

TODAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

SOUTH DAKOTA

FAMOUS OLD CORPORATION

VENTURE OF LONDON ABOUT TO ENTER THE HILLS.

Deal for the Wasp, No. 2, Alder Creek and Other Properties Soon to be Closed—An Investment of a Half-Million, of Which the Wasp Company Will Receive Half.

Special to The Journal.

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The negotiations were entered upon some months ago, the properties having been assembled by W. R. Dickinson of Lead, by whom they were called to the attention of mining men in the Black Hills. The deal was made by the Wasp No. 2 company, which is in charge of the installation of new machinery at the mine and mill and is extending its railroad system to its new ore discoveries. Dividends have been paid for January in full, showing an increase in the value of the mine and mill. The deal was made by the Wasp No. 2 company, which is in charge of the installation of new machinery at the mine and mill and is extending its railroad system to its new ore discoveries. Dividends have been paid for January in full, showing an increase in the value of the mine and mill.

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WISCONSIN

DREDGE MEN WON'T GIVE UP

THEY CARRY THEIR FIGHT TO WASHINGTON.

Building of Dredges by the Government is a Scheme, They Say, of Army Engineers to Perpetuate Themselves in Office—All the Interests of the Great Lakes Enlisted in the Fight.

Special to The Journal.

Superior, Wis., Feb. 5.—The dredge men of the great lakes regard the action of the government in building dredges for use on the ocean and the great lakes as a scheme of the army engineers to perpetuate themselves in office. The dredge men from Superior to Buffalo have combined in the matter and after various committees and attorneys have been appointed in their interests, they are compelled to send other committees there to find out the attitude of the government in the matter of river and harbor work. It is asserted that altho \$5,000,000 is now available for work along the great lakes, several of the projects are being held up and it is impossible for the dredge men to secure any satisfaction from the authorities.

The dredge men contend that the work done by the government dredging interests under the plan of the engineers is more costly than that done by private interests. The action of the dredge men in putting in the protest and continuing the fight will be a concerted one. Local dredging interests were among the first some years ago to start the fight and all of them are now united in the movement.

Meat Inspector Otto Rogers to-day dumped eight gallons of milk into the sewer at the city hall. These herculean measures were taken for the purpose of showing Superior men that they must live up to the law. The fight on bad milk and the use of coloring matter in milk here promises to be continued with unabated vigor. U. S. Eater, state chemist, has taken samples from practically every milkman and dairy in the city and it is expected that when an analysis is made there will be arrests.

G. Eastman sued J. S. Johnson, J. E. Elchten and Ernest H. Keith, a former alderman, for their gambling losses. The suit was settled by the payment of the money.

Phone Rate May Be Higher. It is probable that the People's Telephone company will ask for an increase in rates. The company gets \$30 for business phones and \$20 for a residence phone, which is as against \$50 and \$60 charged before the new company came in. But now that Duluth has granted the new company a better rate it is expected the company will ask for it here. The company says it cannot make money and improve the rate charged at present.

Wholesale Houses Swindled. Warrant is out for Lawrence, but He Cannot Be Found. GRAND RAPIDS, WIS.—A novel swindle has come to light whereby some of the wholesale houses of the larger city have been deceived and citizens the winners. John Lawler was taken on the word of a man who had purchased a few weeks previously by his brother, Charles Lawler. Business at the outset was dull for John Lawler.

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TWO YOUNG LADIES IN THIS TEAM



Debaters from Breckenridge, Ninth Congressional District, in the High School Debating League.

MINNESOTA

FIVE INDICTMENTS

Grand Jury Reports to District Court at Mankato.

MANKATO, MINN.—The grand jury has returned five indictments. Henry Kleinmann was indicted for the second degree upon a charge of shooting a woman. Andrew Anderson, who was shot in the arm, and Harry Steiner for grand larceny in the second degree in the theft of a gold watch. No indictment was returned against the woman who was shot.

The school board has postponed the election of a new superintendent until the first Wednesday in March, and will require all applicants to appear in person. Several city superintendents in southern Minnesota have applied for the position.

McIntosh township will vote on the proposition to levy all road taxes in cash hereafter instead of in work, as has always been the custom in the past. It is expected that the township election in March. It is felt that more and better work can be done by the contracting system.

The Omaha road has a force of surveyors plotting the final stakes between this city and Lincoln, Neb. It is expected that the improvement will be an expensive one.

Bank of Logs Gave Way. Woodsman's Body Crushed to a Pulp in a Northern Camp.

ROLYMAN, MINN.—By an accident a New York lumber camp was destroyed by a second and seriously injured and escaped death by nothing but a miracle. The lumber was being cut at the landing when a huge bank of logs gave way.

One fell under the cross logs which skidded the lumber safely over him, and the other was crushed to death. The lumber was being cut at the landing when a huge bank of logs gave way.

LAKE CRYSTAL, MINN.—Over \$100 was cleared at the annual benefit ball by the company. The dance was given by the company and the proceeds were used for the benefit of the company.

ROOKSTON, MINN.—The report of the register of deeds for January is ahead of that for January, 1903. The total amount taken in for the same month was \$250,000. The register of deeds for January is ahead of that for January, 1903.

TURTLE RIVER, MINN.—Appraisers for the Minnesota and International Railway are expected to go over the line between the two companies in the near future. The Minnesota and International plans to buy the line between the two companies in the near future.

LAKE SUPERIOR, MINN.—A Swede, who has been suffering with a fever, died last night. The man was suffering with a fever and died last night.

RED WING, MINN.—Mrs. F. G. Marquardt is critically ill from blood poisoning, which was introduced into her system thru a small injury in one of her fingers. John Koester of Red Wing is at the city hospital as the result of a fall in which he sustained a broken collar bone.

OYSTER, MINN.—A farmers co-operative creamery will be built here in the spring. A temporary organization was formed here in the fall of 1903. The meeting was addressed by James Wilson of the state dairy and food commission.

REDWATER, MINN.—McLean & Mackey, the contractors, have taken a contract to get out the cedar and tamarack on 8,000 acres of timber land adjoining this village, before July 15. The work will give steady employment to 300 men.

HASTINGS, MINN.—Mrs. Mary Maroney, aged 70, died from pneumonia. She was a pioneer settler of Marshall, moving to this city two years ago. Her husband, John Maroney, died in 1890 and a daughter, Mrs. Ira Clark of Minneapolis.

PIPESTONE, MINN.—The contract for the erection of the \$10,000 Carnegie library has been awarded to George E. Redman of this city for \$8,100. The work will be rushed as soon as the weather permits.

HEWITT, MINN.—The Ward Bros. mill, which is one of the largest in the state, is being sold. The mill is being sold to a new owner and the Ward Bros. are leaving the state.

LITTLE FORK, MINN.—R. W. Darling believes he is the pioneer of Itasca county pioneers. Fourteen years ago he shot two caribou on the present townsite of Little Fork.

BRainerd, MINN.—Mons Mahlum will commence the erection of a two-story solid brick block in the spring, to be used for stores and office rooms.

NEBISH, MINN.—J. R. Ortengren, a saloonist, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

NORTH DAKOTA

NEW WARD BUILDING

Fargo Will Have to Provide It—Schools Overcrowded.

FARGO, N. D.—The rapid increase in the number of pupils in the Fargo schools has placed the board of education in a quandary for room. It is probable that at least one more new ward building will have to be erected in the summer. All the buildings are overcrowded and the school, which was enlarged two years ago, is again too small.

A Spanish-American war veterans last night celebrated the anniversary of the fight at Manila. A banquet and program were features.

Another case to test the validity of the Wood law is before Judge Pollock. The county commissioners had determined to publish the list of the delinquent taxes under the provisions of that law, and an injunction was secured. The matter will be carried to the supreme court for final adjustment.

WORLD'S BEST CORNHUSKER

Rannaok of Shenandoah, Iowa, Said to Have Established His Claim.

Special to The Journal. Eldora, Iowa, Feb. 5.—Charles Rannaok of Shenandoah, Page county, Iowa, has fully established his right to the title of champion cornhusker. The worry by husking 201 bushels of corn in ten hours.

The championship was won as the result of a wager of several hundred dollars by friends of Rannaok, who were positive that he could husk 200 bushels of corn in ten hours.

RED LODGE, MONT.—As a sequel to an attachment formed during the Chicago street railway strike last fall, the marriage of Miss Rose Phillips of Chicago and John Allen, a prominent sheep man of this section, took place to-day. Allen was in Chicago during the strike and boarded a car upon which Miss Phillips was riding. The car was attacked by rioting strikers, and Allen, with true western gallantry, rescued the terrified girl from her peril and a mutual attachment was formed.

MANKATO, MINN.—The marriage of Miss Lydia Angeline Mayer and Clarence Odell Williamson took place yesterday afternoon. The bridegroom is abstract clerk in the office of the division superintendent of the Great Northern road at Willmar.

GROTON, S. D.—The city council to-day granted a franchise for electric light, gas and central heating plants to Herman E. Miles of St. Paul. The conditions provide that the lighting plant shall be installed and in working order in six months. The central heating plant may be developed along with the construction of an electric lighting system.

CHARLES RANNAOK. Champion Corn Husker of the World.

ten hours. A short time before the test to go over the record was made. Rannaok was husking 181 bushels in nine and one-half hours. The final test was made, but Rannaok won the wager by picking 201 bushels and 10 pounds in ten hours' time. The work was done in a room at the home of his father, near Farrago, Iowa, and Rannaok began his task at 7 o'clock a. m. At noon he had husked 98 bushels, making about five wagon loads. The last ear was tossed into the wagon at 5:30 in the afternoon. The field of corn averaged seventy bushels a quarter of a pound in weight.

Rannaok is 24, weighs 170 pounds, and is a member of the Fifty-first regiment of Iowa national guards. He recently went to Galesburg, Ill., and defeated the man who claimed the championship of that state for corn husking.

IOWA

BIG TELEPHONE MERGER

Seven Companies Expected to Swing Into Line.

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA.—The Stratford Independent Telephone company and the Webster City wing of that company were merged under the name of the Webster City Telephone company. The organization was capitalized at \$25,000. A committee from the new company will meet various committees from the other companies which purpose to merge with them and arrange for the merger of the companies.

The first of next week all the companies which will join the merger will have completed their work. The officers elected at the meeting were: D. C. Chase, Webster City, president; A. M. Johnson, Stratford, vice president; J. W. Lee, Webster City, secretary; John A. Wilke, Webster City, treasurer.

The lines which these companies expect to have merged with them are: The Stanhope lines, the Consumers' Telephone company, the Elmore company, the Ross company at Williams and the Blairburg company.

The Farmers state bank of Kamrar has filed a suit asking that a receiver be appointed for the bank. The suit is based on the fact that the bank is insolvent.

Several suits have been filed against the Illinois Central in this city for damages, aggregating \$1,250 and \$1,000. The suits are against Charles Abbott, a blind man, M. Guthrie and G. W. Cooper.

A meeting of the board of directors of Mercy hospital was held last evening. Rev. J. W. Folger, pastor of the Methodist church, was chosen superintendent. Dr. J. M. Crowler, intern at the hospital, was elected assistant superintendent.

The annual meeting of the Webster City Poultry association, the following officers were elected: James Follett, president; John Stevens, vice president; J. W. Lee, secretary; J. E. Adams, treasurer; J. E. Olmstead, superintendent.

CHARLES CITY, IOWA.—The annual banquet of the Commercial Club was held last night. George E. May was toastmaster and toasts were responded to by Mayor Ellis. President Hirsch of the college, Dr. J. Niemann, C. H. Hart, Editor Sam G. Sloane of the Intelligencer, Editor L. H. Henry of the Herald and Robert Eggert of Chicago, were present. The banquet was a success. The bridge will cost \$50,000.