TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

MINNESOTA

SMALL BOYS ROB RIGHT AND LEFT

SONS OF LEADING FAMILIES AT BEMIDJI UNDER ARREST.

They Confess to Robbing Four Stores and a Residence of $80 and Quantities of Merchandise — Police Thought Professionals Were at Work Until New Clues Put Them on the Right Track.

Special to The Journal.

Bemidji, Minn., Dec. 9.—Four small boys, the oldest not 16 years of age, and all from leading families, were yesterday arrested by the police charged with robbing the store of the Bemidji Mercantile company, the Sims store, O'Leary & Bros'. department store, I. B. Olson's confectionary establishment and the residence of Andrew C. Lavin. A confession followed which reveals a state of affairs in Bemidji, surprising in the extreme.

The lads had realized from their work about $80 in money and a large quantity of merchandise. All the latter has been recovered and most of the money. They secured from one house alone, that of A. C. Lavin, $52 in cash on Sunday night.

The first three burglaries looked like the work of professionals and the police department scoured the town high and low and rid it of all suspicious characters. Last Saturday the robbery of the Olson store, where a quantity of toys was appropriated, together with a small sum of money, gave the officers a new clue and yesterday an investigation was begun which resulted in the arrest of the boys and their confession to the different robberies.

An officer learned yesterday that one of the boys had been passing chewing gum around with a lavish hand at school and that he had presented his school with a doll and other toys. Chief of Police Bailey also had information along about the same time and together the investigation was begun.

The home of the boy who had been giving out the gum was visited and he confessed the whole story and the other arrests followed.

ST. OLAF CHORAL UNION

Annual Concert the Finest Yet Presented at the College.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.—The St. Olaf Choral Union gave its annual concert in the gymnasium of the college last evening, and it was without exception the finest musical entertainment ever presented at the college. Schnecker's sacred cantata, "The Fatherhood of God," was sung. The soloists were Miss Serine Eistensen, soprano; Miss Amanda Larson, alto; John Eltun, tenor; Dr. C. A. Melby, bass. Miss Martha Larson played the piano accompaniment and F. Mellus Christiansen was the director. The success of the splendid cantata is largely due to the earnest and untiring efforts of Mr. Christiansen. Miss Amanda Larskn of Lake Mills, Iowa, deserves special mention for her splendid solo work.

The 19-year-old son of James Condon, living on the Horace Goodhue farm, south of the city, died of Bright's disease Sunday and was buried yesterday, Rev. P. Kemp officiating.

The Jolly Euchre club held its first meeting of the season with Mmes. R. C. Phillips, J. A. Lawrence and H. J. Vollmer, at the home of the last named, there being forty members present. Prizes were won by Mrs. Alexander Keene and W. F. Schilling, and the lone-hand prize was won by Mrs. J. L. Bierman. The club meets every two weeks.

FELL FROM A TRAIN

Son of Boiler Inspector Bergstrom Found Dead Near the Track.

WILLMAR, MINN.—The mangled body of O. H. Bergstrom, of Hector, Minn., was picked up this morning by the section crew at a point a few miles west of Willmar. The dead man's face was badly cut and there were several bruises about the head. The right shoulder was also found to be broken. It is supposed that he fell off a freight train. He was a son of State Boiler Inspector Bergstrom, about 35 years of age and had a wife and family in Hector.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Black Bay Mining company of this city the following officers were elected: G. F. Kartwand and A. G. Crawford re-elected, president and vice president respectively; N. B. Carlson, secretary, and F. G. Handy, treasurer; J. H. Olson, A. C. Crawford, F. G. Handy, N. B. Carlson, O. J. Paulson, J. T. Otos, Lewis Johnson, A. J. Ekander, W. de la Hunt and Peter Freeberg, directors.

There will be an unusually long calendar at the term of district court in January. Several are adjourned liquor cases.

Anders Hansen, alias Peter Nelson, has just finished serving terms for various offenses which has kept him confined in the county jail for six months, and is now held on the charge of jail breaking.

DEPRAVED PAIR LOCKED UP

Watts, Aged 65, and His Paramour Charged with Enticing.

ALBERT LEA, MINN.—Albert Watts, 65 years of age, is in the county jail charged with keeping a house of ill fame, while Florence Grimm, arrested with him, has been locked up on a charge of enticing a girl of 14 years to the Watts place. Mary Korgensen disappeared from the home of her parents and the aid of the police was asked to find her. Officer Subby found her at the Watts place, and she told stories too revolting to print. There seems to be a clear case against Watts at least.

District court is in session. In all twenty-eight cases were marked for trial but a number of them will go over to the adjourned term in February. Two or three cases were dismissed and the same number stricken from the calendar.

The new officers of the A. O. U. W. are: M. W., H. F. Korfhage; F., Bert Foster; C., A. McNeil; G., William Barneck; R., O. J. Wolff; financier, Henry Stotz; R., N. C. Peterson; I. W., William McNeill; O. W., George Tropp; trustee, C. M. Wilkinson; delegates to the grand lodge, H. F. Korfhage and N. C. Peterson; alternates, A. McNeill and M. F. Donahue.

The Degree of Honor also has a flourishing lodge and will be officered as follows: C. of H., Kathrine Wiegand; P. C., Hannah Esping; L. of H., Margaret Donahue; C. of C., Mrs. Anderson; recorder, Lena Kaercher; financier, Mary Rodgers; R., Anna Kilbride; I., Nellie Gustaveson; I. W., Mrs. Collins; O. W., B. M. Loeffler; M. E., Dr. J. P. von Berg; delegate to grand lodge, Hanna Esping; alternate, Kathrine Wiegand.

The Albert Lea Lumber and Stock company has selected new officers as follows: President, H. C. Nelson; vice president, E. W. Knatvold; secretary, Erick Johnson.

J. C. Knudson, whose parents reside in this city, died suddenly at Ashland, Col., of heart disease, aged 23.

TWELVE NEW RECRUITS

Pipestone Hopes to Keep Company E of the Guards.

PIPESTONE, MINN.—At a meeting of Company E, the largest attendance was present which the company has known for some time. Twelve new recruits were enrolled. Company E's standard has been very low of late and it was feared that its removal from Pipestone would be the next step. It will be inspected in about two weeks by Colonel Wright.

Olaf Fossum, the brilliant boy pianist of Luverne, will give an entertainment in this city on Dec. 18. He will be assisted by Miss Grace E. Reed of this city, contralto; Beatrice Hyke of Luverne, violinist, and Master George Rogers of Canton, the wonderful 10-year-old soprano.

Quarry lodge, A. F. and A. M. elected the following officers: W. M., E. H. Argetsinger; S. W., G. E. Sellers; J. W., W. B. Brown; secretary, O. S. Taylor; treasurer, T. E. Nash; S. D., C. J. Sigmond; J. D., George B. Johnston; S. S., C. H. Smith; J. S., N. E. Argetsinger; tyler, Frank Atkins. The election was followed by work in the initiatory degree.

Rev. Frederick H. Rowse, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city, will deliver a series of four lectures on "The Evolution of Music" before the students of Breck College at Wilder, Minn.

STATE TIMBER OFFERINGS

Auditor Iverson at Duluth to Sell $30,000 Worth.

DULUTH, MINN.—S. G. Iverson, state auditor, and J. H. Block, state treasurer, arrived last night, the former to conduct the sale of $30,000 worth of state timber. The timber to be offered is mainly suitable for ties, and is all in St. Louis county.

The freight and passenger steamer C. W. Moore of A. Booth & Co.'s fleet was reported ashore at Sucker river, sixteen miles from Duluth, on the north shore, at midnight. She has a large number of woodsmen aboard for north shore camps, and a heavy load of camp supplies and teams.

Vincent Slawske, a newspaper collector of Milwaukee, claims to have been robbed of $200 at a rooming house at 113 West First street.

William Rainbow, a sailor on the big steamer Sonoma, fell thru an open hatch and was instantly killed, his head being crushed.

Franklin Stimson, for twenty years a resident of Duluth, committed suicide by taking chloroform. It is supposed he was despondent as a result of ill health.

SERIES OF DEBATES

Four Classes of Winona High School Are Preparing for Them.

WINONA, MINN.—Arrangements have been made for a series of debates between the four classes in the high school. Each class will select a team of four to represent it. A silver loving cup is to be presented to the team winning the series. The high school athletic association has elected Tim Considine as captain of the team for next year.

The Union Fiber company is erecting a large new one-story building to be used as a tow factory apart from the main factory building. Additional digesters will be installed in the main building in the place made vacant by the removal of the tow factory.

A burglar broke into the Lincoln school building, but the light he used attracted the janitor and the burglar had to run to escape. He secured a few pennies from the desk of the principal. He was preparing to take away some of the pictures from the walls, but his discovery by the janitor frustrated this plan and after taking them down he was compelled to leave them.

BEACON SOLD AGAIN

Applegate Succeeds Brynildson on the Cannon Falls Tripod.

CANNON FALLS, MINN.—The Cannon Falls Beacon has been sold to J. C. Applegate, who will take charge the last of the month. The present editor, Jack Brynildson, purchased the paper about a year ago from S. S. Lewis, who now publishes the Pelican Rapids Press.

Cannon Falls lost one of its prominent merchants when H. C. Vaughn died here last week of cancer. He was the owner and manager of the Bazaar. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held Sunday afternoon from the Episcopal church, Rev. T. G. Crump officiating. Mr. Vaughn was about 58 years old and left a wife and son.

Gustave Benson died yesterday of consumption, at the home of his brother, O. C. Benson, three miles west of town. He was 32.

SPRING VALLEY, MINN.—At the annual election of the G. A. R. the following officers were chosen: Charles W. Ackley, commander; Ed P. Goodwin, S. V.; Birchard H. Judd, J. V.; George S. Frost, chaplain; Asa R. Burleson, sergeant; W. W. Hoagland, O. D.; W. W. Bontecou, Q. M.; Orin Neal, O. G.; George W. Whiting, adjutant. The W. R. C. elected the following: Mrs. Lydia Kumm, president; Mrs. Nellie Washburn, S. V.; Mrs. M. Olds, J. V.; Mrs. Georgiana Stevens, treasurer; Mrs. Will Horton, chaplain; Mrs. Ono McClary, conductress; Mrs. Mark Seeley, guard; Miss Nellie Higby, secretary.

BRAINERD, MINN.—George S. McCulloch, superintendent of the poor farm, was severely burned. He had gone to cut some wood and his team of horses was tied in a small shanty. A bottle of kerosene oil exploded and ignited and the shanty was burned, together with the team. In trying to save the horses, Mr. McCulloch was badly burned about the face and hands.—The December term of district court opened yesterday. There are some forty cases.

MORRIS, MINN.—Mrs. Annie Fuchs was taken to the hospital for the insane at Fergus Falls today. She has a husband and five small children.—The stockholders of the Gold Standard Mining company re-elected all the old officers except F. E. Smith as director, whose place was filled by the election of Judge Steidl of Wheaton. Several Minneapolis stockholders were present, among them being K. T. Boardman and H. C. Parlin.

HASTINGS, MINN.—William R. Gale died last evening, after a protracted illness, aged 37. He was for many years cashier in the Milwaukee station at Red Wing. He belonged to Red Wing commandery, Knights Templar, and also the A. O. U. W. lodge. A daughter, Minnie, aged 7, survives him.

D. H. BARKER,

SHERIFF OF CHATTANOOGA, TENN.,

Another Prominent Man. Finds in Vinol the Only Cure for Stomach Troubles.

Hon. D. H. Barker, Deputy Sheriff of Chattanooga, Tenn., writes:

"As I have suffered for years with dyspepsia and stomach troubles, and Vinol has driven that dreaded disease from my system, I am only too pleased to state my experience for the benefit of others. My system became so enfeebled by indigestion that I was unable to work half the time. Many remedies were given a trial, but Vinol was the only medicine that benefited, and finally cured me completely. I am so grateful to be rid of this trouble that I trust this testimonial will come to the eyes of other sufferers who may be benefited as I have been by Vinol."

What Vinol did for Mr. Barker, Voegeli Bros. Drug Co. of this city guarantee it will do for every person in Minneapolis suffering from a tired, overtaxed or worn-out stomach which cannot properly digest food.

Hon. D. H. Barker.

Through the digestive organs the blood receives its body-building material, and strength and vigor is given to every organ in the body. Vinol strengthens and tones up the weakened nerves of the stomach, and soon enables the sufferer to digest with ease the very foods that once caused distress.

Vinol contains no drugs, and no nauseating oil, but it does contain the vital principles of cod liver oil which will heal and tone up irritated, worn, tired stomachs.

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—Voegeli Bros. Drug Co.

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If you are going to want more or different business help next year, a Journal want ad will reach the best class of bookkeepers, stenographers, salesmen and clerks.

IOWA.

BOYCOTTED BY THE RAILROADS

MYSTIC MILLING CO. OF SIOUX CITY UNDER THE BAN.

Mandamus Proceedings to Be Started Against the Common Carriers—Certain Demurrage Charges, Which the Millers Hold to Be Unjust, Have Caused All the Trouble—Other Houses Have Suffered, Too.

Special to The Journal.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 9.—A boycott has been declared on the Mystic Milling company by all the railroads of Sioux City and the manager, H. J. Hutton, yesterday caused legal notice to be served of his intention to bring mandamus proceedings to force the roads to receive and handle the company's business.

The order to boycott the mill was given by A. C. Jones, local manager of the Western Car Service association. The order was issued because Hutton had refused to pay some demurrage which, it is said, became due over a year ago.

Hutton, in defense, claims the demurrage charge was unjust. He says the roads will allow cars to accumulate, after he has earnestly requested that they be set out for him, until there are more than can possibly be unloaded within the prescribed time.

Other houses here have had the same trouble and Hutton purposes to contest in the courts the arbitrary right of the roads to charge demurrage, which cannot be avoided because of their own negligence. One of the company's mills here has closed and the other must shut down to-morrow unless the boycott is relieved.

One of the $10,000 damage suits of Ed C. Williams, a prominent stockman, against the Sioux City Gas company and the Sioux City Traction company, for the accidental electrocution of his son by coming in contact with a live wire, was settled for $1,000 in cash.

NOW HEAD OF THE A. O. U. W.

Simmons of Huron Becomes Grand Master by Resignation of Fred B. Smith.

Special to The Journal.

Huron, S. D., Dec. 9.—T. M. Simmons of this city, who has just entered upon his duties as grand master of the A. O. U. W.

TAZEWELL M. SIMMONS.

for the jurisdiction of South Dakota, is receiving congratulations from members of the order in this and neighboring states. He was grand foreman and succeeds to the chief office by the resignation of Grand Master Fred B. Smith of Hecla. He is a young attorney of this city, is an eloquent and forcible speaker, and possesses fine executive ability.

JURY IS TOO ZEALOUS

Rebuked by a Judge for Investigating Cases Based on Spite.

DES MOINES, IOWA—Judge William H. McHenry administered a scathing rebuke to the members of the Polk county grand jury. He charged that cases were being brought before the jury to vent spite and intimated that certain politicians and others were making foot races to the grand jury in the hope of ruining the political fortunes of their opponents.

Judge McHenry said that he had consulted with the county attorney as to the length of time the jury had been in session, and had ascertained from legitimate sources that the jury was investigating cases where there should be no prosecution.

Members of the state farmers' institute, which is now in session here, have been asked to establish a new feature to be known as the "home and child culture study," in the interest of farmers' wives. Mrs. Isaac Lee Hillis, president of the Iowa congress of mothers, addressed the assembly and urged the need of country women receiving such training as this department would afford in the way of bettering rural homes and the methods of rearing the young.

President M. J. Wragg has resigned and refuses to serve another term. It is conceded that W. A. Burnap, vice president, of Clear Lake, will be elected to succeed him. There are three contestants for places on the executive committee of the state board of agriculture. W. W. Murrow of Afton, president of the board, and C. E. Cameron of Alta have the warmest kind of opposition. There are contests in the first, seventh and ninth districts. R. S. Johnson of Columbus Junction wants J. P. Manfrey's seat. P. S. Kell of Des Moines is opposing the re-election of M. J. Wragg of Waukee and G. M. Hull of Red Oak is contesting with M. McDonald of Bayard for the ninth district seat.

The Iowa retail hardware dealers will hold their annual convention in this city Feb. 10, 11 and 12. At the same time the retail grocers of the state will have their meeting.

MURDER OF MRS. MEYER

Interest Revived in the Case by the Finding of a Mysterious Bottle.

BELLE PLAINE, IOWA—The finding of a bottle partly filled with carbolic acid near where the body of Mrs. Lena Meyer was found after her supposed murder in this city has revived interest in the case. It is not believed the bottle was there when the body was first discovered.

The bottle bore the label of a Le Roy, Ill., druggist, and it is possible that the murderer, getting wind of the effort to locate him, returned to the scene of the crime and placed the bottle where it was found with the hope of creating the impression that the woman had taken poison.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Meyer left Keister, Minn., with the intention, it is thought, of meeting a former lover from Le Roy, Ill., with whom she had had some correspondence. The woman's husband came to Belle Plaine yesterday to investigate. He has offered a reward of $500 for the capture of the murderer.

WIVES WOULD NOT TESTIFY

Isenhart Convicted of Bigamy at Webster City, Notwithstanding.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA—A. E. Isenhart of this city was found guilty in the Hamilton county court, at Webster City, of bigamy. Neither of his wives would testify against him, but the proof was so positive that the jury quickly found him guilty. He will be sentenced Friday.

The town council of Grundy Center has called a special election for Tuesday, Jan. 12, to vote upon the granting of a franchise to the Marshalltown Electric Street and Interurban Railway company.

A small strike occurred in the pottery works yesterday, the result of the discharge of two employes. Ten quit in sympathy with the two discharged. They are mostly girls, employed in what is known as the "slip" or glazing-room. The company was able to fill their places without any trouble.

MONTGENE IS INSANE

Youth Who Stabbed a Priest at the Altar of a Church.

DUBUQUE, IOWA—Charles Montgene, the youth who stabbed and dangerously wounded Rev. Father Roach on the altar of St. Martin's church at Cascade Sunday, was declared insane.

REV. MR. HIGGINS AND HIS DOG TEAM

Loggers Call Him the "Lumberjack Sky Pilot" and Always Give Him the "Glad Hand."

Special to The Journal.

Bemidji, Minn., Dec. 9.—The picture is of Rev. F. E. Higgins, superintendent of the logging camp mission of Minnesota, commonly known as the "Lumberjack Sky Pilot," and his dog team with which he travels from camp to camp during the winter.

Mr. Higgins is the original lumberjack missionary. He has been in the work for nine years and began it alone. This winter the minister, who is working under the supervision of the evangelical committee of the rPesbyterian church, has six assistants, who have been assigned to lumbering districts thruout the northern section of the state. He has a wide personal acquaintance with the lumbermen and is a welcome guest at every camp.

Last year Mr. Higgins gave up his church in Bemidji that he might devote all his time to the work. He not only holds religious services in the camps, but furnishes the men with literature and visits the sick.

Former Speaker David B. Henderson and wife will arrive in Dubuque during the week to spend the holidays.

August Switzer, who was the first mayor of East Dubuque, Ill., passed away and bequeathed most of his estate to Mrs. Harney, wife of a laborer, who had nursed him during his sickness.

IOWA CITY, IOWA—The twenty-fifth semi-annual convention of the Central Iowa Homeopathic association is in session. Dr. W. L. Bywater of Iowa City delivered the address of welcome and addresses were also made by Dr. George Royal, Des Moines, and Mrs. D. E. Tiffany and W. A. Hubbard, Cedar Rapids. Dr. Bywater was re-elected president. The next annual convention will be held in May, 1904, and Cedar Rapids will probably be the meeting place.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA—The faculty of the state normal has about completed arrangements for the anniversary exercises marking the close of the half century of teaching by Professor M. W. Bartlett, professor of languages and English literature. The board of trustees has authorized a celebration in his honor and it will be an elaborate affair.

COLFAX, IOWA—Receiver McElroy of the Bank of Colfax, owned by the late George D. Wood, who committed suicide, made a statement last night to the effect that the bank would pay dollar for dollar. The assets are $125,000 more than the liabilities.

DES MOINES, IOWA—After deliberating for twelve hours, the jury in the Trotter murder case failed to agree. Trotter was charged with the murder of Cora Lacey, daughter of a prominent Mitchellville resident, by means of a criminal operation.

MUSCATINE, IOWA—Mrs. Emline Jamison, aged 65, was burned to death, and her grandson, Walter Jamison, aged 15, was probably fatally burned in a fire of unknown origin, which destroyed their residence at Morning Sun.

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA—The program committee of the Upper Des Moines Editorial association has completed the program for the next meeting, which will be held in Clarion on Feb. 18 and 19.

SIOUX RAPIDS, IOWA—The creamery owned by Hesla & Lee, eight miles northwest, was burned yesterday. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is about $3,000; insurance, $1,500.

WISCONSIN

SLEEPING IN BARNS

15-Year-Old Girl, Driven from Home, Led the Life of a Tramp.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—Driven to crime by being turned from her home by her father, Alma Goll, the 15-year-old daughter of Gottlieb Goll, was arrested by the police yesterday for stealing two skirts from a department store. She did not deny the theft, but said that she had to have something to wear and took this way of obtaining it. She has been sleeping in barns and begging meals, practically leading the life of a tramp. She will be sent to the state school, where her two little brothers were committed a short time ago, the father refusing to care for them.

The decision of Judge Brindley in the celebrated Alois Malzacher will case has been sustained by Judge Fruit of the circuit court.

$10,000 HIS FEE

Dr. William Osler Called from Baltimore to Attend Fred Pabst.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Dr. William Osler came here from Baltimore, where he is the dean of the medical department of Johns Hopkins University, to attend a consultation of the physicians of Captain Fred Pabst.

While the captain's condition was not considered desperate, yet his family would not be satisfied until they had consulted the highest authority in the country.

Dr. Osler had a consultation with the other physicians, saw the patient for about five minutes, pocketed a fee of $10,000 and returned home yesterday.

RACINE, WIS.—A rumor regarding the financial condition of the Commercial and Savings bank caused alarm among depositors yesterday and hundreds demanded their money. All were promptly paid, but the majority again deposited when they learned the reports were untrue. The deposits were greater than withdrawals.

PRESCOTT, WIS.—Charles Wilson, a carpenter, is dead as the result of a fall.

NORTH DAKOTA

STARS AND PLANETS BLAZE

Phenomena Over Mayville Has Been Uncommonly Brilliant.

MAYVILLE, N. D.—North Dakota and especially the Red River valley, may be lacking in picturesqueness of natural scenery, tho there are many who say that the wide sweep of the prairie is beautiful enough, but whatever may be said of its terrestial scenery, that of the heavens is unsurpassed. The atmosphere is so clear that the stars and planets fairly blaze. Nowhere is the moonlight more brilliant, and the transformations it works in the landscape are nowhere more wonderful.

The state is so far north that it sees many of the beautiful atmospheric effects that are never witnessed by people living farther south. The aurora approaches that of the arctic regions in beauty. Some magnificent displays have been seen recently. Sunday just before sunset the air was full of floating particles of frost, and on each side of the sun, about ten or fifteen degrees away from it, were two extremely brilliant sundogs.

A few night before, the moon as it came up the eastern heavens was accompanied by a pair of moondogs that were very brilliant. On Sunday evening after the darkness had fallen, and the electric lights were on, there was another beautiful display, taking the form this time of narrow streamers of light that shot straight up from each street lamp into the sky.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—A petition has been filed in the federal court asking that an order be issued forcing the Langdon Implement company of Langdon into voluntary bankruptcy. The petition is filed by the Acme Harvesting company, the Security Bank of Minnesota and the Union National bank of Grand Forks, creditors, and is made returnable on Dec. 22.

LISBON, N. D.—Annie Monsen, an unmarried woman, one of the early settlers of this county, was found by the neighbors sick in her home on a claim where she lived alone. She had been three days without fire or food. She was brought to this place and every effort made to save her life, but she died on Sunday.

WALHALLA, N. D.—Alex Smith, a well-known citizen of Pembina county, is dead as the result of the accidental discharge of a rifle.

Christmas-New Year

Holiday excursions to Jamestown and other points in New York state. One fare for round trip, Dec. 17 to 20, via Erie Railroad. D. M. Bowman, General Western Passenger Agent, Chicago.

SOUTH DAKOTA

MERCHANTS ARE WELL ORGANIZED

ALL THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL FIGHT CATALOG HOUSES.

Dealers of Armour County Will Refuse to "Carry" Customers Who Patronize the Catalog Houses Whenever They Have Money to Spend—Movement Will Be Extended to Grain and Stock Dealers.

Armour, S. D., Dec. 9.—The country merchants of this section are after the catalog houses with a vengeance. They are organizing thoroly and once the articles of agreement are understood there will be something doing in the commercial world.

The organization includes every business man in all the surrounding towns. The merchants of Delmont first conceived the idea and from there other towns are being interested. It is proposed that the merchants books be free from outstanding accounts on Dec. 16 of each year, settlement being made by cash or note. Then the merchant will refuse to buy the produce of the man who sends to eastern catalog houses for goods when he has the money and buys on time at home when he is short.

The grain dealers will not purchase his grain or the stock dealer his stock. He will be informed he can sell to the house where he sends for his groceries.

DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY

Olney of Sioux Falls Chosen President of New Organization.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—The Medical Society of the Seventh District of South Dakota has been organized here as the result of a meeting of physicians from the counties of Minnehaha, Lincoln and parts of Moody, Turner and McCook counties. Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. Stephen Olney; vice president, Dr. A. H. Tufts; secretary, Dr. John R. Hawkins; treasurer, Dr. Cora Carpenter. Regular meetings will be held in Sioux Falls on the first Monday of each month.

Discharges from bankruptcy have been granted by Judge Carland in the cases of the following persons, and all claims against them have been canceled: Carl H. Meyer, Wentworth; John A. Keenan, Elkton; August J. Hoefert and John L. Hoefert, as Hoefert Brothers and as individuals, Humboldt; Martin J. Rooney, individually and as a member of the firm of Thompson & Rooney, Dell Rapids.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Dacotah club, the following officers were elected: President, George W. Abbott; vice president, George H. Perry; secretary-treasurer, A. F. Pilcher; board of directors, A. H. Stites, J. W. Hutchinson, S. M. Bear and R. F. Brown.

Dealers' association of South Dakota, southwestern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa opened last evening for a session lasting until Thursday night. The delegates were welcomed in behalf of the city by Judge H. H. Keith. The opening address was made by E. H. Evans of Tracy, Minn. President Thompson made his annual address.

GAVEL FROM LOOKOUT

Bullets Fired in the Battle Imbedded in Head and Handle.

WATERTOWN, S. D.—The history of a much-prized relic belonging to the local G. A. R. post has come to light. The Watertown G. A. R. hall contains many priceless relics and mementoes of scenes and places of the civil war. Among the keepsakes of the post is a gavel of rough and rude construction, yet priceless to the old soldiers. It was cut from the topmost pinnacle of Lookout mountain, fifteen years ago. It consists of the head, roughly shapen, into which is fitted a natural handle. In the head and also in the handle are embedded two bullets of the pattern used by the union soldiers at the battle of Lookout mountain.

The gavel was made by Comrade Templeton, who visited the place again and ascended to the highest point. There he espied the tree branch in which were plainly seen the two old bullets. He cut it off and made the gavel and presented it to the Watertown post.

NO THIRD PAPER

Independent Organ Fails to Appear at Canton, S. D.

CANTON, S. D.—The much heralded independent paper did not appear and the prospects are that it never will be issued, notwithstanding the flattering prospects that were in store for it.

The Knights of Pythias lodges elected the following officers: L. J. Becker, chancellor commander; William Tank, vice chancellor; C. F. Hobson, prelate; A. Brady Beck, master-at-arms; W. C. Gemmill, K. of R. and S.; G. G. Johnson, master of exchequer; M. T. Odegard, trustee; Simon Hanson, master of work.

At last night's meeting of Centennial lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected: A. D. Hale, N. G.; A. L. Payne, V. G.; F. L. Arnold, R. S.; D. S. Waldo, F. S.; J. C. Nerhart, treasurer; A. A. Arnold, trustee. The annual installation will take place on the first Monday evening in January.

MEETING AT REDFIELD

Officers of National Guard Called Together by the Adjutant General.

REDFIELD, S. D.—Adjutant General S. J. Conklin called a meeting of all the officers of the Second and Third regiments at Redfield. The object is to outline plans for work for the coming year and to perfect a reorganization of the battalion of the different regiments.

The town is well filled with soldiers and the meetings are being held in the large hall room of the Syndicate block.

Two new majors will be appointed in the Second regiment. One of these will likely be Captain H. E. Johnson of the Redfield company, and the other Captain S. E. Aldridge of the Sioux Falls company.

Governor Herreid was expected to be present, but was prevented by other pressing matters pertaining to his office.

FARMERS' MUTUAL COMPANY

Annual Meeting of Storm Insurance Company at Elk Point.

ELK POINT, S. D.—The Farmers' Mutual Tornado, Hurricane and Cyclone Insurance association of Union and Clay counties held its annual meeting here Tuesday. The association is eight years old, has a membership of 670, and insurance in force of $750,000.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Andrew Martin, Lamont; vice president, L. A. Larson, Vermillion; secretary, S. A. Omdahl, Vermillion; treasurer, J. T. Norton, Elk Point; directors, the above officers and T. O. Leikvold, Centerville; Nils Axlund, Konstad; Flavian Montague, Jefferson; L. N. Lewison, Elk Point; T. S. Hesia, Wakonda.

SALEM, S. D.—The G. A. R. elected the following officers: H. W. Carl, commander; John Tauner, senior vice; William Marsha, junior vice; D. Hoy, surgeon; T. W. Bishop, quartermaster; C. W. Thompson, chaplain; F. D. Moore, officer of the day; H. W. Russell, officer of the guard; M. A. Butterfield, delegate; T. W. Bishop, alternate. The Odd Fellows elected the following: B. T. Chapman, N. G.; A. Waebholz, V. G.; N. M. Nelson, secretary; Dr. W. E. Edgerton, treasurer; L. Harold Forde, past grand, and N. Krebs, trustee.

DEADWOOD, S. D.—Judge Rice finished the hearing of the case of Edward T. Marshall, trustee, in bankruptcy, against Levi Decker and Oswald Decker. This was a suit from Meade county to set aside the sale of certain horses, and was decided by Judge Rice in favor of the defendants.—The Lawrence county commissioners issued liquor licenses to O. N. Potter of Spearfish and Ed Hillock of Lead.

LEAD, S. D.—The A. O. U. W. elected the following officers: George Hart, master workman; John Trehey, foreman; Joseph Prinn, overseer; J. F. Peters, financier; Wm. Lang, recorder; Edward Valentine, receiver; Thomas Harvey, guide; Thomas Nevins, inside watch; John Walsh, representative; W. H. Campbell, alternate.

SCOTLAND, S. D.—At the annual meeting of the local Woodmen the following officers were elected: V. C., J. P. Resner; W. A., A. W. Sweet; E. B., D. K. Tomlinson; clerk, P. A. Bliss; E., Claus Flick; S., J. O. Lee; W., William Catton; physician, Dr. H. J. G. Koobs; manager, H. Youngman.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—Jan. 5 and 6 have been determined upon the dates for a convention in Sioux Falls of the hotel men of the northwest. The convention will be held for the purpose of organizing an association, to be composed of the hotel men of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and other states.

WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S. D.—In a gold medal contest under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. the medal was awarded to Miss Grace Whitney.—The young men have organized a Leisure Hour club for strictly social purposes. It starts out with a membership of twenty-nine.

ABERDEEN, S. D.—A vein of coal has been struck on the Niger farm, about twelve miles southwest. The vein was found at a depth of 100 feet, and the drill showed it to the sixteen feet thick. The quality is good, being a hard lignite.

VALLEY SPRINGS, S. D.—At the first annual meeting of the Teachers' association of the Valley Springs district, the following officers were elected: President, R. D. Burr; vice president, A. Johnson; secretary, Lurena Woods.

MONTROSE, S. D.—The annual election held by the Masonic fraternity resulted: Worshipful master, E. L. Ketcham; senior warden, C. J. Beach; junior warden, J. A. Cooper; treasurer, H. R. Hills; secretary, J. W. Platt.

MARION, S. D.—The people of this vicinity are proud of the pluck displayed by Henrietta Dahlman, a young woman school teacher who each morning and evening drives seven and one-half miles to her school in the country.

NORTHVILLE, S. D.—Rev. J. E. Norvell, president of the South Dakota Holiness association, announces that the eleventh annual campmeeting of the association will be held at Mitchell, July 1 to 10 next.

MONTANA

SENATE PASSES BOTH

One Bill Sought by the Amalgamated Is Ready for the Governor.

HELENA, MONT.—The senate yesterday afternoon by a vote of 21 to 4, passed both the change of venue bill and the measure providing for a review of facts in equity cases by the supreme court. The latter measure was slightly amended and will have to be returned to the house for concurrence, but the changes are slight and there is no doubt of their adoption in the lower branch.

These are the two measures whose passage was sought by the Amalgamated Copper company. Under their terms it will be possible for the Amalgamated to secure hearings in cases pending with Heinze before district judges other than those at Butte.

The change of venue bill will now go to the governor for his signature, and which it is not believed he will sign it, the belief is general that he will permit both to become laws without his signature, as he did at the regular session.

RANCHER KILLED

L. D. Robinson Thrown from His Wagon and His Skull Crushed.

BUTTE, MONT.—Word was received in this city last night of the tragic death of L. D. Robinson, a well-known western Montana rancher, near Bonita, about sixty miles west of this city. He was driving along the road when the wagon wheel struck a rock, throwing him from the seat and striking his head upon the hub of the wheel. His head was crushed in and he died in a few hours.

FARIBAULT, MINN.—John H. Delert died from plural dropsy, aged 34. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. L. Slattery.—Thieves broke into the store of John Lynch and secured a small sum of money.—A. J. Joyce, a colored porter, was arrested on a charge of stealing $200 from Nels Sjenson and bound over by the grand jury. In default of bail he was placed in jail.

LAKE CRYSTAL, MINN.—Rich Lee, son of George Lee, a farmer, committed suicide last night by shooting himself with a shotgun. The young man's mind had been slightly deranged for some time.

LE SUEUR, MINN.—A calf weighing only twelve pounds is the strange pet borne in arms by the children of William C. Snow, a farmer living in this county.

MADISON, MINN.—The December term of the district court of Lac qui Parle county opened yesterday with one criminal and forty-seven civil cases on the calendar.

WAKEFIELD, MINN.—Botherton mine is running with a full crew again and no more trouble is expected. Sunday Lake mine remains closed.

FAIRMONT, MINN.—While insane from sickness, Mrs. Robert Mau, wife of a farmer, sprang out of bed, secured a gun and blew her head off.

MICHIGAN

GOVERNMENT VS. THE STATE

WANTY HOLDS FOR THE FORMER ON ALL POINTS.

Clash Over the Taking of Fish in Lake Superior Waters for Propagating Purposes—Injunction Restraining Interference by State Officials Is Continued—Action of the Federal Court at Grand Rapids.

Special to The Journal.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 9.—Judge Wanty, in the United States court at Grand Rapids, has decided that the federal statutes are paramount in the matter of catching fish in Lake Superior waters for propagating purposes, overruling the contentions of the state authorities at all points.

The case arose from the recent arrest at this port of Superintendent Wires, of the government hatchery at Duluth, together with his employes and the masters and crews of the fishing tugs involved, and the seizure of the nets and other paraphernalia by the state game warden's department on the ground that the state law for the closed season was being violated. Following this action, the federal authorities secured an injunction restraining further interference on the part of the state officials, and this injunction is now continued by Judge Wanty.

The judge says that the constitutionality of the federal act has not been before questioned in the courts and that its suspension would mean eventually an immense loss to the state of Michigan and a still greater loss to states bordering on water where shell fish are propagated.

He does not finally pass upon the legality of the law, altho intimating that he will uphold it, and concludes: "The precipitate action of the defendants in this case indicates that a dissolution of the injunction would lead to an unseemly conflict which should be avoided, and therefore the injunction will remain in force until