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MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ADDITION TO HOSPITAL

Work Under Contractor Harrison Started Thursday Morning

An addition is being constructed on the east side of St. Gabriel's hospital, which is conducted by the Franciscan Sisters just south of the city, at a cost of \$5,368, contract having been let to A. D. Harrison. Excavation work for the basement of the addition was started yesterday morning.

The addition is to be 30x60 feet, one story and basement, and constructed of solid brick. In the basement an addition of 20x28 feet will be made to the dining room; also two other rooms. On the main floor 20x28 feet of space will be added to the chapel, and will include two sacristies, besides a children's room 18x30.

The work is to be completed by August 1st.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Those of our subscribers, whose address will be affected by the county system, which goes into effect May 1st, will greatly oblige this office by notifying us of the change, also stating former address.

A regular meeting of the county commissioners will be held Tuesday.

In the civil action of Jos. Burahik vs. Ed. Cash, which came up before Justice Randall Monday, defendant was granted judgment for \$15 and costs, a total of \$23.33.

Rev. W. H. North of the Congregational church was chosen by the senior class of the high school to deliver their baccalaureate sermon on May 28, and it will take place at the Congregational church.

A special meeting of the city council was held last evening for the purpose of discussing the Broadway bridge matter and preparing re-advertising of bids for the creosote blocking of the bridge.

Albert Beaumont, formerly of this city, is employed as fireman on the coal freight running to Brainerd and Staples, and is making this city his headquarters. Mr. Beaumont's parents are still at Bemidji, where they moved from here a number of years ago.

Gideon LaFond, aged 71 years, is very low, with cancer of the glands of the neck, from which he has been suffering during the past three months or so. Wednesday morning he suffered a bad hemorrhage, an artery in the neck bursting. Little hope are held for his recovery. His wife died but a short time ago.

PRACTICE GAME SUNDAY

Dominick Will Be Here—More Dates Arranged in Schedule

Next Sunday will be the occasion for the last practice work of the local baseball team before the actual opening of the season, and an effort is being made to have an outside team meet the locals at Athletic park at this time. If no other team can be secured, the West side team will be taken on for a practice game next Sunday afternoon.

Al Dominick, the southpaw who is to do the twirling for the home boys, arrives Saturday night and will be seen warming up in front of the grand stand next Sunday. Word was received from Earl Howard of Minneapolis Wednesday that he will do the backstop work for the locals, and he will come up for the game with Foley on May 7. Lauerman arrived yesterday afternoon from the West and will again hold down the initial sack, while Greisch or Stoll will play second, Walter McPherson shortstop, Kingen the third sack, and a number of other athletes are having a merry scrap for outfield positions. Newman will be second pitcher on the staff.

More dates have been arranged by Secretary Moeglein, and the schedule as it now stands is here:

- May 7—Foley here
- May 14—Brainerd here
- May 21—Brainerd at Brainerd
- May 28—Royaltown here
- May 30—Royaltown at Royaltown
- June 11—Long Prairie here
- June 23—Long Prairie at Long Prairie

HAN RUNAWAY.

A runaway occurred yesterday morning which luckily did not end with any serious mishap, the horse used by the local express office starting off at a good speed up First street east without the driver who was at Elch & Stewart's at the time. The wagon bumped into the First National bank front without injury to the latter and was brought to a stop at Richard Bros. store.

C. B. Buckman, Spirit J. Vasily and a couple Eastern men went up to the Cayuna range on business yesterday.

Marriage licenses were during the past week issued to Pat D. Cheeley and Miss Ruth Hazel Ogg, and George Miller and Miss Minnie Schwank.

The sign board between the Ellenbecker & Son hardware and the John Wetzel building has been wired for electric lighting of signs being placed on it.

John Monahan of Motley, A. A. Rock of Clough and Jake Dengel of Buckman were among the assessors who were in the city yesterday for the county assessors' meeting.

REJECTED ALL BIDS

City Council Decides Bids for Reflooring Bridge are Too High

A regular adjourned meeting of the city council was held Monday evening with all the aldermen present, together with County Commissioners Delphine Rechleau and Martin Viechorek who were present to act in conjunction with the council in passing on bids for the Broadway bridge matter.

J. W. Butler, representing J. W. Butler & Bros. of St. Paul, and Thomas E. Woolley of Lacrosse, Wis., were in attendance and together with the General Contracting Co., of Minneapolis presented bids for the creosote blocking of the bridge. The first named however withdrew his bid just before the city fathers were called to order, stating that he had made a big error in his figures and asking that the bids be not opened until he could rectify the error. He was given a little time to do so, as the council also awaited a message from Engineer Campelen, and pending the opening of the bids the city fathers set to work on other matters coming before them at this time.

Paul Hopka was granted permit to repair the stair-way on the west side of his building at corner of Broadway and Kidder street southeast, and the Kiewit Brewing company a permit to repair the balcony on the rear of the building on Broadway east occupied by Dell LaBlanc.

I. Gottstien was granted a liquor license.

An executive session was called for, all spectators, reporters etc. being excluded from the council chambers, which we understand was to examine some figures on creosote blocking just received.

After the executive session the bids including the corrected one of J. W. Butler were opened. They were: General Contracting company, all the old timbers, rails, nuts, etc., to become the property of the contractor, using Norway pine timbers, standard blocks \$3,428; Norway Pine timbers, 7x9 inch blocks, 8 1/2 inch thick, \$3,298; fir timber from coast 7x9 inch and 8 1/2 inch thick blocks, \$3,588; fir timber from Minnesota transfer, standard blocks \$3,799; fir timber from Minnesota transfer, 7x9x2 1/2 inch blocks, \$3,126. \$75 to be added to above prices if rails, spikes, nuts etc., remain property of city and \$120 to be added if old timber remains property of city.

The majority agreed to have the work completed in forty days.

J. W. Butler & Bros. of St. Paul, according to plans and specifications, all the old timbers, rails, etc., to become the property of contractor \$3,284; old lumber to become property of contractor and rails, spikes, nuts, etc., property of city, \$3,550; old lumber rails, etc., to remain property of city, \$3,488. Work to be completed in forty days. The figures on the bid which he withdrew were \$4,929, \$4,995 and \$5,103, respectively. For standard size blocks instead of 7x9x2 1/2 inches, the sized blocks specified in the contract, a deduction of \$210 would be made from these contractor's figures.

Thos. E. Woolley of LaCrosse, Wis., according to plans and specifications, all old timber, rails, etc., to become property of contractor, \$7,594; old timber to become property of contractor and rails, etc., to remain property of city, \$7,717; old timber, rails etc., to remain property of city, \$7,797. He agreed to complete the work in 20 days.

In his bid he made another proposition that if he was allowed to use blocks 3 inches thick instead of 8 1/2 inches, he would put in a sand cushion, tar-coal covering and fill cracks with tar felt, for \$7,844.

Engineer Schute of St. Cloud spoke favorably to the latter proposition in behalf of Mr. Woolley.

After considering the bids, and comparing them with figures they had on the St. Cloud bridge, allowing liberally for difference in material used, etc. the council and commissioners decided to reject all bids on the grounds that they were all too high, all with the exception of Alderman Lane voting for rejection of same.

DELIGHTS A LARGE AUDIENCE.

It was a large and pleased audience that greeted Miss Alfhild Pederson of Chicago at the Milo theatre last Tuesday night, when she appeared in a piano recital which proved her a highly gifted young lady in interpreting the work of the music masters.

Her rendition of the most difficult numbers was superb and excited the admiration of the entire audience, who accorded her rounds of applause.

- Except for Nelson's orchestra, which played between the numbers, Miss Pederson was unassisted, Miss Laura Brannen, vocalist, being unable to assist because of some throat trouble.
- Following was the program:
- Giga con Variazioni.....Raff
- To a Water Lily.....MacDowell
- Trotto.....Chopin
- Spinning Song.....Wagner—List
- La Campanella.....Liszt
- Berceuse.....Chopin
- Etude Op. 25, No. 9.....Chopin
- Nocturne Op. 15, No. 2.....Chopin
- Etude Op. 23, No. 2.....Rubinstein
- Polonaise from Mignon.....Thomas

Mrs. J. W. Jarboe returned to Pequot yesterday, after a visit here.

Mrs. A. H. Vernon is confined to her home with an attack of gonorrhea.

Mrs. B. Harris returned to Syracuse, N. Y., after a short visit, having been called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. E. M. Johnson.

CATCHING MANY FROGS

Many are Realizing Handsome Profits from the Work--Ship to Chicago

That frog catching has become a profitable industry in the eastern part of the county has been proven by a number who have made a business of it this spring. The frogs are caught with nets in Platte River, Skunk brook and sloughs and are shipped alive, all sizes, in cracker boxes to Chicago, where it is stated they command from ten to thirty cents per dozen. At present the prices are a little lower.

It is stated that Will Kippley of Agram has done exceedingly well this spring in this business. John Robins of this city a short time ago shipped about 200 dozen of them. As high as 75 dozen by two men and 100 dozen of the frogs by three men have been caught in a day, which even at a price lower than ten cents per dozen returns a handsome profit.

DIED

Joseph Mayrand, aged 74 years, died Saturday morning at 6 o'clock at his home on Fourth street northeast, death being due to general paralysis. Although not in the best of health he was not taken ill until the first part of last week when he complained a little.

He had suffered a stroke of paralysis a few years ago but recovered.

Born in Canada November 24, 1837. Mr. Mayrand moved to this city 31 years ago and with the exception of a few years had resided here ever since.

For a number of years he conducted the farm west of town belonging to the local order of Franciscan Sisters, and was quite an active man until the past few years. Deceased is survived by his wife and nine children. They are Mrs. Louis Hamlin, Miss Minnie Mayrand and Joseph, Paul and Jeddie Mayrand of this city, Henry of California, Homer of Bemidji and Leo and Dell of Cloquet.

A requiem mass was sung at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic church, from which the funeral was held at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, and interment was in Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Harold Peterson, aged 49 years, died Saturday morning at about 10 o'clock at St. Gabriel's hospital, death being due to typhoid fever, with which disease she had been suffering during the past couple months. She had resided here about a year, coming here from New Mexico. Her husband and two sons, Egan, 13 and Erik, 11 survive her. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Norwegian Lutheran church, Rev. Mortenson officiating and interment was in Oakland cemetery.

Grace Brooks, aged 4 years, who during the past couple years has been under the care of the Franciscan Sisters at St. Otto's orphanage, died Wednesday night of acute nephritis. The little girl had been ill about two weeks. She and her brother, who is also an inmate of the orphanage, were brought down from Staples and placed at the orphanage by their parents.

REV. STOCKLAND'S HEALTH FAILING.

Duluth Herald: Rev. M. C. Stockland, former pastor of Grace M. E. church, who exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. H. Murray of Silver City, New Mexico, with the view of benefiting his wife's health, may have to move to another climate in the interests of his own health and that of his eldest son.

Duluth friends have received news to this effect from the Stocklands. Mrs. Stockland, who was suffering from tuberculosis in Duluth, has effected an almost complete cure in the New Mexico climate within the past few months.

On the other hand, the high altitude has had a harmful effect on the health of Mr. Stockland and his son, who have heart trouble. Physicians have recommended that they make a change.

Rev. Stockland was at one time pastor of the local Methodist-Episcopal church.

CHILD BURNS HANDS ON BONFIRE COALS.

Paul, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Franz of Fifth avenue northeast, had his right hand quite badly burned Monday afternoon as the result of falling on some coals from a bonfire that had been started that morning. The child lay there until Mr. Franz's sister pulled him away. Though badly blistered it is not thought the hand will have any permanent scar as a result.

LOG TRAIN HAD BAD WRECK.

The logging train, hauling the logs for the Pine Tree Manufacturing company from the northern part of the state, had a bad wreck early Wednesday morning at a sink hole north of Niswau, thirteen cars going over into the ditch and being demolished, the logs being scattered and several hundred feet of track being torn up. It is thought that the cause of the accident was the dragging of some of the train equipment. No one was injured, but traffic over the line was suspended pending the removal of the wreckage and repairing of the track.

Morris Sun: Leo Kuschei of Royaltown is the new assistant cashier at the Donnelly State Bank. Mr. Kuschei comes highly recommended as a young man of ability, and he will undoubtedly be a valuable assistant to Mr. Steinfort, as well as an addition to the long list of young business men who are making Donnelly come right to the front.

ASSESSING BASIS FIXED

County Assessors Leave Most of Items Same as Last Year

The basis on which the personal property of the county is to be assessed for the year 1911 was fixed by the assessors of the county yesterday afternoon at a very well attended meeting, all being present with the exception of those from the towns of Morrill, Lakin and Little Falls. County Auditor B. Y. McNairy presided as chairman of the meeting and Lyman Signor acted as secretary.

- The rates agreed on are:
- One year old horses, \$10. Two year old horses, \$18.
- Three year old horses, \$30.
- Stallions—30 times cost of service.
- One year old cattle, \$5.
- Two year old cattle, \$8.
- Cows, \$12.
- Working oxen, \$22.
- All other cattle, 3 years or over, \$15.
- Sheep of all ages, \$2.00.
- Hogs of all ages \$3.00.
- Wagons, carriages, sleighs, bicycles, 40 per cent.
- Automobiles and other power vehicles 50 per cent.
- Items 11 to 18 inclusive, and 24 to 28 inclusive, 40 per cent.
- Dogs, \$5.
- Item 30, 40 per cent.
- Sewing machines, 40 per cent.
- Watches and clocks 40 per cent.
- Melodians and organs, 40 per cent.
- Pianos, \$50.
- Household goods, 40 per cent.
- Office furniture 40 per cent.
- Farm tools and machinery, 40 per cent.
- Thrashing machines, 40 per cent.
- Gold and silver plates, 40 per cent.
- Diamonds and jewelry, 40 per cent.
- All other items, 40 per cent.
- Items 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, referring to moneys and credits of taxpayers other than banks, were stricken from the list in conformance to a law passed by the last legislature, and will be taxed at the rate of 3 mills on the dollar as a separate blank which is to be filed out by the taxpayer. The assessors received their books and will commence their work on May 1st.

MARRIED.

Miss Mathilda L. West of Swanville was united in wedlock to Joseph E. (Gibson) also of Swanville at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lyman Signor, First street northeast, Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. E. Walker of the Methodist Episcopal church officiating. A few of the intimate friends and relatives.

The bride was attended by Miss Emma Muske and Walter Muske was best man.

A wedding dinner was served immediately after the ceremony, and Tuesday noon the newlywedded couple departed for Akeley, where they will make their home. Mr. Goebel will be employed in the sawmill at that place.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gabor, Thursday, April 27, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Gillette Thursday, April 27, a son.

R. Harrison of St. Cloud made a business trip to this city Wednesday.

Mrs. T. M. Hill, Mrs. T. C. Cochran and Mrs. Elizabeth Steele left for Minneapolis yesterday on a visit.

William Musser came down from Deerwood Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Musser.

The annual meeting of the Fire department and the Relief association will be held Tuesday evening.

William Davidson and W. E. Harrington of Hutchinson were business visitors in this city this week.

J. F. Watts, traveling salesman for the Pine Tree, has removed his headquarters from Mason City, Iowa to this city.

R. L. Nichols, is making towns on the M. & I. this week, in the interest of the Sylvester & Nichols' wholesale candy and ice cream department.

Knute J. Jacobson and Miss Bertha Marwick of Upsala, were united in marriage by Justice of Peace Randall yesterday afternoon.

F. J. Prosser, the enterprising farmer from Ausland, was in the city Thursday in attendance at the assessors' meeting. Mr. Prosser states that the iron situation is looking up in his town, John Knudson having sold an option on section 1, Hall Prairie, to Duluth parties at a good price. Mr. Prosser also saw that the Herald was paid up another year.

TEST YOUR SEED CORN.

We are informed that the seed corn is extremely poor this season.

Every grain which fails to grow cuts your crop down at least 25 per cent in each hill.

Every grain dealer, banker and business man should get busy and use every means possible to induce the farmers to test every ear of their seed corn.

There are many good commercial seed testers and the method of testing seed at home is very simple. If you do not know how to do it, ask your state experiment station to send you a bulletin, but do it now. Council of North American Grain Exchanges.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. F. J. Oelert, pastor, 409 Third avenue northeast. Sunday services, Backman 10 a. m. No services in the City.

TO GIVE CLASS PLAY

Parochial School to Give Entertainment Sunday Evening, April 30.

The Eighth grade of the St. Aloysius Parochial school will give their class play in the school's hall next Sunday evening. It consists of a drama in three acts entitled "The Reverse of the Medal," and a farce in one act entitled "Du Traegst Die Pfanne Fort."

The students have been rehearsing the play during the past week, and have mastered their parts in such a manner as to assure a fine evening's entertainment.

A matinee will be given for children this afternoon.

The following is the program and cast of characters for the class play.

1. "Over the Hills".....Chorus Class
2. Vocal Solo, "I Want to go Tomorrow".....Mathew Rastor
3. "THE REVERSE OF THE MEDAL" Drama in Three Acts. Cast of Characters: Countess Errard.....Frances Simonet Isabel, Her Daughter.....Mary Miller Mme. Morville, Governess.....Gertrude Valentine Phillips, Maid.....Appalonia Ruff Ellen, House-maid.....Teresa Dalton Mother Alarum, Farmer's Wife.....Mathilda Vernig Jane, Her Little Shepherdess.....Elvira Ruth
4. Song, "Sing me a song of the South" Boys of the Class
5. "DU TRAEGST DIE PFANNE FORT" Farce in One Act. Cast of Characters: Herr Pech, Schumacher.....Otto Plettl Katrina, Seine Frau.....Anna Krause Reisender.....Edward Trettel Kind.....Joseph Wegerteder Musikanten.....Otto Lauerman
6. Recitation, "Society setting the Hen".....Otto Lauerman
7. "The March of the Parish Schools".....Chorus Class

KILL BIG SNAKE.

A large snake five feet in length and two inches through the body, said to be either a Prairie Bull or Spotted Adder, was discovered coming from under the porch at the George Robins place on Eighth street and Third avenue southeast, and was killed shortly after noon Wednesday. It caused considerable confusion among the children of that part of the town before it was seen away with.

W. H. and F. E. Hall have returned from Minneapolis, where they had gone to meet their niece and nephew, who are enroute West.

Mrs. Aurel Spooner and little daughter, Mabel, returned to Staples Wednesday, after a few days visit with relatives here.

The Degree of Honor gave a progressive peanant party in the Odd Fellows hall, which was well attended. Luncheon was served at the close of the evening.

R. B. Walker gave a lecture on "India in Transition" at the Methodist-Episcopal church of Randall Tuesday evening, illustrating same with stereopticon views.

Dell and Leo Mayrand who were called hereby the death of their father, Joseph Mayrand, returned to Cloquet Wednesday at which place they are employed in a sawmill.

Miss Winnifred Wright, who visited her home in Brainerd Tuesday, was delayed by a wreck on the M. & I. to such an extent as to be unable to assume charge of her room Wednesday.

The new quarters for the local Western Union telegraph office is at present being wired, the furnishings and fixtures having been received this week. They are modern in every particular and will make a handsome office.

Ray Boyd and Herman Johnson, both former clerks at the Buckman hotel, are engaged as head clerk and assistant clerk, respectively, at the Vendome hotel in Minneapolis. Mr. Boyd has been with the hotel for some years.

J. W. Crossfield, clerk of the local Woodmen lodge on Tuesday received draft for \$2,000 drawn up in favor of the widow of Nels Larson, who died on April 6th, that being the amount of the life insurance policy carried by deceased in that lodge.

Alderman C. E. Carlson of the West side lost a horse by death last Saturday which he has had in his possession during the past eighteen years. The horse was thirty-four years old and Mr. Carlson states has attended more funerals in this town than any other horse.

An incipient blaze was discovered by Mrs. E. J. Weber early Tuesday morning near the chimney in one of the rooms of her home. Men from the paper mill were called and extinguished the fire before much damage could be done.

Alfred Bergstrom, 81, one of Morrison county's earliest settlers but for a number of years past a resident of the West, died Tuesday at his home in Idaho Falls, Idaho, according to advices received here by his niece, Mrs. A. D. Harrison. Henry, William and Vital Rasloof of this city and Frank K. Gravel of St. Paul are brothers of deceased.

PLAN BIG MARKET DAY

May 27th Selected As Date and Prizes Will Be Offered

A big market day for Saturday, May 27, is what was decided on at a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial club held in the directors' room of the First National bank Monday afternoon.

Prizes will be offered for the best samples of farm produce of all kinds, including poultry, the band will be secured for the day and other matters will be arranged for to make the day a most successful one.

The following committees were appointed to prepare for this market day:

- Prizes and advertising—Austin Koslosky and J. W. Crossfield.
- Soliciting—S. J. Vasily and Frank Kiewel.
- For Band—Chas. Sylvester and Walter Folsom.

ROYALTON

April 27.—An amateur production entitled "A Loyal Friend" will be given at the opera house Friday night April 28, for the benefit of the base ball team. Following is the cast of characters:

- Loyal Playford.....Henry Schwartz
- Gilbert Fanshaw.....Tom Hayes
- Raymond Alvarez.....J. V. Barstow
- O'Kelly.....Dr. Hughes
- Nubbins.....Hubert Schwartz
- Nonte.....Herbert Schwartz
- Arthur Fanshaw.....Elmer Dore
- Mrs. Milly Merryman.....Miss Susie Balzer
- Sylvia Fanshaw.....Mrs. J. V. Barstow
- Mrs. Griggs.....Miss Laura Stenger
- Mrs. J. N. Carnes.....Coach.

Mrs. Aimee of Minneapolis was called here last week by the serious illness of her father, J. Ryan. Barney Fetsam was a business caller at Mott, N. D., last week.

Mrs. J. Boyd was a Little Falls visitor between trains Saturday. Dr. and Mrs. Hathburn of Rice and Mrs. Fred Carnes attended the meeting of the O. E. S. in Royaltown Friday night.

Mrs. E. E. White of Little Falls visited relatives here the last of the week.

Edwin Platt and Jennie Chance of Little Falls were Royaltown visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Street went to St. Cloud Saturday and from there motored to Maine Prairie, where she spent Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Johnson spent Sunday and Sunday with friends at Little Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hingum of Two Rivers were in Royaltown Monday to attend the Odd Fellows' anniversary.

There is general rejoicing over the result of Saturday night's school election. There were a hundred and eighty-four votes in favor of bonding against twelve who would lose the High school rather than submit to an increase of taxes to maintain it.

Mrs. Barstow and Miss Vernette Lambert were initiated into the mysteries of the Eastern Star Friday night.

Knight Wilson came home from Minneapolis Saturday night, returning Tuesday morning.

Mrs. James Landy has returned from Chicago, where she spent several weeks during her daughter's illness and death.

Mr. and Mrs. Myhra of Little Falls spent Sunday with Mrs. A. C. Bouck. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson of Holdingford were guest of Dr. and Mrs. Wastun Sunday.

The Senior class was entertained by the Juniors Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Mark Kobe, Prof. and Mrs. Hoffman, Miss Svensrud and Miss Sifton were also present and at the conclusion of the evening's entertainment each guest was given a High school pennant in remembrance of the happy event.

Gus Kern has returned from the West, where he made an extended trip with the view of locating.

Damon Bouck spent Sunday at home with his parents.

Miss Vernette Lambert returned to Swanville Saturday to resume her school work.

Newell Pettit has returned from a Western trip, where he went several weeks ago with the intention of locating.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gally motored to St. Cloud Sunday.

It is reported that Dr. J. P. Chance will leave shortly for International Falls, where he will locate permanently. Dr. Dufort of Buckman is making arrangements to assume the doctor's practice here.

Mrs. Street returned to Little Falls Wednesday.

EARLY MORNING BLAZE

The fire department was called out yesterday morning at five o'clock, the residence owned by Alonzo Martin, on Broadway East near Eighth street, being on fire. The fire seemed to have started in the floor of the kitchen, burning through it and also a partition. The loss is small. There was no one at home. Mr. and Mrs. Martin having gone to the depot, where Mrs. Martin took an early train for Wisconsin, where it is said a brother is dangerously ill.