

GARNERINGS OF NEWS FROM THE GREAT NORTHWEST

101 YEARS OF AGE AND WORKS ON FARM

Gottlieb Schuhmann of Waterville, Minn., Continues to Enjoy Remarkable Health.



GOTTLIEB SCHUHMAN. Who Celebrated His 101st Birthday Last September at Waterville, Minn.

Special to The Journal. Le Sueur, Minn., Feb. 17.—In Waterville, Minn., there lives a man who has celebrated his 101st birthday. His name is Gottlieb Schuhmann. He was born in Germany, Sept. 1, 1804. At his last birthday celebration, he sat for a photograph, which is reproduced above. He is holding in his hands the birthday cake that was prepared for him on that occasion.

Mr. Schuhmann is wonderfully well preserved for his great age. He can read without the aid of glasses; is in fine health; splits the stove wood for the family use; shocks the wheat in the field in harvest time and can and does carry at one time two large candy pails of water in attending to the stock. He is considerably stronger than his son, an aged man, who also lives at Waterville. He was a soldier in Germany. He used tobacco till he was 100 years of age and then gave it up at the request of his married daughter, with whom he lives and who considered it bad for him. He is temperate in his habits, but takes a little beer, or wine, when he wishes to do so.

ABERDEEN WILL VOTE ON PROPOSED ISSUE OF BONDS

City Council Decides to Call a Special Election March 8.

Special to The Journal. Aberdeen, S. D., Feb. 17.—The Aberdeen city council has issued a call for a special election on March 8, for the purpose of voting on a proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$75,000 for the construction of a sewage disposal plant. The plans proposed are those prepared by Professor Marston of Ames, Iowa.

Efforts will be made by the council to so adjust the city's indebtedness that the \$35,000 recently issued for a municipal electric lighting plant will be made available.

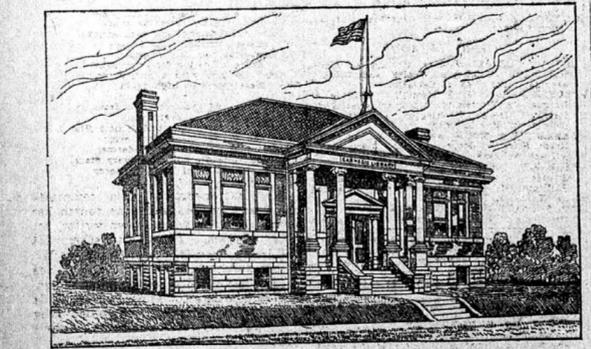
NAMES SON EXECUTOR

Will of Andrew Elmore Leaves \$80,000 to Three Children.

Special to The Journal. Green Bay Wis., Feb. 17.—The will of the late Andrew E. Elmore, the "sage of Mukwonago," bequeaths the entire estate, amounting to about \$80,000 to the three children. The testator gives to his grandson, William C. Elmore, his gold watch and chain. The only son, James H. Elmore, is appointed in the will as executor, and the testator also requests that no bond or inventory be filed.

RAPID CITY, S. D.—W. Frank Brink of this city and Miss Mamie E. Wilhelm were married at Sheffield, Iowa.

Cumberland's New Library Is Opened to the Public



NEW CARNEGIE LIBRARY AT CUMBERLAND, WIS., BUILT AT A COST OF \$10,000.

Cumberland, Wis., Feb. 17.—The new Carnegie library building opened to the public this week, is a one-story structure with a large sub-basement. The main floor is divided into a reading room, reference room, librarian's room, children's room, cloakrooms, closets and vestibule entrance. In the basement

BANK OFFICIALS TO MEET AT IOWA CITY

Semi-Annual Convention of Group 13, State Association, Begins Thursday.

Special to The Journal. Iowa City, Iowa, Feb. 17.—The semi-annual convention of group 13 of the Iowa State Bankers' association will be held here on Washington's birthday. The group embraces a long list of counties in this section of Iowa, including Johnson, Linn, Buchanan, Iowa, Benton, Grundy, Blackhawk, Delaware and Bremer. Fifty or more prominent bankers of this section of the state will be present. The university of Iowa is interested in the meeting, and President MacLean has extended a cordial welcome to the friends of firm finance to visit the university while here. Many of the bankers have expressed a desire to visit the old capital, which has never been seen by some of them.

The university assembly on the morning of Feb. 22 will be devoted to the observance of Washington's birthday, and the bankers will be guests of honor. Former Lieutenant Governor Herriott will be the orator, and President MacLean will also deliver an address. The bankers will be welcomed by Mayor George W. Ball, and the sessions will be held in the hall of Liberal Arts. A feature of the convention will be the round table, at which will be discussed many problems of business and legislation of special interest to men engaged in fiscal affairs. Some of these will be considered again when the State Bankers' association meets at Cedar Rapids in June.

A formal program will be prepared by the Iowa City committee, which is now in session. It includes George Falk of the Johnson County Savings Bank; J. E. Switzer of the Citizens' Savings & Trust company and Paul A. Korab of the Iowa City State bank, formerly secretary of the group. These bankers will send invitations to every banker and bank employee in the district to attend the meeting.

STRYCHNINE AS A HEADACHE POWDER

Special to The Journal. Pierce, Neb., Feb. 17.—Thinking to relieve from a violent headache, Mrs. C. E. Staley, of this place, took a powder. A moment later she found she had swallowed strychnine intended for a cat. Suffering terribly she sent for a physician and her life was saved.

JOKE OF PRISONER NEARLY COSTS LIFE

Man Sets Fire to Bedding and Is Rescued by the Sheriff.

Hudson, Wis., Feb. 17.—So that he might have some fun at the expense of the sheriff of St. Croix county, Thomas Walsh of Eau Claire, Wis., who had been lodged in the jail here on the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from a Hudson storekeeper, set fire to the bed clothes in his cell, and came near being suffocated with smoke. He was in a large cell on the second floor of the jail.

Deputy Sheriff H. L. Hagsted, who was in the office of the jail on the first floor, was startled by hearing loud screams of terror coming from the second floor and, hurrying upstairs, found Walsh's room filled with dense smoke and flames. He quickly dragged the half-unconscious culprit from the cell and succeeded in extinguishing the fire, which was not difficult, as the building is fireproof. Otherwise the flames might have destroyed the whole structure. Walsh, when questioned as to what he had done, merely smiled, as if it was all a joke. However, had not the deputy chanced to be so close at hand the matter would have been serious enough to cost the joker his life. That Walsh set fire to the bed clothes purposely there was no question, as there was no stove in the room, the building being steam-heated. He will be tried on the charge of arson.

Mayors of Fergus Falls and St. Peter Predict Great Future for Their Cities



JOHN L. TOWNLEY, Mayor of Fergus Falls, Minn.

FEW FACTS ABOUT TWO ENTERPRISING CITIES. FERGUS FALLS. Has steady and substantial growth. Citizens will build branch railroad. No 'lid'—no need for one. Expended \$200,000 on educational work in two years. Owns electric light plant and will soon own waterworks system. ST. PETER. Railroad will expend \$200,000 on terminal facilities. Owns its light and water plants. Offers ideal fishing lakes. Will build \$20,000 hospital. Industries will extend operations and several new factories are to be established.



WILLIAM H. MUELLER, Mayor of St. Peter, Minn.

Two of Minnesota's Enterprising Centers Own and Successfully Operate Public Utilities--IV.

Mayor's Office, St. Peter, Minn., Feb. 15. The year just drawn to a close was one of great improvement in St. Peter. We have erected, thru local enterprise, a \$25,000 operation; the state has expended about \$100,000 at the state hospital for the insane; Gustavus Adolphus college has completed a beautiful auditorium at a cost of \$30,000, and the city has built a two-span bridge, costing \$20,000, across the Minnesota river, giving us closer connection with Kasota and tributary trade. The Omaha road has just completed a serviceable station and expended a large sum for improving its road leading into the city.

many thousand pounds of meat products each week. We also have three other large markets for all kinds of beef, pork and produce. A new corporation has just been formed which will enter extensively into the purchase of produce of all kinds, and will erect a large building in which to carry on its business. We have two large creameries, and cold storage plants will be added to them. As a wholesale center, we are first among those of northern Minnesota, and our local retail establishments are second to none. Freight rates have been our only drawback, and this difficulty is now to be overcome, as several of our wealthy citizens have raised funds for the construction of a railway leading southward to connect with the Soo and Milwaukee systems. Work on this road is to begin in the spring.

St. Peter is conceded to be an ideal residence town and many new homes will be built this year. The city owns its water and light plant; has a very small indebtedness, and possesses good facilities for manufacturing concerns. The lakes tributary to St. Peter furnish the best accommodations for fishing excursions and summer outings, and last season the town was a veritable mecca for twin city, Omaha and Sioux City people. This is one of the few of the smaller cities of the state that showed an increase in population by the last census. The constant increase in business has entitled us to free mail delivery, which will take effect May 1 next. Our schools are among the best in Minnesota, and governors, congressmen and other efficient public officers are their common products. To meet the ever-increasing demand for more room in our schools, the board of education has been authorized to issue \$25,000 bonds with which to erect a commodious central building.

Viewed from the civic side, our city is on the highest plane. We have no gambling rooms, slot machines, dice boxes or any other violations of the ordinances or state law. We have no 'lid' on here. We do not need it. The intelligence and moral atmosphere forbids the notion. The business interests of the town demand the strict enforcement of all laws and they are enforced all the time. We are an educational center, with four large ward schools and a central high school under the direction of one of the ablest superintendents in the northwest. Added to these, we have the Northwestern college and the Park Region Luther college in which we are educating 300 students. We have spent more than \$200,000 in the last two years for educational institutions. The people of this city believe in civil life, in something besides the almighty dollar, and we have come to the conclusion that the first session of the millennium will be held here. The city owns its electric light plant—all paid for—and will soon own its waterworks system. Every man's prosperity is measured by his own commercial energies and achievements. We are in the race for the best commercial and civic conditions of the age. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are all ours. 'Come and live with us and see for yourselves.'

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Two Girls Gamble with Death to Win a Wager. Rosebud Maidens Drivè Dangerous Team and Get Hurt. Special to The Journal. Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 17.—Two Rosebud maidens gambled with death yesterday at Fairfax, and won. They were badly bruised and scratched, but they did not mind the injuries. Miss Nora Heir and Miss Eva Keenan, two girls who took homesteads and who chanced to be at Fairfax, the county-seat of Gregory county were offered a wager by Jack Lindsay that they could not drive his pair of horses, the most dangerous on the reserve. The girls accepted the offer, ordered the team hitched, climbed in with a laugh and a whip, and dashed away. They were picked up later, unconscious. Nearby were the splinters of the buggy and the remnants of the harness. The horses were 'roped' ten miles out of town, still on a dead run.

SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS

Wisconsin National Guard Examination to Be Held at Madison.

Special to The Journal. Appleton, Wis., Feb. 17.—The officers of the Wisconsin national guard who attend the officers' school to be held at Madison, March 7 and 8, will not receive pay according to rank, but each will be allowed \$3 a day and transportation. At the examination all receiving a rating of 75 per cent or more will be excused from being examined in the subjects to be taken up at the school when ordered up for promotion. Among the addresses to be given aside from the regular lectures will be Captain William V. Judson on some of his experiences while with the Russian army at the Russian-Japanese war; General Charles King on the work of the guard during the encampment of 1905, and Charles H. Russell of the First Wisconsin cavalry during the civil war on 'American Soldiers of the Past and Present.'

RURAL TELEPHONE LINE

Grafton, N. D., Feb. 17.—As soon as the ground is in shape to set the poles, a new rural telephone line will be established east of here, to extend to the Red river, a distance of fourteen miles. The line will be part of the Grafton exchange.

Prosperous Farmer Goes to Boston to Meet Woman He Has Never Seen. Tracy, Minn., Feb. 17.—Peter Neilson, a prosperous farmer with a bank account of \$10,000 has gone to Boston to meet Mrs. Christina Johnson. They will return here as bride and bridegroom. Neilson's wife died about three years ago, and last summer, thru the advice of friends, he began to correspond with Mrs. Johnson, whose home was in Stockholm, Sweden, and whom he had never seen. Her husband died about the same time as Mrs. Neilson. The correspondence developed into a love affair and money was sent to bring the widow and her daughter to America. It is reported from Boston that when she arrived there her money was gone, Neilson was not there to receive her, and the immigration authorities were about to send her back when news came that Neilson was on his way. After his arrival he engaged a lawyer and instantly set to work to straighten out the affair and get married.

South Dakota Farmer Meets Terrible Death. Julius Johnson Falls From Barn and Dies Alone in Agony. Special to The Journal. Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 17.—The tragic death of Julius Johnson, a farmer whose home was in the northern part of the county, has been investigated by Coroner Miller and Deputy Sheriff Peterson, who returned today from the scene. Johnson was 42 years of age, and met his death by slipping and falling from the rafters in his barn, while engaged in replacing a rack used for the hay fork. When found by members of his family he was dead, but everything indicated that he had lived in the greatest agony for several hours without means of summoning assistance before death ended his sufferings.

PLANNING FOR FIGHT ON CATALOG HOUSES

Important Conference of Merchants Now Being Held at Sioux Falls.

Special to The Journal. Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 17.—One of the most important committee meetings ever held in the city or state is now in session in this city. It is a meeting of the executive committee of the South Dakota Retail Merchants' association. Among those who are attending are former Governor Andrew E. Lee of Vermilion, A. F. Grimm of Parkston, L. N. Crill of Elk Point, Joseph Schneider of Sisseton, H. O. Rime of Dell Rapids and A. P. McMillan of Conde, all men of the highest standing in business circles. At the recent annual meeting of the state association the executive committee was authorized and instructed to investigate what has become known as the South Dakota plan for fighting the great catalog houses of the east, so that the association can take some definite action. The matter is of far-reaching importance to merchants, but only of South Dakota, but of practically every state in the union. As the plan for fighting the catalog houses originated in South Dakota, its success or failure would seem to depend largely on what action is taken by the executive committee. The result of the meeting is awaited with the keenest interest throughout the state.

DEER LOSES ANTLERS

Woodman Catches Animal Which Dashes Off Minus Headgear.

Special to The Journal. Menominee, Mich., Feb. 17.—A remarkable incident is reported from Pemona Falls, north of this city. A crew was working in the woods when a deer came down the runway and swerved suddenly into the woods. One of the men, seeing it coming, dashed behind a tree and just as the deer was going by caught it by one of its antlers. The deer, however, did not stop and the antler was pulled off and remained in the man's hand.

MRS. CAMFIELD SEEKS DIVORCE

Kenosha, Wis., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Cora J. Camfield has filed a suit for separate maintenance from her husband, Dr. Bradley A. Camfield. She alleges cruelty, failure to support and infidelity. A Chicago woman is said to be the co-respondent in the case, but her name is not mentioned in the complaint.

MARRIED GIRL UNDER AGE

Miles City, Mont., Feb. 17.—William Knaur, who was tried in district court on the charge of perjury in obtaining a marriage license, was acquitted. The mother of the girl testified she told Knaur her daughter was not of age, but the girl testified that she told him otherwise.

CHEVRONS GIVEN TO FIFTY-THREE CADETS

Military Instructor at St. Peter Announces His Appointments.

Special to The Journal. St. Peter, Minn., Feb. 17.—Captain A. T. Lagerstrom, military instructor at Gustavus Adolphus college, has made public the names of the students he has appointed as noncommissioned officers of the cadet battalion. Chevrons will be given to fifty-three young men. The appointments are in force only for the remainder of the school year and may be changed at any time for the sake of discipline or for greater efficiency in the corps. Promotions in the four companies are as follows: To be cadet first sergeants—E. P. Gibson, Mead, Neb.; M. R. Davis, St. Peter; C. J. Olson, Minnesota; G. B. Hognanson, Minnesota. Sergeants—M. O. Schei, St. Peter; J. B. Sorenson, Atwater; Daniel Nyström, Hopkins; Joseph A. Lundborg, Belle Plaine; Emil Olson, Maynard; A. W. Turner, St. Peter; A. G. Hammerberg, Atwater; B. S. Anderson, Minnesota; E. B. Anderson, Dresser Junction, Wis.; L. E. Falk, Grotton, S. D.; M. S. Larson, Red Wing; J. E. Nelson, Cokatey; J. Nelson, Bergen, S. D.; A. W. Nelson, Anoka; Ernest Nordgaard, Canton, S. D.; O. A. Olson, Madelia; O. T. Olson, St. Peter; B. B. Peterson, Dumlak; Ambrose Stenberg, Dresser Junction, Wis.; A. G. Erickson. Cadet Corporals—Ansgar Almen, St. Peter; Nels Benson, Hastings; C. O. Bergquist, Dannel; John O. Forsman, Duluth; D. A. Knock, St. Peter; A. C. Lindholm, Maitland; Albert, Lorino, Winthrop; V. G. Ogren, Stillwater; A. B. Strauch, St. Peter; G. J. Stohberg, Harris; W. F. Holtean, St. Peter; F. V. H. Mellquist, Sioux Falls, S. D.; C. O. Larson, Valley Springs, S. D.; C. A. Hallberg, Svea City, Iowa; B. S. Bowman, Bernadotte; C. M. Hanscome, St. Peter; Albert Anderson, Hinkley; John Dahlquist, Minneapolis; E. P. Erickson, Duluth; A. C. Jensen, David Cook, Vaas; O. B. Peterson, John Redick, Hopkins; L. R. Swanson, St. James; J. M. Thorson, Birmingham, Ala.; E. O. Sorenson, Olivia; Emery Swanson, A. A. Lagergren, St. Cloud; B. E. Johnson, Luther Usher, St. Peter.

LOSS OF ARM DOES NOT STOP VIOLINIST

Hudson Musician Overcomes Defect by Inventing Device for Handling Bow.



JOHN N. SCHWALEN. Clever Violinist, Whose Loss of Arm Does Not Prevent Him Playing.

Special to The Journal. Hudson, Wis., Feb. 17.—John N. Schwalen, a resident of Hudson, is a musician who has the unique distinction of being a violinist of considerable skill, even though deprived of his right arm, which was amputated just below the elbow as the result of an accident. He has invented a device which he fastens to the stump of the amputated member and which holds the bow so firmly and accurately that he has just as good command of the violin now, he says, as before he lost his arm. He is 50 years of age and when a boy developed much skill as a violinist. In 1887 he lost his right arm in a planing mill at Sauk Centre, Minn., and until a year ago never handled a violin again. Then he conceived the idea of inventing an artificial hand to hold the bow, a feat he has successfully accomplished. At first he found it difficult to handle the bow and his friends told him he had undertaken an impossible task, but he persisted until everybody is surprised at his mastery of the instrument.

SCHOOL CLOSED WHILE TWO TEACHERS FIGHT

Special to The Journal. O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 16.—School was stopped here in the afternoon because of a fight between two women teachers. They had been quarreling for some time and finally clashed. To preserve the order and dignity of the school, the superintendent dismissed the pupils.

TRACY MAN BRINGS BRIDE FROM SWEDEN

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WENT TO BED SMOKING

Iowa Man Narrowly Escapes Being Burned to Death. Special to The Journal. Iowa City, Iowa, Feb. 17.—N. T. Knudson, a farm laborer living near here, went to bed while smoking a cigar. He fell asleep with the weed in his mouth, and when his roommates went to the room he found the bedding in flames and Knudson about suffocated. The blaze was soon extinguished.

ORTONVILLE CLUB'S ELECTION

Ortonville, Minn., Feb. 17.—The Commercial club has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Martin Schoen; first vice-president, F. M. Geier; second vice-president, F. L. Cliff; secretary, R. W. Greene; treasurer, Charles E. Chrisman.

Marshalltown's Postoffice Now Ready for Occupancy



NEW FEDERAL BUILDING AT MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, TO BE OPENED WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Special to The Journal. Marshalltown, Iowa, Feb. 17.—The new federal building in this city has been completed and the postoffice will be installed in the new quarters Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday. The building is built of Bedford stone, is entirely fireproof, one and one-half stories in height, besides a high basement. It is equipped with all the modern devices for handling the mail and is a handsome and ornate structure. It cost about \$75,000, exclusive of the purchase price of the site, which was \$15,000. The building was constructed by the Northern Construction company of Milwaukee, and was begun eighteen months ago.