

# OVER THE NORTHWEST

## SCHOOL BOARD IS ROBBED BY CLERK

State Public Examiner Reports That \$8,000 and Officer Are Missing.

## RANK CARELESSNESS CHARGED

St. Paul, April 29.—After allowing himself to be robbed of more than \$8,000 the board of the independent school district No. 3, village of Lakefield, Jackson county, Minnesota, has awoke and found itself the victim of what is termed by Public Examiner Anton Schaefer "rank carelessness on their own part." Mr. Schaefer is of the opinion that this same thing is going on in other parts of the state, but says his department has been so crippled by the legislature that it is impossible to take these cases up as should be done.

Dr. F. R. Hanson of Lakefield, formerly secretary of the school board and for a time district clerk, has decamped for parts unknown, and if he is caught he will be called upon to answer for the shortage and matters that look distinctly bad.

Had Full Swing. Assistant Public Examiner J. A. Cederburg has just issued his report to Mr. Schaefer, and reports a shortage of the school funds of \$8,232.78. So loose have matters been run, he reports, that not even a bond was filed by the treasurer, who was merely a "wall flower" of the board, allowing the secretary to do as he pleased.

In part the report states: "The business methods employed were very loose. The secretary seems to have been running the business to suit himself without interference. It has been possible for him to use the school district funds to pay his own bills and he has made extensive use of his opportunity. He has issued false and fraudulent school warrants, securing money and procuring goods for himself."

It is probable that County Attorney J. A. Mansfield, who has been investigating the situation will call on the board to make good the loss, and prosecutions may follow.

## GRABS ALLEGED FORGER.

Merchant Seizes Man Accused of Forging Alderman's Name.

Aberdeen, S. D., April 29.—Albert Cross, who says his home is Indiana, was bound over to await the action of the circuit court yesterday on a forgery charge. Cross, it is alleged, passed a number of bogus checks on Aberdeen merchants, in each instance presenting a check for a sum ranging from \$15 to \$30. Cross made a purchase in the Lauerman shoe store while the proprietor was absent, presenting a check purporting to be signed by Ald. Ira Kruger. When Mr. Lauerman saw the check he went out on the street to call an officer; saw Cross and grabbed him, holding him until a policeman arrived.

## SWINE KILL GIRL IN PASTURE.

Another North Dakota Woman, Attacked by Bull, Battles for Life.

Fargo, N. D., April 29.—The mutilated remains of Miss Elizabeth Wood of Elkton are reported at Flaxton to have been found in a hog pasture. It is thought she was attacked and killed by the swine.

Attacked by an estray bull, Mrs. Z. R. Davidson, the wife of a farmer near Wolford, had a battle for her life. By hanging to the ears of the animal she managed to save herself from fatal injury until she could dodge into an open doorway of the barn, where she lay badly injured until her husband returned.

## Falls Three Stories; Not Hurt.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 29.—J. A. Wallace had a miraculous escape from death at the local exposition. Mistaking decorations of hunting for a substantial guard rail, Mr. Wallace fell backwards down an elevator shaft, dropping three stories, and landing in a basket of chinaware on the first floor. He escaped with only a few cuts and scratches.

## Young Burglar Gets Twenty Years.

Onawa, Iowa, April 29.—Lloyd Allen and Fred de Rand, boys who pleaded guilty to stealing \$1,000 worth of jewelry from local stores, were sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary by Judge Gould. They made a thrilling escape from the jail before they were sentenced, but a posse caught them after a long chase.

## MILL IS WRECKED; FIVE MEN KILLED

Lumber Plant at Kerrick, Minn., Is Razed by Explosion of Boiler.

## MEN ARE HURLED SIXTY FEET

Kerrick, Minn., April 29.—Five killed and five seriously injured resulted from the explosion of a boiler in the McGrath & Hogan sawmill here yesterday. The dead are:

Ernest Whitaker, unmarried, but the principal support of a family.

Henry Bentz, married and father of five children.

Harry Abbott, married.

Arvid Berglund, single.

Oscar Rorstrum, single.

The injured: Homer Martin, Patrick Williamson, Joseph McGrath, Albert Leyman and man whose identity is unknown.

## Hurled Sixty Feet.

The men were employed in the mill when the explosion occurred, and two of those killed were hurled sixty feet. The building was torn to pieces, and that the five men injured escaped is considered miraculous.

The engineer was in the engine pit and the force of the explosion passed above his head. He escaped with no injury other than the effects of the terrific shock his awful experience gave him.

The boiler of the mill was inspected last October, and the proprietors were told that they might with safety add additional pressure, which, however was not done.

The injured men are expected to survive and all escaped extensive maiming.

## MUST MOVE STOCK YARDS.

Faribault Wins Suit Against Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

Faribault, Minn., April 29.—Judge Buckham of the district court yesterday handed down a decision in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway stock yards case. The city some time ago served notice on the company to remove their yards to a more remote distance, and they refused to comply and carried the matter into the courts. The judge decided in favor of the city, and the defendants will be obliged to remove their yards causing a large expenditure.

## BARGAIN LAND RUSH NEARS END

Best Tracts in the Tripp County Lottery Have Been Filled Upon.

Gregory, S. D., April 29.—The rush for Uncle Sam's bargain land in Tripp county is about over. There are over 3,800 tracts in this country open to entry, and about 1,500 have been taken. In the 1,500 are included the most desirable land. Indications now are that when the full 6,000 numbers are called there will still be some 160 acre tracts left. These will go over until next fall, when they will be disposed of at \$4.50 an acre.

## CATHOLIC BISHOP RESIGNS.

Rt. Rev. John Stariha Withdrawal Accepted by the Pope.

Lead, S. D., April 29.—Public announcement has been made that Rt. Rev. John Stariha sent his resignation to the pope last month and it was accepted. Bishop Stariha, who has been in charge of this diocese for seven years, has been in failing health for some time, and last year removed to Hot Springs. Next month he will return to his home in Austria to rest.

## FIRE IN DES MOINES.

Many Lives Endangered in \$200,000 Blaze.

Des Moines, April 29.—Fire early yesterday destroyed the Boody block, the Meek block and the Martindale flats, in the heart of the business district, entailing a loss of \$200,000. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion of a paint stock in the Boody building. Many people narrowly escaped.

## FIRE LOSS \$75,000.

Explosion in Furniture Store Causes Severe Blaze.

Fond du Lac, Wis., April 29.—Fire caused by an explosion at the Winnebago Furniture company plant yesterday destroyed the warehouse and finishing department. Loss, \$75,000. Every window in the court house, one block away was shattered by the concussion.

## RUNS AMUCK WITH MAYOR.

Albert Lea Plumber Under Arrest for Resisting Officer.

Albert Lea, Minn., April 28.—Albert Lea is supplied with a sensation by an encounter between Mayor Greene and a plumber named Bickford, and the latter has been placed under arrest, charged with resisting an officer. Mr. Bickford was about to excavate in the street for water pipes, and the mayor asked to see his permit, which was not forthcoming, and work was ordered stopped. Hence the encounter. There is a prospect that the matter will be aired in court.

## HEAVY WIND AT BARNESVILLE.

Heavy Clouds of Dust Cause Darkness to Reign in Town.

Barnesville, Minn., April 28.—The worst dust and wind storm in years struck this place Monday afternoon, the dense clouds of dust completely obscuring the sun from view. The wind blew a gale of thirty-five miles an hour and filled the business places and residences with fine particles. The storm is believed to have covered a large area.

## H. D. SMITH DIES AT APPLETON.

Banker and Paper Manufacturer Summoned After Long Illness.

Appleton, Wis., April 28.—Henry D. Smith, former president of the Wisconsin Bankers' association and treasurer of the Wisconsin Traction, Heat, Light and Power company, president of the Riverside Fiber and Paper company, died at his home in this city yesterday at the age of sixty-seven years, after a lingering illness.

## COMMISSION IS NAMED.

St. Paul, April 28.—W. E. McEwen of St. Paul, George Gillette and H. V. Mercer, the two latter of Minneapolis, have been named by Gov. Johnson as the commission authorized by the legislature for the compilation of data looking to the presentation of an employers' liability act to the next legislature.

## BOY KILLS HIS BROTHER.

Eckman, N. D., April 28.—Bryan Boll, the thirteen-year-old son of Charles Boll, was shot through the lungs and killed by his brother Roy, aged fifteen years, while they were hunting gophers. Roy thought there was a blank cartridge in the gun and pointing at his brother said he was going to shoot him.

## Liquor Violator Jailed.

Albert Lea, Minn., April 28.—A. H. Wallin, agent in this city for the Waverly Brewing company of Waverly, Iowa, was arrested for selling liquor without a license, and when arraigned before Justice Stacy pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 or ninety days in the county jail. He was committed to the county jail in default of payment of the fine.

## Factory Men Fined.

Stillwater, April 28.—P. J. Karpen, factory inspector of the state labor bureau and state truant agent, made examples in the municipal court yesterday morning of persons violating the compulsory education law. Two prominent owners of wooden box factories and a father of a truant boy were fined \$5 each for violating the law.

## Age Bar to Job; Man Hangs Self.

Minneapolis, April 27.—Told by the boss at a lumber mill where he applied for employment that he was too old to work, Napoleon Pleasant, aged sixty years, went into the woods at Thirty-sixth avenue north and Fourth street and hanged himself to the limb of a tree.

## Attorney Asks \$10,000 Fee.

Eau Claire, Wis., April 28.—John Wickham of this city, for his services as special assistant counsel for the city in the two and a half years' litigation to get possession of the water works plant, which litigation came out successfully for the city, has rendered a bill of \$10,000.

## Shoots Wife; Kills Self.

Detroit, Mich., April 27.—Benjamin Kraft shot his wife, probably fatally, last night at a boarding house, wounded the landlady in the arm, fired wildly at the police who arrived on the scene and then committed suicide. The shooting resulted from divorce proceedings.

## Target Practice for Militia.

Washington, April 28.—Instruction and practice of militia batteries and target practice will be held at an encampment of regulars at Sparta, Wis., in July and August, in which batteries of state troops will be drilled by army officers.

# CONGRESS

## Resume of the Week's Proceedings.

Washington, April 22.—Substantial progress was made by the senate in the consideration of the tariff bill. No senator being prepared to speak on the bill as a whole, the reading of the measure by paragraphs was begun. The reading was frequently interrupted by the discussion of amendments, and only eighteen pages of the bill were disposed of. Senator Cummins presented his income tax provision and discussed it at length.

Washington, April 23.—Republican criticism on the pending tariff bill on the ground that its rates were too high were prominent in the senate yesterday when Senator Nelson of Minnesota and Senator Dolliver of Iowa attacked various schedules.

Under the guise of discussing the duty on gas retorts a general debate on the tariff was indulged in by Democratic senators, Senator Bailey of Texas taking occasion to say that the bill was discriminatory against the South.

The house was in session for forty minutes yesterday, but took no action on the census bill, the only important business which it had before it for consideration.

Washington, April 24.—The first reading of the tariff bill for consideration of committee amendments was concluded when the senate adjourned yesterday. According to an agreement made when the reading was begun every paragraph of the entire bill will be subject to amendment when it is taken up for final consideration. While the whole measure is thus subject to further revision, all concede that substantial progress has been made. There will be no return to many of the schedules.

There was comparatively little debate on the measure yesterday.

Washington, April 27.—Denouncing the principle of a protective tariff as unfair in taking money from one man to give it to another in order to encourage him in the pursuit of an otherwise unprofitable business, Senator Bailey of Texas yesterday delivered a set speech on the Democratic side in opposition to the pending tariff bill. Both the floor and the galleries were crowded.

Washington, April 28.—In the last half of his two-day speech Senator Bailey devoted nearly three hours in the senate yesterday to a discussion of the legal aspects of his income tax amendment to the tariff bill, citing numerous cases and authorities to maintain the view that such a law would be constitutional.

Mr. Scott spoke upon the tariff with especial reference to its effect upon the South.

## WATER POWER SITES SAFE.

Secretary Ballinger to Have Laws Passed to Protect Resources.

Washington, April 29.—A highly important announcement was made by Secretary of Interior Ballinger yesterday bearing on the subject of conservation of water power and protection of water power sites. It shows that the administration is fully alive to the importance of protecting water power sites throughout the country.

Secretary Ballinger has ordered the director of the geological survey to make at once an investigation of water power sites within the public domain and not in forest reserves, with a view to preventing legislation to protect these from falling into the hands, as the order says, of a monopolistic and speculative interest.

## BATTLESHIP IN FIRE PERIL.

Blaze Discovered Under Bows of Florida in Navy Yard.

New York, April 29.—Some excitement was created in the New York navy yard in Brooklyn yesterday when fire was discovered under the bows of the splendid new battleship Florida, which is under construction there. Investigation showed that the ways had caught fire, probably from a hot rivet dropped by one of the workmen.

An orderly who discovered the fire and a sentry used a chemical extinguisher to such good effect that the fire engines on arrival had nothing to do. Work was resumed as usual on the battleship.

## MILK GOES UP A CENT.

City Council May Attempt to "Bust" Alleged Combine.

La Crosse, Wis., April 29.—La Crosse Milk Dealers' association yesterday announced an advance from 6 to 7 cents per quart for milk, to take effect May 1. It is declared the city council will oppose the advance as an agreement in restraint of trade and as the arbitrary fixing of prices upon necessities.

# MONTANA NEWS

## MEN OF BUTTE AROUSED.

Will Ask for Special Legislative Session if Gamblers Evade Law.

If the interests back of the attempts to evade the provisions of the anti-pool room law by subterfuge continue in their endeavor and are upheld by the courts on a technicality, the Business Men's association of Butte will not only petition the governor to call an extra session of the legislature to enact the New York anti-pool room and racing bill, but will give such movement their earnest support.

The enactment of such a law will not only deal a death blow to the pool rooms, but will affect racing as well. Such was the sentiment at a meeting of the association, when a resolution condemning the efforts of the pool room interests to evade the law was passed unanimously.

The pool rooms, by telegraphing bets outside of the state over wires of a specially incorporated telegraph company, are attempting to operate. The cases of seven operators under arrest are now being heard.

## TWO HUNDRED SHEEP KILLED.

Flocks Raided Again by Cattlemen in Otter Creek Country.

Word has been received that 200 sheep belonging to Peter Sorenson of Miles City, which were being ruin in the Otter creek country by Charles Huckins, were killed a few days ago either by being shot or struck over the head with clubs.

The herder, named Russ, is missing. Russ' bed was found at his camp, and it is thought he may have been done away with. Mr. Huckins kept the matter quiet, thinking to discover the guilty party, but the story is now out and the perpetrators of the deed have not been found.

It was in the Otter creek country that 2,100 sheep belonging to R. R. Selway were killed with clubs about nine years ago. The culprits were never apprehended and their identity is a mystery to this day, notwithstanding there is a standing reward of \$5,000 for their apprehension.

## ELECTRIC LINE STARTED.

Ground Broken at Bozeman for First Interurban Road in Montana.

Exercises were held at Bozeman and the first ground broken for the bed of the interurban electric line which will be built from Bozeman to Selleville, a distance of twenty-five miles. This is the first interurban line to be built in Montana. H. S. Buell, president of the company, presided at the exercises and steered the plow with which the first furrow was broken.

Miss Vera Anderson, daughter of Charles B. Anderson, secretary of the railway company, broke the bottle of champagne over the plow beam and christened the new road. The regimental band of the state college furnished music. The speakers were B. T. Stanton, state railroad commissioner; Judge E. K. Cheadle of Ferngus county, and Walter S. Hartman of Bozeman.

## COMPLAINANT RELENTS.

Offers to Go on Bail Bond of Man He Was Prosecuting.

When Louis Radech saw his old friend Nick Papach before the court at Butte he relented, and despite the fact that a charge of grand larceny had been preferred against Papach by him, he wanted to go on the bail bond of the prisoner. His offer was not accepted, however, and another man signed the \$250 bond. Radich accused Papach of stealing money intrusted to his care.

## FIRST PASSENGER FROM COAST.

Milwaukee Now Running Trains From the Pacific to Montana Points.

Chief Engineer Pearson of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad arrived in Missoula from the west in the first passenger train to be run between Missoula and the coast. Through passenger service from Minneapolis to the coast will probably be started about July 1.

## Stock Growers End Convention.

The Montana stock growers' meeting at Miles City has been adjourned. Officers elected were: G. F. Ingersoll, president; David Fratt, G. B. Kirby, first and second vice presidents; W. G. Prentiss, secretary.

Resolutions were adopted indorsing the agricultural department and animal and meat inspection laws of the government; asking congress for a law prohibiting the advancement of railroad rates except upon approval of the interstate commerce commission, after a notice to interested persons, who shall have a chance to complain; asking for a law for the surrendering of unused marks and brands.

One hundred and forty-three new members were added, making the total membership 616.