



CHANGE IN RATES

General Revision in Fire Insurance Rates Has Been Ordered

At the meeting of the local board of fire insurance underwriters at the Commercial Club Wednesday evening, Special Adjuster E. B. Perry, representing the Minnesota and Dakota state board, made a report as to what had been done in the revision of fire insurance rates in this city. The report caused an animated discussion. The new rates will go into effect as soon as the new rate books are printed and delivered to local agents, in about ten days.

Mr. Perry said that rates had been put on a scientific plan. Starting, for instance, with a one-story building with no basement or surrounding buildings, a certain rate was made. If a story is added, there is a percentage added, if another story, still another percentage, etc. Use of gasoline, character of heating chimneys, and many other things, all influence the rate.

There has been an average increase in the business district of 3 per cent, on structures, there being a few decreases, but in general an increase, so that the increase is about 3 per cent. On July 1st an average increase on stocks of merchandise of 20 per cent except sprinkled risks, had been ordered, to hold until re-rating. Under the re-rating just made, stocks of merchandise show an average decrease of 10 per cent. An average increase on dwellings of 3 1/2 per cent was made. On household goods there will be an increase of 4 per cent. Where gasoline lights are used and gasoline tanks are kept outside of buildings, a reduction of 10 cents on each \$100 will be allowed.

Under the former schedule dwellings and contents were rated alike, as also buildings and stocks therein. Under the new schedule there will be separate ratings.

It is understood that there will be a general increase on the West side, as there have been many losses there.

The last general revision of rates was made in December, 1903, since which time twenty-five sheets of rate changes have been received by local agents. It is claimed that the new rates are as near perfect as possible, and will be maintained for many years.

School closes today for the holidays. There were special exercises in many of the rooms.

THREE LAND OFFICES

Duluth, Cass Lake, Crookston, Only U. S. Land Offices in State

The closing of the St. Cloud office last Saturday afternoon leaves but three offices in the state. Duluth, Cass Lake and Crookston. No one county is wholly within the limits of the Cass Lake district but parts of three are included. Cass, Itasca and Aitkin, while the Crookston district takes in practically all of the Ninth congressional district. All the rest of the state will be under the Duluth jurisdiction, says the Duluth News-Tribune.

This big district has been covered at different offices, possibly about 20 altogether, although records could be found of but fifteen. In the revised federal laws of 1878 those mentioned are: Oak Lake, Litchfield, Redwood Falls, St. James, New Elm, Alexandria, Jackson, Minneapolis and Mankato. Others of which mention was made in the records of the local office were St. Cloud, Stillwater, Taylor's Falls, Winona, Duluth and Marshall, the last named being the one from which the district just abandoned derived its title of the Marshall land district.

There is little government land left in the district which has just been added to the Duluth office, but there will be from time to time many cases involving an examination of original titles which can be settled only by an examination of the records which are to be shipped here.

RETAIL DEALERS PROTECTED ON WAGON GUARANTEE

Through the Minnesota Retail Dealers Implement association, of which T. F. Murphy of this city is secretary, the wagon manufacturers of the country, including all the important firms, have agreed that in the future the guarantee for a year which goes with each wagon sold will date from the time the local dealer makes the sale, and not from the time of sale to the dealer by the manufacturer or jobber, as heretofore.

Under the old method, a dealer might have his stock on hand for some months before selling, and then if he gave the guarantee as to defective parts, etc., would himself be liable for the full year. The new agreement makes the manufacturers entirely responsible.

It was also arranged that where a wagon is bought from a dealer who subsequently goes out of business, the guarantee will be made good by any agent selling the same wagon.

Mayor Halsted of Brainerd, just elected, has resigned, owing to the opinion of City Attorney Polk that the mayor could not, as publisher of the Brainerd Tribune, make a printing contract with the city. Halsted says he had legal advice to the contrary but that it is not worth having trouble over it.

MORE PERSONAL TAX

List of Payers in Several More Towns of the County

- PLATTE.**
Binczik Anton 36. Bednark And-
47. Brecht J. H. 3.48. Binczik Ig-
natz 3.56. Dombrov F. 2.67. Dombro-
vy John 2.97. Daszke John 1.00.
Gregerson H. 7.66. Krych J. 98.
Kelley C. 3.00. Kelly Fred 29. Kos-
buski M. J. 12.65. Lepinski Mike
3.08. Nelson John E. 49. Piaka
Paul 2.27. Myerens Chas. 9.10. Ry-
ch Ben 4.65. Ridall Alois 1.06. Rosa
H. H. 4.70. Ripley Louis O. 2.67.
Schubert E. 1.27. Schmitt M. 5.90.
Smith N. J. 8.65. Smith A. F. 8.11.
Scholl Erick 04. Trzebiatowski C.
3.00. Trzebiatowski Peter 2.10. Tom-
czak Frank 1.38. Valentine M. 5.32.
Waninger Henry 6.36.

- PULASKI.**
Bresk Ignatz 1.41. Christianson
Christ 7.11. Charnowski Joseph 1.79.
Fransok Frank 3.14. Gaar Scott
Threshing Co. 5.88. Kaminski St. 1.58.
Novak Walter 2.32. Novak Carolina
1.99. Pilarski Wenzel 3.55. Rozok St.
1.96. Smuda August 4.36. Skohenski
John 3.85. Tretter Peter 2.94. Weber
William C. 1.58. Zak John 2.88.

SCANDIA VALLEY.

- Anderson Gustaf 23. Borgstrom R.
11.52. Borgstrom John A. 1.44. Cole
B. F. 14. Cantleberry G. H. 1.17.
Dovark P. J. 3.55. Edeburn D. D.
97. Enke Martin 15.30. Erickson Ed.
49. Haaks Albert 2.99. Hanks B. F.
18. Fallon Thos. 21. Johnson Frank
3.70. Kastanek F. 31. Mstrom Gust
33. Milander T. H. 73. Mstrom
Broca 86. Nelson Paul 3.87. Naslund
Hans 3.65. Nelson C. A. 98. Olson
Gilbert 3.00. Pugh Watkins 4.44.
Pickett L. J. 41.70. Staples Jas. 13.
Rahler George 38. Staples M. E. 34.
Staples S. S. 2.97. Swanson Peter
O. 10.69. Shunt S. J. 2.64. Swanson
Nels A. 9.69. Sargent F. 74. Sargent
R. N. 82. Swanson C. J. 3.18.
Stoppelorth Herman 32. Thoresen
Simon 1.07. Warren John 3.36. Ward
J. W. 1.03. Ward C. 66.

SWAN RIVER.

- Anderson E. P. 3.83. Anderson
Dietrich 5.01. Anderson A. E. 1.49.
Bradt Albert 3.46. Barzkowicz John
1.28. Barzkowicz Joseph 96. Bradt
Frank 1.18. Blarctard Harry 1.06.
Burk Joseph 16. Casey Patrick 8.64.
Christenson Anton 8.17. Casn Ed-
ward 4.93. Czech John 1.24. Czech
Frank 3.28. Donski Ignatz 1.55.
Dzinba Andrew 2.82. Dziatas Cath.
2.93. Doski Catherine 1.65. Fussy
Anton 1.00. Faldinski Geo. 90. Fil-
lip John 66. Gosiak Albert 37.
Gwercz John 1.90. Gallus Paul 68.
Gustya Andrew 26. Gosiak John
1.75. Gosiak Stan. 3.02. Golloick
William 5.95. Glizik John 1.87.
Green Alfred 3.03. Gullus Frank 1.58.
Gregerson Peter 2.22. Greka James
43. Hanfer Fred 3.26. Hann Madiff
1.85. Herman Frank 8.88. Herman
Paul 1.97. Hanson H. A. 8.39. Han-
son Nels 4.02. Hanson H. O. 2.21.
Jansbowski Anton 2.28. Jastrzanski
John 1.52. Jendro Albert 2.34. Jo-
achim Thos. 2.20. Jany Joseph 2.53.
Johnson O. A. 1.26. Jelinski Mat
1.75. Jorczak Thos. 1.82. Klcowski
Anton 1.17. Krotoschinski Paul 2.60.
Kroska Jacob 1.15. Kassela Agnes
2.87. Kowalczyk Joseph 1.36. Kokett
Peter 1.61. Kusterman F. K. 3.12.
Kasilia Peter 77. Kuka John 2.25.
Kozicka Lawrence 1.43. Keyborn
Alice 77. Kaiser J. E. A. 1.84.
Kowalczyk Peter 3.37. Kozeminski
Stan. 63. Kidrowski John 8.61. Kila-
la Agnes 2.31. K-riser August 2.70.
Kryob X. 85. Kryob Peter 1.32.
Kuklock Frank 2.95. Karnowski
Christ 3.23. Koonen Theo. 2.63. Kry-
stasek Anton 1.98. Kanelski Simon
2.49. Koziol Anton 2.78. Kay Richard
4.60. Keuzel Frank 2.50. Kulic Peter
2.61. Kuzza John 2.90. Lindbergh C.
A. 26. Larson Nels 67. Larson Geo.
3.97. Lyschik John 1.92. Larson
Chris 8.30. Larson L. M. 3.22. Lar-
son Adam 1.11. Larson Lewis 2.55.
Lempka Peter 2.30. Leski F. 2.35.
Larson C. L. 4.22. Leszczak Bernard
3.85. Larson Hans 4.23. Ranka John
2.00. Maciej William 2.84. Mandry
Jos. 45. Maason M. J. 4.88. Madson
Frank 3.58. Manka Joseph 2.85.
Magdorz Joseph 33. Maslowski Theo.
3.52. Matzko John 3.12. Mrzick Jac-
cob 2.94. Nexak Michael 1.73. No-
wakowski Joseph 1.28. Nagaki Sten-
3.02. Noe John 2.46. Opatz Alex 05.
Ottowski Martin 63. Oldakowski
Paul 2.70. Ohlta Lawrence 3.96.
Ohlta John 1.18. Pikkala Mat 1.54.
Prakott Peter 4.42. Palsbowski
Joseph 1.57. Phillip John 1.87. Pier-
zina John 3.08. Patka John 1.24.
Kierwicz John 1.64. Podraz Michael
1.86. Plakut John 45. Peterson J.
1.24. Pallon Conrad 2.93. Paik
Ignatz 63. Paicer Martin 1.46. Pa-
lasik Geo. 3.46. Paik John 1.37. Pre-
lowski Joseph 1.04. Phillip Peter
4.32. Rasmussen H. P. 5.63. Rosiak
Richard 1.49. Rodolph John 3.83.
Sochor B. 2.90. Scepreux Mary 1.00.
Sobich Albert 8.60. Skog Otto 1.63.
Safars Andrew 2.15. Seters Stan.
2.05. Swieszek Geo. 68. Sobich
Frank 2.88. Szymanski Anton 1.25.
Siminski Lawrence 73. Stanek Paul
42. Steedy Denis 5.20. Siminski Hat-
tie 2.63. Stalek Br. A. 3.60. Sutliff R.
J. 3.25. Siminski Ignatz 33. Tiettel
Martin 1.77. Thompson W. H. 3.14.
Trutwin Joseph 2.96. Waydeland
1.98. Wochnik Thos. 70. Welinski
John 1.16. Walters J. J. 2.88. Wetzel
John 3.52. Wisniewski Joseph 2.07.
Wittka O. A. 78. Walters Nels J.
1.88. Wimerowski Joseph 3.00. Wiber-
ski Anton 1.60. Westfall John 1.44.
Wiczorek Martin 2.90. Wiczorek
John 4.17. Wzinski Joseph 4.23.
Wzinski Sam. 08. Wzinski Peter
1.82. Young M. N. 2.51. Yurek Geo.

"The World Is Mine."



BIG GENERATOR HERE

Important Improvements at Power Station Nearly Finished

The large generator for the im-
proved power plant of the Water
Power Co. in this city came Tuesday.
It weighs complete nearly twenty
tons, and is one of the largest ma-
chines of the kind in the state.
George Gordon and crew are putting
the big machine in place as well as
the other electric equipment.

Supervising Engineer Thomas was
present Sunday, when water was
turned into the new turbines. Every-
thing worked well. There was no
leak in the flume, and the foreman in
charge, John Burns of Minneapolis,
said the job was a first-class one in all
respects. Mr. Burns is an expert in
that kind of work.

Practically all the important im-
provements at the power station will
soon be completed. The company
will have greatly improved facilities
for furnishing light and power. The
extension to the dam which is contem-
plated will not be built till spring.

The improvements made this year
are in line with the policy of the com-
pany to keep the plant up to date,
taking advantage of the latest devices
in electric equipment, and it is
acknowledged that electric science
moves rapidly. The great cost of the
changes is expected to result in better
service, and the greater varied de-
mands for light and power consequent
on the city's growth will be easily
met for some time to come.

The City Orchestra will give an in-
vitation dance at Elks hall on New
Years night.

- 2.76. Yaeger Bart 66. Zaprzalka Ja-
cob 2.73. Zimmermann Henry 2.78.
Zychowski Martin 70. Zak Chris
1.38. Zientek Nic 2.93.

TWO RIVERS.

- Armstrong H. J. 7.62. Barton A.
A. 3.01. Barton A. C. 5.22. Barton
Christina 2.21. Barton Ed. 2.06. Bar-
ton Simon 5.38. Bryant Fritz 5.23.
Boven John 6.10. Bisenick John 4.87.
Bisenick Nick, Jr. 2.78. Bisenick
Nick, Sr. 4.47. Botash Frank 5.38.
Booth Albert 5.75. Borash Chas. 5.02.
Burggraf Chas. 11.23. Burggraf
H. N. 8.32. Burggraf Nick 11.12.
Brodzorb Francis 1.33. Bussey John
8.91. Bussey Herman 3.48. Carnes R.
K. 6.94. Cekula Frank 98. Cekula
Paul 2.78. Czech Blais 4.91. Czech
Frank M. 29. Czech Frank 3.88.
Czech John 8.10. Czech Martin 2.09.
Czech Mike 44. Czech Stan. 2.69.
Dalny Andrew 2.78. P-fa Oh-jr
7.05. Flota Aram 7.7. Fussy Chas.
83. Fussy Florian 1.01. Fussy John
95. Fussy Nick 3.88. Fussy Wm.
4.39. Filip John 10.07. Gamroth
Casper 6.78. Gamroth J. 2.74.
Gessner F. P. 8.43. Gessner Geo.
2.47. Graybeck Frank 3.89. Guida
Geo. 2.00. Gunderson K. H. 85.
Habaz Andrew 2.84. Halama Thos.
6.25. Heisick John, Jr. 8.66. Heisick
John and Son 4.79. Hurr John 1.29.
Hurt Mtephan 3.70. Hingus Geo. 1.65.
Jausch John 3.77. Jausky Casper
6.88. Jendro Ignatz 5.56. Jendro Mat
6.00. Johnson Nels 6.09. Jorek Anton
4.19. Jorek John 5.19. Janish Henry
2.44. Kampa Theo. 1.88. Karash Ro-
chus 4.81. Klein Joe 7.38. Klimek
4.53. Johnson Andrew 1.74. Jansen
H. W. 2.98. Kelly Cornelius 4.15.
Knessl Christ 5.06. Krueger Gust
4.74. Kav Geo. W. 9.81. Lafond
617eon 33. Lamb Wm. 1.06. Leiden-
trost Leo 13.57. Lafond Sam 7.48.
Lafond Victor 2.26. Lafond Geo 4.98
Lafond Ernos 6.36. McGuire F.
8.84. Meien J. P. 7.15. Manley F. E.
3.72. Newman Geo. 1.29. Nelson
Peter 5.71. O'Neill F. W. 9.72. P-pin
Oliver 30. Pietres Frank 8.21. Pedley
J. I. 5.97. Pedley Wm. 23.65.
Pedley Frank 4.58. Proper Chas. 2.71
Peters John W. 1.69. Raymond Jos.
2.72. Riendav M. E. 9.17. R-y-
mond E. L. 1.79. Ransom Geo. 3.62.
Raymond Isiah 5.66. Randall B. F.
3.14. Sobocowski Mike 1.91. Stenberg

LAND PATENTS HELD UP

President Gives Order Suspending Issuance of Titles Till Investigated

Washington, Dec. 19.—A most
sweeping order was issued today by
President Roosevelt, suspending
issuance of all patents to public lands
pending until investigation is made
in each case. Chiefs of bureau and
clerical employes at the general land
office are at a loss to understand the
real purpose of the order.

There are now in the recording office
ready for patent at least 2,000 cases
which are favorably reported and
against which there are no charges.
Many of these cases have already
been under investigation by special
agents in the field, and reports sent
in that patents should be issued.

It is believed that the order will be
modified before Jan. 15, as to this
kind of cases. In northern Minnesota
it is estimated that there are at least
1,000 cases which have been sent to
Washington for early patent many of
which are from White Earth Indian
reservation, and against which there
are no objections under provisions of
the Clapp amendment to the last In-
dian appropriation against half-breed
Indians.

Today Senator Moses E. Clapp called
at the White House to ask for execu-
tive clemency for a Minnesota man
living in Minneapolis, who was con-
victed for land frauds last spring. The
president refused to grant it. There
is certain to be a mighty protest from
honest homesteaders and bona-fide pur-
chasers of public land over this late
order of the president.

Rev. W. H. Ferrell held services at
Grey Eagle Tuesday evening.

- challa J. H. 9.03. Simons N. S. 4.45
Smieja John 1.82. Smieja John F.
6.28. Shirger Joe 4.85. Schanble
Bros. 4.39. Schelonka Frank 5.71.
Schelonka Paul 9.41. Schlichting Geo.
3.77. Schlichting Isidore 6.56. Sch-
lichting John 3.38. Schneider Geo. A.
8.49. Schneider Geo. M. 7.45. Sch-
wientek Simon 5.68. Schwientek Vi-
cent 4.98. Schulthies A. J. 9.06.
Sobonia Mat 8.12. Sobich Anton 1.63
Sobich Frank 4.15. Sobich Nick
6.27. Sobich Peter 5.23. Sobich Eck-
stern 5.32. Sobich Thomas 47. So-
biech Val. 53. Salitros Mike 2.64.
Salitros M. J. 38. Stodolka J. J.
2.57. Stodolka John 74. Stodolka S.
J. 8.12. Stodolka S. T. 3.49. Strozek
John 3.12. Thiens Jacob 14.01.
Thomalla Frank 6.27. Thomalla J. C.
6.58. Trask Mrs. D. 5.62. Trask J.
E. 5.36. Trettle Frank 8.11. Trettle
John, Sr. 9.12. Trettle John, Jr.
2.06. Trettle Richard 7.60. Trutwin
Frank 7.73. Trutwin Sam 6.37. U-
banks Leo 5.12. Waletski Albert 3.61
Waldman J. 3.77. Westburg L. P.
2.81. Wiewer Dimus 13.60. Wiewer
Frank 3.98. Wiltz K. 6.59. Wiritz-
ki K. 6.11. Wochuck Joe 2.18. Zelins-
ki Anna 6.51.

TOWN OF LITTLE FALLS.

- Ashley Charles 1.14. Berk P. J.
27.11. Brooks L. J. 9.66. Bredfield
Geo. 7.27. Crabtree F. F. 4.84.
Coenen Susan 10.66. Davidson A. R.
41.07. Doten T. E. 23.57. Eastberg
John 5.54. Eix Gest 2.44. Harrison
Wm. 70. Holand Eli 39. Heber
Nick 2.98. Hamvurs John 6.68.
Jams Fremont 81. Johnson J. G.
4.53. Johnson Andrew 1.74. Jansen
H. W. 2.98. Kelly Cornelius 4.15.
Knessl Christ 5.06. Krueger Gust
4.74. Kav Geo. W. 9.81. Lafond
617eon 33. Lamb Wm. 1.06. Leiden-
trost Leo 13.57. Lafond Sam 7.48.
Lafond Victor 2.26. Lafond Geo 4.98
Lafond Ernos 6.36. McGuire F.
8.84. Meien J. P. 7.15. Manley F. E.
3.72. Newman Geo. 1.29. Nelson
Peter 5.71. O'Neill F. W. 9.72. P-pin
Oliver 30. Pietres Frank 8.21. Pedley
J. I. 5.97. Pedley Wm. 23.65.
Pedley Frank 4.58. Proper Chas. 2.71
Peters John W. 1.69. Raymond Jos.
2.72. Riendav M. E. 9.17. R-y-
mond E. L. 1.79. Ransom Geo. 3.62.
Raymond Isiah 5.66. Randall B. F.
3.14. Sobocowski Mike 1.91. Stenberg

LAW SOON OPERATIVE

National Pure Food Law Will be Effective Jan. 1, 1907

The first day of January, 1907, there
will go into effect all over the United
States what is popularly known as the
national pure food law, a law that is
the result of the various bills passed
by the senate and house of representa-
tives, and finally agreed on by confer-
ences and approved by President
Roosevelt.

The operation of the law is being
looked forward to with great interest
not only by the manufacturers of food
products and drugs, but by the whole-
sale and jobbing concerns, the retail-
ers and last, but not least, the con-
sumers themselves.

The pure food law declares that it
shall be unlawful for any person to
manufacture within the territory of
the United States any article of food
or drug which is adulterated or mis-
branded. Any person violating the
law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
and for each offense, upon conviction,
shall be fined not to exceed \$500 or
shall be sentenced to one year's im-
prisonment or both fine and imprison-
ment at the discretion of the court.

The penalty is made even more
drastic in case of subsequent offenses
of the same nature, when a conviction
may carry with it a fine of not less
than \$1,000 or imprisonment for one
year, or both the fine and imprison-
ment.

The act is not to be construed as
compelling manufacturers of proprie-
tary foods which contain no unwholes-
ome ingredient to disclose their
trade formulas, except so far as may
be required to secure freedom from
adulteration or misbranding.

Another important feature of the
law is that no dealer shall be prose-
cuted when he can establish a guaran-
ty signed by the wholesaler, jobber
or manufacturer from whom he pur-
chased the articles of food, to the
effect that the same is not adulterated
or misbranded. If a violation
under such guaranty is discovered,
the person making the guaranty shall
be amenable to the prosecutions,
fines and penalties which would attach
to the dealer were he not protected.

Provision is made for the seizure
and confiscation of adulterated or mis-
branded foods, drugs or liquor while
in transit or in original packages,
where found, after transportation.
In case of confiscation, the goods may
be disposed of by sale or destroyed, as
the court may direct. The proceed-
ings in such libel cases are to conform
as nearly as possible to those in ad-
miralty.

Under the pure food law, drugs or
food falsely labeled or dangerous to
the health cannot be imported or ex-
ported, and in case of seizure, may
be destroyed, provided that goods
may be admitted under a penal bond
pending an examination.

An immense benefit to the consumer
is expected under the operation of the
national pure food law, and its en-
forcement will be watched with great
interest by people all over the United
States.

- Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Solomon
Froy, Dec. 17, a son.

- Born—To Mr. and Mrs. James
Dann, Tuesday, Dec. 18, a girl.

- Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Han-
dofski, Saturday, Dec. 15, a girl.

- Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Martin
Vichorek, of Swan River, Dec. 14th, a
daughter.

Stores will be open evenings until
Christmas.

- Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Puse,
of Ripley, Dec. 20th, a son.

Nate Simon, who recently sold his
farm in Two Rivers, has bought the
Hans Larson farm in Swan River.

Prof. John Gans has taken charge
of the St. Cloud high school orchestra
and will meet with it every Monday
afternoon.

A screech owl, weighing about 900
pounds, blanketed, was found dead
Tuesday morning at the west end of
the north wagon bridge, killed by a
train during the night.

- Chas. 4.90. Schmelzer J. H. 9.45.
Subocwisk Mike B. 1.68. Steen O. L.
6.98. Swanson Chas. 6.89. Skogk Matt
8.45. Thomas Catherine 1.97. Weisen-
berger John 5.27. Weisenbach Mat
3.58. Wilcox Henry 11.95. Young
Chas. 1.85. Zerwas Mat 1.14.

AGRAM.

- Boehm Frank 8.26. Bolster F. O.
10.80. Eideenschick John 4.20. Faust
Christ 5.87. Gendro Paul 10.08. Gra-
ber Joe 1.16. Ginter Oscar 1.16. Gra-
ber Robert 1.57. Hesch Anton 9.94.
Kubischek Math 8.84. Kiplew John
10.04. Kandel Frank 1.65. Karmath
Rose 2.84. Leigh O. C. 6.53. Leiden-
trost W. 7.41. Leidholt John 19.97.
Larsen Anton 2.72. Langer John 4.90
Langer Hubert 9.78. Langer H.
estate of J. Langer, 28.40. Mayer
Mathias 6.38. Mayer Maria 5.29.
Meisus John 4.24. Orremba Frank
7.33. Orremba Jos. 6.60. Plock Gar-
hard 3.97. Peck Alfred 53.96. Rauch
John E. and Frank 8.52. Rauch John
5.80. Rauch Anton 8.86. Rauch
Jos. 7.70. Rauch Joe. and Schmitt G.
7.10. Rathburn B. 7.01. Rathburn
Jos. 2.10. Stumpf Frank 10.73.
Stumpf Theo. 6.58. Stumpf Adolph
6.28. Sparlein Fred 7.04. Tambrell
Anton 18.06. Thomas Math 10.06.
Thomas Michael 3.92. Terharr H. 8.88
Theser Anton 4.88. Theser Thomas
1.78. Vorath John 8.40. Vierck B.
19.54. Waelner H. 7.07.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Decorated Stores and Holi-day Stocks Attract Many Buyers

The signs of Christmas have been
rapidly multiplying in the past week
or two, until they are now in full
flower. The shop windows are in
their gayest array of the whole year,
and this is saying much. Competition,
enterprise and the development
of artistic appreciation have conspired
to beautify the show windows in late
years, and they have become compar-
able to a man who has reached the
conclusion that business interests and
personal satisfaction make it worth
while to wear his best clothes right
along, instead of Sundays and holi-
days alone. But the stores always
have some reserve effects for the
Christmas season, and if the windows
are beautiful and attractive at all
times, they are sumptuous and com-
pelling during the holiday period.

And the stock behind the window
well sustains the brilliant promises
which are held out to the Christmas
trade. New shawling, fables and
counters are introduced and loaded
with the special goods of the season,
and in many stores Santa Claus hide
cave in departments set aside for the
occasion of his annual visit. The
movement for early shopping is an
excellent one, and, if it is too late to
urge its advantages with much effect
for the present season, it would be
well for the people to bear this matter
in mind for future years, and some
benefit will be gained if the shoppers
will come out as early as possible.

The advantages of this plan are so
easily distributed that it would be
difficult to say whether the shoppers,
the merchants or the clerks would
receive the greater benefit.

The stores, perhaps, afford the most
conspicuous evidences of approaching
Christmas, but others equally signifi-
cant are to be found in the churches,
all the Sunday-schools and every
home. The choirs are rehearsing
Christmas music for services and
festivals. Every Sunday-school has its
sprinkling of faces of new boys, chal-
lenging attention by their attempts
not to appear conscious in the midst
of unfamiliar surroundings. At the
homes bundles are being sneaked into
the houses and Christmas trees are
being hidden in the sheds; mysterious
projects are being worked out and
hints of portentous secrets are awak-
ening lively curiosity and correspond-
ing impatience for the arrival of the
gift-day of the year.

THE ALPHABET ROAD

Something New About the North and South Road

The Albert Lea Standard publishes
an interesting interview with E. L.
Tobie, who has charge of construction
on what is known as the Alphabet
line. Mr. Tobie told considerable
more than he has hitherto. Among
other things he said: