TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

BUNCOED BY A WOMAN

80-Year-old Lover Loses $2,000 and His Bride-Elect.

CLINTON, IOWA.—A man of four score years, a buxom woman of 40 and a purse of $2,000 are the principal features in a romance of a highly sensational character which has just become known here.

A farmer aged 79 years, who reared a large family and bears an honored name in a litte town in northern Indiana, started a correspondence about two years ago, as a result of an advertisement in a matrimonial paper, which stated a "pretty and charming young widow desired to marry an old gentleman of wealth." The name of the man who answered the advertisement was T. G. Wood. Twice during the correspondence he visited this city and each time was met by the widow, who gave her name as Susan Dobson. On each occasion the man registered at the Columbia hotel and while here the widow took him out riding in a stanhope, going to the hotel after him and returning after their drive. She informed her aged but devout lover that it might cause talk here if he were seen at her home.

Last Monday, Mr. Wood, dressed in his best suit of clothes and his pockets filled with bank notes, arrived in the city and was met at the station by his lady love, who escorted him to the hotel for dinner. If he was attracted to her on his former visits, he was more than enraptured on the eve of their marriage. As soon as they had finished the meal, they went to the office of a notary and the old man produced an ante-nuptial contract, which he wanted acknowledged. The contract provided that in consideration of the sum of $1,000 cash in hand and an additional $1,000 when the wedding ceremony was performed, the bride was to release all claims upon his estate and waive all rights to his valuable property. The contract had been carefully drawn by his home attorneys.

After the legal formalities had been complied with, the old man opened a fat wallet and proceeded to count out $1,000 in crisp, new bills, which he handed to the chosen bride, who tucked the money in the bosom of her waist. The old fellow wanted to get married at once, but the bride stated she did not want the ceremony performed in Clinton and suggested that they take a buggy ride and the day following go to Chicago and have the knot tied there. This was agreed to and the carriage ride was taken. During the drive the bride elect pointed out the various pieces of property she owned in Clinton and on passing a certain fine residence, the woman stated her sister-in-law resided there, but as the women was ill she thought it best not to stop. It is a fine looking house and the old man thought he had secured a financial prize as well as a charming bride.

Tuesday forenoon she went to the hotel and they took the North-Western train for Chicago, where the marriage was to take place. According to the story Wood told while here Saturday, when they got to Chicago they went to a hotel. There the sly Susan induced him to pay over to her the remaining thousand and told him to go for the license and be prepared for the wedding on the following day and that she would meet him at the hotel. He secured the legal document and waited all the next day for the woman to appear, but she did not come. He waited for several days, but as he heard nothing from her, returned to Clinton for the purpose of learning what he could of the woman. He cautiously made some inquiries, but no one knew anything about such a woman. She had stated she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the pastor was consulted, but he knew nothing of Susan B. Dobson. An attorney was then consulted and Mr. Wood was informed, after he had told his story, that he had been buncoed out of $2,000 by an exceedingly clever woman.

Not being able to find trace of the woman, Mr. Wood decided he would drop the matter, for fear the members of his family would hear of the transaction, and Saturday night left for his Indiana home.

A special election is being held in this city to-day for the purpose of electing a successor to the late Mayor E. A. Hughes. The candidates are L. F. Sutton, republican; Wm. Poston, democrat, and W. V. Farver, labor union.

MITCHELL, S. D.—The democrats and populists held their conventions in this city Saturday afternoon to nominate a legislative and county ticket. A pathetic scene was witnessed when the handful of populists walked into the convention of the democrats. From a once strong dominant party in this county the populists have faded away, and now they are gobbled up by the democrats. The following ticket was nominated: Senator Abraham Boynton; representative, John Colvin; sheriff, Larry Byrnes; auditor, Joseph Craig; state's attorney, H. E. Hitchcock; register of deeds, F. P. Stearns; superintendent of schools, W. A. Barber; treasurer, Alfred Carlson; clerk of courts, George Kanouff. Little attention was paid to whether the nominees were democrats or populists, and the latter got as much as the democrats from the convention.—Mitchell's fourth corn palace will be opened from Sept. 29 to Oct. 8, inclusive. The exterior of the building is being covered with grains and grasses. DeBaugh's Twentieth Century band has been engaged for the leading musical attraction, and Reed's Fourth Regiment band will play hte last three days of the palace. Count DeButts, the trick bicycle rider, will give several exhibitions each day on the streets. Half-fare excursion rates have been secured. The exposition will show the great resources of the state in the sixteen county exhibits that have already been secured.

RAPID CITY, S. D.—The four suits of the Thomas Sweeney Hardware company against the Grand Island & Wyoming Central railroad company were settled out of court. By the settlement four auxiliary suits are also dismissed. These were four of the most important civil cases ever instituted in the Black Hills. The plaintiff was seking to foreclose several liens against the Burlington railroad, which was built by the Grand Island & Wyoming Central, filed for supplies furnished by the plaintiff to contractors. They were the outgrowth of transactions that occurred twelve years ago. The amount involved was over $25,000.

PIERCE, NEB.—No trace has been found of Gottlieb Niegenfiend, who killed Albert Breyer and Breyer's daughter, Niegenfield's former wife. From the time he disappeared into a corn field after his unsucoessful attempt to ravish Lena Breyer, nothing has been heard or seen of him. The bloodhounds from Lincoln followed the trail but a short distance. All posses have quit the search.

CHASKA, MINN.—The republican club of Chaska, 350 strong, held a rousing meeting. The principal speech was made by the club's favorite candidate for congress, P. W. Morrison of Carver. Morrison's strength was clearly demonstrated by the hearty approval he received and it is safe to predict that he will carry Carver county by 1,200 majority. The club's next meeting will be held Sept. 20.

WEST SUPERIOR, WIS.—Burt Winslow has secured a judgment of $1,000 against Dwight H. Kennedy for the alienation of his wife's affections. He brought suit for $10,000. The woman testified in Kennedy's behalf. Letters that passed between Kennedy and her were introduced in evidence.

MONTEVIDEO, MINN.—The store of H. L. Bergh was broken into last night, both the front and back doors being opened. Only a few goods are missing. This is the second time the store has been robbed this year. There is no clue.

$30 AND $40 AN ACRE

Wonderful Increase in Valuation in the Milbank Country.

MILBANK, S. D.—Building improvements in this city and through the county are numerous and of the most substantial character. Four two-story brick buildings are near completion on Main street. Several handsome private residences have also been built. Never in the history of the county have real estate transfers been so numerous. Farm lands are changing hands at from $30 to $42.50 an acre.

There is something of an exodus from this county to North Dakota, Assiniboia and Alberta in Canada, and to the Pacific coast, while, upon the other hand, large numbers of newcomers from Iowa are investing in lands and becoming residents here. Others still are investing in lands in Canada for speculation, while many are investing in the Baker Mount mines in the state of Washington. A party of farmers who had sold their lands to excellent advantage made a recent trip to the mines and, having brought back glowing accounts of their richness, have invested heavily and have induced others to invest.

The co-operative creameries in this county are prospering and are steadily gaining new patrons. The cattle and hog buyers are busy and shipments are becoming more numerous. The railroad is doing the heaviest freight and passenger traffic ever known since the line was extended to this section twenty-two years ago. Several new firms have engaged in business in this city, and there is not a vacant store or dwelling house.

The following nominations were made on Saturday at the Grant county republican convention: Senator, Pierce Cahill; representatives, Edgar Kelley and John D. Steiner; clerk of courts, W. F. Rabbitt; state's attorney, Thad L. Fuller; auditor, George H. Pinckney; treasurer, Nils Forsberg; judge, S. S. Lockhart; register of deeds, E. P. Brockman; superintendent of schools, Grant Riggle; coroner, Dr. W. A. Kriesel; surveyor, W. S. Crowl; county commissioners, first district, Ben Moser; second district, John Erickson. All nominations were made by acclamation. Senator Kittredge was indorsed for re-election. A resolution was adopted instructing the legislative delegation to support liberal appropriations for the support of the state militia.

HURON, S. D.—W. H. Thrall, in charge of Congregational missions in South Dakota, has returned from a trip in various parts of his field. He assisted in the ordination of two young Sioux Indians to become pastors of churches; one is Henry Waukuterman, who will have charge of a church at Grand River, and the other Benjamin Zimmerman, who will become pastor of a church at Little Moreau. He also assisted in the installation of Rev. Frances Frazier, as pastor of the Congregational church at Santee.—Miss Annie Larson and Louis Pederson, both of Hitchcock, were united in marriage.—Dr. E. C. Walton and wife have returned from Plainview, Minn., where they attended the funeral of their son, William Walton, who was suffocated by gas in a hotel in West Superior.—A convention of Beadle county prohibitionists is called to meet in this city on Sept. 22, to nominate candidates for the legislature and for county offices.

IRONWOOD, MICH.—A lodge of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was organized in this city Sunday by T. R. Dodge, second vice grand master. The lodge will be known as Iron Range Lodge No. 638, and is officered as follows: Past master, B. W. Babcock; master, Robert T. Healy; vice master,, Otto Wurl; secretary, James Sampson; financier, Robert Tobin; journal agent, Gus Anderson; conductor, Pat Foley; chaplain, J. C. Sauer; warden, O. F. Cochrane; inner guard, Charles O'Neill; outer guard, John Gallagher.—Mrs. P. E. Stauff has sold the Clarendon hotel to Mr. Rubarge of Rice Lake, Wis., an experienced hotel man.—A large buck deer came into the city and attracted the attention of many people. After showing some bewilderment, it leisurely went away.—The attendance at the Gogebic county fair last week was small owing to the inclement weather. The exhibits surpassed any shown here before.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA—At the annual meeting of the Central Iowa Spiritualist association, the following officers were elected: President, E. M. Vail, Marshalltown, Iowa; vice president, Max Hoffman, Chicago; secretary, Mrs. L. J. Wolever, Marshalltown; treasurer, H. M. Beeson, Albion. This city has been selected as the permanent location for the camp meeting and as headquarters for the assocation.—The largest sewage disposal plant in Iowa and, it is believed, in the west, has just been started up in this city. The first sewage was turned in Saturday. The tanks covered several acres of ground and are made of cement. Now that the sewage plant is completed, it is understood the big glucose plant, employing over 300 men night and day, will resume operations.

GLYNDON, MINN.—Two joints called temperance saloons, run by Tom Anderson and John Erickson respectively, were raided last night by deputy sheriffs sent down from Moorhead. Goods supposed to be illegal were found at both places, and were seized and taken to Moorhead by team. The proprietors were placed under arrest and will have a hearing before Judge Torson in Moorhead this afternoon—The new bank building is completed and was opened for business this morning. Norman A. Stadman of Barnesville will be cashier.

JAMESTOWN, N. D.—The recent escape from the Fessenden jail of O'Brien, the self-confessed murderer of Fritz Prillip, seems to be a happy circumstance for Taylor, the Bowdon man, who was implicated by O'Brien in the murder. Taylor is out on bonds. His conviction cannot be secured without the evidence of O'Brien.—Specimens of wheat, flax, grasses, speltz, oats and some of the products of the prairie and woods, are being collected for the St. Louis exposition. Already many choice samples have been secured.

WILLISTON, N. D.—There is a report of a gold find in Williams county. The find is said to be in Hungry gulch, about twenty miles from Williston, and to be under a strata of lignite coal. Men who have followed mining and prospecting assert it is not possible that the yellow stuff should be found in any quantities so close to coal, but pockets may be in the gulch.

MELLETTE, S. D.—Professor E. C. Chilcott of the agricultural college at Brookings and Professor M. A. Carlton, cerealist for the agricultural department at Washington, were in Mellette to look over the results of experiments made in the growing of macaroni wheat and other grains at the Hunter-Salzer farm. Eighty-eight different varieties of grain were sown.

FARGO, N. D.—After refusing to come to North Dakota without requiston papers, C. E. Long changed his mind and is now in the local jail. He is thought to be an accomplice of John Rooney in the murder of Harold Sweet of White Earth, Minn., who was shot here two weeks ago. Long's capture was effected through a decoy letter.

HOKAH, MINN.—Charles Hammer, a well known Hokah farmer, died last night. He was fatally injured by a train on Saturday night while walking home on the track. He leaves a wife and son.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Postmasters appointed to-day: Montana—Reed, Sweet Grass county, John Date. North Dakota—Schmidt, McLain county, C. H. Brandhagen.

$40,000 FIRE IN WOLSEY

Business Center of the S. Dakota Town Burned Out.

HURON, S. D.—Property to the value of $40,000 was destroyed by fire in Wolsey, the junction of the Chicago & North-Western and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railways, thirteen miles west of this city yesterday afternoon. A special train over the North-Western line carried a portion of the Huron fire department to Wolsey, arriving in time to save the whole business portion of the town from destruction.

The burned district includes several of the best buildings in the place, and the destruction is the worst ever experienced there by fire. The losses mostly fall upon men illy able to stand them. Fortunately little wind was blowing and this prevented the fire from spreading to the residence portion of the place.

Besides the business houses destroyed the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen and Workmen lost their halls and most of their paraphernalia and several roomers also suffered loss. The origin of the fire is unknown. It started in the old skating rink owned by Chenoweth Bros., and occupied by John Shay and E. O. Snyder as a wareroom for buggies and machinery. Mr. Snyder's loss on stock is $5,000, with small insurance.

Henry Newton, double store, with general merchandise and drugs, loss on stocks $6,000; insurance, including building, $5,000; Chenoweth Bros., general stock, loss on stock, $4,500; on building, $1,000; insurance, stock and building, $3,500, mostly on mutual plan. J. W. Hopkins, barber shop, loss $300; J. C. Connors, saloon, $600; Peter Myers, hardware and machinery, stock, $3,000; insurance on stock, $2,500, on building, $1,000. Mr. Snyder also owned the building occupied by the Vermillion Land company, worth $800. The company's loss is $300.

The Dakota Central telephone office, with all fixtures, is a total loss. Several small warerooms and sheds were also burned, and adjacent buildings damaged by fire and water.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.—It is something unusual to se so much excitement over county offices. The county clerk, treasurer, superintendent, surveyor and probably atorney will succeed themselves. The great fight will be over the register, assemblyman and sheriff. There are many avowed candidates for these offices and they have been spending much time and money in securing delegations. Mayor H. A. Bright is making a hard fight for the nomination for assemblyman. He represents the "stalwart" faction. He is one of the oldest settlers in the country and has always been a republican and a very successful busines man. It is said his announcement as a candidate is worded in such a way that if he is defeated in the convention he will be an independent candidate and take his chances with the people. It is also said if he is an independent candidate the democrats will not put up anyone against him. Mr. Hancock, who was a candidate for state senator, is being urged on by the same element that brought him forward for senator. The outlook is for the nomination of a man who will stand by La Follette. If this is done and Mr. Bright becomes an independent candidate, it will be anybody's fight until election. — The city schools opened this morning with John E. Hale as principal and three assistants in the high school, nine in the grades and a deaf and dumb department. There will be a probable enrollment of about 500.—Rev. L. A. Brenner, who has been pastor of the M. E. society for three years, preached his farewell sermon last night and will move at once to his new charge at Mauston.

BRAINERD, MINN.—There is a great scarcity of laborers in Brainerd and vicinity. It is estimated that one thousand men could find employment here. Men are being employed at the mills and shops as fast as they can be secured.—Edward H. White, nephew of the late L. P. White, died at his home at noon yesterday.—In a few days the details of a divorce suit that will be of great interest to Brainerd people will doubtless appear in the twin city papers. A young man of Brainerd will be charged with alienating the affections of a wife and will figure conspicuously in the case when it comes to trial. The husband held a position with the Northern Pacific until some months ago when he and his family moved to St. Paul. It is said they had no more than become setteld when the young man from Brainerd showed up and there has been continual strife, of which the divorce procedings are the sequel.

BISMARCK, N. D.—Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state for the organization of the Enderlin Savings bank at Enderlin. The incorporators are Herman Shirly, W. J. Fowler, J. C. Harper, W. A. Thompson, Ed Falkenberg, N. P. Peterson, John J. Gruye, Dan Burphy and C. C. Chamberlain, all local capitalists. This will make three banks for Enderlin. The field has been occupied by the State bank for years, until a few weeks ago some eastern men, attracted by the prosperous appearance of the town, organized the First National bank.

EXCELSIOR, MINN.—J. E. Bell entertained the members of his Sunday school class at his home on Gideon's bay last Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. Mr. Bell makes it a regular practice every year to entertain his class of boys before returning to the city.—Ex-Senator Gustav Theden, who is a candidate for reelection, gave a smoke social at the town hall, Excelsior, Saturday evening.—H. B. Petterson will build several ice boats for the coming winter, patterned after the fastest models and all to be of an extra large size.

TYNDALL, S. D.—G. L. Hurd has sold his newspaper, the Rock Valley (Iowa) Bee, and is looking for a new location. He is thinking of coming to Tyndall.—A telephone line is being constructed from Wagner to Greenwood. It will be a great convenience to the people at the agency.—F. Monfore and Miss Anna Bauska were married at Springfield by Rev. Mr. Wicks.—Another rural mail route will probably be established in Bon Homme county, supplying a thickly populated section between Tyndall and Bon Homme.

ST. JAMES, MINN.—The four-days' fair and carnival closed Saturday. It was a complete success from start to finish. On Saturday Governor Van Sant and L. A. Rosing were present and spoke.—L. S. Burrell, of Rosendale township, sold his fine 240-acre farm last week for $60 an acre. Seven farms were sold last week in Riverdale township at prices ranging from $40 to $50 an acre.

DULUTH, MINN.—A huge brown bear was shot and killed by a 16-year-old boy at the east end of the boulevard. This is the sixteenth bear killed inside the city limits the last two weeks.—Thomas Lynch, a supposed tramp, died at the Red Cross hospital Friday, and it developed to-day that he was a well-to-do farmer near Aitkin.

OMAHA, NEB.—Earl Caldwell, a machinist, who recently came from Chicago, was killed in the street. The tragedy was an outgrowth of the Union Pacific strike. Caldwell and another strike breaker, who came into the city from the shops, were set upon by six men and Caldwell died soon afterwards.

EDGERLEY, S. D.—A peculiar final proof was made at Edgeley recently. Several years ago James H. Culley, a young farmer who was holding down a homestead, mysteriously disappeared. The supposition is that he was killed accidentally or waylaid. His father, Joseph Culley, has kept up the improvements and made final proof on his claim.

THIRTY WILL GO

Personnel of the Party Who Will Christen Cruiser Des Moines.

DES MOINES, IOWA.—The personnel of the official party that will leave Des Moines next Wednesday evening in Governor Cummins' special car to attend the launching of the cruiser Des Moines at Quincy, Mass., has been announced. A party of thirty will go with the governor. It will include all the members of the executive council and their wives, the governor's staff, ex-Congressman George Curtis of Clinton and wife, and several other friends of the governor, and Miss Elsie Macomber, who will christen the cruiser.

While in Boston the party will be the guests of the Fore River Ship company, which is building the cruiser. Governor Crane of Massachusetts will entertain Governor Cummins and Mrs. Cummins, and Miss Macomber will be entertained by the women's club of Boston. Governor Cummins will get back to Des Moines Sept. 25, and will leave that evening for Sioux City to meet President Roosevelt, whom he has arranged to accompany across the state in a special car. The city of Des Moines will be represented at the launching by Mayor Brenton and several of the city officers.

Des Moines capitalists have taken a lease of land twenty-five miles from this city, which has been found to contain lead. It is believed the mineral exists in paying quantities. If the vein proves to be as rich as expected, the deposit will be worked. Several specimens of lead taken from the tract have been exhibited. It is said the vein is about four feet thick. The men interested refuse to divulge the exact locality, as they have leased but a part of the land they wish to obtain. The discovery has produced a sensation. Up to this time, lead has been found in paying quantities only in the northeastern part of the state.

The meeting of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows here this week is bringing from the south a large number of ex-Confederates. Among the number is Judge O. J. Semmes of Mobile, Alabama, son of the noted Captain Rapheal Semmes, who commanded the Alabama when that vessel was sunk by the Kearsarge. Judge Semmes served in the Confederate army, being a major of light artillery when a mere boy. He says the influx of people from Iowa and Wisconsin into Alabama is surprisingly large. Three hundred have settled in southern Alabama in the last month and nearly all have gone into fruit raising.

PIERRE, S. D.—Governor Herreid will in a few days appoint twenty delegates to the meeting of the National Irrigation congress, which is to be held at Colorado Springs, from Oct. 6 to 9, inclusive.—While Hughes county will have no general county exhibit at the Central South Dakota fair, at Huron, there will be a private exhibit of Hughes county products which will show the visitors at the fair that farming is not a dream on the Missouri slope.—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the New Century Gold Extracting company at Huron, with a capital of $1,000,000. The Carterville Mining company at Huron, with a capital of $500,000. The Golden West Mining company of Deadwood, with a capital of $3,000,000. The Great Northern Oil and Gas company of Huron, with a capital of $1,000,000. The Catalans Lumber company at Pierre, with a capital of $10,000,000.—Governor Herreid has appointed Dr. C. B. Alford of Huron a member of the state board of health, to fill a vacancy.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—Bishop James Schwebach has announced the following dates for his regular tour of confirmation: Sept. 27, Odanah; 28, dedication of new St. Stanislaus church at Ashland; 30, Iron River; Oct. 1, dedication of new church at Lake Nabagemain; 2, Mellen; 3, Phillips; 5, Marathon City; 6, Cassel; 7, Edgar, confirmation and dedication of a new church; 8, Stafford, dedication of new school house and congrmation; 10; Poniatowski; 14, Pine Hollow; 15, St. Mary's ridge; 19, Durand; 29, Lima; 21, Mondovi; 22, Eau Claire; 23, Farmhill; 24, Plum City; 26, Fountain City; 27, Pine Creek; 28, North Creek; 29, Independence.—The jewelry store of A. J. Ness was robbed. Twenty-five watches and a quantity of other valuable jewels were stolen. No clue can be discovered.—Rev. C. M. Tollefson, pastor of the Bethel Lutheran church, has resigned and left to-day for Brooklyn, N. Y., where he has accepted a call. Rev. Mr. Brentson of Colfax, Wis., will fill the local pulpit for the present.

CALUMET, MICH.—The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railway is being extended to Laurium. Heretofore the terminus of the line has been in Red Jacket, but with the entrance of the Copper Range competition will be more strenuous and the company will establish freight and passenger stations in Laurium.—Frank S. Carlton was elected president of the Upper Peninsula association of the Knights Templar at the reunion at Sault Ste. Marie.—The Escanaba baseball team has arranged for a tour of the copper country. Games will be played with all the teams in this district. The attendance of the public schools of Lake Linden has increased 100 this year.—The Bloy & Richards Manufacturing company has bee norganized by W. J. Bloy and William Richards.—A shipment of 180 tons of copper from Portage Lake smelters was lost on the steamer Stevens, which burned on Long Point in Lake Erie.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—Mrs. B. M. Keohsel, of New York city, daughter of ex-Judge Moore of the New York courts and ex-colonel of an empire state regiment during the civil war, has instituted a suit in South Dakota for divorce from her husband, Conrad Koehsel, on the ground of incompatability of temper.—Following the example of Cora Belle Fellows, Miss Nellie M. Brown, for some time a teacher in the government Indian school at Crow Creek agency, has just been married to Fred Medicine Crow, an Indian. The bride is good looking and highly educated. It is said her parents reside in Washington.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS.—The republican county convention nominated John M. Sorlie for county clerk, E. R. Buchholz for treasurer, Asa Fletcher for sheriff, Leopold Kortsch for coronor, George J. Losby for clerk of court, De Alton S. Thomas for district attorney, A. M. Anderson for register of deeds, George Hudson for surveyor and Miss Laura Bruce for school superintendent.

TACOMA, WASH.—Eight hundred sheep lie dead along Dixie creek, in northern Grant county, Oregon, as a result of eating or licking a poisonous substauve. Five hundred of these were owned by J. C. Oliver of John Day county, and 300 by J. C. Moore of Mount Vernon, a town in southern Grant county.

HARVEY, N. D.—Kasimir Sander has been arrested, charged with attempting to murder Mr. and Mrs. Vinzens Wiest, Sander and Vinzens quarreled and Sander followed Mr. and Mrs. Wiest when they were going home, it is alleged, and fired three shots, striking one of the horses they were driving.

DODGE CENTER, MINN.—At the laying of the cornerstone for the new Congregational church, Rev. G. R. Merrill of Minneapolis gave the address and was followed by Rev. J. F. Taintor of Rochester and others. The stone was laid by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Bosard.

CHURCHES FERRY, N. D.—Wagner Bros. lost their barn Saturday night by fire, also twenty-three head of horses, fifteen and one-half sets of harness and about 300 bushels of grain.

WAUSAU, WIS.—Burt Williams, mayor of Ashland, was nominated for congress by the tenth district democratic convention.

GUARDSMEN GAINING

General Advance in Marksmanship Shown by Official Repart.

STILLWATER, MINN.—Captain Orris E. Lee, inspector of small arms' practice, N. G., S. M., has completed his report on the range work during the encampment this year. Renewed interest has been shown and it continues to grow and gives promise of being a permanent advance in this essential qualification of a soldier.

The Third infantry again won by an increase over what had been a record score. The First infantry increased its team score 215 points, and the Second infantry by 283 points. There were twenty-eight sharpshooters qualified in 1901, and fifty-seven in 1902. There was a large increase in the number of marksmen.

Excellent Scores.

Sergeant W. B. Burlingham, Company C, St. Paul, and Artificer Francis J. Britton, Company F. Third regiment, Brainerd, qualified as distinguished riflemen, which means something in this state, as it is necessary to qualify as a sharpshooter for five years. Lieutenant Joseph C. Strachan, Company B, Minneapolis, made the highest score of the season—221 out of a possible 250—a marvelous score. Corporal G. F. Oech, Company C, Second regiment, Winona, came next with 219. Fourteen made over 200. Captain E. G. Falk, adjutant First infantry, has qualified as a sharpshooter for eleven years, and Captain O. E. Lee comes next in line with ten years to his credit.

Percentage in Volley Firing.

Great interest was manifest in volley firing and the following table will show the percentage of each company, also individual per cent and percentage of efficiency:

COMPANY.	Hits. 600.	800.	1,000.	Total.	Per Cent Volleys.	Per Cent Individual.	Per Cent Efficiency.
First Infantry—							
A, Minneapolis	32	45	20	97	.288	.266	.268
B, Minneapolis	35	23	15	73	.185	.415	.392
C, St. Paul	14	9	18	41	.162	.223	.215
D, St. Paul	30	21	15	75	.223	.207	.208
E, St. Paul	21	10	13	44	.158	.220	.203
F, Minneapolis	31	10	16	57	.146	.220	.221
G, Red Wing	37	22	16	75	.188	.143	.147
I, Minneapolis	33	10	11	54	.160	.346	.327
K, Stillwater	38	38	29	105	.269	.159	.170
Second Infantry—							
A, New Ulm	23	14	16	53	.223	.145	.153
B, Faribault	18	17	10	45	.147	.200	.195
C, Winona	24	23	22	69	.233	.278	.266
D, Northfield	18	18	10	46	.187	.250	.246
E, Pipestone	28	24	16	68	.208	.223	.222
F, Rochester	37	31	30	98	.409	.232	.249
G, Austin	24	17	23	64	.214	.183	.186
H, Mankato	30	28	13	71	.371	.183	.203
I, Owatonna	41	25	17	83	.283	.235	.239
Third Infantry—							
A, Duluth	24	26	12	62	.159	.165	.164
B, Anoka	17	13	9	39	.189	.297	.286
C, Duluth	40	28	25	93	.309	.290	.211
D, Zumbrota	29	14	9	43	.268	.236	.239
E, St. Paul	30	21	19	70	.261	.093	.119
F, Brainerd	28	30	15	73	.214	.234	.232
G, Princeton	33	22	10	65	.214	.234	.232
H, Olivia	29	14	12	55	.176	.254	.246

The following table shows the number of men in each class on the range and qualifications:

	No. on Range.	Sharpshooters.	Marksmen.	1st Cl.	2d Cl.	3d Cl.
Co. of Engineers	40	..	2	2	3	33
First Infantry	481	24	100	39	91	227
Second Infantry	411	12	60	31	84	224
Third Infantry	363	13	46	26	63	215
Totals	1,295	49	208	98	241	669

Company Team Match.

Following is the result of the company team match:

Company B, First Infantry, Minneapolis—

Name and Rank.	Yds. 200	Yds. 300	Yds. 500	To. Sc.
Captain Frank B. Rowley	36	42	36	114
1st Lieut. Joseph C. Strachan	46	45	42	133
Sergt. Percy L. McClay	46	26	27	99
Art. James H. Chant	48	46	35	129
Private Charles A. Allen	42	42	33	117
Private Wilbrod J. St. Amant	46	44	35	125
Private George Sinclair	41	44	40	125
Totals	305	289	248	842

Company C, Second Infantry, Winona—

2d Lieut. Clarence W. Frazee	33	38	32	103
1st Sergt. Wm. A. Pohlman	44	42	11	97
Gergt. Dudolph H. Bohn	43	44	29	116
Corporal Henry F. Buetner	38	38	34	110
Corporal George F. Oech	46	38	36	119
Private Max L. Cieminski	28	42	29	99
Private Frank Wunlerlich	35	42	28	105
Totals	267	284	198	749

Company F, Third Infantry, Brainerd—

Captain Wm. Nelson	46	39	37	122
Sergt. Franklin W. Britton	45	41	34	120
Corporal John Seibert	38	40	27	105
Corporal Frederick L. Britton	48	43	32	123
Art. Francis J. Britton	37	41	33	111
Private Samuel R. Adair	33	31	20	84
Private Christian M. Opsahl	48	47	37	132
Totals	295	282	220	797

GRAFTON, N. D.—The democratic caucuses held Saturday night chose the following delegates to the county convention on Sept. 20: Charles Moore, Charles Ledwich, Duncan Ferguson, John Dunh, J. C. Risvold, J. C. Driscoll, T. D. Casey, J. S. Brosnahan, George Bedmer, A. Walker, W. N. Smith. This delegation is known to be favorable to the candidacy of Thomas Bannon for sheriff, George Shepherd for county judge and Jeff M. Myers for states attorney. It is not believed that there is any serious opposition to the renomination of O. M. Traser for auditor, J. M. Szarkowski for register of deeds and N. H. Rinde for clerk of court. The fact that W. N. Smith, chairman of the independent county central committee, is a delegate to the democratic county convention would indicate that the independents do not intend to keep up their organization or place a ticket in the field. Populism in Walsh county is a thing of the past.—A 5-year-old child of Adolph Anderson, a prominent farmer living just out of the city, died suddenly this morning and another child is sick. Dr. Glaspel pronounces it diptheria. A threshing crew has been working on Mr. Anderson's farm and is thought to have been exposed.—Fire from burning straw destroyed about thirty acres of wheat near Voss Saturday.

DEADWOOD, S. D.—The Lawrence county republican central committee met and reorganized. George V. Ayres, of Deadwood, was elected to succeed himself as chairman. L. P. Jenkins, of Lead, vice chairman, and J. C. McLemoreau, of Lead, secretary. The chairman, vice chairman and secretary will name the executive committee, and to the committee will be left the appointment of a treasurer. Candidates for county offices were assessed 10 per cent of their first year's salary to provide a campaign fund, the sheriff's office being rated at $4,000 a year and county commissioners $500. Legislative candidates are assessed $35 each. A resolution was introduced asking President Roosevelt to reappoint John Baker to the postoffice at Deadwood, and after a spirited fight carried. It calls upon Congressman Eben W. Martin to exert his influence in Mr. Baker's behalf.

MARSHFIELD, WIS.—Word has been received that John Hoelz, a prominent Marshfield business man, has lost his way in the deep swamp lands in the northern part of this state and has wandered for two days and two nights without food. Hoelz was one of a party of seventeen who left this city Sept. 6 for a hunting trip near High lake. On the morning of Friday, Sept. 12, he went into the forest to shoot partridges. Not returning at noon search was made for him and at night bonfires were built on the highest points, but all efforts to locate him proved futile and it is the belief of six of the party who returned to this city this morning that Hoelz is a victim of accidental shooting, either by himself or others, else he would have heard or seen the signals that were given him. The remainder of the party remained in the woods to continue the search.

PERHAM, MINN.—Jacob Zawatzki and team were killed by a stock train Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock while crossing the track. The dead man lived in the town of Corliss and had a wife and seven children.

SHOT A WOMAN

Revolver Aim of Jealous John W. Reed Was Bad.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—While Mrs. John W. Reed and a neighbor, Mrs. J. C. Smith, escorted by Henry Martin, were on their way from attending the Salvation Army meeting in this city to their homes west of the city last night they met John W. Reed, who was on horseback. He passed them, but a few minutes later turned back and approached them and, drawing a revolver, fired, presumably at Martin, but the bullet struck Mrs. Smith, passing through the fleshy part of her hip, inflicting a wound which is not dangerous.

Martin returned the fire, shooting at Reed three times but without taking effect It is said that Reed had threatened to kill both his wife and Martin if he found them together.

Reed and his wife some months ago figured in the local courts, he accusing her of being too intimate with the hired man. The case was finally dropped and the principals made up their troubles. Recently Reed has been jealous of the attentions paid his wife by Martin and this resulted in the shooting last night.

Reed rents the William Holt farm west of the city. He was arrested this morning.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.—Mission meetings will be held in St. Peter's Danish Lutheran church Tuesday evening, Wednesday afternoon and evening and all day Sunday. The pastor, Rev. J. Simonson, will be assisted by Revs. Messrs. Harold Jensen, of Blair, I. Gjertsen, of Hutchinson, A. M. Nelson, of Minneapolis, and J. C. Gunderson, of Menominee, Wis.—Carleton and St. Olaf colleges opened the past week and at each the attendance was exceptionally good. The ladies' hall and cottages at Carleton were filled to overflowing and several were turned away on account of lack of room. At St. Olaf eighty-three new students enrolled the first day and many have enrolled since. At Carleton four new teachers have been added to the faculty, Bruce V. Hill, teacher of physics and mathematics; Grace L. Robinson, English literature; Ernest E. Jones, biology, chemistry and physical training, and Carolyne A. Young, pianoforte, violin, mandolin and history of music. At St. Olaf college Prof. Paul Schmidt, former principal of the academy in Minneapolis, has been given a place on the faculty and will teach mathematics and Greek. Miss Freda Bu will teach Norwegian and Latin.—Mrs. Mary J. Hodge, who died here last week, left a will which gives one-half of her residence property to the Masonic lodge and the other half to the Episcopal church society.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA—It is announced that the republicans will open the campaign in this county on Oct. 2, with one of the biggest meetings ever held in this part of the state. Speaker Henderson, Senator Dolliver and Congressman Lacey will speak.—"Eight years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Anamosa" was the sentence passed on N. A. Bucy by Judge J. H. Richards of the district court. Bucy is the rural mail carrier at Alden who was indicted on five counts for forgery and on trial on one of the indictments was found guilty.—A ladies' auxiliary to Ellsworth hospital has been organized and will at once take up the work of furnishing the new institution with bedding, linen and bandages.

BAYARS, IOWA—A pig has been the cause of no end of legal contention. Two farmers, Pat McDonald and James Linton, were the contestants. It took thirteen witnesses, six jurors, one justice of the peace, one clerk of the court, one constable, two attorneys and the two alleged owners to determine the ownership. Linton finally got the pig. It was valued at $10 and the costs in the case already foot up $60, with prospects that the case will be carried on through the higher courts.

HASTINGS, MINN.—The funeral of Mrs. Edward Welch, of Langdon, was held from the Church of the Guardian Angels in this city to-day, Rev. J. A. Fitzgerald