GENERAL PRODUCE

Official quotations of the Minneapolis Produce Exchange, corrected up to 12 m., Tuesday, Feb. 13.

BUTTER—Receipts yesterday, 10,845 pounds. Creameries, extras, 25½c; creameries, firsts, 22½c; creameries, seconds, 18c; dairies, extras, 24c; dairies, firsts, 18c; dairies, seconds, 15c; roll and prints, fancy, 17c; rolls and prints, choice, 15c; renovated, firsts, 20c; choice, 15c; dairies, firsts, sweet, 15c; seconds, 14c; packing stock, fresh, sweet, 15c; stale, held, 10c.

EGGS—Receipts yesterday, 44 cases. Current receipts, No. 1, case count, case, $4.50; current receipts, No. 1 candled, doz, 16c; fresh, dirties, candled, case, $2.25; checks and seconds, candled, $2.25; refrigerated, candled, doz, 11c.

CHEESE—Twins or flats, fancy, cured, paraffined or unparaffined, 18@13½c; fancy, new, 12½c; choice, cured, paraffined or unparaffined, 11½@12½c; choice, new, 10½@11c; fair, paraffined or unparaffined, 10c; dairies, 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, $1.50; yellow, per 200 lbs, $1.75; Valencia, crate, $5.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, brl, $15; bu, $5; late Howes, brl, $18.

CABBAGE—Per lb, 2½c.

VEGETABLES—New carrots, doz, 75c; new turnips, doz, 90c; beets, bu, 65c; cauliflower, crate, $3.25; carrots, bu, 50c; celery, doz, 25@50c; celery, California, crate, $4.50; doz, 75@90c; cucumbers, doz, $2; egg plant, doz, $2.25; garlic, 10@12c; lettuce, leaf, 30c; lettuce, heads, doz, $2; mint, 40c; onions, shallots, doz bunches, 75c; parsley, doz, 30c; pieplant, lb, 8c; peppers, green, per basket, 90c; radishes, round, doz bunches, 40c; rutabagas, bu, 50c; squash, doz, $1.25@1.75; spinach, bu, $1.25; turnips, bu, 40c; tomatoes, Florida, six-basket crate, $6; watercress, doz, 30c; string beans, bu, $3.

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, Burbanks, bu, 55c; white, mixed, carlots, sacked, 53c; red, carlots, sacked, bu, 50c; 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; mixed and dirty, 45@70c; brown, fancy, $2; mixed, fair to good, $1.50@1.75; Lima, California, per lb, 6½c.

FISH—Pike, per lb, 8c; pickerel, 4c; crappies, large, 8@9c; small, 6@7c; bullheads, dressed, 5@6c; sunfish, perch, etc., 3@5c.

POULTRY—Dressed, undrawn, turkeys, fancy, 18c; choice, 15c; old toms, 15c; thin, young toms, 11@12c; culls, 8@10c; chickens, springs, fancy, 13c; springs, fair to good, 10@11c; hens, fancy, 11@12c; fair to good and small, 9c; old roosters and culls, 5@6c; ducks, fancy, heads off, 13c; ducks, fair to good, 11c; geese, fancy, heads off, 11@11½c; geese, fair to good, 10c.

LIVE POULTRY—Roosters, 6c; hens, 10@11c; springs, 10@11c; geese, 10c; turkeys, hens, fat, 15c; thin, small, 10@13c; ducks, 11c.

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, 8c; veal, fair to good, 7@7¼c; 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@6c; hogs, 6¾@6¾c.

RABBITS—Jacks, doz, $2.75@3; cottontails, doz, $1@1.50; white, small, doz, 75c.

SQUIRRELS—Doz, 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, $1.80.

GRAPE FRUIT—Florida, box, $6.50.

ORANGES—California navels, $2.75@3.

LEMONS—California 300s, fancy, $4; 360s, fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50.

APPLES—Ben Davis, brl, $5@5.50; Northern spies, brl, $5.75@6; Jonathans, $6@6.50; Kings, $5.50@6; Swaars, $4.50; Greenings, $5.50@6; Baldwins, $5.50; Bellflowers, bu box, $1.75@2; Gano, bu, $2.25.

HIDES, PELTS, FURS, ETC.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Green salted cured steer hides, over 60 lbs	11¾	10¾
Green salted heavy cow hides, over 60 lbs	11½	10½
Green salted light hides, under 60 lbs	11½	10½
Green salted hides, branded	11	10
Green salted bulls, stags, oxen or work steers	9½	8½
Green salted long-haired kips, 8 to 25 lbs	11½	10
Green salted veal calves, 8 to 15 lbs	13¾	12¼
Green salted deacons, under 8 lbs, each	75	65
Green or frozen hides 1½c less than green salted.		
Horse and mule hides, large, each	$3.00	2.60
Horse and mule hides, medium	2.85	1.85
Horse and mule hides, small, each	1.70	1.20
Montana butchers, short trim, light	19½	
Montana butchers, long trim, heavy	19½	
Montana butchers, long trim, light	18½	
Indian stretched	18½	
Montana calf, under 5 lbs	23½	
Montana kip, 6 to 12 lbs	18	
Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin hides	17	16
Dry bull hides	13½	
Dakota and Wisconsin calf, under 5 lbs	22	20
Kips, 6 to 12 lbs	19	17
Dry salted, all sections	15	13
Dry horse and mule hides, each	$1.50	1.00
Pelts, large, each	$1.10@1.50	
Pelts, medium, each	.60@ .90	
Pelts, small, each	.30@ .50	
Short shearlings, each, green salted	.15@ .50	
Dry territory butchers	.17@ .18	
Dry territory murrains	.15@ .17	
Tallow, cake	4¾	3¾
Tallow, solid	4½	3½
Grease	4¼	3¼

	Large.	Medium.	Small.
Bear, black	$20.00	$14.50	$12.00
Badger	1.50	1.10	.65
Cats, wild	1.25	.90	.60
Fox, red	4.50	3.25	2.00
Fox, gray	.80	.55	.40
Lynx	7.00	4.50	2.75
Marten, dark	22.00	15.00	10.00
Marten, pale	6.50	4.50	3.00
Marten, brown	11.00	7.00	5.00
Mink, dark	5.00	3.50	2.65
Mink, pale	3.25	2.25	1.75
Mink, brown	4.00	3.00	2.00
Muskrat, winter	.17@18	....	13@14
Muskrat, fall	.13@14	....	8@ 9
Muskrat, kits	....	4@5	....
Raccoon	2.00	1.35	.85
Skunk, black	2.00	1.50	1.25
Skunk, short striped	1.50	1.25	.50
Skunk, long striped	1.30	1.00	.70
Skunk, broad striped and white	.70	.50	.30
Weasel, white, winter caught	.80	.55	.30
Weasel, stained or off color	.40	.32	.20
Weasel, all brown	....	....	.05
Wolf, timber	4.00	1.75	1.50
Wolf, prairie, cased	1.75	1.25	.85

These prices are for No. 1 large, medium and small; other goods are in proportion. For other furs not quoted prices are about the same as last year.

TELEPHONE RATES

New Light on the Problem from the New York City Company.

New York Times.

Even more interesting than the so-long-delayed announcement that public telephone calls within a borough are to be reduced in price to 5 cents, is the fact that in the course of his explanation laudation of what his company had done, the general manager made what is, we think, the very first admission that ever came from a Bell official that the cost of maintaining a telephonic service does not always, and will not always, increase at a rate faster than the increase in the number of subscribers.

We have heard, ah! so many, many times, that the telephone business was unlike every other business in the world in that it could be more cheaply conducted on a small than on a large scale. We have had numberless elaborate demonstrations that this claim was true, and some points made in some of the demonstrations, it must be confessed, carried an inconvenient amount of conviction with them, even to those of us who had given special attention to the subject, instead of contenting—or discontenting—ourselves, like the rest of the great army of telephone users, with growling against the tolls on general principles.

Not satisfied with the usual grafting adopted by floriculturists, a Frenchman, M. Molliard, of Paris, has started in to transform vegetables. Already he has succeeded in turning a radish into a potato—according to a recent consular report.

Father Aeby, a noted miser, has died at Berne, aged 70. When he was 22 a fortune was bequeathed him, and from being a spendthrift he

ORIGIN OF NEW SLANG SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

For the past six months those who indulge in up-to-date slang have been saying "twenty-three." The meaning of the expression has been too obvious from its use to require a definition—it is the equivalent and the successor of "get thee hence," "go 'long," "on your way," "skiddoo," and other methods of conveying the impression that the party of the first part desires the immediate departure from his presence of the party of the second part.

But the origin of "twenty-three" is a mystery. The New York Evening World has asked its readers who can throw any light on the subject to do so. Some delving bookworm has traced it back to Charles Dickens and instances that when Sidney Carton, the hero of "A Tale of Two Cities" was summoned to the tumbrel to be driven to his finish on the guillotine his number was twenty-three. The book worm asserts that the number has since been associated with a quick departure.

Somebody else advances the theory that not more than twenty-two horses are started in the big handicaps, and that all over that number are sent back to the stable. On the race track, he says, "twenty-three" means to go back to the stable.

A victim of superstition writes that the number "23" is prominently displayed over the entrance to J. P. Morgan's office at the southeast corner of Nassau and Wall streets, and takes it as an omen of bad luck.

The play that gave "twenty-three" wide-spread popularity is now in Minneapolis, "Little Johnny Jones," and its author, George M. Cohan, says he doesn't know where it came from, except that he heard it in San Francisco.

Tom Lewis who plays the detective and says: "twenty-three for you," however, has a theory that seems reasonable.

"It was originally a gambling term," he says, "used in connection with a dice game, worked by grafters connected with the circus. Twenty-three was the throw of the dice that got the money, and when it was called it was also a signal for the cappers to get out of the way quick before the victim made a roar to get his money back. It would be used with variations sometimes such as 'eighteen and five,' 'eleven and twelve.' The cappers would do a little mental arithmetic and then hike for the tall timber."

DOCTOR SUES FOR FEES

Complicated Litigation Over Question of Treatment Given Pauper.

WINONA, MINN.—The question of whether a town may be compelled to pay for physicians' services rendered to a pauper who was not in destitute circumstances prior to the injury which rendered these services necessary, is to be appealed to the supreme court. Dr. Robbins of this city brought action against the town of Homer for services in attending Richard Lessard, an alleged pauper, who had fractured his arm. The case went to the supreme court on a demurrer, and was sent back for a new trial, the supreme court holding that the doctor was entitled to recover. At the last trial in the district court the jury returned a verdict in the sum of $135 for the plaintiff, but dismissed the action on its merits and charged the costs to the plaintiff. The appeal is now being made to secure a final decision.

More than 1,000 people attended the annual reunion and banquet given yesterday by the Winona County Old Settlers' association. The membership of the association is now over 900. President D. E. Vance reviewed the history of the association, and the addresses were made by C. C. Wilson of Rochester and Dr. W. W. Mayo, also of Rochester.

MAY BUILD NEW SCHOOL

Long Prairie Considers Erection of $40,000 Building.

LONG PRAIRIE, MINN.—A mass meeting was held here to discuss the question of erecting a modern public school building to cost approximately $40,000. The general sentiment seemed favorable.

The Todd county merchants' association held its annual convention with a banquet at Hotel Reichert in the evening. There was a large attendance.

James Johnston of Bertha township, a farmer, has announced his candidacy for senator of the fifty-third district in opposition to Senator Wood.

REVIVAL AT STILLWATER

Union Services Begin at Auditorium with Large Attendance.

STILLWATER, MINN.—The opening of the gospel union services at the auditorium was a pronounced success. The building was packed from parquet to balcony. Rev. S. J. Kennedy, pastor of First Presbyterian church, presided. Rev. F. L. Balmer, rector of Ascension Episcopal church, read the Scripture lesson; Rev. Israel E. Bergstrom, supply at the local Baptist church, offered the invocation. Other ministers on the stage were: Rev. W. J. Walt, M. E. church; Rev. J. W. Dixon, Congregational church. The address was delivered by Rev. C. P. McGill of Minneapolis, and it was dramatic in some of its features. His theme was "The Soul's Tragedy," his text being taken from the writing on the wall which Daniel interpreted to King Belshazzar.

SCHANDEIN WILL CASE

Jury Will Hear Issues of Fact Raised at Recent Trial.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Judge Halsey has decided that a jury be called to hear the issues of facts raised in the contest of the will of Mrs. Lisette Schandein, which gives Emil Schandein and Mrs. Ella E. Frank the income on property worth $625,000 and the residue of an estate of $7,000 to the third child, Mrs. Clara S. Heyl.

The decision of Judge Halsey may result in a trial of the case, which was appealed from the county court, where Judge Carpenter sustained the will, being had in another county. Charles Quarles, attorney for the residuary legatee, and for Jacob Heyl, executor of the estate under the will, when asked if the affidavit of prejudice would be filed against the people and a change of venue be asked, said that no decision had been reached on this point and that he was not prepared to say at the present time whether steps would be taken to have the case transferred to another county.

MAY CAUSE PARTY SPLIT

Trouble Results Over First Experience to Dodge Primary.

APPLETON, WIS.—The initial experience with the primary election law over a mayoralty contest is liable to cause a split in the democratic party of Appleton. As it is no longer possible to railroad a candidate thru for nomination at the caucuses, a meeting of the democrats was called for last night at which time nomination papers were passed around for former Mayor David Hammel, it being the idea that enough signatures could be obtained to stay off any opposition. Anticipating such a move, Humphrey Pierce, another former mayor, came out in a republican paper last evening that he would also be a candidate. Pierce's action in making his candidacy known before the Hammel meeting caused trouble in the ranks, and to an extent never known under the old system in vogue before La Follette's pet law was put in force.

Rev. John McCoy, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church here, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church at Eau Claire. He will take up his new duties next Sunday.

HASTINGS, MINN.—A writ of quo warranto has been filed in the district court citing C. J. Clarkson, Andrew Anderson, Iver Mortenson and Jacob Findular, president and trustees of the village of Lilly Dale, to show cause why the organization should not be disbanded and the respondents enjoined from exercising the duties of their offices.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.—Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by a patriotic service at the auditorium. Eli Torrence of Minneapolis, former commander of the G. A. R., delivered the oration on Lincoln. The St. Olaf bank rendered a program of appropriate selections, assisted by Miss Jessie V. Payne of Carleton college as soloist.

SPRING VALLEY, MINN.—The German Evangelical parsonage was wrecked by fire, caused by a defective flue. Loss $200; fully insured.

HASTINGS, MINN.—There were 646 births and 205 deaths in Dakota county during the past year. Hastings had thirty-seven deaths and sixty births.

At a sale in England the other day some Hogarth engravings, in a good state of preservation, sold for $2.25.

TODAY'S NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

IOWA

POLITICAL GUNS TO BOOM FEB. 21

IOWA'S GOVERNOR OPENS CAMPAIGN NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Cummins Decides to Make Formal Announcement of His Candidacy for Third Term at a Monster Republican Rally at Fort Dodge, Capital of Tenth District and Home of Senator Dolliver.

Special to The Journal.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Feb. 13.—Wednesday, Feb. 21, has been set for the formal opening of the campaign of Governor Cummins of Iowa for another term, in the Midland theater of this city. Plans for a republican red-letter political meeting will soon be completed, and it is expected to be the greatest republican rally that northern Iowa has undertaken for years. Leading republicans from the third, eleventh and tenth congressional districts are expected to be present. Altho this will not be the initial gun of the governor's campaign, it will be practically the opening of it, and so regarded.

The matter of third term which has been used in connection with his name is seemingly not offensive to the governor's supporters in this district. And it is to this fact in all probability that he has chosen the capital of the tenth to formally open his campaign. Rumor has it that he will take advantage of the opportunity to refute the allegations that he has an ambition for Senator Dolliver's place in the United States senate. This charge has been laid at his door repeatedly by friends of Iowa's junior senator. The rumor comes from a source that allows of no doubt as to its genuineness and leaves no room for denial. Governor Cummins has always regarded the senator as a friend and it is said that he will make no effort to gain for himself any support in that direction as long as Senator Dolliver desires to hold the office.

It is understood that the governor will debate and defend the Dolliver rate bill. In fact, the advertising matter now being prepared for the meeting admits as much, and he will explain in detail, as he did at a recent meeting at Primghar, his own experiences with the railroads and the influence of the railroad lobby. The keynote of the campaign will no doubt be sounded in the explanation of why the Blyth forces are opposing the passage of the primary and antipass bills. Local republicans friendly to the governor are looking forward to an old-fashioned rally, the like of which has not been witnessed in northern Iowa for many years.

GOOD SPRING PROSPECTS

South Dakota Counties Anticipate Great Activity in Few Months.

LAKE PRESTON, S. D.—The flood tide of immigration will strike South Dakota this spring. The region west of the Missouri will be the scene of the greatest activity. The settlers have taken advantage of the open winter to push out on the land, and filing has been going on rapidly at Pierre and Chamberlain. All available lands in Lyman and Stanley counties are being picked up rapidly.

New towns are building and others projected. Presho, on the Milwaukee extension, has grown from nothing to 1,000 in a year. Midland, on the surveyed line of the North-Western, confidently expects a similar growth in the spring. The town will be platted and lots put on sale in March. Letters from prospective residents are pouring in from all parts of the country inquiring for definite statements as to the future of the town.

Work in the cuts and on bridges is being pushed by the North-Western during the winter months. The temporary bridge across the Missouri at Pierre can only be used during the winter months, and will have to be rebuilt next winter. The permanent bridge will not be ready for use before 1907. The Gregory County Interstate Telephone company has been organized at Bonesteel and is pushing its lines west along the extension of the Milwaukee.

Will the soil produce crops? Some stockmen smile and say the land will soon be for sale after patented. Others declare that as good crops can be raised here as east of the river. If vegetation can be taken as an indication, the soil should be good. The grass is better here than east of the river. There is no rock on the land and no sand. It is believed by many of the ranchmen who have been long on the ground and have experimented with the soil, that the land will be sufficiently productive to make excellent homes for the settlers. Their experience shows that there is an increase of moisture-retaining with each year of cultivation.

MANY WANT POSITION

Flock of Applicants Appear for Superintendent Hicks' Position.

FARGO, N. D.—There will probably be as many applications for the superintendency of the Fargo schools as when the board last fall selected Superintendent Hicks from a field of thirty or more. Mr. Hicks has resigned to accept a better position in Cleveland, and many are after the place. The list of applicants includes many in the state who have been successful. There is also a favorable sentiment toward the selection of a North Dakota man, tho it is not known how the board stands on that proposition. The feeling that a new man must come by March 1 makes the matter more difficult.

Professor Aaker of a local business college will be in the mayoralty race. He was a former resident of Moorhead and was mayor of that city while president of the Concordia college. He has been in this city some years and is an avowed prohibitionist. It is said that he will make the race on a closed town proposition. His candidacy is not regarded seriously.

Cass county paid out $4,693.34 for the trial of the Murphy case, brought here from Ward. A bill for that amount will be sent the Ward county officials, but it will not represent the total cost of the trial, as there are the expenses of the preliminary hearing, the appeal to the supreme court on the change of venue and the extra attorneys engaged in the prosecution of the case, one of whom is said to have received $100 a day for the four weeks in which he was engaged.

EMBALMERS' EXAMINATION

Sixteen of Thirty-one Applications Pass Examination at Grand Forks.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—Sixteen of the thirty-one applicants who took the examination of the state board of embalmers passed the examination and have been issued state licenses. The successful ones are: George A. Bodmer, Kenmare; F. A. Argue, Hamilton; Charles Ohnstad, Willow City; W. D. Prentice, Cogswell; Benjamin Romanson, Souris; Emil Johnsgaard, Bottineau; A. D. Davis, Dickinson; O. A. Lestrud, Park River; Fred S. Anderson, Barton; Albert Dickinson, Velva; C. J. Myhre, Kindred; C. A. Olson, Cooperstown; U. G. Morrison, Granville; H. A. Scott, Mayville; P. R. Johnson, Milton; P. W. Eddy, Jamestown.

The issuance of embalming licenses to these sixteen brings the total number of licensed embalmers in the state to ninety-three. The diplomas will be sent out by Dr. H. H. Healy, secretary of the state board of health.

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

Frank Tragard, a Railroad Brakeman, Arrested at Monroe, Iowa.

MONROE, IOWA.—On complaint of Mabel Tragard, Frank Tragard was arrested here for bigamy. The woman claims they were married in Fremont, Neb., last August. On coming here she alleges that she found Tragard had another wife, Kate Tragard. She also found that an insurance policy had been changed, making Kate Tragard the beneficiary instead of Mabel Tragard, as it was originally taken out. Tragard, who is a railway brakeman, figured in a sensational assault case recently.

WHALEY ENTERS ARENA

Clay County Man After Nomination for Sheriff.

MOORHEAD, MINN.—The first one to enter the political arena in Clay county is Archie Whaley of Hawley, who filed yesterday for the nomination as sheriff at the republican primaries. Mr. Whaley opposed John M. Bayer, the present incumbent, two years ago, and polled a good vote.

A six weeks' training school for teachers will be held at the Moorhead normal school as usual next summer. The school will open on June 21 and close Aug. 1.

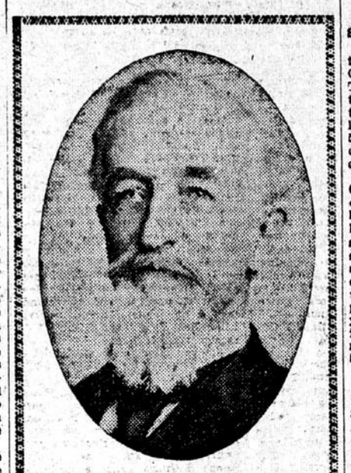
ABERDEEN, S. D.—The three banks at present doing business in Aberdeen have combined resources of $2,065,100.32. A fourth bank will begin business on Feb. 15, and a fifth institution is a possibility.

MINNESOTA

CONVICT LABOR ON GOOD ROADS WORK

TRI-COUNTY ASSOCIATION FAVORS PRISON LABOR.

Delegates to Meeting at St. Cloud Adopt Resolutions Asking for State Legislation on Several Important Questions—Election of Officers Results in Selection of Carl Mathie for President.



GEORGE W. COOLEY,
One of the Principal Speakers at Good Roads Meeting.

Special to The Journal.

St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 13.—The Tricounty Good Roads association, consisting of members from Stearns, Benton and Sherburne counties, held a most successful meeting last night and elected the following officers: President, Carl Mathie of St. Cloud; vice presidents, Stearns county, C. M. Sprague of Sauk Center; Sherburne county, D. M. Campbell, town of Haven; Benton county, Joseph H. Coates, Sauk Rapids; secretary, H. C. Ervin, St. Cloud; treasurer, C. L. Atwood, St. Cloud.

Resolutions were adopted favoring state legislation for the use of convict labor in the preparation of road material for free delivery to counties; that national government provide by legislation for co-operation with the state; that the cash payment system be substituted for the statute labor tax. The meeting indorsed the undertaking to perfect a good road from the twin cities across Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena and Hubbard counties to Itasca state park, also a good road from St. Cloud to Sauk Rapids, across Benton county to Mille Lacs lake.

Following the meeting a banquet was given at which addresses were made by President Mathie of St. Cloud, Frank M. Eddy of Sauk Center, Senator Brower of St. Cloud and George W. Cooley, president of the state association.

ENGINE CREW DIDN'T KNOW

Wreck Occurs and Three Cars Are Left Behind.

ABERDEEN, S. D.—A freight train on the Milwaukee line between Aberdeen and Linton, N. D., had a peculiar accident that caused the train crew no end of annoyance. Four miles west of this city, the journal of a wheat car, the third car from the rear, broke and let the trucks down on the track. The wheat car was derailed, and the coupling with the car in front disconnected. The air brake system was unharmed, and the engineer and firemen knew nothing of the accident until they pulled into Aberdeen and discovered the conductor, brakemen, caboose and two other cars were missing. A special was sent to the scene of the accident and the passengers on the passenger train, which was behind the wrecked freight, taken on and brought to town. It required several hours' work to clear the track.

The various committees having in charge the annual meeting of the South Dakota Traveling Men's association to be held here June 1 and 2, are rapidly perfecting their plans for the gathering. One of the attractions will be the merchants' floats, which will be modeled after those in the famous "Veiled Prophet" parades at St. Louis. Special efforts will be made to provide attractive entertainment for women visitors to the city, and Aberdeen expects to entertain the largest crowd in her history during the two days the traveling men and their friends are in town. Fearing the hotel and lodging houses will prove inadequate to meet the demands, comfortably furnished tents will be placed on vacant lots to accommodate the overflow.

The traveling men have adopted the following rally: "Its up to you to be at Aberdeen June 1 and 2. Skidoo." It promises to become as famous as the cry of last year, "On to Watertown. The water is fine."

Rev. W. J. Calfe of Kansas City, Kan., a noted evangelist, has been engaged by the First Methodist church to conduct a revival meeting here in April.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Vermillion in Doubt About Taking Over Two Plants.

VERMILLION, S. D.—Sentiment seems to be growing here that some move should be made looking to the purchase of the waterworks and electric light plants. The theory is held by many that with municipal ownership of both plants, the city could not only better the service but would reduce the cost to patrons. There are others, however, who question the advisability of buying either plant, especially as the city would have to be bonded heavily to make the deal. Just at present the taxpayers of Vermillion are paying about all they can reasonably stand, and this may have a great deal to do with the defeat of bonds should they be voted on. Practically every cent of money that goes into the city treasury comes thru taxation. Revenue from other sources will not exceed $500.

For some time the Milwaukee company has been desirous of enlarging its stockyards in this city, but in order to do this the company was compelled to bring condemnation proceedings to secure title to fourteen lots near the station. At a special term of court in this city before Judge D. G. Smith of Yankton, the jury decided that the lots in question were worth $50 each. Miss Carrie Daily on the witness stand testified that the lots were worth at least $100 each to her. She is the principal owner, having eleven of the fourteen lots in her name. However, the Milwaukee company can have the bunch of lots at $50 per lot, as the owners have signified their intention to accept the jury's verdict.

PUNISHMENT FOR HAZERS

Brookings College Deals Out Sentences to Several Students.

ABERDEEN, S. D.—The faculty of the South Dakota Agricultural college at Brookings is determined to put down hazing at any cost. Recently several of the older students were caught hazing some freshmen, and one student was suspended for the year, another for the remainder of the present semester, and others from one week to one month, while a cadet was reduced from first lieutenant to private. There was much indignation expressed by the students, but the faculty is standing pat and the students implicated in the hazing have decided to take their punishment.

VOTING AT SIOUX FALLS

Special Election in Progress on Courthouse Proposition.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—The voters of Butte county are today having a special election on the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of $40,000 for the construction of a county courthouse building. The county, which is in excellent financial condition, needs a modern courthouse badly and it is believed the proposition will carry. If the bonds are voted they will be issued in denominations of not less than $100 or more than $1,000. They will bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent and will be due and payable in twenty years after the date of their issue. The county will reserve the right to take up the bonds at the expiration of five years, or multiple of five years, if it wishes to.

SOUTH DAKOTA

SCHOOL FUND IN GOOD CONDITION

SOUTH DAKOTA'S EDUCATIONAL FINANCES KEEP INCREASING.

Total Amount Is Now Nearly $5,000,000 and Commissioner Bach Keeps It Busy Drawing Income to Help Reduce Taxation in School Districts—Every County Holds Investments for First Time in State's History.

Special to The Journal.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 13.—The school funds of this state are in a remarkably healthy condition. On Jan. 1 the total amount was $4,670,326.81. This was either loaned on real estate, to counties or municipalities, or stood to the credit of the state in the way of deferred payments on lands that have been sold. This sum is drawing 5 and 6 per cent interest, which income goes directly into the school funds of the different counties for the use of the schools.

Up to four years ago the whole amount drew 6 per cent, but the rate was reduced to 5 per cent, and since that time a sum of $2,000,000 has been placed at the new rate, much of it being money paid on the old 6 per cent loans and reloaned at the reduced rate. The balance is still in the 6 per cent list, either as old loans at the 6 per cent rate, or as deferred payments on sales made prior to the time of the reduction in rate. These deferred payments at the present time amount to $1,634,776.54, and every year sees a large amount of this paid in forcing it into the lower rate class, and it will not be many years before the whole fund will be at the 5 per cent rate.

Nearly $700,000 in Loans.

For the year 1905 the loans of the fund were $676,626.50, of which $365,495.74 was sent out from the office, and the balance reloaned by the counties as paid in to them on old loans.

The department has been taking up many sound municipal loans the past year, but out of the total amount loaned for that period more than half a million dollars was on farm property—that class of loans always taking up a larger part of the fund than all others combined. The sum of $58,650 was loaned to school districts; $87,450 to municipalities and $45,000 to counties for last year.

Faulk county took the required cash from the school fund for the erection of its new courthouse; municipal loans were made in the counties of Codington, Day, Grant, Gregory, Hamlin, Hyde and Moody and school district bonds, running from $200 in Stanley to $11,600 in Hamlin county, were made during the year.

For the first time in the history of the state every county now holds investments of the permanent school fund. Stanley never asked for any of the fund previous to the past year, but in organizing its school districts it is finding a place for the cash. At no time within the past year has the permanent fund been allowed to accumulate, and it has all been kept busy drawing the income which helps reduce local taxation in the school districts of the state.

It is the hope of Commissioner Bach that he can bring this fund for distribution up to half a million dollars for this, his last year in the office.

CROSS IN THE HEAVENS

Rare Phenomenon Is Seen by Citizens at Moorhead.

MOORHEAD, MINN.—A fiery cross in the heavens, such a phenomenon as that which is said to have induced the Emperor Constautine in 313 A.D. to become a Christian, was witnessed here last night between 8 and 9 o'clock.

To scientists the phenomenon is known as double halos, appearing about the moon in diameters of 45 and 90 degrees.

Extending perpendicularly entirely across the halos was a broad shaft of light, while another shaft somewhat fainter appeared horizontally, forming a perfect cross. At the top of each halo was a crescent of light which greatly added to the beauty of the sight.

A single halo about the moon is of frequent occurrence, but the double halo is said to be very rare and in ancient times many miraculous events were attributed to its appearance. Among the chief of these is related of the Emperor Constantine, who in 313 A. D. was marching at the head of his army against Maxentius. In the night the emperor related that he had seen, stretched across the heavens, an immense fiery cross, and this he interpreted as a sign that the Christian religion, whose symbol the cross was, was the true and only religion, and he forthwith allowed himself to be baptized and became a convert.

FOUR ENTER RACE FOR SENATE

Mayor of Ely Is Latest to Announce His Candidacy.

EVELETH, MINN.—Friends of Patrick R. Vail, mayor of Ely, announce that he will be a candidate for senatorial honors in this district, the forty-ninth, of which he is not now a resident, but into which he soon will move to take care of his interests in a brewing company at Virginia.

This makes the fourth name mentioned for this office, the others being P. E. Dowling of Eveleth, William Brown, a Duluth, Missabe & Northern conductor, and L. A. Barnes, alderman of the seventh ward in Duluth.

Vail has been in politics before. In the session of 1897 he was a member of the lower house as representative from the fifty-fourth district, which then included Cook, Lake and St. Louis counties. He first engaged in business in this part of the state at Tower, where he opened a saloon in the early days of the town, twenty or more years ago. He also engaged in the hardware business and went to Ely when that town was founded. He owns property in several of the mining towns and is interested in the clothing business at Ely.

COUNCILMAN OUSTED

District Court's Decision Settles East Grand Forks Controversy.

EAST GRAND FORKS, MINN.—Judge Watts in the district court has filed a decision ousting Councilman Jarvis and seating his opponent, August Boerchers. The decision of the court finds that there were four fraudulent votes cast and counted in the election, and that of these Jarvis received three and Boerchers one. This gave the latter a majority of two on the ballots found to be regular. The case has been a long drawn out one and it is likely that the decision of Judge Watts will be appealed to the supreme court.

WILL BUILD MODEL ROAD

Government to Construct One Mile of Highway in Valley.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—Word has been received here that the department of agriculture of the United States is to construct one mile of model road in Minnesota and North Dakota some time during the coming summer. A letter received by F. D. Bell, agent of the Great Northern, asks if it is desired to have the road constructed in this vicinity. The proposition will be taken up at once by the business men with the idea of having the road constructed between here and the state experiment farm, north of the city.

CHILD DRINKS POISON

Farmer's Tot Has Narrow Escape from Death.

GARY, MINN.—A 2-year-old daughter of John Dieckman, living on a farm near here, drank the contents of a bottle supposed to contain picture gilding. When the child's mother discovered it its jaws were firmly locked and had to be pried open to allow the administration of an emetic. It was feared that death would ensue, but later reports say that it is thought the child will recover.

RECORD FOR GRAIN STOCK

17,750,000 Bushels Now Reported at Head of the Lakes.

DULUTH, MINN.—Grain stocks at the head of the lakes now amount to 17,750,000 bushels, the largest total on record. This includes 1,000,000 bushels of grain in Duluth-Superior harbor. The total elevator capacity is about one-half occupied. The bulk of the wheat in store is in elevators on the Duluth side. Stocks increased 360,000 bushels last week, of which 200,000 bushels was wheat and 112,000 bushels flax. The rest was other grain.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—Fire has destroyed the schoolhouse at Emerson with all its contents, including a valuable library. The loss is estimated at $15,000, partly injured.

MONTANA

RULING RELIEVES LIFE SOCIETIES

ATTORNEY GENERAL RENDERS AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Beneficiary, Protective or Relief Insurance Companies Not Compelled to File Articles of Incorporation and Written Appointments of State Agents—Supreme Court Affirms Judgment for $15,000 in Personal Injury Suit.

Special to The Journal.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 13.—In response to a communication from Secretary of State Yoder, Attorney General Galen has rendered an opinion in regard to the filing of articles of incorporation and written appointment of state agents by foreign mutual, protective and relief or beneficiary insurance companies in which it is held that they cannot be compelled to so act or prevented from doing business in Montana, for failure to do so. This decision by the attorney general stands as the law unless a contrary ruling shall be made by the supreme court.

The particular case in question was that of the Railway Employees' Mutual Protective society, a California corporation. The concern was not organized for profit, pays no salaries or commissions to agents or officers and expends its funds for the mutual protection and relief of its members.

Attorney General Galen finds that, while the law of 1901 relating to foreign corporations is broad enough to include every kind and description, and requires the filing of articles and designation of state agent, that sections 706 and 721 except benevolent, fraternal and secret societies from its operation, and that there has never been enacted any law providing for such requirement on the part of the excepted companies.

"Therefore, in the absence of legislation supplementing section 11 of the constitution, we have no law under which foreign insurance corporations of the excepted classes can be required to file articles of incorporation or statements or written appointments of agents upon whom process may be served," concludes the opinion.

The decision is a most important one, affecting, as it does, the virtual taxation of all beneficiary insurance societies operating in the state.

Windfall for Woman.

Judge J. M. Clements in the district court has directed John O'Neill, administrator of the estate of John Keefe, to turn over the residue, amounting to $5,136 in cash, to Mrs. James Shea of New Haven, Conn