TO-DAY'S NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

SOUTH DAKOTA

HALL, A "LIFER," INSANE IN PRISON

LONG CHASE AND TWO TRIALS NECESSARY TO CONVICT.

How He Sought to Establish an Alibi by Writing a Hotelkeeper in Missouri to Change Date on an Entry in His Register—Robbery the Motive for Le May's Murder.

Special to The Journal.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 26.—The announcement that Thomas Hall, a life prisoner here, has become violently insane is of more than passing interest, for the reason that Hall's case is one of the most spectacular in the criminal annals of South Dakota.

Hall is a Missourian and was sentenced to life imprisonment in November, 1898, for the murder of Charles Le May, whose body was discovered at Lake Poinsett, Hamlin county, in September, 1897.

Le May's body was found in a pool of mud and water under a culvert in a lonely bit of unfrequented road. He had been shot in the head with a shotgun and his pockets rifled. It was shown at the trial that Hall had been seen with him a short time before his dead body was found. Le May had money and robbery was doubtless the motive for the crime.

Hall, it was alleged, about two weeks before the finding of the body sold the team that had been driven by Le May to persons living at Mellette, S. D., and, after purchasing a money order at that place payable to himself at Tarkio, Mo., left the country.

The search for Hall continued from November, 1897, until March 3, 1898. Half a dozen states were systematically scoured until the last mentioned date, when the fugitive was arrested at Tarkio, Mo.

He was brought back to South Dakota and in due time was tried for the murder. While in jail at Brookings, Hall was alleged to have written a letter to W. W. Jones, proprietor of the hotel at which he had lived at Tarkio, asking that his entry on the hotel register be changed from Oct. 4, 1897, to Sept. 20, 1897, a date prior to the finding of Le May's body. This, the letter said, would enable him to establish an alibi.

The Hamlin county authorities obtained possession of the letter, and at Hall's trial it was in possession of the state's attorney, who introduced it in evidence. It appeared that the foundation for the introduction of the letter was not properly laid, the prosecution having inadvertently neglected to establish Hall's handwriting by the testimony of those who were familiar with it, and thus failing to prove clearly that the letter in question was written by him.

Hall's attorneys carried the case to the state supreme court, and were able to prove before that body that the authenticity of the letter, which had been the principal evidence in securing conviction, had never been established.

The conviction was therefore set aside by the supreme court and a new trial ordered. This was in March, 1901. Hall was retried in the state circuit court for Hamlin county in May, 1901, and was again convicted. His defense in the second trial was based almost wholly upon the authenticity of the letter written to the hotelkeeper at Tarkio by which he sought to establish an alibi.

FIREBUG AT WORK AGAIN

Three Late Alarms Revive Old Fears at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, S. D.—The incendiary who operated in Aberdeen last winter, causing a loss of thousands of dollars, has evidently recommenced operations. A small outbuilding on the Jefferson school grounds burned, the fire having evidently been purposely started. The next night the fire department was called out by a fire in some posts and lumber along the Milwaukee tracks. Two thousand posts and 16,000 feet of lumber were burned and the loss is placed at $500. At 3:30 the same night the alarm was again sounded, the fire this time starting in a haystack near the barn of Patrick Tracy. All the fires were in the third ward, within a few blocks of each other.

Word has been received of the death of Dr. J. H. Taylor a pioneer of Brown county, at Lapeer, Mich.

The Brown County Teachers' association held a meeting in this city, which was well attended.

Rev. J. W. Taylor of the Methodist church has announced a series of special meetings for December. Among the subjects will be "The Man in Overalls," dealing with the labor question; "The Young Man in the City," and "Is the Church Abreast of Scientific Research?" A series of sacred concerts will also be given, Miss Harriet Narregang having recently taken charge of the church choir for that purpose.

At a meeting of the directors of the Dakota Farmer the capital stock was doubled and W. C. Allen and L. H. Storgaard were added to the directorate. The company expects to erect a large brick and stone building in the spring.

Mrs. Margaret Collver of Bath was found dead in her chair from heart failure. She had partly completed a letter to her son in Iowa and the pen had dropped from her hand to the floor. She was 67.

HURLEY, S. D.—At a meeting of rural mail carriers of Turner county, the first rural mail carriers' organization to be formed in South Dakota was organized. The officers are: President, J. F. Anderson, Centerville; vice-president, H. D. Sheldon, Parker; secretary, Guy Gordon, Parker; treasurer, Gene Masters, Hurley.

MOUNT VERNON, S. D.—An efficient and first-class waterworks system has been built here. An official test was very satisfactory. Two streams of water were thrown as high as the grain elevators.

STURGIS, S. D.—Anthony Herr was brought here on a charge of assault on Joseph Haggerty. Herr is alleged to have beaten Haggerty about the head with a gun, cutting several gashes.

SAVES LIVES OF FIFTY

Mine Superintendent Stops Fire in the Dynamite Room.

BARABOO, WIS.—The presence of mind of Assistant Superintendent A. E. Pike of the Illinois mine, near North Freedom, Wis., probably saved fifty miners from instant death.

The room at the bottom of the mine, in which 1,000 pounds of dynamite was stored, caught fire from a candle.

Mr. Pike ran into the burning room, grasped two sticks of dynamite, which had become ignited, and smothered them in a pail of water. He then extinguished the flames.

NORTH DAKOTA

TWO TO BE TRIED FOR A KILLING

LAW PARTNERS ARE DEFENDANTS IN A MURDER CASE.

Sensational Case on the Criminal Docket of Cavalier County—Hartzell and Bascom Indicted for Shooting B. U. Stoddard, Formerly of Blue Earth, Minn., in a Quarrel Over a Line Fence.

Special to The Journal.

Langdon, N. D., Nov. 26.—A trial for murder will be the feature of a term of the district court of Cavalier county, which is to open here next week. Judge Kneeshaw will preside over the term, but a change of venue may be sought in the murder case.

The defendants are S. L. Hartzell and E. T. Bascom of this place. Both are lawyers and practice as partners. They are land owners and farmers as well and have been prominent and respected in the community. Before coming to North Dakota they were residents of Audubon, Iowa.

Hartzell is charged with the murder of B. U. Stoddard, and Bascom with being an accessory to the alleged crime. Stoddard was a neighborhood farmer and had trouble with the defendants over a line fence built of wire around their wheat fields. It was in his way and he proceeded to cut it. The defendants caught him and ordered him to desist. Stoddard was a man of temper, especially when in his cups, and would not brook opposition of this character. Hot words followed and the defendants assert that Stoddard was in the act of drawing a revolver from his pocket when Hartzell discharged the contents of a shotgun into his body. Stoddard fell and died almost instantly, and the defendants surrendered to the courts.

J. H. Bossard of Grand Forks, Ed Sinkler of Grafton and Moellring & Atneosen of this place will have charge of the case for the defendants. State's Attorney Price of Cavalier will prosecute. Pleas of not guilty on the ground of self-defense will probably be entered. Stoddard was formerly of Blue Earth City, Minn.

Several "blind pig" cases will be tried at this term, which may be in session for two weeks.

FEWER WOMEN SUPTS

Day, Miner and Clay Place Men in Charge of Schools.

PIERRE, S. D.—The late election reduced the number of women county superintendents in the state by two. In Day, Miner and Clay counties the change was from women to men and in Clark county the change was from a man to a woman. These make the ratio thirty-five men to eighteen women superintendents, after the new officers take their places in January. All the superintendents in the counties west of the river except Lyman are women, as are also those of Potter, Sully, Hughes, Brule and Charles Mix counties, all in the Missouri valley, while for the eastern part of the state men have been generally selected for this position.

A meeting of the state board of pardons has been called for Dec. 9 to consider applications.

South Dakota horses are being shipped to southern points, and are said to meet with favor in the markets. Three carloads were driven here from Butte county and shipped to points in Tennessee, and two loads were sent to Florence, Ala., by S. H. Young.

The city attorney has been instructed to take the necessary steps to put the grade ordinance in force in the business part of the city. The main business streets have for years been raised to grade on one side and allowed to remain at the old grade on the other. As soon as this work is done cement walks will be ordered.

FIFTY-POUND WILDCAT

Pennabecker's Prize Twice the Weight of the Average One.

MARSHFIELD, WIS.—The largest wildcat ever killed in this section was captured by J. A. Pennabecker, a few miles south of March Rapids. It weighed a trifle over fifty pounds, which is about twice the weight of the average cat. Hunters say that wildcats are numerous this fall, but owing to their stealthy habits, and the readiness with which they conceal themselves, they usually escape hunters and few are killed, notwithstanding a bounty of $6.

R. S. Dale, postal clerk on the Eland branch of the North-Western, is the patentee of a new lock for mail sacks. The lock is part like a hinge, and is fastened to a strap and the strap riveted to the sack. By gathering the top of the sack in folds it requires but an instant to pass the strap around the sack and thru a slot at the base of the lock. Then by throwing the lock over and pressing down, a post, securely riveted to the strap, is inserted in the lock, making a safe and labor-saving fastening.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.—Mrs. Jerry Lawler died at her home six miles north of the city last night from pneumonia. She leaves a husband and eight little children. The remains were taken to Morris for interment.

MAPLETON, MINN.—Senator Moses E. Clapp lectured at the opera-house, speaking upon the subject, "History and Christianity." He was greeted with a crowded house and a banquet was served in his honor at the Mapleton house.

NORTH DAKOTA

FIGHT TO DOWN A SYSTEM COMING

TEMPER OF THE PEOPLE SHOWN IN EIGHTH DISTRICT RESULTS.

Smouldering Opposition to Hansbrough Because of His Relations with the "Machine"—Murphyism Buried for the Nonce in Ward County—People Tiring of Bosses.

Special to The Journal.

Minot, N. D., Nov. 26.—Election is over, but the political fight in Ward county and the eighth judicial district is still troubling. In the judicial contest, E. B. Goss, the republican candidate, lost his home county and McHenry, but won the ermine by a small vote in Williams county and by 1,231 in Ward county. In Bottineau county the result is to be attributed to an anti-Hansbrough feeling, and the same is true in McHenry county. In Ward the county contest overshadowed all others interests except, possibly, the judicial fight, and that was decided on the merits of the county contest, Murphyism being the issue.

The completeness of the downfall of Murphy is not the most interesting phase of the results. It was evident all thru the contest that Senator Hansbrough is not overpopular in Ward county. It was not love of Hansbrough that won the fight for the reorganized republicans, but disgust with Murphyism.

The present leaders of the republican party in Ward county are known to be strong Hansbrough men, and closely allgned to the state political machine of which Alex McKenzie is the head. The fact that Mayor Roach, chairman of the republican county central committee, is generally known to be closely connected with the Great Northern railroad, is not pleasant to the rank and file of the republicans of the county, and it was one of the handicaps of the campaign of the reorganizers, whose overwhelming victory was due more to the stupendous blunders of the opposition rather than to any inherent strength in themselves.

Victors Fight Among Themselves.

The reorganized republicans are already at war among themselves. Already there are evidences of an organized opposition to the present leadership, and it will not be surprising if, two years from now, there will be a realignment of the forces of the republican party of Ward county on altogether different lines than obtained in the recent contest. The fight is likely to be antithy to the senator altogether, but largely because of his known closeness to the kindergarten party.

This year in Ward county there was a disposition for the reorganizers to hang together and overlook some irregularities in order to insure victory. Those who were most prominent in the beginning of the reorganization movement, and deserve the most credit for its success in the caucuses, are not the ones who are controlling its destiny now. They have been forced from control, and are sore. They are bound to be heard from in the future.

The opposition to Hansbrough is not confined to the eighth judicial district. It is in the air all over the state. It is a protest against the dictatorial policy of the leaders of the republican state machine. The masses of the republican party have not forgotten the treatment accorded Congressman Spalding. The people have been watching the fight of Governor La Follette against corporation rule in Wisconsin, of Governor Van Sant against railroad rule in Minnesota, and of Governor Cummins against corporation dictation in Iowa. They are waiting for a leader to show them how to rid themselves of political bosses. They are ready to do the voting, but under present conditions they cannot get the opportunity. The issue is here, but it requires leadership and organization to present it properly to the voters. That organization is bound to come, and it will be along these lines that the anti-Hansbrough opposition in Ward county and the eighth judicial district will show itself in the next two years. It will not be a contest against men, but a fight to down a system.

Grand Jury Summoned.

A grand jury has been called to meet Dec. 5, the first in the history of Ward county, presumably to wipe out the blindpiggers and perhaps institute an investigation of county affairs.

A new addition to Minot has been platted and opened for the sale of lots. It will be known as the Blaisdell-Bird addition and consists of forty-two acres. Most of the lots have already been spoken for, and it is expected that scores of them will be sold in a few days. There is a greater demand for building lots in Minot than at any previous time. The new addition is on the southeast. The price of the lots is from $100 up.

The Great Northern passenger station has been removed one block west and a freight depot 40x140 feet is being erected on the old site. For Hansbrough, not on account of personal antipathy, several weeks about fifty men have been filling in, with the assistance of gravel trains, west of the city and east of the Soo tracks, near which place will be located the new passenger station, the construction of which will probably be delayed till spring.

The $15,000 annex to the courthouse is almost completed. It is expected that in the spring part of the old building wil be razed and another substantial addition made, which will give the county one of the finest courthouses in the state.

About thirty dwellinghouses are being erected, making in the neighborhood of 150 for the year.

QUARANTINE SOON EFFECTIVE

However, Stock Shipping Season Is Almost Over—Uniform Law Necessary.

FARGO, N. D.—Thru the efforts of Chief Inspector Ramsay, the quarantine on cattle in the two Dakotas and Montana was temporarily suspended on Nov. 30. All cattle that had been treated or had not been affected with scabies could be shipped to any market up to the last of this month. Unless an extension of time is again secured shipments can be made only as feeders after that date. The time may not again be extended, as the shipping season is practically ended. If the regulations are closely observed next spring, it is expected the quarantine on the three states will be removed before the 1905 shipping season begins. This is likely to follow if the legislatures of the three states enact a uniform stock inspection and disease-treating bill this winter.

Seth Richardson, a graduate of the Wisconsin university and formerly the star pitcher of the baseball team at that institution, has purchased the interest of S. F. Reese in the firm of Barnett & Reese and will practice law here. He has been located at Kenmare for some time.

John Weaver, a junior student at the North Dakota agricultural college, may lose his eyesight as a result of an explosion in the chemical laboratory. He was engaged in making some tests and stated that he had mixed sulphuric acid and potassium permanganate. The force of the explosion was downward and tore up a pair of scales, driving parts of the iron pieces into the walls and thru windows.

SLEEPS IN HOLE UNDER SHACK

North Dakota Hermit Believed to Have Hoarded Much Gold.

GRAFTON, N. D.—O. Berg, who for twenty years has led the life of a hermit upon his farm in Vesta township, Walsh county, has been before the insanity board and in a few days will be taken to the Jamestown asylum. He is believed to have hoarded gold that may have become a small fortune. Among his eccentricities as a recluse are the following: He slept in a hole beneath his shanty, and on a bed of straw, which he reached by means of a trapdoor. He made his clothing of grain sacks, altho on his person when he was taken into custody was $750 in bills. To make flour, he ground wheat in a coffeemill until two years ago, since which time he boiled the grain in order to make grinding unnecessary. On Berg's farm is a granary containing 1,500 bushels of No. 1 hard wheat, which he harvested several years ago, for since that time he has not planted more grain thru fear that he might make somebody rich from profits of its harvest and sale. As the hermit always seemed anxious to convert his bills into gold, or to receive pay in that metal, it is believed that he may have hoarded a comfortable sum of money some place about his farm, and several persons have gone to the property to search.

LIDGERWOOD, N. D.—The Masonic lodge elected the following officers: W. I. Irvine, W. M.; J. H. Movius, S. W.; H. W. Herzog, J. W.; E. L. McCutcheon, secretary, and J. C. Stiteler, treasurer.—Among the visitors to the St. Louis exposition this week are Senator E. A. Movius and wife, John Andrews and wife, J. C. Stiteler, John Goolsbey and W. S. Goolsbey.

MINOT, N. D.—Leon Conley, aged 11, son of Engineer Conley of the Great Northern railroad, was drowned while skating on a slough.

COLMAN, S. D.—Peter Bach was terribly injured by a premature explosion of dynamite while blasting near here.

GEDDES, S. D.—The city council has enacted a curfew ordinance.

MINNESOTA

POOR INVENTOR GAINS RICHES

LOGAN'S CORN-HUSKING MACHINE A SUCCESS.

Acquaintances Thought Him Over-Sanguine When He Took It to the World's Fair, but Have Word that He Has Taken Orders for 5,000 Huskers and that His Receipts Are $175,000.

Special to The Journal.

Albert Lea, Minn., Nov. 26.—Nels Logan, a poor carpenter, has been at work a long time on a machine for husking corn and this summer secured a patent and took his device to the world's fair for exhibition and advertising. His friends thought him a bit wild to undertake such a scheme, but word now comes that his machine outstripped all others at the fair and that he has received an order for 5,000 complete machines, besides other emoluments to the extent of about $175,000.

Engineer Andrews of the Iowa Central train that was wrecked a mile and a half south of Glenville early Thanksgiving morning, had a leg broken and sustained a scalp wound, while Fireman Brown of the same train had his skull fractured and is in a precarious condition, altho the company's surgeon expects both men to recover. George Nelson, who conducted a marble and monument business here a few years, is dead of tuberculosis. His remains were taken to Hutchinson for burial.

The new schoolhouse at Hartland, this county, was dedicated yesterday afternoon and last night with appropriate exercises. Professor Boostrom of Austin, president of the Southern Minnesota Normal college, delivered an address and Professors Lattin, Phillips and Schmitz of this city had parts in the program.

ODD FELLOWS TO BUILD

$25,000 Temple of Fraternity Planned at Red Wing.

RED WING, MINN.—The Odd Fellows have decided to erect a building on their lot on Third street. It will be a three-story brick structure 90x60 feet. A committee was appointed to take charge of its construction and hopes to start the work in April. It is estimated the building will cost about $25,000.

The republican county committee has filed its itemized statement and affidavit of expense for the elections held in September and November. The statement shows the receipts were $1,089.33, and the expenses $1,000.53, leaving a balance of $88.85.

It is probable that property owners on McSorley and other street near by will bring an injunction against the city restraining it from repairing the reservoir on Sorin's bluff. The residents assert that no permanent bottom can be put in the reservoir, and that it will only be a question of time when another accident similar to the one of last Saturday night, will occur. They say the reservoir depreciates the value of their property as no one wishes to buy property when there is fear of a million gallons of water sweeping it out of existence.

The boys' basketball team of the high school won both games at Pine Island. The afternoon game resulted in a score of 30 to 9 and the game in the evening 51 to 9.

SOLID BOATLOADS OF FLOUR

Vessels Load with Product of Single Minneapolis Mill.

DULUTH, MINN.—Two of the largest boats that operate on the Great Lakes have just been loaded exclusively with flour from the Pillsbury mills of Minneapolis. This is the first time in the history of the lake traffic that solid boatloads of flour have been loaded here, and this is probably the biggest individual shipment of flour ever made. The two boats contain more than a quarter of a million packages, in various sizes. The shipment is destined for eastern markets.

W. P. Fitz, president of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic road, has purchased the Metropolitan operahouse here for $25,000, which is less than its cost. The building is comparatively new, having been built in 1902, and for the first year did a flourishing business. It has not prospered of late, and it is supposed President Fitz has some plans for getting the property on a paying basis.

YEAR'S RIVER WORK

$50,000 Expended in Improvements Near Island Forty-nine.

WINONA, MINN.—Captain J. D. DuShane of St. Paul, in charge of river improvement work on the upper Mississippi, says that his entire fleet of forty-two pieces, is in the winter quarters at Fountain City bay. Some $50,000 was expended this year, he says, all in the neighborhood of Island Forty-nine at Minneiska. The work done consisted in changing the course of the channel. The course formerly had been from the head of the island to the left bank of the river and then across to the right bank. Now the channel had been changed to keep it directly down the middle of the stream.

How much river improvement work would be done on the river next year, Captain DuShane said would depend on the amount of appropriation made by congress at the short session. According to a previous appropriation there would be $400,000 available for the Mississippi river next year, but this amount might be increased.

The harbor of refuge constructed on Lake Pepin, Captain DuShane said, is giving excellent satisfaction. In fact the channel of the river was in pretty good condition last summer all the way from Winona to St. Paul, and even in the low water in August the boats were able to get along without much difficulty.

TWO DECLARED BANKRUPTS

Failures at Eyota and Elgin Reach Federal Court.

WINONA, MINN.—Two involuntary petitions in bankruptcy have been filed here and bankruptcy declared in each. The first is that of Hans M. Hagersteart of Eyota, a saloonkeeper, who places his liabilities at $4,444.76 and assets at $1,641.30, of which $450 is claimed to be exempt. The second is that of Don H. Foster of Elgin, a hotel and restaurant keeper. The liabilities are placed at $792.41 and assets at $385.77.

German Methodists who have recently completed the rebuilding of their church, damaged by fire last spring, have just added a new and expensive piano to the Sunday school room.

Corporal Houston has been maintaining a recruiting office in this city for two weeks. So far he has enlisted thirteen.

BURIED AT HIS OLD HOME

Schwan, Shot to Death at Butte, a Former Resident of Austin.

AUSTIN, MINN.—The Journal of Wednesday contained an account of the accidental shooting of W. J. Schwan at Butte, Mont., on Tuesday evening. He was a son of Joseph Schwan, a shoe dealer of this city. He was reared here and married Miss Alice Campbell about fourteen years ago. He was for years a successful traveling man for the St. Paul Rubber company, Reynolds Bros. of Utica, N. Y., and other firms. He went to Butte last spring. His wife had a very successful business there in a job printing office, which she owned. The body was brought here Friday night for interment.

AUSTIN, MINN.—That Austin will have a new operahouse that will be the equal of any in central Minnesota is confidently expected as the result of a massmeeting. W. F. Gage of Albert Lea will build the new theater, to cost $30,000, provided citizens contribute $8,000 and a site.

CANNON FALLS, MINN.—John Schultz had his right hand taken off in a corn shredder.—A football game between the Cannon Falls team and Oaklands from St. Paul resulted in favor of the latter by a score of 5 to 0.

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MICHIGAN

WALLACE MADE A BAD MESS OF IT

ALL ATTEMPTS TO COVER UP HIS TRAIL WERE ABORTIVE.

Nature of Stolen Securities Such that He Could Not Hope to Realize Upon Them Without Exposure—A Woman Found in Michigan's Sensational Embezzlement Case.

Special to The Journal.

Marquette, Mich., Nov. 26.—Except for the report that James Wallace, accused of appropriating valuable securities belonging to his former employer, Edward N. Breitung, the millionaire owner of mines and lands, was accompanied in his flight to England by a woman, there are no developments in the case that has caused the biggest sensation in years in northern Michigan. Mr. Breitung is in Chicago today, having telegraphed he was starting from there east, where he has been on business connected with the alleged defalcation of his confidential secretary. He is expected here Sunday. Arrangements are in progress to have Wallace extradited. What will be done with him is unknown. However, it may be taken for granted that Mr. Breitung's decision will rest in a large degree on the amount of money received and whether Wallace's other business affairs are shown to be in good order.

Such proceedings, owing to the prominence of the man involved, the nature of the crime and the spectacular way in which Wallace sought to get out of the country, will be among the most sensational ever witnessed in this region.

London cablegrams relate that Wallace did not sail alone on the Saxonia from Boston. He was accompanied by some woman, the couple taking passage as Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. No friend of Wallace here has any idea who this woman is or whether Wallace had known her before leaving Marquette. It is rumored, however, that she may be a resident of Washington, D. C., where as Mr. Breitung's secretary, Wallace has spent much time and where it is said he was intimate with a woman whose identity is not known here. It is considered certain that his companion is not from Marquette.

Wallace's departure on the Saxonia was learned of before the steamer arrived at Liverpool and detectives were waiting for "Mr. and Mrs. Wilson." They were shadowed until it was ascertained that Wilson was none other than Wallace, when he was put under arrest.

In the couple's possession were found some $25,000 or more in cash and letters of credit. Thus most of the money realized from stocks has been recovered. The discrepancy cannot well be so large as to make a settlement impossible, providing no additional irregularities are found. It is generally commented that Wallace made a bungling mess of the job. The nature of the securities was such that the shrewdest would have been taxed to the limit of his resources to convert them into money and escape without leaving a broad trail. Wallace's trail was plain enough for the detective agency and the case was easy.

Wallace first endeavored to sell the stocks without having them transferred, but was unable to turn them into money in that way. It was necessary for him to have them transferred at the office maintained for that purpose, thus leaving a clear record. He made but one or two attempts to hide his tracks, one of them being a letter in which he announced his intention of going to New Orleans. These attempts were insufficient and abortive.

People here are puzzled to hit upon a satisfactory motive for the crime. Wallace was moderate in his tastes and careful about money except in spells of dissipation. Possibly he wanted revenge, for because of his irregular habits his resignation had been requested. Some people incline to the theory that there must have been previous irregularities in his conduct of Mr. Breitung's business. Again, it is suggested that Wallace may have been temporarily irresponsible, but this theory does not appear to be feasible.

Wallace is well along in years, being a man of 56. It has been generally supposed he was not more than 40.

HOUGHTON, MICH.—Frank Donnell, who accidentally shot his uncle, August Mayworm, while hunting yesterday, has been held for trial under the state law providing a penalty of $1,000 fine or ten years' imprisonment for the accidental killing of any person while hunting.

IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH.—Corrigan, McKinney & Co. are not only to resume mining work at their Great Western property, but they have instructed their district superintendent to unwater their Dunn mine as well. The Dunn promises to be a big producer again.

ESCANABA, MICH.—The Citizens' bank of Escanaba has been reorganized as the State Savings bank. The capital stock has been increased from $25,000 to $50,000.

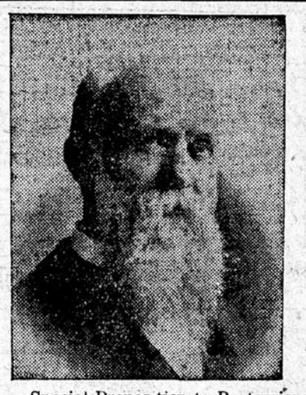
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH.—The Michigan State Telephone company's service at the Soo is to be improved next season. The system is inadequate and much of it will be rebuilt.

HASTINGS, MINN.—The barn of Mrs. Julia James, in Port Douglas, was burned last evening, with eight or nine tons of hay.

HOTEL BURNS

Loss at Culbertson on Three Buildings Is $18,000.

CULBERTSON, MONT.—A fire which originated in the bathroom of the Stockman hotel totally destroyed that hostelry, along with the postoffice and drug store, last night. The mails and supplies in the postoffice were saved. The loss will reach $18,000, with insurance of $7,500. The Stockman hotel and fittings were owned by the First National bank of Williston, N. D.



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IOWA

CATCH CRIMINALS WITH PHONES

County Attorney Plans to Have Every Farmer on Guard.

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA.—Alarmed at the numerous safe blowings, burglaries, thieving and larceny of all kinds, County Attorney Frank H. Noble of Hardin county has devised a scheme to use the mutual telephones which are found in almost every farmer's home and which form a perfect network. Mr. Noble has just addressed the following letter to every citizen in Hardin county:

"Every one who reads the newspapers must have noticed the alarming increase in the number of burglaries and similar crimes. It is only a question of a short time until another instance of such depredations will be expected to occur in this county. A plan is here suggested which may not only result in the capture of the criminals, but also aid in securing the return of the stolen property. The plan is based simply upon the now almost universal telephone system covering Hardin county. When a crime is committed, in the daytime or nighttime, in any part of the county, notify the sheriff at the courthouse in Eldora, some one from his office or other county offices will then start immediately a systematic search for the criminals. One officer will remain in the courthouse to receive reports on the case and to direct the search.

"The plan at headquarters, as it might be called, will be to keep the criminal located during the night by telephoning residents along the road or street known to be taken by them; the residents will be told to extinguish all lights, but to watch for the criminals, and report the direction they have gone from each house. It will not be necessary for the residents so notified to attempt to arrest or even stop the criminals, but in this way their tracks will be followed until daylight or until they reach some railway station, when they may be taken into custody. If the citizens of the county will co-operate in this system they will materially assist the peace officers in preventing the escape of criminals."

GIRL BOLTS THE ALTAR

Fern Watson Says Her Parents Wanted Her to Marry an Old Man.

DES MOINES, IOWA.—Rather than marry a man three times her age, pretty Fern Watson of Newton, Iowa, ran away from her home and came to Des Moines, where, penniless and suffering from hunger, she was caught by the police trying to pawn her furs to get food. Miss Watson is not yet 17. Relief has been afforded the girl by the local Humane society. She will be given employment in a Des Moines home and work as a domestic for the first time in her life.

John Bloom, the wealthy Shenandoah farmer who murdered his son before the eyes of his wife last Sunday, is a raving maniac. The insanity follows a season of remorse which caused the broken-hearted father intense suffering.

Mrs. Bloom, mother of the murdered man, is ill, having been confined to her bed ever since she witnessed her son's tragic end. Frank Bloom's wife, who was in a hospital at the time of the shooting, is also dangerously ill. She had an operation for cancerous growth in the stomach the day before her husband was murdered.

NEVADA, IOWA.—While working around a cornshredder, George French, a young farm hand, had his hand so badly mangled that it had to be amputated above the wrist.

CLINTON, IOWA.—On account of prevalence of diphtheria in Lowmor, this county, the public schools were ordered closed.

NORTHWEST WEDDINGS

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.—Twenty-one marriage licenses were issued here the past week and four weddings took place on Thanksgiving Day.

Harvey S. Bardsley and Miss Grace Hinton were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hinton, by Rev. Thomas D. Whittles. They will reside at White Rock, S. D.

Adolph Applegren and Miss Mary Olson, both of this city, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Anderson and left for Willmar, to visit with friends.

Gunval S. Hovda and Miss Nettie Rendahl were married by Rev. O. N. Fosmark.

Rev. Mr. Fosmark also officiated at the marriage of Henry B. Seely and Miss Louise Neuman.

MAPLETON, MINN.—William Hoskins and Miss Gertrude Bowman were married yesterday and will make their home here.

HASTINGS, MINN.—Frank S. Callamore and Miss Jessie M. Crooks of Pierce county, Wisconsin, were married here by Rev. C. A. Maine.

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