TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

WITH THE MINES

Development of Hills Properties—Capital for Boundary Country.

DEADWOOD, S. D.—The Alder Creek Mining company is preparing to build a larger mill for the reduction of its ore. The plan at present is to put up a wet crushing cyanide, and it is likely that a 120 stamp mill will be erected. The company is working a dry crushing plant of sixty-five tons capacity on Yellow Creek, and is making a success of it, although it is rather too small, considering the magnitude of the ore body. The ore is a potsdam sandstone, carrying small values but running exceedingly uniform. The plant is getting an extraction of over 85 per cent, and is doing this with coarse crushing.

E. M. Barnes, of the firm of Drake, Barnes & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, has been in the Hills lately and made a payment of $4,000 on the property recently purchased of Richard Palmer, near Custer, this being 10 per cent of the price to be paid for the ground. Drake, Barnes & Co. are the principal backers of the Sugar Loaf Copper company, formed for the purpose of developing the ground. There is an excellent showing in copper ore, opened at a depth of some 300 feet.

S. E. Ainslie, superintendent for the Leroy Gold Mining company, has put a strong force of miners at work on his company's territory, situated four miles west of Custer. A shaft has attained a depth of fifty feet already, following a good quality of ore all the way. The plans of the company contemplate a shaft 150 feet deep, from the bottom of which a crosscut will be driven on the vein.

Recent developments on the Gold Fish group of claims belonging tothe Gladiator Consolidated Mining company are exceedingly gratifying. They have demonstrated that the values are not confined to the surface, but continue with depth. The ore that is being taken out is highly impregnated with cube iron, which carries well in gold, and much free gold is seen with the unaided eye.

The Black Hills and Duluth Copper company is continuing operations with a diamond drill a few miles from Custer. Core tests show a decided improvement in the ore as depth is attained.

CENTRAL CITY, S. D.—Two new mining companies have recently been incorporated on the property in the region of Garden City, the Arcade and the Swift company, the incorporators of the former being Patrick O'Dwyer, H. G. Hopkins and others, and of the latter G. M. Deitrich and associates, all local men. The Arcade company is the owner of a group of claims on Miller gulch, a short distance from Garden City, and the Swift company holds several claims lying immediately east of Garden City.

The Imperial Mining company is preparing to take out ore on Sheeptail gulch, from a tunnel that has recently been run from the south end of the company's group of claims. This ore is of an excellent quality and is splendidly adapted to the cyanide process. The Imperial hoisting plant on Blacktail gulch is raising most of the ore for the company's new cyanide mill at Deadwood. All this ore is being hauled to Grayville in wagons, and is there loaded upon cars.

The Boston-South Dakota Mining company has closed its forty-stamp mill at the old Minerva in Blacktail gulch, and will take immediate steps to install a cyanide annex, to work in connection with the stamps for a saving of the fine values.

The Rossiter group of claims, lying between Blacktail and Sheeptail gulches, is being developed on a large scale by the Columbus Consolidated Mining company, which purchased the property a few months ago. The claims show a large quantity of low grade cyaniding ore that will yield a fair profit by working on a large scale. The company is working from both ends of the group. Tunnels are being run from Blacktail gulch on the north and from Sheeptail gulch on the south. In one of the tunnels a solid body of ore twelve feet thick has been disclosed.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—The directors of the Indian Joe Gold Mining company, of Newark, N. J., are expected to visit their mine on Shoal Lake with the object of making arrangements for the installation of mining machinery. Their Benfield shaft is down forty-five feet with a drift of eight feet and a crosscut of eight feet at the bottom. The Fryling shaft is down twenty feet.

The mill at the Black Eagle mine was temporarily closed last week to allow all the power of the plant to be used for development work. It is the intention of the managing director to sink two more levels before doing further drifting or stoping.

One of the best mines in the Manitou district is about to be reopened by the Gold Standard Mining company. Messrs. Bicknell, president of the company, and Anton Walsh, of Morris, Minn., have recently returned from a visit to the property, during which they examined the condition of the shaft and underground workings. They were well satisfied, and stated it was the intention of the company to install a steam boiler and hoist and a vulcan pyritic smelter. A large force of men will be employed and the work pushed with all possible speed.

A gentleman representing $20,000,000 made by the sale of a diamond mine in South Africa visited the Lake of the Woods gold fields and went away so well satisfied that he has organized a strong New Jersey company with the object of exploiting the gold mining prospects of this district.

WEST SUPERIOR, WIS.—George B. Hudnall of Superior was nominated yesterday by the republican convention for state senator from this district. The nomination took place on the 501st ballot. The convention held three different sessions, for a total of six days. There were three candidates. L. B. Dresser of St. Croix Falls maintained a strength of ten votes. Hudnall and Solon Perrin had a division in the Douglas county delegation, with power to nominate. Hudnall had six and Perrin five delegates, that being the strength for 500 ballots. Rather than see any one else than Perrin or Hudnall nominated, the Perrin delegates sprung a big surprise and voted for Hudnall and everybody else followed suit. Hudnall is in favor of La Follette's ideas, but has declared for Senator Spooner.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Of the 7,000 Doukhobors who settled in the Yorkton district, Northwest territory, fully 5,000 are suffering from a strange religious mania which threatens their ruin if not annihilation.

The mania last year took the form of refusing to eat flesh. This year these strange people decided it was sinful to eat animal products of any kind and eschewed butter, eggs and cheese.

Word was received by the Dominion government yesterday that the mania now borders on madness and is spreading.

The Russians refuse to wear shoes made from hides of "God's creatures" and have also doffed woolen clothing.

MENOMONIE, WIS.—The democratic county convention to elect delegates to the state convention, met at the court house and elected J. R. Matthews, J. E. Dennis, Charles Townsend and A. Wahl, to represent Dunn county. They were instructed to vote for J. E. Dennis for railroad commissioner.

PORTLAND, ORE.—Charles L. Fay, a Portland insurance man who was being taken to Waupaca county, Wis., on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was released at Mandan, N. D. Governor Geer revoked the warrant on the allegation that it was procured by misrepresentation.

GRADUATED CHARTER FEE

Call for Reform in South Dakota in Matter of Incorporations.

PIERRE, S. D.—State Secretary Berg, in his letter of transmittal accompanying his bi-annual report to the governor, takes up the matter of incorporations in this state, as follows:

"The uniform charter fee of $10 as provided for all corporations organized for profit is inadequate and unjust. Corporations organized with a small authorized capital stock, which are incorporated by residents of this state, are required to pay the same charter fee as the concerns of large capitalization, often capitalized at a billion dollars, which, with a few if any exceptions, never transact a dollar's worth of business in this state, nor bring any property into the state that can be assessed for taxes.

"Our laws should be so amended as to establish a graduated charter fee to be graded upon the authorized capital stock provided for in the articles of incorporation."

Amendments to the present laws are also recommended to require that books of the companies should be kept at the main office in this state; and, further, allowing corporations to renew their charters at the expiration of their life under the law. The secretary also recommended that foreign corporations doing business in the state should be required to file copies of their articles with the register of deeds in every county in which they transact business, as well as with the secretary of state, as is now required.

Appropriations are also asked to provide better and safer rooms for the state and supreme court libraries, which require protection.

The state auditor is sending out warrants to pay claims under the wolf bounty law passed by the last legislative session. The total amount asked for under the new law is $2,011. Of this Stanley county calls for the largest amount, certificates having been filed from that county amounting to $595.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Speaking Clock and Advertising company at Pierre, with a capital of $500,000. Incorporators: Albert R. Park, Louis L. Fest, James S. Sebree. The Tonopah United Mining company at Pierre, with a capital of $1,250,000. Incorporators: John F. Carrere, Stewart Armour, I. W. Goodmer. The Empire State Mining company at Pierre, with a capital of $500,000. Incorporators: Edmund S. Hopkins, William H. McMartens, L. L. Stephens. The Puritan Gold Mining and Milling company at Deadwood, with a capital of $1,000,000. Incorporators: William J. McGaffney, Flora McGaffney, W. H. Sabin.

Chairman Crane, of the republican state committee, has decided to open party headquarters at Sioux Falls on Sept. 15, making a short campaign of it.

CUMBERLAND, WIS.—The inter-county fair for the counties of Barron, Burnett, Washburn, Polk and Sawyer opened at the fair grounds yesterday under the most favorable circumstances. The attendance was large and the exhibits many and varied. The races yesterday resulted as follows: 2:30 trot or pace, Redstrath won, Captain S. second, Fred M. third; time, 2:25, 2:31, 2:30. inter-county free-for-all, Freya won, Boston second, Little Billie third, Cocoanut fourth, Max Colbert fifth; time, 2:39½, 2:39¼, 2:39¼. Running race, Assessor won, Havelin second, Blackburn third; time, 50 and 51 seconds. Besides several good horse races to-morrow's program will include an automobile race between A. C. Uecke of this city and F. A. Partlow of Clear Lake.

HASTINGS, MINN.—At a joint convention of the seventh and twenty-sixth districts, W. C. T. U., the boundaries of the district were changed by transferring Rice county to the twenty-sixth, which now comprises Dakota, Goodhue and Rice. The seventh consists of McLeod and Carver. The seventh district elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Huine Lundsten, Lester Prairie; vice president, Miss Grace Farber, Hutchinson; secretary, Mrs. Mary Schmidt, Lester Prairie; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Treadway, Hutchinson. The twenty-sixth district elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. Julia B. Nelson, Red Wing; vice president, Mrs. J. A. Clifford, Northfield; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Dack, Stanton; treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Mitchell, Oxford.

FARGO, N. D.—There is a renewed expression of opinion among the editors of the state favorable to county fairs. It is probable that next fall will see a greater number of the old fashioned fairs, where the people can revel in the sight of fat pumpkins and immense tubers.—The arrival of landseekers which has been somewhat retarded for the past two weeks on account of harvest has been renewed and large delegations from Iowa and Illinois are coming into the state to make investments. Some are after permanent homes and the crops now being harvested are a revelation to them.

MARQUETTE, MICH.—During the last few weeks there has been an epidemic of house robberies in the upper peninsula. Dwellings at the Soo, Manistique, Escanaba, Menominee, Iron Mountain, Ishpeming, Negaunee, Marquette and other cities have been entered during the night time, and in every case the same methods have been followed. Trousers' pockets have been rifled and watches and sums of money ranging from a few dollars to $175 taken without detection. Silverware and other valuables have been passed. The thieves are no doubt professionals.

CHASSELL, MICH.—W. H. Mylrea, of Chicago, formerly of Madison, and at one time attorney general of Wisconsin, has bought a third interest in the business of C. H. Worcester & Co., and will give up the practice of law to become the upper peninsula manager of the concern. He will make his home here. He was in Houghton last week to close the deal for the purchase of the Sturgeon River company's plant here. Work of repairing the plant has been started and logging camps will be established.

LAKE LINDEN, MICH. — Lumbering will be resumed in the Torch Lake district this winter. Three large camps will be operated by Lake Lindenites and it is expected that 5,000,000 feet will be banked. —Professor Richards of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, went sightseeing about the Calumet and Hecla stamp mills and smelting works yesterday. The visit was of great interest to him because twenty-five years ago he operated the first smelter for the Calumet and Hecla.

HANCOCK, MICH.—If John Snow, present address unknown will communicate with the local police they will see that John's coal bills are paid this winter. Snow is a well dressed young man, of medium height, dark complexion and doubtful antecedents. He is alleged to have passed numerous forged checks.

CHEROKEE, IOWA—Iowa's new insane hospital at Cherokee to-day received the first consignment of patients from other asylums, 308 being brought here from the Independence institution. Patients from Mount Pleasant and Clarinda will be transferred the latter part of the week.

ARGYLE, MINN.—Joseph Morin, Sr., one of Marshall county's oldest settlers, died at the age of 66 years. He leaves a wife and twelve children.

WHATCOM, WASH.—Sheriff Stiles of Menominee, Mich., left with John Vrooman, who is wanted in Michigan for alleged complicity in timber frauds.

SPRING VALLEY, MINN.—Of the triplets recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beach, but one is living. The second one was buried this week.

A BABE ARRESTED

Some Surprising Turns in Keokuk's Fight for a Child.

KEOKUK, IOWA—In a legal fight for the possession of her 11-months'-old baby, which is seriously ill, Mrs. Vina Kellar caused the arrest of the infant yesterday on a charge of vagrancy, had herself appointed a special constable to take charge of the prisoner during a continuance of the case, and thus won a victory over Secretary Elmer Bark of the Associated Charities, who was sent to jail for an hour for contempt of court in his attempt to deprive the mother of her child.

Secretary Park is now in legal custody of the child, while the mother has actual possession, having obtained the infant by extraordinary means and hidden it. The doctor says the baby probably will die.

A new law was passed at the instance of the scientific sociologists last winter. It provides the procedure by which children may be taken from incompetent, dissolute or immoral parents and given to persons or charitable societies by courts or mayors of cities.

Judge Hughes of the supreme court construed the law to mean that if the mother is found competent by a trial court and the child be given back, the filing of a notice of appeal by the associated charities stops the execution of the order to return the child to the mother.

The effect is to keep the child away from the acquitted mother until a long series of appeals through all the courts to the supreme court are finally decided, taking, generally, two years.

The baby involved in this case is acutely sick and neglect on the part of the mother is charged. On trial the mother was found not guilty.

Secretary Park appeared and refused to obey the order of the court to return the baby to its mother. He was then arrested on a bench warrant for contempt of court and summarily sent to jail. His lawyers routed Judge Hughes out of bed and filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

In the meantime the mother of the baby had a neighbor file an information in a court of a justice of the peace charging the baby with vagrancy. A big constable arrested the baby at the hospital, where it was being treated, and brought it a prisoner into court.

County Attorney Marshall said last night that the next move would be the prosecution of the justice and the mother's lawyers on a charge of conspiracy in the vagrancy case.

WABASHA, MINN.—Following is the list of candidates filed for the several offices in Wabasha county: Republican—State senator, L. O. Cooks, J. M. Underwood, William Foreman; representative, G. R. Hall, G. D. Post; auditor, C. O. Lund, Fred F. Bade; treasurer, John Robinson; register of deeds, Fred A. Wolfe; sheriff, James E. McLeod, Charles Crawshaw, W. D. Pencille, Ira DeCamp; attorney, George H. Hammond; judge of probate, Malcolm Kennedy; superintendent of schools, Cleon Emery; commissioner second district, H. J. Wuert, fourth district, W. W. Cassidy. Democratic—State senator, W. F. Milligan, J. A. Carley, P. H. Rahilly; representative, John Dankwart (withdrawn), M. J. O'Loughlin; auditor, George H. Roemer, John B. Carrels; sheriff, James S. McCarty, George Hauswedel, W. W. Anderson, August G. Schmidt; attorney, Michael Marx; judge of probate, Michael A. Odink, J. B. Schons; clerk of district court, Charles J. Stauff; superintendent of schools, S. M. Quigley; commissioner second district, Thomas F. Kiley; commissioner fourth district, C. C. McDonough.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Pensions granted:

Minnesota—Alfred V. Haines, Buffalo, $12.

Iowa—Luther A. Devendorf, Eldora, $6; James Bridgeman, Albion, $12; George M. Pendell, Somers, $8; Martha J. Bonewell, Montezuma, $8; Martha Robinson, Des Moines, $8; George Thill, Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, $10; minors of Angon Oleson, Dubuque, $14; Susan Bigler, Wadena, $12.

Wisconsin—Lars L. Dale, Deerfield, $12; Niels Nelson, Whitewater, $8; John Wharton, Hancock, $3; Byron Walker, Janesville, $8; Louisa Granan, Mitchell $8; Jenet Beardsley, Bloomington, $8; Hugh Quinn, Gillett, $12.

North Dakota—Jacob L. Funk, St. John, $17; Clara A. Barham, Granville, $12.

Postmasters Appointed: South Dakota—Agnes C. Rider, Greenmont, Lawrence county. Wisconsin—C. E. Yates, Sylvania Racine county.

PLAINVIEW, MINN.—The city schools will ouen for the ensuing school year on Monday morning with the following corp of teachers: W. J. Mosher, superintendent; Amy French, Mary Lahey, Mae Drysdale, Lena Parr, Grace Wright and Ida Husby. Professor Utterback, who was superintendent last year, has accepted a school at Kasson and Miss Woodcock, of the eighth grade, has accepted a similar position at Albert Lea.

ALBERT LEA, MINN.—A man regising at Hotel Albert as C. H. Tedeman, tried to have cashed a check for $100, but was refused. He secured $9 on the check yesterday and left for the west. The check was drawn in favor of Tedeman upon the First National Bank of Wesley, Iowa, and purported to have been signed by J. M. Blotz, but an investigation indicated it was forged. Tedeman was intercepted at Wells and brought back.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—A magnificent reception was tendered Tracy R. Bangs, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, at the rooms of the Elks last night by the members of that order and many prominent citizens. Several addresses were made to which Mr. Bangs made a fitting response. Following the formal welcome, the company, numbering 200, sat down to an elaborate banquet.

DECORAH, IOWA—Charley Hargraves, the 15-year old son of John Hargraves, was run over by the Milwaukee train at 7 o'clock last night while it was switching. Both legs were cut off close to the body and he will probably die. This is the second accident of like character within a week. Last Friday night Albert Severson of this city, was killed at Ossian.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.—The public schools will open Sept. 2. Entrance examinations will be given at the high school on Aug. 30.—Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. John Clifford and Mrs. H. Blood are delegates to the W. C. T. U. convention at Hastings.—A. W. Bierman has traded the stock of the Novelty Store to C. Thompson of Motley, Minn., for land.

DASSEL, MINN.—Robert Alm, son of Rev. Mr. Alm, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church and Ella Galiger, the only daughter of William Galiger, were secretly married by E. W. Sangren justice of the peace. The bride's parents are said to be opposed to the match, owing to the youth of Alm.

MUSCATINE, IOWA—I. S. Possick, one of the diggers working the Lyons clam bed, has a curiosity in the form of a "niggerhead" clam. The pearl section of the shell bears the imprint of a human hand about 1-16 the natural size. The shell produced a fairly good pearl.

DULUTH, MINN.—Local insurance agencies are said to be ignoring the office of insurance inspector. They maintain that J. B. McLaren, the inspector, is unfair toward them and they have appointed C. L. Avery to act in that capacity.

MARSHALL, MINN.—At the close of yesterday's business the records at the county auditor's office show that no candidates for county offices on the democratic ticket have filed certificates of candidacy.

CHURCH VS. ATHEIST

The Latter Pays the Former for Listening to Him.

New York Sun Special Service

New Haven, Aug. 28.—When the Rev. Royal Raymond, pastor of the First Methodist church in Stratford, wanted to purchase more land adjoining the church property for improvement he made an offer to its owner, Thaddeus E. Pack, who is an atheist. Mr. Pack said he would give the land, valued at $500 to the church on condition that the church pay him $30 and that the congregation listen to him for ten hours in a public talk, during which Mr. Pack would discuss religion and morality from his point of view. This proposition has been accepted.

GRAFTON, Nm. D.—The republican county convention will be held at Park River Sept. 27 and the legislative convention in this district at Minto Sept. 29. Sheriff Hall will retire at the end of his term and already three republican candidates have announced themselves—F. A. Welch and Charles Hanson of this city and Commissioner E. Spencer of Edinburg. For state's attorney the names of E. N. Swiggum, J. E. Gray and E. R. Sinkler of this city have been suggested. Fred Carpenter of Minto, the present treasurer, and the only republican county officer elected two years ago, is conceded a second term. Jacob Sondorall of Golden township seems to have a clear field for superintendent. Mr. Sonderall was elected two years ago on the face of the returns, but lost through failure of the judges in certain precincts to certify properly the woman vote. R. M. Vigness of Grafton township is a candidate for register of deeds. Attorneys Owen of Park River and Phelps of this city have been suggested as candidates for county judge. No candidates have appeared for auditor. For clerk of court the name of Joseph Lovcik of Pisek has been mentioned. In the western legislative district the names of G. N. Midgarden, A. N. Foss and K. J. Farup are frequently connected with nominations for the house. No candidates have appeared in this legislative district. On the democratic ticket the following seem to be conceded nominations: Thomas Bannon, sheriff; George Shepherd, county judge; O. M. Fraser, auditor; J. M. Szarkowski, register of deeds; N. H. Rinde, clerk of court; Jeff M. Myers, state's attorney. In all probability the nomination for treasurer will be conceded to some old-time independent. Messrs. Harris of Ardoch and Steenberg of western Walsh are in the race for Superintendent Tronslin's place. In this legislative district Senator Cashel will have little trouble in being returned.—The committee to assess the special benefits of the sewer has determined upon $6.25 a lot for all property along the line of the sewer. This will provide for about one-third of the cost in the system.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.—The republican ticket has been filled out as follows: For senator—Dr. A. B. Cole; representatives, M. Walz, C. N. Haugan, Thomas Larson, Dr. M. S. Jones, Knute Bondy and D. L. Wellman; auditor, W. C. Lincoln; treasurer, Steve Butler; register of deeds, L. A. Levorsen; judge of probate, Oliver Olson; sheriff, Henry Holst; attorney, C. L. Hilton; commissioners, second district, A. Wagstrom; fourth district, George F. Freeman; coroner, Dr. Seashore. The populist ticket is not complete and there will be several vacancies to be filled by the county committee after the primaries. The following is the ticket to date: For the legislature, O. O. Sageng, Knud Pederson, S. D. Rider; register of deeds, G. G. Opsahl; sheriff, E. J. Sawyer; judge of probate, E. Frankberg; commissioners, second district, M. A. Granrud; fourth district, E. R. Keplinger. The democrats have only two candidates, as follows: Court commissioner, E. J. Pfeffere; coroner, Dr. Duncan.

Miss Goetzinger will run as an independent and will have no opposition for superintendent of schools.—Lawrence Adley, the 17-year-old son of O. F. Adley, of the town of Maine, died from heart failure. He was sitting at the breakfast table, and fell from his chair and was dead before the family realized that anything had happened.—Professor Skinner returned from the Pacific coast to-day, where he has been as a member of the botanical survey. He brought a fine collection of marine plants and animals for the high school.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The salmon run on the Fraser and in Vancouver harbor waters seems to have practically come to an end. If so, there will be but a half pack, about 280,000 cans being put up. Meanwhile Puget Sound salmon trap owners intend, by means of a Canadian organized and British Columbian registered joint stock company to provide a private adventure hatchery for the Fraser river. A site will probably be found at Quesnelle Lake, Cariboo on the upper Fraser. Canada's fishery authorities will probably raise no objection to this American organized effort.—The schooner Casco has succeeded, much to the satisfaction of the British Columbian sealing syndicate, in finding new hunting grounds in northern seas—what are known as the Fairweather pup grounds.

BILLINGS, MONT.—Billings officers have a man under arrest believed to be the much wanted Philip D. Watkins, who is accused of victimizing banks in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and other places. The man answers the description of Watkins and has with him a woman supposed to be from Omaha. He appeared at Billings under the alias of G. W. Swaine, and it is alleged passed on the proprietor of a hotel here a bogus check drawn on a Massachusetts bank. The fraud was discovered and he was apprehended with his companion at Newcastle, Wyo. The Billings authorities have received a message from Sheriff Cudihee of Seattle, saying the prisoner is wanted at that place on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

AUSTIN, MINN.—An Austin syndicate consisting of N. S. Banfield, cashier of the First National bank; John W. Scott, cashier of the Citizens' National bank; Lafayette French and James D. Sheedy, has purchased the big Taopi farm, comprising 4,280 acres, adjoining the village of Taopi, paying $177,000. The farm belonged to the Selah Chamberlain estate of Cleveland, O., and has always been cultivated as one tract. It will be cut up and sold in quarter section lots. The deal was made through Superintendent Kelly of the Chicago Great Western road, who had an option upon the property. This is considered a good piece of financiering for a place no larger than Austin. The deal was turned in a day.

BESSEMER, MICH.—George N. Sleight, Con Geary, Charles Graves, P. E. Swanson, H. M. Norris and L. S. Rice were elected delegates to the democratic congressional convention at Menominee for the twelfth district of Michigan. John Power of Escanaba will probably be the nominee.—Big bush fires are raging to the west and north of Bessemer and unless rain comes soon will cause great damage to standing timber. There has been no rain for over three weeks.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, WIS.—Eugene Harvey, F. Reagle, of Fall Creek, and John Davidson, of Boyd, were caught shooting prairie chickens out of season by the game warden.—Rev. J. W. Areson, of Elkhorn, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Christ Episcopal church.—Willie Martell fell from a telegraph pole yesterday, breaking his arm and injuring his skull. The doctors have little hope of his recovery.

KENYON, MINN.—Stocky Whittmore was arrested Tuesday at Empire by Deputy Sheriff Rehmke and brought here upon the charge of sodomy. The hearing was held to-day before Judge Brown and the defendant was bound over. He was sent to the county jail at Red Wing.

ASBESTOS FOUND

Valuable Deposits Uncovered Near Ishpeming, Mich.

ISHPEMING, MICH.—A valuable deposit of asbestos has been proved up near the Ropes gold mine, several miles from this city, and a local company is organized to develop the find. It has been known for fifteen years that the fibre existed in this section, but it was not until two months ago that systematic exploratory operations were started by a force of miners.

The work has been done on a hill that rises 300 feet in height. Numerous test pits have been dug, and the asbestos has been found to exist in a deposit 800 feet long by 200 in width. How much larger it is has not been determined, but it is certain that the mineral extends several hundred feet into the earth.

In some of the pits the asbestos is found in the form of a huge curl, or corkscrew, a foot in diameter, but practically all over the hill it lies in seams varying from a foot to three feet in thickness. In some cases it is covered with pure granite. There are many thousands of tons of the mineral in sight, and it is figured that at least a ton can be dislodged at every blast. The fibre averages five inches in length and is worth $40 a ton.

While it has long been known by miners that asbestos existed in the locality, it was the general impression it would not be found in paying quantities. At the time of the world's fair some of the fibre was sent to Chicago for exhibition and there aroused the curiosity of two western mining men, who later quietly visited the location of the find. They were satisfied with the showing and desired to develop the tract, but a deal for the purchase of the land fell through. As far as known asbestos has never been found in any other section of the Lake Superior district.

SHELL LAKE, WIS.—George Wolfe, the Chippewa Falls uxoricide, arose in court when sentenced and told the story of the murder, saying:

"Through jealousy, I had intended committing the crime for some time, but my temper had not reached that stage until June 27, when I returned home and another quarrel took place. I then determined to kill her. I got a rig after dinner and went to Gravel Island and dug the grave about six feet deep. I borrowed tools from the old Gup house, and threw them in the brush to use at night. About 9 o'clock I induced her to go riding, and we quarreled again. When I got to the pasture fence I struck her and pushed her out of the buggy. I got out on the other side. She was standing when I approached her. I knocked her down with a club. She appealed to me and said she would be faithful to me if I would stop. I was desperate, and would not hear her. Another blow di the work. I let her lay about fifteen minutes and then she seemed cold. I picked her up and carried her to the grave and buried her. I threw the tools in the brush."

HOUGHTON, MICH.—A skeleton found in the woods near the county poor farm is believed to be that Eli Haller, of Atlantic mine, who mysteriously disappeared a year and a half ago. The clothing found on the skeleton tallies with that worn by Mr. Haller.—Hundreds of copper country firemen and excursionists left yesterday for the annual tournament of the Upper Peninsula Firemen's association at Negaunee. Houghton, Hancock, Lake Linden, Dollar Bay, Calumet, Greenland, Mass City, Trimountain, Painesdale, and Mass City were represented by large delegations.—C. A. Wright, Jr., has returned from Buffalo and other eastern cities whither he went to investigate the coal situation. He declares there is not a pound of hard coal at Buffalo for shipment to the head of the lakes and won't be for at least several months.—C. J. Johnson, a Houghton contractor, has secured a contract to do some heavy grading work for the Chicago, Elgin & Peoria electric railroad. The contract price is $100,000. Grading equipment will be shipped from here and work started at once.

DAVENPORT, IOWA—A sensation was caused among the 190 saloonkeepers in Davenport when Edward J. Dahms, a young attorney, commenced suit for an injunction against Leo S. Gadient, and invoked the Iowa mulct law for the first time in this city. The attorney says other suits will follow.

WAUPACA, WIS.—A freight wreck on the Wisconsin Central ni which a tramp supposed to have hailed from Utica, N. Y., was killed and another from Kankakee, Ill., probably fatally injured. The man killed is said to be William O'Connell and the injured man James Farrell.

CLING TO FREE SILVER

Conference of Iowa Democrats—Row in Eleventh District.

DES MOINES, IOWA—A conference of the leading democrats of the state was held here yesterday preparatory to the state convention, and out of the twenty-five or thirty in attendance all, except two or three, were in favor of reaffirming the Kansas City platform.

Among those in attendance were C. A. Walsh, secretary of the national committee and Cato Sells of Vinton. Practically the only subject under discussion was reaffirmation and the most of the forenoon was taken up in its consideration.

When the meeting had been called to order Chairman McConnell requested those present to express themselves on the subject, and almost all declared that the thing to do was to reaffirm. None regarded silver as a live issue, but practically all were of the opinion that the Kansas City platform was the doctrine of the party until the next national convention. It was suggested that trusts and tariff should be made the leading features of the Iowa platform, and this suggestion met with general approval.

The conference was rather an impromptu affair. Each member of the committee was requested to invite a few of the leading democrats from his district. There was some discussion of the congressional situation and the consensus was that the chances for democratic success were good in the first, second, sixth and eighth districts, while the third presented a fruitful field of work. It seemed to be the general mpression that the Kansas City platform would be reaffirmed with little or no opposition in the state convention.

LE MARS, IOWA—The democrats of the eleventh congressional district at Le Mars yesterday nominated for congress T. M. Zink of Le Mars, and for district judge, E. J. Stason, Sioux City.

Mr. Zink is a lawyer of 45 years who has lived in Le Mars fifteen years. He is an avowed socialist. He was in Des Moines when nominated and no one knows whether he will accept or not. Before his nomination, J. H. Quick of Sioux City and J. T. Montgomery of Ida Grove were named, but declined.

The action of the district upon the question of whether or not the Kansas City platform should be reaffirmed by the state covnention has been looked forward to by the whole state. The test came in yesterday's convention upon an amendment introduced by Judge E. Van Wagenen, of Sioux City, to do away with the resolutions committee. The free silver wing was anxious for a resolutions committee to declare their views, and all knew this was the test. However, only two voted against the amendment.

Earl Bronson, of Spencer, was so provoked by the action of the convention that, remarking it did not seem to be a democratic convention at all, he moved Congressman Lot Thomas, nominated by the republicans, be indorsed, but was ruled out of order. Later in the day he made a personal attack upon J. M. Parsons, of Rock Rapids, before the judicial convention, asking him if he would vote for a democrat if one was nominated. He declared Clay county would not support T. M. Zink for congress.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—A chance raid by the police of a lodging-house at 221 Pearl street yesterday saved the life of Anna E. Whylie, a Sioux Falls girl. She had written a letter to her mother, telling her life was a burden, and was preparing to kill herself with morphine, of which a large quantity was found on her person. The girl's life has been a sad one. Her mother at Sioux Falls is a dissolute woman, who insisted on putting her on the street when she was 12 years old. Since then the girl's fall has been rapid, and, though but 21 years old, she is addicted to morphine and is broken in health and spirit. She fought the police at the station and declared she would kill herself there.

NEW MARKET, MINN.—The steel gang working on the Farmington-Mankato branch of the Burlington road is coming this way from Farmington, having the rails placed to a point about five miles from here. Progress is somewhat slow, as the contractors find it difficult to keep a full crew at work, owing to difficulties about wages, but it is thought the steel will be in place as far as this station, named Elko, by the middle of next week.

FRAZEE, MINN.—William Chilton died at St. Luke's hospital in St. Paul, Wednesday morning, after having an operation performed for an affection of the stomach. He was 56 years of age and was one of the first settlers in this county. The funeral was held from the M. E. church in this place to-day. Mr. Chilton left a wife and several grown up children.

STEVENSON IS HOT

Secretary of Masonic Insurance Company Writes the Governor.

YANKTON, S. D.—The headquarters of the Western Masons' Mutual Life Association has been legally moved from Yankton to Los Angeles, California. The association has long been incorporated under the laws of both South Dakota and California. Some years ago the articles of the Dakota corporation were amended, so as to give it power to transact all its business in another state.

All the records of the association are in Los Angeles and the interest bearing assets are all in safety deposit vaults there. In addition to prominent California Masons the following will remain directors: W. G. Scott, Winnipeg; F. J. Thompson, Fargo; W. H. Edmunds, Yankton; D. H. Wheeler, Omaha, and Judge W. D. Wright, Denver.

Gilbert F. Stevenson, the secretary, long a resident of Yankton, has addressed a letter to Governor Herreid in which he abuses the state officers and condemns the insurance laws. He says in part:

"A gang of newspaper brigands have manipulated the laws of South Dakota so that a self-respecting insurance corporation can no longer remain in the state. The law gives the insurance commissioner power to destroy any insurance company that has a manager who does not agree with him politically. He has power to take all the assets of a company to Pierre at any time. Should he embezzle the funds the company would have to look to his bondsmen. The state itself does not guarantee the safety of the funds, or in any event it is a soverign and cannot be sued. The insurance commissioner is generally the editor of some small weekly newspaper and does not know the first principles of insurance.

"Insurance companies are not creators of wealth but equalizers of losses. South Dakota is the only state that blackmails every fire insurance company out of from $300 to $500 a year. A people that will permit of such laws should be deprived of the benefits of fire and life insurance.

"This association has a by-lay that provides that if any state charges it more than $25 a year for the privilege of doing business therein the sum so charged shall be apportioned among the members residing in the state and collected as annual dues. Notwithstanding the fact that two attorney generals of South Dakota have declared that the law exempts this association from the 2 per cent tax, your appointee, the insurance commissioner, has caused us to levy a special assessment on the South Dakota members to pay taxes, or fines, for ten years back.

"This association has done more to advertise South Dakota than anything else in it and leaves it because of unjust laws."

PIPESTONE, MINN.—Professor J. Homer Grunn, the distinguished pianist, will depart from Pipestone on Sept. 15 on a trip to Berlin, Germany, where he will spend a year and a half. He will devote himself to three subjects, German, theory and composition, and piano.—On Tuesday next the schools of the city will open for the fall term. The list of instructors is as follows: F. E. George, superintendent; Edna Holbrook, principal of high school; high school instructors, Emelyne Voorhees, Anna Deem and E. Grace Green. Graded departments: Amy Smith, Harriet Bock, Lucy Golder, Myrtle Howard, Nellie Sutter, Elizabeth Smith, Edith Whitehead, Leila Curl, Gertrude Carlson, Mabel Dodge, Minnie Henry, Franta Soule, Jessie Walkup, Maud Walker.—H. D. Sanford entertained a party of old settlers for ex-Mayor L. H. More, who is visiting here, after having moved to Gentry, Ark. Abaut sixty guests were present.

JORDAN, MINN.—At the last meeting of the city council, sealed bids for bonds to be issued to the amount of $6,000, for the purpose of erecting a city electric lighting plant, were opened. There were about a dozen bids submitted, the best being that of John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, who offered to purchase the bonds at par, with a reduction of one-half percent from the interest rate specified by the city. Other bidders were above par, but at the normal rate of interest. Work on the plant will begin at once.

PRIOR LAKE, MINN.—The fraternal orders of Credit River joined in a harvest picnic at that place yesterday, and an immense crowd of people from all parts of the counties of Scott and Dakota were present. It was a Mecca for Scott county politicians for the nonce. A clay pigeon shooting tournament was held in connection with the festival which wound up with a grand ball in the evening.

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