TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

MINNESOTA

ORE OUTLOOK RATHER DARK

SEASON OF 1904 LIKELY TO BE A LIGHT ONE.

Immense Reserves at the Furnaces and Dullness in the Steel Market—Causes of the Slump in the Last Months of 1903 Discussed—All the Shipping Ports Show a Decrease.

Special to The Journal.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 2.—The year just past has been fully as eventful as any of its predecessors to the iron ore trade of the United States. It began with limitless confidence; it ends with almost as decided doubt and with the industry utterly at sea as to the immediate future.

Things swung along splendidly till after the turn of the year. In August shippers were not so insistent. In October there was a decline, which in November amounted to a slump which made vessel men gasp. With the inconsistency proverbial in the ore trade, and little to be expected of a business so stable as that of iron, those who a year ago talked thirty million tons for 1903 now talk fifteen million tons for 1904.

General and Other Causes.

Aside from the general causes for the slump and known to everybody, there were others. The enormous shipment of the previous season had been forced, and the new year had come in with excessive amounts of iron ore on hand and unconsumed. Added to this was the importation of foreign steel in the last half of 1902 and the first half of 1903, brought on by the scarcity of coke for domestic furnaces as a result of the strikes of 1902 in the coal regions. This foreign steel displaced twice as many tons of home ore. There were several million tons of American ores in excess of requirements on hand at the beginning of 1903, by reason of these two facts.

Taking everything into consideration, it is a wonder that the ore regions of Lake Superior have done so well, and the business of the year is a matter of congratulation. It is a decline from the preceding year of but 12 per cent, and it is 4,000,000 tons, or 20 per cent, ahead of the total of 1901. It is twice the great tonnage of so recent a year as 1897, and four times that of 1893. Including this year the mines of Lake Superior have produced 244,000,000 gross tons of the finest iron ore the world has ever seen, and of this half is the result of but seven brief years of effort.

Five years ago Minnesota was a minor factor. In 1900 it produced about half of what was mined about the lake. But in 1903 its proportion was 59 per cent. By Minnesota is meant a single county, that of St. Louis, of which Duluth is the seat and business center.

Business at the Ports.

Ore shipments by ports for 1902 and 1903 have been as follows:

	1902.	1903.
Duluth, Minnesota ore	5,598,408	5,356,473
Two Harbors, Minnesota ore	5,605,185	5,120,656
Superior, Minnesota ore	4,180,568	3,978,579
Escanaba, Michigan and Wisconsin ores	3,553,919	2,823,119
Marquette, Michigan ores	2,595,010	2,007,346
Ashland, Michigan and Wisconsin ores	2,595,010	2,007,346
Michipicoten, Canadian ore	298,421	201,057
All-rail, American ore	531,592	*450,000
Total	27,869,542	24,300,607

*Estimated.

This vast volume of ore went to Lakes Erie and Michigan, aside from a small amount all-rail to other points, and was distributed from the following ports of receipt:

	1902.	1903.
Cleveland	4,873,317	4,434,160
Ashtabula	4,796,805	4,242,160
Conneaut	4,300,301	3,903,937
Buffalo	2,556,798	2,149,901
Fairport	1,583,744	1,434,242
Erie	1,717,268	1,257,798
Other Lake Erie ports	3,166,190	2,259,433
Chicago and elsewhere	5,220,118	3,967,819

Large Stocks on Hand.

There usually remains on dock and at furnaces at the close of navigation each fall enough ore to last thru the winter and to maintain furnace operations well into the following year, until midsummer at least. There are now on docks at Lake Erie ports alone, not to mention the stocks at furnaces, and which are themselves very large, the gross amount of 6,371,000 tons. This, it is expected, is sufficient to maintain furnace operations well toward the close of the coming season.

On account of these unusually large stocks and their influence on the trade, it is impossible for mining men to determine their course. They go into the new year ignorant of their probable tonnage for 1904; the ore hauling railroads are at sea as to what they are to do this year; the vessel men do not know what is expected of them, and a state of uncertainty exists all along the line. Were trade to be suddenly revived to such a volume as would quickly melt up these stocks, it would be a comparatively easy matter to tell what the coming year is to bring forth.

With the trade in its indefinite condition, and with the assurance merely of a lower price for pig iron and iron ore than last year, mining labor is content to take its share of the shrinkage, and announcements made the past week as to reductions of wages thruout the lake districts have created only a ripple on the surface. Miners are in no mood to strike or to hinder their own employment.

Effect on Explorations.

With the dullness in mining and steel selling there was a sharper cessation of activity in the purchase of new mines by steel making interests and in the exploration of ore bearing lands around Lake Superior for new finds. Undeveloped mines lost their value, and those who had a few weeks before been eager buyers suddenly lost interest and permitted their negotiations to drop. That they will be only too glad to pick them up again a little later and to pay prices that would have seemed high at the top of the recent boom there can be no question, for very few of the independent steel makers have ore enough, and, without ore, what is the use of putting millions of money into furnaces and rolling mills?

The United States Steel corporation is gradually tightening its monopoly of the iron making trade of the United States by its ownership of the sources of supply, and there is no way for outsiders to get ore but to buy, or to find, mines. So, while the number of drills at work on the lake has sunk from several hundred to less than one hundred at the close of the year, it is only a calm before the renewed demand that must come.

The probabilities are that 1904 will be comparatively dull in the iron ore mining world of Lake Superior, no matter how active steel making may become later in the year.

Sick Men and Women

When they feel fagged out and jaded from cares, responsibilities, anxieties, worries, etc., find a benefactor in

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CROSSED A BURNING BRIDGE

Engineer Greenhough of Crookston Credited with Saving a Fast Mail Train on Great Northern.

Engineer Floyd B. Greenhough of Crookston, Minn., is credited with saving the "Flyer" on the Great Northern line. The railroad bridge over the Mouse river at Surrey, N. D., caught fire recently. No. 4, the eastbound fast coast train, was approaching, its crew unconscious of their danger, as the fierce wind and blizzard which swept the prairie made it impossible to see many yards.

Telegraph communication was cut off shortly after the fire started and railroad men were at a loss how to warn the approaching train. It was then Engineer Greenhough boarded a light engine, pulled the throttle wide open and headed down the track in the hope that he might reach the bridge before the fire had seriously weakened it. Without hesitation he ran his engine upon the structure, crossed in safety, and rushed on to Norwich, where the "Flyer" was torpedoed and the crew apprised of their danger. Engineer Mullally of Grand Forks and Fireman Arnold of Crookston composed the engine crew of the fast train and both believe that the bravery of Greenhough saved their lives and their train.

The bridge was forty feet high and from pier to pier 150 feet in length. Railroad officials believe that the fire was of incendiary origin and the Great Northern's secret service is investigating.

FLOYD B. GREENHOUGH, CROOKSTON.
Engineer Great Northern.

SUBBY'S ROMANCE

Wedding the Sequel of a Sensational Shooting Affair.

ALBERT LEA, MINN.—Assistant Chief of Police Subby and Mrs. Lillian Jones were married and a romance is connected with the match. Four years ago, when Crazy John Hare was flourishing revolvers, Officer Subby was shot in the side. It was supposed the wound was fatal, but good nursing saved his life.

Hare went down the street shooting indiscriminately, and being shot at, and was at last shot in the head by a rifleman, dying shortly afterward, but not until he had sent a bullet from the same revolver that had wounded Officer Subby into William Jones, who was on the street.

Jones lived only until the next day, and now his widow is the bride of the officer who almost lost his life by the same insane man. Mr. and Mrs. Subby went to Minneapolis for a short stay and will soon be at home here.

The sale of the bankrupt stock of clothing of the P. C. Johns Clothing company will probably fail, as the bankrupts have petitioned the United States court to permit them to go into bankruptcy. This will delay the settlement and it is thought greatly reduce the amount that will be received by the creditors.

After being in the jewelry business in this city for a quarter of a century, Alderman T. E. Schleuder has turned the business over to his nephew, Henry J. Harm.

A. J. Berglund and George R. Scott of this city have purchased an interest in the hardware business of Peterson Brothers.

The city council will make application to have the city finances and bookkeeping put under the direction and in charge of the state public examiner.

Leigh Hovland, who was one of the victims of the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago, was at one time a resident of this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hovland.

The total assessed valuation of Freeborn county this year is $10,221,240, of which $2,075,051, or nearly one-fifth, is in this city.

LUMBER DEALER OF LUVERNE

Death of Frank E. Johnston After a Long Illness.

LUVERNE, MINN.—Frank E. Johnston died this week after a lingering illness. He moved to this city eleven years ago, engaging in the lumber business with his brother, Charles Johnston, under the firm name of J. C. Johnston & Co. He continued in business until last April, when failing health compelled his retirement. He was born in Galena, Ill., Dec. 25, 1854, and was married to Miss Emma Cechman of Sanborn, Iowa, in 1889. The funeral services were held this afternoon under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

Mrs. Simon Missman fell on an icy crossing on Main street and broke her right leg at the ankle.

At the adjourned hearing of the case of the state against Dr. N. A. Christensen, charged with practicing without a license, held before Judge Armstrong, the defendant was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Bail was fixed at $300, which was furnished.

Luverne's handsome new hall, over the Union block, will be formally opened Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, by the Knights of Pythias with their annual reception and dance. The hall is one of the largest and finest in southern Minnesota.

Watch services were held in practically all of the churches in this city.

FOR LOSS OF HIS EYE

Lumberjack Sought Revenge and Was Mortally Wounded.

DULUTH, MINN.—An exciting shooting affray took place yesterday at Floodwood, a small village on the Great Northern road, forty miles west of Duluth. As a result Con Davis, a lumberjack, is mortally wounded.

Davis lost an eye in W. G. Carlin's saloon at Floodwood two months ago and has always blamed Carlin for it, tho it was not with him that Davis fought when he lost the optic.

A few days ago Davis sent word to Carlin that he was coming down soon to kill him for the loss of the eye. Davis stepped off the train there yesterday, having come from Hibbing, and proceeded to Carlin's place. He entered with a 38-caliber revolver in his hand and started to "shoot up" the place.

Carlin and Frank Cameron, village marshal, fled out of the back door with the others who were in the place. Davis calmly took possession. Later he was besieged by a party lead by Marshal Cameron.

Twenty-five or thirty shots were exchanged, with the result that Davis was shot twice, once thru the abdomen and once in the head. The marshal and his men rushed in on Davis when he fell to the floor. They saw him turn his revolver on himself, but the bullet glanced off a rib.

WAYZATA'S SCHOOL

Work to Be Resumed on Monday—Upper Lake Notes.

WAYZATA, MINN.—The public school will reopen Monday after a vacation of two weeks. The holiday recess was spent by Miss Bessie Crandall at her home in Pelican Rapids; by Mrs. Pearl Lindsley at Rushfield, and by Miss Josephine Barton at her home in St. Paul.

The winter's ice crop is being harvested. The ice is of fine quality and is much thicker than usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Price have closed their home at Wayzata and are at the St. Angelo hotel for the remainder of the winter.

A social dance was given by the young people at Woodman hall on New Year's Eve.

Mrs. D. E. Wilson and sons have returned from Pelican Rapids, where they spent the holidays with the former's parents.

Mrs. J. H. Watson spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Moore.

R. B. Dickey has returned from the Wenatchie valley, Washington, where he spent a year. H. G. Dickey has purchased two lots adjoining his property on the north.

The Modern Woodmen will have an open installation on Tuesday evening. The occasion is the twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the order. A dance and supper will be features.

POULTRY MEN

Mower County Association to Meet at Austin Next Week.

AUSTIN, MINN.—The annual meeting of the Mower Country Poultry association will be held at Armory hall Jan. 6, 7, 8 and 9. The entries already made indicate a splendid exhibition.

The annual meeting of the Mower County Agricultural society will be held next Tuesday. All premiums earned at the fair have been paid in full and the association is out of debt.

The fine new pipe organ in the Congregational church was formally used at a recital last evening, which drew a large audience.

The city schools open Monday after two weeks' vacation.

HOW FERTILE IMPROVED

Over $70,000 Spent for Buildings and Civic Utilities.

FERTILE, MINN.—Fertile looks back over the year with some satisfaction. There were installed the electric light plant, the local telephone exchange, the tiling and improved brick plant, and many new residences, ranging in price from a few hundred dollars to several thousand, were completed, while many other buildings were materially improved. Some twenty thousand dollars went into the department store, which is still incomplete. Altogether the improvements foot up over $70,000.

Lee Grant, who is accused of the robbery at the station, was taken to Crookston to await the action of the grand jury.

FRAZEE, MINN.—At an adjourned meeting of the village council the license of Joe Pfeiffer was revoked for selling liquor to a minor and keeping his place open on Sundays. Mr. Halverson, father of the boy, who swore he became drunk, has engaged counsel to sue the license holders for damages.—The M. W. A. elected the following officers: V. C., J. S. Ryder; V. A., Ed Haney; E. B., James Gallagher; clerk, John Neuler; escort, A. Syverson; watchman, Charles Muhlenbein; sentry, George S. Scoggen.

MAPLETON, MINN.—The payment of railroad bonds issued by the township and village in 1874 and due Jan. 1, 1905, is being advocated. The original amount, $12,500, was given to aid the construction of the Central Minnesota railroad from Wells to Mankato, now under the supervision of the Southern Minnesota division of the Milwaukee. Interest to the amount of $25,000 has been paid on the same.

FARIBAULT, MINN.—Judge Buckham has granted Robert Dutton an absolute divorce from Esther E. Dutton, for desertion.—Miss Eleanor Jennings of Albert Lea has been elected to succeed Miss Marie Peter as teacher in the public schools.—The Cigar Makers' union elected officers as follows: George Wester, president; John Hamm, vice president; James Logue, secretary; Frank Logue, treasurer.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—Fire destroyed the butcher shop of O. Oberson and the postoffice building which adjoined. The loss was $1,500 with small insurance. Fire was also discovered in the Scandia steam bakery and before it could be controlled had gutted the upper story and spread to the Scandia hotel adjoining. The loss is $1,000 with no insurance.

LONG PRAIRIE, MINN.—A watch service was held at the Methodist church. An address was made by W. E. Lee on his experiences in the Holy Land. W. T. Valentine, formerly of Winona, also spoke. Mrs. R. A. Lee gave a delightful pipe organ recital and Mrs. P. R. Davis sang a vocal solo.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.—President Sallmon of Carleton college graduated Misses Cutler and Cross and Watts O. Pye, who had a part of their year's work at the college to make up owing to absence last year.—The Royal Arcanum had a pleasant dancing party at the Armory last evening.

HASTINGS, MINN.—The funeral of John H. Wentworth, who died from quick consumption, was held from the residence of his mother, Mrs. David Wentworth, yesterday.—J. B. Atkinson, late landlord of Hotel Gardner in this city, has gone on the road for a St. Paul drug house.

ANOKA, MINN.—William Falk, one of the foremen at the shoe factory, died this morning of pneumonia, leaving a wife and three children. He was a member of the M. W. A.

HENDERSON, MINN.—Bozi Bros.' hardware store was badly damaged by fire. The damage to the stock is estimated at $4,000 and to the building $500, partly insured.

KENNEDY, MINN.—John Enquist had his neck broken in a runaway here last night and died almost instantly. He leaves a wife and five children.

WISCONSIN

CENTER OR CHANNEL

Serious Clash Between Game Wardens of Minn. and Wis.

PEPIN, WIS.—The trouble between fishermen here and the Minnesota game wardens came to a climax yesterday with the arrest of Game Warden Ira Wicks of Wabasha.

The laws of Wisconsin permit fishermen to fish in the lake, but the laws of Minnesota do not. Up to a year ago the minnesota warden asserted the right to enforce the Minnesota law anywhere on the lake, and a test was taken thru the Wisconsin courts to the supreme court. It was decided that the Minnesota wardens must stay on their side of the line.

The wardens contend that the center of the lake is the line, while the fisherman say the channel which runs close to the Minnesota shore is the dividing place.

The wardens have staked out a line and Thursday caught Simon Norstrof and Leroy McGee fishing with nets on the Minnesota side. The boys were taken to Wabasha, pleaded guilty, paid $45 fine and costs each, and their nets and fish were seized.

Yesterday Warden Wicks and three deputies came to the lake to make another raid, but Deputy Sheriff O. G. Fuller and four deputies had a warrant charging Wicks with kidnapping the boys the day before and demanded that Wicks accompany them here.

He refused to come, but upon the sheriff and deputies drawing their rifles, he surrendered. He pleaded not guilty and his case was set for Jan. 7.

CHANGE OF SYSTEMS

Work of State Treasurer's Force Doubled by the Legislature.

MADISON, WIS.—Without any increase in the clerical force in the state treasurer's department, almost double the amount of work of former years was disposed of in 1903, a strong testimonial to the efficiency of State Treasurer J. J. Kempf and his force.

Besides the natural percentages of increase, the bulk of the additional work was caused by the change in the system of accounting. Formerly appropriations were paid to the regents of the normal schools and of the university and the board of control in a lump sum and by them disbursed to the individuals. However, at the last session the law was changed so that now for each item a separate warrant is drawn on the treasury and the treasurer makes payment by draft to the individual.

Thirty-two thousand drafts were drawn and issued in the past year and four entries are necessary for each draft before it is ready to be sent out. It is estimated that during 1904 42,000 drafts will be required to carry on the business of the state.

Beginning this month the rate of interest on deposits of state money in banks was increased from 2 to 2½ per cent. The interest last year amounted to $32,000, and this year it is expected to exceed $40,000.

GRAND RAPIDS, WIS.—Judge John A. Gaynor has sent a petition to Governor La Follette, containing the signatures of a majority of the old residents, asking that Martin W. Fenner be not liberated from the state prison. The memory of the coldblooded murder of John L. Hesler, on Jan. 29, 1883, is still fresh in the minds of the early settlers.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.—J. M. Hutchins of Melrose was found guilty of beating his wife and fined $50 and five months in the county jail. The case was appealed and bonds given.

MARINETTE, WIS.—The sawmill of the N. Ludington company, probably the oldest in the state, was destroyed by fire, the loss being about $75,000.

IOWA

NO BRIDEGROOM AT THE ALTAR

MRS. SHARP, AN IOWA BUSINESS WOMAN, SUES FOR $25,000.

She and Her Children and the Minister Waited for Crabtree, but He Did Not Come—He Says It Is a Case of Blackmail and That Two Others Are Involved.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 2.—Elizabeth A. Sharp, a Des Moines business woman, has brought suit against Cefus H. Crabtree, speculator and dealer in mining securities, for $25,000, because of the alleged failure of Crabtree to attend the wedding ceremony last Tuesday where, it is said, he had agreed to act as bridegroom. Crabtree is reputed to be worth $50,000.

Mrs. Sharp came to Des Moines from Denver two years ago. She was engaged as solicitor by the Continental Insurance company and has been a successful business woman. She has several children, two of whom came from Denver to attend the ceremony. It is said the wedding was arranged to be held at the parsonage of the First Baptist church. Mrs. Sharp, her children and the minister were present, but the bridegroom did not arrive, and he has since made no explanation that is satisfactory to the disappointed bride.

In his answer to the charge of breach of promise, Crabtree alleges that Mrs. Sharp is in colusion with J. A. Dooley and A. L. Steele to blackmail him. Dooley and Steel have actions for $5,000 each pending against Crabtree, one on a note and the other for damages.

Fall Started Fatal Illness.

J. V. Vose, head of the firm of J. B. Vorse & Co., one of the largest in Iowa, is critically ill. Two weeks ago he fell and was internally injured. Uretic poisoning causes his illness. Physicians say he cannot recover.

The rural mail carriers of Iowa, in session here yesterday, agreed to push the sale of stamps upon their routes in the hope of getting an advance in salary. A mutual insurance feature is to be added to the state association. Horses and wagons are to be insured on the assessment plan. B. P. Wood of Cherokee is retained as president of the organization.

SOUTH DAKOTA

FOUR HUNDRED THERE

Resolutions Adopted by S. D. Educators at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, S. D.—Before its adjournment, the South Dakota Educational association adopted resolutions indorsing the efforts being put forth to improve rural schools by judicious centralization; favoring the movement toward securing uniformity in high school courses; expressing gratification at the substantial upward tendency in the rate of teachers' wages; recommending a continuation of the agitation for amending the constitution so as to remove the present restriction upon the term of office of county superintendent; favoring the giving of adequate assistance to school officials as is given to other county and state officials, and declaring that "some modifications should be made in the requirements for first grade certificates for primary and special teachers were duties are confined to fewer branches than are required to be taught in other grades of work."

A resolution was also adopted declaring that every effort should be put forth by colleges and high schools to keep athletic contests under such control as will free them from criticism as to their tendencies.

The convention complimented State Superintendent Nash for his industrious devotion to every line of school interests. The usual form of resolution of thanks to President Strachan and other officers and to the normal and other school officers was adopted.

The complete enrollment showed 400 teachers in attendance.

LUND SUES THREE

Minneapolis Real Estate Man Asks for Damages of $2,600.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—John G. Lund of Minneapolis has instituted a suit in the United States court against Elizabeth Schenck, Frank Schenck and Charles S. Schenck of Faulk county, South Dakota, for damages of $2,600.

Lund alleges that the defendants listed several quarter sections of land with him to be sold, and that, in accordance with the alleged agreement with them, he found purchasers for the land, but that the defendants now refuse to convey the tracts, preventing him from carrying out his contract with the intending purchasers.

Fire last night broke out in the basement of the Sioux Falls hospital, a frame building. All the hacks in the city were used and soon all patients were removed to places of safety. Many were in scanty attire, and the fact that a fierce northeast gale and a snow storm prevailed made their removal, especially those whose condition was serious, a difficult and dangerous undertaking.

The flames were extinguished before the building was seriously damaged.

INSURANCE EQUALS LOSS

Williams Brothers' Elevator Near Webster Burned.

WEBSTER, S. D.—Fire destroyed the grainelevator and its contents, belonging to Williams Bros., in the town of Lily, in this county. The property was insured for $7,000, which fully covers the loss. A defective stovepipe in the office is supposed to be the cause.

W. F. Kading, harnessmaker, is planning to erect a two-story brick building in the spring, the second story to be used by fraternal societies as a lodge room.

Owing to the increasing patronage that the electric light plant is receiving, the present power, which was installed but eighteen months ago, has become inadequate and at its next meeting the council will be called upon to provide fore capacity.

About five inches of snow is on the ground and there is good sleighing.

MADISON, S. D.—Clyde Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Thompson of this city, lost his life in the Iroquois theater fire at Chicago. He was a student at the University of Wisconsin, and was spending his holiday vacation at the home of his uncle, John Hovland of Chicago, a member of the firm of Carson, Pirie, Scoot & Co. The interment will be made here.

REDFIELD, S. D.—News was received of the death of Mrs. Fred Kutnewsky at her home at Salt Lake City. Mr. and Mrs. Kutnewsky were residents of Redfield before their removal to Utah. Mrs. Kutnewsky was Miss Carrie Erickson, and for several years held a position in the public school.

WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S. D.—Mrs. Ed Jones, who was so badly burned about two weeks ago, died yesterday afternoon.—Ernest Butterfield of the Kimball Graphic spent his vacation with his parents. A party was given in his honor at the home of T. A. Butterfield.

VERMILLION, S. D.—The total amount expended in improvements in 1903 was in the neighborhood of $137,000. A new business block and numerous costly residences were constructed and improvements on dwellings made. The outlook for 1904 is bright.

FRANKFORT, S. D.—The Robinson elevator was destroyed by fire. The loss includes 10,000 bushels of wheat stored in the elevator, 100 tons of coal and $10,000 worth of negotiable notes. There was some insurance.

MITCHELL, S. D.—The city council contemplates a reorganization of the local volunteer fire department, and an ordinance will be introduced at the meeting Monday night.

PIERRE, S. D.—Sheriff Feeney of Fort Pierre reached here last night with Robert Solsberg, who was brought from Rapid City on a charge of horse stealing.

CLARK, S. D.—George Bagar and C. B. Harris were arrested for theft and fined.

NORTH DAKOTA

FARGO, N. D.—Harry Bruner says he was held up and robbed of $32, a watch, chain and an overcoat.—It is announced that Alderman S. G. Roberts will be a candidate for city treasurer.—Fire did some damage to the Minnesota house, a Front street lodging place.

EARLIER MAILS FOR LONDON.

New York, Jan. 2.—The American line steamship, Philadelphia, which sailed to-day, inaugurated the Plymouth service of the line, by which it will be possible to get the mail to London some hours earlier than by landing it at Southampton.

WATERTOWN'S CRACK CADET BAND

Organization Which Welcomed The Journal Newsboy Band to South Dakota and Which Is One of the Largest and Best in That State.

IOWA

A LETTER FROM GEO. MACKOWN

WEBSTER CITY ABSCONDER BURDENED WITH REMORSE.

Charged With Embezzlement and Burning a Costly Factory—Officials Thought He Was Hiding in British Columbia, but He Writes from Philadelphia.

Special to The Journal.

Webster City, Iowa, Jan. 2.—George MacKown, the absconding ex-manager of the Northwestern Felt Shoe factory in this city, under indictment for embezzlement and arson, the last charge holding him responsible for the burning of the factory itself, has been heard from. Yesterday W. J. Zitterell, a wealthy contractor, received a letter from MacKown, whom the Pinkerton Detective agency has been trailing for months.

During his one year as manager of the factory in this city MacKown is charged with having embezzled $2,500. When finally dismissed from his position and fearing that his crooked work would be discovered, it is charged that he burned the factory, entailing a loss of $100,000 upon which there was but $36,000 of insurance. The letter from MacKown is dated from Philadelphia.

Mr. MacKown says in the letter that his dealings with the shoe company weigh upon his soul "like a load of lead." He closes with the request, "Remember me in your prayers, not as one living, but as one dead." The letter indicates that MacKown does not know he has been indicted on two counts.

County Attorney Blake is not in the city and it is not known what action will be taken.

In several letters received from Mrs. MacKown by her former friends she has said many times that she did not know the whereabouts of her husband. So far as any one knows she is still in Dolgeville, N. Y., their home before they came to Webster City. It was supposed that MacKown was in British Columbia.

IOWA PEDAGOGS

Wright of the State Normal School Elected President.

DES MOINES, IOWA.—Professor D. Sands Wright of the state normal at Cedar Falls was the unanimous choice of the State Teachers' association for president. The entire slate made up by the nominating committee was indorsed by acclamation. The election of Professor Wright is a victory for the collegiate branch of the association. The following were also chosen:

First vice president, City Superintendent S. K. Stevenson of Iowa City; second vice president, Professor Mattie Stahl of Simpson college; third vice president, County Superintendent F. E. Lark of Onawa; secretary, City Superintendent Adam Pickatt of Mt. Ayr; treasurer, G. W. Sampson of the state normal school; members of educational council, President A. B. Storms of Ames and County Superintendent Anna White of Jefferson; member executive committee, Z. C. Thornburg of Des Moines.

For attempting to kiss pretty girls on the streets of Des Moines Edwin and William Cox were each sentenced to thirty days. Edwin attempted to seize a pretty young woman with the remark, "I would like to kiss you," and when she protested and started to run he followed, holding to her skirt. In the police court he remarked to the judge: "Why, I would not do anything like that, your honor, I just came here from Minnesota."

"Well, I came from Missouri," was the court's answer, "and if you do not happen to have $100 about your clothes for that kiss you didn't get you may go to pail for thirty days."

SIOUX CITY AND ST. JOE

Only Points to Show an Increase in Hog Receipts.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—The business of the Sioux City stockyards for 1903 shows that in the matter of the receipts of hogs only Sioux City and St. Joseph showed increases over the receipts of a year ago.

Sioux City's receipts were 1,007,900, which was a gain of but 138 head, but it was a gain to be proud of in view of the fact that Chicago had a decrease of 500,000, Kansas City of 300,000 head and Omaha of 15,000. St. Joe had an increase of 8,000.

Kidnapped twenty years ago by his own father, given to a showman, growing up in that business and learning the occult arts in India, Alfred H. Thompson came back to-day and found his mother, Mrs. S. J. Benton.

Thompson's special "stunt" is hypnotizing himself into a cataleptic condition and then being buried alive.

SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA.—District court for Dickinson county convenes at this place Jan. 4. A large docket and a full term are expected.—The ice dealers have commenced putting up ice, which is about eighteen inches thick and very clear.—Emory Salyards has had his parole revoked by the governor and has been sent back to Anamosa to serve the remainder of his term.

CHARLES CITY—The Patterson Grocery company failed for $1,500 liabilities. Assets about the same. A mortgage was given to Smith Lichty & Hillman of Waterloo.—The Gage store at Floyd also failed.—The Slocum Grocery company, managed by W. E. Slocum, has been sold to Frank Smith of this city and his brother, Herman Smith, of Spirit Lake.

ELDORA, IOWA.—A post mortem examination over the remains of Mrs. Kate Slifer, who died from the effects of chloroform, has just been conducted, and the stomach and other parts of the body have been taken to Des Moines for examination by Chemist C. N. Kinney.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA—Lieutenant Ellis Miller youngest son of President H. C. Miller of the State bank of Iowa Falls, has been sent to Panama. He is a member of the marine corps.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA—The Iowa Gideons, an organization of Christian traveling men, is holding its fourth annual meeting with about 200 in attendance.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA.—Mr. and Mrs. Silas Bond will celebrate on Jan. 11, the sixty-ninth anniversary of their wedding.

CONVICTED DYNAMITER

Isaac Gravelle, Who Will Serve a Term in the Montana Penitentiary for Dynamiting Bridges and Tracks of the Northern Pacific in an Attempt to Levy Blackmail.

MONTANA

TOOK UP A HORSE

Havre Man Is Sentenced—Bill to Reimburse Choteau County.

FORT BENTON, MONT.—Inspector George Hall brought Gus Johnson from Havre to serve a sentence of sixty days for taking up and riding a horse belonging to John Bailey.

At an adjourned meeting of the county commissioners a large amount of business was transacted in the way of approving applications for new county roads and the changing of others. The report of the county treasurer showed a balance on hand Nov. 1 of $291,383.21.

Representative Dixon has introduced a bill in the house to reimburse Choteau county to the extent of $6,000 for the care of the Canadian renegade Cree Indians during the winter of 1902-03, when smallpox was epidemic among them. Most of this expense was incurred in the vicinity of Havre. It is understood the resolution also embodies a provision for the building of a wire fence along the international boundary line. This feature of the bill will be opposed by some stockmen.

MISSOULA, MONT.—The European hotel, for the second time in two months, was gutted by fire. The inmates were uninjured. The loss is $3,000, with no insurance.

NORTHWEST WEDDINGS

VERMILLION, S. D.—Peter Wright of this city and Miss Sylvia Dowling of Burbank were married at the home of the bride's parents yesterday.—Frank D. Teall, a business man of Gettysburg, S. D., and Miss Edith M. Caton, a teacher, were married at Wakonda yesterday afternoon and departed at once for Gettysburg.—The third wedding in one day in Clay county was solemnized at Meckling last evening, when Edwin Goodner of Orient, S. D., took for his life partner Miss Rose Robbins of Meckling.

MAPLETON, MINN.—Word has been received of the marriage of Ernest Childs, formerly of this place, but now of San Diego, Cal., and Miss Mattie Burnell of the same place. Mr. Childs is in the employ of the government surveying department.—Joseph Williamson and Miss Amelia Thornsen, both of Cream, were married by Rev. Mr. Olson.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.—Miss Josephine Dalby and Peter Carron were married in this city by Rev. P. Kenny of the Catholic church. They will reside in Faribault.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.—John Walworth and Miss Evaline Ogle were married yesterday at the bride's home in the town of Knapp.

TOLD IN A LINE

Philadelphia—John McCauley, aged 19 years, and George McMullen, aged 11 years, were found dead in bed to-day. They blew out the gas.

Utica—Lost in the woods near here, Charles Grant and Thomas Manley wandered about from Tuesday until Thursday, barely escaping with their lives. They had no food or shelter for three days.

St. Joseph, Mo.—A decoy package has led to the capture of James Morgan, who threatened to blow up the Burlington trains unless paid $5,000.

Butler, Pa.—Three deaths and three new cases of typhoid were reported yesterday. Total deaths, eighty-seven.

Bethlehem, Pa.—Fire badly damaged the large union depot of the Lehigh Valley and the Philadelphia & Reading railways.

New York—Archbishop Farley has received a large photograph of Pope Pius X. as a New Year's gift from the pontiff.

New York—Karl Dayhle, 56 years old, of 267 East Tenth street, cut his wife's throat with a clasp-knife, and then slit his own throat from ear to ear. Dayhle died two hours later, but his wife may recover.

New York—Fire on the seventh floor of the Murray Hill Hotel caused damage of $10,000.

FOREIGN FLASHES

Cologne—Navigation of the Rhine has been stopped by ice.

Rome—Mgr. Noza leda, who, it is said will be made a cardinal shortly, is a man of pronounced anti-American sentiments.

London—The Anglo-Italian arbitration treaty which is on practically the same lines as the Anglo-French treaty, is expected to be signed next week.

Berlin—The exports from Germany to the United States during 1903 were about $130,000,000, or from $14,000,000 to $15,000,000 more than in 1902, which was the previous record year.

Rome—Altho the fact is not yet officially announced, it is believed General Pittalluga of the Italian army will be appointed to command the gendarmes in Macedonia, in accordance with the Russo-Austrian reform scheme.

DEADLY WOOD ALCOHOL

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION TERMINATES IN THE DEATH OF TWO IN THE NORTHERN WOODS.

Special to The Journal.

Warroad, Minn., Jan. 2.—John Chilstrom of Greenbush and John Herreum of Herreum township, Roseau county, who had been to town to celebrate, died within three hours after reaching home. Their symptoms point toward poisoning with wood alcohol.

TEMPERANCE WOMEN BUSY

FURNISHED LIST OF ALLEGED DRUNKARDS — THREATENED WITH SUITS FOR SLANDER.

New York Sun Special Service.

Carlyle, Ill., Jan. 2.—"Sell no liquors to minors or habitual drunkards" say the members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Keysport to the proprietors of the two saloons of that village.

The women have furnished the drink dispensers with the names of men whom they consider habitual drunkards. Attached to the list is a copy of the law, and a request that the law be observed. This is the latest move made by the women in the fight against the saloons, which they have been waging vigorously for two months.

Saloon men are often notified by relatives to stop selling drinks to a man, but this is the first time in this county that an outsider or any organization has attempted to enforce this section of the law. A committee of women marched into the two saloons, made a gracious bow to the man behind the bar, asked his pardon for interrupting him, presented the little reminder, bowed again and walked out as coolly as if they had been on a shopping tour. The wives of several of the men on the blacklist are highly incensed over the affair.

One woman called on the committee and informed them that when she needed their assistance in managing her husband they would receive due notice. His name has been scratched off. One of the men on the list says he will prosecute the women for disturbing the peace of his family and also for slandering him. The members of the union say they will enforce the law just the same.

BOSTON COUNCILMEN FIGHT.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—At the annual dinner of the common council yesterday there was a small riot during which Councilman William H. Jordan of ward [illegible] punched in the eye Councilman John L. Curry of ward 9. It looked for a minute like a free fight, but other members of the council got between the men and the trouble was stopped.

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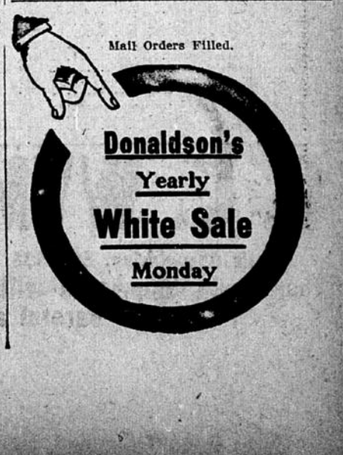
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