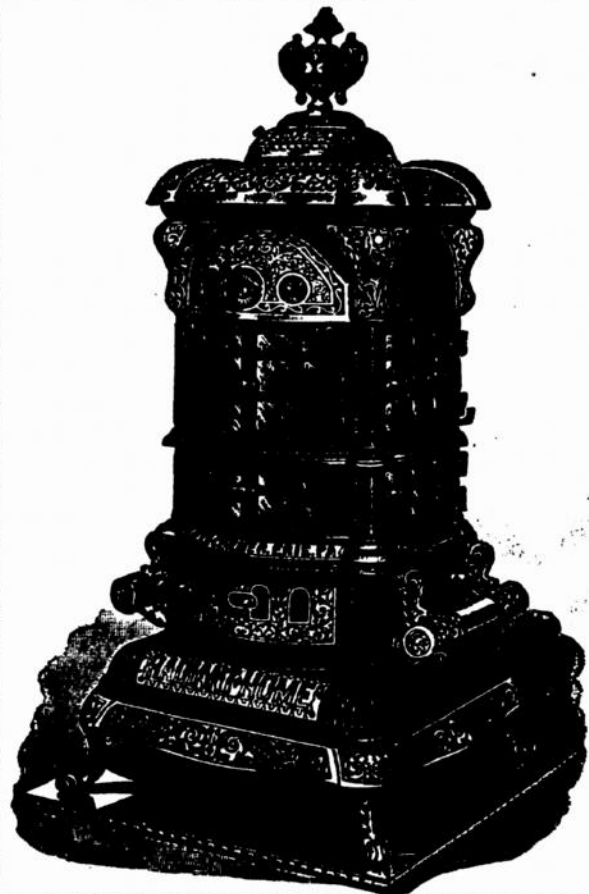


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any notice of whatever nature after 2 o'clock  
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**MODERN DROP SHAFT.**

The following ancient the plans of  
the Cleveland-Cliffs company, in  
the matter of developing the prop-  
erty recently acquired at Negau-  
nee, is from the Iron Herald:

The shaft will be known as what  
is called a drop shaft—12x16—two  
hoisting compartments and a lad-  
der-way. The first frame, or what  
will finally be the bottom one, is  
provided with a steel shoe, beveled  
to a sharp edge in order to reduce  
the resisting surface as the timber  
is crowded downward. The timber  
to be used is mainly oak and 14  
inches square so that there should  
be no question of its security, since  
this is to go down in solid rock  
from the ledge and some distance  
from the ore deposit. Capt. Rough,  
who is superintending the organi-  
zation for the work, is anticipating  
little difficulty in executing the  
carefully prepared plans, which  
contemplate means for overcoming  
such obstacles as boulders and  
quicksand—the former he expects  
to encounter a number of, while of  
the latter he has no knowledge of  
the exact extent or of the resistance  
it may cause to the progress of the  
work. Until the sand is reached  
double shifts will be worked, and  
from that to the ledge at least, three  
shifts, when, if methods can be de-  
vised to shut the water out, sinking  
may then go on with the double  
shift. Those who may incline to be  
curious as to what the first ton of  
ore hoisted from the property may  
cost, should go out to the location  
at this time and take a look at the  
piles of expensive material and fuel  
that will soon begin to disappear at  
a rapid rate before making an esti-  
mate. Setting aside the cost of the  
fee, \$200,000 would seem a reason-  
able cost for this particular ton of  
ore, which may be worth \$4.25 when  
laid down at some Lake Erie port.

A RE-ORGANIZATION of the Coun-  
ty Division Club would be an ap-  
propriate move at this time.

DULUTH is up against a soft coal  
famine. Rather tough, considering  
that winter has just got under good  
headway at that frigid point.

The severe cold weather has passed  
and examination of spring polit-  
ical aspirations would indicate that  
none were badly frost-bitten during  
the "snap."

The kindly criticisms of an editor  
upon the moral status of a com-  
munity and the causes therefor are  
not always accepted in a gracious  
spirit, we note. But it is only those  
whom the cap will fit that criticize  
the cut.

The second ward primary Tues-  
day showed the salutary effect of  
Republican times upon the politi-  
cal faith of our people. A precinct  
with but two Democratic votes out  
of a total of one hundred and sixty  
is worthy of special note.

SAN IVERSON, deputy state audi-  
tor, has an eye on Bob Dunn's job,  
and the state press seems willing to  
lend impetus to his candidacy. This  
is the position which County Audi-  
tor Halden has been asking the  
boys to assist him in landing.

The Hibbing News has taken a  
new and commendable departure—  
the elimination of the patent medi-  
cine advertisement. This class of  
advertising is about the only mat-  
ter found in some of our country  
exchanges. It is the poorest pay  
and hardest earned cash that reach-  
es the editorial sanctum.

The Duluth hog has again been  
shown up, this time by the board  
of county commissioners, who find,  
upon looking the matter up, that it  
costs the county more to bury a  
county charge in Duluth than in  
outside towns. Didn't expect the  
Duluth grafter to lose sight of this  
last chance, did you?

The Duluth, South Shore & At-  
lantic railroad will abandon the  
Pullman sleeping car service after  
June 1st, and put its own sleeping  
car equipment in use. The com-  
pany is now having five handsome  
sleepers built at Dayton, Ohio. If  
the company would also have five  
white porters made as a portion of  
the equipment they would receive  
the thanks of patrons.

THE X-Ray, of West Duluth, in a  
short comment on the Duluth News  
Tribune, says "there isn't much  
self-respect left in a newspaper that  
will prove itself a liar only two days  
after." Nor in one which will wil-  
fully lie, even to protect the alleged  
good name of a local citizen, as does  
a certain range journal in its last  
issue.

THE Hurley papers, which for the  
past several years have been run on  
a sort of co-partnership plan, will  
in future "go it alone." In the new  
step "Pa" Hand, who in the early  
days of The Enterprise had a half  
grasp on the helm of this journal,  
has one consolation; his paper, the  
Hurley Miner, cannot lose in edi-  
torial ability or typographical ap-  
pearance.

THE printing or distributing of  
sample ballots on red, white or blue  
paper is made a misdemeanor un-  
der the provisions of the Minnesota  
election law. The Virginian was  
this week guilty of the second vi-  
olation of this provision, printing an  
order for second ward sample bal-  
lots on red paper. The previous  
time was during the campaign of  
97, when an order for second ward  
samples was printed on white.

SENATOR HAWKINS states that the  
almost universal sentiment of the  
business interests of the state that  
definite action on the tax legisla-  
tion be postponed until the next regu-  
lar session is having a decided effect  
on the members as a body. Such  
action would certainly give time  
for a dissection of the points involv-  
ed in the commission's report, and  
the legislature would have a more  
definite idea of the question.

DR. AUGUSTIN THOMPSON, of Bos-  
ton, claims to have discovered the  
secret of prolonging human life to  
150 years. Technically explained  
Dr. Thompson says that he has cre-  
ated a similarity of the forces of an-  
imal life from the same materials  
that exist in food, and that he trans-  
mits these forces in a combined  
form into the body, thereby re-in-  
forcing the nerve centers. If the  
claim of the doctor is right and  
should become of general use there  
would be some consolation to the  
regularly defeated candidate in  
looking forward.

FOLLOWING close upon the munic-  
ipal elections throughout the coun-  
ty will be the commencement of the  
fall campaign, which under the new  
primary law is destined to bring  
out the festive candidate at a much  
earlier date than under the former  
law. And already several rumors  
are afloat of those who will enter  
the race, one well-defined case be-  
ing that of a range candidate for  
the office of county sheriff. Archie  
Phillips, of Tower, will go before  
the Republican voters for nomina-  
tion for that position, and will also  
be in at the finish. He is one of the  
best known men on the ranges, and  
will be a vote-getter both at the pri-  
maries and at the general election.  
His range strength, together with a  
multitude of staunch friends in Du-  
luth, will land him as an easy vic-  
tor, and the people of St. Louis  
county will have a sheriff whom al-  
may respect as an upright, honora-  
ble man, and as an officer.

**BUHL BUDGET.**

The Misses Alice and Nell Dolan  
drove to Virginia Saturday.

John Mewhinney says he is back  
in town to remain permanently.

Jacob Johnson and Fred Mohlen  
were here on a visit on Tuesday.

Be sure you register on the 22nd  
of February, and save your vote.

Victor Anderson was severely in-  
jured at Cole & McDonald's camp.  
He is in the hospital in a precarious  
condition.

P. E. McCormick looked up life  
insurance matters here Friday and  
Saturday.

Wm. Crockford went to Hibbing  
last Friday to attend a dance. He  
also drove to Chisholm before com-  
ing home.

Dr. and Mrs. Shaw have moved  
into the residence formerly occu-  
pied by Dr. Weirick.

The coming election promises to  
be an exciting affair. There are  
four candidates in the field for the  
presidency, and as there will be a  
large sum of money expended the  
ensuing year for public improve-  
ments it behooves the Buhlites to  
elect the best man. As yet we have  
heard of none to succeed Mr. W. M.  
Bohn for recorder, and it is likely  
he will succeed himself without op-  
position.

R. B. Freedy, who represents the  
People's Telephone & Telegraph  
Company, was here last Monday  
and it is rumored he will put the  
new company's telephones in her-

The Duluth & Iron Range com-  
pany erects a coaling station at  
Cloquet River.

**TRAVELS IN A BOX.**

Peerless Hungarian Crosses the  
Ocean in a Novel Way.

Ships Himself as Freight and Nearly  
Perishes from Hunger and Fear  
During the Fifteen Days of  
His Imprisonment.

The man who was discovered in the  
hold of the Hamburg-American steam-  
er Palatia the other day after having  
made the trip across the ocean in a  
box has recovered sufficiently to be  
able to establish identity positively.  
He said his name was John Beck and  
that he lived up to about a year ago in  
Buda-Pesth, Hungary.

The doctors would not allow him to  
tell his story, but enough was learned  
from him and other sources to show  
that Beck was a house painter and  
that he had come across the card of  
an up-town hotel in New York city,  
the proprietors of which have Ger-  
man names. Though a stranger to  
them he wrote that he could get no  
work in Germany and was coming to  
America and hoped the hotel men  
could find him something to do.

Then he fitted up a packing case,  
paid freight charges on it and engaged  
a carter to take it to the Hamburg pier  
at a certain time. He then returned to  
his lodging and boxed himself up af-  
ter he had provisioned himself with a  
dozen cans of condensed milk, a box  
prunes, three dozen cakes of choco-  
late, coffee in bottles and some bread.  
The carter called and got the box, not  
knowing of its living contents, and  
shipped it.

Beck declared that he was in the box  
until the ship reached the Hoboken  
pier, a period of about 15 days, and  
when he was found he was almost dead  
from hunger, cold and terror.

Newton Bennington, a well-known  
real estate owner and horseman, is  
said to have interested himself in the  
case and to have promised to give  
Beck work should he recover.

**NEW LIFEBOAT A SUCCESS.**

Capt. Mayo, the Inventor, and Party  
Sail Safely Through Heavy Seas  
in Cylindrical Craft.

Capt. R. D. Mayo and party of three,  
who started in the Mayo lifeboat from  
Chicago at four o'clock the other aft-  
ernoon, landed in Grand Haven, Mich.,  
without a mishap at ten o'clock the  
next morning. The strong southwest  
wind carried the boat in a direct line  
for the port where they landed, and  
not a single drop of water was shipped  
during the trip.

The Barry line steamer Alice Staf-  
ford, which left Chicago at eight  
o'clock in the evening, overtook the  
lifeboat 20 miles from the sailing port,  
and Capt. Larson's offer of a tow was  
accepted by the Mayo party. The  
cylindrical-shaped life craft bobbed  
back and forth in the wake of the  
steamer and rolled continually over  
and over, but the persons inside were  
always in an upright position, owing  
to the outer shell revolving around the  
inner. The heavy seas had no effect  
whatever on the craft, and it is now  
demonstrated that it can live in the  
severest storm.

The lifeboat cut loose from the  
steamer 22 miles from Grand Haven,  
and that port was reached by sailing.  
The entire party and the lifeboat came  
through the experience without any  
damage whatsoever.

**TELEPHONES FOR FARMERS.**

Many Lines Are Now Under Course of  
Construction in Northern  
Part of Kansas.

Many rural telephone lines are be-  
ing constructed for the benefit of  
farmers in northern Kansas. One line  
is built, usually connecting with the  
county seat, and from a dozen to 30  
farmers are connected with it. By a  
system of rings, each farmer knows  
whether he or someone else is being  
called. There are now telephone  
plants in most of the larger towns in  
northern Kansas, and the farmers can  
converse with anyone they choose to  
call up. It is so arranged that the  
rural lines can be connected with the  
long-distance lines, and a farmer who  
has a telephone can sit in his home  
and be connected with Atchison, To-  
peka, Kansas City, St. Joseph, and, in  
fact, almost any town he chooses  
within a radius of several hundred  
miles.

There are now rural telephones out  
of Vleite, Downs, Luray, Jewell City,  
and other towns. The toll line busi-  
ness is so promising that a company  
is constructing a ten-wire long-dis-  
tance system from points in north-  
western Kansas to Kansas City, by  
way of Topeka.

**Buy Novel Automobile.**

Frederick Mitchell, a wealthy young  
Bostonian, has just accepted at Paris  
a fantastic automobile built after his  
own design, paying for it \$35,500 cash.  
after a five-hours' trial. The vehicle  
is called Quo Vadis. It resembles a  
houseboat, a wheel, and contains com-  
fortable living quarters for five peo-  
ple, including a cook, an engineer and  
a maid. It is 60 feet long and has a  
roof garden under an awning on top.  
There are two independent trucks, like  
the American railway coach. For fuel  
petroleum is used. The maximum  
speed is 12 miles an hour. Mitchell and  
his wife will travel to Marseilles. Then  
Quo Vadis will be shipped to Algeria,  
where the winter will be spent in  
leisurely exploration.

**The Western Woman.**

A San Francisco girl is the first  
woman graduate of the Beaux Arts of  
Paris. The western girl, says the Chi-  
cago Record-Herald, continues to get  
there with both feet, if they some-  
times are rather large.

**WANTS INDIANS TO FARM.**

Miss Reel, Superintendent of Indian  
Schools, Thinks Redmen Should  
Till Their Own Land.

Miss Estelle Reel, superintendent  
of Indian schools, takes the position  
in her annual report that, as the In-  
dian owns his own land, he should be  
taught to do his own farming, in pre-  
ference to his old-time custom of ren-  
ting to his industrious white neighbors,  
and living in idleness. This idea in-  
stilled into the red man will be a long  
step toward actual reform. Attention  
is called to the fact that the first gov-  
ernment appropriation in 1819 was but  
\$10,000, while during the last year the  
sum of \$3,244,250 was expended for In-  
dian schools, and the total number of  
pupils enrolled was nearly 25,000.

A gratifying feature of Indian edu-  
cation as indicated by the report, is  
the rapid growth of industrial train-  
ing methods in the Indian schools.  
Practical industrial training, with  
elementary literary studies applica-  
ble to industrial work, should make  
the Indian a useful citizen, and this is  
the aim of the Indian school service  
under its present management. Speak-  
ing of agriculture, Miss Reel says:

"No occupation will so soon dispos-  
sess the Indian of his nomadic instincts  
and fix upon him permanency of habi-  
tation as agriculture. Tilling of the  
soil will necessarily oblige him to re-  
main in one spot, and the performing  
of certain duties at proper times of  
the year will instill into him the ne-  
cessity for systematic work and for  
giving attention to details. To make  
any real progress the Indian must have  
a home wherein will center all his  
interests, hopes and ambitions, and  
a home on a farm will best fill these  
requirements. As there is no field in  
which he can so readily contribute to  
his own support, he should not only be  
encouraged, but urged, to cease leas-  
ing his allotment, to cultivate more  
acres, raise better crops, and live the  
thrifty independent life that falls to  
the lot of tillers of the soil."

**A STRANGE CASE.**

Chicago Man Loses His Memory and  
at Last Finds Himself in Den-  
tal College at Atlanta, Ga.

After wandering for six weeks with  
no recollection of his own identity,  
Will T. White, of 66 Rush street, Chi-  
cago, recovered his memory and found  
himself in Atlanta, Ga., a student in a  
dental college.

He had regained his recollection of  
everything up to the time of his dis-  
appearance, but the intervening period  
of nearly two months at the same time  
became a blank to him, and Mr. White  
does not know how he went to Atlanta  
or how he obtained the money to pay  
his expenses at the dental college there.

White was employed in Chicago in  
the office of Dennison & Co., manu-  
facturing chemists. He left the office on  
Saturday morning with 87 cents in his  
pocket and wearing no overcoat. His  
week's salary was due that evening,  
but he did not draw it.

His wife instituted a search for him,  
but in vain, and then she decided to  
wait, confident of his return. For a  
few years ago, Mr. White had a simi-  
lar experience. He disappeared and  
was found in New York trying to get  
work by which he could pay his ex-  
penses in a dental college.

Mrs. White went to live with Louis-  
ville relatives several weeks ago, and  
the reuniting of the family took place  
there.

**ENGLAND TAKING UP SKAT.**

This Game of the German Students  
Is Likely to Become Very  
Popular.

Every two or three years the smart  
set of London goes mad over some new  
amusement. Five or six years ago it  
was skating on real ice, which, for the  
matter of that, is still very popular.  
Then came the war. The young men  
went to the front and the women fol-  
lowed them, at a safe distance. The  
talk was all about hospital ships, lint  
and bandages and the delights of nurs-  
ing pale, interesting soldiers.

A reaction set in and society began  
to learn bridge and play it feverish-  
ly. No more talk of the war. Last  
season the craze reached its height.  
Luncheon parties were made up, after  
which bridge for high stakes went on,  
with a pause for dinner, into the small  
hours.

Now a new game, new at least to  
England—namely, skat, the great  
game of the German corps student—  
is being introduced into England. It  
looks as if it would be taken to kindly  
in society circles. As pique is consid-  
ered the best game for two, whist for  
four and poker for five, so skat is the  
most interesting game for three.

**Loss by Acting in London.**

Nat Goodwin addressed the Play-  
goers' club at London the other night  
on the subject of "The American In-  
vasion." He said that there was reci-  
procity between the American and  
British dramatic worlds, but English  
actors generally came home laden with  
dollars. He instanced the case of  
Macready and others, and said that al-  
most all of the American actors in  
England shared the fate of Forrest,  
who went home with only a dead em-  
blem of leaves suggesting his name.  
Several Americans had lost heavily on  
the London season, some \$10,000 and  
others \$125,000. On that point he could  
speak with authority, though he was  
not anxious to claim credit for his ex-  
periences; indeed, he wished he were  
less well informed.

**Coon Songs and 'Possum.**

Mme. Nordica is singing coon songs  
and officiating at cake walks. Next,  
says the Chicago Record-Herald, she  
will probably be refusing to board  
where they don't serve 'possum.