

News of the State.

STATE WINS AFTER ALL.

Anderson Decision Not a Defeat Says the Attorney General.

The decision of the United States supreme court in the famous Anderson law case, while in form a reversal of the decision of the state supreme court, is, in fact, a great victory for the state of Minnesota, as against the and grant railroads. That is the very surprising announcement made by Attorney General Douglas, after a careful reading and analysis of the printed opinion.

"The majesty of the court," said Mr. Douglas, "base their opinion as to the constitutionality of the Anderson law on the peculiar language used whereby all the essential features of the contract between the state and the railroads are retained and the consideration is eliminated. But on the broader questions involving the state's rights of taxation the opinion sustains practically every important position we have taken. It thus becomes a strong victory for the state upon the broadest grounds. So satisfactory, in fact, is the decision that I have given up my purpose to ask for a rehearing and rest content in what we have accomplished.

"Reduced to its simplest terms, the decision holds: First, that the original contracts with the St. Paul & Duluth and the Northern Pacific roads were void; second, that these contracts were vitiated by the constitutional amendment adopted in 1871; and, third, that this amendment carried with it the right to amend the contracts or repeal them entirely. Of course, this right of amendment is subject to limitations and one of these limitations was traversed by the Anderson bill, which is declared unconstitutional. But the right of the state to raise or lower the gross earnings tax rate or to repeal it entirely is clearly and succinctly affirmed by the decision in several places. This is what we have contended for from the start and we do not ask more.

"As for the Anderson law, which must be wiped from the statute books, it has served its purpose and served it well. In the first place, it has forced the railroads to sell practically all of their unused lands. These lands are now paying taxes to the state and will of course continue to do so in spite of the decision. So that the formal point at issue, decided against the state, has ceased to be important. In the second place, the litigation over the law has served to secure from the court of highest resort a ruling as to the powers of the state in the taxation of the railroads, which is of the utmost importance. It is a curious fact that the grounds upon which the federal court overthrew the law were not suggested by any of the attorneys for the railroads. The points did not enter into the arguments in the case, although I believe Daniel Lawler made a somewhat similar point in a case in the lower court recently."

This statement of the attorney general will come as a great surprise, since it was feared from the telegraphic synopsis of the decision that the state had suffered a decisive defeat and would be unable to terminate the contracts which have caused the retention of the gross earnings tax law. It will be remembered that at the last session of the legislature one of the principal arguments used against the repeal of the law was that such repeal would be unconstitutional. This argument is no longer possible and the coming legislature may repeal the law as it sees fit, or may raise the rate of taxation.

SUSPENDS THE SALE.

The following telegram from Washington reached the United States land office in Crookston the other day:

"To Register and Receiver: Notify purchasers of White Earth pine lands that the regularity and validity of all sales depend on approval of the department, and they will therefore take no possession until such approval."

"Binger Hermann."

This is notice that the recent pine sale held there has been suspended. The sale was attended by leading lumbermen of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan and was duly authorized by the department. Reasons for the department's action will follow, but at present the officers and buyers are surprised at the action taken. The appraised value of the pine offered was \$22,369 and the sale amounted to \$23,347 with a balance of \$23,048 yet remaining, showing a surplus of nearly \$9,000 above the government appraisal secured from the sale.

CORN STALK RAVAGE.

The corn stalk trouble has made its appearance in Redwood county, and as a result, different farmers report the loss of cattle and horses, the aggregate being about 100 head. Old farmers claim that it is impaction of the third stomach, whereby food in the latter clogs in such a manner as to make it impassable, while others are of the opinion that the corn fields this year contain a deadly smut. In one place only was there any loss of horses. Five of these animals had been turned loose in a field of corn stalks in the morning and all were dead before night. The owner claims that his field contained much smut. So general has been the complaint, and so quick does the trouble produce death, that farmers are keeping their herds out of corn fields, and wherever this is done there are no complaints.

DEFIES DEATH.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 13.—Fatally wounded by gunshot, Engineer Hanselman, of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railway, sat in his cab with the train running fifty miles an hour. At Gentryville, Ind., he entered the cab, complaining of a sharp pain in his side. Nothing was known of the wound until Hanselman was lifted unconscious from his engine at Belleville. He has yet given no explanation of the wound.

DUNN'S "REMEMBER."

State Auditor and Tracts of Land Sold Under Recent Forfeiture Sale.

State Auditor Dunn has issued a circular to county auditors instructing them as to how to treat tracts of land which were sold at the recent forfeited tax sales for taxes delinquent in 1895 and prior years, when the purchasers refuse to pay taxes delinquent for years subsequent to 1895. In his letter Auditor Dunn says:

"In many counties in the state it is the practice to take only one tax judgment against real property; subsequent taxes, when delinquent, are merely added to and become a part of the original judgment. The recent forfeited tax sale included delinquent taxes for 1895 and prior years. Those tracts sold at the forfeited sale to an actual purchaser who has refused or neglected to pay the subsequent taxes (1896, 1897, 1898 and 1899) therefore stand on the records without a judgment for the taxes that are delinquent. The question has arisen how to treat such tracts to obtain a judgment for the taxes that are delinquent in order that collection can be enforced. In my opinion, one judgment should be taken for all the years delinquent.

"Remember this circular letter refers only to tracts sold to an actual purchaser at the forfeited sale, leaving the 1895 and subsequent taxes unpaid. All tracts that were bid in for the state rest upon the judgment already obtained and are not referred to in this connection.

"Remember, also, that the penalty of 15 per cent only for each year should be added to the taxes because interest begins to run from date of entry of judgment and not before."

BUSINESS COURSE AT UNIVERSITY.

Increasing Demand for School of Commerce.

It is probable that with the new year the faculty of the state university will enlarge the present civics course at that institution to include the subjects planned for the school of commerce. The university regents refused to take action upon the proposed additional work at their recent meeting because of the mass of other work requiring immediate attention.

The faculty has the power to modify or enlarge the curriculum necessary. The board of regents is evenly divided as to the merits and demerits of the proposed school of commerce. Several members object to it on the ground that the course is superficial.

Supt. Lewis of the state department of public instruction stated that these objections have arisen mainly through a misunderstanding concerning the object of the course. When the board finds time to thoroughly investigate the objections will be removed. The demand for the commercial instruction is steadily increasing and is sufficiently great to almost necessitate immediate action.

WILL DO MUCH BUSINESS.

Sauk Rapids Lumber Company to Build a Spur Track.

The J. Neils Lumber Company of Sauk Rapids has just closed a contract for the construction of a spur railroad track from the main line of the Northern Pacific to their sawmill. The object is to receive logs from the northern part of the state exclusively by rail via the Brainerd & Northern and Northern Pacific railways. The mill will be operated next season night and day to its full capacity and will start at an early date in the spring. The management states that the new deal practically insures the operation of the plant for at least ten years.

Oak Knoll stock farm at Sauk Rapids, owned by A. G. Whitney, has been sold to a party from Canby. The farm is one of the most valuable in that section of the state, and brought \$25,000 cash. The farm consists of 640 acres, and is admirably adapted for stock raising and diversified farming.

The annual term of the district court at Sauk Rapids has closed. The court made a record by trying four indictments, two for burglary and two for grand larceny in the second degree, and not a conviction.

OPPOSE VACCINATION ORDER.

Aerial Bridge Across Duluth Ship Canal Is Indorsed.

A mass meeting of citizens was held at Duluth to protest against the order of the board of health compelling children to remain away from school unless they can show a certificate declaring they have been vaccinated in recent years, and to devise ways and means to carry the Haskings case to the state supreme court. The case in question was brought to test the power of the board of health and board of education to exclude unvaccinated children from the public schools. The case was decided adversely to the anti-vaccination side. It was decided at the meeting to raise the money necessary to carry the case up and get a decision from the supreme court. The committee of the Duluth common council appointed to investigate the feasibility of an aerial bridge across the Duluth ship canal has reported favorably. The proposed bridge will cost \$100,000, and will be sufficiently high to allow all vessels to pass under.

General Store Burned.

Sauk Center, Minn., Dec. 14.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the general store of C. D. Krousey at Burtrum. Loss, \$2,500; insured for \$1,500.

Freed From Suffering.

Mason City, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Death came to the relief of Mrs. Gray, who was buried by the explosion of kerosene Tuesday.

Life's Journey Ended.

Belle Plaine, Minn., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Kasper Blau died yesterday. She leaves a large family of sons and daughters.

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HAMILTON INDICTED.

Grand Jury Charges Him With Murder in the First Degree.

Minneapolis, Dec. 13.—F. H. Hamilton has been indicted for murder in the first degree. The grand jury, which has been investigating the case for several days, decided upon the indictment yesterday morning. The indictment charges Hamilton with the murder of Leonard Day at the West hotel the morning of Nov. 25, Sunday. It will be remembered that Hamilton and Day got into a quarrel in the West hotel barroom. In a general mix-up that followed Day was stabbed in the neck and within a few minutes bled to death. Some mystery surrounds the affair and Hamilton's friends believe that Hamilton is not the man who did the stabbing. A young woman is said to have been the cause of the fight.

CHARLES KAERACTER.

Brainerd, Minn., Dec. 13.—Charles Kaeracter, who committed suicide Monday in Philadelphia, has made this city his home for several years. He has been foreman at Cross Lake for several seasons. Last winter he had charge for Scott & Waite. He formed a partnership with Parker Waite this fall, but went on a prolonged spree and issued checks until Mr. Waite stopped payment on them and dissolved partnership. Kaeracter then disappeared after issuing numerous worthless checks. He was about thirty-five years of age and unmarried. When he was himself he had the confidence of his employers.

PROMPT OFFICIAL ACTION.

Cass Lake, Minn., Dec. 13.—Two men giving their names as Alfred Pannche and James Riley, broke into Gregg's saloon and stole seventeen bottles of wine, an overcoat and a revolver. The theft was discovered and the thieves arrested by Marshal Burns before dawn the next morning. The men were given a preliminary hearing and the case was continued, Mr. Gregg having made the charge of burglary against the prisoners.

WALLERT SENTENCED.

Henderson, Minn., Dec. 13.—Peter Wallert, who was convicted of killing his wife and four stepdaughters Aug. 19, was sentenced to die. After being confined in the county jail for ninety days he will be executed on a date to be fixed by the governor. Wallert made a statement in court explaining how he committed the crime. He pleaded guilty in hope of being given a life sentence.

In Memory of Gen. Berry.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 13.—A letter received in this city from Chief Justice Start states that the memorial exercises before the supreme court in memory of the late Gen. Charles H. Berry will be held Jan. 2. Several prominent members of the bar of this state will be present and make addresses. A number of the members of the Winona county bar will attend.

Auctioned Without a License.

Crookston, Minn., Dec. 13.—An auctioneer named Johnson, who was engaged in disposing of the bankrupt stock of S. Bisazza at public vendue, was arrested on complaint of Mayor Campbell, charged with selling goods without a city license. The fee for this license is fixed by the charter at \$200, the object being to protect home merchants.

North Dakota's Official Count.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 13.—The official count in this state gives McKinley 55,881 votes; Bryan, 20,519; Woolley, 731; Debs, 518 and Barker, 110. Bryan has the same vote as in 1896, practically, and McKinley has gained about 10,000. Marshall's majority for congress is nearly 14,000 and White has between 11,000 and 12,000 over Wippenman.

Corn Stalk Poisoning.

Woonsocket, S. D., Dec. 13.—The loss of cattle from corn stalk poisoning still continues here. Last week A. F. Kelley lost thirty-five head in two days. About 400 head have died in this county alone, and other counties of the state, and also of Nebraska, have had losses equally as large.

Grandin Mills in Operation.

Grandin, N. D., Dec. 13.—The Grandin roller mills have begun operations under the management of W. N. Larson, who has an interest in the Devils Lake roller mill. The mill here has been closed for about two years.

Broke Through the Ice.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 13.—Irene Greve, aged 5, and Julia Digerness, aged 6, were drowned in a small creek near Cushing. The parents missed them soon after their departure, but sought in vain for a whole day.

Marshall Sells His Store.

Aberdeen, S. D., Dec. 13.—T. P. Marshall, congressman-elect of Oakes, N. D., has disposed of his extensive department store in this city to Messrs. Hezel & Schamber of Eureka and will give possession Jan. 1.

Sentenced for Burglary.

Black River Falls, Wis., Dec. 13.—Sheriff Trondson left for Waupun with Chris Williams and Otto Smith, who will each serve a three-year sentence for burglary. They pleaded guilty before Judge O'Neill.

Northfield Store Robbed.

Northfield, Minn., Dec. 13.—The dry goods store of J. P. Fink was robbed by burglars who made their entrance through a door by breaking out the glass. About \$200 in goods and \$125 in money was taken.

Fire at Hampton.

Hastings, Minn., Dec. 13.—At Hampton station fire destroyed the Hampton drug store, Mires Bros.' saloon and Reinhart's harness shop. The hotel was also damaged. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$4,500.

BENEATH THE WHEELS.

Brakeman Loses His Life in North Dakota.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 14.—W. C. Trimble, a Great Northern brakeman formerly of St. Paul, was killed at Church's Ferry. He was employed on the train running from Church's Ferry to Bottineau, and was working beneath the train with the air brakes in the yards. The train started up and Trimble was thrown beneath the wheels. Both legs were cut off and the man died almost instantly.

SENATOR DAVIS' WILL.

All His Property Is Left to Mrs. Anna M. Davis.

St. Paul, Dec. 14.—The will of Senator Cushman K. Davis was filed for probate yesterday. Mrs. Anna M. Davis, the widow, to whom all the property was left, filed a petition asking that the St. Paul Trust company be appointed executor of the estate, as provided by the will. The estate is valued at \$25,000 in personal property and \$40,000 in real property.

Wanted on an Old Charge.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Manacled and shackled, in the custody of Chief of Police Kozlovsky of Cedar Rapids, Frederick Bradley, alias Lewis, son of L. A. Bradley, a wealthy stock buyer of Cedar Rapids, left Sioux City last night for that city, where he is wanted for forgeries alleged to have been committed several years ago. It appears that he disappeared at that time his three pals were arrested. Bradley was bookkeeper for T. M. Sinclair, pork packer, of Cedar Rapids, and had charge of checks for purchases. He grew wild and was discharged, but, it is said, retained some of the checks and filled them out and cashed them by aid of three men who are now serving time.

Lawyers' Home.

Milwaukee, Dec. 14.—Articles of incorporation were filed at Madison for a lawyers' home for the care of indigent and disabled lawyers and their wives. The home, which will probably be established next spring, will be especially for Wisconsin lawyers, but attorneys in need from any part of the country will be welcomed within its doors. There is no capital stock, and as soon as the officers are elected popular subscriptions for the establishment of the institution will be started.

Thanks From Galveston Veterans.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 14.—Edward Cronin and twelve other members of the G. A. R. have received a letter of thanks for contributions to the Galveston post. In it the adjutant general says that out of a membership of forty-eight four were drowned and all but a couple of the remainder lost everything they had. He also says the city is being again built up rapidly.

Mysterious Shooting.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Jeannette Broadbent, a professional nurse, was found shot in the back of the head in her room in an apartment house. She may not recover. She has been unable to tell a coherent story, but claims that a man opened her door, shot her and ran away. Her own revolver was found in a drawer with one chamber discharged.

Dairymen Elect Officers.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Dec. 14.—At the state dairymen's convention officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Even Evenson of St. Paul; first vice president, August Samuelson of Lafayette; second vice president, W. L. Chappell, Fergus Falls; secretary, Robert Crickmore, Pratt; treasurer, E. W. Dewey, Fergus Falls.

Fire Loss to a Nursery.

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec. 14.—The residence on Clarence Wedge's nursery, two miles south of this city, caught fire while Mr. Wedge was absent and burned to the ground. Many valuable papers were saved.

Residence and Outbuildings Burned.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 14.—The residence and outbuildings of George Myers, on Stockton ridge, were burned during the absence of the family, causing a loss of \$2,000, with an insurance of \$900.

Strychnine Follows Booze.

Lake Benton, Minn., Dec. 14.—Gunder Brown, a carpenter of Hendricks, this county, despondent after a long spree, committed suicide, taking strychnine. He leaves a wife and family near Rathton.

He Was Despondent.

Grinnell, Iowa, Dec. 14.—W. D. Jones, a prominent farmer living near Creston, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun. Despondency over ill health is supposed to be the cause. He leaves a family.

Old Man Killed by a Fall.

Arlington, S. D., Dec. 14.—Grandpa Hoffman, aged eighty-six years, fell down stairs at the home of his son and broke his neck. His aged wife and a large family of grown-up children survive him.

Steamer Burned.

Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Dec. 14.—The steamer Mary Mills was destroyed by fire while lying at McCachem's dock. The warehouse was also destroyed, together with 2,000 tons of hay.

Robbed a Stage.

Lakeville, Or., Dec. 14.—The Lakeville and Ager stage was robbed about eight miles from this city by a lone highwayman. No passengers were aboard. Considerable registered mail was taken.

Under State Care.

Anoka, Minn., Dec. 14.—Joseph Wise, who was shot through the lungs last spring at the time of the Wise murder, has been taken to Owatonna, where he will attend the state school.

He Stopped the Noises.

Prof. Tait of Edinburgh, after having subdued a lady pianist, who annoyed him, by taking to the bagpipes, was troubled by an amateur elocutionist in the house. One day, the story goes, when the house was filled with oratory, a volley of explosions came from Tait's room, followed by smoke and unearthly smells. The lessons in oratory were suspended, and every one in the house collected to see what the trouble was. Mr. Tait, with unmoved countenance, said to the landlord: "As there seems to be no restraint on the nature of the studies pursued in these lodgings, I have begun a series of experiments in high explosives, from which I expect to draw much advantage."

The elocutionist ceased.—Argonaut.

PATENTS.

List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.

Benjamin Frank, Mildred, Minn., crank wheel; Paul L. Crowe, Duluth, Minn., mechanism for raising or lowering gears; Paul L. Crowe, Duluth, Minn., fuel-feeding hopper; Paul Swenson, Hopkins, Minn., trip lock for use in starting explosive engines; Alfred and starting Ramson, N. D., device for preventing horses from cribbing; Charles B. Ulrich, Duluth, Minn., lifting device for invalids. Lothrop & Johnson, patent attorneys, 911 & 912 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

The Election and the Market.

There were signs of improved business before the election in the iron and steel industries, and cautious efforts were made to increase prices, but enterprise generally held back its orders to await political results. No doubt seems to be felt that there will now be a speedy adjustment to more favorable conditions, and that a fresh impulse will be given to business in many lines. It is certain that the assurance that the money standard is in no danger of being tampered with and that the foundations of credit are safe will have a salutary effect; but there will be no "boom," and the prospect is all the better for that. A period of speculation and expansion of credit in new undertakings would be a misfortune, and, happily, there is no sign of it, notwithstanding the jubilant yells of the Stock Exchange at the passing of the Bryan cloud. We went through that stage a year ago, and have been fortunate enough to have only a mild and prolonged reaction, which was helped by the political campaign. There is little danger that the strain will be repeated in a more intense form.—Harper's Weekly.

Some articles must be described: White's Yucatan needs no description; it's the real thing.

Room for Doubt.

He—we are told matches are made in heaven. She—I don't believe it! The brimstone quarries are not located there.—Ohio State Journal.

It is as easy for you to please everybody as it is for everybody to please you.

Didn't Look Prosperous.

He—Well, Mrs. Smith is economical, anyway. She makes all her own dresses. She—Yes; and she looks so dowdy that her husband can't get a single one of his friends to lend him any money.—Philadelphia Press.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! No baking! Add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocers, 10 cts.

A Spellbinder.

"I have a collection of campaign speeches that I wish to have made into a book," said Mr. Nortside to a bookbinder.

"Very well," replied the latter. "This is a spellbinder."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

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Rev. Henry Langford, the eminent Baptist divine, of Weston, W. Va., has just escaped utter nervous and physical prostration. He is pastor of four churches. "For ten years," he said, "I have been nervous and growing worse all these years. During the last four or five years I became so nervous I could scarcely sign my name so it could be read. I was so nervous that I could not read my own sermon notes after they had been laid aside awhile."

"I was unable to hold my head steady in the pulpit, nor could I hold or handle my books and papers without embarrassment, owing to the trembling and weakness of my hands and arms. I was so nervous that I could scarcely feed myself. In fact, my nervous system was wrecked."

"I tried many remedies recommended by physicians, but found no permanent relief. One day I was in the store of R. S. Ogden, at Sardis, W. Va., and he said to me: 'You take two bottles of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and if you say it don't help you, you need not pay for it.'"

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