

GARNERINGS OF NEWS FROM THE GREAT NORTHWEST

COUNTS HIS WEALTH NEXT TO W. A. CLARK'S

Helena's Richest Man Is Given New Lease of Life—His Career in West.



PETER LARSON. A penniless and ignorant immigrant, now a millionaire.

Special to The Journal. Helena, Mont., Dec. 29.—With the proverbial luck which has attended his every undertaking, Peter Larson today walks the streets of Helena with all the vigor of a youth of 20, despite the fact that less than a year ago medical experts in Helena, Chicago and Rochester, Minn., told him he could not survive a month.

As the result of the Clallam disaster in the straits of San Juan de Fuca, where he floated in the icy waters for hours before being rescued, Mr. Larson recently underwent a surgical operation which at first it was thought would terminate fatally.

Born on the Danish island of Funen fifty-five years ago; landed in New York at the age of 20, undertaken various duties of a peasant's son, unable to speak the English language and practically penniless.

Thirty-five years later in the same city of New York, with his partner he sold mining properties to the Federal company at a figure which so far as northwestern mines are concerned has not been equaled since the Amalgamated Copper company took over the Anaconda and Boston & Montana properties.

Mr. Larson's wealth is not alone attributable to mining ventures, however. Indeed, railroad contracting might more properly be termed his forte, although it may be said in truth that after he once gained a foothold, everything he touched turned to gold.

When building a railroad in the Coeur d'Alene, he became interested in mining and with his partner paid \$350,000 for the Morning and You Like mines.

For twelve years they have paid a profit of \$25,000 a month, and it was these mines that he and L. Greenough of Missoula, sold to the Federal company for \$3,000,000 cash.

Mr. Larson is the largest stockholder in the National bank of Montana in Helena, the Old National bank of Spokane, the First National of Billings, and the Cascade bank of Great Falls. He also owns several large flouring mills in Seattle and Spokane.

Mr. Larson's wealth is estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000. It is doubtful if even Larson himself could determine exactly what he is worth, so varied are his interests. He is an unworldly contributor to charity, but his name never appears as a donor.

FOUR DEATHS IN ONE FAMILY. Special to The Journal. Iowa Falls, Iowa, Dec. 29.—The death of Mrs. Ed Thompson of East Iowa Falls is the fourth in the family in ten months. Mrs. Thompson's death follows that of three of her children. The husband and one child survive.

NEW O. E. S. CHAPTER. Special to The Journal. Iowa Falls, Iowa, Dec. 29.—The Order of the Eastern Star will install a new chapter at Ackley on Monday, the installing officer will be Mrs. Allena Ward, the grand worthy matron of Iowa.

RETURNS TO HIS ENGINE. Special to The Journal. Mr. Hughes is chief engineer of division No. 229 at Sanborn, and has been for fifteen years. He is a member of the legislative board for the brotherhood at Des Moines and is a past chief ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

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HULL OF OLD PIRATE SHIP DUG FROM SAND

Recalls Bloody Deeds of Lake Captain and Mormon Stronghold on an Island.

Special to The Journal. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 29.—J. B. Eddy, Charles H. Chapman, Judge Joseph H. Steere and Chase S. Osborn of this city have secured portions of the hull of the boat Edgemoor, which was captained by "Pirate King" Strang of Beaver Island and captured by officers and partly burned after a bloody fight in 1855, when the Mormon reign in the island came to an end.

The discovery of the partly burned hull buried in the sands of the Beaver Island shore recalls a chapter in the history of Lake Michigan which reads like an ancient romance. Captain Strang ruled over the island with an iron hand, the victim of the most desperate gangs of pirates which ever infested American waters.

It was the custom to sail forth upon the great lake and lie in wait for unlucky vessels that passed that way, capture the craft and crew and either murder the sailors or make them come to the island and conform to the Mormon faith. The true story of the horrors of Beaver Island in its ancient days will probably never be written. But enough has been learned to show that the reign of Strang was of a most heartless and treacherous nature.

Many skeletons have been uncovered by residents of the island which are supposed to be the remains of the victims of the pirate band. Numerous old hulls have also been found beneath the surface of the water, the remains of which were destroyed by the pirate crews.

VETERAN IS SLATED FOR POSTMASTERSHIP

Robertson of Fort Dodge Figured in the Capture of Jeff Davis.

Special to The Journal. Fort Dodge, Iowa, Dec. 29.—While it has not been officially announced, it is known beyond doubt that S. J. Robertson of this city will enter upon his duties as postmaster on or about Jan. 1. He will succeed Mrs. Susan Carpenter, widow of the former governor, C. C. Carpenter.

Mr. Robertson is a veteran of the civil war with record of distinction. Wearing a suit of butternut, which afforded a disguise that permitted him to mingle with rebel soldiers for days, he acquired information which resulted in the capture of Jeff Davis, the confederate president.

Samuel J. Robertson was the youngest member of his regiment. There were three other boys of the same age. It was on the morning of May 1, 1864, but of the three Samuel was the youngest. He was a member of the First Ohio cavalry at the time he was assigned for special duty.

When the detail was dispatched to capture Davis, Robertson was with the party. He and his party camped a short distance from where a skirmish took place between two details of union soldiers.

At this time the soldiers set up a shout that the rebels were captured. One soldier said: "What! That Jeff Davis? That's the old fellow who, when I stopped him, had his wife'sshawl."

In the background some of the soldiers began to sing, "We will have Jeff Davis to a sour apple tree," which did not add to Mr. Davis' comfort in the least.

It appears that when the skirmish began between the two detachments, Mr. Davis was sleeping in his tent. Alarmed at the noise, he hastily arose, threw a shawl around his waist, stepped out, but, meeting the soldiers, was stopped and ordered back into his tent. It was this incident that caused the party to become separated.

HID LIFE'S SECRETS UNTIL NEAR DEATH

Strange Career Ends at Negaunee—Son Finds His Father as the Latter Was on Brink of the Grave.

Special to The Journal. Negaunee, Mich., Dec. 29.—Not until coincided that he was on his deathbed could the life of the late John H. McFadden be obtained from aged Duncan McFadden, despite that he had lived in this part of the state for over two decades.

For some weeks, McFadden was brought into the city for hospital treatment, but only when the latter two weeks of his illness and who, when the old man died, took the remains back with him for burial.

CRUSHED BY LOGS. Special to The Journal. Norway, Mich., Dec. 29.—A. B. MacKinnon, an Iron River young man, is dead from an accident sustained while working in the lumber woods. He was employed as a scaler, and was caught between two logs.

FARIBAULT PAPER IS FIFTY YEARS OLD



F. W. FRINK, Founder of Faribault Herald. R. A. MOTT, Editor from 1857 to 1858. ORVILLE BROWN, Editor from 1855 to 1856.

RICE COUNTY PAPER HAS SEMI-CENTENNIAL

Herald, Changed to the Republican, First Printed Near Tepees of the Reds.

Special to The Journal. Faribault, Minn., Dec. 29.—Near the close of the year 1856 the Rice County Herald, A. W. Frink, founder, came into existence in the little village of Faribault. He describes the townsite as he saw it from the bluff a year previous as follows:

Looking across the valley the most conspicuous objects that met my sight were numerous scaffolding elevating by rude pole structures, ten or twelve feet from the ground, the bodies of dead Indians. All along the river were the tepees of the Wa-pe-con-tas, far more numerous than the habitations of the white man, and the intermingling of tepee log cabins, frame houses, just begun, with four or five sawmills, pictured a blending of civilization and barbarism never again to be seen on this continent.

Mr. Frink, in his "Recollections of a Pioneer," tells of the trials and troubles an editor had in starting a paper in the early days. He says: "After about six weeks of preparation I issued the first number of the Rice County Herald. It cost considerable more than to establish a printing office than now, the cost of hauling the material from Hastings being \$1 a hundred and the freight from Galena to Hastings \$25 a ton. I walked all the way from Hastings to Faribault to save expense, but sent the foreman, who had hired in Galena, thru by stage."

Primitive outfit. The office equipment so far as made of wood was largely the product of local mechanics. Some of the cases were of oak plank perforated with two-inch auger holes for the type compartments. The press was a small No. 4 Washington, worked by hand. When the paper was enlarged another hand press was procured, which in turn gave place to the Cincinnati cylinder, upon which the paper is now printed.

A partial offset to his sacrifices and tribulations was experienced on the publication day of his first issue when he stood at his office window and saw lining each side of Main street men, women and children each carrying a copy of the first paper issued in Rice county. The paper was a six-column folio and carried at its head its pledge of independence in the motto:

Here shall the press the people's rights maintain, unwavering by influence, unbridled by gain; pledged but to truth, to liberty and law, no favor wins us and no fear shall awe.

Name Twice Changed. Mr. Frink conducted the paper for about six months, when he accepted an offer for its purchase from M. W. and L. S. Pond, who kept it for about a week and then sold it to R. A. Mott, who changed the name to the Faribault Herald. It was conducted under this management till June 23, 1858, when it was sold to Holly & Brown. The former was a civil engineer and took

no active part in the management of the paper, which was edited by Mr. Brown, who assumed the entire ownership in November, 1861, and changed the name to Central Republican.

On Sept. 1, 1853, the paper had been enlarged to seven columns and on account of the scarcity of money the publisher advertised to take at their highest market price oats, wheat, corn, flour, meal, beef, pork, butter and wood, etc., payable always in advance.

In the summer of 1856 the first place of public worship, the Congregational church, was erected, with Rev. Lauren Armsby as pastor. This same year the foundations were laid whereupon the state schools for the deaf and dumb, the blind, the feeble-minded, and the Shattuck military school, Sebury divinity school and St. Mary's Hall were founded.

The first Indian scare in Faribault was experienced in March, 1857, when news was brought that the Indians had devastated Mankato and St. Peter and were headed for Faribault. General Shields took command of the town, and guns and ammunition of all kinds were collected.

On the first night of the excitement it was suggested that a messenger be sent to St. Peter to find out the true state of affairs. Chaska, a young Indian who was employed occasionally as "devil" of the printing office, was chosen messenger and made the round trip in three days, bringing back news that the massacre began at Spirit Lake, about one hundred miles southwest of Faribault, and ended at Lake Sisseton, in Murray county, Minnesota.

Five years later Chaska, who had been the playmate of all the boys in town, was one of the foremost in the greatest Indian massacre in North America.

The next transfer of the paper was in 1865, when it was purchased by A. W. McKinstry, its present proprietor. Mr. McKinstry entered the office of the Fredonia Censor, N. Y., in 1844, as apprentice, and has ever since been engaged in the newspaper business.

When the paper was started Minnesota was a territory and not a mile of railroad had been constructed within its borders. The goods received in Faribault were hauled from Hastings, seventy miles, by team, the trip requiring three or four days. The town contained about 250 buildings and an estimated population of 1,500. Now the city has all the modern improvements and three trunk lines of railroads operating the passenger trains a day. The cost of the building, with fixtures and furniture, will be \$15,000. M. E. Beebe of Fargo is architect.

CANAL TRAFFIC MADE WONDERFUL RECORD

51,751,080 Net Tons Carried Thru the Waterway at Sault Ste. Marie.

Special to The Journal. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 29.—Traffic thru the St. Mary's river ship canal this year made a wonderful record. Freight to the stupendous amount of 51,751,080 net tons was carried thru the waterways by vessels engaged in the interlake traffic. This was an increase of nearly eight million tons over the traffic of 1905. The items making up the grand total were as follows:

Table with columns for EAST BOUND and WEST BOUND, listing various commodities like Copper, Building stone, Flour, etc., and their respective net tons.

The passengers, eastbound, numbered 31,085, and those westbound 31,228. The total vessel passages were 22,155, the registered tonnage of the vessels 41,098,324. The American canal was opened for traffic April 13, and closed Dec. 17, being in commission 249 days. The season of the Canadian canal was of 253 days, duration, this waterway having opened April 14 and closed Dec. 22. The traffic next season is expected to show a further great increase, probably approximating 60,000,000 net tons.

GOOD WEATHER FOR MONTANA LIVESTOCK

Warm Chinooks Follow Cold Spells—Hay Appears to Be Plentiful Everywhere.

Special to The Journal. Havre, Mont., Dec. 29.—Stock conditions in Montana were never better. Stockmen are well supplied with hay and there is no reason to fear losses because of lack of feed. Men having the largest ranches in the northern part of the state have sufficient hay on hand to winter their stock. "Chinook" herds, stock which needs special care because of weakened constitutions, even should these herds be unusually large.

There has not been an epidemic among the stock on the ranges or in the feed lots. There have been falls of snow, but the warm chinook winds from the mountains are frequent, the weather changing from the extreme cold of a winter to almost springlike warmth in a few hours. The herds seek the corrals and the wooded belts along the rivers in extreme weather and forage the range during the day. The outlook for getting stock thru the winter in excellent shape is very bright.

The class of horses now being raised upon the ranges is far superior to that of but a few years ago. The bucking broncho has given way to a more sober and dignified type of the horse family, larger in bone and making a general purpose horse which eastern buyers are glad to get.

BACK BROKEN BY FALL

Special to The Journal. Iron Mountain, Mich., Dec. 29.—Their attention attracted to the fact that the man was missing from his work in No. 5 shaft of the Aragon mine at Norway, fellow employees of Paul Meskej instituted a search for him and found his mangled body at the bottom of a 168-foot wine used as an ore chute.

Meskej was alive and was taken to the surface. His back is broken and there is no hope of recovery.

BALTIC DECLARES A DIVIDEND. Special to The Journal. Houghton, Mich., Dec. 29.—The Baltic Mining company has declared a dividend of \$5 a share, or a total of \$300,000, practically all of which goes to the Copper Range Consolidated company. This is the sixth dividend declared by the Baltic and the second this year. Total disbursements in 1906 were \$1,400,000.

MODERN WOODMEN PLAN HOME. Special to The Journal. Niagara, Wis., Dec. 29.—Rocky Bluff camp, No. 3,667, Modern Woodmen of America, has decided to erect a home. The building will be 80 by 120 feet, two stories in height, and will be utilized as a hall and clubrooms. Included in the equipment of the first story will be a bowling alley and billiard table. The second floor will be used for lodge and social purposes.

NEARLY FORTY PUPILS IN THE CONTEST IN CASS COUNTY, N. D.—Boy of 13 Years Wins First Prize of \$12.

Special to The Journal. Fargo, N. D., Dec. 29.—The first corn-growing contest among the pupils of the schools in this county by Mrs. Mattie M. Davis, the superintendent, was a success. About forty contestants were present. The awards were made on an average for the best corn and for the best essay describing the work and methods of the pupil.

John Dahley, 18 years of age, of North Township, won first prize, \$12; Theodore Martin, 16, of W. W. township, second, \$8; Alton Barker, 16, Berlin township, third, \$5. Seven other contestants received honorable mention.

The contest was based on the competition of pupils on corn-growing conducted from seed given out last spring by the superintendent, and the requirement that each pupil must do the work and write the essays alone.

Mrs. Davis expects a great number for next year's competition. The contests were started several years ago by Superintendent Hettler of Traill county, and have been successful in several counties.

PIONEERS CELEBRATE

Mr. and Mrs. Chelgren of Okato Married Fifty Years. Special to The Journal. Okato, Minn., Dec. 29.—John P. Chelgren and his wife, Carin Chelgren, celebrated their golden wedding this week. They were born in Hvetisand, Sweden, seventy-one years ago and married there Dec. 26, 1856. They have four children, John J. Chelgren of this place, Peter Chelgren of Brocton, Minn., Emil Chelgren of White Rock, S. D., and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Minneapolis. They came to this part of the state when it was a wilderness.

WALKED INTO ELEVATOR SHAFT. Special to The Journal. Leppening, Mich., Dec. 29.—Not noticing in the dim light at the rear of the store that the lift was raised, Fred Decker, a clerk in the employ of the A. W. Myers Mercantile company, walked into the elevator shaft and plunged into the basement. He sustained broken ribs and was badly injured internally. His recovery is doubtful.

SECTION MEN GET MORE PAY. Special to The Journal. Newberry, Mich., Dec. 29.—The section men in the employ of the Duluth, South Shore, & Atlantic railroad have been given an increase in wages of 25 cents a day. They now draw \$1.75 a day. A vote of the men present at the meeting could be secured for \$1.10 and \$1.25 a day.

DOTSON, IOWA EDITOR, BUYS IN AT CROOKSTON

Trained and Seasoned Newspaper Man Casts Fortunes with Minnesota.



J. P. DOTSON, Who Will Manage the Crookston Times After the First of the Year.

Special to The Journal. Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 29.—A newspaper change of interest in Minnesota will come the first of the year, when J. P. Dotson of this city takes over the controlling interest and management, editorial and business, of the Crookston, Minn., Times, daily and weekly.

Mr. McKenzie, the present owner of the Times, will retain an interest in the paper, but will not be actively associated in its management.

Mr. Dotson, the new owner, has been business manager of the Marshalltown Times-Republican for ten years. He is thoroughly equipped for the work by reason of long experience, and is a good business man, and the paper will have good hands. He expects to make some improvements in the paper, including a daily news service from the capital and possibly an Associated Press report.

Mr. Dotson is a thru and thru Roosevelt republican, and the paper will continue to be republican in politics.

WOLVES TO BE HUNTED WITH SIBERIAN HOUNDS

State Game Warden of Michigan Plans Systematic Chase of Wolf Packs to Save the Deer.

Special to The Journal. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 29.—Charles H. Chapman, state game warden, has determined to hunt the wolves systematically with Siberian wolf hounds. He has taken the matter up with the Russian minister at Washington, with a view to importing the dogs, which cannot be procured in this country. The campaign for the destruction of the wolves will start as soon as possible.

Thousands of wolves are roaming the country south of Lake Superior and hundreds of sheep have been killed by them in a year. Deer are slaughtered by thousands annually by the wolves, at the bounty of \$25 to \$40 a head are freely offered.

According to an investigation just closed by the game warden's department, Chicago annually consumes thousands of tons of wild game killed and shipped from this state in direct violation of the law. Positive evidence has been secured by the department and detectives are watching the establishment of a South Water street wholesale dealer in poultry, veal and eggs to secure the names of persons supplying him with meats.

In the past two years half a dozen violators have been arrested and punished. But up to the present it has not been known who the dealers were who were buying the game. Now the secret has been learned.

CAUGHT IN OMAHA

\$700 in Cash and a Partnership are Issues for the Court.

Special to The Journal. Fargo, N. D., Dec. 29.—Lemuel Zimmerman has been arrested in Omaha on complaint of Chief Warden of Fargo. Zimmerman is a plumber at La Moure and claimed to have a partnership with H. S. Diesem, which the latter denies. Zimmerman took \$700 of the firm's money and came to Fargo. Efforts were made to locate him here, but he left suddenly for Omaha.

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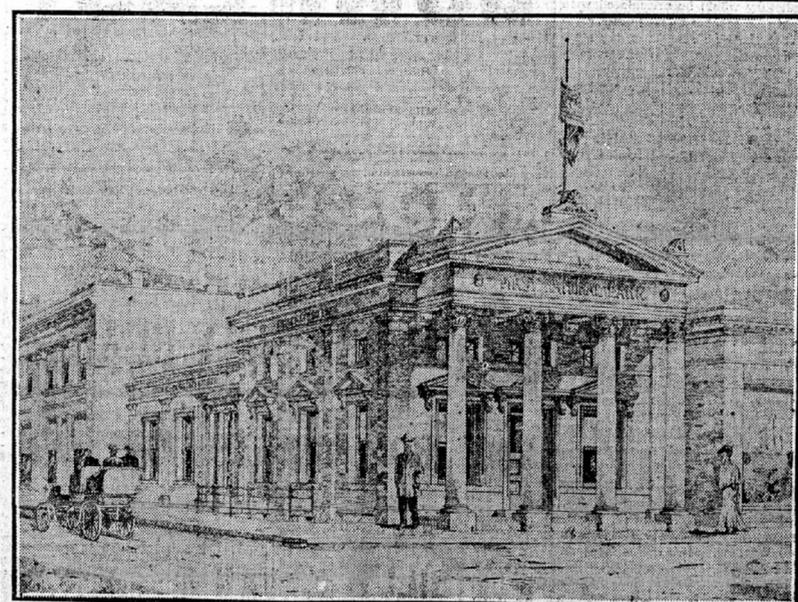
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WIFE OF A GOVERNOR

Huron, S. D., Dec. 29.—Coe I. Crawford, governor-elect, is preparing his message to the legislature, which convenes in Pierre on Jan. 8. With all his press of business Mr. Crawford finds time to devote to his family, which is one of the happiest in existence. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have five children, the oldest being Miriam, a student in Huron college; the next, Irving W., then Robert and Curtis, followed by Jeanette, all bright and energetic children.

It is Mr. Crawford's purpose to spend much of his time in Pierre, but his wife will remain here until the close of the school year, the parents desiring to take their children to another school.

PROPOSED HOME FOR NORTH DAKOTA BANK



Special to The Journal. Oakes, N. D., Dec. 29.—The Marshall-McCartney company of this place is to have the finest all-bank building in the state. The cut herewith shows the home that will be built for the First National of Oakes, of which Congressman Marshall is president and H. C. McCartney cashier. The dimensions are 25 1/2 x 78 1/2 feet, and the walls are of gray Roman pressed brick, heavily trimmed with Bedford stone. The building is of one high story with full basement. In front and facing the main street, will be a portico supported by four Corinthian columns of Bedford stone. The banking-room proper will be 25 x 30 feet. Here the counters will occupy the center of the floor to the rear, with lobby on three sides. The floor will be finished with mosaic tile and the furniture will be of mahogany, the counters to be of marble and iron. Back of this will be the cashier's room, which can be entered from Second street, and will also be headquarters of the Marshall-McCartney company. This will be 14 x 22, and in the farther corner will be the president's room, 15 x 15. The cost of the building, with fixtures and furniture, will be \$15,000. M. E. Beebe of Fargo is architect.