

## TODAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

## MINNESOTA

## STATE BANK ROBBED

Safe Blown to Pieces and \$400 in Silver Taken by Cracksmen at Kasota.

When the Town Was Aroused by the Explosion the Robbers Fled on a Handcar.

Special to The Journal.

Kasota, Minn., March 12.—At 3 o'clock this morning the safe in the State bank of Kasota was blown by two cracksmen and \$400 in silver taken.

The men seized a handcar immediately after the explosion and started south on the Omaha line. Officers went to work at once on the case and it is believed the robbers will be caught.

Mrs. O. T. Buell, wife of the cashier of the bank, heard the explosion and aroused her husband, who gathered a few neighbors and was too soon to see the men. They fled, however, realizing, apparently, that to remain longer was to invite a fight or at least a hot chase. Two strangers seen on the streets undoubtedly did the job.

## BEMIDJI'S NEW MILL

Sixty-five Men Installing Machinery—Plant to Be Ready May 15.

BEMIDJI, MINN.—Machinery for the Crookston Lumber company's new saw mill is on the ground. The boilers, gang and band saws are placed and the work is being pushed. The machinery for the planing mill is arriving daily and about thirty more men will be put on this work. About sixty-five men are at work putting in the machinery and the company expects to have the mill in operation by May 15.

The crop of logs this year will be the largest ever harvested in this part of the state. The winter has been an ideal one, the only drawback being the lack of men. One or two camps have broken up, but it is expected that the most of them will hold out for a while longer.

Water this spring will also help the loggers.

The main contest on election day was for the office of justice of the peace, there being four candidates. J. L. Reynolds was re-elected. For the office of treasurer, W. L. Brooks, cashier of the Lumberman's State bank, defeated F. Kennedy, cashier of the First National bank, by a large majority. Following is the ticket elected: President, J. A. Lundington; trustees, A. B. Hazen, John Graham and W. N. Bower; recorder, W. L. Brooks; assessor, James Doran; justice, J. L. Reynolds; constables, J. F. Hennessy and George Palmer.

## FLOUR MILL BURNED

Loss at Elk River Is \$35,000, with Insurance of \$24,000.

ELK RIVER, MINN.—The 300-barrel frame flour mill of the Elk River Milling company burned about 6:30 a. m. The fire was past control when discovered and nothing could be saved from the office or mill. The loss is \$35,000, with insurance of \$24,000.

Surrounding buildings, which were all of frame, were saved. The insurance on the mill was \$24,000. The loss on the mill and machinery is \$35,000. The loss on the mill and machinery is \$35,000. The loss on the mill and machinery is \$35,000.

Only one ticket was in the field at the annual town election yesterday. N. K. Whittemore was elected chairman. Charles E. Brown and A. H. Keen, supervisors; Charles E. Brown, clerk; Henry Castle, treasurer; A. B. DeLaittre, assessor; E. H. Davis and J. C. Carr, justices; George Worden and R. D. Roth, constables.

The vote in Otsego town, Wright county, on a proposition to bond for \$5,000 for a bridge at this place, stood 100 against and 90 for.

## CHURCH MEETINGS

Plans for Two Conventions by Methodists of Winona District.

WINONA, MINN.—Presiding Elder J. F. Stout reports plans for two district gatherings. The ministers will hold their annual spring meeting at Racine on May 15, 19 and 20. The 11th annual conference of the Winona district will be held at Epworth on June 5, 6 and 7. It is expected to have Rev. Dr. W. F. Oldham of New York, a returned missionary, deliver the address, while Rev. Dr. F. Berry, secretary of the Epworth League, has promised to attend that convention.

The Winona Oratorical society has decided to put on the opera "Pinafore," sometime in May. The solo parts will be taken by Winona vocalists, and the chorus will be large.

Mrs. Ann Wright died yesterday afternoon. She had been prominent in W. C. T. U. work.

The young people of the cathedral parish will next Tuesday evening present the play "Shannon Boys" in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

## BRITT'S BODY RETURNED

Morris Man Probably Robbed and Murdered in Washington State.

MORRIS, MINN.—The body of W. W. Britt of Chokio, this county, arrived last evening from North Yakima, Wash., where he died under peculiar circumstances. The coroner's jury reported that he died of an overdose of morphine, administered by an unknown person.

Just how much money Mr. Britt had no one seems to know, though his family think he started from here with \$1,400. Money had to be telegraphed there, so it is believed someone robbed him on the way. Mr. Britt was born in 1849 and had lived near Littlefield before moving to Stevens county. He ran for county auditor on the democratic ticket in 1900. He leaves a wife and six children.

## MAYOR KRATKA RETURNS

Thief River Falls Grateful for What He Has Done.

THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN.—Mayor Kratka has returned from Washington. If the Red Lake reservation treaty can be closed by May 1, the reservation will be opened this summer, but if it is delayed beyond that it cannot be opened until a year hence, Mayor Kratka and the secretary agreeing that it would not be wise to open it in the winter when the lands could not be seen by prospective buyers.

A banquet and general celebration greeted the mayor last evening. There is a feeling prevalent in this section that Mr. Kratka has made a strong bid and if he has political aspirations his chances of success are good.

## FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Congregational Church Workers Pledge \$1,000 at Excelsior.

EXCELSIOR, MINN.—The gentlemen of the Congregational church served a supper in the church parlors from 6 to 9 o'clock last evening. Fifty guests were seated at the tables at once, and the tables were refilled several times. After the supper an informal musical and literary program was conducted in the auditorium of the church. Walter M. Carroll of Minneapolis delivered an address on

the subject, "Money in the Kingdom," after which the improvement committee passed pledge cards among the audience and in a few minutes raised \$1,000 towards a fund for the improvement of the church this summer.

The fifteenth anniversary of the church comes on July 17, and it is proposed to celebrate by entirely remodeling the building inside and out. It will take \$1,500 or \$2,000 to do this properly, and the committee is certain the amount will be raised in a short time.

Professor Ballard of Minneapolis has organized a ladies' vocal club in Excelsior, and will have a concert in the near future.

## SURE OF A PLAYHOUSE

Engesser Bros. Will Spend \$25,000 or More at St. Peter.

ST. PETER, MINN.—Engesser Bros., wealthy brewers of this city, will build a \$25,000 playhouse at St. Peter to take the place of the one burned in the winter.

They are planning to spend not less than \$25,000 and may invest much more. The building will be modern and up to date in all respects and will be the best playhouse in this part of the state.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.—The annual exhibition of the gymnastic team of Carlton will be held at the Auditorium tomorrow night. Especial attention has been paid this year to the work on the horizontal bar and the rings. The gymnastic team will be replaced by a punching bag exhibition and a fencing match. The senior class of Carlton will be entertained by Dr. and Mrs. E. G. R. at the Carlton hotel. The Carlton glee club will not take its tour into the northern part of the state this spring, as planned, but will give a concert in Minneapolis about April 1.

FARIBAULT, MINN.—A rise in the Straight river has resulted in washing out two bridges on the Rock Island railway near this city. Rock Island trains were run over the Milwaukee road yesterday. A. Von Boeckman of the Minnesota Sugar company has been selected to represent this city in this vicinity for raising 100 acres of beets next season. The Great Western will put in a spur track four miles west to give farmers better shipping facilities for beets.

RED WING, MINN.—The trustees of the Sheldon estates have paid the debt on the Red Wing hospital amounting to \$12,000, and the association owns its property unencumbered. Goodhue county has contributed over \$2,000 to the Scandinavian famine sufferers. The Red Wing hospital has been the only organization of its kind in this vicinity since the state training school was abandoned, has been discontinued.

JACKSON, MINN.—The following ticket was elected: Mayor, E. Stubbs; trustees, M. L. Frost, H. M. Burnham and J. Peterson; recorder, W. H. Miller; treasurer, J. C. Foster; assessor, W. V. King; justices, J. A. Goodrich and C. J. Watts; constables, B. Matteson and W. V. Avery; board of education, A. B. Chadwick, W. C. Fornham and H. G. Anderson. License carried.

SPRINGFIELD, MINN.—The new village board is as follows: President, H. O. Schlender; trustees, W. W. Blackman, E. Altmann and James Dickson. The board of education has re-elected the entire corps of teachers for the coming year. St. Paul's Day will be observed by the Catholics, who will have an entertainment.

CAMBRIDGE, MINN.—Daniel Anderson, president; P. M. Sohier, H. H. Bentz and H. P. Hanson, members of council; P. M. Sohier, recorder; E. C. Peterson, treasurer; O. A. Hall, assessor; August Bergin, constable. Total vote cast, 135. No license carried by 80 majority. Last year license carried by 5.

CALEDONIA, MINN.—The following were elected: Walter Noergren, mayor; Leonard Hill, R. D. Sprague and William Schantz, councilmen; J. Kenny, recorder; W. C. Foster, treasurer; E. F. Schmitt, assessor; A. H. Belding, justice; D. P. Roop, constable. Electric lights carried by a large majority.

LE SUEUR CENTER, MINN.—Henry Emmers met with an accident which will probably cost him his life. While felling an oak tree a dead limb struck him on the head, fracturing his skull. His left side is paralyzed and it is thought he cannot survive. He is about 23 years of age.

ARLINGTON, MINN.—The following officers were elected: President, P. A. Cosgrove; trustees, A. Zimmerman, A. Hukenpoehler, A. L. Hillemann; recorder, W. C. Foster; treasurer, V. F. Schmitt; assessor, P. W. Esser; justice, Henry McFert; constable, Frank Bandelin.

HAMPTON, MINN.—The new village officers are: N. P. Gores, president; Joseph Lindenfelter, N. N. Thier and William Weller, trustees; C. M. Dahelien, clerk; James B. Hoar, treasurer; Philip Dromke, assessor; N. P. Becker, justice; Ed. Kinner, assessor.

ELMORE, MINN.—The election proved to be the closest known for years. It was voted to license saloons by 11 majority. C. D. Williams was re-elected mayor. Elmore will install either an electric or gas lighting plant this year.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—The revival meetings which have been carried on by Miss Smith and Miss Millard have grown to great proportions. Hundreds of people are turned away every evening and scores are being converted.

MINNESOTA LAKE, MINN.—New officers: Mayor, R. Bademacher; clerk, E. N. Kremer; treasurer, W. H. Willson; Peter Kremer, J. G. Bett and O. H. Schroeder were elected councilmen by a majority of almost four to one.

LAKEFIELD, MINN.—At the annual village election David Crawford was chosen president; C. M. Gage, James Ross and A. A. Fosness, trustees; and Charles Norgant, recorder. License carried by a majority.

WAGONIA, MINN.—After a hotly contested campaign the following city candidates were elected: President, B. Rauen; recorder, W. J. Kuntz; treasurer, F. J. Efferly; councilmen, W. Schamer, F. Radde and T. Burfield.

CASS LAKE, MINN.—Indian Agent Michael Michel of the White Earth agency, will pay the Indians living at Cass Lake, but who are enrolled on the White Earth agency.

DULUTH, MINN.—A 15-year-old Minneapolis boy, who gave the name of Oscar B. Nelson, was arrested here for attempting to pass a worthless check for \$15. He confessed and may be sent to St. Cloud.

CRUS, MINN.—The village elected the following ticket: President, H. C. Estby; councilmen, J. S. Thompson, J. E. Pettit, trustees; H. Lyon, recorder; L. D. Frazier, treasurer.

HOWARD LAKE, MINN.—License carried the election by a majority of 28 out of 140 voters. The new men among village officers are W. J. Tousey, president, and B. C. Tuttle, assessor.

VERNADE, MINN.—The following ticket was elected: S. L. Frazier, president; J. E. Pettit, recorder; J. E. Pettit, recorder; H. Lyon, recorder; L. D. Frazier, treasurer.

JASPER, MINN.—The vote on license was 70 to 46 in its favor. Rev. J. J. Ramsey, pastor of the M. E. church, was elected justice of the peace.

## NORTH DAKOTA

## WORLD'S FAIR MEN

North Dakota Board to Meet on the 17th to Name an Executive Commissioner.

Bartlett and Cushing, Who Were at Buffalo, Would Like the Place.

Special to The Journal.

Bismarck, N. D., March 12.—If the governor approves the bill for the display of the state's products and resources at the St. Louis exposition, and it is expected he will do so, a meeting of the fair commission will be held at Bismarck March 17. The commission consists of Governor Whitte, Lieutenant Governor Bartlett, Commissioner of Agriculture J. M. Turner, State Auditor H. L. Holmes and Warren F. Steele of Rolla. The original bill provided for the appointment of the first three named commissioners as a board, but the senate committee on appropriations amended it to add the latter two names. The most important business of the commission will be the selection of an executive commissioner who will have charge of the collecting of an exhibit and its display at the fair, subject to the supervision of the board of managers.

So far as known, no definite agreement has been reached as to the executive commissioner. Lieutenant Governor Bartlett has been favorably mentioned. W. F. Cushing, who is connected with the work at the Buffalo exposition, would also like a place with the St. Louis display.

Senate to Lose La Moure.

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## IOWA

## BIG REWARD RECOMMENDED

Bankers Executive Council Would Pay \$1,000 for Conviction of Robbers.

DISH MORNING, IOWA.—The executive council of the Iowa State Bankers' association, in session here yesterday afternoon, decided to recommend to the annual meeting that a standing reward of \$1,000 be offered for the arrest and conviction of any criminal robbing a bank connected with the association.

The date of the annual meeting was not definitely fixed, but it will be held at Des Moines the last of July and the first of August with the Illinois meeting at Rock Island.

General surprise was caused here yesterday by the news that J. E. Whisenand, vice president of the Central State bank, and member of the republican state central committee from the seventh district, would not be a candidate for reelection. Mr. Whisenand says there will be a candidate for the place from one of the counties of the district outside of Polk and he cannot make the business sacrifices necessary to remain on the committee.

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## DEBATE AT GRINNELL

Iowa and Cornell Colleges to Meet on Friday Night.

GRINNELL, IOWA.—The annual debate between Iowa college and Cornell college will be held in Grinnell to-morrow evening. The question is, "Resolved, That the United States is a democracy."

Charles F. Pfister of Milwaukee reached Grinnell yesterday afternoon and was in conference with the members of the legislative committee. It is understood he is here to oppose the bill of the Milwaukee manufacturers seeking to oblige the payment of damages resulting from the raising of the railroad tracks in Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Electric Railway company, of which Mr. Pfister is a heavy stockholder, is directly interested in the question of elevating the railroad tracks, inasmuch as elevation of the tracks of the Milwaukee and the North-Western roads at the Kinnikinnick avenue crossing will do away with the necessity of the company erecting a subway.

No Chance for Hatten Resolution.

The Hatten resolutions requesting that a call be issued for a convention for July 3, in Atlanta, Ga., for a discussion of the race question were laid over for a week. It is probable this is the end of them. Senator Hatten made a canvass of the senate and discovered that the sentiment was so strongly against them they never could be passed.

NEW MACHINERY IN WEST SUPERIOR, WIS.—The new machinery for the copper prospect on the Weyerhaeuser property has been installed. It is being worked by one crew, but Captain Dunn expects to put on another in a few days, working day and night shifts. The shaft is down 130 feet and seventy-five feet of drifting has been done.

While the twenty-five boarders slept at the Detroit boarding-house early this morning two robbers entered and took all the money and jewels they could find in every room. The work was done so cautiously that no one in any of the rooms awoke and the men made good their escape.

Cedar block paving will go in on Lower avenue again this spring. No legal proceedings will be taken to stop the contract, as it is feared it will prevent the laying of any new paving at all this summer.

The city has let the contract for the planting of 989 shade trees at the East End.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—The democrats nominated the following: Mayor, William Torrance; clerk, Joseph M. Sieger; treasurer, George W. Young; tax commissioner, Joseph J. Frisch; controller, L. A. Holmes; board of public works, F. Gutsch, George Falk; police judge, George C. Hunt. Nineteen students of the high school were enrolled for "rushing." Professor Leahy and preventing him from opening the school.

BROADHEAD, WIS.—Because their demands for increased wages were refused, 125 tobacco sorters employed by the American Tobacco company went on a strike to-day. They have been receiving 80 cents per 100 and demand \$1. The company offered to compromise at 90 cents, but this the strikers refused to accept.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Joseph Munwath, one of the firemen who inhaled nitric acid fumes during the Schwab fire at which Chief Foley lost his life, committed suicide yesterday at Palestine, Texas, while on his way home from San Antonio.

MONOMIE, WIS.—James R. Wilson, Joseph Miller and James Henderson, charged with the Meridian safe-blowing and burglary, were convicted last night.

## MICHIGAN

CRYSTAL FALLS, MICH.—John Oberg, employed at the Bristol mine, was running a drill near a "raise" leading up from the level below, when a put on the tripod of the machine became loosened and he prodded a wrench with which to tighten it. His wrench slipped and he lost his balance and plunged down the raise, a distance of eighty feet.

MANISTEE, MICH.—Announcement is made that a deal was closed in Chicago yesterday which brings the ownership of the Pere Marquette steamers, The Three and Four into the hands of August Kitzinger, Captain John Smith and Captain Bondeis.

POWERS, MICH.—A 5-year-old boy was left at the restaurant of Miss McGillis yesterday by two stylishly dressed women, who disappeared. Prosecuting Attorney Line has taken steps to locate the parents of the child and arrest the women.

ESCANABA, MICH.—Within a few days the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company will commence work on a gigantic plant for the purpose of applying zinc-tannin preservation treatment to railway ties, bridge timbers and telegraph poles.

NORWAY, MICH.—A. G. Clark, a mining engineer of Chicago, believes he has located a body of iron ore in Menominee county and will at once begin the work of development, backed by Chicago capital.

MINOMINEE, MICH.—The lodge of the Brotherhood of America captured the state banner for securing the largest membership in the state before the first of the year.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA.—The local G. A. R. post has just gone on record as opposed to the proposition to erect in Statuary hall in Washington, D. C., a statue of Robert E. Lee.

## WISCONSIN

## 'T WILL BECOME LAW

Wisconsin Grain Inspection Bill Probably Will Have Unanimous Favorable Report.

Fight Will Be Carried to the Floor, but the Bill Has Many Friends.

Special to The Journal.

Madison, Wis., March 12.—The bill providing for a Wisconsin system of grain inspection will be reported by the senate on state affairs to the senate this evening. It is possible there may be a divided report, with one member of the committee opposed to the bill, but indications are that the report will be unanimous for its passage. The committee is holding an executive session this afternoon for final consideration of the measure. The fight against it will undoubtedly be carried to the floor, but there is a strong sentiment in its favor, and it looks as though it will become a law.

The last argument against the bill was submitted to the committee yesterday in a brief by C. H. Crownhart of Superior, representing the interests of the Peavy elevator interest. It is understood one of the arguments which have been made against the bill.

## More Than a Million for Schools.

A school tax approximately one-half a mill on the dollar of the entire assessed valuation of the taxable property of the state is recommended by the