

BUTTER MEN IN SESSION

CONVENTION AT FERGUS FALLS IS VOTED TO BE A SUCCESS

THE OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN

Even Everson Elected President for the Ensuing Year, With Crickman Secretary and Dewey Treasurer.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Butter Men Association held their annual convention at Fergus Falls last night and was a success throughout. The papers read by members of the auxiliary were well prepared and highly instructive. Wednesday forenoon was devoted to a discussion of dairying and dairy foods. Questions were asked and answered, and many practical suggestions given and received. In the afternoon the election of officers took place. A convention light took place, resulting in the election of the following: President, Even Everson, Strout; first vice president, August Samuelson, Lafayette; second vice president, W. L. Chappell, Fergus Falls; secretary, Robert Crickman, Pratt; treasurer, E. W. Dewey, Fergus Falls. There were fifty-eight delegates made for competition for prizes on creamery butter, sixteen on dairy butter, and two for cheese. The scores were announced this evening and these received prizes: Cheese-Strout Lake Co-operative creamery, of Strout, first; H. J. Roseman, Meridian, second; R. Willett, Fair Haven, third. Dairy butter—Mrs. M. A. Holmes, Owatonna, first; August Alshworth, Jordan, second; H. Kuhlman, Fergus Falls, third. Cheese—Otter Tail county, first; H. J. Roseman, Meridian, second; W. L. Chappell, Fergus Falls, third.

SHOOK UP THE SOO.

Big Rock Blown by a Blast Through a Bridge.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 12.—A rock from a blast through the Ashum street bridge crashed through that structure shortly after 2 o'clock last night. The rock, which weighed about 100 feet in diameter, fortunately there were no persons on the bridge at the time. The blast was made in excavating for temporary repairs were made, but the bridge has been closed for traffic until the damage done has been completely repaired.

One of the principal water mains leading to the south portion of the city was also damaged by the same blast. This main is suspended in the air pending the completion of the excavation work. It is estimated the damage to the fire protection in the south part of the city at from 25 to 30 per cent, according to location. The damage will be repaired as soon as possible, though in the meantime a fire in that portion of the city will be a serious affair.

ARRESTED FOR LIBEL.

Albert Lea Man's Charge Against a Business Competitor.

MINNAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—After being arrested for libel, Albert Lea man's charge against a business competitor. Hein was arrested today upon an order from the sheriff of Freeborn county. Hein is in business at Albert Lea before coming here, and while there he is alleged to have done some advertising which was considered libelous by his competitor. Hein will accompany the Freeborn county official to Albert Lea, and put up bonds for appearance and return to Mankato.

WISCONSIN LAWYERS' HOME.

Articles of Incorporation Filed for a Home for Indigent Foremen.

MINNAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation were filed at Madison, Wis., today for a lawyers' home for the care of indigent, homeless and disabled laborers. The home will be established in the city, and will probably be established next spring, but articles in need from any part of the country will be welcomed within its doors. There is no capital stock, and as soon as officers are elected, the articles of incorporation will be filed.

MARRIED AT CARVER.

Minneapolis Railroad Secures a Bride-Runner Assigns.

CARVER, Minn., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Mr. Harry Dufor, an employee in the office of the superintendent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway company, Minneapolis, was married here this afternoon to Miss Matilda Hammerlund, daughter of N. Hammerlund, the hardware dealer, Rev. Stout, of Western Avenue, M. E. church officiated. They depart this evening for an extended trip, visiting Chicago, New York and Canada, and will make Minneapolis their future home.

Happenings at Shakopee.

SHAKOPEE, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—J. G. Amend, V. S., representing the state board of health, is here looking after the great number of cases of cholera in this vicinity. The Knights and ladies of the crokinole table organized for the winter tournament at the home of Miss Myrtle Kent. J. C. Cassen and August, bought out the saloon of Mr. Keldnerich of the first of the week. Camp 1174 M. W. of H. elected officers as follows: Charles H. council, E. J. Gellenbeck; worthy advisor, Frank Dosh; excellent banker, H. D. Smith; clerk, N. S. Shafer; escort.

SHOT ONE THUG DOWN.

Chicago Man Was Ready to Fight for His Own.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—By throwing his back against the wall and opening fire with his revolver, John Conroy last night kept five years of his savings from the hands of thieves. He was attacked by the men, and when he ceased firing one of the men who had assaulted him was lying in front of him fatally wounded. Preparatory to leaving the city, Conroy was a street car motorman, and had withdrawn his savings amounting to nearly \$500 from the bank and was on his way home when attacked.

NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE.

Wants a More Elastic Currency Based on the Gold Standard.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The New York board of trade and transportation today adopted resolutions asking congress to amend the volume of currency more responsive to the requirements of trade and to ensure the perpetuity of the gold standard. The board also took the strong ground in favor of the Ray bill and the national bankruptcy act of 1888. A resolution asking Lyman Gage to remain at the head of the treasury department was referred back to the legislative committee after the propriety of the terms in which it was couched had been questioned. A resolution favoring a single term of six years for the president of the United States was tabled. The board accepted the invitation of the Brunswick, Ga., board of trade to send three delegates to the national maritime congress to be held in that city on Jan. 29, 1901, and instructed the president to appoint the delegates.

Will Fix Iron Ore Prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A meeting of the Iron Ore association, composed of companies and individuals, was held in the Lake Superior region, has been called to meet here Jan. 5, to fix prices for 1901 and to discuss the heavy cut in prices which probably will be made.

Smallpox in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Dr. Dillingham, of the health board, said today that no new cases of smallpox had been reported since 6 o'clock last night. Altogether at present there are thirty-nine cases at the hospital. One of three of the cases taken there proved fatal.

IS AN IMPORTANT CASE.

Decision Involves Duties on Importations From Hawaii.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The case of William H. Crossman and brother against the United States was argued before Judge Townsend in the United States circuit court today. Decision was reserved. The case involves the question as to whether or not the Hawaiian islands came under the constitution and laws of the United States immediately on the passage of the joint resolution of annexation on July 7, 1898, and before the act of April 30, 1899. Crossman & Bro. imported merchandise from Honolulu into the port of New York on April 25, 1900. The collector of the port assessed the duty on the goods under the tariff act of 1897. The importers claimed in this case that at the time of their importation, the Hawaiian islands were a part of the United States and their goods were not, therefore, subject to any duty. The joint resolution of annexation on July 7, 1898, contained a clause stating: "Until legislation shall be enacted extending the constitution and laws of the United States to the Hawaiian Islands with the United States and other countries shall remain unchanged." The importers claim that this clause of the joint resolution was unconstitutional because the constitution provided that the duties, imports and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States. The difference between this case and the case of Goetze against the United States, decided by Judge Townsend on June 14 last, involving the same subject, is that in that case the Hawaiian Islands were a territory, while the Hawaiian Islands were annexed by joint resolution of congress.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Charleston, W. Va.—The official election returns for West Virginia: McKimley, 151,158; Bryan, 88,807.

New York—A membership in the New York Stock Exchange was sold for \$17,500 to John H. McLaughlin.

Kansas City—There are more than thirty cases of smallpox in St. George's hospital. Only one death from the disease has occurred.

San Francisco—The regents of the University of California have formally appointed Prof. W. C. Campbell director of the Lock Observatory.

Sturgeon Bay, Wis.—The steamer Mary Mills was destroyed by fire while lying at anchor in the harbor. The vessel and cargo were destroyed, together with 2,000 tons of hay.

Waysaw, Ind.—Albert Bernard was arrested here on a warrant sworn out by Isaac Strauss, a banker of Logansport, Ind. Bernard is accused of robbing a safe for \$200 against which Strauss offered him his inspection.

San Francisco—The German ship Gertrude, which put to sea last week from Astoria, is reported as having been found off the coast of California. The ship and cargo were destroyed.

Lakeville, Or.—The Lakeville and Ager stevedores refused to sign a contract for this city by a lone highwman. No passengers were aboard, two mail sacks were destroyed, together with a considerable amount of mail.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

Melbourne—The legislative assembly of Victoria passed the woman's suffrage and men's pension bills.

Christiana—Assistant Prof. Nordenskiold, of the Swedish expedition, has arrived here to make preparations for his trip to the Antarctic region.

Rome—In the chamber of deputies the Italian government recalled the Italian troops in China. The chamber of deputies passed the resolution by an overwhelming vote.

London—The late Robert Arlington, an eccentric gentleman of Leeds, who lived in his time with the great armorer, has left to the London Missionary society over £250,000.

Berlin—The Berliner Tageblatt, basing its calculations upon the figures of Baron von Thielmann, secretary of the imperial treasury, estimated that the war cost Germany in the way of loans 400,000,000 marks.

Christiana—Another serious landslide has occurred in Helgoland. Thirty houses have been engulfed and a part of the island is now a desolate waste of water. Thus far it has been impossible to send relief and the results have not been determined.

St. Thomas, D. W. I.—The British cruiser Chief and the British torpedo boat destroyer Rocket have arrived here. They are going to Virgin Gorda, one of the Virgin Islands, British West Indies, the rendezvous of the rest of the British fleet, there to engage in maneuvers.

Berlin—Max Lehmann, the ten-year-old son of a Berlin tailor, has been dismissed from his gymnasium and forbidden to enter any other in Prussia for disturbing his majesty while the principal of the gymnasium explained to the pupils the Emperor's attempt at Breslau upon the life of Emperor William.

OCEAN LINERS.

NEW YORK—Arrived: Southampton, Antwerp, Sailed: Cevic, Liverpool; New York, Southampton; Deutschland, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Germanic, Liverpool.

YOKOHAMA—Arrived: Victoria, Tacoma, Honolulu, San Francisco.

ANWERP—Arrived: Kensington, New York via Southampton.

LIVERPOOL—Arrived: Sylvania, Boston, Portland, Me.—Arrived: Cambroan, Liverpool.

KINSALE—Passed: Corinthian, Portland, Me., and Halifax, N. S., for Liverpool.

HONGKONG—Arrived: Carlisle City, Tacoma, for Manila; Duke of Fife, Tacoma, for Manila; Duke of Devonshire, Hongkong, Maru, San Francisco, via Honolulu and Yokohama.

MOBILE—Arrived: Annapolis, New York, for Glasgow.

QUEENSTOWN—Arrived: Teatonia, for Liverpool; New England, Boston, for Liverpool and proceeded.

SOUTHAMPTON—Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm, Bremer; Bremen, Cherbourg and New York.

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