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7:15	ar. Walker lv.	6:30

E. A. HOAR, Supt.

WORD comes from Washington that it is extremely possible that Towne will be a candidate for congress from this district two years hence.

A BILL has been introduced by Senator Nelson to pay Anna Osborne $600 for personal property destroyed by fire at the Ft. Ripley hospital in this county in 1877.

THE question has been raised as to whether parties elected to office and who had not taken out their second papers for citizenship are eligible to hold the same. The courts will be called upon to decide.

THE fee system in Ramsey county has been abolished, and the county officers will hereafter be paid a fixed salary of $4000 with additional amounts for deputies and clerks. This will be a saving of many thousand dollars to the taxpayers.

A BOY in Trempleau county, Wis., smoked 1,000 boxes of cigarettes and saved the pictures and then wrote to the firm asking them what they would send in exchange for them. The answer came by return mail: "Smoke 1000 more and we will send you a coffin."

THE adoption of the constitutional amendment taxing railroad lands makes it a law, and it will be the duty of all county auditors to put such lands on the tax rolls the same as the lands of a private citizen. No more legislation is needed, and unless the courts declare it illegal, which is not probable, it will remain a law of the state until repealed by legislative enactment. The submission of this act to the people to vote upon was the first practical experiment the people of Minnesota have had with the referendum, and it worked so well that in future probably many other laws of general effect will be submitted in the same way says the Elk River Star News.

THE Journal editor has now gone into printing interviews with "prominent disappointed republicans" to hold up his theory that the country has gone to smash on account of the recent republican victory. Of course Mr. Stivers just casually met the gentleman on the train, but to read the article one would imagine that the interview had been fixed up for the occasion, not that we for a minute doubt but that Bro. Stivers and his p. d. r. had the conversation, but it would bring more weight with it and more consolation to his silver friends if he would mention the name of the interviewed. There is always a lingering doubt in the minds of the public in regard to interviews with people whose names are not mentioned, and we just make the suggestion in order that the Journal may hereafter not omit this important feature.

THE Republican Club of Stearns county failed to file its statement of receipts and disbursements and now a committee of five silverites have served notice on them to do so within five days, and state that if it is not done someone will be indicted for the offence.

Probably Perished in the Storm.

John Elder, brother of J. M. and D. R. Elder of this city, and who for some time had charge of the engines at the water works plant here, was out in the recent blizzard which swept over the Dakotas and Minnesota, and as no trace of him has been found it is altogether probable that he perished in the storm. Mr. Elder was employed by Murphy Bros. in driving stage from Elbow Wood to Hidden Lake, in North Dakota, a distance of 30 miles, and on Tuesday made the trip. On Wednesday morning, Nov. 25th, the day the storm swept over the country, he started on the return trip, and nothing has been seen of him since, the storm having continued for some days. When the weather settled the stage and mail was found a mile from where Mr. Elder started that morning, and tracks in the snow showed that he had been driving round in a circle, having crossed the road several times. The horses and Mr. Elder were gone, he having taken the harness off the animals and it was found near the stage. The only hope that remains is that Mr. Elder, when he found the storm was so severe, unhitched them from the rig and went with them to some place where shelter could be found, but as the time now has been so long since he disappeared that it is altogether probable he perished, and his brothers have about given up hopes of finding him alive. D. R. Elder left for Minot on Monday, and with the gentlemen for whom his brother worked, is prosecuting a search for the missing man.

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BRAINERD, - - MINNESOTA

Defenders of football would have some difficulty in convincing the families of dead and maimed players that the game is a "noble sport."

A manufacturer of cut glass in Corning, N. Y., has been put out bunked out of $5,000 by the old tin box switch trick. He ought to quit cutting glass long enough to cut his wisdom teeth.

A paper announces that during the approaching season society "will skate and curl." This is nothing new. From time immemorial men have been doing the former and women the latter.

Brooklyn refuses a request to permit the Corbett-Fitzsimmons match at Coney Island. By virtue of what authority does the city of Churches attempt to suppress free speech?

The total popular vote of 13,529,000 cast this year is an increase of 2,137,000 over the total popular vote in 1888 and of 1,411,000 over that of 1892. The increase of 1892 over 1888 was about 726,000.

New Cannon No 4, who defeated her Mormon husband for the state senate in Utah, finds nothing wrong in polygamy. She evidently desires to give all women a chance.

The British government is preparing to give Ireland a board of agriculture but it seems as if it will be a long period season of famine, board and hedging would meet a more pressing want.

Scientist William W. Jacques says that a lump of coal is concentrated electricity or magnetism. That parallels exactly the drawing power of a hard coal fire on a cold winter night.

If the captain-general of the Spanish forces ever loses his military job he can scrape up a living as a writer of fairy tales. He has the daring imagination of a first class romancer.

It is safe to predict that the proposition of the general council of the Boston to bring about a congress to arrange for the gradual disarmament of Europe will meet with the cordial disapproval of the "Hard Lord" of Germany.

As things now stand the question of waiting out illiterate immigrants is not how to keep them out in the senate the agreement having been made at the last session that it should come up the first day of the short session.

A woman in Chicago is said to have invented a machine for darning stockings. Doubtless the time needed to darn a Chicago stocking by hand suggested the invention of a labor-saving device.

A Cincinnati thief broke a jeweler's show window and stole a tray of diamonds, but he came within an ace of being taken by a policeman with a hand full of clubs and was forced to discard.

The Czarina seem to have set the fashion in London. A French counteess was arrested the other day charged with shoplifting in a stylish west-end establishment.

The American public is informed by a foreign correspondent that the recent visit of his royal alibi to Blelchelu cost the Duke of Marlborough $50,000. The correspondent does not state how much it cost the other guests. Albert Edward is the champion boozefighter of the age.

If John Lemmon wants to introduce the word "sandbag" into the English language. We regret the necessity for its adoption, but if our French friends have the thing they might as well import the name, which is, on the whole, wonderfully expressive.

A doctor who has become weary of the columns of stuff written about the wonderful uses of the N. Y. city surgery, etc., has analyzed that black rats are a sure cure for consumption. At any rate the remedy is cheap and may be found everywhere.

The annual consumption of champagne in the world is estimated at 21,000,000 bottles. England, American and Russia are the best customers of France in this line. The French themselves prefer Bordeaux and Burgundy to champagne.

Capt John Marriott of the Norfolk Regiment of England, who was captured by brigands a few days ago while out shooting near Smyrna, has been released. The brigands demanded $10,000 ransom for his surrender but it is not stated whether the money was paid or not.

The sweet Ohio school girl who was expelled for a sweetheart's necktie of color has the slight satisfaction of knowing that the intruder will probably have no occasion to borrow her ribbon. Time, however, will decide to show that there may be a silver lining to every "cloud."

United States Fish Commissioner Brice reports in favor of settling the international dispute over the Alaska seals by the annihilation of the species herd. That is protecting the seals with a vengeance, but according to the commissioner it is the most humane way of settling the question.

Signor Crispi has contributed to a Carlist lottery in a manner very proper for great men, by sending an autographic letter. Its interesting sentiment is to the effect that "the ambitious and revenge-ful powers are only waiting until success is assured to plunge Europe into war."

Coventry Patmore, the English poet, whose death is announced, held an honorable rank among the minor Victorians. He was a sweet singer, especially on domestic subjects, and much of his verse will live. Mr. Patmore served for many years as an assistant librarian of the British museum, and was noted also as a reviewer and magazine writer.

The Brazilian Central railroad, which, with its branches, makes 500 miles, was built by the government at a cost of $150,000,000. For several years it earned a respectable profit, for it had unusual facilities for business, but politics crept in, offices and salaries were increased and for some time it has been operated at a yearly loss of $2,000,000. A London syndicate has offered to lease it from the government for ninety-nine years at $1,000,000 a year, and congress is likely to accept the offer.

TALKS TO CONGRESS.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND SENDS IN HIS LAST ANNUAL MESSAGE.

The Affairs of the Government and the Workings of the Various Departments Are Reviewed—The Cuban Question Discussed at Length—Recommendations in the Financial System Are Urged.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Message to the Congress of the United States of the representatives of the people in the legislative branch of their government you have assembled at a time when the strength and excellence of our institutions are the theme of our citizens to enjoy popular rule has been again made manifest. Our political contest involving momentous consequences, attracted the deeply fervent attention of the part of our countrymen to abide by every result of the popular will. It has been contested at all times by an abiding faith in the agency of a enlightened and direction of the affairs of their government. Thus our people exhibit a spectacle to the world which entitles them to demand of those who invite their suffrages that their laws are faithful and unselfish and that in their behalf no care or effort be spared in a serious appreciation of the trust and responsibility which the phrase of "public duty" imposes.

TURKEY ON TOAST.

The Massacre of Armenians to Denounced in no Uncertain Terms.

In obedience to a resolution passed both houses of congress requesting information of the nature of the negotiations of the representatives of such legislation as to my judgment is necessary and expedient to the interests and avoid treasons surrounding the United States. I shall only mention those which have occurred since my last message. Our relations with the Ottoman Empire have been the subject of close and cordial intercourse. Our minister has reported to me the progress of the reforms promised by the Turkish government in the interior of the empire. Our consuls have been active in the discharge of their duties in the protection of our citizens and their property in the various provinces of the empire. Our commerce with Turkey during the past year seemed to have increased. Our trade with Turkey is either as a consequence of the awakening of the Turkish government to the benefits of humane civilization, or as the result of effective action on the part of the European nations having the right by treaty to interfere for the protection of those exposed to the rage of mad bigotry and cruel fanaticism, the existing features of the situation had been utilized. Instead, however, of a continuance of the concerted action of the European powers, we have been afforded no evidence of the existence of any sympathy for the wanton destruction of homes and the bloody slaughter of men, women and children, made sacrifices to their profession of Christianity.

While none of our citizens in Turkey have been molested in their lives, we have though often in the jeopardy of dreadful scenes of danger, and our efforts to impress upon my means assured our government at home avail our citizens in Turkey should have left nothing undone to protect our co-religionists in Armenia, and to constitute nearly all the individuals residing there have the right to claim the protection of the care of American citizenship.

Our efforts in this direction will not be relaxed, but the deep sympathy and interest that have been shown among our people ought not to be felt, and I express my judgment as to lead them to demand intervention. The outbreak of the fury which lead to murder and pillage in Turkey was suddenly and without warning and an attempt on our part to force such a hostile proceeding would have been effective for prevention of protection would not only be in violation of the treaties, but would be regarded as an intrusion and would be resented as such by those who assert their exclusive right to intervene in the most acute phase of the security of life and property in Turkey. Intervention would be regarded in the Mediterranean as a measure of caution, and in Turkish dominions as the result of a case of emergency. We have made claims against the Turkish government for the pillage and destruction of missionary property in Marash and Marsovan, and the pillage at these places. Thus far the valid ity of these demands has not been disputed by our minister, prior to such action as may be necessary for the demanded protection for the persons and property of our citizens in Turkey, I shall be officially informed, and untiringly the guilty of Turkish troops in the work of destruction and pillage. The Turkish government appears do not permit to doubt the justice of our demands, and I am inclined to bring about their prompt settlement.

A number of Armenian refugees having arrived at Marseilles, passage has been obtained from the Turkish government for shipping their wives and children, the refugees to join them here. It is hoped that benevolent people will be found who will prevent the escape of all those who seek to avoid the wrath of Christian people in Turkish territory.

Our minister plenipotentiary and consul in Erzerum is at his post and discharging the duties of his office, though for some considerable season his formal exequatur has been withheld by the Turkish government.

I do not believe that the present sombre pleasure in the land will be long enough to afflict the light of christendom. It seems to me that the enlightened civilization that belongs to the close of the nineteenth century will not tolerate for a moment that the natural demand of good people for the protection of life and the security of property in Turkey, that government which is called an ally in the work of civilization, and which is able to maintain its existence only by the sufferance of the civilized world, will be long permitted to bring about their prompt settlement.

AS TO CUBA

Should Spain Be Unable to Conquer the Insurgents May Act.

Cuban affairs still continue, which all its perplexities. It is difficult to predict any progress in the war. It has been made toward the pacification of the island and the efforts which I have indicated in my last annual message to be the necessary of Spain still continue. The insurgents and the suppress, and all the considerations which I have adduced in my last message in the over two-thirds of the island country, if the development of England, the end of the insurrection seems but to strengthen with the hope that Spain will be able to her unremitting devotion of largely increased military and naval forces to the task there is much reason to believe that insurgents, to be subjected to a great numbers, character and resources, and despite the fact that Spain still holds possession of the island, it is apparently securing the great object for which it is waging it. If Spain has not yet re-established her authority, there has been no material change made good their title to be regarded as at least belligerents, and the insurgents have gone so, the pretense that civil government exists on the island, and that Spain is able to maintain it, has been practically abandoned. Spain does not, in fact, govern, nor, or less imperfectly, but, that control she has, she holds, by force, try to either given over to anarchy or is subject to the military authority of the other party.

It is, perhaps, indeed, on reliable authority, that, at the demand of the commanders of the insurgent army, the Spanish Cuban government has now given up all attempt at exercise of civil functions, and the government confessedly (what there is but reason to suppose) expressed its wish to be left to a government merely on parole by the Spanish commanders and by their antagonists in the open or in good faith. Such a proceeding, it might be looked for, and the insurgents, supported by the Cuban people, would be glad to plume and equipment could hardly be. But they are called upon to face a formidable situation, if, as apparently, and they choose, and does choose. Its own ground, they are in the nature of a belligerent, a civilized or barbarous at pleasure, and that fight, to advantages of population and numbers are on their side, and the resources of Spain are indispensable to life to the way of such a war, and, if she is so, such resources obtainable, especially if those here are of a character to be used against the insurgents, it hardly a limit to the time during which such war may be waged. Meanwhile, as in all cases of protracted civil war, the business of the island must grow more and more ruined, and sacrifices and losses, of a character frequent and deplorable. They are also participated by bands of marauders, who now in the name of one party and now in the name of the other, as may be the occasion, harry the country at will and plunder peaceful inhabitants for their own advantage. Such a condition of things would be fatal to a civil government, and it has been, apparently, abandoned it, and is acting upon the same principle as the insurgents, namely, that the exigencies of the current war, the wholesale pillage of property, that it may not prove of gain and advantage to the owner.

It is to the same end, and in pursuance of the same principle, that Spanish officers are now being withdrawn from plantations and the rural populous regions to concentrate itself in the towns. The sure result would seem to be that the industrial value of the island is fast diminishing, and that, unless there is a speedy and radical change in existing conditions, it will disappear altogether. That value consists very largely, of course, in its capacity to produce sugar, a capacity already much reduced by the interruptions to the tillage which have taken place during the last two years. It is reliably asserted that these "interruptions continue during the present year, and practically extend, as I am threatened, to the entire sugar-producing territory of the island. It is to be hoped and so much money will be required to restore the island to its normal productiveness, that it is extremely doubtful if eight years, second to that, can restore the tempt. The spectacle of the utter ruin of the island, which was, in the past, the most fertile and charming on the globe, could engage the sympathies of the government and the people of the United States under any circumstances, but, as a fact, they have a concern with it which is by no means of a wholly sentimental or philanthropic character. It lies so near to us that it is not merely a neighbor but a sister. Our material pecuniary interest in it is second to that of the people and government of Spain. It is estimated that in the past ten years there have been $50,000,000 of American capital invested in Cuban sugar estates. Many Cubans, in other business connections, have sought the United States and with them have brought capital to the amount of $50,000,000 more. This capital, which rose in 1890 to about $103,000,000 in value, has fallen to less than $50,000,000 in the insurrection broke out, amounted to nearly $100,000,000 in the fortunes of Cuba, the United States finds itself

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Greater Increase in Receipts than in Expenditures.

Our postoffice department is in good condition and the exhibit made of its operations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, if allowance is made for imperfections in the postal laws, is in the very satisfactory. The total receipts during the year amounted to $75,000,000 and the expenditures were $80,026,296.68, "giving of $1,570,000 in the amount of the deficit, or within a very small fraction of one-third of the deficit in the postoffice department during the same year. The amount of money appropriated was $80,960. Of these 40,974 represent original appropriations and the balance deficiencies in existing pensions.

The number of persons receiving pensions from the United States, but residing in foreign countries on the last day of the fiscal year was 3,781, and the amount paid to them during the year was $1,000,000. The sum appropriated for the payment of pensions to such persons for the year ending June 30, 1897, is $140,000,000, and for the succeeding year it is estimated that the same amount will be necessary. The commissioner of pensions reports that the number of the fiscal year 335 indictments were found against claimants for pension. Upon these indictments 167 convictions were

In my opinion such statements as these of the commissioner of pensions demonstrate show that the abuses which have been so long and so loudly complained of have done incalculable harm in demoralizing our people and undermining the stability of their country's service and worthy of their government and institutions.

When I have seen those who pose as the pensioners of the government, I am urging greater laxity and more reckless pension legislation, I have felt that such a course I have deprecated the approach of a situation when some great emergency and enforced economy may lead to an attack upon the pension roll, which, if it is to be made the discrimination due to those who, by the fortune of war, have been the sick and die under the protection of a national gratitude.

FARMER MORTON'S WORK.

The Government Should Encourage the Farmers Of Our Country.

The department of agriculture is so intimately connected with the material welfare of the people and the prosperity of our country it should receive the fullest and most hearty encouragement of the government. From a small beginning it has grown to be the center of agricultural science and the source of assistance to the farming interests. Large sums are annually appropriated for the prosecution of its various branches, it must be confessed that the legislation relating to the department has not been in the direction of practical farming, or properly guarded against its misapprehension. It, however, the public money has been appropriated for the benefit of those farmers who annually till the soil, and no expenditure of the public money can be more generally approved by the people.

I am persuaded that a judicious distribution of seeds by the department as at present constituted is the most effective method by which it can lend the statement of the secretary of the treasury that the receipts for the year ending June 30, 1896, the total ordinary expenditures were $434,678,454, and the total ordinary receipts thus amounting to $21,202,245.39, the ordinary expenditures for the year were $41,015,822.21 less than during the preceding fiscal year. If the receipts be increased, there was derived from customs the sum of $160,158,095.86, and from internal revenue $146,580,015.06. The receipts from sources other than the same source for the year were $106,000,000, being an increase over those from the same source for the preceding year of $16,000,000. The receipts from internal revenue, an increase of $5,344,537.

The value of our imported dutiable merchandise during the year was $731,970,159, $30,757,470, and the value of free goods imported $264,000,000, being an increase in value of $802,000,038, being an increase of $50,000,000 over the preceding year. The average ad valorem duty paid on dutiable goods imported during the year was 40 per cent and on free and dutiable goods imported 27 per cent. The cost of collecting our internal revenue was 2.78 per cent, as against 3.01 per cent for the year ending June 30, 1895. The total production of distilled spirits during the year 1895 in breadths was 88,588,703 gallons gallons, being an increase of 6,625,168 gallons over the preceding year. There was also an increase of 1,445,000 gallons in the production of fruit, as compared with the preceding year. The total production of fruit was 14,000,000 was 55,850,350, as against 35,380,784 produced in the preceding year. There was an increase of 2,269,000 barrels.

The total production of beer reported during the fiscal year was 812,490,947 and of fermented liquors 1,000,000 gallons. The total of gold and $13,246,384 of silver and other coins, and $1,000,000 of other coins. The imports of gold were $33,522,765 and of silver $28,777,000, and of other coins $1,000,000. The exports of gold were $28,777,000 and $8,500,000 more of silver than during the preceding year. The total of the gold and silver in the United States at the close of the last fiscal year was $1,228,926,035, of which $550,000,000 was in gold, and $678,926,035 in silver.

The total coinage of the mints of the United States during the year ending June 30, 1896, amounted to $71,188,688.52, of which $70,000,000 was in gold coin, and $1,188,688.52 in standard silver dollars, subsidiary silver coin, and minor coin. The coinage of national banks organized from the time of the organization of the system to the end of the year ending June 30, 1896, was $5,663, and of this amount $3,000,000 was in gold coin, leaving an outstanding coinage of $2,663. The total number of national banks was 3,715,000, 268,362 shareholders, and circulating notes amounting to $172,000,000.

The total outstanding circulating notes of all national banks on the 1st day of June, 1896, amounted to $234,555,807, including $21,000,000 of gold notes issued to banks insolvent and in process of liquidation. The total circulation of the national banks during the year ending on that day was $21,000,000 in excess of the circulation of national banks was last reported, the increase being in the West. The circulation of the national banks, $208,088,313.85, which is in excess of the circulation of the national banks and $262,163,713.85 to money of all kinds and forms in the United States, $1,958,000 was due to individual depositors and $1,000,000 was due to individual depositors and $1,000,000 was due to individual depositors and $1,000

The Electric Headlight on Crooked Roads.

Engineers and railway officials speak in grateful terms of the electric headlight. Beyond the main function of this lighter to illumine the road ahead in front of the engine—it throws rays skyward a shining beam that gives early notice to stationmen, wayfarers, runners of other train and bespeaks the tramp of the approach of the train bearing it. The runner using this light may see through a hill or a building any better than other lights, but as it shines above it makes its whereabouts manifest several miles in advance. The light is so much brighter that the electrically lighted locomotive is approaching. The angle at which the reflector can easily be adjusted so as to throw the beam upward, and the illumination of the particles of dust or moisture in the atmosphere makes a pencil of light that shines out so far overhead at a great distance. This is of immense service on tracks containing many curves, at many points of which the primary headlight ceases to be visible when the locomotive is only a few yards away. An incident occurred recently in Ohio which illustrates the value of this feature of the light. An engineman running south at night, and with the tender foremost, forgot to shut the throttle when he was due. He would have run into the train on a bridge a few miles off, but he saw the rays of the electric headlight in the sky before the train was in its sight—that is, before it had reached a point where it would have been in sight by daylight. He had time to stop and could be seen. The careless engineman at once stopped and succeeded in getting on a sidetrack before the passenger train reached him. Many engineers, especially those on the roads of the Western prairies, assert that as much does electric headlight lessen the strain to which they are subjected and increase their confidence while pushing their locomotives that they would pay for the lamps themselves rather than be without them.

Orange Party for the Children.

Many of you will be thinking of and making those already for the Christmas holidays, when a few days of pleasure will give you a chance for some good cheer. If you are planning a little party for your young friends and playmates, an orange party is a pretty form for it to take. This is managed very easily. The room should be decorated in orange color, a few garlands of cheese cloth, cotton crepe or any of the inexpensive fabrics answering for the purpose. Festoons should be draped over the chairs, over the pictures and mantel and on chandeliers, and wherever it seems to be needed, the object being to give the room a decided orange cast. If an orange tree can be provided, and if it is a very Christmas time, a Christmas tree can be laid for the purpose—a very pretty feature will be secured. It should be hung with oranges—the real ones if you like, or the mock ones, easily made from balls of cotton covered with orange silk. The invitations should be sent out on orange paper, and it will be not easily got, with a little orange and brown pasteboard in one corner of a white sheet. The guests should be requested to wear an orange bow on their white dresses in the case of girls, or on the coats of boys, unless it is wished to have all appear in orange freely, which will add to the correctness of the scheme. The boys, in this case, may wear sashes of orange sheeting, cloth or crepe. Refreshments should be orange jelly, orange bonbons with candies, oranges, orange ice and any other orange goodies that you may wish to provide.

On Nov. 20 the John A. Salzer Seed Co., En Cross, Wis., the largest seed potato growers in the world, have in order for three thousand bushels of seed potatoes from one farm in Texas.

Trial by Telephone.

Montclair, N. J., has a merchant who is a very practical and wideawake man. He was cited to appear in court in answer to a charge of obstructing the sidewalk in front of his place of business. He was very busy, too busy, in fact, to go to court, so he rang up the recorder on the telephone and pleaded guilty. "Fined $10," said the recorder. "All right," was the merchant's reply. "I'll send up the money right away, good-by." This looks like the thin end of the wedge. It is not about that the witnesses can be examined over the telephone, and possibly jurymen may come to lean cases in the same manner. Under the influence of a wider sense of the possibilities of the telephone a busy merchant might sit in his office, and, equipped with a telephone hood, hear a divorce case, or he be distinctly better to his typewriter and talks politics with his customers.

Winter Time Table.

St. Paul, Dec. 1.—No changes were taken off by the Great Northern railway in making up a winter schedule, but changes were made in the bearing time of several of them, the most important being the Pacific coast train, which leaves here at 1 p. m., two hours earlier than heretofore, and makes connections with Eastern lines than ever before, and reaching Montana and coast points in daylight.

Saratoga Chips.

These may be made on Saturday and heated for Sunday night's supper. Pare and put in ice water for an hour half a dozen large smooth potatoes; wipe very thin into slightly salted water, where they should remain an hour. Then drain in a colander. At least half an hour before you wish to fry the slices put on the fire some lard. Dry the slices on a clean towel, place in a frying basket, and when the fat is boiling plunge them in until a light golden brown. Drain on brown paper and stand in a cold place. Sprinkle with salt. When ready to serve, heat them plane in the collander in the oven. Serve quickly.

His Winning Suit.

Mrs. Kirkbrad—And why do you think, Mr. Dunley, that the world is better now and more beautiful than it was thirty-five years ago?

Mr. Dunley (who is after her sweet daughter)—Because—because you were not in it then.

Pope Leo's disapproval of the young man have been overridden.—Cleveland Leader.

Not Very High.

Mrs. Dash—I suppose you said Mrs. Bolton was prominent in society?

Mrs. Blank—Why, I've been told that she is.

Mrs. Dash—It must be a mistake. She only belongs to four afternoon card parties.—Cleveland Leader.

Manchester is fifty feet above the level of the sea, and Birmingham 300 feet.

Constipation

is a disease which afflicts over 75 per cent of the American people. It is a dangerous disease because it not only poisons the blood, causes headaches, depression, and dulls the intellect. Then follows indigestion, heartburn, loss of appetite, sick stomach, foul breath, dizzy head, disturbed sleep, and general weakness. Warner's Safe Cure acts on the liver and kidney disease in some incurable form, but suffering from this dreaded malady are speedily

Cured by Warner's

Warner's SAFE Cure and Warner's SAFE Pills, leading physicians the world over, have prescribed them for years, and hundreds of people throughout the land have written testimonials.

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SAFE Cure acts directly on the bowels, kidneys, liver, and blood, and will quickly relieve the worst cases of Constipation. It builds up the debilitated system. It is a sure cure for Piles, the kidney complaint in any form, and the only remedy that has been able to cope with this disease.

If your druggist has the need of such a remedy, ask him to obtain it for you; if he has none of it on hand, take no other, but send to Warner's Safe Cure Co., Rochester, N. Y., for a pamphlet.

Safe Cure

A MATTER OF SKILL.

By BEATRICE WHITBY.

CHAPTER IX—(Continued.)

This news staggered her aunt; she started from her chair in consternation, a sudden flame leaped out of a kindled log and played on the face of his eyes. Then, for the first time in all her guilty life, Helen Elizabeth created a plot.

"Mr. Jones!" she said, "you know that Helen has gone out. I am vexed with her for doing so; she should have sent a servant with the letter. It is growing dark, and I dreadfully dislike the gloom to very lonely; it is not fit for her to walk there alone. You will think me a great fidget; but I feel that it would be a relief to my mind if you would go and meet her. Perhaps, seeing hesitation of his face, she went on tremulously—"I have been ill; the fever has left me weak and nervous. I am anxious about her, and I presume upon your kindness."

The request so couched was almost irresistible; yet, if he did not attempt to refuse; he went. When she heard the garden gate shut, she sat one or two later also cried plaintively:

"Dear, dear! I am a creature of impulse after all!" and she hid her face in her hands and trembled. Still trembling, she left the sofa and rang the bell for Betsey.

"Betsey," she said, "I am exceedingly ill; I shall go up stairs to my room and keep quiet. Tell Louisa to bring the tisane to me, and you may go up a large fire and keep the muffins hot. Mr. Jones and Miss Mitford will be in to tea before long."

"How long, ma'am?"

"Well, Betsey, I don't quite know. I feel very, very weak; I cannot stand alone. I shall be very glad to see

Time Waits For No Man

Christmas is coming and we all wish to Remember our Friends. A suitable, useful and ornamental present can be selected from my large Assortment of

Rich Diamonds, Jewelry, Fine Watches, Sterling Silver Novelties, Hollowware, Cut Glass, Opera Glasses, Clocks, Etc.

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CIGARS and TOBACCOS.

We Carry the Most Popular Brands and can Satisfy Our Customers in this Line to a T. If you are looking for something Choice in Smoker's Goods call and see us at Martinson's Old Stand, Koop Block, Front St.

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P. M. LAGERQUIST,

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All resolutions of respect, card of thanks, or matter of similar character, will be charged for at the uniform rate of Three (3) Cents per line for every insertion.

C. C. Stevens, Journal. Ingersoll & Wieland, Dispatch. A. J. Blixton, Tribune.

Brainerd, Minn., Jan. 1, 1896.

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Local News Notes.

Smith & Winslow, insurance.

Smith & Winslow loan money.

Smith & Winslow, real estate.

Smith & Winslow rent houses.

Fine Salmon steak at Ed. Bane & Co's.

Christmas Cards at Swartz Drug Store.

Poultry of all kinds at Bane & Bane's.

Buy your Christmas candies at C. G. Osterlund's.

Hon. A. F. Ferris went to St. Paul Wednesday night.

J. W. Koop was in Little Falls on business Monday.

J. J. Howe went to Minneapolis on Saturday on business.

Geo. LaBar transacted business in Little Falls on Tuesday.

Get your trimmings for Christmas trees at C. G. Osterlund's.

Pork Roasts and Steak at Bane & Bane's at 10 cents per pound.

Rustic pearl holders, with No. 2 gold pens, $1.75, at Sundberg's.

Catholic Prayer Books—a big assortment at Swartz Drug Store.

Pork Roasts and Steak at Bane & Bane's at 10 cents per pound.

Remember the Babies by buying a fine Doll of Swartz, the Druggist.

Two sticks of delicious pepsin gum at Atwood & Johnson's for 5 cents.

A. S. McMillan, of the Wadena Journal was in the city Wednesday.

Pork by the side or whole hog for 5 cents per pound at Bane & Bane's.

Buy your cigars and tobaccos where you can get the best—at C. G. Osterlunds.

J. A. Berkey, of Little Falls, was in the city Wednesday on his way to Walker.

Fresh salt water fish received daily at Benson & Gray's Fifth street meat market.

Housekeeping outfits on the installment plan at the Hoffman Bazaar.—tf.

If you are looking for the latest designs in stationery call on McFadden Drug Co.

Good timothy hay is selling as low as $2.50 per ton in Little Falls, says the Herald.

If you want something nice get some Salmon steak at Bane & Co's meat market.

Gold way down by buying Gold Pens in Pearl Holders at Swartz Drug Store.

Spring Chickens at Bane & Bane's at 10 cents per pound. Hens at 10 cents per pound.

If you are afflicted with indigestion use pepsin gum. Half price at Atwood & Johnson's.

Do good and be good by buying one of those beautiful Bibles at M. K. Swartz Drug Store.

The Catholic Church society at Long Prairie cleared $1500 last week at their annual fair.

Get your best girl some pepsin gum. Two bunches for a nickel at Atwood & Johnson's.

The Wadena public schools, on account of the prevalence of diphtheria, have been closed until after the holidays.

In cigars and tobaccos C. G. Osterlund carries a full line of the most popular brands. Your trade is solicited.

C. G Osterlund has bought the cigar and confectionery stand formerly owned by A. Martinson on Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Carney will leave for Los Angeles, Cal., about January 10th, where they will spend the winter.

W. J. Irwin, of Little Falls, was in the city on Tuesday looking up the inter sts of the Interstate Milling Co. of that city.

We have just what you are looking for in Christmas Gifts, if you will call we will convince you we are right, at Swartz Drug Store.

R. C. Wescott, assistant superintendent of the Minnesota division of the Northern Pacific, has resigned his position and will go south.

Leave your orders for Christmas trees with C. G. Osterlund, Koop block, and they will be delivered at your door without extra charge.

Capt. Fisher, of the Salvation Army, in charge of the "Door of Hope," went to Minneapolis last Friday and returned on Monday accompanied by his wife.

The Ladies' Aid of the First Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs A. L. Chadwick on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 16th, from 2:30 until 4:30 o'clock.

Toilet Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes Tan, Necktie, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, at prices to suit everybody. Call and see them at Swartz Drug Store.

Bane & Bane buy hides.

M. J. Quam, of Walker, is in the city.

Miss Amy Brockway returned from Aitkin on Tuesday.

Arthur Benthal has re-opened his East Brainerd saloon.

Mrs. R. J. Little, of Minneapolis, is visiting Brainerd friends.

Get a fine quarter of beef at Bane & Bane's at 5 cents per pound.

Mrs. A. J. Halsted returned yesterday from an extended visit in Ohio.

Bert Anderson was in the city this week calling on his Brainerd friends.

Thomas Wilson is at the Lumberman's hospital undergoing treatment.

A nine pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smiley on Thursday.

Spring Chickens at Bane & Bane's at 10 cents per pound. Hens at 10 cents per pound.

McFadden Drug Co. have just received another lot of Gunther's famous choice candy.

Pepsin gum at half the usual price at Atwood & Johnson's. Nothing better for the digestion.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Quinn have a new son at their house whose birth dates from Saturday last.

Teeth filled and crowned with Gold or Porcelain, and teeth extracted with Odontunder, at Dr. Ribbel's.

Select Baltimore oysters, received direct from Baltimore daily, for sale at Benson & Gray's, at 40 cents a quart.

A new automatic package and cash carrier has been placed in Koop's dry goods store, the first one to be used in this city.

Miss Eva Johnson returned to her home in Boston yesterday, after spending some weeks in this city with Mrs. J. T. Sanborn.

J. J. Howe was called to Jordan Minn., on Wednesday by telegram, announcing the death of his brother-in-law, John Casey.

Jos. Saltzer, of Minneapolis, has been spending a few days with his father at Crow Wing, and was calling on Brainerd friends to-day.

Mack's Headache Powders will cure your headache in 15 or 20 minutes. McFadden Drug Co., sole manufacturers. For sale by all druggists.

Fire on Friday last destroyed the residence and nearly all the furniture of Hiram Scott in Garrison township. The loss is $1000 with no insurance.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U., will be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlor on Tuesday, December 15th at 3 p. m. All members are especially requested to be present. Visitors are welcome.

There will be a P. S. social Friday evening Dec. 28th, in the parlors of the First Congregational church given by the King's Daughters Circle. Come and have a good time. Admission 15 cents.

S. H. Robson, formerly of this city but who has been at Missoula, Mont., for some time, has removed to Livingston, where he has accepted the position of division store keeper for the Northern Pacific road.

A. L. Cole's dry goods store at Motley was broken into on Sunday last, and over $100 worth of goods stolen. The burglars were arrested at Staples on Tuesday and taken to Little Falls where they were lodged in jail.

In selecting your confectionery the rule is to get the best at a reasonable price and C. G. Osterlund at his new store in the Koop block invites the attention of the public to his stock of goods in this line. Everything new and fresh.

On Monday evening, Dec. 14th, Lyman L. Crookhwaite, impersonator, humorist and dramatic reader, will give an entertainment at Odd Fellows' hall under the auspices of Unity Lodge No. 194, I. O. O. F. The entertainment will be interesting and instructive. The price of admission is 25 cents, children 15 cents.

DIED.

Peter McLennan, aged 29 years, died on Sunday last at the N. P. Sanitarium of concussion of the brain. Deceased was a fireman in the employ of the Northern Pacific, and received his injuries from being struck by an iron arm on a mail car. He was to have been married in two weeks to a young lady in Montana. The remains were shipped to Biamarck, Ontario, for burial.

Notice.

All outstanding notes and orders against school district No. 29 are due and payable. If not presented for payment, all interest will cease after Jan. 1st, 1897. C. A. Krech, Clerk.

Brainerd, Dec. 10, 1896. 3t.

The Brainerd Tanning Co.

Cattle, horse hides and calf skins tanned for harness, shoe and mitten leather, and all kinds of fur skins tanned for robes, overcoats, rugs, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed. We have 25 years experience in the work. For circulars and information address

The Brainerd Tanning Co., Box 1011. Brainerd, Minn.

Or call at P. M. Lagerquist's grocery store, on Sixth street south.

Tourist Car to California.

An Upholstered Pullman Tourist Sleeping Car is run once each week from St. Paul to San Francisco via the Northern Pacific and Shasta route. This car leaves St. Paul at 7 p. m. every Wednesday, and Staples 11.50 p. m. every Wednesday, reaching San Francisco the following Monday morning. Rate for double berth from St. Paul, Minneapolis and Staples only $6.00. For tickets and reservations write to W. D. McKay, Ticket Agent N. P. Ry. Co., Brainerd, Minnesota.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT SUP'T.

The City Council Transacts Considerable Business at Its Monday Meeting.

The city council met in regular session on Monday evening, all members being present except Ald. Smith. Routine business such as reading minutes, adopting reports of city officers, etc., was transacted.

A communication from the Ministerial Association asking for assistance in maintaining the "Door of Hope," commonly known as the soup house, in feeding and lodging the unemployed waited upon the council with the result that the city clerk was instructed to purchase $10 worth of tickets which are to be turned over to the chief of police to be used to the best advantage.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

Pay roll city employes	$594 13
Pay roll electric lights	249 70
Tribune, publishing	21 33
Keene & McFadden, rent	12 00
A P Farrar, rent	15 00
Telephone rental	9 00
H M Phillips, dray & freight	6 42
L M Koop, mdse	2 25
Larson & Walters, fuel	30 00
McFadden Drug Co. supplies	3 88
S J Greer, work	6 00
The Lakon Co. supplies	44 00

Bill of the Brainerd Plumbing Co., $20, was allowed with the stipulation that the allowance of said bill shall not prejudice the rights of the city, in withholding the amount from the future water rental due from said city.

The Brainerd Tribune was made the official paper of the city, the bid from that paper being the only one received.

Sealed bids for feeding the city prisoners were opened, and the contract awarded to W. P. Buckley, the same being at the rate of 9½ cents per meal or 28 cents per day.

The application of L. M. Page for the position of superintendent of electric lights was read and on motion the council proceeded to ballot, the result being that Mr. Page received eight votes and Wm. Dresskell one, and Mr. Page was declared elected to the position.

A motion was made and carried that the transfer of supplies and everything pertaining to the electric light plant be made under the supervision of the electric light committee.

The bond of J. N. Nevers as sinking fund commissioner in the sum of $2000 was read and approved, as was also the bond of Geo. E. Gardner in a like amount.

Liquor license was granted to Jas. McCabe.

The purchasing committee was instructed to purchase 25 cords of dry wood for the use of the city.

Ordinance No. 135, an ordinance to restrain and punish prostitutes, had its first and second readings and was declared adopted.

Ordinance No. 136, an ordinance licensing and regulating pawnbrokers dealers in second hand goods and junk dealers, received its first and second readings, and was adopted.

A motion was made and carried instructing the city attorney to correspond with the officials of the North ern Pacific road and ascertain if they will furnish the city a bridge expert to examine the Mississippi river wagon bridge and to make an estimate of cost to repair same.

The matter of obtaining sleds for the use of the fire department was referred to fire committee with power to act.

The council went into executive session for the purpose of considering the question of salaries of city officers.

After the doors were opened the matter of re-locating the city hay and wood market was discussed and the matter was left in the hands of the street committee to report at the next regular meeting.

C. A. Richardson was allowed $1.50 for extra work as judge of election and the council adjourned.

These Are Now Officers.

Crow Wing County Div. No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, elected the following officers at its meeting on Wednesday evening:

C. P.—J. F. McGinnis.
President—Timothy Toohey.
Vice-President—Daniel Doran.
Treasurer—Felix Graham.
Rec. Sec'y—S. W. Quinn.
Financial Sec'y—Thos. H. Murphy.
Serg't-at-Arms—Q. O. Elliot.
Sentinel—Thos. O'Neil.
Marshall—Henry Hurley.

Brainerd Camp No. 2337, M. W. A., on Tuesday evening elected their officers for the ensuing year as follows:

V. C.—A. L. Hoffman.
W. A.—Wm. Murray.
Clerk—R. G. Vallentyne.
Excellent Banker—Wm. Dodd.
Escort—I. J. Cummins.
Watchman—A. J. Miller.
Sentry—Henry Hurley.
Physician—Dr. A. F. Groves.
Delegate to State Camp—John E. Ireland.

Spring Chickens at Bane & Bane's at 10 cents per pound. Hens at 10 cents per pound.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The law partnership heretofore existing between J. H. Warner and W. H. Crowell is dissolved by mutual consent. J. H. Warner collects all the paid firm accounts, and retains and completes the unfinished firm business. W. H. Crowell retires from the business. Hereafter the business will be conducted by J. H. Warner individually.

J. H. Warner.
W. H. Crowell.

December 2nd, 1896.

Some Social Gatherings.

On Friday evening of last week Judge W. A. Fleming entertained a party of gentlemen friends at his residence on Fifth street north, and the evening was spent at cards and social converse. The dinner which was served during the evening was a very unique and elaborate affair consisting of possum and other toothsome dainties. Among those who attended were D. D. Smith, Dr. H. Ribbell, James Dewar, J. R. Wakefall, F. A. Farrar, Geo. L. LaBar, A. F. Farrar, L. E. Lum, H. Spalding, W. S. McClenahan, C. D. Johnson, W. E. Seelye, Dr. J. L. Camp, W. A. M. Johnston and W. W. Craig, of Deerwood.

On Tuesday evening last while Dr. J. L. Camp was visiting friends in the neighborhood he received an urgent telephone message to come home at once as there was a case at the hospital which required his personal attention. On arriving there he found it a case of a number of impatient visitors, not patients. A few of his many friends had assembled to help him celebrate his birthday anniversary. The doctor's surprise was pronounced, and he was further grateful for being invited to rest his body in an elegant leather chair tendered him as a testimonial by those present. A delicious supper was served and enjoyed by all. Everyone was loath to leave until a very late hour, and the guests departed accompanied by the well known genial smile of the host.

On Friday evening of last week Rev. Cannon Pentreath was surprised by a number of his friends at the rectory, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of his birthday. The details were arranged by Mrs. Pentreath and the occasion was a very pleasant one. An elaborate dinner was served at 9:30. Among those present were Hon. L. P. White, Rev. Williamson, of Staples, Dr. A. F. Groves, E. A. Horr, E. M. Westfall, H. I. Cohen, C. M. Patek, A. J. Halsted and R. R. Wise. Rev. Pentreath was made the recipient of a handsome study lamp by his friends in honor of the occasion.

Mrs. P. M. Reilly, of Missoula, Montana, was honored on Wednesday evening by a farewell party tendered her by the Misses Canan and Miss Sadie Reilly. The art rooms of Miss Canan, where the party took place, were filled with invited guests and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed, progressive euchre being played, and the following award of prizes was made: Ladies' head prize, rose jar, Mrs. J. F.-McGinnis; gents' head prize, Turkish tobacco jar, M. J. Reilly; gents' booby prize, clown target, Edward Mieke; ladies' booby prize, a candy potato, Mrs. C. Grandelmyer. A fine supper followed.

A leap year party will be given at the Arlington this evening, which bids fair to outdo anything of the kind ever attempted in Brainerd. The young ladies who have charge of the details will see that the gentlemen are given all possible attention and undoubtedly the occasion will be a very enjoyable affair.

The members of the Chenequatana Club gave a delightful party at their club rooms on Tuesday evening. Cards, dancing and an elegant supper were among the things enjoyed.

Pepsin gum aids digestion. Atwood & Johnson are selling it now at half the usual price.

Board of Education.

A regular meeting of the board of education was held on Monday evening, at which time regular routine business was transacted.

Communications from Misses Woods and Badeaux were received asking for an increase in salary and the matter was referred to the text book committee, as was also the matter of purchasing essay books for the High school.

The sinking fund committee made a report in which they recommended the appointment of a sinking fund commission, similar to the one appointed by the city, which report was accepted.

The bond of Treasurer Hurley, in the sum of $20,000, with A. F. Ferris, G. D. LaBar, G. W. Holland and Con. O'Brien as sureties, was accepted.

Witnesses in the case Washington Slate Co. vs. Brainerd School District, were allowed $5.40 each for the four days attendance at court.

The following standing committees were appointed for the year by the president:

Repairs—Preston, M. Hagberg and Cullen.
Fuel, Supplies and Printing—Pennell, C. Hagberg and Cullen.
Teachers and Janitors—Titze, Pennell and C. Hagberg.
Finance—Keene, McKay and Preston.
Text Books, Etc.—Hurley, Titze and Cullen.

The treasurer was authorized to advertise for 500 cords of jack pine wood, and the meeting adjourned.

Pork Roasts and Steak at Bane & Bane's at 10 cents per pound.

Bids for Wood.

Sealed proposals will be received up to 10 a m. Tuesday, January 5th, 1897, for 25 cords of 4 foot green jack pine wood and also 25 cords of 4 foot green tamarac wood. The board of county commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Louis Tacha,
County Auditor.

Dec. 4-5t.

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings of Cass County Commissioners Meeting Held Monday, December 7th, 1896.

[OFFICIAL.]

Present Commissioners Ellis and Bryant.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The following bills were allowed:

Mrs. Helena Dumb, care of poor		$30 00
F M Johnson, road work		8 00
D E Tompkins road work		4 50
James Lefever	do	3 00
Geo. Benson	do	6 00
Bert Lamb	do	3 00
John Dumpprope	do	6 00
T A Tompkins	do	3 00
H Oliver	do	4 50
Wm A Williamson	do	9 00
Ole Berg	do	15 00
Henry Berg	do	24 00
B K Whiteley, surveying		10 00
Robt Gregory,	do	2 00
J B Gregory,	do	2 00
E A Foster	do	12 00
D E Tompkins	do	12 00
A Bacon	do	12 00
H Rosenthal	do	10 00
Peter Torvik	do	8 00
Bert Ellis	do	12 00
Mrs Mary E Jones, care of poor		17 71
Caspar Zugschwerts, road work		8 25
Peter Anderson, road work		14 25
Olans T Olson	do	33 75
O H Hoff	do	28 50
Iver Anderson	do	36 37
Geo. Stanley, care of poor		75 71
John Anderson, road work		17 87
John Torkelson	do	9 00
A L Cole, spikes for bridge		5 00
Ole Anderson, road work		16 50
Ole Grinager	do	12 00
Gustaf Arneson	do	15 00
	do	4 50
M J Jones	do	16 50
Kent Kendall	do	24 00
T A McHugh	do	3 00
Wm Tennison	do	43 50
J O Stewart	do	36 45
Henry James	do	13 50
G Stroble	do	15 00
James Howard	do	25 50
A. Dobson	do	39 00
Morris Klock	do	18 00
Wm O Harrison	do	22 50
Fred Yancey	do	27 00
Eddie Baldwin	do	25 50
Lewis Baldwin	do	16 50
Fuerl Baldwin	do	25 50
Wm Yancey	do	25 50
Thomas Michow	do	24 00
Joseph Larson	do	12 00
G M Putnam	do	4 50
David Easterbrook	do	6 00
Martin Yancey	do	30 50
W J Wallace	do	13 00
W B Campbell	do	40 50
Aug. Anderson	do	5 25
Con O'Brien, goods for poor		4 50
Nels Johnson road work		11 25
O W Cadwell road work		10 50
Ole Kokkin road work		1 50
Aug. Kraatz, bridge timber		3 60
Herman Schratz, road work		17 75
O W Caldwell, care of poor		35 00
J J Ellis, viewing roads		25 50
Wm Benson, road work		9 75
T A Tompkins	do	9 00
P Palmer	do	9 00
B L Ellis	do	6 00
A Bacon	do	7 50
G W Seeley	do	14 25
F L Ellise	do	30 00
James Lefever	do	4 50
D E Tompkins	do	12 00
John Dumpprope	do	11 25
Geo. Rice	do	13 50
Wm Clendaning	do	5 25
Chas Vanamber	do	9 00
E Seeley	do	28 50
Ben Cale	do	16 50
Koop Bros, goods for poor		12 75
L.M Koop, goods for poor		2 00
J J Ellis, visiting poor		16 00
W W Bryant, road work		46 80
W W Bryant road work and meetings		36 40

Board adjourned sine die.

Louis Tacha,
County Auditor.

MARRIED.

On Tuesday, Dec. 8th, George Thompson, son of G. G. Thompson of this county, was united in marriage to Miss Alice Oliver at Lisbon, North Dakota. Mr. Thompson and bride returned to Brainerd yesterday.

New Club Officers.

At a meeting of the Chenequatana Club on Saturday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President—E. O. Parks.
Vice president—W. Courtney.
Secretary—F. A. Farrar.
Treasurer—H. I. Cohen.

Spring Chickens at Bane & Bane's at 10 cents per pound. Hens at 10 cents per pound.

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Of the Brainerd Public To Our Elegant • • • •

Holiday Assortment.

We have placed on Sale the Most Exquisite Display of

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Comprising Dainty Articles, at the Lowest Possible Prices. We show on our Counters An Entirely New Assortment of Holiday Articles, selected for their Beauty, Intrinsic Value, and Suitableness. We have Marked Them Very Cheap, and no one can say the Goods are Beyond Their Means. You are Cordially Requested to Come in and Examine the Stock.

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Is Unusual. Our Line of Novelties in Stamped Linens Embroidery, Silks, Crochet Silks, Knitting Silks, Tidies, Doylies, Throws, China Silks, Silk Fringes, Cords, Tassels, Down Pillows, Silkolenes, Art Denims, China Crepes, Etc., Are Ready for Your Inspection.

Don't forget that we show the BEST ASSORTMENT OF

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IN THIS CITY.

SPECIAL VALUES OFFERED IN DRESS PATTERNS.

You Can Make a Selection from Our Large and Varied Stock, Should You Desire, of the Most Practical Kind—for Instance: Table Linens, Linen Napkins, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves and Mittens, Table Covers, Chenille Curtains, Ribbons, Fancy Hair Pins, Shawls, Cloaks, Jackets, Astrakan, Electric Seal, Wool Seal, Cloth and Boucle Capes, Children's Cloaks, Boy's Clothing, Capes, Shoes, Slippers, Etc. We show a pretty line of DOLLS, from France and Germany, at Very Low Prices. We also secured a small lot of BOUND BOOKS, which sell at 50, 30 and 35 cents per volume. Titles from the best Authors.

REMEMBER our method of doing business insures you the Lowest Prices. STRICTLY CASH.

HENRY I. COHEN, Sleeper Block.

C. J. THURSTON,

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ED. GERMAIN'S Barber Shop, East Brainerd.
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Buttons Sewed on and Necessary Repairs Done Free of Charge.

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GROCERIES.

We are now nicely settled in our new quarters, M. Hagberg's old stand, and invite an inspection. We have the Largest Stock of Groceries ever under one roof in this city, and our Customers will be convinced that we always

SELL THEM RIGHT!

Everything in the Grocery Line can be found at our Store.

Telephone 5-4 **T. McMASTER.**

TOILET SPECIALTIES

For the Lady's Dresser. All of the Novelties in Perfume, Atomizers, Manicure Sets, besides a Complete Stock of the finest of high grade Perfumeries and Toilet Waters. We have also just opened a Fine Line of XMAS GOODS.

Atwood & Johnson, The Druggists.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bean desire the Dispatch to convey their heartfelt thanks to those kind friends and neighbors who so generously and unselfishly extended aid and sympathy in their recent sad affliction. Their kind assistance and loving sympathy will ever be remembered and cherished by them.

Direct Cut in Prices.

Benson & Gray have reduced the price of Pork Roasts and Pork Steaks from 12½ to 10 cents per pound. Choice cuts at this low figure at all times. All kinds of fresh salt water fish received daily.

Breaks Up Colds.

Dr. Humphrey's specific "77" "breaks up" colds that "hang on" and prevents pneumonia. Price 25c. at all druggists.

Found Dead in His Barn.

On Thursday afternoon of last week John Ralston, aged 73 years, was found dead in his barn by some member of his family, and he had evidently been dead some hours when his remains were discovered. The cause of death was heart disease. On Saturday his son arrived from Crookston and took the remains of his father to the Gull Lake road. He leaves a wife and two children.

Hoffman's second F. store will buy your furniture, trade you new goods for old or sell you complete a house-keeping outfits on installments. tf.

Pork Roasts and Steak at Bane & Bane's at 10 cents per pound.