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Congress has been kept pretty busy since its meeting listening to messages from the White house. Having survived the regular message at the opening of congress, the congressmen have been bombarded with special messages on the Panama canal, the San Francisco school question, the dismissal of the negro troops in Texas, etc., etc. If the president is desirous of distracting the attention of Congress from the great questions of the day he is certainly taking the right course. With a little discussion on each presidential message the enemies of effective reform legislation can easily manage to kill what little time may be left after attending to the regular appropriation bills.

When you see a mail car attached to a passenger train it means that the entire cost of operation of that train has been paid in full. That mail car, with only its distributing racks and equipment, pays the wages of the train crew, pays for every ton of coal burned by the engine, and pays for the wear and tear on the locomotive and cars. Every passenger and every pound of mail, express and excess baggage is carried at a clear profit, and still we wonder why it is possible for railroads to meet dividends on their watered stock. Senators seem to think it impossible to prevent this robbery of the government, but our state legislatures can see that part of the plunder is returned in the shape of reduced freight rates and two cent fares.—St. Peter Herald.

Your Holiday Trade

in the line of FRUITS, NUTS and CANDIES is solicited at Scudder's old place, on Fourth street. A complete stock for the holidays. Try a box of Lillibridge's Vanilla Bitter Sweets. A box of Angelus Superior Quality Marshmallows would be much appreciated by a lady friend.

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Letter Writer in Trouble.

William Peterson of Willmar wrote a letter which was not appreciated. He meant well, according to his statement, but his effort did not please the recipient. Consequently he appeared before United States Commissioner Howard S. Abbott today charged with sending an indecent letter thru the mails. Peterson waived examination and was bound over to the federal grand jury under \$500 bonds.—Minneapolis Journal, 19th inst.

If you have a room in your house that you cannot readily heat with your coal stove, get a Standard Oil Heater. No smoke, nor smell, and it will not cost you more than one cent an hour to keep it burning. Price, \$5. For sale by F. F. Nelson. 40f

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Barney Leary wishes to announce to the public that he is prepared to receive orders for concrete cement blocks for building purposes. The sizes manufactured are from 10 to 12 inches. They will be furnished at reasonable prices. Call at residence, 906 Fifth street, or call up phone 273. 15f

Rates to Mexico.
The Great Northern railway will sell round trip tickets to Mexico City, Mexico, December 20th, 21st, and 22nd; fare of one regular first class fare for the round trip. The rate from Willmar via St. Paul is \$63.75, via Sioux City \$60.90. For children five and under twelve years a charge of one-half of adult rate will be used.

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BULLETIN NO. 22

Issued by the Minnesota Dairy and Food Commission December 15.

Attention is again called to the class of goods shipped into the state by outside mail order houses. Particular attention has been given these goods recently and while some of the samples analyzed have proven "legal" the percentage of those which have been condemned is altogether too high. These are not odd samples which were sent into the state before the pure food law became effective. They have been secured in the past ninety days and represent the kind of goods that may be sold when the food laws cannot reach the guilty parties. The rigid enforcement of our state law has, in a measure, worked a hardship upon the country merchant in his campaign for business against the mail order house. He has been compelled to obey the state law while his mail order competitor has been privileged to do as he pleased in the matter. It is to be hoped that the national law will be enforced with sufficient vigor to remove this disadvantage to the local merchant, and at the same time assure the patron of the mail order house that he is getting the same grade of goods that he can procure from the home merchant.

Attention is also called to the result given below on analysis of a sample of pepper obtained through a firm in this state. It is perhaps unnecessary to add that the law can and will reach this party.

The results of analyses just as re-

turned from our laboratory are as follows:

Lab. No. 804—Maple Sugar. Shipped into state by Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago, Ill. Illegal—sample is adulterated with cane sugar.
Lab. No. 8—Evaporated Cream. "Borden's Brand." Shipped into state by Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago, Ill. Illegal—sample is simply evaporated milk.
Lab. No. 791—Colored Sugar. Shipped into state by Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago, Ill. Illegal—sample is colored with coal tar dye.
Lab. No. 432—Baking Powder. Same shipper as above. Illegal—not labeled as required by law.
Lab. 1871—Extract of Cinnamon. Same shipper as above. Illegal—colored with coal tar dye.
Lab. No. 462—Candy. Shipped into state by Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago, Ill. Illegal—colored with coal tar dye.
Lab. 619—Catsup, "Doris' Brand." Same shipper as above. Illegal—colored with coal tar dye.
Lab. No. 12—Evaporated Cream. "St. Charles' Brand." Same shipper as above. Illegal—sample is simply evaporated milk.
Lab. No. 40—Noodles, "Superior" brand. Same shipper as above. Illegal—colored with coal tar dye.
Lab. No. 1411—Vanilla Extract. "Standard" brand. Shipped into state by Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago, Ill. Illegal—Sample contains coumarin and is colored with caramel.
Lab. No. 146—Cheese, "McLaren's" brand. Same shipper as above. Illegal—sample contains borax.
Lab. No. 806—Ground Sweet Pepper, "Aroma" brand. Manufactured by Aroma Coffee Co., Duluth, Minn. Illegal—sample is adulterated with ground olive stones and foreign starchy matter.

EDWARD K. SLATER, Commissioner.

Items Gleaned from Our Exchanges

Kerkhove Bazaar.
There was a great outpouring of farmers for the State Farmers' Institute held here Monday. Mr. McConnell, the gentleman who conducted the meetings, tells us it was one of the best attended meetings he and his co-workers have addressed this year. The hall was filled to over flowing and all standing room was occupied. The institute covers and the talks they gave were practical and to the point and the meeting cannot fail of being instrumental in accomplishing great good. The trend of the addresses were all directed in the direction of diversified and intensive farming.

T. G. Berg and A. T. Archer were Minneapolis visitors Monday. While there we called on Atty. F. P. Oney, a former Swift county practitioner and at one time our county attorney. We found him comfortably located in a suite of rooms in the Sykes Block. Frank tells us he is doing a remunerative business and has every reason for believing that his practice will ultimately grow to large proportions. He is well satisfied with the business done up to this time and is only sorry he did not make the move to the larger field earlier in life.

Atwater Republican Press:
E. A. D. Salter came over from Elk River on Saturday to attend the meeting of the Masonic lodge that evening. Mr. Salter is one of the pillars in the lodge, and it seems difficult to get along without him.

A large number of the friends of Charley Franks of Diamond Lake, from Atwater, Kandiyohi and the country, assembled at his home last Saturday evening and tendered him a surprise. Mr. Franks was presented with a purse of \$63, for which he felt truly

grateful. It will be remembered that Mr. Franks met with the unfortunate last summer of breaking his leg, and his friends wanted to show him this token of their sympathy for him in his misfortune.

It has been decided by the Swedish M. E. congregation to postpone the dedication of the church until spring. At that time a bishop will be secured to assist with the ceremonies, and it is thought that the year will be a more opportune time for the dedication than at present.

The state farmers' institute meeting held in Atwater yesterday was a decided success in every way, and was one of unusual interest. Many of the farmers pronounced it the best ever held here. Interest was manifested from beginning to end.

Raymond News:

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the M. E. parsonage last Friday morning, when Axel A. Lundquist and Miss Anna Arizona Foote were pronounced man and wife by Rev. R. P. Cummings. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Foote, in the town of Woods, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served, only relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties being present. Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known in this community where they have a host of friends who will join the News in wishing them a happy and prosperous voyage through their married life. They will make their home in Raymond and be at home to their many friends in the job residence in the west part of town.

From reports in some of our exchanges we learn that H. C. Bailey, formerly of this place, is about to embark in the newspaper business at Kasson, Minn., his present home. C. P. Eastman, who has conducted the paper there for the past fourteen months, has moved his plant to Osakis, where he will start a second paper. We understand Mr. Bailey will bring the Review to life again after Jan. 1.

Marcus M. Olson was down from Willmar Thursday making delivery of a new piano which he sold to E. Meyer. He sold one to H. Helmke last week.

Jerry Sherwood, the ditcher, received

Hill's Plan to Aid Farmers.

J. J. Hill in the December number of the Century magazine, has some good ideas in an article which he has named "Government Model Farms." He would have the states, or general government, establish a model farm in every agriculture county in the United States conducted as a practical object lesson in the best methods of tilling the soil, and its most profitable uses. On every such farm he would have five tracts set off for crops in rotation, one each for hay, pasture, oats corn and wheat, each tract having its crop changed every year until the sixth when they begin over again as they were cropped at first. These model farms thus cultivated in every county by expert, scientifically learned agriculturalists would be an object lesson to the tillers of the soil and they would see the difference between the old-runway methods that perhaps they have practised because their fathers and grandfathers did before them, and the better way of doing things in crop raising and the greater financial results that follow therefrom. It has been repeatedly proven that the average farmer produces from year to year only about one fourth of t crops his farm would grow if more scientific methods were practised by him. These model farms and their productions of the same crops as he was trying to raise would be an eye-opener to him and he would be stimulated by the greater harvest to adopt the same method.—Hutchinson Independent Times.

Initiative and Referendum Adopted.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 22.—There has been announced the vote on the constitutional amendment for the establishment of the people's rule in place of machine rule. This amendment was proposed by the last legislature and was carried in the recent election by a 6 to 1 vote. Thus the electors in Montana have established the initiative and referendum.

The vote was 36,374 for the system and 6,616 against it. This vote is 76 per cent of the vote for candidates. 13,307 of the electors who voted for men did not vote for or against the proposal for an initiative and referendum system. They were too ignorant and thereby were self-disfranchised. This elimination of the low grade voters is one of the striking features of referendum voting.

Common Sense Rat Exterminator at Elfstrom & Co's. Pharmacy. 40f

machinery to equip another large dredge boat this week, which will be placed in operation as soon as the weather permits in the spring.

Sheriff Lundquist was down from Willmar Wednesday serving notice on jurors in this vicinity for the next term of district court. Mrs. Ida Baker leaves Friday of this week for Foley, Minn., where she expects to make her home and follow her profession of nurse. 40f

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Obituary.
The Minneapolis Journal of Dec. 10 in speaking of Rev. Cochran's death says:
In the death of Rev. James Cochran Saturday in Minneapolis, there passed away a clergyman prominently identified with the early history of the Presbyterian church in the northwest. For Mr. Cochran came to Minnesota when the Mississippi river was the main artery of commerce, and he preached for the hamlets and neighborhood gatherings in pioneer days, knowing all the hardships of his people and living their lives as an early missionary of the church had to do.
Mr. Cochran was born in Wood-

grange, Ireland, in 1822. He was of Scotch Irish ancestry. He was educated for the ministry in Queen's college, being a classmate of the late Dr. John Hall of New York. Mr. Cochran's first charge was in Pennsylvania where he met and married Caroline, daughter of Dr. John McDowell. When Mr. Cochran came west he occupied pulpits in Illinois and then came to Minnesota, preaching at Faribault, Willmar and Stillwater, as well as in Prescott, Wis., and in the country neighborhoods. In 1873 he came to Minneapolis, residing here until his death.
Mr. Cochran leaves a daughter, Mrs. W. A. McDowell, at whose residence the funeral took place.

Willmar Tannery.
Tans furs of all kinds; tans and lines robes; lines and repairs old robes. All kinds of hides bought or exchanged for robes or harness leather. Robes for sale. ANDREW O. SATHER, Prop., 837 First street So., Willmar. 45f

The Metropolitan barber shop, Bank of Willmar building, B. T. Otis, proprietor, is the shop to get a shave, hair cut or bath. 22f

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