

**LAFAYETTE AND BERNADOTTE CREAMERY.**

The annual meeting of the Lafayette-Bernadotte Creamery company was held at the school house in District 43, Nicollet county, Jan. 8th, and Secretary Julius Hagberg submitted his report as follows:

Milk received	2,203,310 lbs.
Cream received	113,418 lbs.
Butter fat in milk	81,701 lbs.
Butter fat in cream	33,139 lbs.
Total Butterfat	114,840 lbs.
Average test of milk	.0377 per cent
Average test of cream	.292 per cent
Butter made	132,987 lbs.
Cream sold, estimated to butter	.963 lbs.
Total	133,950 lbs.
Per cent of over run	.166 per cent
Cash for butter sold	\$34269.95
Butter etc. sold to patrons	5074.39
Total receipts	\$39444.34

**Disbursements.**

Paid patrons by checks	\$28530.32
Paid patrons by butter etc.	5100.95
Total paid patrons	\$33624.61
Paid Buttermaker, salary	1703.80
Paid station operator	725.00
Paid Secretary, salary	168.00
Paid Treasurer, salary	48.00
Paid Hauling butter & sup.	105.92
Paid for coal and wood	700.49
Paid freight bills for sup.	43.06
Paid taxes and telephone rent	85.25
Paid sup. including ice tubs, salt, etc.	1146.26
Paid machinery and repairs	217.04
Paid labor and directors fees	105.45
Total disbursements	38673.23
Paid damages to Chas. Eben-hoh	15.00
Balance ahead for the year	158.62
Paid in dividends and for hauling	597.44
Total disbursements including dividend & hauling	39270.72

The following directors and officers were elected for the year: Pres., J. Aaron Johnson; Treas., Aug. Samuelson. Directors, John Clobes, John Plugge and Julius Hagberg.

**10 CENT "CASCARETS" IF BILIOUS OR COSTIVE**

For Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Sluggish Liver and Bowels—They work while you sleep.

Furred Tongue, Bad Taste, Indigestion, Sallow Skin and Miserable Headaches come from a torpid liver and clogged bowels, which cause your stomach to become filled with undigested food, which sours and ferments like garbage in a well barrel. That's the first step to untold misery—indigestion, foul gases, bad breath, yellow skin, mental fears, everything that is horrible and nauseating. A Cascaret at night will give your constipated bowels a thorough cleansing and straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist will keep you feeling good for months.

**HANSKA NOW SPORTS ELECTRIC LIGHTS.**

Hanska's new electric light system was put in operation for the first time Saturday evening and our prosperous and genial druggist, J. A. Ringnell, has the distinction of using the first flow of juice which came over the wires from the mighty source of power at Rapidan.

During the day, several of the business houses and I. W. Johnson's residence were connected with the main circuit. It certainly is no small event in the history of this village and stands nobly to the credit of the village council and the business enterprise of the Consumers' Power Co. and the Madelia Electric Light Co. Very few towns are so fortunately situated as to be able to enjoy the convenience and economy of a twenty-four hour service at such low rates as Hanska is now enjoying.

Owing to a scarcity of copper, the ornamental standards for the street lights have been slow in coming and it will be some weeks before Broadway is properly lighted. The other street lights are expected to be in place and in service within a few days or as soon as weather conditions permit.—Hanska Herald.

**CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS**

Tells How To Get Quick Relief from Head-Colds. It's Splendid!

In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffing, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night, your cold or catarrh will be gone.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.

**HOW TO SAVE THE EYES IN CROCHETING**

When crocheting with white thread, have a square of black spread across your lap. The black background makes it easier to see your work than the white apron background, and to one who crochets a great deal, it proves a great saving to the eyes.

**SPRINGFIELD PLEASSED WITH NEW MUNICIPAL HEATING PLANTS**

Last Thursday morning the steam was turned on in the new municipal central heating plant and the system worked perfectly. Those who are now enjoying the privilege of having their places heated from the city plant are A. Altmatt Mercantile Co. and second floor tenants, H. Neumann, store and living rooms, E. Metzinger, store, Bauch, store, P. W. Kuske, store, Frank Berberich, saloon and Geo. P. Forster store. Workmen are busy rushing other jobs and in thirty days over half of the business blocks will be heated from the city plant. On account of the vacuum system employed, it takes little time to heat a room. In most places the radiation is much more than is necessary. Those who have the heat are very much pleased as their places are kept nice and warm and they have no coal or ashes to handle or fires to look after. The heating plant is a great thing for the town and our progressive citizens may congratulate themselves on the success of the venture. —Springfield Free Press.

**OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH**

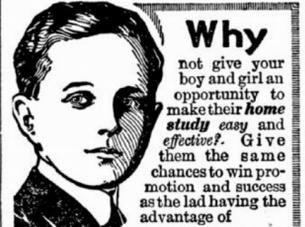
How to Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

Count fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffing, hawking, mucous discharge, dryness or headache; no struggling for breath at night.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable. Relief is sure.

**TO REMOVE SALT FROM FOOD**

One often puts too much salt in food while cooking. To remove the salt place a wet cloth over the top of the vessel in which the food is cooking. The steam will draw the salt into the wet cloth.



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**ABOUT THE STATE**

News of Especial Interest to Minnesota Readers.

**GATHERED FROM ALL SECTIONS**

Happenings of the Week Briefly Told for the Convenience of the Busy Reader.

Reuben C. Chase, aged eighty-one, Civil war veteran, is dead at St. Paul.

Trappers at work in Northern Minnesota declare wolves are slaughtering deer by the hundreds.

When Charles Burridge of Duluth awoke the other morning he found two big timber wolves on his doorstep.

George W. Freeman, aged seventy, president of the Freeman-Patterson Shoe company of St. Paul, is dead.

Rev. A. H. Koerner, well known in the Methodist Episcopal ministry of St. Paul for twenty-six years, is dead.

The annual poultry show of the Cannon Valley Poultry association will be held in Faribault Jan. 18, 19 and 20.

J. J. Mahoney, for fifteen years a prominent horse dealer in the South St. Paul market, is dead, aged fifty-one years.

C. P. Craig of Duluth has been re-elected president of the State Agricultural society. No candidate appeared in opposition.

Thomas Frankson of St. Paul, who formerly represented Fillmore county in the legislature, has announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor.

James M. Schofield of Nashville township, Martin county, is dead as the result of a fall from a sleigh. Concussion of the brain caused death.

John Ryan, a resident of St. Paul for forty-seven years and for twenty-seven years a member of the St. Paul police force, is dead, aged sixty-seven.

E. J. Luther, auditor of Itasca county, would increase the bounty on wolves instead of abolishing it, as suggested by State Forester William T. Cox.

Elbert N. Goodhue, district court reporter for twenty-five years, died suddenly at Winona. He was president of the Minnesota Court Reporters' association.

Mrs. Jennie Fraser, said to be the oldest member of the Sioux tribe of Indians on Prairie Island, near Red Wing, is dead. She was about ninety years of age.

The jury trying Frederick T. Price, on trial at Minneapolis charged with the murder of his wife, returned a verdict of guilty after being out about twenty hours.

Minnesota will honor the memory of Henry Mower Rice, its first United States senator, at the unveiling of his statue in the Hall of Fame at Washington Feb. 8.

The state highway commission is preparing to ask legislation preventing bridges built under its direction from being used as billboards by country merchants.

Eight thousand acres of Minnesota land, a part of the Red Lake Indian reservation, known as Mud Lake bottom, will be thrown open to entry and settlement next spring.

Ole O. Solem, indicted for poisoning his mother-in-law, pleaded not guilty at Jackson to a charge of murder in the third degree and was released on \$25,000 bonds.

Martin Ross, residing near Crookston, was smothered to death when a load of oats he was hauling in a grain tank overturned. He was to have been married soon.

At a meeting of the National Rifle association at Washington Adjutant General Fred B. Wood of Minnesota was elected first vice president of the association for the coming year.

Horace Tyler, aged forty-eight, and an unidentified man about thirty-five years of age were found dead in a gas filled room in the rooming house of Mrs. J. C. Munderwiler at St. Paul.

The Stillwater board of education has decided to have military training in the high school. W. G. Braden, formerly military instructor at Shattuck school, Faribault, has been engaged.

Martin A. Gullickson of Fertile, this state, threw himself in front of a locomotive at Minneapolis and was killed instantly. Letters in his pocket revealed that he intended to commit suicide.

W. A. Clark, an early settler of Nicollet county, is dead. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1828 and came to Minnesota in 1855. He served through the Civil war in Company H, Second Minnesota.

Duluth will observe Feb. 29 as Prosperity day. Mayor Prince has set aside the odd day of the leap year for a celebration of the return of good times. There will be a public ice carnival.

A game with South Dakota State college at Northrop field will open Minnesota's 1916 football schedule on Oct. 7. Both Illinois and Wisconsin will play on the Minnesota grounds this season.

The people of Rochester will vote on Jan. 25 on the question of issuing \$360,000 in bonds for the purchase of a hydro-electric plant near Zumbro Falls.

The Kuhles & Stock cigar factory at St. Paul was destroyed by fire, causing \$200,000 damage. Firemen fought the blaze for three hours with the mercury at 10 below zero.

"Auntie" Reed is dead at Morris-town, aged eighty years. For nearly half a century she conducted a hotel at that place and her chicken pie and ginger cakes made her famous among traveling men.

Filing blanks for signatures to present the names of Theodore Roosevelt and Elihu Root to Minnesota voters for the Republican presidential nomination were obtained from Secretary of State Julius Schmah. James Van Horn Benton, seventy-eight years of age, a veteran of the First Minnesota regiment in the Civil war, is dead at St. Paul. Mr. Benton saw service as a sharpshooter and was wounded at Gettysburg.

Duluth has a cow with a gross earning capacity of \$1,000 annually for milk alone, with an additional \$1,000 for her calf. In the past year she produced 20,280 pounds of milk, containing 891 pounds of butter fat.

Thomas W. Evans, one of the eighteen Americans murdered by bandits near San Ysabel, Mex., comes from a well known Mankato family. His grandfather, the late D. C. Evans, was county treasurer of Blue Earth county.

The yeggmen who blew the vault in the old Federal building at St. Paul, securing nearly \$600,000 worth of negotiable revenue stamps, have so far eluded detection. Secret service men say the robbers may never be caught.

Increase A. Pelton, a wealthy pioneer, is dead at Mankato, aged seventy-nine. Mr. Pelton came to Minnesota in 1856 and was one of those who went to the relief of New Ulm when that city was besieged by Indians in 1862.

In a close range pistol battle Mrs. Thomas Taylor of Minneapolis drove two swaggering unmasked bandits from her husband's store in front of the residence after he had been compelled to hold his hands above his head.

Walter Case was killed and Dr. Christianson may die as the result of an automobile accident near Slayton. Christianson was pinned under the overturned auto and was almost frozen when found several hours after the accident.

Elihu Root has wired Secretary of State Schmah that he does not wish his name to appear upon the presidential ballot in Minnesota and Mr. Schmah has responded that the request of the New Yorker will be complied with.

Carl Gerstenmaier of St. Paul is under arrest in New York accused of shortages in his accounts as treasurer of the German Lutheran Cemetery association and two church organizations. The shortages are said to aggregate \$30,000.

The All Minnesota Development association will meet in St. Paul June 14 and 15. Each county will have five delegates to the convention and each of the four big development associations and various smaller ones will have three delegates each.

Coolheaded work by citizens of North St. Paul prevented the raiding of the postoffice there, although two bandits who had blown the safe escaped after a street battle in which twenty shots were fired and one of the bandits seriously wounded.

Sweeping reductions in express rates in Minnesota on packages weighing 100 pounds or less have been ordered by the state railroad and warehouse commission to take effect at once. The reduction is from 20 to 35 cents on each 100 pounds, according to distance.

The Minnesota Retail Harness Dealers' association ended its annual convention with a banquet at the Merchants hotel at St. Paul. Officers for the next year are B. A. Koebe, Zumbrota, president; Henry Joerg, Madelia, vice president; John Sprey, Le Sueur, secretary-treasurer.

Property of the Western Union Telegraph company within Minnesota came under the general property tax and cannot be assessed on a basis of 100 per cent of the full and true value as contended recently by the state tax commission, according to a decision of the state supreme court.

The two oldest Winona pioneers, both nonagenarians, died within the same hour. They were Mortimer Gage, ninety-five years old, who had been a resident of Winona county for sixty years, and Mrs. Mary Schroeder, ninety-two years of age, who had been a resident of the county for sixty-five years.

Sixteen-year-old Vernon Adams of Winnebago, Martin county, is the champion boy corn grower of Minnesota for 1915. Vernon made a record of 88.6 bushels of dry shelled corn on one acre of land and by doing so wins the gold medal offered by the agricultural extension division of the University of Minnesota.

Governor J. A. A. Burnquist will ask friends of the late Governor W. S. Hammond to name the members of the big committee to raise funds for a monument. The plan provides for five members from each of eighty-three counties, with fifteen from St. Louis county and twenty-five each from Hennepin and Ramsey counties.

Judge Michael of the Ramsey county district court has denied a motion of railroads entering St. Paul and Minneapolis for a temporary injunction to restrain the state railroad and warehouse commission from making effective its order to have the two cities, the Minnesota Transfer, Hopkins and St. Louis Park a common rate point.

**UNCONDITIONAL PEACE IS ASKED**

Montenegro's Offer to Lay Down Arms Accepted.

**GROWING IN MAGNITUDE**

Russian Operations in the Caucasus Extend Along a Hundred-Mile Front and Their Turkish Opponents Are Being Driven Back.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—The Overseas News agency says that Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, announced in the Hungarian parliament that Montenegro had asked for peace.

Montenegro offered unconditionally to lay down her arms and the offer had been accepted, the premier declared, according to the news agency report.

London, Jan. 18.—Russian operations in the Caucasus are growing in magnitude and importance, judging from official reports. The announcement that a Russian offensive along a 100-mile front had begun is followed by the statement that Turkish forces have withdrawn. Previous Turkish reports had claimed repulse of determined Russian assaults and the infliction of great losses upon the Muscovites.

Military observers have been expecting for some time developments of a notable character in this region. When Grand Duke Nicholas was relieved of the command of the main Russian armies and sent to take charge in the Caucasus it was intimated in the imperial order announcing the change that additional attention would be given the operations on that front.

The move is doubtless in conjunction with the British operations in Mesopotamia and the Russian activity in Persia.

**TO TIGHTEN THE BLOCKADE**

British Navy to Be Given Freer Hand in Dealing With Germany.

London, Jan. 18.—In the course of the present week probably there will be debates in both houses of parliament on the question of a blockade of Germany. Lord Portsmouth will raise the question in the house of lords Wednesday and Sir Henry James Dalziel in the house of commons.

"There is a growing feeling in both houses," the Times says, "that the navy should be given a freer hand in tightening the blockade. At the present we have a notorious division of work between the admiralty, the foreign office, the board of trade and numerous committees. They are trying between them to carry out a policy which only lately has taken any coherent form, and they are obviously carrying it out with much friction and many conspicuous failures."

The Daily Telegraph urges immediate measures "to prevent commodities of any kind from reaching Germany."

Said Italy is to Withdraw From Balkan Campaign.

Vienna, Jan. 18.—Italy has abandoned all plans of participating in the Balkan campaign and is preparing to evacuate Albania, according to advices received here.

The Serbian forces in Albania will be withdrawn, leaving the Montenegrins to be crushed between the Austrian armies on the north and the Bulgars on the south, if they escape into Albania.

General Koeness, Austrian commander, is trying to make an Austrian campaign in Albania unnecessary by cutting off the Montenegrin retreat and bagging King Nicholas' entire army.

Italian patrols sent northward from Avalona after the Italian landing at that port are being withdrawn, the Austrian government learned from Albanian sources.

**CAPTURE ITALIAN TRENCH**

Austro-Hungarians Announce Success Near Tolmino.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—Austro-Hungarian troops took an Italian trench near Tolmino, according to an official statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian headquarters under date of Jan. 16.

The Austrian statement adds that Italian artillery activity was increased at Mount San Michele and against the Tolmino-Gorizia and Mrzilvrh bridgeheads.

Allies Buy Roumania's Grain.

Bucharest, Jan. 18.—An English syndicate has closed a deal for the purchase of 80,000 cars of Roumanian grain. The Roumanian grain surplus will be purchased by the allies, it is understood here, in conformity with the plan of "starving out" Germany.

Five Americans War Victims.

Paris, Jan. 18.—Five Americans of the foreign legion are reported killed in action. They are Russell Kelly, New York; Herman Edwin Hall, Chicago; John Earle Fike, Wooster, O., and Kenneth Weeks and Henry Farnsworth, both of Boston.

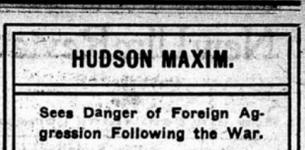


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**HUDSON MAXIM.**

Sees Danger of Foreign Aggression Following the War.



Photo by American Press Association.

Danger of foreign aggression will confront the United States after the European war is over, no matter which side wins, Hudson Maxim, member of the naval advisory board, declared in an address before the New Haven (Conn.) chamber of commerce. He made an appeal for a larger army and navy.

**LUSITANIA COMPACT DENIED BY GERMANY**

Berlin, Jan. 18.—The German foreign office believes that any announcement regarding the final settlement of the Lusitania case is slightly premature. No report to this effect has yet been received from Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador at Washington.

On the contrary, it is inferred here that negotiations are still pending, but there is not the slightest doubt expressed that a settlement will be reached in the immediate future.

The Mediterranean situation is regarded here as absolutely settled, the German government, as has already been stated in dispatches, regarding that their submarines in this and other areas that have not been proclaimed as war zones, are operating under all the recognized rules of "cruiser warfare," the submarines differing from regular cruisers only in that they are traveling under water instead of upon the surface.

TEN CHILDREN KILLED BY AIR BOMB BLAST.

Cologne, Jan. 18.—Ten children who were playing in a gravel pit near the local aviation grounds were killed by an air bomb. The children found the unexploded bomb and were playing with it when it exploded.

SERBS TO REORGANIZE ARMY Will Have 100,000 Men Ready Within Two Months.

Paris, Jan. 18.—That Serbia will have a completely reorganized army of 100,000 men ready in two months is the prediction of Colonel Bokovitch, Serbian minister of war, according to the Temps.

The minister is quoted as making that prediction before leaving Saloniki for Brindisi.

According to the same correspondent the Austro-German troops are finding difficulty in provisioning and will be unable to resume the offensive for two weeks.

**ITALIAN LOAN GOES FAST**

Peasants Subscribe to Get Souvenir Receipt Signed by Premier.

Rome, Jan. 18.—The second week of the new Italian loan opened with all the billboards, banks and government buildings throughout the country placarded with lithographs and the peasants subscribing to get a souvenir receipt signed by Premier Salandra.

Persons of wealth, charitable societies, clubs and commercial organizations are subscribing heavily.

A total of 100,000,000 lire was subscribed at the end of the first week.

**ADMIT CONSPIRACY CHARGE**

Four Accused of Plot to Ship Contraband Rubber to Germany.

New York, Jan. 18.—Edward Weber, Paul Schmidt, Max Jaeger and Richard Wohlberg, accused in a federal indictment of conspiracy to ship contraband rubber to the German government in violation of the customs laws, pleaded guilty and were fined.

**Train Hits Auto; Three Dead.**

Alvo, Neb., Jan. 18.—Three persons were killed and a fourth injured seriously when a Rock Island passenger train struck an automobile here.