TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

NORTH DAKOTA

TWO YEARS FOR "JUDGE" BECKER

BREEZY PROMOTER BROUGHT UP SHORT AT LAST.

His Kansas City Bank Took the People's Money When It Was Known to Be Insolvent—His Career at Grand Forks, Rolla and Other Places in North Dakota.

Special to The Journal.

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 22.—A good many are interested in the statement in a Kansas City paper that William H. Becker has been sentenced there to imprisonment in the penitentiary for receiving deposits when he knew that the bank in which he was an officer was insolvent. Becker is supposed to be a man who operated at various places in the northwest some years ago. The story told in the Kansas City Times is as follows:

A jury in the criminal court yesterday returned a verdict of guilty against William H. Becker, William S. Canfield, and J. T. Morrow, officers of the failed Mutual Benefit bank, charged with receiving deposits when they knew their bank was insolvent, and fixed the penalty at two years in the penitentiary.

Becker, the originator of the enterprise, came to Kansas City from Minneapolis. After being in business for two months the bank was forced to close. Several conferences between the officers of the bank and its depositors were held, and the bank reopened early in February a year ago. On Feb. 24, 1903, came the final failure.

Career in North Dakota.

William H. Becker, or, as he preferred to be known, "Judge" Becker, was a North Dakota promoter several years ago. At Rolla he organized an investment syndicate, which was not a success. Along about 1899 he arrived in Grand Forks, and announced with a flourish of trumpets that he would practice law.

He interested himself in the Knights of Malta, organized a local lodge, and soon succeeded in making himself either the head or within reaching distance of the head of the entire order. He appointed deputies in many places, and the prospects which he held out were so alluring that several men were induced to abandon good positions to devote their entire time to the work of the order.

Then there came a day when Becker could not be found, and the bills which he left are all that remain as mementoes of his residence here.

Minneapolis Marriage Ends Miserably.

Chris Walhood has brought an action for divorce from Mamie Walhood on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Until a short time ago the Walhoods lived at Aneta.

Mr. Walhood tells a story of abuse, which started a week after their marriage at Minneapolis in 1898.

On Jan. 9 Walhood went to Minneapolis and returned to Aneta on Jan. 27. He was met at Fargo by two of his neighbors, who warned him that things were going wrong at his home, and that Mrs. Walhood had told several persons there that she was going to shoot him down like a dog when he came home. She had a gun in the house and since that time Walhood has remained away, but has carried milk and groceries to the house and left them at the door.

Thief Confessed.

George Sears, who says Maine is his home, was arrested on a charge of robbing James Ryan of Lakota of $60 and a pocketbook. Fifty dollars in bills were found stuffed in the toe of one of his shoes and he confessed. Owing to the fact that the complaining witness has moved out of the state and did not care to come back, Sears was allowed to plead guilty to petty larceny.

Have the Right Man.

George Hlobika, arrested here by Sheriff Turner, is the man wanted in Great Falls charged with murder. Sheriff Benner arrived from there to-day and readily identified him. He will return without requisition papers.

A WOMAN'S PERIL

Caught with Her Children in a Blizzard, Her Horses Took Her Home.

CANNONBALL, N. D.—Mrs. Goudreau of Stevenson had a narrow escape in the recent blizzard. She was driving home from Fort Yates, a distance of thirty miles, and was caught in the storm half way. She tied up the reins and let the horses have their own way. Once they stopped and she found herself on the edge of a high cliff. She led the horses to the road again, and again gave them their heads.

When they finally stopped at home, she did not know where she was, as the storm was so fierce. Her dog had gone on ahead and her husband had spent an anxious half-hour awaiting her return. She had with her her three little children, who were unharmed.

The stockmen are on the anxious seat. As yet there have been no losses, but should next month be a cold one the loss is likely to be heavy. The Indians are out of hay. The government is buying feed for them and will take care of their cattle.

IMPROVING THEIR STOCK

Local Poultry Association Organized at Cogswell.

COGSWELL, N. D.—A poultry association has recently been organized here and is represented by L. H. White, T. J. Bell, Robert Candor and several other well known breeders of fancy stock. There are a dozen members who are enthusiastic in importing many varieties.

George McWilliam, president of the Cogswell State bank, and family returned yesterday from a two months' visit in Canada and the east. Mr. McWilliams was at Washington and also at Baltimore at the time of the fire.

H. A. Soule, United States deputy surveyor, expects to start early in the spring for the Fort Totten reservation to complete the survey there before the opening of the lands for settlement.

FOUR HUNDRED FARMS

Heirs of Deceased Indians Can Soon Sell Holdings to Whites.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D.—Oacoma, the seat of Lyman county, is filled with Indians from the Rosebud reservation. They are the heirs of deceased Indians who had been granted lands in severalty on the Rosebud, and Judge Argo of Lyman county is probating the estates in order that the heirs may become possessed of the land. In all 150 estates will be probated. About fifty similar cases were disposed of a short time ago.

The matter becomes of much interest because the heirs under the law will be permitted to dispose of the lands to the highest bidder for cash. As the minimum allotment is a quarter section and in many instances a section, the proceedings will result in opening up to white settlement in the reservation not less than 400 farms in the immediate future. The Indians will realize a snug sum, as the lands are among the best in the state, and will doubtless bring from $3 up an acre.

A fire in the Chamberlain postoffice resulted in the destruction of five paper pouches filled with mail for the stage lines south. The cause of the fire is unknown. The prompt action of the fire department subdued the flames with but trifling loss to the building.

STABBED AT A DANCE

French Canadians Quarreled—One Cut in Back and Chest.

SPEARFISH, S. D.—During a dance at Beulah, Wyo., fifteen miles west of Spearfish, John Caldwell stabbed Louis Volin, inflicting a deep gash in the back, extending along the left side six inches, and another in front beginning near the center of the breast and extending downward, severing the cartilage connecting the breast bone and ribs. Caldwell is alleged to have used offensive language concerning Mrs. Volin, and was taken to task by the woman's husband for it. They are both French Canadians. Volin is not in imminent danger.

The Congregational church has accepted the resignation of Rev. W. U. Parks as pastor and he will leave for Belmont, Iowa, to take a charge.

"Contracted a Severe Cold"

"Which settled on my lungs, causing a bad cough."

MISS LAURETTA KRIDLER.

The habit of taking tonics and specifics for coughs and colds is gradually giving way to a better form of treatment.

It has been a common saying, when persons have taken cold, that they "will knock it out" with some more or less powerful drug or stimulant, and the poor system has had to undergo for many years the strain of this "knock-out" process.

There is a much more rational way to cure a cold than by working up the system to fever heat, making the head swim round and round and upsetting the organs of digestion. We think this is clearly revealed in the following letter, and, after you have read the letter, we should like to explain more about it:

Watson Farm, Pa., Nov. 23, 1903.

Dear Sirs: I feel that it is no more than right to give praise when it is due, and I certainly want to praise Ozomulsion.

Last winter I contracted a severe cold, which settled on my lungs, causing a bad cough. My lungs were sore and inflamed, and nothing seemed to aid them except Ozomulsion. I could not sleep at night for coughing, and I also noticed a falling off in appetite and flesh. I liked the taste of Ozomulsion very much and found that it gave me quick relief. It eased the coughing, made me sleep much better, increased my appetite and, in fact, had a favorable effect in every way.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Miss Lauretta Kridler.

We are not putting out Ozomulsion as a "cure all" for every ill that flesh is heir to; nor are we offering it as a secret nostrum filled with all the mystic powers of harmful drugs. We are simply offering it to the public as the best emulsion of cod liver oil in the market to-day. And this certainly means a great deal in coughs and colds, as well as other conditions where the vitality of the system is lowered.

Ozomulsion combines cod liver oil, hypophosphites, glycerine and guaiacol in the best possible form for the palate and stomach. It is the only emulsion containing guaiacol, and it is made from a process perfected by ourselves and used only by ourselves. The ingredients of Ozomulsion speak for themselves in coughs and colds and all affections of throat and lungs.

Ozomulsion cures a cold not only by giving relief to the inflamed membranes, but also by enriching the blood and raising the standard of health. It is useless to "knock out" a cold and leave the system more weakened than it was before the attack. What Ozomulsion does is to cure the cold and strengthen the system at the same time, and we will leave it to any rational human being whether this is not the best way to treat such conditions as are found in cases of coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

Druggists sell Ozomulsion at 50 cents and $1.

Free Sample Bottle

If your druggist does not keep Ozomulsion in stock he can easily order it for you, or if you desire a small sample to see what it is like, you can obtain the same by mentioning the name of this paper in which you read this advertisement and sending your name and address to the OZOMULSION CO., 98 Pine st, New York City.

MINNESOTA

PRIVATE BANK GOES TO WALL

FELTON, MINN., BANKERS ENTER THE BANKRUPTCY COURTS.

Secor of Iowa Does Not Join in the Petition, and an Effort Will Be Made to Bring Him Within the Jurisdiction of the Court, as He Has Property Ample to Pay the Deficit.

Special to The Journal.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Feb. 22.—A bankruptcy petition was filed in the United States court by Edon A. Amundson, who has been conducting a private bank at Felton, Clay county, in company with Ellsworth E. Secor of Buffalo Center, Iowa. The petition places the bank assets at $33,976.60 and the liabilities at $37,380.79. Mr. Amundson also files individual schedules, his assets being placed at $5,025, of which $150 is exempt, and his liabilities at $3,609.15.

The list of creditors includes banks at several points, but these are largely secured, and the bulk of the losses is likely to fall upon the depositors. Mr. Secor does not join in the petition, but efforts are being made to bring him within the jurisdiction of the court, as it is said that he has enough unexempt property to make good the bank deficit.

No Separate Site.

An election which aroused a great deal of local interest was held here, the question at issue being whether the new high school building should be attached to the present Washington building or placed on a separate site. The board of education tied on the question for months, and finally agreed to submit it to the voters. The attached plan won, the vote being 370 to 187.

The Northern Pacific morning passenger train became stalled in a drift fifteen miles east of here and remained there for nine hours. A snowplow and engine were finally secured from Staples and the train was drawn back and the track cleared. This was the first blockade in this locality.

JAMES S. O'BRIEN IS DEAD

Stillwater, Where He Had Long Made His Home, Surprised and Shocked.

STILLWATER, MINN.—Residents of Stillwater were deeply shocked when a telegram was received announcing the death of James S. O'Brien at Grand Rapids, Minn. He was one of Stillwater's most influential residents.

J. S. O'BRIEN.

He was well known thruout the United States by reason of his long and intimate connection with the turf. He retired from racing last summer to devote his attention to jogging. He was some years ago state senator, surveyor general of logs and lumber and served a term as member of the board of prison managers. He was 56 and is survived by a widow and several children. The body will be brought here.

PENDING MORE THAN 20 YEARS

Celebrated Case at Red Wing Will Go to the Supreme Court.

RED WING, MINN.—An important lawsuit, involving a large sum of money, which has been in the courts for more than twenty years, and in which some of Red Wing's wealthiest and best known residents are concerned, will be passed upon by the supreme court. In fact, there are several cases concerning the same matter, namely, those of Stephen Bull, Henrietta Fuller, Jessie C. Wallis, Amanda Crooks and others against S. B. Foote and H. S. Rich.

In 1882, E. L. Baker of Red Wing was appointed by the court at Racine, Wis., as guardian of two of the children of his brother, Charles Baker, who left a large estate. Two bonds of $20,000 each were required. S. B. Foot and E. T. Howard were on one bond and H. S. Rich and A. Seebach on the other. About six years later the Racine court asked for $60,000 more bonds, and these were furnished by Jackson I. Case and Stephen Bull.

In 1891 E. L. Baker died by his own hand. The administrator of the E. L. Baker estate, David Jones, made an accounting of Baker's guardianship matters to the court, filing a list of all funds invested. The wards or minors made an objection to certain investments and the court decreed a shortage of $60,000. The sureties were called upon to settle this shortage, but some time later Mr. Case and Bull decided to pay the $60,000 and take up the investments which the wards of E. L. Baker had objected to.

Case and Bull attempted to realize on these investments, but were not successful. They then brought suit against Mr. Foot and Mr. Rich to collect pro rata the $60,000. That was about five years ago, and Judge Williston found in favor of Case and Bull.

Both the latter died a short time ago and the heirs took up the matter. Motions were made on each side, the defendants asking for a re venue and consideration, and the plaintiffs asking for a larger amount of interest than allowed.

Judge Williston has denied both these motions and so the cases will be taken to the supreme court. The defendants, Foot and Rich, maintain that they were released when Case and Bull took up the Baker investments.

Judge of Probate Haller has made a decision in the claim of John D. Anderson vs. the C. H. Crary estate, finding for the defendant. Mr. Anderson contended that Dr. Crary had promised him $1,000 if he remained in his employ until his (Crary's) death.

The claim of C. F. Hjermstad for $645.57 is allowed at $165.39. Mr. Hjermstad had purchased from the T. B. Sheldon estate an account against the Crary estate.

MURPHY CHARGES CONSPIRACY

Former Mayor of Tower Returned from the Insane Asylum.

DULUTH, MINN.—J. D. Murphy, former mayor of Tower, wealthy and prominent in democratic politics in northern Minnesota, arrived to-day from Fergus Falls, whehe he has been a patient in the insane hospital for about three months. He declares that his incarceration was the result of a conspiracy. He is now out on parole and it is expected his discharge soon will follow.

Charles L. Clark, the Hibbing young man who is serving time at Stillwater for appropriating funds of the water company, has attempted to work off a forged check while in prison, sending it to a friend to handle for him.

The check was for more than $200, and the maker stated in the letter with the check that he wanted a certain percentage of the money to be held for him till he should have completed his term.

The friend returned the check to the prison and Clark was deposed from his position in the prison office and sent to one of the departments.

An Austrian named Giovenni Lukeden was the only victim of the explosion at the Monroe mine. The missing have been accounted for. Lukeden was literally torn to pieces.

Louis Larson, a team contractor, was killed by a train on the Duluth, Missabe & Northern road.

CREAMERY ASSURED

Greeley of Monticello Has Engine and Other Machinery Ready.

SAUK CENTER, MINN.—W. W. Greeley of Monticello will put in a new creamery as soon as a building can be procured. He has purchased a five-horse-power gasolene engine and has everything in readiness.

The case against Dr. George Rennicks, a veterinary surgeon, who was arrested for practicing without a license, was continued until the 26th.

The members of the Sans Souci circle were pleasantly entertained by their husbands. An elegant supper was served at the Palmer house, after which the company adjourned to the K. P. hall.

Sigrud Hjalme has gone to Trondhjem, Norway, for a three months' vacation.

BURNED AND FROZEN

Drunken Woodsman Found in the Road—Recovery Is Doubtful.

TWO HARBORS, MINN.—Oscar Brokman, the mail carrier from here to Grand Marais, found a woodsman lying in the road in an advanced state of intoxication, partly frozen and burned. The man had built a fire in the road and had evidently fallen asleep and rolled over the edge of the blaze, as part of his clothing was burned. It is feared he canont recover.

The three-story hotel building adjoining the Duluth & Iron Range station at Biwabik was damaged by fire to the extent of $2,000. The loss is covered by insurance. The building will be rebuilt. The origin of the fire was from a defective flue.

The Crosby mine boarding house at Nashwauk has been destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $6,500. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Draper, who conducted the boarding house, were left alone in the building. One of them amused himself by raking coals out of a stove upon the floor. The building was the property of the Cleveland-Cliffs Mining company and valued at $3,000, with no insurance. D. W. Draper's loss on furniture is $3,500, with an insurance of $1,500.

NEW BUSINESS FOR FARIBAULT

Gas Engine Company to Build a Plant—Death of A. D. Keyes.

FARIBAULT, MINN.—The Winnebago Gas Engine and Construction company of Winnebago City has decided to locate here. The site selected for the plant is known as the Clement mill property.

Mrs. Hudson Wilson has donated twenty volumes of books to the city library.

G. F. Hilton has resigned as manager of the Faribault Lumber company and John Bakken of Morristown has been selected as the new manager.

Faribault lodge, A. F. and A. M., will observe the anniversary of Washington's birth this evening. Address will be made by Dr. J. J. Dow, Dr. E. M. Hyde and A. E. Haven.

A. D. Keyes died Sunday from pneumonia. He was an attorney and a highly respected citizen.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—At the close of the farmers' institute a woman's institute was organized with the following officers: Mrs. M. H. McConnell, president; Mrs. Freeman Davis, vice president; Mrs. H. Scherfenberg, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Herman Gaumitz and Miss May Maddigan, directors.—Delroy Getchell, vice president of the Merchants' National bank of this city, and a resident of Minneapolis, is at St. Raphael's hospital suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia.

AITKIN, MINN.—John and Joseph Mitchell were convicted of assaulting Theodore Skese. The former was fined $20 with the option of forty days in jail, and the latter $10 or twenty days.—Gust A. Carlson, a homesteader in Malmo township, was found insane, and removed to Fergus Falls.—Township 43-23 has been organized and named Williams, after the judge of probate.

CALEDONIA, MINN.—The regular February term of the district court for Houston county will be opened to-morrow. The most important case will be that against the three alleged robbers, who broke into the bank at Spring Grove, and who were captured by the city marshal of Prairie du Chien.

RUSHFORD, MINN.—Miss Lydia Pullen, a teacher in the public schools, died to-day from acute meningitis. Her remains will be taken to Hutchinson, her old home, for interment. This is the sixth death in Rushford since Feb. 1, as against ten deaths during all of last year.

STEPHEN, MINN.—Within the past two years the wharf rat has infested this section of the valley. Prior to that time none had been seen here. The movement of settlers from Iowa would seem to account for the appearance of the rodents.

LAKEFIELD, MINN.—The farmers' institute was attended by more than 500 farmers. Interest ran high from the opening hour to the close. On account of the large attendance the institute moved from the town hall to the auditorium in the school building.

WINONA, MINN.—Motorman Nic Myer is in the hospital as the result of injuries received on the head and leg by running his car into a passenger train on the Milwaukee road at the Huff crossing.

MORA, MINN.—Settlers say that timber wolves are becoming dangerously numerous and bold. Every settler is providing himself with traps, guns and ammunition.

JASPER, MINN.—Married, at the home of the bride's mother, E. E. Humphrey and Miss Mae Struble.—E. A. Cleland and Miss Barbara Rae were married here.

WISCONSIN

BRAVE SOLDIER, ABLE LAWYER

Death at Oshkosh of Colonel "Gabe" Bouck, Once a Congressman.

OSHKOSH, WIS.—Colonel Gabriel Bouck, leader of the northern Wisconsin democracy and former state attorney general, died yesterday at the age of 76. Dissolution was caused by senile decay.

He was a native of Scoharie county and had resided in Wisconsin since 1848, being a resident of this city fifty-five years. He was a member of the state legislature in 1873 and 1874 and was elected speaker during the last term. He served two terms in congress, being elected in 1876 and 1878. He commanded the first company raised in this section for the civil war and later was made colonel of the Eighteenth Wisconsin infantry. He participated in the battle of Bull Run and Corinth and in the siege of Vicksburg and Richmond.

He was grand master of the Wisconsin Masons and for forty years attended every meeting of the state grand lodge.

FELL ON ICY WALK

Commercial Traveler of La Crosse Dead of Concussion of the Brain.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—As a result of a fall on a slippery sidewalk, Joseph Semsch, a well-known comercial traveler of this city, died yesterday fromm concussion of the brain.

A local lodge of the Knights of Columbus was organized in this city yesterday, large delegations being present from Winona, Dubuque and Milwaukee.

Miss Emma Rohow, a former school teacher and novelist of this city, has been declared insane and it is said that her condition is hopeless. At one time she was one of the most prominant teachers in this part of the state, but love affairs caused her to become mentally unbalanced.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Captain Samuel Neff, aged 62, died to-day from pneumonia. He had sailed on the lakes since he was 12.

EXPERT IN FORESTRY

E. M. Griffith, the New Superintendent for State of Wisconsin.

Mr. Griffith is 33, and was prepared for college at Phillips academy, Andover, Mass., and entered the Sheffield Scientific

E. M. GRIFFITH.

school of Yale university in 1892. He remained there until the middle of his senior year, when he went to Germany to study forestry. He is regarded as one of the best forestry experts in the United States, and was highly recommended for the position at Madison by the head of the forestry bureau at Washington.

SOUTH DAKOTA

MISS PILCHER TELLS HER STORY

HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BURGLARY AT MILLER.

Despondent Over the Death of Her Parents and the Loss of Her Lover, She Had Gone to the Cemetery to Shoot Herself—How the Revolver Was Accidentally Discharged and the Wound Made in Her Shoulder.

Special to The Journal.

Mitchell, S. D., Feb. 22.—Miss Hattie Pilcher of Miller, who was released from all connection with the burglary case at Miller, has made a full statement of the affair to Superintendent O. W. Coursey of this city, who was her instructor when he was associated with the Dakota central normal school. Under date of Feb. 17 she writes as follows:

Professor O. W. Coursey—Dear Friend: Your letter received a few days ago, but I could not answer sooner, for my arm was very lame. I am innocent. I will explain it to you as near as I can, and commence at the beginning of my trouble. Mama died Sept. 11, 1901, and my brother in March, 1902, the latter in Detroit, Mich. Papa brought the two little children back home, one 5 years and the other 4. On Jan. 27, 1903, papa died. You can imagine just how I felt and how down-hearted I was. All of them died within eighteen months. I was almost despaire. But I had the two children and that helped me some. I also had a gentleman friend and he was very good to me. In March I took the children to an uncle in Detroit. When I came back my friend came to meet me. Well, then he was sent to North Dakota to take the charge of a stattion as a telegraph operator.

THE QUARREL WITH THE LOVER.

While he was gone I went with his chum and did not think he would care, and I don't think he would if other people had not told him everything and more too. He does not dance and I do. He made me a little mad and I went to the New Year's ball and I would not go home when he wanted me to. Well, that caused trouble, and he would not listen to me when I told him I was sorry. On Sunday night he went to church and left me alone and the man he was jealous of came into the parlor of the hotel and spent the evening with me. After he left my friend came in and told me that I must stop. He was very mad, and so was I, and we parted that night for good, as I supposed.

I was foolish enough to spend the night very miserably, and concluded I did not have much to live for. So I got a revolver and intended to end everything then and there. But as I came out of the hotel he came out also and did not leave me until late in the evening, even taking me to the door of my room. But he was just as mad as ever.

The next evening I was going down town, and had just about given up my evil intentions, when I saw a revolver lying on the table. I started to pick it up when I happened to think of papa and mama and what they would think if they knew what I contemplated doing. I got as far as my door when the thought of what all I had lost, and also lost whom I considered as the best friend I had left. I went back and picked it up.

SHOT HERSELF.

I started to go to the cemetery to papa and mama. I got just about half way there when I began to realize I was a fool. I had the revolver in my muff, and you know I am left-handed. I had the muff resting on my chest. Suddenly the revolver went off and the bullet plowed its way into my right shoulder. I dropped the gun and started home.

I did not see any one as I went to my room. I went in and shut the door and stayed all night there. I thought my friend, Mr. Romig, was going away in the morning, and I did not want him to know what had happened. Such a night as I went thru. My arm hurt me so. The next morning, as Mr. DeHeart passed my room, I called to him and told him I was hurt. He went to Mr. Romig's room and told him. I would not tell them how it happened.

The same night two men are supposed to have entered the drug store and drugged the clerk. One was small and the other tall, and when they questioned me I would not tell. I did not know why they were acting so strange and watching me until Mr. Pusey came up and told me they thought I was in the drug store deal, and that they were going to arrest me. They thought I was the short one, dressed in men's clothes.

Well, they arrested me, and for ten days tried to make me tell who was in the drug store, when I did not know. The trial lasted three days. They did not have any evidence against me, and did not implicate me in it, even with all the lies they could tell, and some of them were terrible. They wanted to bind me over, but, thank heaven, they did not succeed. I have told you all. My arm is some better; but, oh, will I ever be able to live this down? Altho I am innocent, I still hate to meet people. Try and think of me as good as you can. Sincerely,

—Hattie Pilcher.

PETTIGREW TO BE THERE

Johnson's and Smith's Fight Likely to Culminate at Huron.

HURON, S. D.—Interest attaches to the meeting of the democratic state central committee here, on Wednesday, from the fact that a lively contest is on for a successor to General Maris Taylor, member of the national democratic committee. Mr. Taylor removed from Whatcomb, Wash., about a year ago, and the committee deemed it advisable some months since to select his successor, but the proposition failed for the reason that Mr. Taylor declined to resign, and, altho living in another state, declared South Dakota to be his home. Now, however, he will step down and out.

The contest for the place is really between E. S. Johnson and H. H. Smith, with chances in favor of Johnson. It is stated that Senator Pettigrew favors Mr. Johnson, and that he will be at the meeting here to see that everything is "done decently and in order."

It is also stated there "is not a pin's difference" between the two aspirants for the committeemanship as to who shall head the national democratic ticket—Hearst and Miles, or Miles and Hearst—would be equally satisfactory. A well-known democratic leader stated this morning that both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Smith might be disappointed, for the scrap between them was becoming so heated that both may "burn out with enthusiasm in his own behalf before the date of the meeting." Some one not yet suggested may be taken up and given Mr. Taylor's place. This will depend largely what position is taken by the Black Hills members. As to what city will get the convention, very little is said. Sioux Falls, Mitchell, Watertown and Aberdeen are candidates.

EVARTS, S. D.—All reports from the range country indicate that the winter has been favorable. North of the Cannon Ball river there has been much snow and reports say a few cattle are dying. Up to the first of the year stock was putting on flesh, and is in good condition to stand the spring storms. Around Pedro, S. D., there was not been enough snow for the cattle, and water holes have been kept open. Around Selin there has been just enough snow for the stock.

SALEM, S. D.—The case of Elmer Barnhart vs. P. W. Anderson has been decided in favor of Barnhart. A year ago Barnhart sold his livery stable to Anderson, who sold it back to Barnhart in a week for $1,000 less than he paid. Before he returned the deed to Barnhart he had deeded the property to Ole Rema of Wauconda, Iowa. The action was brought to cancel the Rema deed.

SALEM, S. D.—Company F was inspected by Colonel Stewart of Pierre. Adjutant Beckwith and Quartermaster Dewell of Pierre and Major Coursey of Mitchell were present. These officers appeared to be pleased with the work Company F is doing.

CLARK, S. D.—At a meeting of farmers it was decided to organize a farmers' elevator company. A board of seven directors was elected. The shares were fixed at $25.—The board of education has voted to purchase the four lots west of the school house.

PIERRE, S. D.—The insurance department has refused to permit the Des Moines Mutual Hail Insurance company, of Des Moines, to do business in South Dakota. It has employed counsel to test the right of the commissioner to shut it out.

CENTRAL CITY, S. D.—While intoxicated William O'Connell, an employee of the Columbus Mining company, tried to kill himself by shooting with a revolver. The bullet passed thru his body but did not inflict fatal injuries.

DEADWOOD, S. D.—The Lawrence county courthouse was severely criticized by the grand jury in its final report. The accommodations and general arrangements are condemned and new quarters are recommended.

SUPERIOR, WIS.—The fourth annual convention of the Wisconsin Retail Grocers and General Merchants' association will be held in Superior this week, commencing on Tuesday and lasting four days.

MILLER, S. D.—David Walton, 81 years old, with his right hand off above the wrist, will farm again this year without help. He is a powerful man, more than six feet tall.

MONTROSE, S. D.—William G. Smith and Miss Jessie M. Knox were married here.

HAMILTON, N. D.—Goldstein & Aronovitch, general merchants, have filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. They fix their liabilities at $10,000, with assets amounting to $8,000.

IOWA

HUMBOLDT ORGANIZED

Farmers Elect Delegates to the Independent Stock Raisers' Convention.

HUMBOLDT, IOWA—Two meetings of much importance to Humboldt county farmers were held here. One was for the organization of the Humbeldt County Corn Belt Meat Producers' association, with the following officers: President, L. C. Trauger, Livermore; vice president, Colonel J. J. Smart, Humboldt; secretary, and treasurer, Pat O'Neill, Livermore. Many Humboldt county farmers were in attendance, being assisted in their organizing by J. J. Ryan, who is organizing county associations which will unite with the state association by sending delegates to Des Moines for the convention to be held March 1 and 2. The delegates chosen were L. C. Trauger, Colonel Smart and B. W. Devine.

The other convention had to deal with the drainage question, and a county association was formed, with the officers as follows: Vice president, J. J. Jilliffe, Bradgate, who has power of president, altho none was elected; secretary, T. O. Hanson, Bode, and treasurer, G. L. Tremain, Humboldt.

The northern part of Humboldt county is in the midst of a scarlet fever epidemic which is assuming a serious nature. It is centered in the town of Livermore, north of Humboldt, where many children and even grown-ups are sick.

AMES AND DRAKE

English and American Systems of Government to Be Debated.

AMES, IOWA.—At the final debate to select the debaters to represent Iowa State college in the intercollegiate meeting with Drake university in Des Moines early in May, the following were selected: R. K. Bliss, Ralph Collete, E. S. Guthrie and N. B. Garver as alternate.

The question is "Resolved, that for the government of a free people the English cabine tsystem is preferable to the United States' presidential system." Drake will have the affirmative. The Ames team will be drilled by Professor B. H. Hibbard of the department of economics and by Professor O. H. Cessna of the history department.

The trustees of the Iowa State college passed measures to recognize the departments of history, economics and civics as a separate college of the institution hereafter. Professor O. H. Cessna is at the head of the history department, and Professor B. H. Hibbard of the department of economics. Both are specialists in their work and strong courses are provided.

The department of civics was created at this meeting of the board of trustees, and with the history and economics department will form the new college. Richard C. Barrett, ex-superintendent of schools, was elected to the chair of civics.

The board also increased the salary of Professor A. Marston of the civil engineering department from $2,000 to $2,500 a year.

SWEELEY WILL TAKE IT

Republicans of Sioux City Find a Candidate for Mayor.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—After some twenty business men and attorneys had been importuned to accept the nomination for mayor on the republican ticket, M. J. Sweeley, former representative, yesterday announced that he would be a candidate. This means his nomination, as it has been all the republicans could do to find a candidate.

The democrats have not agreed upon any one as yet, but the nominee will likely be Jonathan M. Brown, a conservative business man.

WAKONDA, IOWA—A farmers' elevator company was organized and will be incorporated with a capitalization of $10,000. An elevator with a capacity of 2,500 bushels will be built.—An Odd Fellows lodge was instituted last week with a membership of twenty-four.

ALTA, IOWA—The municipal heating plant, run in connection with the city water and electric works, has been in operation two months and has proved a splendid success.

MICHIGAN

IRONWOOD, MICH.—The old Burton house at Hurley, at one time the leading hotel on the range, will be closed on March 1. J. H. Common, its owner and proprietor, also conducts the Curry here, and has decided to serve his patrons from the one place only.

BESSEMER, MICH.—Reports have it that the Wisconsin Independent Telephone company is to extend its lines from Ashland to the Gogebic towns.

IOWA

HEARST LEAGUE OPENS QUARTERS

AN INSTRUCTED DELEGATION WANTED FROM IOWA.

Headquarters at Des Moines in Charge of Maxwell of Seymour—Savings Banks Are Empowered to Loan Money on Outside Real Estate Security by a Bill Passed by the Lower House.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 22.—Hearst headquarters have bee opened in this city by the Hearst league, which is being formed thruout the state. A. W. Maxwell of Seymour is in charge of the headquarters, the opening of which is a part of the Hearst program to secure instructed delegates for the democratic state convention.

The Iowa house passed the Bealer savings bank bill, which authorizes savings banks to lend money on real estate security outside the state of Iowa. At present they are limited to Iowa securities of this character, altho permitted to lend money on commercial paper outside the state.

JEWELL KEEPS IT

Hauge Synod Will Rebuild the College Which Burned Last Fall.

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA—By a unanimous vote yesterday, the Hague synod of the Swedish Lutheran church, which has been in session in Jewell for three days, voted to rebuild the Lutheran college, which burned there last fall with a loss of two lives, and to allow the college to remain in Jewell. Other towns, among which Eagle Grove was the most prominent, had expected to get this college, but the people of Jewell and vicinity raised all bids by offering the trustees of the college $3,000 to hold the college in their town. Eagle Grove had expected to give $1,500, but finding that Jewell would give $3,000 did not make an offer.

The new building is to cost $12,000 exclusive of the basement of the burned building, which can be used, and the brick and stone, which are still in good condition and can be put into the new building. It will be but two stories in height, whereas the former structure was three.

HARLAN COMING BACK

Former Iowan Arrested in Missouri on Indictment of Embezzlement.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA—E. E. Harlan, formerly a piano dealer here, has been arrested at Macon, Mo., on an indictment in this county charging embezzlement. He will return without requisition papers.

The union painters threaten to strike unless their demands are granted by the master painters. The master painters have formed an organization and declare they will not pay the schedule demanded by the painters. The men ask for a reduction of hours to nine a day at the same wages heretofore paid for ten hours, $2.50.

All the Russian Jews in this city are in sympathy with Japan. They are taking a great interest in the war.

SPENCER, IOWA.—Matthew Moore, a bachelor farmer, was found dead in his year.—Aside from a marked decline of coal in the bin and a downward tendency of the thermometer, northwestern Iowa has had no infliction of winter until the present week. For the first time snow covers the ground and the sleighing is fairly good.—Measles have been epidemic. At one time there were not less than 200 cases. There have been no fatalities.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA.—Hugh Patrick died at Ellsworth hospital of injuries received while attempting to board a freight train. He was 38 and unmarried.

In Order to Preach to Consumptives

One Must Have Been a Sufferer Himself.

This was the belief of Frederick Hammann when, at Professor Hoff's advice, he connected himself with the American Bureau of the Professor Hoff Cure on his return to America from Vienna, where he was sent to Professor Hoff by the New York Journal as the American test case.

This American Bureau, in its comparatively short career, has brought into intercommunication more consumptives than it was ever before possible to reach in a single crusade.

Thousands followed the course of Hammann's case through the newspaper publicity given it. It was a notable newspaper achievement, not undertaken to further personal ends, but for the benefit of the great army of sufferers in whose behalf no great organization was then acting.

Sympathy is born of acute sensibility.

No persons in the world have more acute feelings than consumptives.

Sensitive in the extreme concerning their own cases, they are wonderfully sympathetic with one another.

Hundreds of them wrote to Mr. Hammann about his cure. Other hundreds not quite sure of their condition—who would have hesitated to consult physicians or to go to drug stores to procure the advertised remedies for coughs—submitted their cases to the American Bureau of the Professor Hoff Cure.

The statistics of the results are marvelous! They prove beyond question the wisdom of prompt action on the part of those with weak lungs—evidenced by chronic cough, asthma and bronchial catarrh—in taking prompt precaution.

Professor Hoff's pioneer work has brought other noted physicians to the same conclusion that consumption is preventable and just as curable as other diseases—provided proper steps are taken in time.

That pioneer work was among the poorer classes, who lived in poor quarters with insufficient food and shelter. Professor Hoff's work indicated, as nothing short of such an object lesson would—that proper medication will overcome even adverse conditions.

Only one who suffered can send out encouragement and hope to those who are affected with consumption.

This letter from Mr. Hammann proves it.

American Bureau, Bendiner & Schlesinger, Third avenue and 10th street, New York—

Gentlemen: My continued and active employment in the American Bureau of the Hoff Cure, where I put in eight and nine hours of steady and confining work every day, is the best evidence of the permanency of my cure from consumption. When I left New York, under the auspices of the Journal, I weighed 121 pounds. When I got back to New York, pronounced cured by Prof. Hoff, and three of the most noted specialists in Berlin, I weighed 132 pounds. Since that time I have increased to 147 pounds. I eat what my fancy distates and am no more delicate with references to my health generally than I was before my lungs were affected. I am thoroughly and completely cured.

When I contracted consumption I was engaged to be married. The cruel sacrifice of my hopes in this direction was but one of the miseries the disease brought me. After returning to America I was unwilling to renew my engagement until a probationary period had passed and I knew there was no peril in such a course, either to my future wife or myself. I wrote to Professor Hoff of the renewal of my hopes and asked his advice. He advised me that I was just as free to marry as any other man—that all danger was gone. So, on Easter Day, I was married. Words fail me to express my thanksgiving.

The N. Y. Life Insurance Co., after a careful examination, also pronounced me cured, and issued the highest form of policy on my life.

Occasionally I have to stop and wonder if I ever was in the pitiable condition described by many of the sufferers when they first write to me, at the American Bureau of the Prof. Hoff Cure. It seems like a nightmare of long ago—a recollection that makes my heart go out to all who are now suffering from the most dreadful disease in the world. Yours truly,

FREDERICK HAMANN,
Third Av and Tenth st, N. Y.

Professor Hoff desires his cure to be in the hands of every sufferer. It is humanity's medicine. The prescription is compounded in accordance with Prof. Hoff's directions and sent out by the American Bureau at Third Avenue and 10th Street, New York, at $1.00 per bottle. For greater convenience the remedy may be had at the same price from the well and favor