SHORT NEWS STORIES.

"Dry Dollars" as a Pass Getter—When Bryan Hit the Ball—Towne's New Title.

Senator Tim Sullivan, as a procurer of railroad passes from even the most parsimonious of railroads, is without an equal. He has the ability to get at the right men in the railroad offices while other political leaders stand and kick their toes in the anterooms of private secretaries. Here is a little incident of the way in which the senator works things to the benefit of his constituents who may either want to travel or who have a friend who does, and who objects to paying the regular railroad schedule. The senator handed to the proper party at one of the railroad offices the other day a list of names of men to whom he wished passes issued. There were about 30 of them in all.

"Oh, I say, senator, isn't this putting it a little strong?" asked he to whom the list was presented. "There are 30 names here. Our folks will not stand for that many passes in one day, you know. You'd better cut it in half."

"All right, colonel," cheerily responded the senator. "Cut it down then."

The list was handed to a clerk with instructions to pare the list down by half, and give the senator passes for the remainder. The senator eyed the clerk as he took the big blue pencil and began chopping out the names here and there.

"Hold on a bit," shouted the senator. "Don't bear on so hard with that pencil or I won't be able to make out the names you have scratched out."

"What difference does that make, senator?" innocently queried the clerk, as he halted in his work.

"Why, I want that list back, and tomorrow I'll come in and get the passes for those you don't issue them to today. See?"—New York Times.

When Bryan Hit the Ball.

An interesting story which was related in the cloakroom of the house the other day is one of the hitherto untold stories of the late campaign. It seems that out at Lincoln, Neb., there is a golf course. It extends over a beautiful bit of Nebraska rolling prairie and is visible from the road that runs from W. J. Bryan's farm to Lincoln. Every day during the summer and fall before Bryan left his home for his stumping tour he would stand and watch the players. With his love of hunting and all outdoor sports, Bryan felt interested in the game and wished that he, too, could be out upon the links. One day the tempter came to him in the shape of a visitor with a bag of golf clubs. Bryan examined the outfit with much interest. Finally the visitor placed the little white ball upon the ground and taking a club in his hand showed Bryan how to swing and drive the ball. Bryan glanced around. No one was looking. He took the club in his hand, made one or two preliminary motions and then struck the ball. It soared into the air with a whiz and landed somewhere in the next county. A look of conscious pride came over Bryan's face. "You see," he said, "I can do it."

"Why don't you play?" asked his visitor.

Bryan shook his head. "I can't," he said. "It wouldn't do. They would make fun of me all over the country. If I wasn't a presidential candidate"—

The rest of the sentence was not completed, but it indicated that what Bryan would do to a golf ball would be a-plenty.—Washington Letter.

IT SOARED INTO THE AIR.

Towne's New Title.

Minnesota's new senator, Charles A. Towne, tells a story about his first experiences as a wearer of the toga. He received a telegram early one morning in Duluth, and opening it found he had been appointed senator and had been requested to go to Washington as soon as possible. He resolved to leave at once and stepping to his residence telephone called up the head baggage smasher of a certain railroad.

"Hello," said Mr. Towne in a businesslike way.

"Hello, senator," was the quick response.

"I was taken off my feet for a moment" said Senator Towne in talking about the incident, "for he was the first to use my new title, and I had forgotten that I had a right to be so designated. He knew me so well that he knew my voice."

The Paris National library, which now today over 2,000,000 volumes, was opened in 1645, with 1,500 volumes. It includes today, among other things, about 300,000 volumes relating to French history and 215,000 volumes relating to the history of other countries.

WORK OF CONGRESS.

Thursday, Jan. 3.

SENATE—Shipping subsidy bill displaced and the army reorganization bill made the unfinished business.

HOUSE—Attempt made to pass a resolution to investigate the alleged disfranchisement of negroes in the South.

Friday, Jan. 4.

HOUSE—Day spent in filibustering against the Olmstead resolution relating to the franchise in the South. It was finally referred to the committee on census.

SENATE—Army reorganization bill discussed, the debate taking a wide range.

Saturday, Jan. 5.

SENATE—Day devoted to the army reorganization bill. The committee amendments to which no objection had been raised were agreed to, but none of the contested amendments was considered.

HOUSE—Reapportionment bill under consideration. The feature of the debate was a 2-hour speech by Littlefield of Maine in favor of an increase of membership.

Monday, Jan. 7.

SENATE—Army reorganization bill under discussion. Speech by Mr. Lodge in support the feature of the day.

HOUSE—Reapportionment bill under discussion.

SAMUEL TILDEN CLUB.

Cleveland, Hill, Lamont and Others to Become Members.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The Journal and Advertiser says:

Grover Cleveland, David B. Hill, Daniel S. Lamont, William F. Sheehan, William C. Whitney, Jacob A. Canter and other Democrats, are announced, to become members of the Samuel J. Tilden club, with headquarters at Broadway and Seventy-seven street, articles of incorporation of which have just been filed by Joseph Leventritt in the supreme court.

The club, as declared by those who are promoting its interests, is to be a pioneer in the movement suggested by Grover Cleveland for the "reorganization of the Democracy and to perpetuate true Democratic principles throughout the United States." It is to be a national as well as a state and local institution and will seek to have nominated for office only "sound money" Democrats, running on "old-fashioned" Democratic platforms.

SAYS AGUINALDO IS DEAD.

Secret but Trustworthy Information in Letters From the Philippines.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, who is now staying at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, has received information from secret sources in the Philippines to the effect that Aguinaldo is dead and that his death occurred no less than six weeks ago. The news has been kept secret by Aguinaldo's followers, it is said, for the purpose of prolonging the rebellion, since it was believed that the news of the chief's death would cause such discouragement and alarm that an utter capitulation would result.

Des Moines Society Man Suicides.

DES MOINES, Jan. 8.—A private telegram from Grand Island, Neb., states that Harry Prouty, a young society leader and son of Captain Prouty, a prominent business man of Des Moines, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head while in a hotel.

LATE MARKET REPORT.

Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, Jan. 8.

WHEAT—Cash No. 1 hard 77c, No. 1 Northern 75c, No. 2 Northern 65@70¾c, No. 3 spring 56⅝@63¾c. To Arrive—No. 1 hard 78c, No. 1 Northern 76c, May 76c, July 80c.

FLAX—To arrive $1.60½, cash $1.60½, May $1.66½, September $1.10.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 8.

WHEAT—In Store—Cash 76⅝c, May 77⅞c, July 74⅛c On Track—No. 1 hard 79⅝c, No. 1 Northern 77⅝c, No. 2 Northern 73⅞@75⅛c.

Sioux City Live Stock.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 8.

CATTLE—Market steady.

Sales ranged at $4.25@5.25 for beeves, $3.25@3.75 for cows, bulls and mixed, $3.75@4.00 for stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.00 for calves and yearlings.

HOGS—Market 5@10c higher. Range of prices $5.00@5.10.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Jan. 8.

HOGS—Market opened 10@12½c higher, closed strong at the advance. Range of prices, $4.50@5.15.

CATTLE—Market in good demand at steady prices.

Sales ranged at $4.50@5.25 for good to choice butcher steers, $3.40@3.90 for good to choice butcher cows and heifers, $3.00@4.00 for choice corn-fed bulls, $4.50@5.75 for choice veals.

SHEEP—Market in good demand and prices steady.

Sales ranged at $4.50@5.10 for lambs, $3.60@4.00 for sheep.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.

CATTLE—Market steady.

Sales ranged at $5.35@6.15 for good to prime steers, $3.65@5.25 for poor to medium, $2.75@4.40 for stockers and feeders, $2.65@4.50 for cows and heifers, $2.30@4.90 for Texas steers.

HOGS—Market 10c higher.

Sales ranged at $4.95@5.20 for mixed and butchers, $5.05@5.15 for good to choice heavy, $4.90@5.00 for rough heavy, $4.90@5.20 for light. Bulk of sales $5.00@5.15.

SHEEP—Market steady to 10c higher.

Sales ranged at $3.40@4.70 for sheep, $4.90@5.75 for lambs.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.

WHEAT—January [illegible], February [illegible], May [illegible].

CORN—January [illegible], February 37⅝c, March [illegible], May [illegible].

OATS—January 26⅝c, February 26⅝c, May [illegible].

PORK—January $12.90, May $12.70.

FLAX—Cash No. 1 [illegible], January $1.08, May $1.08.

POULTRY—Dressed turkeys 8c, chickens 5c.

BUTTER—Creameries, fancy, delicious [illegible].

NEWS CONDENSATIONS.

Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Ebenezer Upham, a well known newspaper publisher, is dead at Jamestown, N. Y.

The marriage of Queen Wilhelmina to Duke Henry of Mecklenberg-Schwerin has been officially fixed for Feb. 7, 1901.

Four new cases of smallpox were reported to the New York board of health Monday. They are all residents of Brooklyn.

J. W. Bell, engineer, was killed, and John Scott, fireman, fatally injured, by the derailing of a Chicago and Northwestern locomotive at Barrington, Ills.

Leander D. Parker, general superintendent of the Postal Telegraph company, has resigned and E. J. Mally, assistant general superintendent, has been appointed to the office.

The proposition for the purchase of the island of St. Thomas by the United States is opposed in Porto Rico. Porto Ricans want a West Indian naval station established at San Juan.

Thursday, Jan. 3.

The duke of York has been gazetted a rear admiral.

Secretary Hay is again indisposed and is confined to his home.

Mrs. Anna Morris Holstein, a famous army nurse, is dead at her home in Red Hill, Pa.

Madame Adelina Patti confirms the report that she is negotiating for the sale of Crag-y-Nos castle, her residence in Wales.

Mr. Kruger is suffering from a slight attack of bronchitis. While there is no anxiety as to his condition, he is obliged to keep to his bed.

The gold production of Oregon for the year 1900 amounted to $3,770,000. The lumber output of the state for the year amounted to 898,160,000 feet.

The Brussels Etoile Belgile announces that the health of Queen Marie Henrietta has been impaired and that she suffers constantly from bronchitis.

Friday, Jan. 4.

The Turkish census for 1900 indicates that the population is 55,000,000.

Queen Victoria has appointed the Duke of York commander-in-chief of the Royal marines.

John Gordon, for years general manager of the J. J. Hill steamboat interests of the Great Lakes, is dead.

United States Consul Wildman at Hong Kong has been granted a leave of absence and will return to the United States immediately for the benefit of his health.

The social season of the new year at the White House was opened Wednesday when President and Mrs. McKinley gave a dinner in honor of the cabinet and their ladies.

The worst snow storm since the winter of 1889-90 throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California raged all day Wednesday. Telegraph and telephone communication has been paralyzed.

Saturday, Jan. 5.

The first cargo of American coal for Russian warships has cleared Norfolk, Va., in the British steamship Ferdinde for Port Arthur.

Peter Fossett (colored), who was the body servant of Thomas Jefferson, died at Cincinnati Thursday. He was born at Monticello, Va., in 1815.

The Metropolitan English Grand Opera company, which is filling a two weeks engagement at Chicago, will cut short its tour and close the season at Washington, Jan. 26.

The American Sugar Refining company has reduced the prices of all grades of refined sugar 10 points and the National Sugar Refining company has made a cut of 5 points.

Edward T. Platt, elder son of United States Senator Platt, has been elected general superintendent and manager of the United States Express company. Senator Platt is president.

Monday, Jan. 7.

The tieup in the Northern Colorado coal fields is still complete.

The business portion of St. Anthony, Ia., has been destroyed by fire.

The men employed at the mines of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company at Gallup, N. M., have struck.

The navy department has issued the order announcing the retirement of Rear Admiral Kautz, to take effect Jan. 29.

Hamburg's shipping business last year showed fewer vessels arriving and sailing, but a quarter of a million increase in tonnage.

Preparatory to the introduction of machine guns the German military boards are experimenting with a view of adapting the ordinary army cartridges of the 1888 rifles to the guns.

A letter of holiday greetings from Helen Gould to the sick soldiers at the Presidio has been received at the general hospital and printed copies of the missive will be distributed to the men.

Tuesday, Jan. 8.

President McKinley has a slight cold and is denying himself to all callers.

Ex-Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho has been nominated by the joint caucus for United States senator.

Captain J. D. Balloch, a famous agent of the Confederates during the American Civil war, is dead at Liverpool.

Brigadier General James Cavanaugh is dying from old age at his home in Brooklyn. He has been ill for several weeks.

Secretary Hay is still indisposed, and although his cold has abated, it was not deemed prudent for him to go to his office.

Secretary Gage has sent to the house a list of appropriations aggregating $1,000,000 for continuation of the work on the United States penitentiary and courthouse building at Chicago for the fiscal year 1902.

PROFITS OF NOVELISTS.

Twenty years ago Mr. Howells publicly said that it would be possible to seat at a small table every man in this country who was clearing $5,000 a year net from literary work.

Since then I have heard the returns from a single successful novel placed at $50,000. Knowing the circulation which it had had and the usual royalties, the statement seems not imprudent. To the sales, which make a return of from $20,000 to $25,000 off a single novel, there is now not unusually added the still large wage paid to the novelist whose fiction becomes the basis of a successful play.

Not long since Mr. Charles Frohman said in substance that it was nonsense to turn anywhere except to a novel for a play, since it cost from $15,000 to $20,000 to make a play known, and the novel had already accomplished this without effort and without expense. No wage in literary life is comparable to that of the playwright. Not all novels dramatized succeed, but when a dramatized novel runs through the year, as nearly a dozen have done in the past five years, the return to the author will average about $500 a week while the play is upon the boards. After making from $25,000 to $30,000 from a single novel the author may then obtain as much more during each of the years in which the play based upon it holds the stage.

It would be invidious to gossip over names, but there are two recent plays which must have yielded to the novelist-playwright from $75,000 to $100,000, or half the sum earned by Trollope in a lifetime of laborious romance.—Talcott Williams in American Review of Reviews.

William Penn's Rock.

The low land surrounding the famous Rock House, on East Penn street, Germantown, is being filled in with earth. The rock on which this building stands is the one from which William Penn preached of old, the people of Philadelphia assembling in great crowds every Sunday morning to hear him. The rock was then very high. Penn spoke from a towering eminence, but it is now almost completely covered, new earth having been dumped on all that meadow land where, during the Revolution, the British cavalry were encamped. The old Rock House was built, some say, in 1682 by Gerhard Hendricks, but there is another story to the effect that Isaac Shoemaker erected it with his own hands in 1690, and over this matter many heated archæological arguments still go on in Germantown. The house is known variously as the Rock House, Rock Hall, Shoemaker's House and Hendricks' House. There was some talk years ago of tearing it down, but such a storm of protest thereupon arose that the idea was abandoned.—Philadelphia Record.

Senatorial Luxury.

Talk about oriental luxury! It would make the late Representative Holman of Indiana turn over in his grave to read the account which the senate has just paid for decorating and furnishing the room of the senate committee on finance. For genuine richness observe these items:

Painting walls and ceilings	$693
Stucco ornaments	185
New marble mantel	220
Mahogany bookcases	340
Mahogany wardrobe	238
Five pairs plush curtains	625
Wilton carpets	460
One mahogany table	185
One mahogany desk	145
One dozen mahogany chairs	456
Four easy chairs	240
One sofa	120
One mahogany desk	165

These are only a few of the principal items. In short, it cost $4,700 to decorate and furnish the room in which the senate committee on finance meets.

Nearly $5,000 to decorate one room. This ought to give the economical statesman a cold chill.—Washington Post.

Likely to Cause Trouble.

It is said that France is trying to buy 100,000 square miles of land from Brazil. The Monroe doctrine declares that the western hemisphere is no longer open to colonization by European powers. The colonies which they already held they could retain without infringing the Monroe doctrine, though they have since lost most of them. But they cannot, consistently with the established policy of this country, acquire new colonies or add to those they had before. The traditional policy of this country, therefore, would not permit France to acquire from Brazil a colony twice as large as England and half as large as France. If this were once permitted, the Monroe doctrine would no longer be respected by other European powers.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Look Into the Future.

When all freight traffic has been banished to underground railways and the automobile has displaced the horse for surface travel, nearly the entire street between the pavements can be devoted to green turf. Offices of the twentieth and following centuries may be free from dust and the vile odors arising from animal traffic. The automobile moving machine may be substituted for the sweeping machine, to the great improvement of health and increase of enjoyment of citizens.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Men Made Marriage Up.

The redheaded girl continues to cause to be the front. It was a redheaded American stenographer who received 113 proposals of marriage in the Paris exposition, and in a New York land office a man who advertised for a stenographer and some girl clerks all with red hair, says he received more than proposals they are legion, from other girls, but those clerks were all he employed, because they are better than other girls. And those clerks were all married within a year to get married themselves.

ORDER FOR CREDITORS TO PRESENT CLAIMS ETC.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, } ss.
COUNTY OF MORRISON.

In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of Paul Hesch, Deceased.

Letters testamentary on the estate of said deceased being this day granted unto Mary Hesch, of said county.

It is ordered, that all claims and demands of all persons against said estate be presented to this court for examination and allowance at the probate office, in the court house, in Little Falls, in said county, on Saturday, the 9th day of June, 1901 at 10 o'clock a. m.

It is further ordered, that six months from the 8th day of December, 1900, be allowed to creditors to present their claims against said estate, at the expiration of which time all claims not presented to said court, or not proven to its satisfaction shall be forever barred, unless for cause shown further time be allowed.

Ordered further, that notice of the time and place of the hearing and examination of said claims and demands shall be given by publishing this order once in each week for three successive weeks in the Little Falls Herald a weekly newspaper printed and published in said county.

Dated at Little Falls, Minn., this 13th day of October 1900

By the Court;

N. RICHARDSON,
Judge of Probate

ORDER TO EXAMINE ACCOUNTS, ETC

STATE OF MINNESOTA, } ss.
COUNTY OF MORRISON.

In Probate Court.

In the matter of the estate of George Zormeier, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of J. W. Wolter, administrator of the estate of George Zormeier deceased, representing, among other things, that he has fully administered said estate, and has in good faith paid certain debts and claims against said estate which have not been proved nor allowed, and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing his account of his administration, including said debts and claims so paid by him and not proved or allowed and for the assignment of the residue of said estate to the parties entitled thereto by law.

It is ordered, that said account be examined, and petition and application for the allowance of said claims and debts so paid by him and not yet allowed according to law, be heard by this court, on Saturday, the 5th day of January A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the probate office in Little Falls in said county.

And it is Further Ordered, That notice of the time and place of said hearing be given to all persons interested, by publishing this order once in each week for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing, in the Little Falls Herald a weekly newspaper printed and published at Little Falls in said County.

Dated at Little Falls the 12th day of December A. D. 1900.

By the Court,

N. RICHARDSON.
Judge of Probate.

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION PERIOD.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, } ss.
COUNTY OF MORRISON.

To J. Anderson:

Take notice that the following described piece or parcel of land, situated in the county of Morrison and state of Minnesota to-wit:

The south one-half of the northeast quarter of Section eight. Township one hundred twenty-seven. Range thirty-one (S½ of ne¼ Sec. 8-127-31-11) was on the first day of May, A. D, 1893, bid in for the State for the sum of twelve dollars and eighteen cents, pursuant to a real estate tax judgment entered in the district court in the said county of Morrison on the twenty-first day of March, A. D., 1893, in proceedings to force payment of taxes delinquent upon real estate for the year 1891 for the said county of Morrison and was on the twenty-fourth day of July, A. D. 1899, assigned by the state of Minnesota for ninety-two dollars and eighty-seven cents. That the amount required to redeem such lands from such assignment, exclusive of the costs to accrue upon this notice, is the said sum of ninety-two dollars and eighty-seven cents, with interest thereon at the rate of one per cent per month from said twenty-fourth day of July, 1899 to the time of such redemption and delinquent taxes, penalties and costs accruing subsequent to said assignment, with interest thereon to the time of such redemption, as follows:

Taxes of 1898 and 99 paid, amount $15.19; back interest on said land up to and including 1901, amount paid $24.38, and the time within which said land can be redeemed from said assignment will expire sixty days after service of this notice and proof of the service of the same has been filed in my office in manner prescribed by Section 37 of Chapter 6, General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1897, and amendments thereto.

Dated at Little Falls this eighteenth day of December, A. D., 1900.

(SEAL) H. N. HARDING,
Auditor Morrison County, Minn.

ORDER TO HEAR PETITION FOR LICENSE TO SELL LAND OF MINOR.

STATE OF MINNESOTA } ss.
COUNTY OF MORRISON

In Probate Court, Special Term January 3rd, 1901.

In the matter of the Guardianship of Minnie Kaefal, minor.

On reading and filing the petition of J. L. Meyer, guardian of said minor, representing among other things, that the said Ward is seized of an interest in a certain real estate in the e½ of the ne¼ of Sec. 29, T. 39, R. 30 in Morrison county and that for the benefit of said Ward the same should be sold, and praying for license to sell the same; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court, from said petition, that for the benefit of said Ward said real estate should be sold,

It is ordered, That all persons interested in said estate, appear before this court, on Saturday, the 26th day of January, A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the court house in Little Falls in said county, then and there to show cause, (if any there be) why license should not be granted for the sale of said real estate, according to the prayer of said petition.

And it is further ordered, That this order shall be published once in each week for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing, in the Little Falls Herald, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Little Falls, in said county.

Dated at Little Falls, the 3rd day of Jan., A. D., 1901.

By the Court,

(SEAL) N. RICHARDSON,
Judge of Probate.

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is now completed and we are turning out the finest class of Pictures made in this city. We are happy to announce this to the public and to our many friends. Here after the SOLEN PHOTOS are the best. They have stood the test for nine years and will stand more than any other work. If you want the best call at SOLEN BROS., Tenney Blk.

Highest cash Price paid for Furs of all kinds at Barney Burton's.

NEWS IN MINNESOTA

The state begins the new century with $13,846,529 in the permanent school fund.

James P. Rochford, aged over 70 years, and an old settler of Austin, was found frozen to death last week.

The Hennepin paper mill at Little Falls was burned early Monday morning. The loss will probably run close to $75,000.

Dr. William Atherton, one of Hastings' old and prominent citizens, is dead from pneumonia, after a brief illness, aged 78 years.

Dr. A. A. Ames was inaugurated mayor of Minneapolis Monday. One of his first acts was to dismiss 105 members of the police force.

The report of the Winona postoffice for the calendar year of 1900 shows a revenue of $39,857.25. This is an increase in revenue over the previous year of $3,670.98.

Orville Brown, a well known Minnesota pioneer and newspaper publisher, is dead. Mr. Brown was 90 years old, and was born at Pierrepont Manor, N. Y. He came to Minnesota in 1855.

John Eliason committed suicide by shooting, in his cabin a few miles south of Tower. His brother Chris was killed by a train about a month ago, and brooding over it unsettled his mind.

The Chicago Great Western passenger train was wrecked near Sargent, this state, Thursday of last week. The engine and seven coaches left the track and three trainmen were slightly injured.

Logs are being brought to Duluth by rail at the rate of 2,500,000 feet daily. The roads bringing them are the Duluth and Iron Range, the Northern Pacific and the Duluth, Missabe and Northern.

There has been a remarkably small fire loss in Duluth the past year, only about $33,000. Under the circumstances Duluth fire agents do not think there will be any increase in local rates of insurance.

The largest realty deal ever consummated by Anoka county took place last week when J. W. Johnson of Minneapolis sold to George D. Dayton of Nobles county 3,780 acres in the townships of Ham Lake and Columbus. The consideration was $36,000.

After a four days trial a jury has acquitted E. Jenkins, accused of instigating the murder of young Lundeen at Appleton in October. The killing was done in connection with a holdup, and Phil Sherry, accused of being an accomplice, was sent to Stillwater in December.

State Auditor Dunn will make a request for inheritance tax legislation. The desired enactment will avoid the defects of the law passed in 1897, and declared invalid by the supreme court in February, 1900, and will provide measures for the equitable taxation of all transferred estates.

An entire family named Ferbecook, in the town of New Sweden, Nicollet county, are said to be dying from trichinae poison. The father and eldest daughter have already died and the surviving 10 are all afflicted with the malady and physicians have abandoned all hope of their recovery.

The state supreme court, in a decision written by Justice Lovely, declares the Minneapolis Produce Exchange to be a combination in restraint of trade, prohibited by chapter 359, General Laws of 1899. The action against the corporation was brought by Conrad J. Ertz, who was not a member.

The Scanlon-Gipson Lumber company of Minneapolis consummated a pine land deal by which it becomes owner of nearly 300,000,000 feet of white pine along the St. Louis river and its tributaries. William O'Brien of St. Paul and his associates were the owners of the land and timber.

A case of smallpox has been discovered in the Northern Lumber company's logging camp three miles from Sparta, in which 100 men are employed. A force of 20 men is guarding the camp. A lumberman named John Swanson, while attempting to escape quarantine, was shot by a deputy and instantly killed.

Warden Reeve of the Stillwater penitentiary is authority for the statement that the next legislature will be asked to make appropriations for a new prison and shops. The cell room is old fashioned and too small and the shops are gradually decaying. General Reeve is of the opinion that a new site should be selected and will make a recommendation for an appropriation to the legislature.

The total population of the state institutions for the month of December was 208 in excess of the population during the same months of the previous year. There were 3,595 persons in the hospitals for the insane, as compared with 3,457 in December, 1899, and in the other institutions the records for the month just closed show a population of 2,696, as compared with 2,621 a year ago.

Three important decisions by the secretary of the interior have just been received at the Duluth United States land office in the cases of Arthur B. Peck vs. Le Grand Brown, Omer F. Kofh vs. Amanda E. Flowers, and Willis Stratton vs. Jesse M. Ellis, involving some valuable timber land in the vicinity of Tower. The decisions are all in favor of the contestants, thus affecting the title of the land and timber claimed.

The report of [illegible] in the city [illegible] of Minnesota. [illegible] population of [illegible] in December, 1900, [illegible] population of [illegible] in December, 1899, [illegible] population of [illegible] in December, 1898. [illegible] population of [illegible] in December, 1897. [illegible] population of [illegible] in December, 1896. [illegible] population of [illegible] in December, 1895. [illegible] population of [illegible] in December, 1894. [illegible] population of [illegible] in December,