at convenient places.

At a meeting of the members of St. John's Lutheran church, it was decided to send a call to Rev. H. B. Kildahl of Chicago to become pastor. He is a brother of President Kildahl of St. Olaf college, and it is generally hoped he will accept.

SOLWAY, MINN.

Three hundred braves, squaws and papooses from White Earth and Red Lake are in this vicinity picking blueberries. Next Sunday they are to give a medicine dance and expect several Sioux braves to join them. The Red Lake tribe of Indians is much disappointed over the non-ratification of their treaty. It carried an appropriation for this year of $250,000.—The Solway Land company has disposed of 20,000 acres of cut over land to the Minnesota Land company of St. Paul, which has opened an office here, with Tom Larkin, the old St. Paul ball player, in charge. A party of fifty Iowa farmers arrived here this morning and are now looking over the lands with a view to investing.

WINNIPEG, MAN.

The city was gaily decorated with the stars and stripes yesterday and thousands thronged the streets from North Dakota and Minnesota decorated with flags and souvenirs, to attend American day at the Winnipeg sumemr fair. Five special trains arrived from North Dakota, two from St. Paul and Duluth. Among the visitors were the Minneapolis state fair officers, President Cosgrove, Vice President C. R. Smith, Secretary E. W. Randall and Director Thomas Shaw. Loop-the-Loop-Way Diavolo, who was in Minneapolis, fell from the machine and was badly injured.

MADISON, WIS.

Carrie Nation almost met her death last night speaking at the Monona Lake assembly. The platform on which she was standing gave way and a small boy, Arthur Jones, was knocked unconscious. Mrs. Nation was precipitated into the crowd, but was picked up from the debris unhurt, although her nerves were shocked. The falling timbers formed an arch over her head. "God has a work for me to do or I would have been killed," she said.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.

The corner-stone of the new Masonic temple was laid here last night with elaborate ceremonies. Grand Master Stockwell, of Grafton, laid the stone, assisted by Masonic officers from all parts of the state. The edifice will be a handsome one, costing $30,000. A banquet was held in Masonic hall, at which addresses were delivered by many prominent Masons.

HASTINGS, MINN.

The retail druggists of St. Paul had an excursion to this city yesterday on the steamer J. J. Hill. The party numbered upwards of 350.—The Iowa & Minnesota division had a bad washout near Owatonna yesterday, the passengers and express from Farmington being sent in on the Hastings & Dakota and transferred to the river division.

DUBUQUE, IOWA

The triennial convention of the Mutual Aid Society of the Iowa Lutheran synod closed yesterday. Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. O. Krashaar, Clinton; vice-president, John Sohl, Dubuque; secretary, G. Grossman, Waverly; treasurer, A. Hemmer, Iowa City. The next meeting will be held at Oshkosh, Wis.

BESSEMER, MICH.

George S. Curry, A. W. Peterson, John Mullens, John Kluck, L. S. Rice and Jerry Holland were elected at the democratic county convention to attend the state convention at Detroit July 30. They go uninstructed, but determined to help pick a winner for the democrats in Michigan this fall.

GLENCOE, MINN.

Clyde Snere, while returning from the ball game at Lester Prairie last evening, was thrown from his buggy, sustaining a broken leg below the knee.—During a violent thunder shower yesterday, lightning struck the barn of W. Howe, killing two head of cattle.

ANNANDALE, MINN.

The Minneapolis city salesmen's picnic held yesterday was a complete success, even to the salesmen's club winning the ball game by a score of 4 to 5. The Journal Newsboys' band gave a choice selection of music. About 600 were present.

HUDSON, WIS.

In default of $3,000 bail, Judge Disney committed Julius Schmidt to jail to await trial in circuit court. He is charged with assault with attempt to kill, his alleged victim being his wife. His defense will be insanity.

DULUTH, MINN.

The Duluth, Missabe & Northern road has ordered three ninety-ton locomotives, which will be delivered about Oct. 1, and six more of the same size which will be delivered early next spring.

GOOD LUMBER SEASON

Laird Is Pleased With It—Chippewa River Conditions.

WINONA, MINN.—William H. Laird of the Laird-Norton company of this city, ex-president of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's association, expresses himself as well pleased with the lumber situation. Prices, he says, are firm and good, but as compared with the prices of logs they are not high. Log prices are higher in proportion. White pine is getting scarcer and more valuable year by year.

Mr. Laird predicts a steady run of the sawmills in this city and generally along this section of the river for the rest of the season. The season at West Newton, Mr. Laird says, has been very satisfactory. Since the recent reopening of the works rafts have been turned out steadily, and the present expectation is that the boom will be kept in operation for at least a week or two longer. Up to date 150,000,000 feet of logs have been rafted through these works this year, about double the total output of a year ago.

When asked as to how much longer logging on the Chippewa would continue, Mr. Laird said it was somewhat difficult to tell. Logs would probably be brought down the Chippewa for Mississippi rafting for several years yet, but the supply of pine along this river and its tributaries was becoming scarce. When it became so scanty that it would not pay to bring it down to the Mississippi, he thought there would still be mills along the Chippewa that would continue to cut for some years. It was only for the Mississippi mills that the Chippewa supply of logs was nearing an end.

Mr. Laird reports a good business by the lumbering firms in northern Minnesota in which members of the Laird-Norton company are interested, particularly the plants of the Pine Tree Lumber company at Little Falls, and the Northern Lumber company at Cloquet.

WINONA, MINN.—Some Winona clam diggers who have been down the river have seen a pearl recently secured by Frank Darling of Brownsville. It is an egg pearl of beautiful color and Mr. Darling informed the Winona diggers he had refused an offer of $1,050 for it.—What was supposed might be a link in the unraveling of the numerous horse thefts in this locality developed in the arrest by Deputy Sheriff Sielaff of a suspect near Eyota. When arrested he failed to give a satisfactory account of his movements and was brought to the Winona jail. Here he stated that his name was Jack Bovine and that his home was in Wisconsin. He had been at work around the county for some time, he said, and was on his way to the western harvest fields when arrested. His story on investigation was substantiated and he was allowed to go.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.

The midnight passenger train on the Great Northern killer a man who was walking on the track two miles west of Evansville last night. The body had not yet been identified, but a letter without an envelop was found in one of the pockets. The letter is from a woman in Leaf Mountain and will doubtless lead to the man's identification.

Francis J. Elwess filed a petition in bankruptcy, placing his assets at $1,200, all exempt, and his liabilities at $2,177.78. He resides in the town of Dead Lake, this county.—*Mrs. Anna Langer was examined as to her* sanity in the probate court here to-day and committed to the hospital. For some time past she has been insanely jealous of her husband, and finally began making threats against her neighbors.—The bank statements show deposits of a little over $1,000,000 in the banks of this county, $900,000 being in the banks of this city and $100,000 in the Bank of Henning. The deposits have just about doubled in two years.—Lightning struck the barn on the William L. Morton farm. The building was burned and two horses perished.

WATERLOO, IOWA

The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen met in special session yesterday to adjust its financial difficulties. Future debts incurred by the order will be met on the partial payment plan until the old debt is wiped out. This now amounts to over $50,000 and is constantly increasing. Heavy assessments have caused members to drop out until the lodge is in hard straits.

ELMORE, MINN.

Some boys of this place attacked three men who came up from Ledyard, Iowa. The boys were armed with clubs except one, who carried a hammer. One man, the section foreman on the Chicago & North-Western at Ledyard, was pounded into unconsciousness with the hammer. One arrest has been made and more are to follow. It is thought some of the boys will be sent to the reformatory.

OFF THE POLITICAL MAP

Devine-Blackwell Break Fatal to Hopes of La Moure County.

LA MOURE, N. D.—La Moure county enjoys the peculiar distinction which for so long a time made Grand Forks county famous—it has been "wiped off the map." For the first time in many years the county is not represented upon the state ticket. By dint of unwearying effort upon the part of each to throw the harpoon into the other, J. M. Devine and R. W. S. Blackwell have succeeded in leaving the county in the lurch. The Devine faction says its favorite could have won in a walk had the county delegation, which was pledged to Blackwell, swung over to Devine when it was seen there was no possible show for the disciple of Blackstone to land the attorney generalship. The Blackwell faction, on the other hand, says it would have been glad to do this had not Mr. Devine, immediately following the county convention, shied his castor into the ring in spite of the fact that he had been discredited by his own county. By so doing it is held he prejudiced the interests of Blackwell and made it impossible for him to win.

However this may be, the feeling prevails here that this fire of cross purposes, if persisted in, will seriously jeopardize the interests of the republican party in the county. There is a strong undercurrent of anti-merger sentiment in the county, and the triumph of corporation influences in the state convention only serves to increase the feeling of discontent and protest.

Much speculation is being indulged in as to the future of "Joe" Devine. The feeling prevails that his long career of office-holding will make it difficult for him to engage in another occupation. To allay the anxiety of his friends in this direction, it is a pleasure to state that he has a standing offer of a salary of $3,000 a year. It is understood the offer is made by a real estate firm.

LA CROSSE, WIS.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Lewis celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday. Mr. Lewis is 71 years of age and his wife is 69.—While swimming in Black river yesterday afternoon, Michael Fitzpatrick, 14-year-old son of John Fitzpatrick, was drowned.—The 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kohlsaat, this city, who are camping on the islands south of here, was badly lacerated about the head and face by a bulldog.—John Lowe, a farmer residing near Holmen, this county, met with a serious accident while driving a team, on a load of hay. He slipped from the load and fell to the ground, the wheels passing over his body. Three ribs were fractured.—Secretary C. S. Van Auken of the La Crosse Interstate Fair association has received a letter from Secretary Cortelyou *informing him that La Crosse had been placed* on the itinerary and that the president and his party would make a stop in this city on Sept. 25.—The shooting contest between Company M of this city and the military company of Mauston, which was to have been held here before the third regiment goes to Camp Douglas, has been abandoned, inasmuch as no definite arrangements could be made.—A party composed of E. H. Wilcox, Ralph Wilcox and A. C. Bennett, passed through this city yesterday on their way from Chicago to Minneapolis in an automobile. They made the trip from Chicago to this city in twenty-eight hour. Owing to the poor condition of the roads, this is considered fairly good time.—E. C. Cutler of Bloomington, Ill., who is employed with a cement floor crew at one of the local breweries, drank a quantity of *muriatic acid yesterday, thinking* it was beer. He was in a serious condition for a time, but a physician saved him.

IOWA CITY, IOWA

Rev. Robert Swartz, a retired minister of the Christian church, was taken before the commissioners of insanity to-day. He is the victim of an hallucination that he has discovered a method for extracting gold and mercury from Iowa's virgin soil. "It's infallible," he said, "but the Iowa geological survey would keep my secret from the world." He is known as one of the best missionary workers in Iowa, and is an eloquent speaker. The commissioners have taken his case under advisement.

DIKE, IOWA

The accidental death of the daughter of Groceryman Nichols brought this community to a knowledge of the fact that it has no cemetery. There have been no deaths since the town started. The body of the girl was deposited in a vault *until the cemetery could* be laid out.

ROYALTON, MINN.

W. E. Kemp, a farmer living near Little Falls, who was injured last fall by being run into by a *Northern Pacific fast train*, has started suit against the company, claiming $10,000 damages. The case will come up at the September term of the district court.

SETTLERS AROUSED

Actions at Minot to Declare Their Homesteads Mineral Land.

MINOT, N. D.—One of the most important hearings that has ever taken place before a land office in this state is on at Minot. An effort is being made by certain interests to have the lignite coal sections of the state declared mineral instead of agricultural land. When it is taken into consideration that practically every quarter section in Ward county has been homesteaded within the last three years, the importance of the action is appreciated.

Professor C. H. Hall of the North Dakota Agricultural college and an authority on the geological formation of the state, has been summoned as a witness. About all the county is underlaid with coal and the contention of the local claimants may be maintained. If the land is subject to mineral entries, the government will receive from $10 to $25 an acre instead of $2.50, as under the homestead law.

Of course the action cannot affect homesteads on whch final proof have already been made, but does affect the thousands of settlers who have located claims within the last two or three years. The claimholders are aroused over the matter and are watching the case with a great deal of interest.

There seems to be no question that coal veins underlie this part of the state, and from the samples sent for examination, it is estimated that wherever there is a twelve-foot working vein the output will be about 13,000,000 tons a section. When the thousands of square miles of coal fields are considered, the enormous possibilities of the lignite industry can be faintly estimtaed. The action has arisen on a tender for a mineral entry on a quarter section already homesteaded, upon which final proof is pending.

CLINTON, IOWA

The county convention of Jackson county was held at Andrew yesterday, when the following delegates were selected: State—J. C. Campbell, F. S. King, Joe Young, W. E. Newsome, F. Campbell, A. L. Bartholomew, N. G. Fisher, Dan Prilaux, F. C. Gregory, Wm. Haney, E. J. Cain, T. C. Dutcher, F. M. Littlefield, Frank Gibson. Congressional—J. C. Campbell, W. F. Schimmer, Henry Graff, A. F. Dawson, J. Hillsinger, A. L. Bartholomew, W. H. Hand, H. T. King, Charles Thomas, Dan Prilaux, G. F. Holcomb, C. A. Barber, T. W. Hoyt, George Hooper. The delegation was instructed to use all honorable means to secure the nomination for congress of Attorney W. C. Gregory. The congressional convention will be held here Aug. 20. Mr. Gregory is so far the only announced candidate.

CARROLL, IOWA

Orrie Ryan, working on an extra surfacing gang near here, was instantly killed by a North-Western train. Young Ryan had been trying to play a joke on one of his companions, and, in order to get out of his friend's way, leaped in front of an approaching train, not knowing it was so near. He was only 17 years of age. His parents live at Belle Plaine.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

A 10-year-old boy, the son of Joseph Strausky, slipped out of St. Luke's hospital here a few nights since and walked several miles home, where he died the next day. The little fellow was in the hospital for treatment for peritonitis. There is much criticism for the carelessness *that allowed the boy to get away.*

WASHINGTON, WIS.

The mammoth ice houses of the Pike & North Lakes Ice company were struck by lightning early to-day and were completely destroyed by the fire which resulted. The loss on the buildings and contents is estimated at $50,000; insured for about half that amounut.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.

New fields of blueberries have been found and shipments, which have been very dull, are now the best of the season. The blackberry crop is one of the largest ever grown in the county.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Dan Condon was found dead in an alley this morning. His hat and a bottle of whisky on the stairway, fourteen feet above, explain the manner and cause of death.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

A strike of tracklayers on the Iowa & St. Louis railroad has gone into effect at Centerville, Iowa. The strikers demand a shorter day.

Yale Book March

At Metropolitan Music Co.'s store.

COMMITTEE CONTROL

Anti-Cummins Faction Likely to "Make Good" in Iowa.

DES MOINES, IOWA—All the signs now point to continued control of the republican state central committee this year by the old machine and anti-Cummins faction. There is little question that R. H. Spence of Mt. Ayr will be re-elected as chairman. The Cummins men have been looking forward to control of the committee by the election of a member from the fourth district to succeed W. L. Turner of New Hampton. Turner is a friend and henchman of James E. Blythe of Mason City and strongly anti-Cummins. He will probably be defeated, but unless all predictions are at fault, the machine forces will counterbalance this by the election of a member from the ninth district to succeed Senator James E. Bruce of Anita. Bruce is a candidate for re-election. He was elected two years ago as a Cummins man, but he is not very satisfactory to this element of the party nor to the friends of J. W. Blythe.

Developments at the recent ninth district convention made it pretty plain that Bruce stands a poor show of re-election. The Pottawattamie delegation, instead of being divided for and against Bruce, as was expected, will support George Wright of Council Bluffs. Wright will get strong support from other counties also and what is worse for Bruce, the Cass county delegation, his own county, is wavering. Though instructed for him, it is threatening to bolt instructions and go for Wright. In that event, Bruce will probably not get more than three votes from his own county and this will likely prove fatal to him.

Reports of gross misconduct on the part of the Fifty-second regiment while in camp at Fonda, continue to be heard. According to Adjutant General Byers, the regiment as a whole was well-behaved, but details left after the camp broke up grew disorderly. Bills for damages to property in the vicinity of the camp are coming in to the adjutant general's office.

CROOKSTON, MINN.

Action has been commenced against Cass Gillette, formerly a sawyer in the lumber mills here, now a resident of Red Lake Falls, to compel him to support his 14-year-old daughter, whom he has driven from his home. Three years ago the girl's mother died, Gillette marrying again, and the girl has not agreed with the second wife.—Judge Watts will sit next week at the trial of the case brought by the Crookston Waterworks, Power and Light company against D. E. Sprague, a prominent Winnipeg lumber manufacturer, to collect damages in the sum of $12,000 alleged to have been caused the company's dam at this point when defendant's logs were sluiced *through in 1899.*—Citizens have agreed upon a public building site, and the figures have been submitted to the department in Washington. It is at Second and Ash streets, and the value is $10,000.

FESSENDEN, N. D.

The long-looked-for rain came just in time and flax that showed the effects of the dry weather has revived and the prospects for a bountiful harvest of all cereals in the northwest part of this state were never better. It is expected that harvest will be on within three weeks.—Henry Schatz of Harvey had a valuable crop north of that place entirely hailed out. It was fully insured in the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance company.

SPARTA, WIS.

A decision in the case of Editor Sumner E. Streeter vs. his brother, D. C. Streeter, the former claiming a half interest in the Monroe County Democrat, was handed in today by Referee Gilbert M. Woodward of La Crosse, in which he decides that no partnership ever existed between the brothers, and that the newspaper and office belong to the defendant, and that plaintiff owes defendant $1,137.11.

NEW PAYNESVILLE, MINN.

A change has taken place in the ownership of the New Paynesville Press. Jac Brynaldsen, who has been a part owner, has sold his interest to W. W. Holmes.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA

John P. Reese of Albia was nominated by the democrats of the sixth congressional district, in opposition to John F. Lacey, for congress.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS.

The republican first assembly district convention has been called to meet here Aug. 9: caucuses Aug. 6.

WAUBAY, S. D.

During an electric storm this morning Frank Jones, a well-known and respected citizen, was struck by lightning and killed.

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In order to introduce this new marvelous and wonderful discovery to the people of Minneapolis and vicinity quickly, we will distribute $10,000 worth of Montana Diamond Jewelry at prices that will hardly pay for the gold used in the mountings and settings of the stones.

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Cluster Stick Pin, either lady's or gentleman's; stones are