TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

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ECONOMICAL ADMINISTRATION BY COMMISSIONER HOST.

State Is Now Carrying the Bulk of Its Own Insurance, Made Possible By a New Law—Receipts of the Department Largely in Excess of 1902—New Appointment to Board of University Regents.

MADISON, WIS.—The state insurance department did a flourishing business last year. Its receipts were $503,631.49, against $468,000 in 1902 and $435,000 in 1901. This big increase in revenues is due largely to the economical administration of Commissioner Host and to some changes in the state laws last winter.

The most important of the new laws that went into effect during the year was the one providing that the state should carry its own insurance. The law went into effect July 1 last, and provides that an insurance equal to 90 per cent of the actual value of the various state buildings—the capitol, state charitable and penal institutions and state university buildings—shall be carried by the state.

The rate is the average of those of stock policies on the different buildings. The stock policies are to be allowed to expire in their natural order and to be replaced by state insurance. Since the law went into effect the state has accumulated an insurance fund of $6,598.51, and has suffered no loss. It carries $3,283,685 of its own insurance and has stock policies yet amounting to $2,206,175.

Banker on the Board.

Governor La Follette has appointed Lucien S. Hanks, a leading banker of Madison, as a member of the state board of university regents, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Breese J. Stevens. The appointment is for the term ending the first Monday in February, 1905. Mr. Hanks has previously served one term on the board.

Large General Fund.

The general fund of the state treasury contained $951,033.85 at the close of business last night, against $230,503.76 on the same date a year ago. All of the current expenses of the state, amounting to about $3,000,000 a year, come out of this fund. The reason it is so much larger now than a year ago is because of the payment of $458,000 from the government on the Wisconsin war claim and the increased receipts from railroad taxes and other sources.

In order to keep the state taxes down this year, the administration recently ordered $940,000 transferred from the general fund to the state tax fund purposes. This transfer will not be made until next month. Considering this transfer, there is really only a balance of about $11,000 in the general fund now.

REFORM IN SPELLING

Simplified System Strongly Urged by Teachers of Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The subject of spelling reform was the feature of the closing day of the Wisconsin Teachers' association convention. Opinion was divided on the question, but the report of R. H. Halsey of Oshkosh recommending the appointment of a committee on amelioration of spelling was adopted.

A resolution asking the superintendent of the department of amelioration of spelling of the National Educational association to appoint a committee of thirty citizens from various parts of the country, and to appropriate $2,000 a year for the purpose of advancing simplified spelling, was carried.

President Birge's address on "The University and the Schools" was a plea for the betterment of educational facilities, and with it better pay for the teachers.

W. O. Krohn of Chicago spoke on the effect of physical training on the mind.

SUPERIOR, WIS.—W. M. Kellogg has returned from Wickenburg, Arizona, near which point the Black Rock mine, owned by Superior men, is located. He reports the property in excellent condition and predicts extensive returns.

MADISON, WIS.—A petition to Archbishop Messmer of Green Bay, asking for the removal of Rev. Alois Zitterl, pastor of the Holy Redeemer German Catholic church of this city, is being signed by members of that congregation.

PLAINFIELD, WIS.—Fire destroyed the harness shop occupied by M. A. Vroman and owned by Mrs. Ida Michie, two buildings owned by J. M. Smart, and the grocery stock of C. M. Pierce. The total loss is $5,000.

GRAND RAPIDS, WIS.—Peter Damske was shot by a companion while hunting rabbits. He was about 30. A widow and four children survive.

GRAND RAPIDS, WIS.—Marshfield has decided to call for a tax commission to review the property valuation of Wood county.

VIROQUA, WIS.—Frank Hancock, an inmate of the Monroe county poorhouse, celebrated his 105th birthday.

YOUR CHILDREN

Whose Thin, Peaked Faces Show Lack of Vital Strength, May Be Built Up by Proper Feeding with Ozomulsion, the Building, Vitalizing Food.

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MICHIGAN

YEAR WAS A GOOD ONE FOR COPPER

EARNINGS OF THE MINES WERE MUCH LARGER.

Dividends Increased Over a Million and All the Properties Begin the New Year in Excellent Condition—Wages Were Maintained at a Good Figure and the Number of Men Employed Was Never Greater.

Special to The Journal.

Calumet, Mich., Jan. 1.—Judged by whatever standard, 1903 was a satisfactory year for the Lake Superior copper mining industry. The price of copper, which is the dominant factor in the situation always, averaged higher than in the previous year, and consequently earnings were larger. The production of metal showed a large increase over the record-breaking figures of 1902. Several new mines joined the producers and give promise of good returns. Dividends have increased nearly a million and a quarter. Wages have remained at the same level as during a 17 cent copper market and the number of men employed never was larger. What is more, the outlook is bright. The mines are in excellent condition, both physically and financially, and 1904 should witness a material increase in production and dividends.

The following table shows the actual production of refined copper in pounds by Lake Superior mines for 1902, these being the first accurate detailed figures published, with estimates of the 1903 outputs. The figures for 1903 are necessarily approximate, as the official returns will not be obtainable until the latter part of next summer, but they may be depended on as reliable, and will vary only slightly from the final amounts:

Mine—	1903.	1902.
Calumet & Hecla	79,700,000	81,248,739
Quincy	18,000,000	18,088,491
Osceola	16,200,000	13,416,396
Tamarack	14,000,000	15,961,528
Champion	12,000,000	4,165,784
Baltic	11,000,000	6,285,819
Trimountain	10,800,000	5,730,807
Wolverine	9,000,000	6,473,181
Mohawk	6,700,000	908,479
Atlantic	5,550,000	4,949,366
Franklin	5,500,000	5,259,140
Isle Royale	3,100,000	3,569,748
Mass	3,000,000	2,345,805
Adventure	2,950,000	606,211
Winona	1,200,000	101,188
Arcadian	180,000	500,000
Phoenix	175,000	.....
Michigan	150,000	133,373
Miscellaneous	300,000	.....
Total	199,505,000	170,644,055

Production for Eleven Years.

The production of refined copper by lake mines for the last eleven years is shown in the following table:

Year.	Lbs. Copper.
1893	112,605,078
1894	114,308,870
1895	129,330,749
1896	142,057,500
1897	142,702,786
1898	147,965,738
1899	146,950,338
1900	142,151,571
1901	155,716,818
1902	170,644,055
1903	199,505,000

Dividends.

Dividend disbursements are shown in the appended table. The figures are for every fifth year from 1850 to 1900, and for each succeeding year:

Year.	Dividends.	Year.	Dividends.
1850	$84,000	1885	1,970,000
1855	168,000	1890	3,415,000
1860	120,000	1895	3,280,000
1865	510,000	1900	9,811,200
1870	700,000	1901	7,496,900
1875	1,920,000	1902	3,440,000
1880	3,080,000	1903	4,680,000

It is certain that some of the new mines will join the ranks of the dividend-payers this year, providing the price of copper rules firm.

The total assessments of lake companies to date have been $49,638,700, leaving a credit balance of $72,377,220, after deducting the assessments from the dividends.

NORTHWEST WEDDINGS

MANKATO, MINN.—The marriage of Miss Alice Caroline Grannis and Frank LeRoy Botsford, the latter of Los Angeles, Cal., took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Grannis, last evening. A reception followed at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Attorney H. L. Schmitt, which was largely attended. The bride is an elocutionist and the bridegroom is a real estate man.

Miss Harriett Harris and Charles F. Barnum, the latter of Redwood county, were married at the home of the bride's father, David Harris, in Cambria, Wednesday noon, in the presence of over a hundred invited guests, some of whom were from this city.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—A double wedding was solemnized yesterday, the principals being Albin Anderson, a prominent business man of Crookston, and Miss Erika Erickson, and Carl Woodstrom, a prosperous farmer, and Miss Mina Carlson. Many guests were invited, and a wedding feast served at the Scandia hotel.

CUMBERLAND, WIS.—Roy Sherman and Miss Eva B. Dean were married at the home of the bride's parents. They will reside in Minneapolis.—Martin Stoll and Miss Olga Johnson were married at the bride's home, ten miles northwest of here, yesterday.—Miss Annie Haugen and George B. Anderson were married here yesterday.

WINONA, MINN.—The marriage of Miss Adelaide Lord and Henry C. Cornwell was celebrated at the home of the bride's father, O. M. Lord, at Minnesota City. Rev. J. W. Anderson of this city officiated.

ABERDEEN, S. D.—Miss Dora Titus and Lieutenant Leon S. Richmond, both of this city, were married last night at the Christian church and have gone east on a wedding tour.

GRAND MEADOW, MINN.—Miss Alma Nissen was married to Oscar Carlstrom of Aledo, Ill. Mr. Carlstrom is of the law firm of Bassett & Carlstrom. Miss Nissen was one of Grand Meadow's most esteemed young ladies.

HATTON, N. D.—Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Tisdel, Emanuel Compton of Wheaton, Minn., and Ida Charlotte Tisdel. The bride was last year a teacher in the Minneapolis schools.

LAKE CITY, MINN.—St. Mark's Episcopal church was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Fred T. Hofmann and Miss Helen McElwain were united, Rev. C. H. Plummer officiating. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Loa McElwain, and the bridegroom by Dorance Greer. A. L. Myers acted as chief usher and was assisted by Harry Bartoon, Thomas Stoff of this city and Thomas O'Leary and Peter Taverna of Wabasha. The guests were escorted to the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was held and refreshments served. Th young couple will make their home at Wabasha.

ROSCOBEL, WIS.—Ruka Brothers' manufacturing plant was burned. The loss is $15,000; no insurance.

APPLETON, WIS.—Richard Kelly, who recently celebrated the 103d anniversary of his birthday, is dead.

On the ground that letters patent have no intrinsic value a woman was acquitted of theft on her trial in Vienna for stealing such a document.

SOUTH DAKOTA

PROSPERITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ANNUAL REVIEW OF SECRETARY DOANE ROBINSON.

Production of New Wealth Eclipsed the Record of 1902 by $14,939,264, and Represents $253.77 Per Capita—Population Has Increased and Public Building Was Never So Extensive.

Special to The Journal.

Aberdeen, S. D., Jan. 1.—The current number of the Monthly Dakotan, the organ of the State Historical society, contains Secretary Doane Robinson's annual review of South Dakota's progress. It makes a very gratifying showing. The year 1903 eclipsed the splendid record of 1902 in the production of new wealth, the figures being respectively $242.56 and $253.57 per capita, an increase of $11.21, the statement in detail being as follows for 1903:

Wheat, 45,266,000 bushels	$29,422,900
Corn, 52,320,000 bushels	15,819,200
Oats, 26,000,000 bushels	7,280,000
Barley, 11,132,500 bushels	4,000,000
Rye, 700,000 bushels	290,000
Flax, 3,500,000 bushels	2,800,000
Potatoes, gardens and fruits, etc.	3,750,000
Hay and fodder	13,840,000
Dairy and creamery	6,590,000
Poultry and eggs	4,521,000
Live stock	35,950,164
Wool and hides	1,800,000
Minerals, stone and cement	10,000,000
Total production for 1903	$136,063,264
Total production for 1902	121,124,000
Net gain	$14,939,264
Per capita, new wealth	253.77

The pleasant story of advancement can be told best in Secretary Robinson's own words, the following being abstracts from his report:

Growth of Population.

"The growth of population has been something more than normal. This review last year placed the total at a half million. Much inquiry and computation confirm the accuracy of that figure and justify the statement that the present population is 525,000.

"The first effect of last year's phenomenal land movement was a positive loss of people to the state by the emigration of those who sold their lands to speculators. That loss has much more than been made good by the immigration of this year, and in both farm and village the result of growth is apparent. There has been a large influx of homeseekers, who have taken homesteads on the government land west of the Missouri river.

Building Operations.

"This has been another year of large building operations, despite the almost prohibitory prices of labor and material. For the last stated reason the towns have done more than the farms in the way of new improvements. As a rule the conservative farmer already well housed could wait for better prices before building, but in the towns it has been, as a rule, a matter of securing a home at any price. Consequently building operations have only been limited by the ability to secure material and workmen.

"In no former year has public building been so extensive. This includes schools, courthouses, libraries, waterworks and sewer systems and cement sidewalk building, which has become almost universal in the towns. Among the more important of the public buildings, in addition to those provided for by the legislature, are splendid courthouses at Webster and Aberdeen, a federal building at Aberdeen, libraries at Yankton, Redfield and Pierre, schoolhouses in many places, a Masonic temple at Yankton, and hotels at Mitchell and Deadwood.

"The building of homes, however, as is usually the case, has surpassed every other building interest, and every locality has participated in this advantage upon almost equal terms. A few have been exceptionally costly and elaborate, but in the main the structures have been substantial and tasty homes of medium cost.

Prosperity of the People.

"Private finances continue to be in a most hopeful condition. Farmers are as a rule free from debt and many have a comfortable balance in bank. Almost the only exceptions are those who have purchased adjoining lands, and they are making excellent progress in clearing off debts contracted for this purpose. To the general rule there are, of course, the familiar exceptions of the thriftless and unfortunate, but it is a fair proposition that the industrious and thrifty farmer is in very comfortable circumstances in every portion of the state.

"The prosperity of the farms has reflected itself in the towns, but there the same easy, money-ahead condition does not exist to as great an extent, for the reason that almost every denizen of the towns has gone to the limit in improving his property. New homes, additions to older ones, lawns, cement walks, sewers and plumbing, gas, curbs and boulevards cost money, and the South Dakotan is prone to provide himself with all of the modern comforts.

"At the last report of the bank examiners there was $31,000,000 upon deposit in the national, state and private banks of South Dakota, a figure scarcely different from that made in the review of one year ago. A good deal of investigation among bankers confirms the view that about 65 per cent of the whole is the surplus of farmers and ranchmen."

FIRE IN NEW DORMITORY

Loss on a State Building at Aberdeen Estimated at $5,000.

ABERDEEN, S. D.—The new dormitory for the Northern Normal and Industrial school was damaged by fire $5,000 worth yesterday. The building was ready to turn over to the board of regents next Wednesday. The fire started at about the center of the first floor and burned a place several feet square and also burned into the basement and into the second story.

While the replacing of the burned portions will not cost $5,000, the decorating of walls and ceilings and the finishing of the woodwork will have to be done over. There was no fire in the building and has been none, and the origin of the fire is a deep mystery.

Robert Kirk of Springfield has bought from J. S. Minard the Park hotel in this city, and will take possession the first of next week.

The South Dakota Educational association adjourned its twenty-first annual meeting last night. Deadwood won the next meeting over Sioux Falls, after a close contest, and the next meeting will be held there in the summer. The selection of Deadwood makes Miss Helen M. Bennett of that place corresponding secretary.

There will hereafter be one less department or section in the association, the departments of city and town superintendence and college and high schools having been consolidated, and O. M. Hall of Brookings elected president and C. B. Cobb of Hot Springs secretary.

In the county superintendents' department, Superintendent Randolph of Roberts county, was elected president and Superintendent Alice B. Halvorson of Day county, secretary.

In the common and graded school department Professor Jones of Sisseton was elected president and Miss Geraldine VanSlyck of Aberdeen secretary.

The closing feature of the meeting was a reception tendered the visitors at the Northern Normal and industrial school last evening.

During the State Educational association meeting the educators of the north half of the state met and organized the Northern South Dakota Educational association with the following officers: President, Professor W. E. Johnson of Aberdeen; secretary, A. S. Hoy of Redfield; treasurer, Miss Alice Halvorson of Webster. The association will meet at Redfield on May 6 and 7, when a constitution will be adopted and a program presented. This is the third sectional association in the state, all being auxiliary to the state association.

WAUBAY, S. D.—Diphtheria is raging in a limited section in Day county. Emil Werner, a farmer, has lost practically his whole family from the disease. His wife, daughter Freda, aged 19, and son Hilton, aged 3, died within a few hours of one another. The day before the death of the three, another, aged 8, died. A little daughter died several days before, making five in one household who have succumbed.

HURON, S. D.—M. F. Fuller died of heart failure. He went to the country for a load of hay and was found in the hayrack dead. He was past 70 and had resided in Beadle county since 1882.—Ethan Osborn, aged about 60, died this week after a long illness. He was buried by the I. O. O. F.

LEOLA, S. D.—Edith and Faustina Greig, daughters of Register Greig, altho armed only with clubs, attacked and killed a wolf.

FIVE GENERATIONS IN THIS FAMILY

Holiday Reunions in Minnesota Put in the Shade by This One at Watertown, S. D.

Special to The Journal.

Watertown, S. D., Jan. 1.—Minnesota boasts of several families of four generations, but South Dakota can go one better. Last week there assembled at the home of Mrs. Walter Mapes of this city the daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and great-great-grandson of Mrs. Nancy Richardson. There were five generations, represented as follows: Mrs. Nancy Richardson, Mrs. Walter Mapes, daughter; Mrs. M. F. Wait, granddaughter; Mrs. John McCormick, great-granddaughter, and Lyle McCormick, great-great-grandson.

IOWA

OLD CASE REOPENED

Children of W. R. Robertson Want a Portion of a $20,000 Estate.

ELDORA, IOWA.—The children of W. R. Robertson and heirs of the late Anthony Robertson have commenced action in equity in the Hardin county district court to recover the portion of the estate of Anthony Robertson, amounting to $20,000, which they allege they are entitled to as his legal heirs. The property is now vested in W. R. Robertson, of Kansas.

It was supposed that the estate had been finally disposed of when W. R. Robertson was given the possession of the property, but the children and the grandchildren of W. R. Robertson now want a share and extended litigation will be the result.

The Blydenburg murder case, which is to come for trial in this county in two weeks, has attraced much attention. Both sides are collecting a great deal of evidence and sensational developments are likely to appear. The defendant visits his lawyers twice a day, otherwise he does not appear in public.

BRENTON WILL NOT RUN

Hull Candidate for Mayor Formally Withdraws from Contest.

DES MOINES, IOWA—The withdrawal of James M. Brenton, mayor of Des Moines, from the race for renomination, was announced yesterday afternoon.

Brenton was the representative of Congressman Hull, who has been forced into the municipal fight to protect his political interests. John MacVicar, former mayor, has thus far forced two Hull men to withdraw. The first was Police Judge Silvart, and now comes Brenton.

The Hull men at once brought out George Mattern as their mayoralty candidate. He will retire Jan. 1 from the sheriffalty of this city. MacVicar is considered almost certain of nomination, and if elected will use the machinery of the city and county to nominate Judge S. F. Prouty for congress in place of Hull. Prouty stock has taken a strong upward turn.

MARSHALLTOWN TO CHICAGO

Half Crazed Woman Said to Have Walked All the Way.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA.—Longing again for her old home in Norway and being unable to buy transportation, Mrs. Ingeborg Katrine Helgersen tramped from Marshalltown to Chicago, where she was found wandering about the streets in the belief that somewhere in that great metropolis a ticket that would take her back to the fatherland was awaiting her. While perfectly harmless the woman is probably mentally unbalanced. How she managed to walk all the way to Chicago during the inclement weather seems a mystery.

At an adjourned meeting of the creditors of Euzier Bros., who went into bankruptcy a few weeks ago, it wyas decided to accept the offer of 40 cents on the dollar in payment of claims, and upon this basis affairs will probably be settled.

ODEBOLT, IOWA—There is more popcorn shipped from the town of Odebolt than from any other station in the world. In 1902 the shipments amounted to 144 cars, and the crop for 1903 is estimated at 250 cars. At the ruling prices, which range from 80 cents to $1 a hundred pounds, the value of the popcorn crop will reach nearly $50,000. An average yield of popcorn is about a ton and a half to the acre, so that in average years the crop from an acre will bring from $25 to $30 delivered at the railroad station.

COLO, IOWA.—W. H. Dayton, a real estate dealer, has made an assignment. He had branch offices in Iowa and Minnesota. The liabilities are estimated at $16,000 and the assets consist of land in Story and Winnebago counties, Iowa, and in Minnesota and the Dakotas. It is believed the estate will pay out if properly handled. The Elwood Land company of St. Paul is a creditor for $1,500. James McCoy is the assignee.

CUMBERLAND, WIS.—At the annual meeting of the directors of the Beaver Dam Lumber company the following officers were elected: President, Colonel C. W. Griggs of St. Paul; vice president, Senator A. G. Foster of Tacoma, Wash.; secretary, F. L. Olcott, Cumberland; treasurer, F. W. Miller, Cumberland. Both Colonel Griggs and Senator Foster attended the meeting.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—The fact that Al Shepley gave $55 of $95 to his wife after taking it from a pocketbook which was the property of Robert Thompson, insurance agent and a brother of a millionaire contractor of St. Louis, caused his apprehension by the police to-day. The woman admitted possession of the money.

TAMA, IOWA.—Armour & Co. have leased the Tama paper mill and filler plant for one year and will operate them for the purpose of utilizing the output in their own business. The Tama Paper Mill and Filler company recently became bankrupt, thru alleged mismanagement and irregularities. It is probable the Armours will buy the plant.

GARNER, IOWA—The Ventura bank was blown by burglars last night. Nothing was taken, however, as the noise awoke the inhabitants of the town. Several shots were fired, but no one was injured. The men escaped.

GRINNELL, IOWA—Mrs. F. R. Hill, formerly Abbie Williams of this city, has been commissioned by the Great Northern railway to paint a series of pictures of the scenery in Washington.

MONTEZUMA, IOWA.—The dwelling house on the farm of Thomas Byers burned while the family was absent. The loss will be $3,000.

TIMBER AND HOMESTEAD

615,000 Acres Entered in the Duluth District in 1903.

DULUTH, MINN.—According to figures prepared by the register and receiver of the Duluth land office, 615,000 acres of public lands were entered at that office under timber and homestead applications last year. The estimated receipts for the year aggregated $466,475.72, which is about the amount received in 1902.

Senator Foraker may be the principal speaker at the Garfield Republican club annual banquet to be held on the anniversary of Lincoln's birth, correspondence already having been entered into with this end in view.

An effort also will be made to induce Governor Cummins of Iowa to honor the event with his presence and there is a possibility that Senator Beveridge may be induced to take the trip to the head of the lakes.

A general reduction in wages of all persons employed in the service of the United States Steel corporation went into effect to-day.

The cut affects the 200 persons employed in the offices in Duluth and also all the men working for the concern in the ranges.

NORTH DAKOTA

MILLION AND A QUARTER ACRES

HOW THE LAND WAS TAKEN IN BISMARCK'S DISTRICT.

Eight and a Half Million Acres in the District Are Still Vacant, Chiefly in Billings, Stark and Morton—Banks Have Increased in Number and Deposits Are Heavier—Figures Tell a Story of Prosperity.

Special to The Journal.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 1.—The year ending Dec. 31, marked the close of the busiest year ever experienced by land office officials at Bismarck and shows the extent to which the settlement of the western part of the state has been carried on. There were 1,250,000 acres of government land appropriated during the year, and the total cash receipts of the land office were more than $225,000. The following data will show how the land was appropriated:

Homestead entries	5,563
Homestead proofs	757
Timber culture proofs	11
Cash (commuted) proofs	855
Reservoir filings	614
Soldiers' homesteads	33
Coal entries	1

Notwithstanding this large segregation of land from the public domain, there remains over 8,500,000 acres vacant in the district. Of this Billings, Stark and Morton counties contain over 6,000,000 acres. During the year there have been 1,068 contests filed against land entries, 850 decisions made, 400 cases pending before the general land office, 300 cases dismissed by the local office and 400 decisions received from the officials of the general land office. These figures give some idea of the settlement of the western part of the state.

The Banking Figures.

Abstracts of the report of the condition of the state banks of North Dakota for the last call made by the state examiner, Nov. 17, which have just been compiled by the state examiner, show 211 banks reporting, against 178 for the same time a year ago. The figures are as follows:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	$10,292,687.26
Overdrafts	158,863.58
Warrants, stocks, etc	202,595.46
Banking houses, etc	636,037.18
Real estate	271,512.39
Current expenses	26,201.46
Due from banks	2,731,035.46
Cash on hand	1,503,841.56
Total	$15,862,894.35
LIABILITIES.	
Capital	$2,442,484.75
Surplus	324,090.09
Undivided profits	559,868.83
Total deposits	12,094,071.73
Due to other banks	97,614.69
Bills payable	344,764.26
Total	$15,862,894.35

Loans and discounts have increased nearly $2,000,000 in the year. Deposits increased about $1,500,000 since the September statement of this year. Cash on hand increased about $400,000 since the September statement. Bills payable have decreased in three months from $900,000 to $344,000.

Good "Takes" for Printers.

There is a little plum in the pure food law of the state that the official newspapers will receive gratefully. The law provides that the pure food commissioner shall publish in the official newspaper of each county the list of impure food products that he has discovered on sale in the state, for the information of buyers. The list is a long one and copies have been sent out for publication.

NEXT MEETING IN FARGO

Educational Association Convention One of the Best Yet Held.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—The seventeenth annual meeting of the North Dakota Educational association came to a close last evening. In many respects the gathering was the most noteworthy ever held in the state. The attendance was the largest and the class of educators represented was certainly of a much higher standard than has been present at a similar gathering in this state.

The exhibits far surpassed any ever before seen in this state. One reason for this was the prize offered by the state for the best showing made by any school, as this was the preliminary exhibit from which will be selected the educational exhibit from North Dakota for the St. Louis exposition next year. The final decision, however, will be made at Fargo in March, when several other schools which did not participate here will have exhibits. The next meeting of the association will be held at Fargo next year.

The association adopted resolutions approving, among other things, the movement for larger pay for teachers, recommending the organization of pupils' reading circles thruout the state, and discountenancing the employment of teachers or the admission of pupils who are affected with tuberculosis.

MINTO, N. D.—Minto court, I. O. F. elected the following officers: J. M. Glinch, C. R.; M. McCannel, V. C. R.; S. D. Thomson, financial secretary; J. Bathgate, treasurer; F. M. Davis, R. S.; O. Smalley, orator.—Mrs. M. Kaily won the $400 piano given away by Sprafka Brothers.

KATHRYN, N. D.—The creamery is doing a large business this winter. It is receiving shipments of cream from Litchfield, Westedge, Eastedge and Nome.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

Crookston Will Build One and Refit Other Structures.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—The schools of the city have passed the enrollment mark of 1,500 and the question of providing more room has to be faced at once. The board of education has decided to refit the Central building for the grades and to erect a new high school building in addition to the one now occupied.

The structure proposed will cost $30,000, and the plan will be more fully considered at a meeting to be held after the return of the superintendent from St. Paul.

MINNESOTA

"REDS" CONSENT TO BE REMOVED

TWENTY-FIVE ALREADY TRANSFERRED TO WHITE EARTH.

Mille Lacs Tribesmen Ready to Start When the Government Does Its Part—Agent Michelet Looks for a General Exodus in the Spring—Sale of Inherited Lands.

Special to The Journal.

White Earth Agency, Minn., Jan. 1.—Notwithstanding the many predictions that the Mille Lacs Indians could never be removed to the White Earth reservation without a regiment of soldiers, about twenty-five have moved here and more are ready to come as soon as provision can be made for them. Rev. Frank Porter, a Mille Lacs Indian who is employed as removal clerk for these Indians, returned to this reservation last week with nineteen Mille Lacs Indians. He reports that many others are ready to come just as soon as the government can give them houses and provisions to enable them to live until they can get settled on their allotments.

Under the treaty made with these Indians by Inspector McLaughlin and Agent Michelet they are to be provided with houses, teams, wagons, farming implements and provisions sufficient for their needs until they have had time to get their allotments under cultivation. To conform to the terms of this agreement will require a large sum of money.

The Mille Lacs Indians say they are now ready to do as they agreed to do, namely, to move to the White Earth reservation and take up their allotments and make this their permanent home. They now want the government to keep its promise and furnish them houses and the means to establish themselves homes. Agent Michelet is hastening their removal as fast as possible and says he is sure that all of these Indians can be removed by next spring, provided he is furnished with sufficient means.

The sale of inherited Indian lands is steadily increasing at the agency and a number of approved sales have been returned by the department for final transfer by the Indian agent. This is placing in the hands of some of the older Indians large sums for their declining years.

CASS LAKE, MINN.—Chief Wah-we-way-cum-ig, a member of the Mille Lacs band of Chippewa Indians, passed thru Cass Lake this week on his way to the White Earth reservation. The old chief was accompanied by his family, and his trip to White Earth marks an epoch in the history of the Mille Lacs.

Wah-we-way-cum-ig is the first head of a family of the Mille Lacs band who is acting in conformity with the provisions of the treaty between that band and the government, negotiated by Major McLaughlin in the fall of 1902. Under it all of the Mille Lacs were to be removed from their reservation to the diminished reservation at White Earth, there to make their permanent home.

The Indians have exhibited great reluctance to leave the reservation, which has been the home of the present band and their forefathers for generations. Owing to their excellent record in the past, no severe measures have been taken for their removal. Old Chief Way-we-way-cum-ig, who is one of the wisest of the band, decided that his people must live up to their agreement, and so set an example to his tribesmen.

Others will follow him, and in another year it is expected that nearly if not all of the Indians will remove to their new hunting grounds.

BOY WAS SUFFOCATED

Strange Accident on a Farm Near Town of Glencoe.

GLENCOE, MINN.—Arthur Proehl, the 9-year-old son of Mrs. Elizabeth Proehl, who resides with her father, Henry Beneke, in Rich Valley, near Glencoe, was killed yesterday afternoon in a peculiar manner.

The little fellow went to the henhouse to gather some eggs, and had to climb up to reach an upper tier of nests. His weight on the tier pulled it over and it fell carrying the boy with it, pinning him down on the floor in the corner of the coop in such a manner that his mouth and nose were forced into the hollow of his left arm, which had become doubled under his face as he fell.

The weight of the box was so great that the boy was unable to move it, and he was suffocated, being dead when found ten minutes later by his uncle, John Beneke.

He was an unusually bright lad and his mother and grandmother are almost frantic with grief.

SOLD IMPURE GOODS

Prosecutions at Mankato Under the State Food Law.

MANKATO, MINN.—State Food Inspector J. G. Fowler has procured warrants for the arrest of four of the local grocers, on the charge of selling a compound of salisylic acid for unfermented grape juice. One appeared in court yesterday and paid his fine, $25 and costs, and the others are expected to do so within a day or two. The grocers did not know the injurious character of the goods they were selling.

Patrick McGee arrived yesterday from Stevens Point, Wis., and took charge of his runaway son, who was located by the police of this city. Father and son were very glad to see each other, and they took the first train for home.

John A. Wisneiski, who is charged with the embezzlement of government funds while postmaster at Ivanhoe, was last evening released on $1,000 bail, after spending a week in the county jail. He left at once for Ivanhoe. He states that his shortcomings are due to a love affair, which so preyed upon his mind that he was not responsible.

WINONA, MINN.—New Year's Day was observed as a holiday in Winona. In the Methodist churches watch night services were held to welcome the new year. Several balls and parties were held last evening and others are scheduled for this evening.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—The local Retail and General Merchants' Association will meet Monday evening to arrange the program for the meeting of the state association in this city on Feb. 15-17.

STEWARTVILLE, MINN.—H. E. Johnson, owner of the Stewartville electric light plant, died yesterday from tuberculosis. He was 50.

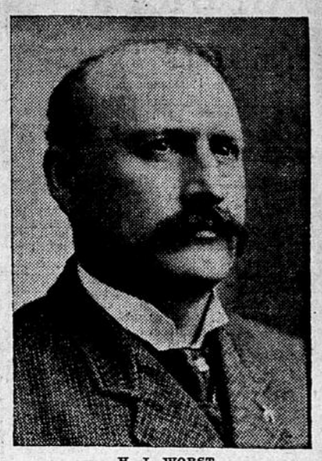
JACKSON, MINN.—The general store of Boehl & Bohlander, at Alpha, six miles east of here, was closed by the sheriff yesterday.

H. J. WORST OF FARGO

New President of the North Dakota Educational Association.

Special to The Journal.

Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 1.—J. H. Worst, elected president of the general association of North Dakota teachers, is



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