

# WORK OF CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 12.—A spirited, and at times a somewhat sensational debate was indulged in in the senate yesterday on the Philippine question, the basis of the debate being a resolution of inquiry offered several days ago by Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota, to which substitutes were proposed. Mr. Pettigrew attacked the administration's policy in the Philippines, and also made some startling charges against those who were supporting the administration. He declared that a systematic effort was being made to prevent accurate information reaching the people of the United States and that it was a political scheme to further the candidacy of Mr. McKinley for re-nomination and re-election. The debate was terminated by a resumption of the consideration of the currency bill at 2 o'clock. Mr. Stewart of Nevada made an elaborate speech on the question of the national finances. Before adjournment the senate, after prolonged debate, passed the bill conferring additional powers upon the director of the census and a bill increasing the limit of the cost of the Indianapolis public building.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Spirited debate on the Philippine question occupied the senate for nearly three hours yesterday. Mr. Berry of Arkansas first addressed the senate in support of the resolutions recently introduced by Mr. Bacon of Georgia regarding the disposition of the Philippines. He was followed by Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota in support of his resolution of inquiry. Mr. Pettigrew was very bitter in his attacks upon the administration. Mr. Wolcott of Colorado replied to Mr. Pettigrew, scathingly attacking the South Dakota senator for the attitude he had assumed on the Philippine question. He declared his belief that Aguinaldo occupied the seat in the senate occupied by Mr. Pettigrew, representing the people of South Dakota, who had sent their sons as soldiers to the Philippines, he would be too patriotic, too devoted to the interests of the country, to assume the attitude assumed by the present South Dakota senator. Mr. Wolcott also referred to the speech recently delivered by Mr. Beveridge, sharply criticizing it for the spirit of greed, which seemed to animate the senator in making such a deliverance. At the conclusion of the Philippine discussion Mr. Rawlins (Dem., Utah) addressed an elaborate argument to the senate in opposition to the proposed financial legislation.

**The House.**  
Yesterday's session of the house was devoted to consideration of District of Columbia business. Representative June W. Gayle of Kentucky was sworn in and Mr. Cannon reached the urgent deficiency bill with a notice that he would ask that it be taken up to-day.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The senate is still in the throes of discussion of the Philippine question, and apparently there is no near approach to a deliverance upon the subject. Mr. Vest of Missouri yesterday voiced the opinion of many senators when he said that such discussion was now in progress was of no consequence as the country was confronted by a state of facts that could not be changed by talk. Mr. Pettigrew's resolution of inquiry and Mr. Lodge's substitute for it were laid on the table yesterday and Mr. Hear's general resolution of inquiry was taken up. A motion of Mr. Pettigrew to amend it so as to call for the president's first instructions to the Paris Peace commissioners led to a prolonged debate. After the senate had considered the matter behind closed doors the amendment was rejected—41 to 20. The debate for the day was concluded by Mr. Vest, who made a strong speech in opposition to the assumption in some quarters that every man who does not agree with the policy of the administration is a traitor to his country. Mr. Vest threw into his utterances all the nervous force and energy and the accomplished oratorical ability for which he is famed and commanded the attention of the senate throughout.

Mr. McLaurin of South Carolina addressed the senate on the financial question, making an argument in favor of his proposition to confer authority upon state banks to issue circulating notes.

**In the House.**  
The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was taken up in the house under an agreement which limited the general debate. It was the general expectation that it would open up a stormy debate upon the question of expansion in view of the large army and navy items it contains, but the members early became very much engrossed in a discussion of an item of \$150,000 for rural free delivery, in which all are personally interested, and the subject of expansion was barely touched upon. The last hour of the debate was enlivened with an attack by Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, upon the secretary of the treasury for his course in connection with the sale of the New York custom house. Mr. Hopkins of Illinois championed the course of the secretary, declaring that his reply to the house resolution answered every charge brought against him and displayed business ability that must meet the approval of all fair minded people. He insisted, furthermore, that the title to the custom house passed to the bank when it purchased and took possession of the property, and that it had not been exempt from taxation since it had been purchased. The debate caused very little excitement, and there was no attempt to renew the assault upon the secretary after Mr. Hopkins closed. The urgent deficiency bill will be taken up for consideration under the five-minute rule to-day.

**TREATY IS RATIFIED.**  
**Senate Approves of the Samoan Arrangement.**  
Washington, Jan. 17.—The senate ratified the Samoan treaty without division. The ratification occurred in executive session after two hours' of debate, which was participated in by a number of senators. Messrs. Davis, Foraker and Spooner advocated, and Senators Bacon, Money and Tillman opposed ratification. Senator Bacon

made the leading speech in opposition. He based his opposition on the contention that it was contrary to the spirit of our institutions to attempt to govern a people in opposition to their wishes. He said he was not opposed to a new convention for any partially felt for the old tripartite agreement, which was quite as repugnant to him as the new one, yet a means might be found without resulting to a subterfuge, which was repulsive to all American ideas of liberty and independence. There was no doubt of the intention to annex and exercise sovereignty in place of the protectorate which was the distinguishing feature of the tripartite agreement of 1890. To this proposed change of policy he objected most strenuously. He compared the provisions of the two agreements at length, showing that the old one made express provision for the approval of the Samoan government of changes in the methods adopted by the powers, whereas the changes necessarily puts aside the Samoan government and partitions the islands between the United States and Germany. Senators Money and Tillman spoke in substantially the same lines.

The friends of the treaty repudiated the suggestion that the old treaty lines were annihilated. They claim this country by this new arrangement maintains all the old advantages and avoids complications liable to grow out of the tripartite agreement. They urged that the opportunity should not be lost to get out of an awkward predicament and to control in our own right the harbor of Pago Pago.

Washington, Jan. 18.—An agreement was easily reached in the senate yesterday to take the final vote on the pending bill fixing gold as the standard of value in the United States on Feb. 15.

After several days of debate the drag-net resolution of inquiry regarding the conduct of the Philippine war was adopted. It was introduced by Mr. Hear of Massachusetts and practically was adopted as a general substitute for resolutions of a similar, but less extended character offered by Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Lodge. Beyond a vigorous speech by Mr. Pettigrew the resolution aroused no debate, as it was within the discretion of the president to send or not send any of the information requested.

The resolution offered by Mr. Hale of Maine asking for information as to the seizure of flour by the British authorities was adopted, but only after a spirited debate and after the resolution had been materially amended. Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, made a sharp attack upon the resolution, but withdrew his objections after it had been amended.

**The House.**  
The house had another debate yesterday over the sale of the New York custom house by Secretary Gage. Mr. Sulzer of New York, the author of the resolution for an investigation of the secretary's transaction with the New York banks, started the ball rolling by charging that the mandate had already gone forth to suppress it. Mr. Sibley, a Pennsylvania Democrat, formerly a radical advocate of free silver, and who is now out of sympathy with the Democrats in the house, warmly commended Mr. Gage's course. The statement precipitated a debate which lasted almost three hours. Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio explained that the committee on rules, to which the Sulzer resolution had gone, had not acted because no evidence had been produced before the committee to warrant the ordering of such a far-reaching investigation. Mr. Hepburn of Iowa assailed Mr. Sulzer for some of his extravagant statements and declared there ought to be some way to rebuke a member for slandering honored officials. Later in the day, during the discussion of the appropriations for the army, Mr. Cannon, in charge of the bill, challenged any member to move to strike it out. Mr. Williams of Mississippi replied to Mr. Cannon, in eloquent speech in which he affirmed the loyalty of every American citizen to the flag, and charged Mr. Cannon with shrewdly issuing a challenge that he knew would not be accepted. The urgent deficiency bill was passed with only one unimportant amendment.

**Clash Is Inevitable.**  
Paul's Valley, Ind. T., Jan. 19.—A clash between the merchants who have refused to pay the 1 per cent tribal tax and the Indian police when the latter attempt to collect the tax to-day, seems inevitable. The merchants say they will refuse to pay the tax and the police declare they will drive them from the territory unless they comply with the law.

**An Army Hospital.**  
Washington, Jan. 19.—Fort Bayard, N. Mex., has been discontinued as a garrison post and the buildings will be turned over to the surgeon general of the army for use in connection with the general hospital to be established there as a sanitarium for the treatment of officers and enlisted men of the army suffering from pulmonary troubles.

**Miners Laid Off.**  
Houghton, Mich., Jan. 19.—The Arcadian mine laid off between 350 and 400 men yesterday, leaving about an equal number working. Nearly \$2,000,000 have been spent on this mine in less than two years, and returns have not been as large as anticipated.

**Valuable Donation.**  
Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 19.—Frederick Kimball Stearns of Detroit has presented to the University of Michigan a valuable musical library containing 1,600 titles, including many orchestral scores and other rare and costly works.

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# News of the Northwest

## LUMPY JAW EPIDEMIC.

**An Entire Herd May Have to Be Killed.**  
Black River Falls, Wis., Jan. 16.—The state veterinary surgeon has been visiting the farm of H. M. Swarthout, several miles south of here in La Crosse county. He was called there to investigate the severe cases of lumpy jaw in the large stock of cattle on Mr. Swarthout's dairy farm. The entire herd seem to be affected, and there will be a large number of them killed. There are isolated cases on several other farms, but of a milder form. It is raising a great deal of excitement among the farmers in that vicinity.

## SHINGLES ADVANCE.

**Association Raises Price Ten Cents Per Thousand.**  
Marinette, Wis., Jan. 16.—The annual convention of the Northwestern Cedar-men's association was held here. Over fifty members from Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois attended. The association advanced the price of shingles 10 cents a thousand on all grades. An advance of 10 per cent was made in the price of posts and a slight advance was made in poles. The principal object of the association is to make the official price list for the guidance of its members.

## DEAL INVOLVES HALF MILLION.

**Perley Lowe Company of Chicago Takes Season's Product of Witbeck Mills at Marinette, Wis.**  
Marinette, Wis., Jan. 16.—The Perley Lowe Company of Chicago has purchased the season's cut of the H. Witbeck company of this city, amounting to 40,000,000 feet of lumber, shingles and lath. The deal involves over half a million dollars and is the largest made this year.

## Amateur Skating Races.

St. Paul, Jan. 16.—The Western championship meeting of the National Amateur Skating association will be held in St. Paul Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 and 10. There will be four events, 500, 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 meters in distance, with gold, silver and bronze championship emblems to first, second and third in each event. The races will be under the auspices of the St. Paul Carnival association, and will be managed by the Northwestern Skating association.

## Indicted Loss of \$60,000.

Iowa City, Iowa, Jan. 16.—A fire started in the store of Mrs. Hattie E. Horne indicted a loss of \$60,000. Lena Delshied, a saleswoman, in attempting to light the gas dropped a burning match in a pile of cotton batting, and the entire store was soon ablaze. The stock, valued at \$35,000, was a total loss, and the building, owned by W. P. Coast, was damaged to the extent of \$10,000. The fire spread to adjoining buildings.

## Floods Ar e Subsiding.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 16.—Reports received here from White river valley towns and points north of this city are to the effect that the January floods are subsiding and that no further damage will be done. Trains were only a few minutes late and are expected on time to-morrow. The weather is much colder, which has resulted in a subsidence of the floods.

## Robbery and Burglary Charged.

Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 16.—John Conway has been indicted here for alleged robbery and burglary. He and Robert Gilmore, who were indicted with him, are accused of holding up a restaurant one night last month. Conway is a brother of Supt. Stephen Conway, of Armour's Chicago packing house.

## Killed in a Mine.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 16.—Joe Melvitch and Joseph Maxwell, working in the Colusa-Parrott mine, were instantly killed yesterday by the explosion of a blast that had hung fire. A round of holes had been fired and the men had returned to clean up the debris when a missed hole went off.

## Funding Warrants Taken Up.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 16.—State Treasurer Driscoll has taken up \$80,000 funding warrants issued last year to pay the expenses of the legislative session. They have been paid from the ordinary revenues of the state, in addition to the payment of the current expenses.

## Injunction Dissolved.

Hudson, Wis., Jan. 14.—Judge Dunwidge heard arguments in the injunction case restraining the county authorities from issuing bonds and proceeding with building of the new court house plant at Hudson. Numerous able arguments were made on both sides and at 5 o'clock the judge dissolved the injunction.

## Murder Charge Withdrawn.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 14.—After a day of wrangling in the Rudy case at Fort Pierre the charge of murder was withdrawn and a new one of manslaughter substituted. On this charge Rudy secured a continuance until the next term of court, and is out on bail.

## Fire at Osakis.

Osakis, Minn., Jan. 16.—Fire destroyed Davis & Morton's general store. The flames spread and other losses were: B. L. Maupie, grocery; William Lenz, jewelry, and several families living overhead. The loss will reach \$20,000; insurance, \$8,000.

## Prominent Hastings Man Dead.

Hastings, Minn., Jan. 14.—S. G. Rathbone died suddenly of apoplexy, aged sixty-eight years. He leaves a wife and one daughter. He was one of Hastings' most wealthy and prominent citizens.

## Miners Killed by Explosion.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 16.—By the premature explosion of a blast on the 1,700 level of the Mountain Consolidated mine Peter Sullivan and Thomas Smith were instantly killed. Both were single men.

## FIRE RAGING AT WADENA.

**One Large Building Destroyed and Another Is Burning.**  
Wadena, Minn., Jan. 18, 2 a. m.—A large fire is now raging in the Phoenix block. The fire started in the basement around the boiler and spread to other parts of the building. The building was occupied by Illis, drug store; J. R. Anderson, jeweler; post-office; Field's land office and Abrahamson, tailor; upstairs by Copperhall & Wilson, attorneys, who will lose their library, valued at \$4,000; no insurance; the telephone system and the German-American Mutual Hill Insurance company. The building is insured for about \$10,000. It is reported that the Whitney block, across the street, is on fire. The Phoenix block will be a total loss. It is impossible to estimate the damage done at present. The fire company is working heroically, but yet has not gained control, and it is feared the fire will go down the street. It now promises to be the largest fire in Wadena's history.

## CLOSED BY THE GOVERNOR.

**Unusual and Decisive Action to Regulate the Morality of Hurley, Wis.**  
Ashland, Wis., Jan. 18.—The dens of vice and iniquity which infest the city of Hurley have been closed by order of Gov. Scofield. It is the first time in the history of this region that a governor has taken such unusual and decisive action to regulate the morality of a city. The local authorities have allowed the variety theaters and other places to flourish without molestation and the condition of affairs reached such a state that in response to a request from the better element of the town Gov. Scofield has compelled the authorities to enforce the laws. The town is now "closed tight," without a single one of the dens open.

## DAWSON SCORCHED.

**Klondike Town Suffers a Loss of About Half a Million.**  
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 18.—The steamer Danube, from Victoria, from Skagway, brings news that a large part of the business portion of Dawson was wiped out by fire on the night of Wednesday last. A dispatch was received at Skagway on the same night. The loss will exceed half a million dollars. There are no names of the buildings or losses. The Skagway operator says that great suffering will undoubtedly follow the fire as the temperature at Dawson is 40 degrees below zero, with the wind blowing. The city is entirely without regulation water supply.

## SENATOR GEAR RE-ELECTED.

**He Is the Unanimous Choice of Iowa Republicans.**  
Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 18.—United States Senator James H. Gear was formally elected in the legislature yesterday to succeed himself in the United States senate. The house vote stood 81 and the senate 34 for Gear, while Fred White (Dem.) received 12 votes in the senate and 19 in the house. In accordance with Iowa custom, another vote will be taken to-day in joint session, which provides for the signing of the certificate by the governor in the presence of the joint meeting.

## Mystery Is Cleared Up.

Lansing, Iowa, Jan. 18.—The mystery which has surrounded the disappearance of Edward Riser for a week past was cleared up yesterday by finding his body in the river in front of town. He was last seen Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, skating on his farm east of town on the Wisconsin side, and evidently skated into an atchole. He was thirty years old and one of the most extensive farmers in this section.

## Verdict for the Doctor.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 18.—The jury in the case of Barney Rickford against Dr. W. H. Magie, in which the recovery of \$11,000 for alleged malpractice was sought, returned a verdict for the defendant after being out nearly twenty-four hours. Rickford claims that after an operation on his kidney, the incised gauze used in packing the wound was left in and dewatered healing.

## Mines to Be Reopened.

Republic, Mich., Jan. 18.—The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railway will be extended to Riverside mine, four miles from here. The mine will be unwatered before the opening of navigation in readiness for a large coal service. It is also probable that the Klouan mine, which has not been worked for nearly thirty years, will be reopened this season.

## Fire at Waterville.

Waterville, Minn., Jan. 18.—Fire occurred in the brick block owned by D. B. Parsons and P. C. Dolan, occupied by H. H. Howe & Co., general merchants, and F. N. Richman, druggist. Loss, about \$12,000; insured.

## Accidentally Killed.

Verdala, Minn., Jan. 18.—By the breaking of a fly-wheel of a wood saw Benjamin Waterhouse, a prominent farmer, was instantly killed, the top of his head being taken off. He leaves a wife and four children.

## Suicide Near Neche.

Neche, N. D., Jan. 18.—Carl Vollrath, a young unmarried German farmer who lived near this place, suicided by shooting himself with a twelve-gauge Sunday night. He is supposed to have been mentally unbalanced.

## Sudden Death.

Owatonna, Minn., Jan. 18.—J. A. Opplinger, an old and respected citizen of this city, died very suddenly of heart disease. He was one of the oldest residents of the county and was widely known.

## Verdict for \$5,500.

Winona, Minn., Jan. 18.—Frank Wancik has secured a verdict of \$5,500 in the suit against the city for alleged personal injuries from a fall on a defective sidewalk.

## TO SHOOT LOCHREN.

**A Disappointed Litiqant Attempts An Assault.**  
St. Paul, Jan. 17.—An attempt was made to shoot Judge William Lochren, of the United States district court, shortly after noon yesterday. James Welch entered the judge's chambers, and, according to the stories of the judge and his messenger, drew a revolver and was only prevented from shooting the judge by the timely interference of the messenger. Welch was the plaintiff in a damage suit against the Northern Pacific Railroad company, and on Saturday Judge Lochren directed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. Welch was angry, and this is supposed to be the reason for the assault.

Welch is now in jail and will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Spencer to answer to a charge of assault with intent to kill. Welch denies the assault, and states that he had no revolver, but a whisk broom in his hand at the time he is said to have made the assault.

## SLEEPING IN DEATH.

**Sensational Tragedy Occurs at Belgrade, Mont.**  
Bozeman, Mont., Jan. 17.—One of the most terrible tragedies in the history of the country occurred at the little railway town of Belgrade, twelve miles west of Bozeman, Saturday, about midnight. Frank Rogers, a merchant, shot and killed Mrs. Etta Davis, his landlady, and then committed suicide by shooting himself. The last thing known of the couple is that they were in Mrs. Davis' kitchen about midnight Saturday. R. L. Davis, the woman's husband, returned home on the train about 4 o'clock, and after searching the house over found two dead bodies in the kitchen. It being dark, he did not know they were dead, and thinking they were asleep he took his children from the house to a neighbor's. The hired girl on going to get breakfast, found them, and after getting over her scare, notified the authorities. Daylight disclosed a horrible sight. There was blood all over the floor and brains scattered around the walls. Jealousy, drink and bad luck caused the man to commit the crime.

## BABY SMOTHERED.

**Terrible Revelation for Parents When They Took Off Its Wraps.**  
La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 17.—Henry Limpert, a farmer residing near Henry, Minn., started, with his wife and two-month-old baby, for town, where the baby was to be christened. They went with some of the Milwaukee road team men on a handcar. The child was bundled up in several shawls, as the day was cold and stormy, and when they arrived at their destination they found the child dead, having been smothered. The parents were frantic with grief, and the mother nearly went insane.

## ALL CONVICTED.

**Eight Men Arrested for Unlawfully Selling Liquor.**  
Willmar, Minn., Jan. 17.—During the past week seven of the eight parties whose arrests were reported for running "blind pigs" were tried and convicted, and the eighth one, Samuel Stabler, was tried and convicted yesterday. All the places are now closed. Magnuson, Scott and Crandall are serving thirty days in jail; James and Charles Hacketson pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$50 each, and Klejfer, Schagal and Stabler have appealed their cases to the district court, which convenes here next week.

## THREE FEET OF WATER.

**The Business Portion of Kendrick Is Flooded by the Potlache.**  
Spokane, Wash., Jan. 17.—A telephone message has been received here saying the business portion of the town of Kendrick, Idaho, was under water, the Potlache river having overflowed its banks. The water was said to be three feet deep in the principal business places. It is now impossible to get word from Kendrick by telephone or telegraph. The recent rains and heavy weather has swollen the rivers of Northern Idaho until the banks are badly overtopped.

## Ames Leaves the Service.

St. Paul, Jan. 17.—Neither the quarrel between Col. Ames and Maj. Bean nor any trace of it will hamper the reorganization of the First regiment. In the first place they made it up. In the second place Maj. Bean has withdrawn from the regiment. In the third place Col. Ames has also gone on the retired list. His application was granted yesterday.

## To Go West.

Winona, Minn., Jan. 17.—Arrangements are being made here by a large number of men to go out West in the spring and settle in Montana and Washington and Western Canada. The majority of the men are those who were thrown out of steady work because of the decrease in lumber manufacturing operations.

## Paper Mill Fire.

Grand Rapids, Wis., Jan. 17.—At 8 o'clock Saturday morning fire was discovered in paper machine room No. 3 of the Neocosa Paper company's main mill plant at Neocosa. The loss will probably reach \$75,000, and is fully covered by insurance.

## Jackson Sees Light.

Jackson, Minn., Jan. 17.—The village of Jackson is lighted by electricity for the first time in its history, having just completed the plant at a cost of about \$15,000.

## Lumber Plant Purchased.

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 17.—It is generally understood here that W. W. Cargill has purchased the Sawyer and Austin interests in the lumbering plant, and railroad at Pine Bluff, Ark., which makes him practically sole proprietor.

## Exchange Incorporated.

Winona, Minn., Jan. 17.—The Lumber and Grain Exchange company, which will create a large office building here, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000.

# MINNESOTA ITEMS

The safe in the grocery store of W. A. Riddle at Proctorknott was broken into. The thieves secured \$300 in cash. There is no clue.

Weber Bros.' clothing and shoe store was damaged by fire at Sleepy Eye to the extent of \$4,000 on stock and \$500 on the building. Insured.

The proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000 to purchase the West Duluth water plant will not be submitted to the people this winter.

Thomas Glory died at Hastings at the advanced age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Glory was a pioneer farmer of Wabasha county in the vicinity of Lake City, coming to Hastings ten years ago.

S. M. Bear, manager of the opera house at Sioux Falls, S. D., has leased the theater in Mankato and will operate it with C. H. Griehl as resident manager. It is expected that circuit will be made with Sioux City.

A railroad man named Chris Uhlig was instantly killed in the Northwestern yards at Sanborn. A switch engine knocked him down and, running over him, severed his legs from his body at the thighs. He died almost instantly.

Frank Korthols, aged about twenty-one years, was brought to Wadena by the sheriff from Germany township, charged with assault upon Mrs. Joseph J. Nehl of the same place. He was bound over to appear before the next grand jury.

Considerable spurious coin has been found in circulation in Winona. Some time ago some lightweight five-dollar gold pieces were discovered, and recently counterfeit half-dollars were presented at the banks. There is no clue to their origin.

The Stillwater Manufacturing company has begun the construction of a two-story addition to its factory at Stillwater, the addition being necessary by reason of increased business embracing contracts received in this country and the Hawaiian islands.

The production of flour at the head of the lakes in 1898 fell off nearly 30 per cent as compared with 1898. The impression with some people is that the combining of the mills into a big trust has had a demoralizing effect locally, but better results are expected this year.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Waterville, A. M. Slocum and James Quirk of Minneapolis, H. B. Hermesmeier and G. C. Kane were elected directors for the ensuing year. The directors elected A. M. Slocum president and H. B. Hermesmeier cashier.

Patrick Cain of Westline was the first man to get into trouble in the new towns along the Minnesota & Iowa division of the Northwestern railroad on account of disposing of intoxicating liquor without a license. He was arrested on that charge and held to the grand jury.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Southern Minnesota Fair association at Rochester the following officers were elected: President, A. T. Stebbins; vice president, W. J. Boynton; secretary, J. A. Bear; treasurer, A. C. Gooding; superintendent of grounds, F. W. Willett.

Nels Nelson, employed in the clay pits at Clay Bank, Red Wing, fell from the top of the pit to the bottom, a distance of thirty feet, breaking both legs. The bones in his left leg even protruded through his clothing. He also sustained other injuries. Physicians think the man will recover.

Emil Wandersee, son of Fred Wandersee, a farmer living about two miles east of Montrose, is reported to be suffering from smallpox in the most malignant form. The fact that eight days elapsed after he was first stricken before medical assistance was secured has given an opportunity for the spreading of the disease.

John H. O'Brien, a freight conductor on the Chicago & Great Western railroad, living in St. Paul, was instantly killed in an accident at Kenyon. He fell from the top of a car and was caught under a moving train, meeting instantaneous death. He had been in the employ of the road for several years. He leaves a wife and family.

A man claiming to be C. Luzinger of Montrose some days ago at the National hotel at St. Cloud and lately left, leaving an unpaid board bill. It now develops that he was an organizer of the Modern Brotherhood, and that he collected about \$100 from men who purposed joining the order. The police are searching for him.

Sam Stabler, Martin Klejfer, Fred Magnuson, James Hacketson, Charles Hacketson, Henry Scott, George Crandall and L. Schagal were arrested at Willmar charged with the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. The village authorities have been working for several months trying to obtain evidence. The authorities are determined to close up all "blind pigs."

Earle Mitchell, thirteen years old, son of Eugene Mitchell of Clearwater, was fatally injured while playing with his schoolmates on a merry-go-round, which had been erected upon the ice near the school house. The arm upon which Earle was seated gave way, throwing him with great force backward upon his head. He lived but a few minutes after his fall.

Walter Ricker, an employe at the Washington Tool company's works at Owatonna, was badly injured by the breaking of an emery wheel at which he was working. One of the flying fragments of the broken wheel struck him in the face just below the eye, cutting a long, deep gash and injuring the eye to an extent which has not yet been ascertained.

State Auditor Dunn has instructed County Attorney Street of Beltrami county to commence proceedings against T. B. Walker and his loggers to prevent their cutting the pine off of lands on which Mr. Walker has not paid taxes. Mr. Walker is the only large owner of pine lands in the county who has not paid his taxes for the last two years, and there is considerable public feeling current in the county against him on that account, as the county revenues are not large under the law organizing the county.