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(From his Boston address, Aug. 25, 1902.)

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TOWN NOW SEEKS TO ANNEX RIVAL

CONTRIVERSY OVER COURT-HOUSE TAKES NOVEL TURN

Selby, S. D., with Population of 500, Asks to Extend Corporate Limits to Include Walworth County Site at Bangor, with Population of Only 19—Java May Interfere.

Special to The Journal. Aberdeen, S. D., Dec. 28.—The latest developments in the famous county-seat fight between Selby and Bangor, in Walworth county, took place today, when papers were filed in the first steps by Selby to annex to the corporate limits of the town a strip two rods wide and five and one-half miles long. This will take in the present site of the Walworth county courthouse. Considering the fact that the present population of Selby has but 500, the attempt to annex a strip of territory of that length verges on the stupendous, but the advocates of Selby as the county seat believe that they will succeed in the attempt, and thereby obtain the courthouse, for which they have fought so long.

Bangor has a population of but 19, or did have that number of inhabitants when the state census was taken in May. Since then one family has moved to Selby. It is not believed that the people of Bangor will lose any sleep should Selby succeed in its attempt to "benevolently assist" its rival, but the attempt will probably be resisted by the people of Java, another ambitious Walworth county town, which hopes to win the county seat in the next contest if Selby's efforts prove futile.

On Dec. 26, 1904, the Selbyites drove to Bangor, under a flag of truce, and there they moved the courthouse, records and all to Selby. The Bangorites appealed, and finally by an order of the state supreme court, issued in October, Bangor was declared the legal county seat. Selby remained quiescent until today, when it seeks to annex its rival.

Undecided on Bridge Site. Milwaukee engineers are reported to be in doubt whether to build the railroad bridge across the Missouri river at Gracere or at Selby, about four miles south of that town. Should the latter point be selected it is probable the town of Gracere will move down the river in order to be at the site of the bridge. Nothing has yet been definitely decided.

Jumps Thru Window. Henry Oberg, who has been confined in St. Luke's hospital suffering from injuries received while attempting to drive across the Milwaukee tracks near Bristol, when his team was hit by a train, jumping from the second story of the hospital. His right arm and right hip were broken, and it will be several months before he will be able to leave the hospital. He was delirious when he made the leap.

HEIRS STOP LITIGATION

Hayden Will Contest Is Settled Out of Court.

WINONA, MINN.—The persons to the contest of the will of the late Mrs. Amanda C. Hayden, by which an estate valued at about \$100,000 was bequeathed to her children, have agreed to come to a settlement. The contest was up before the district court here at the last term and several lengthy experts from this state and Canada were on the stand. It was claimed that the deceased was not of sound mind prior to her death, and that she had been drawn, and also that undue influence had been exercised on her. After a hearing had been held, a continuance was taken until today, and in the meantime a settlement has been reached. The heirs and relatives consented in for a share.

Mrs. Josephine Brusk, aged 55 years, dropped dead on the street while on her way to assist in the celebration of the mass at St. Stanislaus' Catholic church, on the corner of Second and Sixth streets. She has been married three times and is survived by her third husband and several children. She died of heart failure several years ago.

GRAND JURY AT WINONA

Slot Machine Question May Come Up for Consideration.

WINONA, MINN.—The grand jury will meet next month, and an ascertainment as to whether it will take up the consideration of the slot machine question, in view of the supreme court decision against such devices of this character. There are many of these machines in Winona, and they are being sold by merchants and not in money. One, however, when there was an agitation of this kind, all the slot machines in the city were destroyed. Will the Mississippi river has closed at La Crosse it will be the present mild weather conditions in the city. The river was closed 28, which was next to the latest date since 1856, when the closing record was begun to be kept. The latest record was in 1897, when the river did not freeze over till Jan. 2. Unless a cold wave comes soon, there is a chance that the record may be broken this year.

EXAMINATION AT PEN

Public Examiner Begins Checking Up Accounts at Stillwater.

STILLWATER, MINN.—General E. M. Pope, formerly public examiner, is at the state prison as a special accountant representing the public examiner, to make an examination of the accounts of the prison. Such an examination has not been made for several years, and the board of control asked for it. The public examiner, it will require several days to check up the accounts. General Pope will submit it to the board of control. Judge Williston has ordered dismissing the proceedings to collect taxes for the year 1904 from the C. M. Youmans Lumber company of Winona, on account of a large quantity of lumber, shingles and lath from William Kahler in this city in December, 1903, but moved it away before the year next year. The company claims that its main office is in Winona, and that its lumber yards in Minnesota and other states, it has no office or business place in Stillwater, and hence is not taxable here.

TOWN DEPENDS ON COUNTY

Buxton, Iowa, Will Ask Legislature for Assistance.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA.—With a population of 5,000 people, Buxton, in this state, has no self-government and is not incorporated as a town or city. This unusual condition is said to be due to the fact that the town has little means of support of its own. The town has petitioned an effort will be made to induce the legislature, which meets next month, to make some provision to meet this condition.

\$1,000 FOR EACH CHILD

Stork Brings Wealth to Large Iowa Family.

ELDORA, IOWA.—As a general thing there is cause for rejoicing in the average household when the first baby is born, and when there comes to the happy parents a check for \$1,000 from the child's grandfather on account of the advent of the precious offering of the stork, there is continued joy. Not very far from Eldora, in this county, lives George Cramer of Butler county, Iowa, and his family of 12 children. In the past quarter of a century, at the birth of each child, the father of the head of the household, who resides in Germany, has sent to his son-in-law his check for \$1,000, making gifts in all amounting to \$12,000.

LEAPS TO DEATH

Hospital Patient at Superior Jumps Thru Window.

SUPERIOR, WIS.—Jacob Johnson, proprietor of a boarding-house in this city, jumped from a second-story window of St. Mary's hospital and broke his neck. He had been taken to the hospital because of a severe cold. He was laid, from intoxication. After placing him in a room the attendant left him apparently asleep, and shortly afterward his dead body was picked up outside the hospital. He had raised a window

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NORTHWEST WEDDINGS

YANKTON, S. D.—Chester Peeg and Miss Alice McDonald of this place were married and have gone east on their wedding trip. Mr. Peeg is assistant superintendent at the cement works.

HELENA, MONT.—Wyman Ellis of this city, Montana manager for the Equitable Life, and Miss Myra Clark of Helena were married here last evening, and left later for St. Paul, New York and Washington.

RED WING, MINN.—Miss Agnes M. Nelson and Earl H. Hewitt of Minneapolis were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aron Nelson, Rev. O. T. Laughtit of the Presbyterian church officiating.

STEPHEN, MINN.—Mrs. O. Mickelson and E. T. Hagerty were married last evening by Rev. E. M. Williams.

PIPESTONE, MINN.—W. Scott Brown and Miss Edith Pearl Whitehead were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, in this city, Rev. O. T. Laughtit of the Presbyterian church officiating.

MABEL, MINN.—Albert Grindland, a former merchant here, and Miss Sarah Kyseth of Canton, were married today at the Highlandville church. Mr. Seebus officiating.

ELK POINT, S. D.—John Sidney Hoard of Vester, this county, and Miss Marie Alberta Voe of Canton were married at the latter place by Rev. G. S. Evans of the Congregational church.

RAPID CITY, S. D.—T. H. Daly, one of the best-known business men of this part of the Black Hills, surprised friends by quietly marrying Miss Isador Bower of Reedsburg, Ohio. The bride came to Rapid City and the marriage was performed quietly at a hotel here. They will make this place their home.

CHARLES CITY, IOWA.—Miss Mabel B. Fre, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Fre, pastor of the M. E. church, was married to Jonathan Creech Jay, state secretary of the Young Men's Christian association of Tennessee. The bride's father officiated.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—Miss Harriet Grace James of this city and Will G. Whyte of Milwaukee were married last evening at the home of the

bride's parents, Rev. Henry Faville officiating. Miss Eva May Metcalf of Caledonia, Minn., and Livingston Weide of Harvey, N. D., were married here by Rev. W. J. Turner.

MILBANK, S. D.—Miss Mima Farnest of this city was married here to James W. Collins of Bros, La.

MOUNT VERNON, IOWA.—Miss Anna Alexander and Frank Hann were married here by Rev. A. K. Knox of the Presbyterian church.

NORWAY, MICH.—Joe Romano is said to have kissed the wife of his friend, Louis Mass. After his wife told him, the husband followed Romano to town and, it is alleged, kicked him. Romano was taken to the hospital in a serious condition and may not recover. Louis Mass was arrested.

HASTINGS, MINN.—In the probate court, yesterday, Jacob Gergen of Douglas and John Conremus of this city were appointed administrators of J. F. Gergen, late of Vermillion.

GLENWOOD, IOWA.—As a result of a recent typhoid fever epidemic, including about thirty cases, a determined effort will be made to secure an appropriation of \$50,000 to \$60,000 from the general assembly for the construction of a new water system for the state institution for feeble-minded here.

PIPESTONE, MINN.—The city council is investigating the advisability of installing an electric-lighting plant in the city pumping station. A committee is now at work. The purpose of the movement is to furnish power for lighting the streets.

BROOKINGS, S. D.—Local capitalists recently purchased 2,400 acres of Sully county land. There is a large attendance at the state teachers' meeting now being held here.

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