

TODAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

SOUTH DAKOTA

PERSONAL TAX MUST BE PAID

DECISION OF SUPREME COURT AFFECTS REALTY HOLDERS.

All the Back Personal Taxes of Prior Owners of Land Must Be Cleared Away or the Treasurer Can Sell to the Loss of Present Owners—How the Armour Country Is Affected by the Decision—Old Taxes Will Now Be Settled in Full.

Special to The Journal. Armour, S. D., Dec. 5.—Probably no more important tax decision has ever been made by the supreme court of this state than one just handed down. It involves many persons who have purchased real estate in this state in the past few years and who may be obliged to pay the back personal taxes of prior owners. Two years ago the treasurer of this county, to clear his tax lists of back personal taxes, advertised the real property of the owners owing the taxes, whether the property was still in his name or not. State's Attorney Wainzer is in receipt of a telegram from the clerk of the supreme court at Pierre, notifying him that the court affirmed the holdings of Judge Smith of this circuit, in the case of V. K. K. vs. W. F. Stearns, treasurer of Douglas county. The question involved is as to what constitutes a clear tax receipt. In this case Harris purchased a quarter section of land formerly owned by M. J. Renshaw, and since 1899 has paid the taxes, receiving clear receipts in his own name. Two years ago the county treasurer advertised the land for sale for the personal taxes of Renshaw for the years from 1884 to 1889. Mr. Harris, with seventeen others who were interested in similar cases, secured an injunction restraining the treasurer from selling the land for such taxes, holding that he held a clear tax receipt under the statute, and the treasurer could not legally sell the property. The judge of the circuit court held that the treasurer could sell the land for the personal taxes of Renshaw, tho the land was owned by Harris. Many real estate dealers are affected by this ruling of the court. Johnson Brothers of this city are involved to the extent of \$1,000, taxes they must pay under this decision before they will have a clear title. It will also clear up thousands of dollars of old taxes on the lists of this and other counties.

WOULD REOPEN THE CASE

Another Attack on the Anticompetitive Law in South Dakota.

PIERRE, S. D.—A summons was served on Insurance Commissioner Perkins yesterday afternoon in a case brought by the Commercial Mutual Fire Insurance association of Mitchell to test the anticompetitive provision of the state insurance laws. At least that is what it appears on the surface, but the fact is that the case is a continuation of the case which was brought in the United States court by foreign companies and decided in favor of the state by Judge Carlisle. The case will be heard in Davison county.

EVARTS, S. D.—Ed Lemmon is just in from the range and reports cattle doing well; in fact, far better than expected considering the conditions of the range. He reports that the drowning while crowding around the drinking holes.

SALEM, S. D.—The Masons elected the following officers at their annual election: Dr. Robert T. Dotz, worshipful master; Frank Bush, senior warden; W. H. Brown, junior warden; W. W. Nre, secretary; Frank D. Moore, treasurer.

STURGIS, S. D.—John Gergen, wanted for the shooting of Christine Keffler, was captured by Sheriff Brown about twenty miles west of Rockford.

MICHIGAN

BODY TAKEN FROM GRAVE

Ludwick Believed to Have Been Poisoned and His Wife Suspected.

BRUNSON, MICH.—Deputy Sheriff Fisk, assisted by Drs. Cornell and Sanders of this city today, exhumed the body of John Ludwick, who died a week ago under circumstances indicating poisoning by arsenic. Analysis of the internal organs will be made. After an acquaintance Ludwick was married to an 18-year-old Polish girl, living south of this city. It is alleged she declared she would never live with Ludwick, but her parents insisted upon the marriage. After an illness of three days Ludwick died with symptoms indicating the presence of arsenic in his system. Deputy Sheriff Fisk secured a written statement from the widow, and it is alleged that its incriminating character caused the exhumation.

BETTER ORE MUST BE HAD

Michigan Mine at Rockland Said to Be a Disappointment.

ROCKLAND, MICH.—The Michigan mine, which started to stamp some weeks ago, is proving a great disappointment to its friends. There is practically no copper in the lower levels and the treasury is exhausted. A meeting of the directors has been called for the purpose of leaving an assessment with which to continue explorations, and unless something new is opened up the mine will undoubtedly shut down within a year.

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH.—A. M. Chesbrough has purchased 12,544 acres of hardwood land from the Francis Palms estate for \$40,035.

ATKIN, MINN.—The state farmers' institute met here yesterday. About 150 farmers were present. The speakers were W. W. Glavin, Minn.; Forest Henry of Olmsted county, Minnesota; A. W. Litchard of Allegan county, New York; John Bishop, who went hunting on the 22d, has not been heard of since. Searching parties have been looking for him.

WASCO, MINN.—G. E. Brubaker, a member of the legislature, was struck by a horse on the sidewalk this afternoon and sustained a serious injury to his hip. A hack was summoned and he was lifted into it and taken to his home.

HOSTETTER'S CELEBRATED BITTERS. To strengthen the nerves, purify the blood and open up the clogged bowels, the Bitters should be taken at once. It positively cures Sick Headache, Nervousness, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation, Chills or malaria, Be sure to buy a bottle.

IOWA

WHY THE BANKER WELCOMED DEATH

CHECKS WERE COMING IN HE COULD NOT PAY.

Suicide of Wood of Colfax Explained by Later Dispatches—His Bank There Was in Hard Lines and There Is Fear That Like Institutions at Four Other Points Are Involved—Details of His Sensational Suicide.

Special to The Journal. Colfax, Iowa, Dec. 5.—Banker G. D. Wood of Colfax, faced by a check for \$10,000 for county funds, which he could not honor, took a revolver and blew his brains out. A week ago Wood received word that he would be expected to turn over to the outgoing county treasurer, Al W. Layman, \$25,000 in funds belonging to Polk county. The banker was called upon by his brother, who is in the hardware business, and asked that an order be sent to Chicago for a special make of revolver. Treasurer Layman, in Des Moines, drew his check for \$10,000 on the Bank of Colfax, and the check was taken up by the local clearing-house and forwarded by the night mail to Colfax. Yesterday the banker received the check. He called John Malne, a partner in the stock business, and R. A. Penguite, associated with Wood in the bank, to his residence at 10 1/2 block west of the business matters had weakened his brain and he must give up. The lifetime friends tried to calm the banker, but he refused to be comforted. Excusing himself Wood left his home and in another moment the pistol shot rang out. The banker was picked up dead.

Bank in Distress

Mr. Penguite, cashier, admits that the bank is in hard lines financially, but says that the depositors will be paid in full. He asserts that the banks owned by Wood at Ira, Mingo, Baxter and Mitchell have Wood's property holdings are valued at \$200,000. Mrs. Wood has insisted that all be sold at once to satisfy her husband's debts. The deposits at Wood's five banks amount to more than \$1,000,000. All of the banks have been closed until after the funeral, which will be held this afternoon. Great uneasiness is felt in financial circles in central Iowa because of the admitted insolvency of the Bank of Colfax and the fear that the other four banks may be involved. The sheriff has deposited in the Bank of Colfax and also in the Wood bank at Mitchellville are protected by bond. Eli Dotson, a wealthy farmer, will have to pay the county for any sheriff's fees made in connection with Treasurer Layman is the first county money ever deposited outside of the county.

WIFE NO. 2 NOW PROSECUTES

Evangelist Taylor to Be Returned from Delaware on Bigamy Charge.

DES MOINES, IOWA.—After having been set free by the court at Wilmington, Judge Charles C. Taylor, wife No. 2, asks from Governor Cummins a writ of habeas corpus. Taylor, a handsome young, able student at Wesleyan university, Mt. Pleasant, achieved an enviable reputation as an evangelist. Two years ago he married Florence B. Graves, the belle of Martinsburg. A brother from Delaware visited him, discovered that he had a wife and child here and returned to Delaware, apprised the real Mrs. B. Taylor, who with her two children had been deserted two years before of the situation. The real Mrs. Taylor sent for her husband and he returned to Delaware to settle the case out of court. She had him arrested, but under the Delaware law she could not constitute bigamy. The Iowa wife at first refused to prosecute and commenced taking in sewing to support herself and child, but her husband's coquetry has stirred her father to insist on the filing of charges which will cause his return to Iowa.

REFORMATION OF CATHER

Clemency Asked for Him, Altho He Has Not Yet Been Sentenced.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA.—The case of Thomas Cather, convicted of attempted murder, is developing some peculiar features. Altho he has not yet been sentenced, his attorneys have asked Governor Cummins for clemency. The members of the jury that found Cather guilty have signed a petition asking the governor to parole him. Cather's crime seems to have brought him to his senses, for since he became involved in his quarrel with a bartender named Ellis, whom he cut with a knife, he has led an exemplary life.

N. A. Carman, who was sentenced to two years for embezzlement, secured bonds yesterday and the case will be appealed. He left last night for California, where his wife lives.

Mrs. Josie Prescott was granted a divorce and \$1,000 alimony from J. Prescott, who was formerly a well-known architect of this city. The evidence in the case went to substantiate the charge of adultery. Mrs. Prescott testified that the crime was committed at Dubuque, where the defendant and a woman registered as man and wife. The woman is alleged to have been one Rachel Etsel of Cedar Rapids. A photograph of the Etsel woman was introduced in court, also several letters. The Prescotts were well known in society here.

STILL ANOTHER CARD

Farmers' Co-operative Society May Have a Department Store.

MASON CITY, IOWA.—The board of directors of the Farmers' Co-operative society of Rockwell met to-day to discuss the question of putting in a department store. Last year the society did a business of \$300,000, or as they figure it in other ways, buying and selling, \$600,000, and it cost it less than 1 per cent. When the association was founded fourteen years ago the majority of business men considered it a business calamity, but outside of the lumber and machinery dealers it did not prove disastrous. But the merchants now see that if the association purposes to go into the business of selling clothes and shoes, why not drugs and dry goods and stationery, and absorb all the business of the town? There are 400 members who have a special privilege of buying things cheaper than any one else, and with these 400 families bound together in a practical commune, no merchant has

MARRIED HALF A CENTURY

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Greenman of De Smet, S. D., Who Recently Celebrated Their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



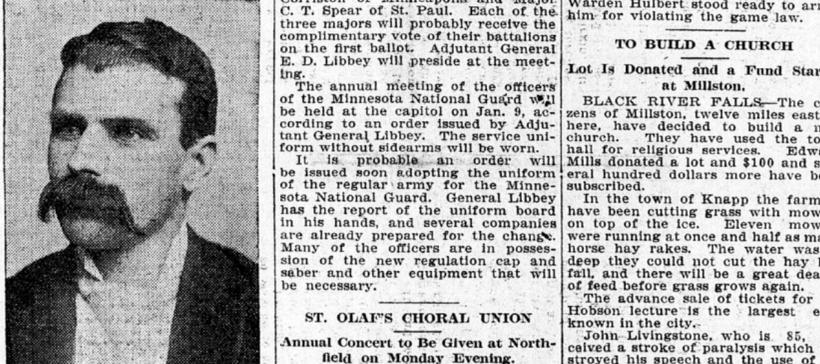
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At the junction a forty-four-level machine has been placed and three dispatchers will be employed, each working eight hours, and controlling all trains between that point and St. Paul. The train on both roads will run up the Burlington track and down on the Milwaukee, making a double track. By pressure of the electric button a current is sent which instantly releases the latch on the machine lever, to give clearance. The new service is expected to be far superior to the old.

IN BLYTHE'S OLD ROLE

Byers Said to Be the Warwick of the Cummins Administration.

Special to The Journal. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 5.—Iowa politicians who have been logging for legislative appointments, or urging this or that legislator or senator for a place on some one of the prominent house or senate committees, have learned that there is a new power behind the throne at the statehouse. The man who practically holds the place in the present administration



H. W. BYERS, HARLAN, IOWA.

that Blythe of Burlington held when the "old machine" administration was in power, is ex-Senator H. Webster Byers of Harlan, Shelby county. "Web" Byers gained his prominence and the position which will make felt at the coming session of the Iowa legislature by an honorable the difficult feat of political engineering. With Temple and Clark battling for speakership of the next house, and prospects ahead for lively breakers in the first caucus of the Cummins men, Byers, always popular and aggressive, was called in by Governor Cummins to arrange a compromise. It was Byers who made the deal which has resulted in the withdrawal of Temple from the contest, leaving Clark the choice of the house without opposition.

MINNESOTA

BURIAL OF A PIONEER

Gullford D. Coleman Had Lived in Anoka Since 1856.

ANOKA, MINN.—The funeral of Gullford D. Coleman was held yesterday afternoon at the M. E. church, Rev. E. C. Clemans of Duluth officiating. Mr. Coleman was born in Vassalboro, Maine, and came to Anoka in 1856. He leaves six children, Dana S. Coleman of Hankinson, N. D.; Esther F. Fitz of Monterey, Minn.; Eleanor E. King, Bozeman, Mont.; Mimi C. Coleman, Great Falls, Mont.; Lucy E. Russell, Lewiston, Mont., and Nellie W. Coleman, Kendall, Mont. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ives died Friday afternoon of pneumonia. The Masonic lodge has elected as officers, T. J. Abbott, W. M.; O. F. Warnes, S. W.; P. G. Woodward, J. W.; O. S. Miller, treasurer; Frank Hart, secretary.

Frank B. Ladin and Miss Ruth M. East were married this week.—Rev. Father Duane is recovering from a serious illness.—The Juniors of the high school gave a party to the seniors last night at the home of Miss Alice Norel.

Mrs. J. A. Chesley is entertaining Miss Ada Nelson of Wahpeton, N. D. The ladies of the Baptist church are making preparations for their annual sale and supper on Dec. 10. The Philolectians will meet next Friday with Mrs. S. A. Sherwood. Subject, "Women in English Literature."

IMPROVEMENTS AT HASTINGS AND ST. CROIX JUNCTION TO GUARD TRAINS.

HASTINGS, MINN.—Superintendent M. J. Fry of the Milwaukee road is installing an interlocking device at this station in connection with the tower at St. Croix Junction, for the purpose of locking the block signals and protecting trains. By its operation there will be no chance for two trains in the block at the same time. Operators at the home station will unlock the signals for trains going west, and the dispatcher at the junction for trains going east. There will be several semaphore poles erected for signals when the track is clear.

WISCONSIN

CHOPPED UP HIS CRUTCHES

GOOD PESHTIGO PRIEST MAKES MANY CURES.

Takes a Commonsense View of His Powers and Scorns to Be Known as a Healer—Konine, Crippled with Rheumatism, Was Carried to the Priest's House and in a Short Time Was Able to Walk to His Home.

Special to The Journal. Marinette, Wis., Dec. 5.—Altho Rev. Father Dagnault, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church in Peshtigo, admits curing many people of various ills, he distinctly states that it is not to any exercise of divine powers thru him, and he abhors the idea of being designated healer.

He says that his treatment is by electro-therapeutics, and is due to the odic force in the human body. Treatment here, and many miraculous cures are reported.

Nicholas Konine was carried into the priest's house crippled with rheumatism. The priest rubbed his hands over the afflicted parts, and in a short time Konine was able to walk home, and has since chopped up his crutches.

Mrs. Rochon of Niagara, Wis., had a tumor or swelling of some kind in her face for years. It disappeared in one night after Father Dagnault had treated her.

CARCASS OF A DEER

Three Stood Guard Over It and Went to Law for Possession.

BARABOO, WIS.—A case out of the ordinary was decided in Judge Halstead's court. On Nov. 25 Morris Cowles, who resides near this city, shot and killed a wounded deer and proceeded to dress it. O. J. Tabor and Frank Meyers of Prairie du Sac appeared and asserted they wounded the deer, having followed its trail. Meyers put a hunter's license tag upon the carcass.

With cocked rifles the three men stood guard over the carcass all night and part of the next day, when Meyers took the carcass home. The matter was referred to Game Warden Hulbert, but he had no authority to decide the dispute.

Cowles placed in the hands of the sheriff a writ of replevin and a new case was brought to Baraboo. Fifteen witnesses were examined in the trial. The court decided in favor of Cowles.

Tabor had already killed a new deer, the number allowed by law, and had the court decided in his favor, Game Warden Hulbert stood ready to arrest him for violating the game law.

TO BUILD A CHURCH

Lot Is Donated and a Fund Started at Millston.

BLACK RIVER FALLS.—The citizens of Millston, twelve miles east of here, have decided to build a new church. They have used the town hall for religious services. Edward Mills donated a lot and \$100 and several hundred dollars more have been subscribed.

In the town of Knapp the farmers have been cutting grass with mowers on top of the ice. Eleven mowers were running at once and half as many horse hay rakes. The water was so deep they could not cut the hay last fall, and there will be a great dearth of feed before grass grows again.

The advance sale of tickets for the Hobson lecture is the largest ever known in the city.

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ST. OLAF'S CHORAL UNION

Annual Concert to Be Given at Northfield on Monday Evening.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.—The St. Olaf Choral Union of one hundred voices under the direction of Professor F. M. Christenson will give its annual concert next Monday evening in the gymnasium hall of St. Olaf's college. The chorus is far better and somewhat larger than those that have represented the institution in previous years, and an entertainment of unusual excellence is looked forward to. The program consists of two parts. The first will be a cantata, "The Fatherhood of God," by P. A. Schnecker, with words by Addison Andrews. The second part, besides the solo numbers, the following choruses: "Sunshine Song," by Edw. Grieg; "A Song of the Vikings," by Eton Farnham.

The chorus last year very ably and creditably presented Gaul's cantata, "The Ten Virgins," and two years ago "The Holy City" by the same composer.

CHURCH DEACON DISAPPEARS

Fooled by a Woman, Evans Fled to Escape Shame and Notoriety.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—Deacon J. P. Evans, one of the most prominent

churchmen of Bangor, has disappeared and his wife sued him for divorce when his relations with Mrs. Mary McDougal of La Crosse were discovered.

The panel house game was worked on Evans and under what he said was blackmail he left to escape the shame of notoriety. Evans was brought to La Crosse by the woman and was then claimed as her fiancé. Mrs. McDougal says Evans represented himself to be a widower and promised her a part of his estate.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Alderman William H. Richter, former alderman of the second ward, was elected to the city council by the citizens' committee of ten. They agreed with having solicited and accepted bribes.

ASHLAND, WIS.—The iron ore shipping season closed yesterday with a total of 2,819 tons shipped, a falling off as compared with last year's 10,000 tons.

MARINETTE, WIS.—Frank Krupski, formerly a flouring mill but now in jail charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

CABLE, WIS.—Jerome Guider, a well-known hunter and trapper was found dead in his cabin. He had a brother in Chicago.

MONTANA

FAILURE AT GREAT FALLS

Two Twin City Hardware Firms Are Among the Creditors.

HELENA, MONT.—The Western Hardware company, which engaged in business in Great Falls last March, has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. Thomas Curry being the assignee. The liabilities are about \$11,000 and Mr. Curry estimates that the creditors will receive about 50 per cent of their claims.

The officers and stockholders, who can be found at the city of Great Falls, are: F. G. Beuch, president; H. A. Mansch, vice president, and H. G. Wilcox, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Wilcox have left the city and no statement has been obtained from them.

The principal local creditor is the Conrad Banking company of which the assignee is a representative. Other creditors include Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., Chicago; Cribben, Weston & Co., Nelson-Bouquet-Halliday company, Minneapolis; Hackett-Walther-Gates Hardware company of St. Paul, and Helena Hardware company of Helena.

IOWA

LORD STEYNE BEFORE THE BAR

MOCK TRIAL OF IOWA UNIVERSITY JUNIOR LAWS.

Characters in "Vanity Fair" Success—'Hamlet' in the Court of Justice—Judge Horace Deemer Again Presiding—Famous Rake of Fiction Sued for \$100,000 for Alleviating the Affections of Becky Sharpe.

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 5.—Lord Steyne, a character in Thackeray's famous novel, "Vanity Fair," is on trial in the court of the junior law class at the state university, charged with alleviation of the affections of Becky Sharpe Crawley. The action is brought by Sir Rowden Crawley to recover \$100,000 damages.

The trial opened yesterday, with Judge Horace B. Deemer of the state supreme court presiding. Judge Deemer presided at the famous trial of Hamlet on a charge of murder last year, by the junior class. The trial is attracting much attention at the university.

Important testimony for the defense was brought out to-day in the cross-examination of Butler Garrison, the chief witness for Sir Rowden Crawley.

Lord Steyne's Money. Garrison stated that Becky deceived Lord Steyne in regard to the amount that she owed Mrs. Briggs, and told him double the amount. He was never paid over this money, the butler stated that he did not know of any such payment. Asked if there was not apparent to him, as a person habitually about the house, that there was an agreement between Sir Rowden and his wife that she should cajole the guests, while Sir Rowden fleeced them, the butler stated that he did not have sufficient knowledge to form a belief.

Sir Rowden Crawley, according to the testimony of the butler, was a gambler, a man who won large sums on card tables and also lost large sums. He was never known to work, and the source of the money he spent was unknown to the butler.

Becky's Changing Moods. "Lord Steyne's advent added much to the hospitality of the house. Things were always going on after that. Entertainment was carried on with a lavish hand," testified the butler. In the presence of Lord Steyne, Lady Crawley seemed to have a buoyancy of spirits that she did not have when he was absent.

"So far as I know, Sir Rowden never objected to any of his wife's guests. He seemed to enjoy them and was not averse, so far as I could tell, to accepting the money of any or all of them over the card tables."

The witness was asked if Becky Sharpe Crawley was not, in fact, a dutiful and loving wife to Sir Rowden. "That depends upon what you call loving," said the witness. "Whenever her husband was about, her demeanor was decidedly chilly. She snapped at him and talked in a provoking manner. This was all after Lord Steyne's advent. Before that I observed no coldness or snappy speeches."

MURDER WILL OUT

Body of Strangled Infant Found in an Abandoned Shaft.

BUTTE, MONT.—Two miners, George Farlin and his nephew, named Craddock, while making an examination of an abandoned shaft preparatory to closing it for good, discovered the body of a recently born baby boy, a hundred and fifty feet under ground. Around the neck of the tiny corpse were the sleeves of a woman's shirtwaist, tightly drawn, showing that the infant had been strangled.

The body was wrapped in a suit of women's underclothing and a man's old shirt. Fresh blood, clots on the body indicated that the corpse had been thrown into the shaft but a few hours before it was discovered. Had the perpetrator of the crime delayed in securing the body several days the abandoned shaft would have been closed and the tragedy would probably never have been made known.

WOMAN'S AWFUL DEATH

Arms Torn from Her Body and Skull Crushed by a Ranch Bull.

RED LODGE, MONT.—Mail advices received here last night from the Big Bend ranch on Muddy river, across the Wyoming border, tell of the going to death of Mrs. F. E. Har-nish, an aged woman, by an enraged Mexican bull.

Mrs. Harnish was crossing the pasture when she was set upon by the maddened animal, who bore her to the ground with his horns. The bull inflicted terrible wounds, from which the woman died several hours later.

Her skull was crushed, both arms torn from her body and her abdomen torn open. Her clothing was reduced to shreds by the long horns of the animal.

HUMBOLDT, IOWA.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Shelly sailed from San Francisco this week for their new home at Gamboula, in the Phillipine islands, where Mr. Shelly will be stationed as a postmaster.

Shelly was formerly a prominent young lawyer of Humboldt.

NORTHWEST WEDDINGS

HASTINGS, MINN.—John A. Blaser of St. Paul and Miss Fannie A. McDermott of Denmark were married and left upon a wedding trip to Chicago.

SALEM, S. D.—William Thiley and Miss Jessie Hietts, well-known young people of Canistota, were married at Fort Atkinson, Wis.

TYNDALL, S. D.—Miss Amelia Kiehlbauch and Mr. Atka of Ashley, N. D., were married at the residence of the bride's parents last night.

HEALTH is the Most Important. The manufacturers of Royal Baking Powder have had 40 years of scientific experience. Every method of bread-and-cake raising has been exhaustively studied in this country and abroad. The result is a perfect product in Royal Baking Powder. There is no substitute for it. The purity and efficiency of Royal Baking Powder have been commended by the highest authorities of the world. These facts mean two important things to all housekeepers: First: that Royal Baking Powder is healthful and makes wholesome food. Second: that Royal Baking Powder makes food good to taste. ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE