

The state of education in Russia may be judged from the fact that there is only one village school for every 12,000 persons.

Six million pounds of adulterated and harmful foods were destroyed by the health department of New York in the last 12 years.

Hiram Maxim, on being asked how he came to think of the idea of an automatic gun, said that it was kicked into him at the end of the civil war after firing an old-fashioned Springfield rifle.

A new law, which will gradually result in the entire disappearance of slavery from Siam, has come into effect, says the Bangkok Times. No one can now be born a slave, and no one can be made a slave.

After having long been monopolized by the corner saloon the "free lunch" has been adopted by a church in Cripple Creek, Col. The pastor of the First Christian church placed among his Sunday notices the following: "Lunch will be served immediately after church in the Endeavor rooms. Free to all who attend services."

Indiana, Wisconsin, Nebraska and a few other Western States have laws directed against the smoking of cigars. Bills of the same sort have been before several states in the same session, including Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota. In most cases these laws are so strong that they are weak. They are so sweeping and so harsh that the offenders are taking their cases to the higher courts, with the hope of having them declared unconstitutional.

It is a matter of history that many of the colleges in this country were founded or endowed with "tainted money." The United States, in early days, raised funds by running a lottery. Some of the sectarian schools in the west sold stock which was redeemed by annual drawings. A great deal of it never was redeemed, and the money so acquired still bears the stamp of irregularity. Its possession is unlawful, because no service has been rendered in return.

The Portuguese have adopted automobile traction for a new battery of four quick-firing howitzers of the Schneider-Canet system of 150 millimeters. They were made at the Creusot works, France, and the motor is designed to draw all the four, one behind the other, a load, that is to say, of about fourteen tons, at a speed of at least five and a half kilometers an hour for all slopes. The automobile besides carries five tons of munitions, etc.

Senora Alvarado, who died in Chihuahua, Mex., was the wife of Pedro Alvarado, the richest citizen of Mexico. Senor Alvarado was born a peasant, and his wife was of the same class and possessed the same thrifty characteristics which enabled him to rise to such wealthy prominence that he recently offered to pay the entire public debt of Mexico. The couple recently completed a house which is considered one of the most palatial homes in America.

Nothing in the history of religious cults equals in breadth and boldness the plans just set on foot in Old Mexico by John Alexander Dowrie for the establishment of a religious and industrial colony. Dowrie will dig into the craters of extinct volcanoes to tap vast lakes of water that now fill the one-time mountains of fire; he will build his own merchant marine to navigate the Soto La Marina river and a railroad to convey the products of his colony to the sea.

The raw material for future American citizenship is pouring in on us at an astounding rate. Can we convert it into the finished product? In the past nothing has impressed foreigners more than our marvelous assimilative power in transforming immigrants from Europe into loyal Americans. But did they come then at the rate of 12,000 a week, and were they from Southern Europe and from lands where republicanism has never been tested? It is this change in the type of immigration that is causing some alarm.

The main-track mileage of the United States railways would circle the earth along the equator eight and a half times. Their revenue in 1904, \$2,000,000,000, would pay the interest-bearing debt of the United States twice over, and leave a surplus which would support the government of Spain, with its 18,000,000 inhabitants, for a year. On the pay-rolls of the American railways there are more men, 1,500,000, than were in the armies of Grant, Lee and the rest of the union and confederate commanders at Appomattox.

A sojourner in the south nowadays finds the people chiefly interested in two things outside of their intimate personal affairs. Some of the people are intensely interested in one of these subjects and some in the other. A good many, indeed, are interested in both. One subject is the provision of increased and improved means of education for children, particularly white children, and the other the settlement of vacant or half occupied lands with white people and the development of the section's industries. The two subjects hang together.

It is in the mind of the war department to mark the battlefield of San-tiago with the names of the men who fought and who were killed and their regiments, and a committee has gone there for that purpose. The locations are easily found. The hill of El Pozo, whence Grimes fired the first shot; the bloody ford where Hawkins and Kent came into the first fire, and where afterward the wounded lay until the stream ran red; the block-house of San Juan and the ruins of that at El Caney and the Kettle Hill which made our president.

LAKE SHORE FLYER WRECKED

FAST TRAIN STRIKES OPEN SWITCH AT MENTOR, O.

Disaster Comes While Running at Rate of Mile a Minute—Eleven Persons Killed.

Mentor, O., June 22.—Running at the rate of 50 or 60 miles an hour, the Twentieth Century Limited on the Lake Shore railroad dashed into an open switch at the passenger station here shortly before ten o'clock Wednesday night. Eleven persons were killed and 12 or 15 badly injured. The combination baggage and smoking buffet car and the coach behind it caught fire and were destroyed. The train was east-bound, having left Cleveland about nine o'clock and as it does not stop here it was running at great speed. The engineer did not notice the open switch until the train struck it. The engine left the rails and plowed into the ground, tearing up the track for yards. The two coaches following it jammed into it with great force and were crushed, the fire from the engine setting them ablaze. Fortunately most of the occupants of these two coaches were rescued before the fire reached them. The Lake Shore officials at once summoned all the doctors within reach, a number coming from Cleveland. The dead and injured were taken care of and sent on a special train to Cleveland, where they will be placed in hospitals.

The following are the identified dead: John R. Bennett, patent attorney, New York city; burned to death. Thomas R. Morgan, of the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan company, Cleveland; burned to death. Allen Tyler, engineer, Collinwood, O.; crushed under engine. Newt Walter, baggage-master, Hamburg, N. Y. Fireman Graham, Collinwood, O. W. D. Nickey, identified by Y. M. C. A. card.

Six bodies, horribly burned, were taken from the wreck. It was impossible to identify them at the scene of the wreck.

This was the fourth trip of the flyer on its run from Chicago to New York on an 18-hour schedule. The train was the fastest long-distance train in the world. It was the pride of the New York Central system. The train hauled out of Cleveland five cars, four Pullman cars behind the buffet car.

Cleveland, O., June 22.—D. C. Moon, assistant general superintendent of the Lake Shore road, stated late Wednesday night that it looked as though the Mentor wreck had been caused by malicious mischief. He said that a fast passenger train had passed over the switch safely three-quarters of an hour before the Twentieth Century was wrecked. Immediately after the wreck occurred it was found that the switch was locked open, so that no train could pass it without being thrown from the track.

SHARPLY CRITICISED.

New York Insurance Superintendent Adds New Chapter to History of Equitable.

Albany, N. Y., June 22.—The report of Superintendent Francis Hendricks, of the state insurance department, to Gov. Higgins, upon his investigation of the Equitable Life Assurance society, was made public here and in New York Wednesday night. It is described in the title as a "preliminary report," and it sharply criticises the management of the society, as well as the new trust arrangement for voting the stock agreed upon by Thomas F. Ryan and the three trustees designated by him. James W. Alexander, president, and James H. Hyde, first vice president, respectively, whose resignations were accepted Tuesday by Chairman Morton, are severely arraigned in the report. Gage E. Tarbell, second vice president, is exonerated, Mr. Hendrick finding that no substantial evidence appears in support of the charges against him.

Debs' New Organization.

Terre Haute, Ind., June 21.—Eugene V. Debs, the socialist candidate for president, announced the plan of the new Industrial union, which will be launched in Chicago next week. Mr. Debs denies that the Industrial union is to be a rival of the American Federation of Labor, but says it will be organized along industrial lines and embrace the entire working class. It will repudiate the alleged identity of interests between capital and labor.

Veteran Dies.

Washington, June 19.—Gen. Arthur L. Wagner, U. S. A., died suddenly at Asheville, N. C., Saturday of tuberculosis, contracted while in service in the Philippines. Gen. Wagner had just been advanced from colonel, his commission having been signed a few hours before his death. He was born in Illinois in 1853.

Mother's Awful Deed.

Dubuque, Ia., June 17.—Mrs. Paul Kluss has killed her four small children and then committed suicide at her home near Keeler, Wis., eight miles east of Dubuque. The woman used a large butcher knife, cutting each of the children's throats. The eldest child was six and the youngest a baby.

Killed by Postmaster.

Dothan, Ala., June 22.—Byron Trammel, postmaster of Dothan, shot and killed R. J. Barnes, a young cotton buyer, formerly of Newnan, Ga. The murder occurred at Trammel's home, where Barnes boarded. Trammel surrendered and declined to state the cause of the tragedy.

Charged with Big Theft.

Montreal, Can., June 22.—Louis Beclair, teller of the St. Cuneogone branch of the Provincial bank, is missing, and a warrant has been issued charging him with the theft of \$32,000.

Died in Prison.

Waupun, Wis., June 20.—William Bernstein, a noted crook who was sentenced to a long term for robbing the Milwaukee Bag company of \$1,200, is dead from appendicitis in the federal prison here. Bernstein was well known to the police authorities of many big cities.

Riot at Lodz.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, June 20.—Two persons were killed and 36 were wounded in a conflict between troops and socialists at Lodz.

SEEK OLD POSITIONS.

Teamsters Tire of Strike, But Employers Are Not Disposed to Reinstatement Former Drivers.

Chicago, June 20.—Scores of strikers have been applying for their old positions secretly, it developed Monday. This indication of the disintegration of the teamsters' contest came from several directions. Employers made known the fact that 35 per cent of the drivers for the express companies had asked for their old positions and falling to get them have been seeking recommendations to other companies; that department store drivers have applied for their former positions, and that the old employees of the coal companies and other concerns have been trying to arrange for their reinstatement as soon as the strike shall have been called off.

Cornelius P. Shea was forced into the background by the teamsters' joint council Monday night, and a committee of ten men, opposed to the Shea methods and the strike, was appointed to act in conjunction with the members of the national executive board of the organization with instructions to settle the strike. The committee was given full power to act, but the power is reported to have a string to it, and the joint council will demand consideration of terms before the strike is declared ended.

Names of a score or more of union leaders who received money from John C. Driscoll for their services in bringing about the settlement or prevention of strikes were shown to the grand jury Monday on canceled checks that have been kept since they passed through the banks. Driscoll, who appeared for the third time before the investigating body, produced a pile of canceled checks and when the payees and amounts are made known together with the history of each check, a sensation in trades union circles is predicted.

MORTON CLEARED.

President Exonerates Him from Guilt in Santa Fe Rebate Case.

Washington, June 22.—A remarkable letter expressing confidence and esteem has been written by President Theodore Roosevelt to Paul Morton, who is about to retire as secretary of the navy. The letter is of the Rooseveltian type, and abounds with candid words of admiration and expressions indicating the president's steadfast faith in Mr. Morton both as a railroad official and member of the cabinet. Mr. Morton emerges from the controversy growing out of alleged illegal acts on the part of the Santa Fe railway and the Colorado Fuel & Iron company with President Roosevelt's unequivocal indorsement of his career both as a business man and public official.

President Roosevelt, in his letter to the attorney general, voices cordial approval of that official's act in connection with the attempt to get the federal government to prosecute the officers of the Santa Fe Railroad company, of which Paul Morton was one prior to his entering the president's official family. The president asserts that his examination of the evidence has demonstrated "that neither the interstate commerce commission nor the special counsel you have employed have developed a single fact of any kind, beyond the holding of their offices, tending to implicate any one of those officers."

HEAVY FORGERIES.

Investigation Fastens Crime on Recently Deceased Philadelphia Financier.

Philadelphia, June 21.—One of the most sensational cases of forgery that has ever been brought to light in financial circles of this city, was disclosed Tuesday when it was announced that certificates calling for small shares of stock had been fraudulently raised to hundreds of shares, causing a loss to certain banks and trust companies of this city of from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The forgery involves the name of Benjamin H. Gaskill, who went to his grave four weeks ago. Gaskill was the sole member of the banking and brokerage concern known as Benjamin H. Gaskill & Co. He had offices in the financial district, and his credit was considered first-class.

Philadelphia, June 22.—The City Trust & Safe Deposit company, for years rated among the most reliable financial institutions in the community, on Wednesday closed its doors, and Albert L. Tabor, a state bank examiner, was appointed temporary receiver. This, however, will be determined by the permanent receiver. It is believed a new company will be organized. The failure of the company was the direct issue of the forgeries of the late Benjamin H. Gaskill, the banker.

Colored Girl Assassinated.

Hopkinsville, Ky., June 22.—An assassin shot and killed Carrie Cushman, colored girl, on Judge Joseph M. Carroll's place, as she was getting into bed. The shot was fired through the window.

Convicted of Daughter's Murder.

Virginia City, Mont., June 21.—Judge Callaway has sentenced Grant Plumb to 14 years in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge. Plumb was convicted Thursday last of second-degree murder for the killing of his three-year-old daughter. The case has attracted much attention.

Jurist Dies.

Mexico City, Mex., June 21.—Vicente Dardon, a member of the supreme court, is dead at the age of 70 years. He was an American.

Former Judge Dies.

Washington, June 20.—John H. Kealey, once a federal judge in Alaska, and latterly a clerk in the treasury department, is dead here. He had been identified with newspaper work in Iowa, having been editor respectively of the Nonpareil and the Globe of Council Bluffs.

Killed His Wife.

White Earth, Minn., June 20.—Joseph Jourdain, visiting here from Red Lake, shot and instantly killed his wife. The crime is said to have been inspired by drink and jealousy.

MR. BULL — "THESE BLAWSTED ENTANGLING ALLIANCES KEEP ONE VERY UNSETTLED, YE KNOW!"



A RUINOUS STORM.

Rain and Hail Cause Great Damage in Wisconsin and Iowa.

Prairie du Chien, Wis., June 20.—The damage done in Sunday night's storm cannot yet be estimated. Wires are down and reports from the county are meager. The storm lasted but ten minutes, but the official observer reports one inch and eight-tenths of water to have fallen. The wind and hail was also terrific, snapping off big trees, moving small buildings, crippling telephone, telegraph and light service. Traffic on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road was resumed late Monday night, after a series of washouts between this city and Wausau. Ten miles east of the city the hail totally destroyed the crops in a strip half a mile wide and 12 miles in length. At Wausau the hail broke every window light in the village facing to the west or north. At Lynxville a large stock barn was struck by lightning and destroyed. Considerable stock was drowned, but no fatalities to human life have as yet been reported. The storm was the fiercest ever experienced in this city. The Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers, which had been falling slightly since Friday, are rising and are close to the danger line.

DISMISSAL FOR BOWEN.

Outcome of Controversy Between Minister to Venezuela and Assistant Secretary of State Loomis.

Washington, June 21.—The dismissal of Herbert W. Bowen, for some years United States minister to Venezuela, and the exoneration of Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Loomis, of the allegations brought against him by Mr. Bowen, are the outcome of the Loomis-Bowen controversy which has attracted wide attention for many months past. This disposition of the case is made by President Roosevelt in a letter addressed to Secretary Taft, made public Tuesday night, approving Mr. Taft's report on his findings and conclusions in the case. The president scathingly arraigns Minister Bowen, declaring that his conduct is "especially reprehensible," that Mr. Bowen asked one of his witnesses to enter the employ of a certain company for the purpose "in plain words, of stealing" documents which he hoped might incriminate Mr. Loomis, and that Mr. Bowen has "evidently for many months, indeed for the last two years, devoted himself" to hunting up scandal and gossip until it became a monomania and caused him "to show complete disloyalty" to the country he represented.

The president says he had hoped to promote Mr. Bowen, as during much of his service he had done good work, but that his usefulness in the diplomatic service is now at an end. The president adds that he would direct that Mr. Bowen's resignation be requested, but for his statement that he would consider a resignation an admission of misconduct and the dismissal is therefore ordered.

PRESIDENT GREETED.

Roosevelt Receives Warm Welcome on His Visit to Massachusetts Colleges.

Worcester, Mass., June 22.—Steadily falling rain drenched the festal drappings of the city and disappointed the people of Worcester, but detracted not at all from the enthusiastic reception which was given President Theodore Roosevelt Wednesday upon the occasion of his visit to Clark university and Holy Cross college. The president responded to the cordiality of the people by riding through the streets of the city in an open carriage, and much of the time with head bared. The president delivered addresses both in Holy Cross and Clark university, and the former institution conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL. D. At Clark university the president took occasion to pay a tribute to Carroll D. Wright, president of the college, as well as to the late United States Senator George Frisbie Hoar.

A SUDDEN CALL.

S. P. Sheerin, of Indiana, Falls Dead While Addressing Audience in Chicago.

Chicago, June 21.—S. P. Sheerin, president of the new Long-Distance Telephone company of Indianapolis, Ind., and a prominent man in Indiana, fell dead on the floor of the convention hall in the Auditorium hotel Tuesday while replying to the welcome extended to delegates of the independent telephone men's annual convention by City Prosecutor Taylor. Mr. Sheerin, known all over Indiana as "SI" Sheerin, was at one time chairman of the democratic state committee, the position later held by Thomas Taggart. He was for years a leader of the democratic party and attained national prominence as a politician of resource and ability. In later years he had applied most of his time to the independent telephone movement.

Victims of Live Wire.

Keosauqua, Wis., June 19.—Vincenzo and Antonio Petrocci, Italians, aged 18 and 20 years, were instantly killed Sunday morning by touching a live wire. The wire was a guy protecting a pole on which had been hung the wires connected with the street lamps. The younger boy took hold of the wire and fell back dead. In a few minutes a great crowd of Italians gathered and the older boy, showing his companions how the accident occurred, touched the wire and was instantly killed.

Shriners Hold Meeting.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 21.—The thirty-first annual gathering of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, opened here Tuesday with a very large attendance, thousands of shriners from all sections of the United States and Canada being present.

Bank Closes Its Doors.

Dunkirk, N. Y., June 21.—The state bank of Forestville closed its doors Tuesday owing to the failure of the Fredonia national bank.

Bank Closed.

Washington, June 20.—The Fredonia national bank, Fredonia, N. Y., was closed Monday by order of the comptroller of the currency on information received from the examiner that it is insolvent. J. W. Schofield has been appointed receiver.

Struck by a Train.

Bloomington, Ill., June 20.—A. J. Barr, a prominent lawyer of this city, and Miss Mary Herbert were struck by a Chicago & Alton interurban train one mile east of Normal Monday afternoon, and both instantly killed.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

State Capitol.

Bismarck.—Some time during the coming fall forty or fifty thousand acres of state institution lands will be offered for sale at public auction to procure the wherewith to build North Dakota's million-dollar capitol building. These lands are part of the capitol grant land which came as a present from Uncle Sam when North Dakota was formally adopted into his family of states. Commissioners Budge and Laxdal and Secretary Shaw, of the capitol commission, are at present engaged in making a thorough and careful examination of these lands. These lands are scattered through Cavalier, Ramsey, Tettee, Benson, Eddy, McHenry, Towner, Morton and a few other counties in the western part of the state and the commissioners have no small undertaking on hand in a wagon pilgrimage of many hundred miles to see the lands and estimate their value and to determine which it is desirable to offer for sale at this time.

Attempted Assassination.

Dunseith.—An almost successful attempt was made to assassinate G. F. Belter while he was sleeping in his claim shanty in the Turtle mountains northwest of here. Two shots were fired from a shotgun and the first one tore the pillow on which he was lying into shreds, but none of the shot struck his head or face. The other charge passed a foot above his body as he lay on the bed. Mr. Belter got up and investigated, but in the darkness was unable to discover any one, the shanty being situated a mile from neighbors. Belter is well liked in the neighborhood by the settlers and the attempt on his life is a mystery which the settlers are trying to solve. So far as known he has no enemies, but a week ago an incendiary fired a supply of lumber which he had just brought to his claim to build a new home, and the attempt on his life is credited to the same person who set the fire.

Land Filings.

Washington.—Entries, selections and filings made at the various local land offices for the first nine months of the present fiscal year show a decrease of 20,400 entries, selections and filings and \$2,921,222 \$2 from the business of last year during the same time. While there was a decrease in the number of selections, etc., and also in cash receipts there was disposed more public domain than during the year previous, last year's figures being exceeded by 1,026,577.18 acres of land.

The business of the various North Dakota land offices follows: Bismarck, 2,610; Devils Lake, 2,907; Dickinson, 1,260; Fargo, 402; Grand Forks, 340; Minot, 5,681. Total, 18,576.

The Minot office holds the records so far this year. It exceeds the business of all other offices west of the Mississippi.

Caught.

Bismarck.—Charles Sankey, an inmate of the penitentiary, working in the brickyard, escaped. Bloodhounds were put on his trail under their trainer, Mr. Whitworth. Through his agency the prisoner was trailed over five miles north, then back to under the old railroad warehouse on the river bank, where he was finally captured by the guards and returned to pen. This is the first time the bounds have been used by the local pen authorities and they are greatly gratified over their work.

Mad Dog.

Wahpeton.—About a month ago a mad dog bit a horse belonging to Andrew Mourer, and the dog was shot later while attacking stock on R. H. Hankinson's farm in Richland county. Last week the Mourer horse developed symptoms of rabies and became so violent that he had to be killed. The dog was a stray one, and where it came from or how many heads of stock it may have bitten before reaching the Mourer farm is not known.

Drainage.

Fargo.—Cass, Traill, Grand Forks and Walsh counties have now accepted the proposition of the United States department of agriculture, through Engineer Elliott, and will have surveys made for a comprehensive system of drainage. The work will be started at once and it is expected the surveys will be completed this summer, and all plats and profiles prepared.

News Notes.

Stanley.—This place may secure a flour mill. Coal Harbor.—A dance in a hayloft of a new barn was a big attraction near here.

Dickinson.—Sheep shearing is now in full swing in the slope counties. Fargo.—Reports from all over the state are that farmers are putting in the largest grain crops ever seeded in North Dakota.

Bismarck.—Fruit prospects are good in North Dakota. Bismarck.—Wm. Bryant was fined \$50 here for cutting state timber. He operated a sawmill at Painted Woods.

Minot.—The prisoners in the jail here continue to demonstrate the ease with which they can pick the locks. Medora.—This place will sustain the county seat of Billings—by a large majority.

Pingree.—Arthur Derriock's house near here was struck by lightning but members of the family were away. The lightning touched up things in the house but did no material damage. Grand Forks.—There is a demand from the creameries in many sections for milk. It is claimed that many farmers fail to furnish as much as agreed.

Valley City.—Winter rye, sowed on stubble land is doing well in Barnes county. It is argued the stubble holds the snow and protects the grain. Starkweather.—An outfit consisting of thirty teams, wagons and camp equipment arrived from Minneapolis and left for the country north of here to commence grading on the Soo.

Wilton.—There is more talk of lignite briquettes. This talk will go on until some one takes into his head to enter into the actual manufacture of the things, and then it will seem so simple that we will wonder why it was not done long ago.

Flickertail Nuggets.

Lamont.—A brickyard will soon be opened.

New Salem.—Alfalfa is successfully grown around here.

Palermo.—A big elevator is to be erected at this place.

Munich.—The fourth elevator is being constructed here.

Bowbells.—Grain thieves continue to operate in this locality.

Towner.—This place has a new creamery, and is quite proud of it.

Sandown.—The farmers around here are discussing drainage plans.

Spiritwood.—Recent rains have raised the level of the lake three inches.

Wahpeton.—Bids for the Indian school will be opened on July 18.

Hankinson.—The past year has been a successful one for the high school.

Wahpeton.—John Plemster is a new deputy inspector of weights and measures.

Washington.—National banks have been authorized for Kramer, Eliza and Antler.

Westhope.—Steel for the Antler extension of the Great Northern has arrived here.

Fargo.—A North Dakota cigar manufacturer is said to be turning out a Togo brand.

Harvey.—N. Leameister was stabbed in a row. Too much liquor is assigned as the cause.

Bismarck.—Mayor Webb vetoed the ordinance providing for the sale of liquid drinks.

Lavona.—Parkhurst & Neugebauer will purchase a gasoline launch for use on the Missouri.

Wahpeton.—The robberies are being thoroughly investigated by a large force of detectives.

Steele.—John S. Werner and Robert N. Dodd are new deputy game wardens in this county.

Bismarck.—The Baptists divide their district, creating a new district out of the western counties.

Jamestown.—Jim Lake is being boosted as a summer resort because of the excellent fishing.

Sandown.—Our people have appealed to the railroad commissioners to have the Soo erect a depot.

Devils Lake.—A great Indian convention is to be held here during the second week of October.

Devils Lake.—Freshwater and Webster schools, in Ramsey county, will try the consolidation plan.

Casselton.—The race track is being put in fine shape, and it is said to be one of the best in the state.

Fargo.—President Worst laid the corner stone of the Carnegie library on the anniversary of the big fire.

Towner.—There will be no new court house erected and the officials will continue to use the jail for offices.

Botineau.—The government has been planting a lot of fish in the streams and lakes in the Turtle Mountain district.

Wahpeton.—Several of our teachers declined re-election. Some have better jobs and others are to tackle matrimony.

Wahpeton.—On the Sberal farm seven head of cattle were killed by lightning. They were standing in a pasture when struck.

Palmer.—This place is to have a big elevator, and the stories that the town was to be killed off seem to be without foundation.

Souris.—An Indian sold two ponies and was suspected of not having acquired them honestly, but was able to show he was all right.

Grand Forks.—The town of Ely, in the northwestern part of the state, is to have a new name which has not been determined on yet.

York.—There are to be six banks in the new town of Rolette, where the Soo and the Great Northern cross between Leeds and Dunseith.

Fessenden.—In a recent storm the barn of Andrew Stokes was struck by lightning, and was burned with all its contents, including three horses.

Forman.—The independent calls attention to the rapid development of the poultry industry and the large shipments of eggs from this section.

Dickinson.—Linton is to have a telephone system and there is to be a line from here to Okadale. Both will be patronized very largely by stockmen.

Fargo.—The decision of the Duluth board of trade to admit No. 2 wheat to contract privileges does not meet with anything like unanimous favor in this state.

Jamestown.—Poles are being delivered along the line west from here for the telephone line to Bismarck. It is expected that the line will be working before winter.