



Let everything slide today; if you have little boys to clothe it will pay you.

Here's winter clothing at summer prices. Cold weather coats—while we're right in the midst of the cold weather season—at half the cold weather prices.

This is our annual clean up.

\$5.00 child's overcoats \$2.50  
\$4.00 " " \$2.00  
\$3.50 " " \$1.75

## Hummel Brothers

Clothes for man or boy.  
14 N. Minn. St. New Ulm, Minn.

### End of Pudd'nhead.

Pudd'nhead Wilson at the Turner Theatre was not a success either from the point of excellence or in a financial way. The house was very poorly filled and not very appreciative, which may have had something to do with the acting of the members of the troupe. Mr. Gill has superior merit as an actor and in the roll that he filled there is nothing to say in the way of criticism, but his support was not up to what was expected. No attraction that has been to this city has been advertised in a more thorough way than this and none has put out better paper in the line of advertising, but there was almost absolutely no results from it. It may be that the band concert of the previous evening made two entertainments so close together too much for the people and it may be that the weather had something to do with it. Those who were there were disappointed in the play as the expected more than they realized, and the management was disappointed in the attendance as it was expected that the play would draw fully as well as Way Down East.

The fortunes of this company seem to have been on the ragged edge for some time for the manager took French leave on the early morning train Monday and left the other members of the troupe here. Mr. Gill stopped at the Dakota house and having compelled his manager to assign to him all the proceeds of the entertainment was feeling pretty good when he went to his room at night, but in the morning he had a disposition to quarrel and he singled Tony Wiesner out as the man he was called upon to exercise his theatricals upon. But he didn't think for the moment that he was off the stage and when Tony landed on his eye and he found himself on the floor, he realized that he was up against the real thing, and with some dire threats he hied himself away to a physician and surgeon to have his wounds repaired. The attack was entirely uncalled for and those who saw it are of the opinion that the man got what he deserved. At any rate he is in good shape to take the part of Simon Slade in Ten Nights in a Bar Room.

### Better Price for Butter.

The appointment of Sam. Haugdahl as western manager of the Aurora Butter Company has proved to be a matter of profit to Nicollet county farmers. He has lately closed contracts with several of the creameries of this county for the total output of the creameries, and all at advanced prices over what they have been receiving. Eight creameries are shipping all or part of their product to the company, and the additional premium paid by Mr. Haugdahl will net them more than \$6,000 a year above what they have been getting. Let the good work go on. The following creameries are on Mr. Haugdahl's list: New Sweden, Norseland, Willow Lawn, North Star, Nicollet, Courtland, Klossner and Bernadotte.—St. Peter Herald.

**Needs Correcting.**  
It is the act of the pessimist to see wrong in everything and trouble everywhere, but it is nevertheless incumbent on some person to call attention to the fact that there is entirely too much gambling for money going on in this city, especially among the young boys and men who can ill afford the losses they sustain. It is known to all card players that where there is a small stake at interest there is a deeper interest in the game and if the stakes would remain at a small limit it might not be so bad, but they don't and boys who are earning but little over the amount sufficient to pay for their board and room, if they are not living at home, are drawn into games that consume nearly their entire wages. It might not be so bad if it stopped ever there; but it doesn't and once the habit formed there are few boys who are able to resist the temptation to play when it comes their way, and those with whom they play are very seldom interested in helping them keep a resolution to quit. It is for the protection of such as these that the state has made laws against this evil, for as long as a boy or young man plays poker for money the man in whose employ he is, is never secure in the honesty of his business transactions. A poker debt is a debt of honor; so called, that most men pay before they pay any other, and a young man has no moral or legal right to place himself in a position in which such a debt. He may think it is no man's business what he does with his money, but is. Only within a short time the writer was the recipient of a letter from outside parties who were inquiring as to the character of a certain young man, who evidently applied to them for a position and the first question asked was, "does he play cards for money?" The young man does and he did not get the position. There is no vice more demoralizing than that which leads a young man down by gambling.

### Ft. Ridgely Bridge.

The county commissioners did a wise thing when they appointed Sen. Somerville and Rep. Peterson as a committee to act before the legislature in regard to securing state aid in having a bridge built across the Minnesota river at or near the place where the ferry now is near Ft. Ridgely. It has long been the wish of the people of that part of the county to have some means of getting across the river other than that of the primitive method of the ferry which now has become so old and dangerous that the owner has appealed to the county for an appropriation for the purpose of building a new boat. Two sites have been selected for this bridge, one at the present crossing and one several miles nearer this city. The latter one has the advantage of avoiding steep grades and has met with the favor of a large number of the farmers on both sides of the river, the former is desired because of the state and national park that is probable will be located at Ft. Ridgely and is desired particularly by the people of Sleepy Eye and of Golden Gate. That there should be a bridge at one or the other of these places there is no reason to doubt, and between the state and the two counties that will be benefited by the bridge there should be no reason why there should be trouble in raising money. During the time the ferry has been there more money has been paid in tolls than would be required to build several bridges.

### Names Must be Posted.

A recent order issued from the postal department of the United States, requires that all the names of those having their mail delivered by the rural carriers shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the postoffice. This will be appreciated by the merchants and business men. The same amount of postage is required on a letter or package sent to patrons of the rural routes as there is on letters or packages sent to any other place, and this was the cause of much inconvenience, as before the rural routes were established only one cent postage was required on most of the letters sent to those who now have their mail delivery. Those who had correspondence with people living on the routes did not know whether or not they got their mail in town or had it delivered and so did not know what was required. This will be eliminated by this recent edict much to the joy of merchants and business men.

Do not view the universe as yourself as the center. You are apt to wake up and find yourself on the outside.

## GRIND OF DISTRICT COURT.

**Jury Finds Christ Schwer Guilty of Assault in the First Degree.**

**SENTENCE 7 1-2 YEARS IN PEN.**

**Jury Takes Six Hours to Determine the Verdict in the Case.**

The verdict of the jury before which the case of Christ Schwer was tried on Saturday is somewhat of a surprise to the people of the city as it was generally expected that the verdict would be assault in second degree, but the jury held to the indictment of the grand jury and agreed on the first degree as the verdict.

Monday morning the prisoner was brought in court to receive his sentence. There were present only the officials of the court, the attorneys and one or two others when the judge read the sentence that took from him the privileges of a citizen and his liberty for seven and one half years. The sentence seemed hard and severe in the empty court room and the emphasis that the judge laid upon the words "at hard labor" gave the prisoner the first taste of what is in store for him.

While there is every reason to believe that the seriousness of the crime was sufficient to warrant the verdict, there is no doubt that the man was so much under the influence of drink that he was not in a condition to be responsible for what he did, but because of that and the fact that he bears the reputation of a most dissolute character and had made several threats upon different people in the city there is reason to believe that he got no more than he deserves.

The crime for which he was tried and for which he is to suffer punishment is that of the shooting of Ed. Lemke. The shooting took place in the Schumcker brewery one Sunday last summer, the bullet entering the man's head near the eye and lodging near the base of the brain, that Lemke did not die and is at this time in apparently good physical condition notwithstanding the fact that he still carries the bullet around in his head, is due to the fact that he does not seem to be constructed in as frail a condition as most men and not because the wound was not dangerous. Lemke was not anxious that the man should suffer and did not care to have him prosecuted.

The grand jury had nothing to do after their work on this case except to inspect the jail and this they found in very satisfactory condition. Nobody appearing against Jos. Galles before the grand jury that body adjourned after having been in session less than a day.

Albert Pfander won his case in the suit of A. L. Ackerle vs John Haenze and the judge ordered a verdict for the defendant.

The case of the Farmers' Elevator against Jas. Montgomery was not tried but was referred to a referee, who in this case is W. T. Eckstein, before whom the testimony will be taken by a stenographer.

Hoidale & Somsen secured a verdict for Aug. L. Matter in the case of the Mosler Safe Co. vs Ang. L. Matter.

Albert Pfander was also successful in his defense in the case of Henry Christman vs Wm. Abb—a case of ejectment and one that was quite strongly contested. He was also successful in the attempt to free Mrs. Scherer from the payment of damages in the case of Louisa Gasink vs The City of New Ulm and Mrs. Scherer. In this case he proved that part of the city charter under which it was determined that Mrs. Scherer was held was unconstitutional, so the case now lies with the city.

In the case of Frank Riebel vs Town of Prairieville judgment was ordered for respondent. Most of the other cases were dismissed, settle continued or to be tried in vacation.

Brown county is to be complimented on the shortness of the calendar and the comparative unimportance of the case that were on it. It is something that perhaps does not make the lawyers feel as well as more work would but it shows that the people are not swift to run into trouble, and it speaks well for the county.

The remaining public lands are the heritage of the people. It is the duty of our national law makers to see to it that the people are not deprived of that heritage by land monopolists.

### After Many Years.

Capt. A. L. Brown of Browton author of the History of the Fourth Minnesota Regiment in the civil war and a veteran whom very good citizen delights in honoring, was a relic of bygone days which, owing to the peculiar way in which it was for nearly a half century hidden from human eyes and then brought to light, he prizes pretty highly. While captain was away south with his regiment in September, 1862 his father came to his farm with five soldiers who had been sent with their company to this part of the state to protest against the Indians, whose victims were scarcely cold from the awful massacre in which 600 whites were slain. The soldiers borrowed the captain's double barreled, muzzle-loading shot gun and went to Ames' lake, two and one-half miles south of Browton to hunt ducks. A couple of them were in a canoe on the north shore of the lake, and did not go far before they tipped over and the gun went to the bottom and was not recovered.

As the years went by the lake settled until in recent years a team could be driven over a good portion of it. Otto Kisner and Geo. Nutter happened to be walking over the dry bed of the lake at the north end and one of them remarked that "it was here that they tell of Capt. Brown losing a shot gun, ain't it?" Just then George kicked his foot against a projecting piece of wood and remarked, "What's this?" He took hold of it, and sure enough, up came the old gun. The black walnut stock shows scarcely any signs of decay, but the barrel and lock are considerably rust eaten, though in an emergency the old weapon might still be limbered up and made to repel an invasion of Indian—ghosts. The captain told our reporter that he (the reporter) didn't have money enough to buy it, all the same." Which was a safe remark to make to a newspaper man—Hutchinson Independent Times.

### WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

The following letter is furnished by Edwards, Wood & Company, commission merchants of this city.

Last week's wheat market was dull until on Friday when it awakened into life and moved over a 1/2 cent range and was livelier than it had been for some weeks. While dull the market had been strong and price changes had been towards higher prices, the advance for the week amounting to 1 1/2 cents per bushel. The general situation is stronger than it was a week ago. Liverpool and Paris markets continue to advance and Antwerp was up equal to 1 1/2 cents per bushel today, the advance in Antwerp is supposed to reflect reports of heavy rains in Argentina. Perhaps the most bullish feature was the export from the United States of 5,000,000 bushels last week.

Severe winter weather now prevails but snow fell quite generally Saturday and Sunday and winter wheat is now well covered. Demand for spot wheat at Minneapolis is improving, the bulk of today's receipts sold at 75 1/2 cents which was fully up to the price of the May option. Last week's large exports and the low stocks at the sea board keep the cash demand at the latter place strong, but the movement is interrupted by congestion of traffic between Chicago and the seaboard. Millers anticipate an excellent business later on and are holding prices firm. The position of wheat is very strong and we think the May option should be bought on all small declines.

Corn.—The movement of corn for last week was on a fairly liberal scale though much interrupted by car shortage. The movement is said to be increasing the southwest and in Illinois, but in parts of Indiana and Ohio corn is very firmly held, and in Iowa there is very little good corn, in fact only about one per cent of the receipts at markets centers grades No. 2 which seems to indicate that there is very little contract corn in the country. The seaboard market is firm and strong on the large export demand and firm prices at Liverpool.

A little girl had been looking at some pictures of angels and she turned to her mother and asked "Mother why are there no men in heaven?" "There are men in heaven," replied the mother. "Then why is it, asked the child, that we never see any pictures of angels with whiskers or mustache?" True, but the men in heaven, was the reply, only get in by a close shave.—Ex.

Police headquarters has been established in the late J. Newhart office room in the Olsen building.

## NEW GINGHAMS!

The only gingham's in town! We're the first to show a line of these goods for the coming summer and what a pretty line it is! They are displayed in our show window and the many looks of admiration bestowed on them are good proof of the beauty of the patterns. These gingham's are of the Red Seal Zephyr brand and unquestionably the very best, costing us a little more than the ordinary kinds but selling for the same price, 10c per yard. Come see them.

### Our Douglas Men's Shoe.



We talk a great deal about this shoe, for it is worthy of the highest praise. It is one of those Best Things about which too much cannot be said. We claim it is the equal of any \$3.50 or \$4 shoe. This shoe stands back of our word to prove our assertion, and our guarantee stands back of the shoe to satisfy every charge that any customer can make against it. Made in Box Calf, Black Kid, Patent and E-Emel leathers. If you want some big shoe value for your money try a pair of these excellent shoes. All sizes and widths.

## Crone Brothers.

## OTTOMEYER'S SPECIAL SALE

### Winter Goods.

In order to make room for our spring stock we will sell our woolen goods at about cost prices.

### We give tickets for the Piano contest.

Call at our store if you want tickets in the voting contest for the \$400.00 piano to be given away free. Ours is the only dry goods store in the city which gives ballots for each 25c cash purchase. Buy your dry goods of us and get your ballot to help your church or society to get the piano free. Kindly ask for the ballots when you buy at our store.

Remember we close our store every evening at 7:30 sharp, except Saturdays, when we will keep open until 10 o'clock.

### Council Meeting.

A regular meeting of the city council was held on Tuesday evening, with a full council and President pro tem. Gieseke in the chair.

A communication of several fire insurance companies was read and on motion laid on the table.

The quarterly reports of Justices and monthly reports of the police and fire departments were read and filed.

The city clerk reported that Joseph Weisenborn as policeman, Fred Pfander as first and L. G. Vogel as second assistant engineer of the fire department,

### had qualified as such officers.

The light and waterworks committee reported that they had engaged William Leonhart as fireman at the station from noon of Dec. 11th, 1902, at a salary of \$35.00 per month. Which action was approved.

The street committee was instructed to have an ordinance prepared by the city attorney to prevent cruelty to animals left standing on streets, and present it to council at the next meeting.

The committee on electric lights and waterworks was authorized to purchase one car load of Idaho and cedar poles for the lighting plant. Bills allowed amounted to \$1,742.87.