

Oldest, Largest and BEST!

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WE NEED \$5000 IN CASH AT ONCE

to meet our obligations. There are two ways for us to get it, borrow it or sacrifice our goods. We have decided under the existing conditions, that it will be better for us and the buying public to sacrifice the goods. We realize that money is not plenty in our community but we will make your dollars go farther than you ever dreamed of. Come and see.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 WE COMMENCE Greatest Sacrifice Clearance Sale Ever Conducted in Nobles County

This sale is not an attempt to clean up a few odds and ends of unsaleable goods, but a bona-fide sacrifice clearance sale of thousands of dollars worth of goods, saleable, worthy merchandise to raise the cash.

This Sale Will Be Continued for About 30 Days or Until We Raise the Cash We Need

SEE OUR WINDOWS FOR BARGAINS! COME INSIDE FOR MORE!

Come Saturday the First Day and Every Day Afterwards

F. A. Torrance & Son THE BIG STORE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Congregational Church of This City Destroyed by Fire—Oldest in Nobles County

A fire alarm was turned in about 9:45 last Sunday morning. The Congregational Church of this city was totally destroyed by fire. It was the oldest church in Nobles county, having been built away back in 1873.

Having had such cold weather for the past couple of weeks the hydrants were all frozen and water could not be obtained for fully twenty minutes after the hose was laid and of course to help the fire along before the water was obtained

the window was broken entirely out, giving it a good draft, and getting so far ahead by the time the twenty minutes was up that the three streams of water was of practically no use in saving the church of which its walls and associations were very dear to many as within its sacred walls they had taken their first step in that great christian life. The members of the church have the sympathy of the rest of the churches and all outside people. Very little was saved of the furniture, being a few chairs and after three or four efforts Ramsey Chaney entered by a rear window and secured from the back of the pulpit a stereopticon instrument belonging to Rev. W. McIntosh.

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MET

The Council Met Last Friday Evening, Transacted Business of a Routine Nature

The council met in its regular session last Friday evening, all the members being present with the exception of Trustee Stewart. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved the following bills were allowed.
P. F. Connelly, cement work...\$184 88
Pinney Coal Co., coal..... 383 00
Rock Island Railroad, freight 320 11
General Electric Company.... 62 50
Hollowphane Glass Co., shades 3 35
G. E. Mitchell, Hiter hay..... 30
Tuthill Lumber Co. supplies.. 11 92
D. C. Bear, blacksmith work 1 15
W. F. Ramage, drayage..... 2 65
Crabtree Co., merchandise... 6 75
Smallwood, wood and office rent..... 47 45
Gillmore Merchandise Co., merchandise 25 16
A. Peters, labor..... 10 00
The Library Board made their annual report showing that the balance on hand was \$801.66.

THE ANNIHILATION OF DISTANCE

How much nearer to each other the nations of the world seem to be today and really are today than was the case a few decades ago. When weeks and months were required for communication between the United States and Europe the countries of the old world appeared to be a long way off. Now the circumference of old earth is

belted with telegraph and cable lines in every possible direction. That happens today in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America and the great islands of the sea is made known to us tomorrow by the great newspapers like The Chicago Record-Herald, whose foreign correspondents are located in every important city in the world outside of the United States. In addition to its own staff correspondents The Record-Herald enjoys the foreign news service of the New York Herald, famous for many years for the reliability of its foreign news; the New York World, and also of that great cooperative news gathering association, the Associated Press. No other daily newspaper in America possesses facilities so varied and extensive for covering the news of all nations.

ALMOST A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Last Thursday afternoon, January 12, George Sowles came very near having a bad accident while working at the ice pond. He was working the jag while helping put up the summer ice and in some way about six hundred pounds of ice fell, striking one of his arms, bruising the muscles considerable. He was immediately taken to the doctor's office and the wounds dressed. It was quite fortunate for Mr. Sowles that the large amount of ice did not fall directly upon him, causing him to have to remain in a bed for some time.

R. W. PRICHARD DEAD

Just before going to press the sad news reached us that R. W. Prichard, who is employed by the C. St. P. M. & O. R. R., fell from the top of a water tank at Alton, Minn., injuring him so that it was impossible by the aid of the doctor for him to live but about two hours after the accident and he passed away at 1 o'clock. His many friends in this city regret to lose him from their midst.

STEVE MUCK, JR., ARRESTED

Steve Muck Who was Seen Tampering With Mail Boxes Arrested Last Saturday

For some time past it was thought some one had been tampering with the mail in the private boxes of the post office, and Saturday evening Steve Muck was arrested. He was seen to open three or four boxes and then take a letter, open it and throw it in the wast paper basket, which was shortly afterwards picked up. From what can be learned Steve Muck is a member of the well known Muck family which formerly lived at 400 West Seventh street in Sioux City. The family has a history. About a year and one half ago Steve Muck, sr., a blind man, shot his daughter Eva, and then killed himself. The girl although badly wounded, lived and was in Sioux City only a few weeks ago. John Muck alias Frank Peyton is now serving sixteen years in the Jeffersonville penitentiary for numerous burglaries committed in St. Louis. It will perhaps be remembered by some that when he was

first arrested for these burglaries in St. Louis that he confessed to the officers of that city of being the murderer of John Robson. He was then taken back to Sioux City, but when brought into court denied he ever confessed, and it was plain that his confession was only a ruse to escape his Missouri crimes. He believed in going to Sioux City he would be discharged and set free. Instead as soon as conviction was found impossible for the Robson murder, he was taken back to St. Louis and sentenced. Another son, Warren Muck, alias Billy Miller has been arrested in Sioux City a number of times by the police on charges of petty larceny. The Sioux City police at that time did not know that there was a Steve Muck living but as this is the old home of the family he is perhaps one of the same family.

When taken up Saturday evening he was in safe keeping here until the Wednesday afternoon when the United State Marshall arrived from Mankato and taking him back with him where he will have to wait for his hearing which may not go any too easy with him

BANK STATEMENT.

Statement of the condition of State Bank of Worthington, at Worthington, Minn., at close of business on the 11th day of JAN., 1905.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$147,928.42	Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts.....	150.23	Surplus Fund.....	10,000.00
U. S. Bonds 1st Par.....	None	Undivided Profits Net.....	1,339.38
U. S. Bonds 2d Par.....	None	Bills Payable.....	2,500.00
Other Bonds, Stocks and Securities.....	None	Notes Rediscounted.....	None
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....	18,000.00	Deposits Subject to Check.....	88,164.45
Other Real Estate.....	6,000.00	Demand Certificates.....	None
Reverse Stamps.....	None	Certified Checks.....	None
Checks and Drafts in Transit.....	25,071.64	Cashier's Checks.....	3,069.66
Due from Banks.....	83.28	Due Banks.....	4,957.69
Checks and cash items.....	5,782.00	Time Certificates.....	46,899.14
Currency.....	2,085.00		
Gold.....	1,858.77		
Silver.....	2,000.00		
Fractional.....			
Other Resources.....			
Total.....	\$208,949.82	Total.....	\$208,949.82

STATE OF MINNESOTA
County of Nobles, ss.
I, Ned Jones, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
NED JONES, Cashier.
Attest: GEO. O. MOORE,
C. J. SMALLWOOD, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of JAN., 1905.
(SEAL) EDWIN C. WILSON, Notary Public, Nobles Co., Minn.

THE CONGREGATIONAL WHICH WAS BURNED JANUARY 15, 1905.