TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

WISCONSIN

FIGHTING FOR POLITICAL LIFE

FIRST OF THE CAUCUSES IN BABCOCK'S DISTRICT.

La Follette and His Administration Back of the Movement to Relegate the Congressman to a Private Career—Some Strenuous Winter Campaigning—What It Means to the Governor to Win.

Special to The Journal.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 16.—The first caucuses in the third congressional district fight, which is being waged for the retirement of Congressman J. W. Babcock from political life, are being held in Iowa county to-day. The result of these caucuses will be the first indication of the strength of the two contending forces, tho it will not by any means be the deciding feature of the fight. Either side can lose and still secure enough votes in the remaining counties to control the convention. The indications are that it is about a stand-off.

Babcock is figuring on carrying his home county, Juneau, and Sauk and Grant, which would give a safe majority in the convention. While the contest is being waged with unrelenting vigor in all sections of the district, it is the fiercest in Sauk and Grant counties. If the opposition to the congressman can carry one or both of them, it will probably control the convention to be held at Baraboo on March 8.

La Follette Back of It.

The fight against the renomination of Babcock is being directed by Governor La Follette, who has taken the stump. The state administration has brought out a candidate in every county against the congressman and has flooded the district with literature vigorously attacking the congressman's personal and political record. The governor has also sent a score of public speakers into the district to oppose the renomination of the congressman, among them being Irving L. Lenroot of Superior, speaker of the last assembly; Colonel James Frear of Hudson, Frank A. Hall of Madison, James McKenzie of Portage and L. E. Gettle of Edgerton. In addition, nearly all of the opposing candidates have taken the stump.

If Governor La Follette wins it will add to his national prestige and make other congressmen in the state who oppose him quake in their boots.

New District Attorney.

Governor La Follette has appointed F. L. McNamara of Haywood district attorney of Sawyer county to succeed A. M. Sabin, resigned. The appointment is for the term ending the first Monday of January, 1905.

State Treasurer John J. Kempf announces that the interest on state funds in state repositories last year aggregated over $32,000, or about twice as much as it costs to maintain the state treasury department. Until a few years ago this interest money was pocketed by the state treasurers as part of the perquisites of the office.

The First State bank of the village of Elmwood, Pierce county, has filed articles of incorporation. The capital of the new bank is $5,000, and its incorporators are O. W. Grott, H. Bell, William McCoy, Otto Lieberna and C. E. Fox.

Lawrence Myratick, a saloonkeeper of Ashland, and George Cunningham of this city were to-day taken to the house of correction in Milwaukee to serve sentences of sixty and ninety days respectively for selling liquor to Indians.

Ad Valorem Taxation System.

The first arguments on the valuation of railroad property under the new ad valorem taxation law was heard by the state tax commission this afternoon. The Chicago & North-Western were the first company heard. The St. Paul, Burlington, Omaha and Soo companies will be heard in turn. The preliminary assessments of the roads will probably be made late this month.

Until all the assessments are made and other provisions of the law are complied with, the companies will continue to pay taxes under the old license fee system, ranging from $5 a mile to 4 per cent of the gross earnings in the state, depending on the earnings a mile. Last year the aggregate taxes paid by the railroads to the state were approximately $1,900,000. This year they will be about 15 per cent more.

UNION MEETING AT AMES

Work of the Anti-Saloon League Presented by Dr. McCash.

AMES, IOWA.—Dr. McCash of Des Moines, president of the Antisaloon league of Iowa, addressed an overflowing house at the Methodist church last evening. Union services were held. Dr. McCash put the question in an extremely practical form, appealing to the men as voters to use their power at the caucus to see that the right kind of men are nominated in every party. He said nothing upon the evils of intemperance, but confined himself to practical ways of doing away with it.

The pastors of all the Protestant churches have arranged to enter upon an organized effort to conduct revival services. Meetings have been conducted by several of the churches this winter with only fair results, but now the pastors are going to organize and make an effort to carry out what they call "an old time revival."

The call for members of the Iowa State College faculty to address institutes and conventions is not decreasing. Professor P. G. Holden of the agronomy department will appear before institutes at DeWitt, Waterloo and Independence. Professor Atkinson, an assistant in the department, will spend Thursday, Friday and Saturday at LaMotte and St. Ansgar, where he will also address institutes. Mr. Cottrell, a student, is scheduled to speak at Dana on the 17th, and G. I. Christie will speak at Deep River Friday and Saturday. W. H. Stevenson, professor of soils, will address a meeting at Iowa Falls on Friday.

Professor C. F. Curtis left to-day for St. Louis to attend a meeting of the committee on outside exhibits in animal husbandry and agronomy at the Louisiana exposition. From St. Louis he will go to Chicago and from there to stock sale in Wisconsin. Professor A. T. Erwin will address an institute meeting in Winnebago county the first of next week.

The final award has been made of the $200 trophy cup offered by the Farmers' Tribune of Des Moines for the best exhibit of corn by any Iowa club at the short course in corn judging held at the college during the winter vacation. The splendid trophy was won by the Muscatine county institute team.

Captain Roy Spratt of the Ames high school track team announces a good schedule of meets and good prospects for a winning team. Meets will be held with Storm Lake at Storm Lake, Waterloo at Waterloo, and North Des Moines at Ames, and a triangular meet at the college here with North Des Moines and Humboldt. The team will be sent to the state high school meet at Grinnell.

WARNED BY WHITECAPS

Peter Golla of Brokaw Threatened by Anonymous Writers.

GRAND RAPIDS, WIS.—Peter Golla, a well-known resident of Brokaw, received the following letter in the mail to-day: "We want you to leave town at once. If not, you will be taken by a troop of masked men and dealt with as you deserve. We are determined to do away with you. Remember, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1904."

The letter was handed to Superintendent W. L. Edmonds of the paper mills. Golla has been promised ample protection. It is not known why the whitecaps have made the threat, as Mr. Golla is a peaceable and industrious citizen.

Ben Rogers, a farmer living near Bushville, found his wife dead and three little children overcome with cold when he returned home about 10 o'clock at night. Mrs. Rogers' head was crushed by a heavy barn door. The only explanation that can be offered is that while Mrs. Rogers was doing the chores a horse broke loose and rushed against the door, thus causing the accident.

Mrs. Mary Arndt, aged 49, living at Post Lake, was burned in her home. She was a paralytic from the waist down and helpless. The fire originated in the basement and the house was destroyed before assistance arrived. Mr. Arndt and sons were at work in the woods near the house.

MUST BEGIN AGAIN

Schmeider's Suit Against Tomah's Council Not Properly Started.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—Certiorari proceedings in the case of John A. Schmeider vs. the common council of Tomah came before Judge Fruit in this city yesterday, and the court held that the writ was not properly served and the proceedings must be started again. The city of Tomah found fault with the manner in which the plaintiff was conducting his saloon and revoked his license.

The state has purchased the remainining $85,000 of the $135,000 courthouse bonds, the first of which were taken by the state eleven months ago, after a Chicago bonding firm, which bid them in, had refused to take them.

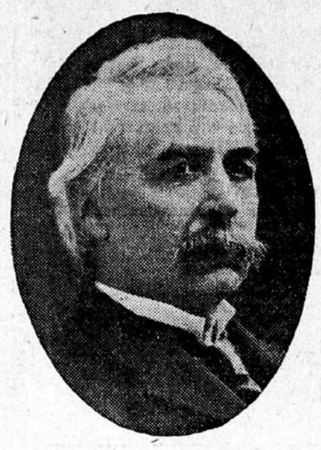
The common council has again ordered a large amount of brick paving and macadam done this year, which will cost in the neighborhood of $50,000. In addition, about $25,000 will be spent in water and sewer extensions.

With the thermometer between 15 and 25 degrees below zero this morning, all trains are late. The Mississippi river is frozen solidly to the bottom in places on account of a two months' siege of the coldest weather experienced in years.

BARABOO, WIS.—William DeKorrah and squaw, who reside near Kilbourn, are going to the St. Louis expostion and will be on exhibition representing the Winnebago tribe of Indians. Dekorrah is a grandson of the famous Chief Dekorrah, and his wife, who weighs over 400 pounds, is a descendent of old Chief Black Hawk.

CHETEK, WIS.—The Chetek Alert has been sold to Postmaster J. W. Bell and L. P. Charles, the latter assuming editorial charge this week. Mr. Elwood will move to Barron, where he has purchased the Barron County News.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS IN ELEVENTH IOWA DISTRICT



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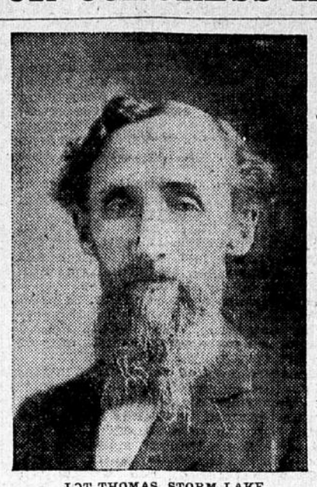

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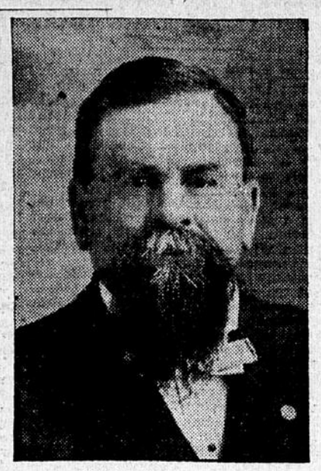

ISAAC STRUBLE, LE MARS.

E. C. ROACH, ROCK RAPIDS.

NORTH DAKOTA

WELCOMED TO THE FORKS

Annual Meeting of the Grocers' and Merchants' Association.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—Last night's and this morning's trains brought many members of the North Dakota Retail Grocers and Merchants' association and at 10 o'clock this forenoon the first meeting opened in Odd Fellows hall, Acting Mayor Carruthers delivering an address of welcome.

President Kraabel of Hope was unable to be present at the opening meeting, and Vice President J. T. Paulson of Hillsboro presided. The appointment of committees, enrollment of new members and the reports of officers took up the time of the morning session.

The afternoon meeting opened promptly at 3 o'clock with an increased attendance, various estimates placing the number of visitors present at about one hundred and fifty. The report of the secretary showed the organization to be in a healthy condition and the membership increasing.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Commercial Mutual Insurance company of this city was held this afternoon in the office of Secretary McKenzie. Nearly all the policy holders are members of the retailers and merchants' association. The business of the company was gone over and is in a remarkably healthy condition.

The officers for the past year were re-elected, as follows: President, R. B. Griffith, Grand Forks; vice president, J. E. Paulsen, Hillsboro; treasurer, J. Walker Smith; secretary, D. W. McKenzie.

The visitors will be entertained this evening in the Pioneer club rooms by local merchants. An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion and a smoke social will follow.

MONTANA

MURDERED HIS SWEETHEART

BECKMAN SENTENCED TO NINETY-NINE YEARS.

Role of Insane Man Forgotten in His Anxiety to Fathom the Minds of the Jurors—Wound Self-Inflicted in the Courtroom Not at All Serious—Dramatic Case at Butte Finished.

Special to The Journal.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 16.—After being out ten and one-half hours the jury in the Albert Beckman murder case returned a verdict of guilty in the second degree at 9:30 last night. Judge McClernan stated that he would pronounce sentence on Thursday, but Atorney Denny, for the defense, asked that it might be pronounced at once. Judge McClernan then sentenced Beckman to serve ninety-nine years in the penitentiary.

The only comment Beckman made was that "they could kill him down there"—meaning Deed Lodge," as well as here.

Beckman was charged with the cold blooded morder of his sweetheart, Helen Kelly, on Oct. 15 last in her room at the Dakota lodging house.

The prisoner made his appearance in court apparently little the worse for his attempt at suicide on Saturday. It is thought he was ready to make another attempt to end his own life Monday morning, shortly after the jury retired to consider the case. He arose from his seat and keeping his eye on Bailiff Burke made for a window, overlooking a handball court three stories below. The bailiff noted his action, however, and stopped him before he had reached it.

Beckman seemed to forget his role of an insane man and watched the jury narrowly, scanning the face of each juror as he filed into the courtroom after reaching a decision.

REWARD FOR GRAVELLE

Four Sets of Claimants for the $1,000 Offered by the State.

HELENA, MONT.—There are before the state board of examiners four claims for the reward offered by Governor Toole for the capture and conviction of the Northern Pacific dynamiter, Isaac Gravelle. The reward was $1,000 for each conviction up to five, therefore in this case the state will pay only $1,000.

The claimants are Chief of Police Travis and Policeman O'Brien of Helena, Frank Latta and A. C. Reynolds of Bozeman, Michael Sheridan and Robert Collins of Broadwater, and Bert Cody of Helena.

In Judge Clements' department of the district court an order was made for the substitution as defendants of Frank Latta, A. C. Reynolds, Bert Travis against the Northern Pacific to recover the Travis against the Northern Pcific to recover the reward. This action eliminates the Northern Pacific as a defendant, the company having prepaid $5,000 into the court to be distributed by a decree of that tribunal.

The state stands ready to pay its $1,000 as soon as the question as to whom the money shall be paid is settled.

ANACONDA'S JACK-THE-KISSER

Citizens in a Mood to Make an Example of Him When Found.

ANACONDA, MONT.—Anaconda has a "Jack the Kisser," and the police have thus far been unable to apprehend him. Last night the fourth victim, a young lady whose name is withheld by the police, was hit on the head by a stranger and kissed.

Two other young ladies met with the same treatment last week, and on Friday night the wife of a prominent business man was chased several blocks by the man, who was only prevented from carrying out his purpose by the appearance of the woman's husband at the door with a gun, he having been attracted by the woman's cries.

The city and county authorities are exerting every faculty to arrest the man, and the business men are organizing to aid them in their efforts. Should the fellow be caught, it will no doubt go hard with him, as the citizens say they will make an example of him.

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN MINNESOTA FIREMEN

Executive Committee to Meet at Cass Lake to Plan for Tournament.

CASS LAKE, MINN.—George Riddle of Grand Rapids, president of the Northern Minnesota Firemen's Tournament association, has called a meeting of the executive committee, to be held in Cass Lake on Feb. 24, when matters of much import to the organization will be discussed and determined upon. The next association meeting will be held at Grand Rapids in June, and one of the matters which will be settled by the committees will be the setting of the days for holding the tournament.

It has been the custom to have the tournament last three days, the first day being devoted to the receiving of the various fire companies and the annual meeting, the second day for the annual parade, meeting and races, the third and closing day being taken up with the finishing of the races and contests.

When the tournament was held at Park Rapids last year there was something of a "tempest in a teapot" as to the designating of the town in which the tournament should be held this year. The teams from the Red River valley objected to the tournament being removed further east, and the Bemidji, Blackduck, Hailock and Fosston departments dropped their memberships and subsequently there was organized an association whose members included those departments from Bemidji west to the Dakota line.

Since them, the Bemidji and Blackduck teams have signified their intention of belonging to both associations, and they will have delegates at the forthcoming meeting of the executive committee. In addition to the old members of the association, there are several departments on the iron range which will join the association. Preparations are already under way at Grand Rapids to make the tournament a great success.

QUIET IN THE EAST

Leisen's Report on Business Conditions—Collections Are Poor.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—J. J. Leisen, Jr., a prominent St. Cloud merchant who has just returned from New York city, says: "Business is quiet in the east. The buying this spring will be very light, as merchants appear to be unusually cautious in laying in stocks. Wholesalers are complaining about poor collections."

At the annual meeting of the St. Cloud Granite Producers' association the following officers were elected: William Campbell, president; Albert Johnson, vice president; J. F. Davis, secretary; A. M. Simmers, treasurer. The firms in the association employed more than 300 men in St. Cloud the past year, to whom they paid something like $200,000 in wages. There has been a slow but steady development in the granite industry here.

Jake Thielman, who signed with St. Louis as pitcher this season, has received orders to report there at once. He left to-day.

A farmers' institute is to be held in St. Cloud on Friday and Saturday and promises to be largely attended.

The St. Cloud Fire Department Relief association held its annual banquet and ball last evening at Curtis hall. It was attended by many of the city officials and prominent citizens who thus testified their appreciation of the old volunteer organization as well as the present paid department. Covers were laid for 200.

CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS

Silver D. Green Under Arrest on a Charge of Forgery.

NEW ULM, MINN.—Silver D. Green, son of J. J. Green, editor of the News of this city, was arrested yesterday charged with forgery. His hearing was continued until the 25th inst. and he was released on $500 bail. The case grew out of a divorce proceeding started a year ago. Mrs. Green at that time sued for separation charging cruelty to both herself and their infant son.

The suit was dropped and the wife returned to live with her husband on his making certain promises and agreeing to pay her $500 in cash, $350 of this sum was in the State bank of Lamberton and Mrs. Green held a certificate of deposit. Green, it is charged, made out a bogus certificate of deposit on the Citizens' bank of Staples for $400, forging the name of the cashier, C. F. May, and induced Mrs. Green to exchange. She is suing for the $400 and the state is pushing the forgery charge.

BURIAL OF MRS. FELTON

Remains Taken from Ortonville to Her Old Home at Hastings.

HASTINGS, MINN.—The remains of Mrs. Maynard E. Felton, who died at Ortonville, arrived here to-day for interment in Lakeside. In early years she was engaged in the hotel business in this city. She leaves a husband and a large circle of friends among the old settlers. Her age was 68.

Andrew Parks, who slashed Edward Delamore with a knife across the face in South St. Paul, was held to the grand jury in default of $500 bail. Both Parks and Delamore are mutes, and were employed at Swift & Co.'s packing house.

Mrs. R. D. Robinson, an old and highly esteemed resident of Hastings, died suddenly yesterday from heart trouble, aged 61. She leaves a husband, two daughters and four sons.

Ivan Pennington, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pennington of Afton, died yesterday, after a month's illuess, aged 18.

BELIEVE SHE IS DEAD

House of Mrs. Gordon Was Burned, but She Cannot Be Found.

NEWMARKET, MINN.—The remains of Mrs. Mary Gordon, an aged lady who lived alone in a log cabin on her forty-acre farm three miles west of this village, are being searched for. Her cabin burned while all the neighbors were asleep and when the ruins were searched, no trace of her could be found. Inquiry developed that she was not at any one of the neighbors' houses and the fire was not of such fierceness if she were in the house when it burned but that her remains would be found.

It is thought likely that she escaped from the building, scantily clothed, on the morning of the fire. If being stormy outside she probably lost her way to the nearest neighbor and searchers expect to find her dead body in the snow. She was about 85.

LATE LUMBER DEAL

H. E. Walker Company Buys Interests at Excelsior.

EXCELSIOR, MINN.—The H. E. Walker Lumber company of Minneapolis has purchased the interests of Sampson & Muckey, who had secured a site and contracted for the erection of lumber sheds in Excelsior. The new company will proceed with the work, and will be prepared for business in a few weeks.

The Lyman-Irwin Lumber company, whose home office is in Excelsior, has bought a yard at White Bear Lake, and has new sheds under course of construction. This company has recently opened an office in the Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis.

A SECOND DISAGREEMENT

State Fails to Convict Charles F. Leland, the Duluth Banker.

DULUTH, MINN.—For the second time the jury disagreed in the case against Charles F. Leland, the banker accused of receiving deposits when he knew he was insolvent.

On the first ballot the jurors stood eight to four for conviction. The final vote was seven to five for conviction.

County Attorney McClintock has not yet determined whether he will try the case again.

SOCIAL EVENT AT GLENCOE

Leap Year Party by the Ladies of the Red Cross Society.

GLENCOE, MINN.—The leading social event of the season was the leap year ball given by the ladies of the Red Cross society at the opera house. Over 125 couples were present. Delegations were present from the surrounding towns.

H. P. Emerson has disposed of his farm in Bergen township at $70 per acre, and Moody Holcomb and Carl Stark in the same township sold at a like figure. At the present increase of valuation farm lands will be selling at $100 an acre before next fall.

Clare Cummings, who spent five years in Manila and China in the United States army, has returned home.

GRACEVILLE LOSES BY FIRE

Three Stocks of Goods Burned and Another Heavily Damaged.

GRACEVILLE, MINN.—A fire that started in the clothing store of M. Azark, a concern that has been doing business here for a week, destroyed Boyles meat market, Mattie O'Neill's millinery store, Azark's clothing store and flooded the stock of F. M. Bergen's general store with water. Except Bergen's, all stocks and buildings are a total loss. Loss, $25,000; insurance, $10,000.

BEMIDJI, MINN.—Fire was discovered in Fred Tyson's saloon and spread to the adjoining buildings. Property worth $20,000 was destroyed, including the saloon and dance halls of Mr. Tyson, J. P. Duncalf, Frank Gagnon and W. E. Rose. The insurance is $10,000.—Mrs. Dorothy Swedback, mother of Senator E. J. Swedback, died of pneumonia.

STILLWATER, MINN.—The Washington County Rural Mail Carriers' association has been organized and the first officers are: W. W. Briggs, Stillwater, president; M. L. Lonegren, Afton, vice president; C. H. Cobb, Cottage Grove, secretary, and W. W. Stewart, Stillwater, treasurer.

HASTINGS, MINN.—Mrs. Louisa Lathrop died yesterday at the age of 93. She was among the early pioneer Minnesota residents and leaves two sons and one daughter, Rev. Noah Lathrop, Rev. E. R. Lathrop and Mrs. E. D. Allison.

AUSTIN, MINN.—Company G armory caught fire from an overheated stove yesterday afternoon and was badly burned, the roof falling in. The loss is placed at $15,000. The room was being prepared for a railway men's ball.

WHEATON, MINN.—The board of health, owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever, has ordered the public schools and all public meeting places closed for a month.

RED WING, MINN.—The farm residence of John Ashler in Roscoe township was burned. Nothing was saved. The origin of the fire is not known.

MELLEN, WIS.—The Mellen Weekly has been sold to Fred T. Yates of the Washburn News, who takes possession next week. Eric Hedquist of Iron River will run the paper for Mr. Yates.

CUMBERLAND, WIS.—H. H. Poukey has sold his drug store to Frank Danielson of Amery.

IOWA

BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTION

DR. NIEMACK PERSECUTED BY HIS FORMER WIFE.

Sum of $10,000 Demanded as the Price of Silence Hereafter—Old Crimes in Germany, Where He Once Lived, Laid to the Door of a Prominent Charles City, Iowa, Physician.

Special to The Journal.

Charles City, Iowa, Feb. 16.—A sensational attempt at blackmail and extortion is the chief topic of conversation in this city, the victim being one of the most prominent physicians here, Dr. J. Niemack. He has a divorced wife living in Altenberg, Germany, by whom he has two children, the oldest, Hans, living with his father in this city, and the youngest, Hilde, with her mother in Germany. Proceedings for a divorce which had been started while he was still in the old country were held up again and again by his wife, who, in the meantime, received $65 a month, but tried to extort more by blackmailing.

A few years ago the doctor was married a second time to a prominent society lady living in this city, his German wife in the old country, Mathilde Niemack, having obtained her divorce and married a man by the name of Stoude.

Since Niemack's second marriage Mathilde Stoude has pursued him relentlessly in an effort to extort $10,000. The doctor offered to write out a check for $2,000 if she would cease to trouble him, but she refused it. Since then he has not only refused to pay the $10,000, but also to pay the $65 a month for her support. Becoming desperate, the woman has flooded this city with a typewritten circular letter thru lawyers at Chicago signing themselves A. B. & Co., making various grave charges of a criminal character in an endeavor to injure the doctor's good name and practice in this city.

The letter charges that while in Germany he was guilty of two of the gravest crimes in the calendar, and that he departed to avoid arrest and imprisonment. The charges are wholly without foundation, but as they are not signed either by the said Mathilde Stoude or the full name of the Chicago law firm, it will be a hard matter to ferret out the guilty persons and prosecute them, either for blackmail or for violation of the postal laws.

Dr. Niemack has retained Ellis & Ellis to make an effort to ferret out and punish the guilty persons, both here and in Germany, if such a thing can be done. The prominence of the doctor and the enmity of some of his brother physicians have caused these proceedings to make a decided sensation.

SIXTY DAYS MORE NEEDED

IOWA LEGISLATURE MAY NOT ADJOURN UNTIL APRIL 15.

Members Visit the Sixteen State Institutions and Return to Des Moines—President Bradley and Many Others Appear Before the Committee in Behalf of the State Marshal Bill.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 16.—April 15 is the date agreed upon by leading Iowa legislators as the earliest time at which it will be possible for the session to adjourn. Both houses convened this afternoon after a three days' intermission, during which the members visited the sixteen state institutions.

President Dan F. Bradley of Iowa College, Grinnell, and leading Des Moines ministers and other men of prominence appeared before the legislative committees on suppression of intemperance to-day in support of the state marshal bill which was prepared by A. C. Rankin, prominent among the temperance workers of the state.

To-morrow a final hearing will be accorded the railroad lobby on the Delano bill which is designed to give stock shippers greater concessions from the roads. The railroad interests have about finished their arguments.

Would Prove Alibi for Burr.

After the jury was impanelled in the trial of Aaron Burr for the murder of Alexander Hamilton to-day, the attorneys for the defendant made a clever move to quash the indictment on the ground that Hamilton died in New York while the indictment was found by the grand jury of Hudson county, N. J. The motion was overruled and the opening statements made to the Jury.

Charles Wilcox is impersonating the character of Burr and appears in the courtroom each day with a red carnation on his coat lapel. The defense will try to prove an alibi for Burr, his servants having been subpoenaed to testify that he ate breakfast on the morning accused of having fought the duel and remained at home the rest of the day closeted with a relative.

KILLED A GUINEA PIG

Vile Condition of Water at Iowa City Attributed to Excessive Use.

IOWA CITY, IOWA.—Iowa City citizens are daily drinking water which contains an organism that killed a guinea pig in three days. Dr. Henry Albert of the University of Iowa's department of chemistry, so reported to-day to Dr. J. A. Valenta, health officer, and Mayor F. K. Stebbins.

The chemist stated that the water pumped from the Iowa river into the homes of this city contains innumerable bacteria and, as noted, "an organism which is capable of producing putrefaction, which was isolated in pure culture and which killed a guinea pig in three days."

The water, however, is found to be free from typhoid bacilli and sewage contamination. Health Officer Valenta attributes the unusually vile condition of the water to the excessive use by consumers who leave the taps open all night, to prevent freezing, thus overtaxing the filters of the water company's plant.

Dr. Albert reported that whereas the water, to range from very good to passable, ought not to contain more than 0 to 500 bacteria a cubic centimeter, the water which Iowa City is daily drinking contains from 2,270 to 76,160 bacteria a cubic centimeter.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED

Case at Dubuque in Which Jury-Tampering Was Detected.

DUBUQUE, IOWA—Judge O'Donnell has granted a new trial in the case of Blumenthal vs. the Union Electric company. The plaintiff was recently awarded a verdict of $1,300, but Alexander Moriarity, a juror, made affidavit that a friend of the counsel for the defendant endeavored to influence his verdict. Moriarity was fined $50 for contempt of court and Thomas Phillips, who endeavored to influence him, was also fined.

Dr. Harry Walker of this city has offered his services to the Japanese minister at Washington to go to the seat of the Japanese-Russian war as a surgeon. Other Dubuque doctors will also enlist in the cause of Japan if their services are desired.

The residence of Charles Merritt, in the western part of the city, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $5,000.

TAX FERRET CASE

Lower Court Sustained—Albrook Must Pay Back to County.

ELDORA, IOWA.—The supreme court has sustained the decision of the lower court in the famous tax ferret case. C. E. Albrook, who received $6,758 for legal services, is ordered to pay it back to the county, in accordance with the judgment of the lower court.

The case arises out of one of the bitterest political fights in the history of the county. Hardin county supervisors hired a firm of tax ferrets, making a contract to give them 15 per cent of all money collected. This is the maximum amount allowed by law. They then made a contract with C. E. Albrook, giving him an addition 15 per cent for legal assistance to the tax ferrets.

The courts held this contract illegal.

IOWA CITY, IOWA—The Iowa Anthropological association elected the following officers: President, Professor Isaac A. Loos, Iowa City; vice president, J. H. Paarman, Davenport; secretary, Rev. Dr. Duren J. H. Ward, Iowa City; treasurer, Dr. Frederick E. Bolton, Iowa City; executive board, Drs. B. F. Shambaugh, F. J. Becker and Harry G. Plum, Professor A. G. Smith, J. W. Rich, all of Iowa City.

MUSCATINE, IOWA.—Miss Lillian Koll, Miss Grace Benbrow and Mrs. W. Pembroke were attacked by an unknown disciple of "Jack the Hugger." One woman was bitten by the man and is in bed as a result of fright.

SIGOURNEY, IOWA—The trial of Mrs. Belle Lewis, charged with the murder of her husband by putting laudanum in his medicine, is in progress.

SOUTH DAKOTA

INSTITUTE CONDUCTORS

List Selected by State Superintendent Nash of South Dakota.

PIERRE, S. D.—State Superintendent Nash has been busy meeting with district school officers, preparing for the meeting of state superintedents at Atlanta, arranging for examinations next month, and selecting his list of institute conductors for the coming year. He has sent the following letter to those who have been selected:

It gives me the greatest pleasure to place your name upon the South Dakota institute conductors' list for 1904. Two conferences of conductors will be held this year: one at Redfield on Wednesday, March 16, and one at Sioux Falls on Friday, March 18. You are requested to attend one of thees meetings and receive your commission. Please come prepared to tell how to make the county institutes more valuable and attractive to our entire body of teachers.

Those chosen conductors are:

L. G. Avery, Madison; Mrs. Anna S. Clark, Deadwood; S. K. Clark, Tyndall; J. B. Clendennen, Worthing; C. S. Cobb, Hot Springs; W. L. Cochrane, Aberdeen; E. E. Collins, Vermillion; J. N. Davis, Sturgis; W. P. Dunlevy, Pierre; G. H. Ellingson, Canton; S. K. Eyerly, Brookings; E. T. Fitch, Watertown; E. L. Flanegin, Alexandria; E. H. French, Elk Point; W. W. Girton, Madison; S. C. Hammock, Aberdeen; Mrs. Olivia Herron, Academy; J. H. Hetley, Andover; M. O. Hill, Brookings; F. H. Hoff, Mitchell; A. B. Humbert, Rapid City; J. Jones, Jr., Vermillion; O. H. Jones, Sisseton; J. G. Kellow, Bristol; G. F. Kephart, Beresford; R. F. Kerr, Brookings; D. F. Koehler, Aberdeen; B. M. Lawrence, Flandreau; J. C. Lindsey, Gary; A. A. McDonald, Sioux Falls; R. B. McLennon, Huron; C. B. Pickerell, Woonsocket; M. H. Manuel, Huron; F. C. McClelland, Sioux Falls; V. M. Ramer, Milbank; F. L. Ransom, Redfield; G. J. Schellenger, Selby; A. H. Seymour, Arlington; G. M. Smith, Vermillion; J. Stevens, Rapid City; L. A. Stout, Mitchell; Alexander Strachan, Deadwood; Mary J. Windle, Mitchell; H. K. Warren, Yankton; C. M. Young, Vermillion.

Superintendent Nash has selected as the committee to pass finally upon exhibits which are to go to St. Louis as a part of the state exhibit: Mrs. Lillie S. Cooper, Springfield; C. C. Brass, Mitchell, and M. A. Lange, Pierre. This committee will meet in Mitchell the last of this month to make the selections. The regulations provide that all exhibits must reach Mitchell between the 15th and 29th and delay may leave some of the exhibits out when it comes to selecting.

Governor Herreid has commissioned William M. Mount of Milbank as game warden of Grant county.

Several years ago Messrs. Baird and Brown, Chicago professional men, begun the organization of a Chicago colony and have brought about fifty Chicago settlers to locations on upper Bad river. They are all farming small tracts and each one holds a small bunch of live stock of some class. They secured logs along the river for the construction of their buildings and all are getting comfortably fixed.

FORT PIERRE, S. D.—Ex-County Auditor Maupin of Stanley county has amply secured his bondsmen for all shortage which has been discovered in his affairs, and no one will lose a cent except Maupin himself.

HURON, S. D.—Diamonds worth $1,000 or more were stolen from a jewel case at the home of J. W. Campbell and family. The gems belonged to Mrs. Campbell and were taken during the entertainment of invited guests.

MITCHELL, S. D.—The Omaha railroad station was destroyed by fire. All the books, papers and tickets were saved and some of the freight from the house.

MINNESOTA.

DIED OF HEART DISEASE

Louis E. Larson of Winona a Deputy Oil Inspector of the State.

WINONA, MINN.—Louis E. Larson, one of the deputy oil inspectors under the administration of Governor Van Sant, is dead, having succumbed to an attack of heart trouble. He was a candidate for appointment as one of the deputy sergeants at arms at the national republican convention to be held at Chicago next summer and had strong backing.

The annual reunion and banquet of the Winona county old settlers' association have been set for next Monday. The railroads have made special rates and an attendance of six hundred is expected. The principal address will be made by Mayor L. L. Brown, one of the younger members of the association.

A team of Wabasha bowlers came to Winona and was defeated by the Tuscaroras of this city three games out of five, with a lead of 171 pins.

MICHIGAN

WAGES WERE CUT WITHOUT NOTICE

STRIKE OF CHAMPION, MICH., MINERS IS SPREADING.

Baltic's Men Brought Up from Underground and Made to Fall in Line—Stamp Mills Are Practically Out of Rock and 1,700 Men in All Will Soon Be Idle—Tri-Mountain Properties Affected.

Special to The Journal.

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 16.—The striking miners at Champion, who prevented the Tri-Mountain miners going underground, marched two miles further to the Baltic mines and brought up the miners there who had already gone underground.

The miners are bitter, and say wages have been cut without any notice whatever. The stamp mills, owing to the heavy storms, have scarcely any rock on hand for crushing, and will have to close, making about 1,700 men idle. Public sympathy inclines to the men.

CALUMET, MICH.—A severe storm is sweeping over Michigan, demoralizing the railroad service. The Copper Range passenger train was stalled north of here for sixteen hours. The mercury is 35 below.

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Continual constipation will inevitably result seriously for the sufferer. No one can let this affliction go unnoticed without losing his health. Constipation leads to more serious ailments than any other one cause known to medicine. Whenever the bowels fail to carry off the waste food, the food lies in the alimentary canal, where the heat of the body aids its decay and fermentation. It is just the same as decaying food when exposed to the heat of the sun. The germs thus created are absorbed by the blood which carries them into all parts of the system. The result is always quick and positive. The constipation sufferer has become diseased, probably an invalid. The most vulnerable part must succumb to the attack of these germs. It may be the lungs, the kidneys, the heart. Rheumatism may come, piles may develop. In any event the patient loses in flesh and strength. Anemia, or thin and watery blood follows. The glow of health on one's cheeks gives way to dull pallidness.

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