

# TWO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTH WEST

## MINNESOTA

### DROP OF NINETY CENTS A TON

#### A FEW SALES MADE OF MESABA STANDARD ORE.

Operators Holding Out for \$3.25, or Within 75 Cents of the Old Price, Are Not Overwhelmed with Purchasers—Prices Close to the Cost of Production—Improvement Noted in Exploratory Work.

Special to The Journal. Duluth, Minn., Feb. 27.—A few sales of Mesaba standard ore and some to have been closed for the coming season delivery at about 90 cents a ton under last year's association price. Several mines have been holding out for \$3.25 a ton, with 15 cents of the old price, but they have not yet closed sales of any large amounts. These figures are very close to cost mark, and it is not probable that many mines will be forced to sacrifice ores that in a year or two will bring far better prices.

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At the Pitt mine of the Republic Iron and Steel company they have just installed a triple expansion pumping engine capable of hoisting 3,000 gallons a minute. Corrected 1903 Production. Estimates of iron ore production made previously for 1903 added 19,000 tons so the actual figures for the year from the American side of the great lakes, as finally verified from all shippers and records, are 24,281,555 tons. But 201,000 tons should be added to this for the product of the Helen mine in Canada, at Michipicoten, Lake Superior, giving a total for all Lake Superior mines of 24,482,555 gross tons.

The predictions now made by those pessimistic in the ore trade are for a production this current year of not more than 18,000,000 tons. But the United States Steel Corporation alone has the past month resumed operations in blast furnaces on one weekly, and this is bound to have its effect upon the market as a whole.

Diamantiferous ore is being operated in the main streets of the village of Sparta, and it looks as tho the entire town would have to be moved, as it rests over an iron mine that must some time be opened. This will be the third Mesaba village which has been built over a mine and whose subsequent removal has been required.

The Hathaway mine near L'Ange has closed contracts for extensive mining operations to be undertaken the coming summer.

### SALOON MEN FINED

Retailed Blackberry Brandy Adulterated with Poisonous Substances.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.—The Davidson, deputy state inspector, has been securing samples of the blackberry brandy sold in saloons here and finds that ten out of the thirteen saloons have been adulterated with salicylic acid and coal tar dye, poisonous substances. The wholesale houses settled with the state for the right of the saloonkeepers and the other two paid fines of \$25 and costs.

The Northern Pacific is having difficulty with its stations on the upper part of this county. Some time ago the company decided to abandon its station at Bluffton and established a station to be known as Dopolus, three miles to the north, to take its place. Bluffton appealed to the railway and warehouse commission and finally secured an order for the restoration of the station. Now the company wishes to abandon Dopolus and has petitioned the railway commission for permission to do so, but the residents of that vicinity are objecting and both stations may have to be maintained.

### MINNEAPOLIS MEN BUY

Union Investment Buys a Large Interest in a Hastings Bank.

HASTINGS, MINN.—The Union Investment company of Minneapolis bought a large interest to-day in the German American bank of this city, but there is to be no change in the present management, only in stockholders.

### WINONA NORMAL ALUMNI

First Reunion in Four Years to Be Held in June.

WINONA, MINN.—After an interval of four years, the Winona normal school alumni will hold another reunion in commencement week. The entire day of Friday, June 10, will be given up to alumni exercises, closing with a banquet in the evening.

It is also stated that the firm bought about 12,000,000 feet of log run stock

## INCREASED THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND ARE BEING ASSISTED BY J. J. HARTLEY, DEPUTY HEAD CONSUL OF THE MINNESOTA JURISDICTION.

The work here is in line with a general endeavor to raise the membership in the United States from its present 750,000 to a million prior to the biennial meeting of the national camp at Milwaukee in 1906.

### COURTHOUSE BURNED

Loss of \$23,000 at Two Harbors—Records Probably Safe.

TWO HARBORS, MINN.—Fire last night totally destroyed the Lake county courthouse and old county jail, entailing a loss of \$23,000, partly covered by insurance. The flames spread rapidly and little of the contents of the building was saved.

The county records, which were in brick vaults, are believed to be safe. Frozen hydrants greatly hindered the work of the firemen.

### APPLETON, MINN.—The rural mail carriers effected an organization at Benson, S. C. Hill, president, and J. J. Hartley, secretary.

LAKE CITY, MINN.—The farmers' institute opened yesterday at Benson, S. C. Hill, president, and J. J. Hartley, secretary. The institute will be held in the city hall, the main hall. Last evening was devoted to an interesting program of lectures and a banquet in honor of the visit of E. M. Well of Minneapolis, grand deputy sovereign.

### ELK RIVER, MINN.—The house of George

and Mrs. Shuart were away at the time the house was destroyed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shuart held their annual benefit supper and entertainment last evening. An excellent literary and musical program was presented.

### FLOODWOOD, MINN.—The lumber cut will be the largest in the history of this community.

The Coolidge-Schuster company reports this as the largest lumber cut in its existence. The Floodwood News made its appearance today at the college dormitory and St. John's church.

### FERTILE, MINN.—Miss Annie A. Robbins, formerly chief nurse in the United States army hospital here, is now in the city.

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### FRASER, MINN.—The Canadian right for the Grand Grip Horse Shoe company of Fraser and Duluth was sold recently to Canadian capitalists for \$10,000.

BELE PLAINE, MINN.—The Elk Valley Milling company has sold its plant to a company in Iowa. The sale was completed two years ago.

### NEW MACHINE

Transmits and Receives Messages by Ether Waves.

The zerograph is the name bestowed upon a new mechanical and electrical device, by which messages may be sent by wireless telegraph may be sent or received and typewritten copies taken automatically. It is not a Yankee notion, but the work of a British engineer, in appearance it resembles an ordinary typewriter, but it is of simpler construction, with a keyboard and a set of type, which can be printed or telegraphed to any number of instruments. Each instrument, the inventor explains, is an automatic receiver and transmitter, making operators to converse with one another in writing, and thus obviating misinterpretation of messages by the use of telephonic communications. So far messages have been sent only for a short distance, but it is intended to experiment over wider spaces, and it is hoped that the machine will carry any distance that ether waves will carry. The machine is always ready for immediate use, and as there is no mechanical work, the battery and hand crank will be of special importance in military affairs. Messages cannot be picked up. To quote the inventor's own words: "In sending a message, the key is depressed, and ether waves which allow you a choice of fifty signs, and these are given direct print, either as letters or figures. Absolute secrecy is thus obtained. The only way to intercept messages would be to employ a similar instrument, which would have to be synchronized with the same degree of the transmitting instrument. Lastly, these machines will receive their messages (which are given at present at a speed of twenty words a minute) by the ether waves being present, and would thus be of great advantage in a signal box, as the signal man will receive clearly printed instructions, and sending a message, the time the message is sent to him. Nor will the machine work only without wires. I gave a lecture in Paris before the Society of Engineers, of which I am a member, during which I sent messages to Brussels while telephonic communication was going on over the same wires. The messages were also between Berlin and Frankfurt."

### HIS POSTHUMOUS THOUGHT.

Lawyer—What leads you to think that Squiggles was of unsound mind when he made his will? Hopeful Heir—Why, sir, he bequeathed \$5,000 for the purchase of a pipe organ for the deaf and dumb asylum.

### SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING.

Chicago News. Kind Lady—I'm sorry, but I have nothing but a piece of cold mince pie to give you. Happy Han—Scuse me, lady, but youse evidently misunderstood me. I don't want no work; I want sumthin' ter eat.

### A DISTINCTION.

Washington Star. "I'll admit that the eminent tragedian we have just mentioned is exceedingly frascible and sometimes indiscreet in his manifestations," said the play-goer. "But he is a fine actor."

### GO TOGETHER.

Princeton Tiger. The woman was leaning her shopping. The counter-jumper handed her a package and she slowly turned away. "Do I need anything else?" she absently asked. "You have just bought some lawn," ventured the clerk. "Don't you think you will need some hose?"

## NORTH DAKOTA

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## MONTANA

### OIL STRUCK IN TETON COUNTY

#### COMPANY'S STOCK ADVANCED TO PAR AT ONCE.

Oil Is a Lubricant, and Its Quality Is Vouched for by Inspector Ryan of the Great Northern—Estimated Flow of Twenty Barrels a Day—Stock Held Chiefly in Montana.

Special to The Journal. Helena, Mont., Feb. 27.—The Montana Swift Current oil company announces that it has struck oil in Teton county, which was advanced to par or a share yesterday, in consequence of the company having struck a good flow of oil on its claim near St. Mary's Lake in Teton county.

The stock is held chiefly by residents of the Great Falls, Helena, Butte and Billings. Mr. Somes, who has been in charge of the company's operations, has reached Great Falls, bringing with him several barrels of oil and reports that last Monday at a depth of between 600 and 800 feet, their drill struck a good flow of oil of excellent quality.

They raised five buckets of oil in an hour and then, being satisfied the flow would continue, suspended operations until the necessary apparatus arrived.

Mr. Somes estimates the flow at twenty barrels a day at least and says that Oil Inspector Ryan of the Great Northern has pronounced the oil the finest machine oil in the world.

### Tests of Fair Trial Law.

Far more than ordinary interest was shown in the program in the supreme court to-day for the reason that the new fair trial law is at stake. There was a lively battle between the legal lights arrayed against each other on the questions involved, the return on five writs issued out of the supreme court, and the case called in question the constitutionality of the law passed at the extra session last December.

The Boston & Montana Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining company is re-lator in two cases, Judge Clancy being respondent in one and Judge Harney in the other. The respondent in the latter case is J. H. Harney, the respondent and in another the Anaconda Copper Mining company is re-lator and Judge Clancy respondent.

Other cases present several questions involving the fair trial law, one being the general question of constitutional law, and another, whether a judge can grant a change to a judge in a contempt matter where the original case has already been transferred, and another, whether a judge can separate the case by sending motions to two different judges.

The hearing has an important bearing on the extensive litigation between the Amalgamated and F. Augustus Heinz. The lawyers for the latter urged unconstitutionality of the several measures, while the counsel representing attorneys held to a contrary view.

### Hoblika Confesses to Murder.

George Hoblika has confessed to the murder of George Sedlacek, his traveling companion, whose dead body was found on the coast of the San Juan Islands, and Stockett. While he admits the crime and says he expects to hang for it, he says that he committed the deed in a fit of anger.

The confession was made voluntarily in the presence of several witnesses. The prisoner informed the officers that his trial was set for the 10th inst. and that he is dead the money which is left, as well as a small amount of life insurance, which he says he carries in a secret society in the east, be sent to his brother.

### Rich Rancher Falls Dead.

While talking with a rancher in Conter federate gulch on his way from Helena to his home in Meagher county yesterday, the rancher was struck by a falling log and died in a few minutes.

### Young Girl's Suicide.

Miss Ida Anna Pitt, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Pitt, died to-day of the effects of carbolic acid taken Monday night with suicidal intent. The girl told a close friend that she was going to kill herself because her parents were so poor.

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### THE "MACHINE" IN POLITICS

#### PROUTY USES PHOTOGRAPH IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST HULL

Novelty of the New Plan of Speech-Making So Appealed to the Public That Many Remained Away from the Hull Mass Meeting—An Innovation in Strenuous Campaigning.

Special to The Journal. Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 27.—Fifty photographs were brought into play to-night to help elect Judge Prouty to congress in the contest with Captain Hull. Judge Prouty, unable to keep all of his speaking dates, visited yesterday before the machines and numerous records were made. The machines were placed on numerous street corners, in the hotel lobbies and cigar stores. So novel was the new plan of speech-making that hundreds stayed away from the Hull mass meeting at the auditorium and wildly cheered the speeches made thru the phonographs.

With but seventeen dissenting votes the house of representatives yesterday passed the Buchanan bill making chicken stealing a penitentiary offense, punishable by a maximum imprisonment of two years and a fine of \$500.

### GARNER, IOWA.—T. R. Hiehms was elected

sheriff on the democratic ticket, according to the court decision just made. At the election last fall he received a majority of twenty-six votes. Hiehms' republicanism was contested, and the board gave him the office. He failed to appear in court, so the case was decided against him.

CHARLES CITY, IOWA.—About 250 gathered at the Congressional parlance last night at a farewell reception to Rev. Wilson Deany, who goes to Iowa on a Sunday school party. He was presented with a check for \$300, and was admonished to use it for incidentals and have an enjoyable time.

SIoux CITY, IOWA.—The C. Slenberg company, wholesale grocers, has brought suit against J. U. Sammis of LeMars, internal revenue collector, for \$401.41. Of this amount \$150.41 is said to have been paid by Sammis to LeMars, and the balance is said to be due to the company.

### LE MARS, IOWA.—Governor Cummins has

granted an unconditional pardon to Henry Stenon and Henry Beecher for killing William Jensen, a farmer.

### DANBURY, IOWA.—Richard & Newby, attorneys

have been granted a writ of habeas corpus for Mrs. Anna Wier of Danbury against G. W. Canterbury for \$5,000 damages for assault.

### STORM LAKE, IOWA.—The Union Investment

company of Dubuque has bought a new bank, either state or national, at Storm Lake, a farmer.

### MICHIGAN

MEMONINGUE, MICH.—James F. Cannon, instructor of manual training in the high school here, has been appointed head of the manual training department of the Oskosh schools.

### DRESDEN, MICH.—A. Anovitch was convicted

of keeping his store open on Sunday and fined \$10 and costs.

### WISCONSIN

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.—Carl Anderson of Hixton is dead of pneumonia. He was a member of the Black River Falls High School and Odd Fellows. Miss Davidson, a deaconess from Chicago, is holding revival meetings at the Methodist church in Black River Falls.

### GRANTSBURG, WIS.—A carload of choice

wheat was dumped last week here while it was being switched upon the spur for the Black River Falls. The wheat was