

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### TEACHERS ATTEND M. E. A. CONVENTION.

The students of the high school enjoyed a welcome holiday Thursday and Friday of last week when school work was suspended while the teachers attended the Minnesota Educational Association Convention held in Minneapolis on those days. Wednesday afternoon was an additional half-holiday which is granted monthly to the school if the students attain to a certain high standard of attendance.

Mr. Hutson, Mr. Hess, Mr. Hamlin, Miss Eggar, and Miss Schroeder all left Wednesday afternoon on the M. & St. L., as the train happened to be conveniently late. The others, who had decided to attend the convention, took the early morning train Thursday. The teachers of both the grade and high school were given a choice of attending either the M. E. A. or the Mankato conventions. The high school teachers voted in a body to attend the M. E. A., while most of the grade teachers decided they would secure more good out of the Mankato convention. Miss Freeland and Mr. Haynes, of the high school, also voted for the Mankato convention as their work in the industrial departments is of such a kind that it will be more thoroughly discussed at the later convention. The teachers all returned Sunday afternoon or night. A representative forecast of advanced winter styles was very much in evidence following their return.

### GIRLS LOCATE NEW BASKETBALL COACH.

Mr. Phillip Hamlin was elected last week for the position of the official coach and manager of the girls' basketball teams of the local high school. The whole situation had been in something of a muddle since the beginning of the year with the result that some of the girls were coming to feel that they were neglected in the athletic deal. At the beginning of the year the Freshmen confiscated Miss Nethercutt, while the Juniors and Sophomores out of mutual admiration and perhaps distrust, secured a lien on the services of Miss Schroeder. This arrangement left the Seniors out of the race, as the available coaching material had then become exhausted. Seniors thereupon with their well-known energy and initiative turned to pastures new and finally persuaded Mr. Hamlin to coach them. Miss Schroeder withdrew from her job as she was too busy with extra work in the night school. The Juniors and Sophomores then fell to the lot of Mr. Hamlin, who while quite overcome with this unexpected responsibility and honor, has managed to acquit himself creditably in his difficult role. The new arrangement will undoubtedly result in a marked improvement in the playing of the girls as it will remove the necessity of playing against the same person throughout the whole year. This was the case under last year's system where two classes, playing against each other continually, mutually stagnated in their knowledge of basketball.

### BOYS GLEE CLUB ORGANIZED.

A new organization which promises to rival the girls' basketball teams as a noise producer has been started in the New Ulm High School. It is the boys' glee club. Last week, thirty boys tried out their voices under the patient direction of Miss Marti. Most of them were asked to report for further practice. The club consists of one part voice and nine parts willingness to learn, but as the organization is a pioneer effort in its line too much cannot be expected at the start. It is expected that few public concerts

of a major character will be given during the year, but that the boys will sing rather for the joy of singing alone than through any malicious intent against the idyllic peace of New Ulm.

### FIRE DRILLS BECOME POPULAR.

The third fire drill within two weeks was projected upon the unsuspecting high school Monday afternoon. The first drill was a delight to all as most of the students took it in the nature of a holiday excursion. The second drill called for more effort but, there was little speed in it as all suspected a fake play: Monday's performance was branded O. K. by T. Scheiderich as all took the fire escapes instead of the front doors. The action of one lone Freshman alone marred the festive occasion. He remained in his classroom after all the rest had fled with a sublime faith that he was fireproof as well as knowledge proof.

### TEACHERS ENTERTAINED.

Most of the high school teachers who attended the M. E. A. convention were the guests of Miss Eggar at her home Friday night at a Hallowe'en party. The party was met at the station in St. Paul and conveyed to Miss Eggar's home in mysteriously shrouded cars which lent an air of mystery to the occasion. The evening was spent in playing various games.

### ARSON CASES BEING TRIED.

Judge I. M. Olsen and Court Reporter W. T. Eckstein were home over Saturday and Sunday from Redwood Falls where the fall term of the District Court of Redwood County has been in session since last Monday. All the civil cases had been disposed of by Friday and the Court took a recess until Monday of this week, at which time it took up the trial of the arson cases. It will be remembered that several months ago the Drews Hotel at Seaforth was burned to the ground under very suspicious circumstances. The tenant of the hotel and the owners of the building were shortly afterwards arrested charged with having set the hotel on fire. The tenant has pleaded guilty to the charge, admitting that he had fired the building. The other two are held and are now being tried as accessories before the fact. They have demanded separate trials.

## SALTS IS FINE FOR KIDNEYS, QUIT MEAT

Flush the Kidneys at once when Back Hurts or Bladder bothers—Meat forms uric acid.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores so they roughly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, when you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the knees or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

## ABOUT THE STATE

### News of Especial Interest to Minnesota Readers.

### BANDIT WOUNDED BY POSSE

Three Others Captured After Battle With Armed Posse of Citizens and Farmers.

One holdup man was shot and three others captured in a battle with an armed posse of farmers and citizens of Glenville after four bandits had held up and robbed several harvest hands and the crew on a Rock Island freight train at Curtis Junction, one mile south of Albert Lea, and escaped on a Minneapolis and St. Louis freight going toward Glenville.

The injured man, who said his name is John Banks and his home is in Indiana, held the posse at bay for twenty minutes with a .44-caliber automatic revolver before he fell with bullets through his head and breast.

After the four had held up the Rock Island train and jumped aboard the Minneapolis and St. Louis train the operator at Curtis Junction telegraphed Glenville, the first stop. A posse of citizens, heavily armed with rifles, revolvers and shotguns, met the train when it arrived.

When Banks fell the other three surrendered. The Glenville posse held the prisoners until the sheriff arrived from Albert Lea.

### IS SIXTH IN TWO MONTHS

Another Minneapolis Murder Added to Already Long List.

John Kupchanko, twenty-one years of age, was shot twice by holdup men in an alley in the heart of Minneapolis, dying two hours later in the city hospital.

He is the sixth person murdered in Minneapolis within two months, and the third man found dead in the St. Paul road passenger terminal district within a week.

The sum of \$55 was taken from Kupchanko. Bystanders say they heard screams, then two shots.

The police, who are attempting to find the assailants, know that they were with Kupchanko throughout the evening, having supper at a restaurant and then visiting several saloons.

### SHOT BY FORMER SUITOR

Mill City Bride Wounded at Celebration of Wedding.

Michael Krake shot Mrs. John Winch of Minneapolis in the hip at the latter's home in the Mill City at a dance celebrating the return of Mr. and Mrs. Winch from their honeymoon trip.

Krake claims that Mrs. Winch, who was Mrs. Laura Johnson prior to her marriage a few days ago, had promised to marry him last summer and that he had gone to the North Dakota harvest field to earn money for the wedding.

Krake also shot her partner, John Yong, in the leg. Both were taken to the city hospital, where it was said their wounds are not serious.

### WILL MAKE HOT CAMPAIGN

Frank A. Day Seeks Delegate Seat in Convention.

Frank A. Day, editor of the Fairmont Sentinel and manager of many Democratic campaigns, has announced to friends that he intends to file for delegate at large to the Democratic national convention, and he announces further that in the course of his campaign he expects to visit every county in the state.

Mr. Day's friends say that his will be the hottest campaign on the Democratic side next year; that he is determined to show his enemies that he is not a dead one and that he is not to be thrown into the discard.

### LIGHTING PLANT IS BURNED

City of Rochester Returns to Use of Candles.

Fire at Rochester destroyed the city electric light plant, valued at \$150,000. This is a serious blow, as all of the principal lines of business where power is needed have used electric current and they have no arrangement for substitute power.

The people have gone back to candles and kerosene for lighting and the gas company will have its equipment taxed to the limit.

Spontaneous combustion caused the fire.

### FLANAGAN AND TURNER OUT

Former St. Paul Police Officials Convicted of Grafting Paroled.

Martin Flanagan, former acting chief of police of St. Paul, and Fred Turner, once a detective, sent to Stillwater prison April 8, 1914, for accepting bribes, have been paroled. Flanagan and Turner went to Stillwater after being convicted of accepting a bribe. They were indicted charged with sharing with Willie Wolf and May Burke, underworld habitués, a \$3,000 bribe paid by Ida Dorsey.

## GROWTH IN STATE SCHOOLS

Report Indicates Healthy Increase in All Branches.

To the vast army of young persons seeking education in Minnesota were added during the past year 22,246 pupils, according to figures made public by C. G. Schulz, state superintendent of education.

Each year sees an increase in the number of students in Minnesota schools and it will not be many years before half a million young men and women will be enrolled for work in the public schools. According to the educational directory, just issued by Mr. Schulz, there are 471,137 persons going to school in institutions provided by the state.

There are fifty-nine more consolidated schools than a year ago and now 143 schools are conducted on the consolidated plan. The consolidated school had its inception in Minnesota four years ago.

There are 17,138 teachers employed in the public schools this year, an increase of 1,040 from 1913-14. The need of additional facilities for teaching the Minnesota youngsters resulted in 390 new schools being started in the last year, the total now being 9,254.

### RAILWAY SOLD AT AUCTION

Mississippi, Hill City and Western Brings \$200,000.

Auctioning off a railroad for \$200,000, when the Mississippi, Hill City and Western line was sold on the state capitol steps at St. Paul, failed to attract the attention of more than a handful of persons.

Thomas J. Keogh, speaking for himself and Robert J. Dunham of Chicago, both being representatives of the Armour Packing company, made the only bid for the road, which was sold to him by Asa G. Briggs of St. Paul.

The railway was sold under orders from Federal Judge Page Morris of Duluth who stipulated that not less than \$100,000 should be accepted. The line is 17.5 miles in length and operates between Hill City and Mississippi Landing in Aitkin county.

### DIES AT AGE OF NINETY-FOUR

Mrs. Anna L. Morrison, Minnesota's Oldest Missionary.

Mrs. Anna L. Morrison, ninety-four years of age, known as "Mother" Morrison to the hundreds of prisoners, former convicts and unfortunates generally among whom she has done mission work for fifty years, died suddenly at St. Paul.

Several hours before the end she conducted a meeting at the People's mission and only an hour or so before her death attended service at the Union Gospel mission.

Mrs. Morrison was the oldest mission worker in Minnesota. She conducted regular services for half a century at the state penitentiary and in the Ramsey county jail besides her work in different city missions.

### HOW HIS HAT GOT IN RING

Schmahl Told Reporter It Is Possible He Will Run for Governor.

Julius A. Schmahl, secretary of state, will make an announcement of his candidacy for governor at the proper time.

He admitted this upon his return from Cincinnati, where he attended the meeting last week of secretaries of state.

"I was asked in Cincinnati," he explained, "whether I was going to be a candidate and I replied that I was only a possible candidate. In case I decide to become a candidate for governor I will make the announcement to the people of my state, only when in the state and at the proper time."

### DRISKELL DECLARED INSANE

Alienists Decide Confined Slayer Is Suffering From Delusion.

Alfred Driskell did not kill Alice Matthews of Minneapolis, who met death in that city in 1912, a group of alienists decided.

The alienists met with Court Commissioner W. E. Bates and their action resulted in Driskell being ordered sent to the state hospital for the insane at Rochester.

They did not send him to the St. Peter hospital, which is for the criminal insane, the alienists finding that Driskell is suffering from a delusion that he killed Alice Matthews.

### RINES DENIES SEEKING JOB

Former Speaker Does Not Say, However, That He Will Refuse.

Henry Rines of Mora, at one time speaker of the state house of representatives, denies that he has authorized the use of his name as a candidate for secretary of state in event that Julius A. Schmahl becomes a candidate for governor.

Mr. Rines does not say that he will not accept the nomination or make a fight for it if his friends insist on his running.

### Pioneer St. Paul Merchant Dead.

Maurice Auerbach, one of the pioneer wholesale merchants of St. Paul and the first president of the Merchants National bank, is dead at Washington, D. C., where he has been living. He was eighty-two years old. Mr. Auerbach formerly was head of the firm of Auerbach, Finch & Van Slyck, predecessors of Finch, Van Slyck & McConville.

## U.S. PLANS WORLD TRADE CAMPAIGN

First Step in Commercial Preparedness Is Taken.

### AGENTS WILL INVESTIGATE.

Department of Commerce Proposes to Aid Americans in Taking Advantage of Wonderful Opportunities Now Before Them—Officials Certain Trade Supremacy Struggle Will Follow War.

Washington.—Elaborate plans for a worldwide campaign for trade by the United States are revealed in the estimates of the department of commerce expenditures for the next fiscal year to be presented to congress this winter. Through the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce the department proposes to aid American merchants and manufacturers in taking advantage of wonderful opportunities now before them and in preparing for the struggle for trade supremacy which commercial officials are certain will follow the European war.

Reorganization of the staff in Washington and an increase to about twice its present extent of the foreign commercial service are contemplated, according to a statement discussing the new estimates recently made public by Dr. E. E. Pratt, chief of the bureau. Appropriations will be sought to provide for extensive investigations of commercial conditions abroad and for tariff inquiries by the cost of production division.

"As a part of the general program of 'preparedness,'" said Dr. Pratt, "the secretary of commerce will re-



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quest congress to make a very largely increased appropriation for the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Secretary Redfield believes that commercial preparedness should not be overlooked; that the United States is facing a great and unusual opportunity for increased world commerce.

"The commercial agent service is the backbone of the trade promotion organization. It is anticipated that under the appropriations asked for it will be possible during the fiscal year 1916-17 to make investigations of the possible foreign markets for cotton textiles, motor vehicles, railway supplies, boots and shoes, agricultural implements, furniture, machinery of all kinds, electrical power equipment, structural material, wearing apparel, investment possibilities, etc. No large increase will be asked by the bureau for the establishment of branch offices in the United States, but the bureau hopes to extend this service through the co-operation of the local commercial organizations.

"The commercial attaché service has been in existence just about a year. It has proved so useful that an addition of ten commercial attachés will be recommended. These attachés, it is intended, will be stationed in such important countries as Japan, India, South Africa, Spain, Scandinavia, Italy, the Netherlands, the Balkan states, Central America and Venezuela and Colombia. With the present organization the commercial attaché service will then cover practically the entire world.

"A similar increase in the bureau's work in promoting trade with Latin America will be requested. This will enable the bureau to conduct a number of special investigations there. "It is also planned to take up a series of market investigations abroad for the purpose of placing producers of raw materials and staple products in closer and more intelligent contact with foreign markets. There is a constant demand for information with reference to foreign markets for lumber, coal, fruit, cotton, wheat, flour, rice, etc., and congress will be asked to make a special appropriation to enable the bureau to supply the markets for these products abroad."

### Father of 22 Dies at 99.

Marquette, Wis.—Peter Benedict, aged ninety-nine, the father of twenty-two children, the oldest of whom is seventy-eight, died here recently. He was the father of four pairs of twins.

## REWARDED FOR HER KINDNESS

Entertainment of Aged Man Results in Her Getting \$15,000.

Columbus, Mo.—Miss Gretchen Detchemendy, twenty, of Carthage, Mo., has sold for \$15,000 a one-fourth interest in a zinc mine which she received from J. A. Langston, seventy-five, a wealthy resident of Springfield, Mo., because she was kind to him and entertained him while at a summer resort last year in Colorado.

Miss Detchemendy and Langston became fast friends during their stay in Colorado, and when she returned home he sent her a deed for the interest in the mine near Commerce, Okla.

She began receiving dividends on her interest in the mine last March and was getting \$100 a week when she sold because "you never can tell," she says, "when the price of zinc is going down or the ore deposit is going to go 'blind.'"

### CELL KEY DID THE TRICK.

Escaping Prisoner Thought It Was a Gun and Raised His Hands.

St. Louis, Mo.—Using a tin spoon and a shoestring to open the door of his cell in police headquarters, J. J. Hartwell, bandit suspect wanted in Butte, Mont., was subdued by a guard using a brass key as a pistol and put back into his cell.

Hartwell had picked the jail lock and opened the door and was about to make for a rear window when he was captured by Parker Thompson.

As Hartwell left the cell Thompson pounced upon him, pointing his big brass key at the prisoner and ordering him to hold up his hands. The prisoner thought he was "covered" with a revolver and raised his arms.

### CORNSTALKS STOP PHONE.

Interfere With Service in Kansas, Causing Short Circuit.

Leavenworth, Kan.—The cornstalks are so tall in some parts of Leavenworth county that they are interfering with the telephone service.

South of Lansing, at Dan Monroe's place, stalks pressed against the telephone wire and caused a short circuit. The linemen had considerable trouble in discovering what was wrong.

The wires were on low poles. Two rows of corn had to be cut on each side to keep the wires clear of short circuiting at Mr. Monroe's place.

## BIG BENEFICENCE IS PLANNED BY GAMBLER

Nicholas de Szemere, Hungarian, Proposing Aid to Soldiers.

Vienna.—Out of the ruck and roar and miseries of war varied suggestions have come, many of them bearing on the best way to deal with the soldiers at the front who may come back alive and whole or be permanently disabled.

It has remained for a Hungarian noble to help in solving the problem. He is a man who a few years since started Austro-Hungary by winning more than \$800,000 in a single session in the Vienna Jockey club from Count Joseph Potocki. It took only four plays at baccarat in the fashionable gambling resort of this city to transfer this immense sum from the young count to the pockets of the sportsman and gambler for high stakes, Nicholas de Szemere. For Herr de Szemere owns one of the most famous stables in the dual empire and has won many of the classic races with his horses. Now, for the time being at least, he has chosen to forget the fascination of the race track and to dedicate some of his enormous winnings on the turf and at the gaming tables to caring for some of the soldiers when they return from the war. Incidentally, it may be stated that Herr de Szemere is well known in fashionable circles in New York city, where he visited a dozen years ago.

Herr de Szemere proposes to present Hungarian, German, Austrian and Turkish soldiers of his own selection with shares in a property consisting of thousands of acres of land which he will donate to the men lucky enough to be chosen by him to live and work upon it. He hopes by the inspiration of his gift to induce other large landowners of Hungary and Austria to follow his example. His letter announcing his intention has stirred the people.

Herr de Szemere's proposal can in a measure be better understood in America by identifying it with the "back to the land" movement in the United States.

### FORTUNE FOR MAIL CARRIER.

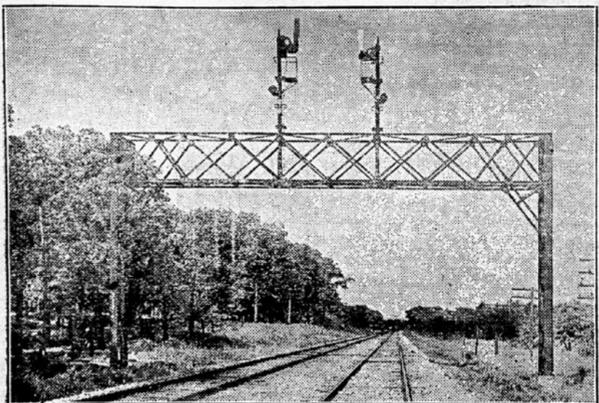
Changes Living Cost Problem to How to Spend Income.

Kenosha, Wis.—Raymond Morehouse, a mail carrier here, has joined the "silk stocking" class.

The other night he went to bed wondering how to meet the high cost of living. The next morning he received a letter announcing he was heir to \$150,000 from the estate of his uncle, Louis Morehouse, at San Leandro, who left here more than fifty years ago to seek his fortune in California.

### A Hundred Rattlers on String.

Tucumcari, N. M.—One hundred rattlesnakes is the record of C. T. Taylor of Gesbia, who claims to be the champion snake killer of eastern New Mexico. He now has 100 rattlers on a long string which he calls his "derris' rosary."



## Signaling on the Chicago & North Western Ry.

The first signaling on the Chicago & North Western Railway was the installation of several mechanical interlocking plants which were put into service in the spring of 1888, and was followed by several additional interlocking plants each year for the next three years.

The first automatic block protection was the installation of Hall disc signals for the protection of 106 miles of road, and which were put in service in the spring of 1893 so as to take care of the traffic of the World's Fair at Chicago, which was held that year.

On the Chicago & North Western Line there are now in operation 232 interlocking plants having 5,766 working levers and 1,236 miles of road, or 2,469 miles of track protected by automatic signals.

At the passenger Terminal and approaches thereto in Chicago the signals are of the upper quadrant, three positions type. The interlocking plants are of the all-electric type. Track circuits are used as detector circuits on all switches, and telephones and other means of communication are used in a special way that is of great interest.