

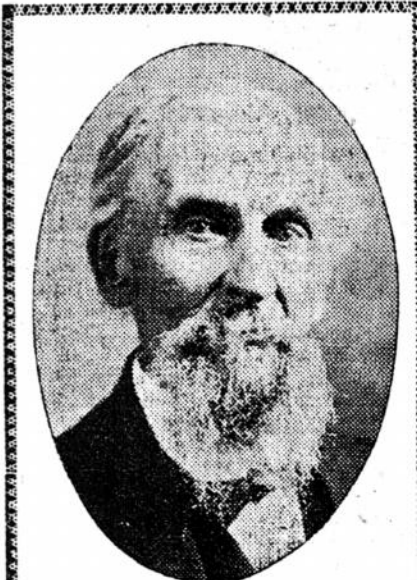
GARNERINGS OF NEWS FROM THE GREAT NORTHWEST

ELDORA MAN TAUGHT FIRST SCHOOL TERM

Veteran Pedagog Relates His Early Experiences in Central Iowa.

Eldora, Iowa, Feb. 3.—Undoubtedly the oldest school teacher in the northwest is T. Y. McClure of this city who first taught school in a log cabin in McLean county, Ill., in 1848, afterwards at Eldora in 1851 and taught the first term of school ever held in central Iowa. In his own language he thus describes how he first began to serve as a pedagog in the early pioneer days of Illinois and Iowa.

"My education was obtained in the common country schools," said Mr. McClure, "and I first began my school teaching days when I was a mere boy about 12 years of age and as early as 1837. The time was set for a three-month term of school. I started as usual with quite a number of children of our district. We waited very patiently for the teacher to come and as



T. Y. MCCLURE, Oldest School Teacher in the Northwest.

I was the oldest scholar for that term. I struck out to notify the directors that there was no teacher. The director told me to go back to the school and notify the scholars that I would put them to their work and serve as their teacher. I did as told and clasped them off as best I could and got thru with that day. I asked them all to come back next day which they did and from then on till the end of the term I served as the teacher. I taught fifteen consecutive terms of school in that little backwoods district and in Iowa.

The veteran teacher is now nearly 90 years of age.

WILTSEY WILL CONTEST

Suit Goes Again to State Supreme Court for Ruling.

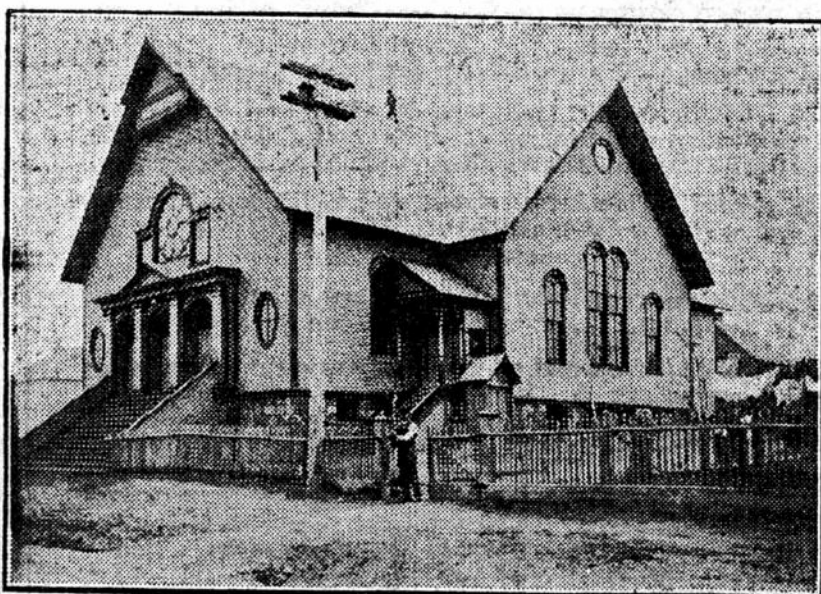
Webster City, Iowa, Feb. 3.—The Tolman Wiltsey will contest has been sent to the state supreme court for the second time. The suit has been twice tried in the district court in this city and attracted a good deal of attention. It involves an estate of about \$10,000 and hinges upon the legitimacy of Eugene Wiltsey, now deceased, as a son of Tolman Wiltsey. In both trials the jury decided that Eugene Wiltsey was a legitimate heir of Tolman Wiltsey, and as he was an only son, the estate passes in its entirety to his widow. The elder Wiltsey in his later life disowned Eugene and in his will left all his property to other relatives.

BANK HOLDS MEETING.

Frederic, Wis., Feb. 3.—At a meeting of the stockholders and board of directors of the Bank of Frederic, Charles E. Lewis of Minneapolis was elected president; M. A. Scheldrup, vice president; Louis A. Copeland, cashier, and J. Le Roy Elwell, assistant cashier. The bank has enjoyed a prosperous year, and the capital stock has been increased from \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Eighteen thousand members of a Roman Catholic society, called the Holy Name society, marched thru Brooklyn's streets, recently, banded together to put an end to blasphemy and profanity.

"Jumping Finlander" Is Name of Calumet Church



Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church, Calumet, Mich., with a Unique Record.

Special to The Journal. Calumet, Mich., Feb. 3.—Calumet has a church that is unique. It has never held a fair or social for remunerative purposes; never begged a cent from the business people, nor has it ever gone outside its own organization for money necessary to its support. It is the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran church and has been established thirty-four years. The pastor is Rev. A. L. Heideman. For a long time this church has been

Mayors of Three Cities in as Many Northwest States Tell Their Plans and Future Prospects

SOME FACTS ABOUT BLACK RIVER FALLS

Owens electric light plant and water system. Building a \$20,000 home for its poor. Planning to build two electric roads. Possesses immense deposits of kaolin, used for building purposes. Granite industry is thriving. Attractive summer resort. Conducts an advertising campaign that promises to keep it in the front rank with cities of same size.

ICE MAN CONFRONTS A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Michigan Finds Itself in Same Condition as Other Northwestern States.

Special to The Journal.

St. Ignace, Mich., Feb. 3.—The problem confronting the ice man in the north country is becoming serious. Reports from most points along the shore of Lake Superior are that little or no ice has formed to date, in consequence of the unprecedented spell of warm weather, when in other years the annual harvest of the crop has been in full swing at this time.

An exception to the general rule is found in the copper country, where some ice is now being cut, but of a thickness of only fourteen inches, part of that snow, the operators deciding to take no chances in waiting for ice of the customary thickness of thirty inches. Not a pound of ice has yet been harvested at St. Ignace. Reports from Marquette say the same conditions prevail there, and at Ishpeming, chunks of frozen snow containing a few inches of ice are being cut on Teal lake. If the weather only turns cold there is still ample time to make up the shortage, but present indications point to a veritable ice famine next summer, with consequent high prices.

IOWA FAMILY CLAIMS TO BE OLDEST IN COUNTRY

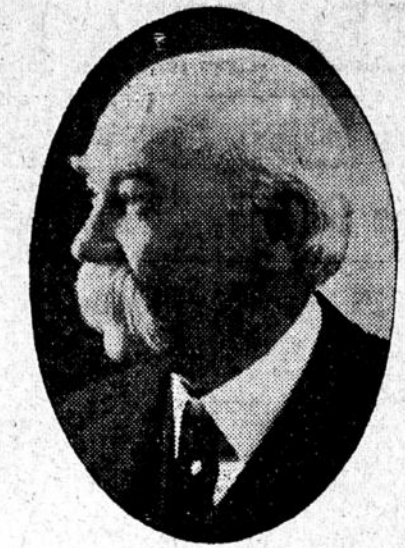
Grunday County Pioneers Beat Records of the Eatons.

Special to The Journal.

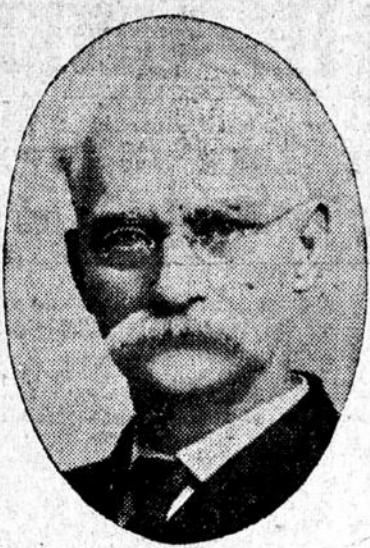
Iowa Falls, Iowa, Feb. 3.—The claim of the Eaton family of this place to being the oldest living family in the United States, is disputed by the Creelius family living in Grunday county, near Conrad. The claim of the Eaton family was that the ages of the six children averaged 80 years. The average in the Creelius family is 81 years, and the total ages of the six children aggregate 486 years. The members of the Creelius family are as follows: Mrs. Mary Creelius Bartles of Conrad, aged 92; Adam Creelius of Conrad, 76 years; George Creelius of Conrad, 77 years; Mrs. Phoebe Melton of Marshalltown, 85 years; David W. Creelius of New Amsterdam, Ind., 83 years; Harrison Creelius, also of Indiana, 74 years. The seventh member of the family died at the advanced age of 83 years. Adam Creelius is a bachelor.

HOMESICK CHILD RETURNS

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 3.—Because she had difficulty at school, pretty Bessie McComb, aged 14 years, left her home and disappeared the greater portion of the past week. It was feared for a time she had been kidnapped or killed. It developed later that she had merely run away, rented a room in a hotel for a day or two and then departed for Tilden, Neb., where her dead sister is buried. A postal card came from her yesterday and told of homesickness. A policeman went for her and brought the child back today.



EDWARD McDONALD, Mayor of Deadwood, S. D.



F. W. COLE, Mayor of Black River Falls, Wis.



A. A. CARTER, Mayor of Bemidji, Minn.

Mayors of Deadwood, Blue Earth and Black River Falls Write of the Conditions in Their Cities—II.

Office of the Mayor, Bemidji, Minn., Feb. 1. Bemidji "the beautiful" is located on a lake of the same name, in the central part of Beltrami county, and is the mecca to which all prospective settlers and others, attracted by the vast undeveloped territory of northern Minnesota, are constantly flocking. It is a city of more than 5,000 inhabitants, metropolitan in the first degree, possessing the best representatives of all nationalities, and thrives and up-to-date.

Bemidji has the best railroad facilities of any city north of the twin cities and west of Duluth. It has ten passenger trains entering here within the year. It is justly celebrated, without any systematic advertising, as the most beautiful summer resort in northern Minnesota. Lake Bemidji has more than twenty-five miles of beautiful sandy beach, where the bather may wade from twenty to forty rods from shore without going beyond his depth, and the shore line is broken by several head lands, including the famous Diamond Point, one of nature's most artistic wonders.

This city is well supplied with churches, all the religious denominations being represented, and it has one of the best school systems in the state. There are ample hotel accommodations and numerous cottages that may be rented at reasonable rates by the summer tourist.

At the north end of the lake there is a thriving little town, most advantageously located for summer residents, hunters and fishermen. It is only ten minutes' ride from Bemidji on any of the many gasoline launches and sailing boats. To the lover of good hunting and fishing, in season, Bemidji is the ideal spot for the hunter and fisherman. Pike, pickerel, perch and the lordly "musky" abound in its waters, and all varieties of aquatic fowl may be secured within easy distance.

A. A. Carter

Mayor's Office, Black River Falls, Wis., Feb. 1. This city will continue to be in the front rank with cities of its class the coming year. It owns its own electric light plant and water system, also a water power, furnishing light and power to local industries, and capable of an increased capacity. A new \$20,000 home for the county poor is nearly completed. Several brick business blocks and residences are to be erected and cement walks will continue to replace those of wood. The sewer system will also be extended and a stone levee will make room for a large market place on the river front.

A large cranberry company, with headquarters here, will spend thousands of dollars in extending cranberry culture, and new marshes are to be developed by other concerns. The project of an electric road to La Crosse

is still alive and efforts are being made to secure a road from another direction. Brick made from the immense deposits of kaoline near here are unequaled for building purposes and our granite furnishes the best of macadamizing material.

This city has many attractions as a summer resort and, to increase the number of summer visitors, has entered on an advertising campaign, publishing a booklet full of interest to persons desiring to spend an enjoyable vacation. Excellent fishing and hunting make this section especially attractive to sportsmen.

Frank Cole

Office of the Mayor, Deadwood, S. D., Jan. 31. The outlook for our city of Deadwood the ensuing year is the brightest I have seen during my thirty years' residence. This is exclusively a mining country and on the development of our mining interests must depend our permanent prosperity. Many new dividend payers are already in the field, and paying bodies of ore may be encountered almost any place, even within our city limits. Mining men are all enthusiastic over the prospects and the fact that many of our most promising mines are in juxtaposition to our city itself assures a great future for Deadwood.

Our merchants too are all sanguine over the outlook. Their confidence is shown by the fact that they are building substantial blocks of brick and stone, putting up fine residences, laying concrete sidewalks and making many other improvements that show their confidence in the permanent welfare of the town. During the ensuing year, the city proposes to pave, probably with brick, the principal business streets of the city; we are also contemplating the construction of our own water system. Heretofore we have purchased water from the Homestead Mining company, but we believe that we have now reached a point where the city should own and have complete jurisdiction over its water supply.

Before 1906 shall have been ended, our new theater, to cost \$30,000, will have been completed and a \$70,000 courthouse will have been begun. We have a most progressive and orderly class of citizens and the city administration points with pride both to the past and future of Deadwood.

E. McDonald

PULLEN FALLS HEIR TO ENGLISH ESTATE

Former Nebraska Man Learns of Property Left Him Valued at \$1,000,000

Special to The Journal.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 3.—Word has been received by Thomas Pullen, now a resident of Texas, that he is heir to an English estate valued at \$200,000. His information of the fortune came about in a peculiar manner.

Pullen formerly resided at Albion, Neb., where he was a small merchant. Years ago he left. The other day T. J. Mack of that village, in reading the want columns of a New York newspaper, found an advertisement asking for information of Thomas Pullen and stating that a fortune had been left him. Mack boarded the next train for Texas and after several days of searching found his man and told him of his good luck. Pullen appointed Mack as his attorney and both will go to England.

Many letters are being received at Albion by local attorneys asking as to the whereabouts of Pullen. These letters come from Paris, Brussels, London, New York and Chicago.

MISSING SEVEN YEARS

Miles City Man's Estate Is Given to His Mother.

Special to The Journal.

Miles City, Mont., Feb. 3.—County Attorney T. J. Porter has filed a petition for the appointment of Mrs. Toriel Oleson as administratrix for the estate of her son, Andrew Anderson, which consists of a band of horses in the Little Missouri country. Anderson left for Omaha seven years ago and thence started for Alaska. He has never been heard from since. Under the Montana law, seven years' absence is considered good foundation for the presumption of death when the person has not been heard of or seen in that period.

FARMER OBJECTS TO PROCEDURE

Special to The Journal.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 3.—Erick Guthorn, a farmer in Addison township, objected to the execution of a judgment by an officer and chased the limb of the law with a rifle and a club. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

COMPANY ORGANIZES TO DEVELOP NEW PROPERTIES

Butte Copper Exploration Is the Name of New Concern.

Special to The Journal.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 3.—The Butte Copper Exploration company, capitalized at \$500,000, has filed articles of incorporation here. The officers of the company are: E. A. Nichols, of Butte, president; A. F. Leopold, of Chicago, vice president; N. B. McKelvie, of Boston, secretary-treasurer. Besides the officers named, the directorate comprises Spencer R. Hill and Frank E. James, both of Richardson, Hill & Co., brokers, Thomas S. Dee, of Palme, Webber & Co., of Boston, and Warren Nichols, of Chicago.

Eight claims are included in the properties, the Six O'Clock, Maryland, Golden Chief, Grand Prize, Anvil, Baltimore and Corry placer. More than ninety-two acres are comprised in the claims. Options on the property were secured some time ago by Captain Nichols and his associates, and they brought it to the attention of the eastern financiers. Investigations were instituted, the values of the properties determined and the option taken up. The claims will be developed in a manner warranted by their promising showing.

BOY BITTEN BY DOG

Son of Detroit Official Is Taken to Chicago Pastour Institute.

Special to The Journal.

Detroit, Minn., Feb. 3.—Conrad Graum, the 13-year-old son of County Treasurer Graum, has been taken to Chicago for treatment at the Pastour institute. He was bitten about a month ago by a large Newfoundland dog that showed signs of hydrophobia. The head of the dog was sent to the state authorities for examination, and on receipt of their report the boy was taken to Chicago.

Two horses, bitten by the same dog, have since died. Other dogs that have shown dangerous symptoms have been killed. The authorities have issued strict orders to tie up or muzzle all dogs until the danger is over, and as a result Marshal Clement has killed about fifty dogs.

NO FOOD 3 WEEKS; DOG LIVES.

Menominee, Mich., Feb. 3.—Mrs. Fred Carney of Marinette, wife of a former Wisconsin congressman, went to California three weeks ago, leaving her address so that a dog she had lost might be sent to her when found. Yesterday the dog was found locked in the Carney house. It had lived twenty-one days without food or drink. It is now in the care of a veterinary and is recovering.

OFFICIAL BELIEVES IN OPEN GAMBLING

County Attorney at Butte Says Attempt to Close House Proved Disastrous.

Special to The Journal.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 1.—"I am thoroughly tired of this question of gambling," said County Attorney Healy yesterday to the Journal correspondent when asked what action he intended to take in regard to the resumption of open gambling.

"I stand exactly as I have done ever since the anti-gambling law went into effect. Personally, I believe in open gambling and the imposition of a license. I do not believe in the hypocrisy that exists at present, of closing gambling and driving the gamblers into secrecy. The condition is far worse today than it was when all gambling houses were openly conducted, when square games were run in all of the gambling houses that paid a license for the privilege. Driving gamblers into back rooms of saloons and cigar stores has resulted disastrously. The gambling dens that existed under such conditions, were filled with thieves and thugs, and if those running the games cannot fleece their victims in brace games they take their money by force.

"Gambling cannot be eradicated. Those who seek games will find them, and those who wish to run games will run them. Licensed open gambling is far the better of the two evils. The effort to enforce the anti-gambling laws has not accomplished its purpose, but has created a gambling room in the rear of nearly every saloon and cigar store in Butte, and even in some of the large buildings games may be found by those who seek them.

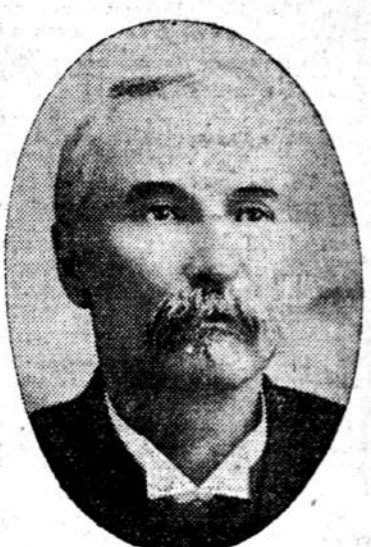
"No; my policy has not changed," said Mr. Healy when asked if he intended to open a campaign against the gamblers. "I am always ready to prosecute them if complaint is filed or a person is produced who will swear to facts. I do not conceive it to be my duty to act the part of a detective. In duty to this connection I will say that my support has been very weak. It has nearly all been left for the county attorney's office to ferret out gambling."

A steel chimney 260 feet high was recently successfully completed in South Wales. It is the tallest of its kind in the world.

LOTHIAN CANDIDATE FOR G. A. R. HONORS

Milbank Veteran Enters the Race for Commander of South Dakota.

Milbank, S. D., Feb. 3.—Prominent among the candidates for commander of the G. A. R. of South Dakota is N. I. Lothian, of Milbank. He has received a handsome endorsement from Humphrey post of this city and letters of encouragement from all over the state. Mr. Lothian was born in Ontario in 1840. He moved to Iowa in 1858 and later to Minnesota. March 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company C Fifth Minnesota volunteer infantry which was attached to the old eagle brigade of the Sixteenth army corps. During his term of service he was in the Red river campaign. Grant's campaign against Vicksburg and at Corinth and Tupelo. At the operations around Nashville, he was with General A. J. Smith's corps which was afterwards sent to Mobile. He was in fifteen distinct engagements,



N. I. LOTHIAN, Milbank, S. D. Who Is Candidate for G. A. R. Commander.

and was mustered out in 1865 when he settled in Freeborn county, Minn. In 1879 he came to Grant county, S. D. During his residence in South Dakota he was a member of the constitutional conventions of 1883 and 1885, a state senator from Grant county in 1893, and re-elected in 1895. He has held numerous positions in the grand army and represented the state at many national encampments. He was married in 1859 and has three children living. He is one of the substantial citizens of Grant county.

STRANGE WOMAN IN HOME

Nebraska Man Startled by Finding an Insane Person in Kitchen.

Special to The Journal. Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Simonson, of Madison, awoke early in the morning, walked into the kitchen to start the range fire and found, calmly sweeping the floor, a woman whom they had never seen before. She refused to give her name or to answer questions concerning herself, but was willing to talk on other topics. It developed later that the woman was an insane person, formerly an asylum inmate, and that she had left home the night before. Her name was Imhoff. Her husband had been searching most of the night for her. How long she had been in the house was not known.

CHANGES TO NATIONAL BANK.

Special to The Journal. Fargo, N. D., Feb. 3.—The Merchants State bank of this city will be converted into a national institution as soon as the formalities can be completed with it. It has been conducted under its present organization for nearly a score of years.

Helena's Balance \$643,494.

Special to The Journal. Helena, Mont., Feb. 3.—The monthly report of State Treasurer Rice, made public today, shows a cash balance of \$643,494. More than one-third of this is in the school fund.

Carries a Fishing Boat On Back of Automobile



H. C. Erwin of St. Cloud Carries His Sectional Boat on the Rear of His Automobile.

Special to The Journal. St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 3.—In the vicinity of St. Cloud are many small lakes where no boats are kept. These pretty and secluded places are usually the best fishing grounds for the reason that they are not visited much by the average sportsman.

In order to enjoy the sport these lakes afford, H. C. Erwin has hit upon the novel idea of carrying his boat on his automobile. Between his own ingenuity and that of a handy black-

smith, a contrivance was rigged up that holds a sectional steel boat. This is attached to the rear of the automobile and is carried without effort or inconvenience to the riders. The boat is divided into two sections, when it is loaded on the auto, the two parts sliding one into the other. The apparatus is so arranged that there is no severe strain on any particular portion of the auto, the weight, which is only 150 pounds, being evenly divided and balanced to the machine.