City News

THE WEATHER

The Forecast.

Minnesota—Rain or snow flurries tonight, with cooler in west portion; Friday generally fair; brisk southwest to west winds.

Upper Michigan—Threatening, with rain tonight and near Lake Superior Friday; warmer tonight; high southwest winds.

Wisconsin—Probably showers tonight, with warmer in east portion; Friday generally fair; high southwest to west winds.

Iowa—Generally fair tonight and Friday, except probably showers in northeast portion tonight, warmer in east and cooler in west portions tonight; cooler Friday.

North and South Dakota—Generally fair tonight and Friday; cooler tonight.

Montana—Generally fair tonight and Friday.

AROUND THE TOWN

To Hold Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Women's Christian association will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., in the First Congregational church, Fifth street and Eighth avenue SE.

Looks Over Field.—Dr. H. L. Roethe, special examiner in the pension service, will leave to look after his new territory in South Dakota Monday. Dr. Roethe will make his headquarters at Sioux Falls.

Chinaman's Case Continued.—A further continuance to March 7 has been granted in the case of Sue Quai Fook, a Chinaman on trial before United States Commissioner Charles Spencer or St. Paul on the charge of unlawfully residing in the United States.

George Washington Supper.—On Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Fowler Methodist church Washington's birthday will be appropriately celebrated. A colonial dinner will be served at 6:30. Following this a splendid program of music and selections, under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Waldron will be given. Colonial costumes will be worn by the ladies and gentlemen having the evening's entertainment in hand. George and Martha Washington will also be present in complete colonial dress.

NECROLOGIC

MRS. JOSEPH P. NICHOLSON died yesterday at her home, 2737 Eighteenth avenue S. The funeral will take place from the residence Saturday at 2 p.m. and from Grace Episcopal church, Twenty-fourth street and Sixteenth avenue S, at 2:30.

GUSTAF BOGREN, a resident of Minnesota since 1870, died last evening of heart failure, at his home, 2812 Cedar avenue. Funeral from residence Saturday at 2 p.m.

PORCH CLIMBER, SIGN OF SPRING, APPEARS

The porch climber, another sign of spring, has put in his appearance.

Last night O. W. German, 2417 Emerson avenue S, was awakened by a noise on the roof of his back porch. Looking out a window he saw a man on the roof. Securing a revolver, he raised the window, but the burglar heard the noise and in an instant had jumped to the ground. German fired at the retreating figure, but failed to wing his man.

MUST DEFEND TITLE

Minneapolis Holder Involved in California Land Suit.

William H. Moody, attorney general of the United States, has filed notice at Redding, Cal., that action would begin in the federal court to get a judgment declaring void the patents issued to T. B. Walker and others, and restoring the land to the public domain.

The action is brought in the name of the United States against Thomas B. Walker, Fred A. Hyde, John A. Benson, Edward G. Frisbie, N. B. Frisbie, Samuel B. Welch, Mrs. L. J. Rattenbury, Henry B. Stephens, J. Craig, Kate S. Craig, Mary A. Craig, John S. Craig, Standard Investment company, McCloud River Lumber company, the Stephen Agricultural & Live Stock company and others.

The lands involved are in the Shasta land district, Plumas and Lassen counties.

The attorney general has filed notice of a second action involving lands in the same district against Frederick A. Hyde, John A. Benson, C. W. Clarke, Flora M. Sherman, C. E. Glover, A. S. Baldwin, H. S. Morris, the Grapevine Canyon Mining company, Vance Redwood company, West Side Lumber company, Sierra Lumber company, Thomas B. Walker, McCloud River Lumber company and others.

NEW COACHMAN A CROOK

Paul Larson Gets $3.25 as Loan and Flees.

Dr. Edward J. Clark, 826 Sixteenth avenue N, is $3.25 short as a result of hiring a coachman in a hurry. A man giving the name of Paul Larson applied for a position and was given employment. Yesterday afternoon, during the absence of Dr. Clark, the man informed Mrs. Clark that he had his baggage down at a local express office with $3.25 due in transportation charges. Would she kindly advance the money on his wages that he might secure his worldly goods? She kindly did. And the new coachman has unkindly failed to turn up since.

SMITH IS ARRESTED

Jones Accuses Him of Stealing His Valise and Overcoat.

Albert Smith, well known to the police, is locked up at Central station charged with stealing a valise and overcoat belonging to Preston Jones, who lives at the Southern hotel.

Smith, it is alleged, left the hotel at night taking the articles with him. From here he went to Moorhead, where he also worked his game, and he told the police last night that he had "planted" all his stolen goods there. The Moorhead police have been notified and a search will be made for the "plant."

EGG SPECULATORS CLEAR TO THE BAD

WARM WEATHER HAS KEPT THE BIDDIES BUSY.

Dealers Who Placed Large Quantities of Eggs in Storage Last Fall Haven't Seen a Time Since When They Could Take a Profit—Ninety Thousand Dozen Stored Here.

With cold storage eggs barely moving at 7 cents and fresh ones 13 cents a dozen, egg speculators are waking up to the fact that they have a large white elephant in their possession.

The industrious hen and the weather have co-operated and defied all precedents this winter. s a result a loss of $7,000,000 in round numbers is staring Chicago speculators in the face. In Minneapolis those who are "long" on eggs are out about $30,000, tho no one firm suffers heavily.

For the first time in years the price of fresh eggs at this season of the year is lower than the price at which eggs were bought last spring to put in cold storage. A year ago eggs were extravagantly high. Consequently in April and May last year there was a grand rush to buy eggs for cold storage purposes. The average price paid was 16½ cents to 17 cents a dozen, which with the storage, insurance and interest charges added makes the cost of the eggs up to date approximately 19 cents.

Contrary to precedent there has not been a time since the eggs went into storage that they have shown a profit. At prevailing quotations there is in prospect for the speculator an average loss of 11½ cents a dozen, with the carrying charges piling up every day. It is estimated that the local stock of storage eggs is approximately 90,000 dozen. Chicago stocks are about 63,000,000 dozen.

REAL ESTATE MEN ARE SPEEDING TO THE KAW

Special to The Journal.

Knowlton, Iowa, Feb. 22.—Fifty members of Minneapolis' real estate board are speeding across Missouri in acceptance of an invitation of the Kansas City Real Estate exchange, to investigate real estate conditions there. The party will arrive in Kansas City late this afternoon. The visit returns a call which a number of Kansas City real estate men made to Minneapolis two years ago, when they were entertained by the Minneapolis real estate board.

Des Moines was reached early this morning, but only a quarter-hour stop was made. Nothing has been learned from Kansas City concerning arrangements for entertainment there, but it is understood that a banquet will be given tonight. The special cars bearing the party will remain in Kansas City until Friday night, returning then to Minneapolis. They will be occupied by the party during the stay in Kansas City, as it is thought that the men will be kept together better that way.

There has been little attempt at anything more serious than getting acquainted all around. A few small groups have engaged in serious real estate conversation, a remark by F. G. Smith causing considerable discussion, and promising to develop into importance. Why not form an association of western real estate boards and hold annual conventions is the project. The idea was heartily seconded by S. T. Thorpe and others, and may be brought up in Kansas City.

CEMENT PRICE BOOSTED

City Will Buy in Open Market Because of High Figures.

Like the committee on sewers, the council committee on paving refuses to accept the increased prices demanded by the cement dealers. The prices on Portland cement have been raisd from 35 to 40 per cent above those of last year, and this means that the concrete base for street paving will cost about 4 cents more a square yard than last year.

With the prices quoted for Portland and natural cements, the concrete base will cost 8 cents less by the use of the natural article. While Portland cement is preferable, it is not thought to be worth the difference.

The committee will therefore recommend that the city engineer be authorized to purchase cement in the open market during the coming season, and if he can not secure reasonable prices on Portland, he can return to the use of natural cement.

COAL MEN CHARY

City's Scientific Test of Fuel Looked Upon with Disfavor.

Fuel dealers predict that the city is not likely to obtain many bids in response to its advertisement for coal on the basis of the heat value of the coal.

It is provided in the specifications that in the event of a dispute as to the value of the coal expressed in heat units the city shall select the person to make the test and his decision shall be final.

This clause does not appeal to the dealers as being either fair or businesslike for in the event of a controversy, which is likely to arise over the newfangled specifications, the dealers will be wholly at the mercy of the city with no opportunity for an appeal.

PENSION WORK

Minnesota Department Did Effective Service to Veterans.

During the year ending Feb. 1 the adjutant general's department of Minnesota secured 309 pensions, of which 83 were original, 59 widows' original, 1 mother's, one child's, and 165 increases. The total of new pensions and increases secured amounts to $1,740 a month, and back pensions amounting to $19,285 were granted thru the efforts of the department.

BUYING A PIANO

Requires serious consideration. Be sure and get one that will last a lifetime. Tone and construction must be thoroughly considered. The following makes will never disappoint you: Hardman, Krakauer, McPhail, Behning, Sterling, "Crown" and a score of other good makes. $10 down and $5, $6, $7, $8 or $10 a month buys one.

Representatives for the Knabe-Angelus Piano.

Foster & Waldo, 36 5th St. S., Cor. Nicollet

UNABLE TO JOIN NAVY, KICKS DENTS IN DOOR

Dents, large and well defined, calculated to fit the toe of a stout No. 9 shoe, are firmly impressed in the door of the naval recruiting office in the federal building to bear testimony that Washington's birthday did not pass without at least one outburst of patriotic ardor.

"Shorge Wassington wash a great man; firsht in war, firsht in peace and firsht in she hearts of hish countrymen," declared an unknown enthusiast, and his feet beat time for the honored refrain against the oak panels of the recruiting office door.

All unmindful of the fact that a hilarious citizen was clamoring for an opportunity to lay his life upon the altar of his country, the recruiting officers were out enjoying a well-earned day of rest "On George."

The unknown, who declared that he "wash a fightin' man and would die for the starsh and shtripsh," shed hish lasht drop of blood, b' gosh, and thatsh no lie, for Shorge Wassington," finally exhausted his patience and left.

As he steered a somewhat uncertain course toward the elevator he complained that it was an awful state of affairs when a patriotic American citizen could not celebrate the birthday of his country's father by offering his life to the service of the American eagle.

HEAR NOTE OF DISCORD

PAPER DELIVERED IN MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION EXCITES ADVERSE COMMENT FROM PREACHERS.

The Rev. M. P. Hayden of Bowerville, Minn., in delivering his paper, "The Preacher for the Times," this morning before the Christian Ministerial association in Portland Avenue Church of Christ, won great favor, and the discussion which followed gave evidence that his paper was considered one of the best given.

Mr. Hayden in his delineation of the kind of man fit to be a preacher expressed strong views, and while he is known as one of the orthodox ministers of the church, his sentiment was representative of the general sentiments of his audience.

The paper given by Rev. A. E. Orr of Mankato, "The Acts, Its Origin and Purpose," called forth much comment of approval, but there was also a general feeling that "a man has a perfect right to his opinions, but in expressing them he should be guided by his good judgment as a minister." Mr. Hayden said that Mr. Orr's views on the origin and the inspiration of the scripture were not in keeping with the standard of the brotherhood. Mr. Orr was absent and thus had no opportunity to refute the charges.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. A. D. Harmon of St. Paul spoke on "A Study in Comparative Religion," and the Rev. Baxter Waters of Duluth led the discussion. A business meeting followed. Mr. Waters will speak this evening on "The How and the What of Christian Union," and the Rev. E. A. Orr has chosen "The Epistles to the Romans" as his topic for this evening's program.

ENGLISH WAS POOR, BUT HE FOOLED ATTORNEYS

E. B. Heiberg of Montevideo, state food inspector, who is today at the Hotel Nicollet, tells a good story on himself and officials, which recently occurred in a rural district near Montevideo.

One O. Oleson had been arrested on Mr. Heiberg's instigation for selling an illegal food product. Oleson could not speak English very well. He was arraigned before the local justice and when asked to make his plea, was thought by his hearers to say "not guilty."

So the trial proceeded. Mr. Heiberg testified to making the complaint and arrest. Several witnesses were examined and the prosecuting attorney finally concluded the state's side of the case with a lengthy explanation of the law and the punishment which should be meted out to the offender.

The prosecuting attorney then turned to the defendant and said impressively: "The state now rests its case. If you have anything to say in defense or any witnesses to examine, this is your opportunity."

"Vall," responded Oleson, this time so that he could be understood, "I tank you all d—— fool. I plead guilty once. I gas I vill again if you vant."

"The joke was on all of us," said Inspector Heiberg. "The justic tried to get the court costs out of Oleson, but the fellow wouldn't stand for it, and the court finally let him go with a nominal fine."

PARKWAY WIDENED

City Vacates Alleys in Exchange for Boulevard Property.

At the request of the park board the council committee on roads and bridges voted yesterday to recommend the vacation of the alleys in blocks 16 and 24 of Dorman's first addition.

In return for this concession the Dorman heirs will deed to the city without expense a strip of land forty feet wide and about nineteen hundred feet long, which will permit the widening of Riverside avenue, opposite the west end of government dam No. 2. The park property at this point is too narrow for a proper driveway, but the additional forty feet will make it wide enough.

It is the intention of the Dorman heirs to replat blocks 16 and 24, so as to give the blocks a frontage both on the boulevard and on Dorman avenue. The deeds will also provide for a building line easement fifty feet back from the boulevard. The traffic street parallel to the boulevard will be carried over to Dorman avenue from Twenty-seventh street to Twenty-ninth.

"SEE AMERICA" MAN COMES

Chairman of New Travel Movement to Visit Minneapolis.

Fisher A. Harris of Salt Lake City, executive chairman of the See America league, will be in Minneapolis soon, and will do some active work in the interest of the American travel movement. One of the principal objects of Mr. Harris' visit is a conference with T. B. Walker, the Minneapolis member of the executive committee of the league.

The league was formed a month ago in Salt Lake City. Its purpose is the encouragement of American travel. It is asserted that Americans annually spend abroad in foreign travel millions of money that should be kept at home. The railroads, especially those of the west, are greatly interested in the movement and are co-operating in the movement to exploit the beauties of America. The motto of the league is "See America First."

The deposits in Prussian savings banks have almost doubled within the last ten years.

LAWYERS ENGAGE IN DUEL OF WORDS

MRS. YATES' ATTORNEY, A. H. HALL, TAKES STAND.

Assistant County Attorney Dahl Goes After His Opponent Hammer and Tongs—"Scrap" Is Diverting to Crowds That Throng Courtroom—More Evidence Given.

A linguistic duel yesterday between First Assistant County Attorney John F. Dahl, conducting the state's case against Mrs. Emma Yates, and Albert H. Hall, defendant's attorney, who took the stand in his client's behalf, was easily the feature of the trial. The rather strained relations between the county attorney's office and Mr. Hall were made apparent, and the wordy battle created more than ordinary interest among the courtroom full of spectators attending the arson trial.

Mr. Hall testified that Perry, the state's star witness, had told him that he had made no statement which would injure Mrs. Yates. He also swore that Perry had been kept so carefully guarded that he had been allowed no opportunity of talking with him or learning the nature of his story until he took the stand.

Battle Becomes General.

On cross-examination Mr. Dahl took the witness down the line in spite of the strenuous objections of Mr. Kolliner, Mr. Hall's partner. The prosecutor brought out that Mr. Hall had defended twenty-one murder cases and had only lost two of them, and intimated that the attorney prided himself on this record.

Mr. Hall said, in reply to questions, that he had had the honor of assisting in the prosecution of the Harry Hayward murder case, and Mr. Dahl asked if he had allowed attorneys for the defense to cross-examine Claus Blixt, the state's star witness. The witness stated that the attorneys had been given a written statement of Blixt's story, altho he would not swear that that statement differed from the newspaper stories.

Mr. Dahl inquired why the witness had not demanded his right, if he thought he had any, to examine Perry. "I did ask you several times for permission," replied Mr. Hall.

Smile Is Dangerous.

"Didn't I also, Mr. Hall, tell you that after the experience our office had had with you, we were afraid of the effect of your bland smile and hypnotic influence on any witness for the state you might interview before the trial?" asked Mr. Dahl.

"You may have said something in a joking way to that effect," Mr. Hall replied.

"And didn't I tell you that after our experience with you in the Ida Johnson case, where you procured an affidavit from the state's chief witness to the effect that everything she had testified to before the grand jury was false and that she had testified to the falsehood because she was intimidated by Al. J. Smith—didn't I tell you that after that experience, we, in the county attorney's office, doubted the wisdom of permitting you to interview any witness for the state, if we could prevent it?" was Mr. Dahl's next question.

While the witness was entering a strenuous denial to any such conversation with Mr. Dahl, Mr. Kolliner was again on his feet with an objection, and the last part of the witness' answer was lost amid the argument of counsel and the ruling of the court that the cross-examination was proper.

Mr. Dahl returned to the attack. "Do you make it a practice, Mr. Hall, to testify as a witness in cases that you are trying as an attorney," he asked.

"I never hesitate, sir, to take the stand to tell the truth," answered Mr. Hall.

Enjoy Picnic Lunch.

The defense rested with Mr. Hall's testimony, and Mr. Dahl called several witnesses in rebuttal. The defense was given a jolt when Mrs. Wilhelmina Anderson, a farmer's wife, living north of Osseo, took the stand and testified that Mrs. Yates and Erwin A. Perry, the admitted incendiary, had visited her place three times since Mrs. Yates' marriage. The witness swore that the couple bought eggs and other edibles and went into the neighboring woods, where they cooked their picnic meal and enjoyed a quiet afternoon in the sylvan retreat.

Mrs. Yates testified under cross-examination that she had never gone with Perry to this country place. She later swore that she had gone once, but that they had never had a picnic lunch alone together.

SUES FOR DAMAGE

Proprietors of "Millinery College" Made Defendants in Suit.

Anna M. Kohn, a trained nurse by profession, has begun suit in the district court against James Dobbs, doing business as "Dobbs Brothers' French Millinery college," at Ninth street and Nicollet avenue. The plaintiff alleges fraud, makes grave charges against the defendants and asks for $125 for time lost in attending the school.

Miss Kohn claims that from circulars she was led to believe that she could learn dressmaking in five weeks and that she came from North Dakota, made a first payment, and started in on the course. She says she worked four weeks and had not learned to make the lining of a waist, that none of the teachers knew how to make it, and that she then demanded a refund and secured it.

PREPARE TO CELEBRATE

Norwegians Organize to Observe Norway's First Independence Day.

A mass meeting of Norwegian-born citizens last evening, arrangements were made for the proper observance of June 7, the first anniversary of the dissolution of the union between Sweden and Norway.

On that occasion the band of St. Olaf college, Northfield, will begin in this city an extended concert tour, which will include several American cities and all the principal towns of Norway. The local celebration and concert will be held at the Auditorium.

A general committee was selected last evening with General S. E. Olson as chairman, L. Stavnheim, secretary, and E. G. Waldeland, treasurer.

PAYS BACK TAXES

American Express Company Settles for Omitted Earnings.

The American Express company has turned into the state treasury $291.22 in back taxes for the years 1897 and 1898, adjusted with the public examiner. The omissions supplied were on account of financial business, incorrect deductions from earnings, etc.

Japan has at last a newspaper in which the same type is used as in our journals. It is called the Romaji.

"PROF. BOB" McMULLEN CLEANING THE STREETS

Scientific measures have been adopted by Street Commissioner, now "Professor Bob" McMullen, to clear Nicollet avenue of ice. Last night sixteen barrels of salt was scattered up and down the gutters of the thorofare. The ice in the center of the street gets more wear and tear and naturally melts faster than that along the sides of the street and in the gutters. To carry off the water the gutters must be clean, hence Bob's resort to natural philosophy. The trick worked well and with more salt tonight the gutter will be cleared and ready for business.

Teamsters made some protest during the colder weather because the street railway company used salt to keep ice out of its tracks, their contention being that the salt injured the horses' hoofs. Mr. McMullen says that the salt spread on Nicollet can do no harm, as it is used where it is run off by the melting ice and will not spread into the traveled part of the street.

VENTILATES N. Y. LIFE

STATE EXAMINATION RESULTS IN CONDEMNATION OF PAST POLICIES—REFORMS URGED.

T. D. O'Brien, Minnesota's insurance commissioner, will make public tomorrow the result of the examination of the New York Life Insurance company, which was conducted by the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kentucky and Tennessee. The report has been ready for some time, except the recommendations, and the commissioners of the five states have finally agreed on those by correspondence. They make four principal points, as follows:

First—The system of deferred dividends is condemned. The report recommends that it be dropped, and annual distribution be made the rule in the future.

Second—The practice of the company with regard to investments is severely criticized. The policy of turning vast sums over to syndicates for floating stock-jobbing schemes is condemned and the report declares that investments should be more scattered.

Third—Greater publicity in the management is recommended. The report favors annual publication of a gain and loss exhibit, a public statement as to salaries of officers, and full public information of purchases and sales of securities by the company.

Fourth—The present system is declared to give policyholders no real voice in the management, and some plan for a representative form of government is urged, by which policyholders will take part in annual meetings thru their chosen representatives.

The report proper is a full statement of the affairs of the company for the past ten years, and covers eighty pages. In many respects it makes severe strictures on the conduct of the company, but finds it in sound financial condition. The last annual statement of the company is fully verified, and the assets are shown to contain a surplus of $50,000,000 over the contract liability. The work has been enormous in its extent. It was begun last September by actuaries and assistants employed by the five states at the expense of the insurance company. They finished in January, and covered everything in the company's records for ten years. Twenty-five to thirty men were at work most of the time. The commissioners have given the work considerable personal supervision, and have met several times in New York to settle on their recommendations, which they believe cover the chief evils disclosed by the examination, in the conduct of the big life companies.

MUD AND SAND WILL BE KEPT FROM PUMPS

Much work is being done at the Northeast pumping station with the object of providing against the admission of sand and sediment into the pumps and later into the reservoir. It is necessary to clean out the reservoir basins at least twice a year, and each time upwards of 800 or 1,000 cubic yards of sand and mud are taken out. The improvements now going on, it is expected, will divert a considerable portion of this undesirable material from the pumps.

The forebay or intake forms a sort of settling basin and collects considerable sediment, the screens remove some more, but no satisfactory device to shut out all the sediment has been provided. A rearrangement of the screens and various minor improvements, it is expected, will help considerably.

A sand pump or suction dredge has been installed, and with the use of this clever device the forebay will be kept clean all the time.

The station has been closed down for about a month, while the work has been going on, but has always been ready for use in the event of an emergency.

MAY GET NEW QUARTERS

Salvation Army Industrial Home May Be Removed.

New quarters for the Salvation Army's industrial home may result from the visit of Brigadier Ashley Pebbles of Chicago, the western head of the army's social work, who is now in Minneapolis consulting with Staff Captain W. H. Gooding.

This will be a side result of the brigadier's visit, as the principal reason is the need of new quarters for the St. Paul work. Several St. Paul properties are under consideration and one of them will be purchased outright.

This afternoon Brigadier Pebbles and Captain Gooding were in St. Anthony Park looking for a site for the Elsinger Rescue home for girls.

DENTISTS COME TOGETHER

Northwestern Operators Gather to Keep Up to Date.

Over four hundred dentists from all parts of the northwest gathered at the old capitol in St. Paul at the opening clinic of the G. V. Black Dental club. The meetings will be of two days' duration and include clinics in charge of specialists for each demonstration.

At 11 a.m. today Dr. Truman W. Brophy of Chicago performed two operations at St. Joseph's hospital for cleft palate. In addition to a large number of dentists, some thirty physicians were present. At the old capitol this morning there were ten demonstrations and two table clinics.

At 2:15 p.m. Dr. A. C. Searl of Owatonna, president, gave his annual address. Papers were read by Dr. Alfred Owre and Dr. Brophy.

RELIABLE INFORMATION.

Washington Star.

"You say you don't pay any attention to the weather predictions?"

"Not much; if I want to know what the temperature is going to be I ask the janitor."

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely Harmless.

Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for coughs, colds and croup is unsurpassed.

GOPHERS LANDED ALL THE HONORS

TOOK BANNER AND MEDALS IN NATIONAL BUTTER CONTEST.

Entries from Minnesota Sweep All Trophies That Are Worth While at Chicago—State Now Has Four Out of Six Banners Awarded—Minnesotan Is National Champion Buttermaker.

Minnesota swept the boards at the convention of the National Creamery Buttermakers' association. The delegation which attended the meeting at Chicago returned today in high glee. They captured the following trophies:

Banner for highest average score, twenty-two states competing.

Gold medal for highest individual score.

Silver medal for second highest score.

Lion's share of the prize money.

Presidency of association.

The Minnesota combined score was 176, and Wisconsin came second with 147. Iowa, Michigan and Illinois followed. Minnesota now has four banners for high average, out of six granted by the association. Illinois has one and New York one. The ten best tubs in each state exhibit were scored for high average. Minnesota had nearly 200 entries, and about 150 buttermakers from the state attended the convention.

A. Carlson of Rush City, Minn., is winner of the gold medal for best individual butter exhibit. He is a new contender for high honors, and Chisago county comes to the front in creamery circles because of his achievement.

J. J. Farrell of Carver, Minn., was elected president of the association, and J. Q. Moore of Madison, Wis., vice president. E. Sudendorf of Clinton, Ill., was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

E. K. Slater, state dairy and food commissioner, predicted Minnesota's success in the contest for the banner, and is elated over the victory. Three banners secured in former years hang on the walls of his office, and he has a vacant place reserved for the new one when it arrives.

AMERICAN FARM EXPORTS GAINING

Foreign Commerce of the United States Is Increased by Many Millions.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The foreign commerce of the United States during the first seven months of the fiscal year 1906, amounted to $1,752,421,330, according to a bulletin issued by the department of commerce and labor. This shows a considerable increase in both imports and exports, but more especially in exports over the corresponding months of 1905. In the seven months ending with January, imports have increased $70,000,000 and exports have increased $155,000,000. Imports during the seven months ended with January, 1906, were $699,764,566 and exports were $1,056,656,764.

The increase in importations occurs chiefly in manufacturers' materials and finished manufactures, while the increase in exportations occurs chiefly in agricultural products and manufactures.

The bulletin says there is a marked increase in the exportation of breadstuffs and provisions, the value of breadstuffs exported in January and December each amounting to over $26,000,000. For the seven months ended with January provisions, including meat and dairy products, showed a total exportation of $134,000,000 against $108,000,000 for the same period last year.

PROFESSOR MUST GO TO 'PEN,' COURT HOLDS

Professor Charles W. Malchow of medical department of Hamline university and Olly D. Burton, a Minneapolis publisher, will have to serve a year in the penitentiary for sending an "indecent" book thru the mails. The case was tried before the United States district court last spring, but the defendants have been at large under bonds pending an appeal to the circuit court of appeals.

United States District Attorney C. C. Houpt has received notification that the appeal has not been suspended and United States Marshal W. H. Grimshaw is now waiting for the defendants to surrender themselves and submit to the sentence of the court. The book in question is said to be a medical work, but the jury which tried the case judged differently.

OLD CHESTNUT STILL TOLD 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Told with bated breath to listeners pledged to deepest secrecy, a story has been circulating in Minneapolis for the past five years, and few if any of those who know it are aware that it is a pure fabrication and a mere naturalized stranger from Duluth. It relates to a man and his wife and another man and the man's stenographer. The parties involved are unknown and the situation is so hopelessly entangled as to give grounds for suspicion that it is some unpublished masterpiece from the brain of Rudyard Kipling.

As this story has always been told confidentially and is supposed to have been let out by a prominent attorney who refuses to disclose the names of the principals, it travels slowly, but is believed implicitly by nine-tenths of those who have heard it. It reappeared in the office of a government official today.

The story is that a "certain man, prominent in business and society in Minneapolis," is much attached to the wife of an other man, also "prominent etc.," and that the attachment is mutual. Wishing to give a substantial token of his affection to his friend's wife, the Man No. 1 orders a sealskin coat. The wife can not take it without exciting suspicion.

Man No. 1 is resourceful and pawns the coat for a small sum, and has the wife of Man No. 2 "find" the ticket. To avert all suspicion, she gives the card to her husband and suggests that he call at the "hock shop" and see what the ticket calls for. He does so and gets the coat, purchased for his wife by his friend, for a small sum.

Man No. 2 also has an attachment which he has not confided to his spouse, and the sealskin coat goes to adorn the comely figure of his stenographer, while a second-hand collarette goes to his wife as the result of her "find."

The wife is unable to make any protest without arousing suspicion in the heart of her husband, but discovers the coat intended for her hanging beside the stenographer's desk. Man No. 1 is foolish enough to consult a lawyer in hope of recovering the money he paid for the coat, and the lawyer is unable to keep such a good story to himself.

I heard this in strictest confidence, but, knowing how you appreciate a good story, I can't help telling you. Of course, you will not let it go any further. This is the invariable accompaniment of the tale, and the preservation of this confidential form of transmission is not the least interesting feature of the story.

SMOTHERED TO DEATH

Special to The Journal.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Feb. 22.—James Nolan, a prominent farmer living near here, met with an accident that caused his death while hauling hay. The load was accidentally overturned in a ditch. It fell on Nolan and he was smothered to death. His body was found twelve hours after the accident.

SEBASTIAN SPREADS OUT.

Dispatches received today announce the appointment of John Sebastian as passenger traffic manager of the "Frisco" system. While in his new position he will continue in his former capacity as passenger traffic manager of the Rock Island and Chicago & Eastern Illinois, which position he has held for many years.

Powers

MINNEAPOLIS

Nicollet Ave. First Ave. So. Fifth Street.

Another sale of

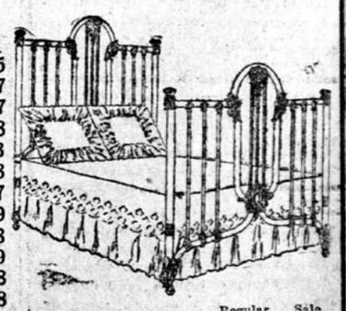
IRON BEDS

31 iron beds at prices to sell them all in one day!

THESE BEDS were slightly damaged in shipment; we have settled with the railroad company, and Friday morning will put them on sale at

ridiculously low prices.

Only one to a customer—while they last you all have an equal chance to buy at the following list of prices—



Number.		Regular Price.	Sale Price.
3409	Iron Beds	$24.00	$9.95
8629	Iron Beds	23.00	9.87
5219	Iron Beds	16.00	6.77
4518	Iron Beds	15.50	6.68
9518	Iron Beds	14.75	6.43
2429	Iron Beds	14.50	6.28
7089	Iron Beds	14.00	6.17
8429	Iron Beds	12.50	5.39
1358	Iron Beds	11.50	5.18
6285	Iron Beds	9.00	3.59
4345	Iron Beds	8.75	3.48
2085	Iron Beds	8.50	3.38
5975	Iron Beds	7.00	2.98
8516	Iron Beds	6.00	2.68
3025	Iron Beds	5.75	2.59
9915	Iron Beds	5.00	2.39
4776	Iron Beds	4.75	2.27

Number.		Regular Price.	Sale Price.
6626	Iron Beds	$4.00	$1.76
9994	Iron Beds	3.50	1.57
5916	Iron Beds	3.00	1.27
2306	Iron Beds	2.00	.85