City News

ALDERMAN SAYS JOB'S NOT EASY

PERRY STARKWEATHER TALKS TO RETAILERS' ASSOCIATION.

Ancient Legend that the Ward Machine Is the Particular Protege of the Alderman Is Denied and City Charter Is Subject of Heartfelt Remarks by Speaker.

Alderman Perry Starkweather of the fourth ward, in an address delivered before the Minneapolis Retailers' association at the Nicollet hotel, Tuesday evening, made some interesting remarks on "The Relation of the Citizen and the Alderman." He revealed some of the innermost secrets of the aldermanic breast and drew an intimate picture of aldermanic life. Among other things he said:

"The records show that 45,400 men registered at the polls at the last election. Of these, all of whom must have been interested, whether they knew it or not, in the choice of a manager or mayor for this great city, only 36,458 expressed at the polls a choice in the matter. To be exact, the number was 36,458, and 8,942 did not take the trouble.

In the largest and richest ward in the city, the ward in which the greatest amount of the business is conducted, 6,210 registered and out of these there were only 4,554 whose interest in choosing an alderman was sufficient to induce them to make a pencil mark after a name.

"Everybody's Business."

"But with municipal affairs there is daily confirmation of the truth of the adage, 'Everybody's business is nobody's business.' Partly because he is busy about things which seem more pressing, partly because he thinks there is very little he can do, anyway, the average 'everybody' lets slip from his hands the reins that guide the advancing hosts. He forgets that there are fingers eager and anxious to clutch and hold the lines he so thoughtlessly surrenders. Fingers that reach further and further every hour to grasp the opportunity to turn to private gain that which should be expended for public good.

"The conduct of the business of the city means more, far more, to this class than it does to the average 'everybody.' It means, first of all, a livelihood for themselves, then for their relatives and friends, and soon it comes to mean the acquisition and exercise of a certain amount of local influence and power, and by a natural sequence, it grows into that most fascinating of games, the game of 'bossing one's fellows.' It furnishes not only a livelihood, but an amusement; it seems to give a zest that never tires.

The Ward Machine.

"Hence, the upgrowth of the 'ward machine,' at which we constantly rail, both in public and in private, and which we constantly and willingly nurse and foster, either by good-natured assistance or by wholesome and wholesale neglect. Flouted at and despised, it nevertheless flourishes like a green bay tree, and when its shade is dense enough to cast a blighting shadow, we are surprised and virtuously indignant.

"It is a polite fable to insist that the ward machine is the particular protege of the alderman. It would seem almost an impertinence to dispute so venerable and time-worn a legend, but the facts in the case are that tho it be nurtured by some kindly city dad and given pap and malted food (and drinks as well), during his paternal reign, it is frequently left a lusty infant upon the doorstep of the ward and, lo, it grows like Jonah's gourd, sometimes even faster, and with the blood of all the patriarchs in its veins and the 'prophets' in its pockets, it dominates as only a master can. With a fine contempt for any authority, it selects its own for a place in the council and the new 'city father' finds that instead of shaping the destiny of matters politic he is simply the man to turn the crank for the 'ward boss' to sharpen his ax!

"In our own city the strongest of all the 'ward bosses' told me within the past two weeks that he had selected and elected every alderman save one, who had represented his ward in the common council for the past twelve years!

The City Charter.

"That the limitations under which our local affairs must now be carried on, the queer patchwork that serves us for a guide, or so-called 'charter,' will not permit of doing things, or having them done, as we would like, is apparent to all. That we have outgrown and left way behind any semblance to a necessity for the crude fashion in which the business of our city is at present conducted, no thinking man disputes. That we need, sorely need, a system that shall keep all our thorofares under one responsible official, either the city engineer or some specially elected or appointed office, no one doubts.

"Come to your alderman with suggestions, with counsel and with some manifestation of the interest which you of necessity must feel. Don't confine your official intercourse with him to requests for a street crossing, the annulment of sidewalks ordered or a demand for an arc light.

"Go and give him a little light upon some problems that agitate or, in your opinion should agitate, the public mind. If you think of some plan or method which will be an improvement upon those now pursued, do as you would if it were your own business, for it is your business; go and talk it over with him. Maybe the suggestion is impracticable or impossible of attainment—my word for it he will be just as glad to listen to you because it shows your interest in the subject. Don't fear that any suggestions you might offer will weary or bore the man who represents you in the common council. Don't be afraid that you will give him a tired feeling. There is a large class of men of quite a different caliber than those I have the honor of meeting this evening who attend to that, and any proposition that any of you might like to submit would be as refreshing as it would be welcome."

YEAR'S CRIMINAL RECORD

Anoka County Attorney's Report Shows Many Convictions.

ANOKA, MINN.—County Attorney Albert F. Pratt's annual report shows that he and Sheriff John Palmer have secured one murder conviction in the second degree, and two convictions for murder in the third degree. These were Orlin Kalderwit, Kolb and Hammon, now in the Stillwater penitentiary. One conviction was secured for manslaughter in the first degree, the prisoner being Nic Smith, the little Austrian, previously confined in the Minneapolis workhouse. Eleven assault cases, five for petit larceny, nineteen game law violations and several minor offenses were reported. The total fines amounted to $579.68, and the total amount of costs taxed against defendants was $1,000.80.

During the past year 102 marriage licenses were issued in Anoka county. The month of November had the most and February least.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

NORTH DAKOTA

BACON WILL LEAD DRAINAGE FORCES

ORGANIZATION SELECTS STATE SENATOR FOR CHAIRMAN.

Three Hundred Delegates Attend Grand Forks Convention and Discuss Plans for Improving Red River Valley—James J. Hill to Deliver Address on History of Drainage in the Northwest.

Special to The Journal.

Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 11.—Great interest centers in this evening's session of the first state drainage convention ever held in South Dakota, when James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, will deliver an address. There are more than 300 delegates present.

George Ralph, engineer of the Minnesota drainage commission, told of the work that had been done in this direction in that state, and at the close of his address was plied with questions regarding cost and procedure.

State Engineer Fellows spoke of the attitude of the state department regarding valley drainage, and Scott Rex reviewed the present state drainage law, pointed out its defects and suggested improvements that are needed to carry out the drainage proposition on the scale that advocates of drainage hope for in the valley.

Senator J. D. Bacon was named as chairman of the permanent organization committee, Senator J. D. Taylor chairman of the legislation committee and James Holes chairman of the committee on resolutions.

Delegates were entertained last night at the Commercial clubrooms at a banquet.

Convention at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 11.—The American Irrigators' Federation is the name chosen for an organization formed by representatives of the irrigation states who met in Omaha yesterday.

Among the objects of the federation are: The harmonization of conflicting interests, promotion of essential legislation, circulation of instructive literature, aid in settlement or reclaimed areas, criticism of officials or others for acts of injustice, and aid in the adjustment of freight rates to and from the reclaimed areas.

Officers were elected to serve until the first annual meeting, which will be held at Boise, Idaho, the date of which will correspond with that selected for the national irrigation congress.

Former Governor L. Bradford Prince, Santa Fe, N. M., was elected president and D. H. Anderson, Chicago, secretary. G. L. Shumay, Scott's Bluff, Neb., is chairman of the executive committee, of which John M. McAlpine of Duluth is a member. The vice presidents include one from each state represented in the federation, McAlpine being the Minnesota official, and A. J. Cobban of Rhinelander, Wis., the representative of the badger state.

BARGE IS ARRESTED

Restaurateur Charged with Having Eleven Grouse In His Possession.

Jacob Barge, the restaurateur, was haled before the municipal court today charged with having eleven grouse in his possession. Restaurants may not handle game in season or out, and there is a charge of $10 for every bird. Mr. Barge pleaded not guilty and the case was set for Jan. 18, Mr. Barge being released on his personal recognizance.

YANKEE DOODLERS MAKE FUN.

The Yankee Doodle Girls, full of music and mirth, in which a chorus of dancing show girls display some elegant costumes, are doing a large busines at the Dewey theater. Frank Murphy and Jack Megee are the chief funmakers, and their efforts kep the audience in a roar of laughter. The closing burlesque is taken from scenes around the New York hippodrome. Friday will give two performances to the fair sex with some new souvenirs.

GENERAL PRODUCE

Official quotations of the Minneapolis Produce Exchange, corrected up to 12 m., Thursday, Jan. 11.

BUTTER—Receipts yesterday, 24,373 pounds. Creameries, extras, 23c; creameries, firsts, 21½c; creameries, seconds, 19c; dairies, extras, 23c; dairies, firsts, 18c; dairies, seconds, 16c; rolls and prints, fancy, 18c; rolls and prints, choice, 16c; renovated, firsts, 21c; ladles, seconds, 14c; packing stock, fresh, sweet, 16c; stale, held, 10c.

EGGS—Receipts yesterday, 117 cases. Current receipts, No. 1, case count, case, $5.50; current receipts, No. 1, candled, doz, 20c; fresh dirties, candled, case, $3.75; checks and seconds, candled, $3.75; refrigerator, candled, doz, 18c; at mark, carlots, case, $5.40.

CHEESE—Twins or flats, fancy, cured, paraffined or unparaffined, 14c; fancy, new, 13c; choice, paraffined or unparaffined, 12@12½c; good, paraffined or unparaffined, 11@11½c; fair, paraffined or unparaffined, 10@11c; dalsies, fancy, twins or flats, 14c; choice, twins or flats, 12½@13c; off grades, twins or flats, 10@11½c; Young Americas, fancy in quality and regular in style, 14c; choice, 12½@13c; off grades, 10@11½c; brick, No. 1, paraffined or unparaffined, 13c; No. 2, paraffined or unparaffined, 10c; off grades, paraffined or unparaffined, 5@7c; limburger, No. 1, 12½c; No. 2, 11½@12c; off grades, 5@7c; Swiss, fancy loaf, 16c; choice, 13@14c; off grades, 9@11c; fancy block, 14c; choice block, 11@12c; off grades, 8@10c; pultost, No. 1, 9½c; off grades, 5@8c; primost, No. 1, 7c; off grades, 3@6c.

ONIONS—Spanish, crate, $1.75; Globe, 100 lbs, $1.35.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, brl, $15; bu, $5; late Howes, brl, $15.

WESTERN FRUITS—Pears, Winter Nellis, box, $3.25; Buerre Hardy, $2.50.

CABBAGE—Large crate, $3.25; per lb, 2½c.

VEGETABLES—Beans, string, bu, $4; wax beans, bu, $4.50; beets, bu, 65c; cauliflower, crate, $4.50; carrots, bu, 50c; celery, doz, 25@50c; celery, California, crate, $4.50; doz, 75@85c; cucumbers, doz, $4; egg plant, doz, $2; garlic, 10@12c; lettuce, leaf, 30c; lettuce, head, doz, $1; mint, 40c; onions, shallots, doz bunches, 75c; parsley, doz, 30c; peppers, green, per basket, 75c; radishes, round, doz bunches, 50c; rutabagas, bu, 40@45c; squash, doz, $1; spinach, bu, 90c; turnips, bu, 40c; tomatoes, California, four-basket crate, $2.50; tomatoes, Florida, six-basket crate, $5; watercress, doz, 30c.

HONEY—Extra fancy white, 1-lb sections, 14c; fancy white, 1-lb sections, 13c; choice white, 1-lb sections, 10c; amber, 13c; goldenrod, 12c; extracted white, in cans, 7½c; extracted amber, in cans, 7c.

POTATOES—Carlots, sacked, white, bu, 60c; red, carlots, sacked, bu, 55c; small lots, 5c more; sweets, Illinois, brl, $3.50@3.75.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Fancy, brls, $6.25; bales 100 lbs, $3.25; choice, brls, $6.

BEANS—Quotations include sacks: Fancy navy, bu, $2; choice navy, $1.65; medium navy, $1.75@1.85; mixed and dirty, 40@70c; brown, fancy, $2.25; brown, fair to good, $1.50@1.75; Lima, California, per lb, 6½c.

FISH—Pike, per lb, 8c; pickerel, 5c; crappies, 7@8c; bullheads, dressed, 5@6c; sunfish, perch, etc., 3@5c.

POULTRY—Dressed, undrawn, turkeys, fancy, 18c; choice, 16c; old toms, 16c; thin, young toms, 11@12c; culls, 8@10c; chickens, springs, fancy 12c; springs, good, 10@11c; hens, fancy, 11c; hens, fair to good and small, 9@10c; old roosters and culls, 5@6c; ducks, fancy, heads off, 12c; ducks, fair to good, 11c; geese, fancy, heads off, 11c; geese, fair to good, 10c.

LIVE POULTRY—Roosters, 6c; hens, 10c; springs, 11c; geese, 10c; turkeys, hens, fat, 13@14c; thin, small, 8@10c; ducks, 10c.

PIGEONS—Tame, live, young or old, doz, 75c; dead, 50@60c; squabs, nesters, fancy selected, live or dead, $2@2.25; small, poor and thin, unsalable.

DRESSED MEATS—Veal, fancy, 8½c; veal, fair to good, 7@7½c; veal, small and overweight, 3½@4½c; mutton, fancy, 6@7c; mutton, thin, and overweight, 4@5c; lambs, yearlings, choice to fancy, 10c; thin or overweight, 4@5c; hogs, 6@6½c.

RABBITS—Jacks, doz, $2.75; cottontails, doz, $1.25@1.40; white, small, doz, 75c.

SQUIRRELS—Dozen, 60c.

BANANAS—Jumbo bunches, $2.75@3; large bunches, $2.25@2.50; medium bunches, $1.75@2.

DRIED PEAS—Yellow, fancy, bu, $1.50; yellow, medium, $1.25; green, fancy, $1.50; green, medium, $1.10; marrowfat, $2.

GRAPE FRUIT—Florida, box, $5.25@5.50.

ORANGES—Florida, box, $3; California navels, $2.75@3.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50.

APPLES—Ben Davis, $4.50@5; Jonathans, $5.50@6; Kings, $5; Genetons, $3.50; Winesaps, $4.50; Talman Sweets, $3.25; Greenings, $4.25@4.50; Baldwins, $4@4.50; Bellflowers, bu box, $1.75@2; Gano, box, $2.25; Winesaps, box, $2.50; Black Twig, box, $2.50.

WISCONSIN

WILL ORGANIZE A NEW ARISTOCRACY

PERSONS OF INDIAN DESCENT FORM EXCLUSIVE SOCIETY.

Wisconsin Movement Begins Under the Auspices of Archaeological Society and May Extend to Other States—"Red" Blood Is Claimed to Be the Real "Blue" Blood of America.

Special to The Journal.

Ashland, Wis., Jan. 11.—A society that claims the real "blue blood" of America is "red" blood, and that the true American aristocrat is he whose ancestors owned the soil in America simultaneously with the founders of European aristocracy, is being formed under the auspices of the Wisconsin Archaeological society. Only persons of American Indian descent are eligible to membership in this exceeding exclusive society.

A request has been received from Charles E. Brown of Milwaukee, secretary of the archaeological society, for the names of eligibles and any information of use in the organization of the society.

The objects of this society, which claims to be the first of its kind in the world, will be the preservation of Indian records and relics, and the establishment of a warmer and more fraternal feeling among those of Indian blood.

Milwaukee is said to have several dozen eligibles, and it is expected that numerous members can be found in and about Ashland, some of them scions of old and respected families. Thruout the state several hundred of those eligible to membership doubtless can be found.

Altho at present the society is to be limited to the state boundaries, it is expected that its scope will be enlarged and that in the near future Minnesota and other states will be asked to join in the movement.

FARMERS RECEIVE WARNING

Organizer of Equity Society Speaks at Eau Claire Convention.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS.—State Organizer Crawley of the American Society of Equity reported that Eau Claire, Chippewa, Adams, Barron, Clark, Dane, Dunn, Sauk, Trempealeau, Waushara, Waupaca and Waukesha counties are represented in the convention now in session here to organize a state union of the society, and that twenty-four counties elected delegates and more will come. About 100 have registered.

Wiliam Cerrahan said that the farmers must have more control of the marketing of their products, and if present conditions went on for twenty years there would be no farms, but in their place vast estates in the possession of big landowners. That present-day farmers would be serfs working under rich landowners.

Organizer Crawley and National Secretary Tubbs of Indianapolis declared in speeches that on the success of this meeting would depend to a large extent the whole movement in the United States.

Many country stores in the vicinity of Eau Claire are going out of the patent medicine business, bitters, cordials and other medicines containing a large percentage of alcohol being sold below cost price. The dealers are unwilling to take out the government license required, under a ruling which went into effect Jan. 1, which classifies many medicines as whisky. The license costs $25 yearly, and the small dealer figures that the profit on patent medicine does not warrant the payment of such a fee.

SUDDEN DEATH IN SALOON

Superior Man Succumbs to Heart Failure Surrounded by Friends.

SUPERIOR, WIS.—While drinking a glass of beer in the midst of a merry crowd in a saloon near the Allouez ore docks, Timothy Gleason dropped dead in front of the bar. The laughing lips of the merrymakers were stilled, those who had been drinking with the dead man carrying the remains to his home. Heart failure was the cause of the death.

J. B. Erickson of this city has discovered what is probably the only large colony of beavers in this part of the state. Erickson is a timber cruiser and recently discovered the animals at work near Dedham, Douglas county. There were nearly two dozen of them in the creek and several beaver houses. He noticed tracks in the vicinity which leads him to believe that an attempt has been made to trap some of them. In this state it is unlawful to kill beavers, a law having been passed protecting them for a term of years that has not yet expired. When the law was passed, beavers were almost extinct.

It is announced that a new bank is to be opened in this city by Milwaukee capitalists. It will be a national bank with a large capital behind it. The stockholders are contemplating the purchase of a large amount of property here, negotiations being on for its purchase at the present time.

Judge Dan Danielson, one of the pioneer residents of this city, and the president of the school board for the past nine years, has purchased extensive business interests in Scott county, Arkansas. He will make his home there. Danielson has been prominent in northwestern politics for many years and is one of the best known Scandinavians in this part of the country.

BOTH FEET CUT OFF

Young Man Found on Railroad Tracks Taken to Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, WIS.—A young man was brought to this city from Withee, where he was found lying on the Wisconsin Central tracks with both feet cut off above the ankles and severely bruised about the head. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

From the little intelligible information that can be learned from the unfortunate man's talk, it appears that his name is Henry Packard and that his father lives at Fond du Lac. How the accident happened is not known. From the fact that Packard bought two tickets from this station to Withee yesterday disproves the theory that he fell from a moving freight while stealing a ride. An investigation is being made.

NURSE WEDS BROKER

Romance Begun at Hudson Sanatorium Leads to Altar.

HUDSON, WIS.—A romance that started at the Hudson sanatorium culminated yesterday in a church wedding, when Alexander R. Turner led to the alter Miss Maude Wheelock. Rev. Mr. Ferguson of St. Paul's church performed the ceremony; Miss Agnes Turner of Roberts, the bridegroom's sister, was maid of honor; Robert E. Slaughter was best man. The bride came with her parents from Fond du Lac last summer and became a nurse at the sanatorium, where her father has been taking treatment. She was a stranger to Turner until the serious illness of his intimate friend, Robert E. Slaughter, who was taken to the sanatorium and restored to health largely by the skillful nursing of Miss Wheelock. Turner is a well-known real estate broker.

WILL BUILD TEMPLE

Green Bay Masons Decide to Construct New Home.

GREEN BAY, WIS.—At a meeting of the Masonic lodge last night, plans were officially sanctioned for the erection of a six-story building to be used as a temple and business block combined. The building will be one of the finest in the county, and is to cost $8,000.

Mrs. Anna Gavin, widow of Martin Gavin, engineer on the Milwaukee road, who was instantly killed under his locomotive, Dec. 20, 1904, at Lena, Wis., has received from that road $2,500 in settlement of her husband's death.

Mrs. Louis Miller, widow of Fireman Miller, who was also killed in the same wreck, will not settle, but has brought suit against the company for $5,000 damages.

MAIL MATTER INCREASES

Rural Routes at Black River Falls Have Busy Year.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.—There is a steady growth in the increase of mail matter sent out from the city, thru the rural delivery routes. During the past year the six routes leaving this city have carried nearly 300,000 packages. There are twenty-five routes in the county and it is estimated they delivered about 750,000 articles. J. B. Mason, who began work in 1900, has carried about 250,000 packages. His largest day's work was 700 packages and letters.

SUPERIOR, WIS.—According to L. J. Bischel, an attorney of Ladysmith, the contractors on the Lake Superior & Southeastern and the Owen & Northern railroads will begin laying steel this week and will push the work forward as rapidly as possible. The two lines are parts of the Wisconsin Central's head of the lakes line, Ladysmith being the southern terminus of the one and the northern terminus of the other.

IOWA

FIRST RECEPTION AT IOWA CAPITAL

GOVERNOR AND MRS. CUMMINS WILL ENTERTAIN.

First of a Series of Informal Affairs During Present Session of Legislature to Be Held at Statehouse—Senator Molsberry Talks About Scope of Proposed Insurance Investigation.

MRS. A. B. CUMMINS,
Who Has Planned Musical Afternoons as Social Feature of Present Session.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 11.—Governor and Mrs. Cummins will tender an informal public reception at the statehouse this evening. This is the first social feature of the thirty-first session, and will inaugurate a series of smaller invitation receptions to be given at the hotels by the legislators and their wives.

Mrs. Cummins will not entertain lavishly during the present session. On Tuesday afternoon of next week she will be "at home" to the entire legislative family, and these afternoon functions will be continued on Tuesdays during the session. No attempt will be made to make the affairs formal. Mrs. Cummins is most liberal in her views on entertaining, and the Cummins home is always open to visiting lawmakers in much the same way as it is to the neighbors and friends at Des Moines the year around.

The home is in itself a pleasant place, tastily but not elaborately furnished, and the first lady of Iowa is not a stickler for fashion or form.

Mrs. Cummins has decided to adopt Mrs. Roosevelt's idea of afternoon musicales instead of any other more formal mode of entertainment.

The most prominent musicians of Iowa have gladly consented to appear at these receptions. Dr. Arthur Heft, dean of the Highland Park College of Music; Dr. M. L. Bartlett, director of the Des Moines symphony orchestra and of the Des Moines conservatory; Dr. Frank Nagel, pianist; Miss Elsie Lincoln, soprano; Mrs. Grace A. Clarke-DeGraff, wife of the assistant attorney general, and Dean Frederick Howard, have been assigned on the programs arranged for the musical afternoons.

Insurance Investigation.

Asked what is back of the proposed insurance investigation in Iowa along the lines of the New York investigation, Senator F. M. Molsberry of Louisa county said:

"It is purely for the purpose of instructing the legislature so that it may act intelligently on the insurance laws proposed by the state auditor and by the governor in his message. I have no other object in view."

Despite this statement, rumors are rife that the action is retaliatory on the part of foreign companies represented in the state. The governor in his message suggests that the state shall compel foreign companies to deposit securities sup to the amount of the legal reserve on policyholders effected in the state. The auditor and the governor suggest uniform policies and these matters have caused the organization of a strong insurance lobby here.

The companies that must stand for the investigations, and whose officers are subject to subpenas before the committee, are as follows: American Life, Des Moines; Des Moines Life; Central Life Assurance of Des Moines, Equitable of Iowa, Royal Union Mutual of Des Moines, Guaranty Mutual Life of Davenport, Register Life and Annuity of Davenport.

Officers of the companies, it is reported, will gather at Des Moines within the week and attempt to prevent the investigation by defeating the Molsberry resolution. While these officers say they are not afraid of an investigation such as the Armstrong committee is making in New York, they wish to impress the legislature with the belief that the measure is retaliatory on the part of foreign companies, and that foreign companies will do all in their power to show the Iowa companies up in a bad light. Iowa companies have, thru advertising, been claiming great advantage over foreign companies because of the Iowa deposit law protecting policyholders. This has created friction.

Withhold Auditor's Report.

Added to this, the Armstrong committee revelations have called forth long-winded articles in which it has been asserted that Iowa companies have no such extravagances as those shown to have existed in eastern companies. These articles are said to have soured the resident agents of foreign companies.

Auditor Carroll was asked several weeks ago to make a personal investigation of Iowa companies and make a report. It is charged that this report disclosed some startling extravagances in Des Moines companies. The report was withheld from the press, and now it is proposed that Auditor Carroll be made one of the witnesses before the investigating committee. Frequent efforts of representatives of the Penn Mutual, New York Life and Mutual Life at Des Moines to get the report of the auditor for publication resulted in failure.

The proposed committee will have full power to subpena witnesses, call for records and swear the witnesses. The investigation will be the feature of the legislature if charges now made in a veiled way prove to be true.

PLANS GOSPEL TOUR

Minister's Son, Starting Penniless, to Travel the World.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA.—Charles G. Countryman, well known in Y. M. C. A. circles, and son of a former Congregational pastor at this place, will start Jan. 17 on a gospel tour around the world.

He intends to leave without a cent and to pay his expenses from voluntary offerings made at meetings he will hold in the various cities and towns thru which he will pass.

He will start from Chicago, going by way of Roek Island, Des Moines, St. Joseph to Denver, and thence to the Pacific coast. At every place he stops he will give a lecture, gospel talk or miscellaneous program, depending upon the voluntary offerings, unless some society engages his services professionally. He expects to complete his trip in two years.

MUSCATEL ORGIES FATAL

Winnebago Indians Die Thru Use of Muscatel.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA.—It is reported from Winnebago Indian agency, S. D., that Thomas Hill, one of the most prominent men in the Winnebago tribe, is dead, a dozen more are violently insane and will probably die, and half the tribe is suffering more or less from the effects of the eating of large quantities of Mexican muscatel beans as a part of the rites of a new religion that was introduced into the tribe by visiting members of a southern tribe some months ago. Agent McSheridge reports that he is unable to check the frenzy or stop the importation from Mexico of the beans, which are said first to drive insane and then cause the death of those eating them.

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA.—While Mrs. J. D. Sweasey was scrubbing her floor last night her 15-months-old baby tipped a can of lye off the window and fell face foremost into the spilled contents. The child's face is terribly burned, as well as the inside of its nose and ears, but may recover.

MINNESOTA

MEANS MUCH TO TIMBER SECTION

DAM TO BE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Survey of Proposed Scheme Is Made Above Rapids Near Bemidji, Where Operations Will Be Conducted—Project Will Develop and Make Practical Power for Plants in Two Cities and Offer Inducements to Other Enterprises.

Special to The Journal.

Cass Lake, Minn., Jan. 11.—An enterprise is being arranged at Bemidji that will, when put into operation, mean much to the cities of Bemidji and Cass Lake and incidentally to the whole northern half of the state where timber is plentiful. The project has for its object the development and putting to practical use the power created by the rapids in the Mississippi river at a point about seven miles due east of Bemidji and about nine miles northwest of Cass Lake. It is proposed to erect a substantial concrete dam about sixty rods above the rapids, in order to conserve the power and transmit it to Bemidji and Cass Lake, where there is great demand for additional power to operate the manufacturing plants.

The rapids, where it is proposed to install the big power plant, are at a point near high banks, and other environments are such as to make it an ideal location. A careful survey has been made of the Mississippi river and the land along the banks from Lake Bemidji to Cass Lake. The flowage from Lake Bemidji to the rapids covers about 420 acres, and shows a fall in the river of twenty-seven feet in five miles. This creates 2,500 horsepower at the low water stage and 4,000 horsepower at high water. This waterpower can always be maintained because of the opportunity afforded to transform the various lakes up the Mississippi into reservoirs.

There is a general desire among loggers, boat men and the owners of land about Lake Bemidji to have the level of the lake maintained at about three feet above its low stage, and there has been some talk of throwing a dam across the outlet of the lake for this purpose. This result can be obtained by raising the dam at the point now proposed, seven miles east of the lake. It would produce about three feet more of a head of water and give a large storage.

Would Prevent Overflow.

The raising of the water above the dam would inconvenience no one, as the banks of the Mississippi are high enough to hold the flowage within its confines. The dam would in a great measure also be a help to those east of Cass Lake whose lands were overflowed and crops destroyed last spring, for it would prevent a repetition of that affair by holding back the early supply of waters in the reservoirs.

It is the intention of those who are back of the dam project to exploit the advantages of the location for the establishment of a pulp mill, the power to be furnished at the rapids. There are thousands of acres of spruce adjacent to Bemidji and Cass Lake, where railway facilities for handling the raw material and bringing it to the mill are of the best. The lakes and streams that furnish the power at the rapids have a clean, pure sand bed, and the water is clear as crystal.

By an act of congress, passed at the session of 1904-1905, permission was granted to erect a dam across the Mississippi river at the point named, and the preliminary steps toward building one are being carried on. It is claimed that power can be transmitted to Cass Lake at comparatively small cost, much less than is paid for fuel to run plants by steam, and the project would be a benefit to this place as well as Bemidji.

Want Canal Built.

W. G. Schroeder of Bemidji originated the scheme. He now owns several hundred acres of land on both sides of the river at that place. He paid for the extensive surveys that were made under the direction of M. D. Stoner, county surveyor of Beltrami county, and is the prime mover in the present enterprise.

In connection with this enterprise there is now being prepared a bill to be introduced in congress asking for an appropriation to build a canal from the south shore of Lake Winnibigashish to Leech lake, running about three miles west of the present town of Bena on the Great Northern railway, east of Cass Lake. The government engineers have already surveyed the route of the proposed canal, and have pronounced the scheme feasible. If this canal should be built it would give navigable water from Lake Plantagnet, south of Bemidji, to and thru Leech lake by way of Lake Bemidji, the Mississippi river, Wolf lake, Cass lake, Cass river, Lake Winnibigashish and the canal. It would mean a great cheapening of rates of transportation and be welcomed by the residents of this community.

THOMAS DENIES CHARGES

MILWAUKEE—Railroad Commissioner John W. Thomas issued a signed statement last night in which he denies the truth of the charges against E. L. Philipp and his company, the Union Refrigerator Transit company, accused by Ray Stannard Baker in McClure's magazine and a local paper of receiving "commissions" or rebates from the Milwaukee road in violation of the Elkins law.

The publication that made the charges has been sued for libel by both Mr. Philipp and his company. The charges were based on the letter of Mr. Thomas to the governor. That letter was dated Nov. 3, 1904, and was used by Mr. La Follette for campaign purposes the next day. In the statement Thomas has just issued, he admits that the Union Refrigerator Transit company of Wisconsin was not in existence at the time the rebates are alleged to have been paid. He confesses that neither Mr. Philipp nor the Union company ever received one penny of rebates before the Elkins law was enacted, or since.

NORTHWEST NECROLOGIC

YANKTON, S. D.—Mrs. Margaret Farrell McDevitt, the wife of a leading grocer, Daniel McDevitt, died here suddenly Tuesday morning of pneumonia, at the age of 58 years. The funeral takes place tomorrow. Besides her husband the deceased leaves her mother, Mrs. Anna Farrell and one sister, Mrs. Michael Gavin.

SEATTLE—R. J. McLaughlin, a capitalist from Detroit, dropped dead in his room in the Washington hotel last night. Death is believed to have resulted from rheumatism of the heart. He had lived in Seattle for about seven months. A wife and daughter survive.

MANKATO, MINN.—E. H. Barnard, traveling salesman for a wholesale house, died yesterday after a brief illness. He was 40 years of age and leaves a wife and one son. He was prominent in lodge circles.

ALBERT LEA, MINN.—The death at his home in Somber, Iowa, of Torger Andreas Torgerson removes from active pastoral work one of the strongest men in the Norwegian Lutheran ministry in this vicinity. He was nearly 68 years of age and had been continuously a pastor in the same place since 1865, a period of forty-one years.

HILL CITY, S. D.—J. T. Shotwell died here this morning, aged 55 years, of pneumonia. He has been in charge of the various properties of the Harney Peak Tin Mining company in the southern Hills for several years. Before that time he made his home at Deadwood, at which place he was one of the early settlers, having come to the Hills in 1877.

NORTHWEST WEDDINGS

GRAFTON, N. D.—Announcement is made of the marriage Jan. 17 at Verndale, Minn., of J. L. Eggleston, formerly of this city, and Miss Sadie E. Colvert.—Miss Selma Thorson, teacher in the Minto schools for the past two years, was married to Stanley Thomas of Minto, this county.—A marriage license has been issued to L. P. McNamee of Winnipeg and Kate Feeney of Ardoch, this county.

GREEN BAY, WIS.—Dr. Leon J. Patterson of this city and Miss Ethel Baker of Evansville, Wis., were married at the latter city by Rev. E. A. Ralph.

MOORHEAD, MINN.—Frederick Doyle of Grand Forks, N. D., and Miss June Willcox of Indiana were married in this city.

LITCHFIELD, MINN.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Strobeck announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Violet M. G. Dickson, to Ellery D. Mooar of Milbank, S. D. The wedding will take place in February. Miss Dickson is the granddaughter of the late George Dickson of this city, who was for several years queen's banker in India, and was closely identified with the financial affairs of that country.

SOUTH DAKOTA

WILL SEARCH FOR DRY GAS OR OIL

FORT PIERRE BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE STRONG COMPANY.

Capital Stock of $250,000 Taken Up to Conduct Drilling Operations at Big Artesian Basin — Commissioner Makes Report Relating to the Proposed Sanatorium for Proper Care of Indian Consumptives.

Special to The Journal.

Fort Pierre, S. D., Jan. 11.—For many months the leading business men of Fort Pierre have been agitating the mater of drilling for dry gas or oil, it being generally believed that one or the other, and probably both, underlie the big artesian basin.

A meeting has just been held at which the first decisive steps were taken along this line, a company being formed with a capital of $250,000, and the following officers elected: F. G. Fischer, president; Warren Young, secretary, and Dr. C. J. Lavery, John Hayes and C. L. Millett, directors.

It is planned to use the present city well, continuing the drilling from where the artesian flow is struck at the company's expense, to a sufficient depth to strike oil or dry gas, or forever disprove the theory that these resources exist. If nothing comes of the project the pipe can be perforated at the level of the artesian basin and the well put to the use for which it was originally intended.

This is a long step forward and means much for central South Dakota, if the undertaking proves successful. It will cause but little delay, as the bulk of the work can be done before it would be possible to start ditching and other preliminary work necessary for the water system, and it is a proposition in which every property owner in Fort Pierre and the surrounding country is vitally interested.

Report on Sanatorium.

Following is a copy of that portion of the report of the commissioner of Indian affairs relating to an Indian sanatorium:

"Besides the danger of undermining the moral health of wholesome minded children by introducing the unwholesome-minded freely among them, it seems to me that we are making a mistake in not establishing somewhere—preferably in the southwest—a schol for children suffering from tuberculosis, the disease which is more generally disseminated than any other among Indians. In their own homes these little ones can have no sort of sanitary surroundings, and only in rare instances proper medical care. The most stringent rules, morever, which the office of Indian affairs can prescribe for the protection of healthy children from perilous contact with those who have been stricken, are bound to be only partly effective; for, tho we may weed every sign of the scourge out of the schools by excluding all children pronounced by the examining physician unsound, we are only segregating these in order to make them grow up—if they do grow up—in ignorance.

"The establishment of such a sanatorium as I have here suggested would insure to the unfortunates the special care and the chance for recuperation which is their due, as well as the schooling needed to fit them for the serious business of life, instead of being sent home to serve as centers of infection for both their own people and the whites of the neighborhood."

The Stanley county commissioners have been in session the past week and gathered Monday at the Bad river bridge site as per contract to receive and pay for the new bridge. The structure, however, was not completed. A. Y. Bayne & Co. have the contract and will forfeit $5 a day for the first week and $10 a day thereafter until the bridge is completed.

COUNTY CONTEST CLOSES

South Dakota Supreme Court Denies Motion for Rehearing.

PIERRE, S. D.—The supreme court has denied a motion for a rehearing in the Walworth county seat contest. At the hearing the court held that the county records must be returned from Selby to Bangor, whence they were taken, and the decision closes any further action along the line of the general contest.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

South Dakota Tribunal Hands Down Several Opinions.

PIERRE, S. D.—The supreme court handed down opinions in the following cases yesterday:

By Chief Justice Fuller—Nelson O. Helland vs. Colton State bank, appellant, Minnehaha, affirmed; Commercial State bank of Salem, appellant, vs. Coonsonby Kendall, et al., McCook, affirmed.

By Justice Corson—Sioux Falls Brewing company, appellant, vs. J. D. Ward, Day, affirmed; Charles C. Issenhuth, appellant vs. Andrew Riegel, Beadle, affirmed; Independent School district No. 2, Turner county, appellant vs. District No. 37, Clay county, Turner, affirmed; Deere & Webler company vs. W. L. Hinkley, appellant, Marshall, affirmed; S. M. McComb and John Schack vs. M. R. Baskerville, appellant, Codington, reversed; Archie Flanders vs. Minard P. French, et al., appellants, Day, reversed; Frederick Milling company, appellant vs. Frederick Farmers' Alliance company, Brown, affirmed; Lawrence Kerley, appellant vs. Philip Germscheid, Davidson, affirmed; Asa D. Sprague vs. Richard Lovet, administrator, et al., appellant, Brookings, affirmed.

COMMISSIONERS EXPLAIN

Reason Given for Resolution Calling Halt in Prosecution.

HURON, S. D.—A statement reciting at length circumstances under which W. M. Ruggles, a member of the board of county commissioners, was induced to sign a resolution recommending the dismissal of the prosecution of C. A. Kelley under indictment on charges of a criminal nature, has been given to the public and concurred in by John H. Miller, also a member of the board, and who favored the resolution. These gentlemen, on reflection and investigation, declare they acted without due