

Miss Mary Tillinghast, of New York, is one of the most successful designers of stained glass windows in America.

Prison statistics show that in this country 12 men to 1 woman are imprisoned. In France it is 5 men to 1 woman.

Murders and homicides decreased more than 2,000 in the United States in the last ten years. Lynchings decreased one-half.

For shaving a customer with a razor that had not been disinfected, a barber at Eisenach, Germany, has been sent to prison for a month.

The sawmills of the McCloud River Lumber Co., near Redding, Cal., closed for the winter recently, after making a record season's cut, 78,000,000 feet.

About one hundred years more will be required to complete the work of making a topographical map of the country, which was begun by the United States government in 1832.

When President Loubet presented a handsome typewriting machine, fitted with the Persian alphabet, to the shah of Persia, that suspicious monarch feared it contained an evil spirit and had it thoroughly boiled.

Magnetic ore, or black oxide of iron, is the richest of ores, containing only oxygen and iron, and yielding 73 per cent. of iron by weight. It is found mainly in the older rocks, and in Europe the best form of it is found in Sweden. It exists also in Russia, Canada and several of the American states.

It is the opinion of Dr. Hunter McGuire, of Virginia, that tuberculosis will exterminate the Negro race in this country. The death rate of the Negro is already twice that of the whites, as a whole, while in towns and cities it is nearly three times as great, and the proportion is constantly on the increase.

One of the discoveries recently made that is of the greatest value to the commercial and industrial world is the demonstration by the government geological survey that a ton of bituminous coal will produce two and a half times as much power when put through a gas producer as when burned under a steam boiler.

The postmaster general is in favor of the revocation of the franking privilege. It is said to have cost the government \$11,822,000 last year. Had all the matter franked been paid for at the regular postage rates, that much more money would have come in. But, of course, the free privilege was the incentive to loading the mails.

Shipments of anthracite coal during the month of September, which totaled 5,622,232 tons, showed an increase of over a million tons if compared with a similar movement in 1904. During the first nine months of 1905 shipments of this commodity reached a total of 45,387,810 tons, as compared with 42,179,888 tons in 1904 and 47,086,293 tons in 1903.

In 1876 the Universal Peace union in Philadelphia celebrated the tenth anniversary of its foundation, together with the centenary of the independence of the United States of America. Some American officers then gave their swords for transformation into a plow as a symbol of peace. This plow is exhibited in the hall in which the court of arbitration on the Alabama question sat.

With its annual average of about 3,000,000 bales, Texas raises between a third and a fourth of the entire cotton crop of the United States, and more than is raised in all the world outside of this country. In its cotton belt 12,000,000 or 15,000,000 bales could be raised annually if there were a market for it, and before many more years pass there will be a market. Nearly everything grown in the temperate and torrid zones is grown, or can be grown, in Texas. It has vast tracts of good timber lands and inexhaustible deposits of coal, lead, zinc and other minerals.

A Mexican farmer, Don Luis Terrazas, has what might be called a tidy little farm at Chihuahua—about 8,000,000 acres. Takes the Mexican Central trains more than half a day to cross it. Don Luis is thought to own more than a million cattle, but a bagatelle of 100,000 or so more or less never bothers him. His stable consists of some 100,000 horses; his sheepfold of 700,000 sheep. From 200,000 to 300,000 calves are bred with his brand every spring. More than 1,000 cowboys and so on keep his cattle on a thousand hills.

For 40 minutes he had been pronounced dead by Dr. William S. Lawrence, of the city dispensary staff, St. Louis. Rosie Fisher, 21 years old, who took carbolic acid early in the morning, continued to breathe spasmodically as she lay on an operating table. She was practically dead when she reached the dispensary, Dr. Lawrence said, and her heart and pulse beats stopped a few minutes afterward. Spinal reflex respiration, very rare, but not unknown to medical science, Dr. Lawrence said, was responsible for the breathing after life was extinct.

Engraving on diamonds can be performed in a very effective manner. It is true a few very artistically engraved stones were found in India, and a diamond on which the portrait of the king of Holland was engraved was shown at the Paris exposition of 1878. But the work was imperfectly executed, and the stones looked as if they had been deadened rather than polished. Recently, however, according to the Edelmeil Industrie, the Paris jeweler, Bordnot, has produced some very beautiful specimens of engravings on diamonds.

THE SMOKE OF BATTLE FAST CLEARING AWAY.

Czar's Government Now Believes the Revolutionists Are Crushed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The suppression of the insurrection at Moscow and the certainty that similar uprisings elsewhere will be crushed, mark the collapse of the first attempt of the "reds" to overthrow the government.

Now that the smoke of battle is clearing away, the hopelessness of the conflict seems apparent. The populace held aloof and not a single military unit actually joined the revolutionaries.

The country has quieted down and the cabinet now hopes that the selections to the duma are assured and that the government can devote its time to the suppression of the revolt in the Baltic provinces, and more especially to the solution of the Agrarian question.

Peter Struve, editor of the Osvo-bodjenje (emancipation) who has again shifted his position, published a ringing article yesterday afternoon in which he admits that the defeat of the attempt aimed at the overthrow of the government was a good thing. He says the attempt of course was madness and was bound to be extinguished in blood. Nevertheless, he alleges there was a heroic spirit behind it, which should terrify the government.

"Another such victory and the government is lost," says M. Strove, who, in conclusion, summons all the forces of emancipation to bury their dissensions and to unite in a final struggle.

The report that Lieut. Gen. Mischechenko was wounded is not true. The League of Leagues has split, one portion favoring a continuance of the strike and another abandonment of violent tactics and co-operation in peaceful preparation for the work of the duma.

DEATH IN FIRE.

A Flat in Minneapolis Burns and An Old Lady Loses Life, Caused by Explosion of a Stove.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Loraine Buckless, aged sixty-nine, was burned to death, two persons injured, twenty-seven families driven from their homes and several small stores were put out of business, by flames which gutted the Higgins block, 817-29 Minnesota avenue, at 4:30 Friday morning.

The flames started in the apartments of Mrs. Buckless, when Mrs. Mary Foley arose and lighted a kerosene heater to take the chill off the room. The stove exploded and burning oil was scattered about the room. After trying vainly to save Mrs. Buckless, Mrs. Foley ran for Steve Lewis, a barber, who slept in the same floor.

The three Swartz children refused to leave their apartments. Wells had to exert force with them. When carrying one he fell and broke his arm. He took the child up in the other arm and carried it to safety and did not cease his efforts until the block was cleared.

Charles Bates, in an effort to enter the rooms where the old lady was imprisoned, was badly burned about the face and hands and inhaled hot smoke.

Woman Held Up.

Austin, Minn., Dec. 30.—When walking home Thursday night, after having called at the home of friends, Mrs. Gravinville Kearn, aged 65, a well known resident of Austin, was suddenly attacked by a holdup man. She was knocked down and her purse containing considerable money was taken by the thug, who fled without leaving any clue to his identity.

Mrs. Kearn's head was severely gashed by her fall and the shock of the encounter, in view of her advanced age, may have serious results.

Got Small Amount.

Hammond, Wis., Dec. 30.—Burglars entered the depot here, blew open the safe took one book of American Express limited checks and 23 cents. There was considerable damage done to office furniture. Entrance was gained through a back window. There is no clue.

Paine Arrested.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 31.—George Paine was arrested here charged with stealing a \$50 silk American flag from the county courthouse at Ashland, Wis., last May. He has been taken to Appleton, Wis., for trial.

Joke Was Fatal.

Notre Dame, Ind., Dec. 30.—Claude A. Bagby of Durango, Colo., 50 years old, was almost instantly killed last night as the result of a practical joke by students. They had planned a mimic holdup of a friend.

After Bogus Pain.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 29.—Prof. E. F. Ladd, of the Agricultural college and state pure food commissioner, forestalled certain paint manufacturers of the country by an arrangement of the tricks of the trade in the penetration of white paint in an official bulletin. The first edition of which is 15,000 copies. The new law relating to paints goes into effect on Jan. 1, and the manufacturers have threatened proceedings to stop its operation. The bulletin contains an analysis of the products of 23 paint manufacturers.

Temperance Work.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 22.—It has been officially announced that the prohibition state committee is arranging for the carrying on of special work among the Indians of South Dakota, who by reason of taking their allotments of land have acquired the rights of citizenship. The special temperance work first will be taken up among the Indians residing on the Cheyenne River reservation, and will be carried on under the direction of Mr. J. G. Innes, who for some time has been connected with Good Will Indian mission on that reservation.



It Shows at a Glance Where Military Mutinies, Peasant Outbreaks and Massacres of the Jews Have Occurred.

KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

Salvation Army Captain Dies of Injuries Received While Preparing Holiday Entertainment.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Preparations for a Christmas tree celebration in the barracks of Salvation Army corps No. 14 at No. 6377 Halsted street were brought to a disastrous end Wednesday night by an explosion of a tank containing bromide gas. The gas was to be used to operate a stereopticon lantern which was to compose part of the evening's entertainment and exploded while Capt. A. W. Follet, of the army corps, was adjusting the lantern mechanism.

RULER A FUGITIVE.

New Revolution in Santo Domingo, and President Morales Flees the Capital—A Battle.

San Domingo, Santo Domingo, Dec. 27.—President Morales is a fugitive from the capital, pursued by government troops, and the island is believed to be on the eve of another revolution. The first fight is reported to have occurred Tuesday near San Cristobal, where Gen. Morales with a bodyguard of 60 men was overtaken. In an exchange of shots that ensued Morales is reported to have been wounded in the leg. The causes underlying Gen. Morales' sudden flight from the capital are not fully understood, although his action is generally attributed to the antagonistic attitude of his cabinet. He is accompanied by only a few followers.

STRUCK ON A ROCK.

British Vessel Founders Off Vancouver Island, and Her Crew of 27 Drown.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—A dispatch Thursday says the British bark Pass of Melport, Capt. Cougal, from Ancon, for Puget sound, drove ashore on the rocks of Vancouver island, a quarter of a mile east of Amptirite Point, Tuesday night, and all on board were killed. The vessel was making for the entrance to the straits when the terrific southwest gale drove her to a lee shore on Vancouver island and the doomed ship dashed with terrific force onto the rocks, breaking up soon afterward. The crew numbered 27.

COAL COMBINE MEN FINED.

Charged with Anti-Trust Law Violations, Cleveland Dealers Pay \$500 Each.

Cleveland, Dec. 29.—The officers of the Cleveland Retail Coal Dealers' association indicted on the charge of violating the Valentine anti-trust law pleaded guilty in common pleas court Thursday and were sentenced to pay fines. The three officials who appeared in court were William Schaffer, president; H. G. Brayton, secretary, and J. V. N. Yates, member of the executive committee. Each of the three defendants was fined \$500 and costs, and ordered to stand committed till the same was paid. Each paid the fine and costs at once. Prosecutor Ross then announced that the indictments against the other coal dealers would be nolleed.

Relations Strained.

London, Dec. 29.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times reports that the relations between Russia and Germany are distinctly strained and that there is a possibility of international complications arising from the rebellion in the Baltic provinces.

Governor Appoints Judge.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—Gov. Deussen appointed Fred Draper, of Danville, county judge for Vermilion county, to succeed D. M. Clark, resigned.

Caught by Land Frauds.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 28.—Henry A. Salzer, who has until now believed he had not been a loser in Oregon land certificate forgeries, received word on Wednesday from Oregon that all his certificates are worthless. Salzer paid \$18,080 for these certificates.

Killed by the Cars.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 28.—Harry Collison, a prominent banker at Rantoul and Thomasboro, was struck by a train at the latter place and instantly killed.

Rescued by Masked Men.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—Howard Chenoweth, under sentence of 50 years for the killing City Marshal Kilburn, in Silver City, N. M., was rescued Monday night by masked men, who overpowered the jailer and locked him in Chenoweth's cell.

Broker Falls.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—B. B. Mitchell, a stock broker, with offices at No. 28 New Montgomery street, under the Palace hotel, has closed his doors. Liabilities, \$100,000.

NO PRESENT FOR ALICE.

President Roosevelt Puts His Foot on the Oregon Tea-Cent Subscription Scheme.

Washington, Dec. 28.—A press dispatch from Baker City, Ore., published Tuesday announced that a ten-cent subscription was to be started in Oregon and extend over the country for the purpose of raising a sum which probably would aggregate \$800,000, to be presented to Miss Alice Roosevelt on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Nicholas Longworth. The president disapproves of the proposition, as is indicated by the following statement issued from the White House Wednesday:

"The president's attention having been called to the dispatch from Baker City, Ore., to the effect that a subscription was about to be started for a wedding present for Miss Roosevelt, the president stated that while he appreciated this evidence of good will he hoped nothing of the kind would be undertaken. In fact, he wished particularly that the proposed work should not be done."

Coal Dealers Indicted.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—A joint indictment against representatives of the leading coal companies of Cincinnati was returned Tuesday. The indictment is for "conspiracy in restriction of trade." It charges that these companies or their representatives have associated themselves together for the purpose of fixing and establishing prices of coal, a standard article of merchandise, whereby the price to the consumer was controlled absolutely by them.

Fall Results Fatally.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29.—Benjamin Ullman, aged 81 years, a prominent and wealthy resident, who was born in Philadelphia and engaged in the meat packing business here in 1857, died Thursday as the result of a fall on the pavement sustained several weeks ago.

To Be Tried for Hazing.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 29.—The trial of the Midshipman Coffin, of Nevada, on the charge of hazing began here Thursday before a naval court-martial.

High Price for Seat.

New York, Dec. 27.—A new high record of a price for a seat on the stock exchange was reached Tuesday when \$95,000 was paid. This with the \$2,000 initiation fee brings it up to \$97,000.

Dowie in Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 27.—John Alexander Dowie, of Zion City, Ill., arrived at Port Antonio Monday on the steamer Admiral Dewey. He was confined to his cabin during the voyage, but his health is somewhat improved.

Workmen Considering Question of Calling Off Strike—Guerrilla Warfare Continues.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—According to advices received by the government the "rebellion" at Moscow is entering on its final stage. The same guerrilla warfare was continued Thursday, but on a smaller scale. Governor General Doubasoff is acting with great energy and hundreds of members of the "druzhina" are already behind the bars. The strikers have lost heart and the workmen's council is considering the question of calling off the strike.

The principal danger now seems to be that the "black hundreds" will complete the work begun by the troops and end the revolt with a horrible massacre of the rebels. The lower classes are represented as enraged at the attempt of the revolutionaries to overthrow the emperor, and even with the best intentions it may be impossible for the authorities to restrain the fury of these classes once the opportunity is offered them. The attacks made on striking railroad men at wayside stations sufficiently shows the temper of the peasant class.

Four thousand strikers marched out of Moscow and completely destroyed several miles of the railroad track between St. Petersburg and Moscow, 30 miles outside of Moscow, in order to prevent the arrival of troop trains bearing the Semenovskiy battalion of the horse guard, and the trains backed 20 miles to Clyn, whence it is understood the troops will proceed on foot for their destination.

Chief of Police Slain.

London, Dec. 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph describes as follows the execution of the chief of police of Moscow: "The revolutionaries entered the lodging of the chief of police at midnight and told him to bid an eternal farewell to his family because he was condemned to die. Finding that it was no joke, the chief expostulated, but to no purpose. Realizing his awful position, he said farewell to his family and was hurried into the street and shot. His body was left lying in a pool of blood."

At the medical bureau 650 wounded and 105 killed have been registered, but it is known that there are fully 1,000 unidentified dead in the Louth-chow quarter alone.

Moscow, Dec. 29.—The revolt is practically over and the strike will be called off Monday. Comparative quiet prevailed Thursday. Only a few fanatics are continuing the struggle.

Odesa, Dec. 29.—Martial law has been proclaimed in this city. The strike, however, is nearly over.

CALL MONEY RATES SOAR.

New York Brokers Forced to Pay 125 Per Cent—Figure Is Highest Since 1899.

New York, Dec. 29.—Rates for call money to supply the demands of speculators soared Thursday to 125 per cent, the highest figure since 1899. In spite of the tremendous advance, there was no panic in the stock or money market. Stocks slumped at first, and there was heavy selling amid some excitement, but all shares rallied. By 12:30 o'clock the rate for call money had slipped back to 65 per cent, and the demand seemed to have been largely supplied.

While call money was in great demand during the morning, Russell Sage, it is reported, loaned \$5,000,000 at between 90 and 100 per cent.

After having reached 125 per cent, on the stock exchange and 125 per cent, on privately arranged loans, the rate for call money late in the afternoon fell to six per cent. Just before the close it advanced again and closed 15 bid, offered at 20. As the money rate fell the stock market advanced, and approximately the highest prices of the day were reached at the close. The stock market, except for an early decline in industrial shares was fairly steady throughout the money tension.

TO REPRESENT JAPAN.

The Mikado Appoints Viscount Aoki as Ambassador to the United States.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Viscount Siuzo Aoki has been appointed Japan's ambassador to this country. Information to this effect was conveyed to Secretary Root Tuesday by Mr. Hiroki, the Japanese charge here.

The Viscount is a member of the privy council and of the first class of the Order of the Rising Sun, the highest order in Japan. He stands in the first rank of Japanese diplomacy, far outranking Mr. Takahira and even Baron Hiyashi, the present Japanese minister to London. He has occupied a prominent place in the Japanese foreign office and was a delegate representing his country at The Hague conference.

Wealthy Mine Owner Dead.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 29.—William Harvey, a wealthy Mexican mine owner, fell from an 18-foot mine Wednesday night. He was instantly killed.

O'Brien Challenges Jeffries.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 27.—Jack O'Brien, the puglist, who recently defeated Robert Fitzsimmons, authorized the issuance of a challenge to James J. Jeffries, the retired heavy weight champion. Any terms that Jeffries may demand, he says, will be accepted.

Blown to Atoms.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 27.—John K. Grested and Kenton W. Atwell were blown to atoms at Cedar Bluffs by the explosion of 12 cans of dynamite which they attempted to thaw.

Allied Institutions Forced to Close Their Doors—Over-Loans the Reported Cause.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Anticipation of a heavy run on the Merchants' Trust company, No. 111 Madison street, preliminary intimation of which was given by the withdrawal of many deposits Tuesday afternoon, was the immediate cause of the suspension of that bank and the appointment of a receiver. The American Savings Bank and Trust company, No. 176 South Main street, which is dominated by the directorate of the Merchants' Trust company, fearing that the failure of the other institution would cause a run on its own deposits, also suspended payment until the affairs of the Merchants' Trust company shall have been adjusted. The American Savings Bank and Trust company, it develops, absorbed the Mechanics' Savings bank at Main and Calhoun street, and took charge of the latter company's business. It is stated by the officials of both institutions that the depositors will be fully protected and paid dollar for dollar. The stockholders of the Merchants' Trust company, it is said, will suffer to the extent of 20 per cent. on the capital invested. The assets of the Merchants' Trust company greatly exceed the liabilities. The American Savings Bank and Trust company, according to its latest statement, is in excellent condition and is carrying more ready cash than is usual for an institution of its size. The Merchants' Trust company has on hand only \$30,000, the remainder of its capital being loaned out. The fact that the bank had overloaned, and the stringency of the New York money market are given as the direct cause of the suspension.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.—A bill was filed Thursday seeking to have John P. Edmondson removed as receiver of the Merchants' Trust company, which closed its doors Wednesday. The petitioners are creditors, and the bill sets forth that the liabilities are \$3,000,000 and assets \$2,500,000. The bill alleges the company owes \$500,000 more than its assets will bring. It further alleges Edmondson is a director and large stockholder in the Merchants' Trust company.

DEATH OF JUDGE TULEY.

Eminent Chicago Jurist Passes Away at Kenosha, Wis.—Overwork the Primary Cause.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Judge Murray F. Tuley, of this city, died at the Penryn sanitarium in Kenosha, Wis., at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. He went to the sanitarium on October 31 suffering from nervous exhaustion, caused by overwork, and failed gradually until the end came.

Judge Tuley was universally accepted and esteemed as the dean of the Chicago bench. There has been no more honored name on the records of Illinois jurisprudence. His judgments were regarded with respect by men who were compelled to differ from him and by all lawyers he was held in a kind of affectionate reverence. Judge Tuley came from a Kentucky family which in itself was known to legal history, and he well perpetuated its early renown. He was born in 1827 in Louisville, Ky. His father died in 1832, from which time he attended the public schools, and at the age of 13 became clerk in a store, spending all his leisure time in study. When he was 16 his mother, one of the well-known Buckner kindred, married Richard J. Hamilton, a distinguished lawyer of the early days of Chicago, and in his office young Tuley began the study of law. At the close of the Mexican war, in which he served with the Fifth Illinois infantry, Mr. Tuley practiced law in Santa Fe, serving as attorney general of the territory of New Mexico and member of the legislature until 1854, when he came back to Chicago and became the partner of Joseph E. Gary. Later on he was made corporation counsel and in 1873 he became the head of the firm of Tuley, Stiles & Lewis. In 1879 he was elected judge of the circuit court and he was estimated as one of the ablest occupants of the chancery bench in the west.

A Double Lynching.

Columbus, S. C., Dec. 27.—News of a double lynching at Barnwell Friday has been received here. Sheriff Creech has wired Gov. Heyward that the affair was a brutal murder; that helpless prisoners were butchered in open daylight and that officers were guilty of dereliction of duty. H. S. Craddock, a well-known white merchant, was killed by Frank and John De Loscoe, negroes, who were arrested by the constable and placed in a lock-up. The men were taken out and shot to death with guns and pistols Friday. The news of the lynching was suppressed. Sheriff Creech is preparing to make arrests and Gov. Heyward announces he will sustain the sheriff.

Blown to Pieces.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 29.—By the explosion of a dynamite charge in the Kantner mine at Stoyertown, Charles Johnson, William Savage and Edward Berkebile were literally blown to pieces.

Agree to Stop Rebates.

Washington, Dec. 29.—All the great railroad lines of the country have assured the interstate commerce commission that they will no longer grant rebates or be guilty of discriminatory practices. The eastern lines gave these assurances some days ago.

Postal Congress to Meet.

Washington, Dec. 29.—It is announced by the postmaster general that the sixth universal postal congress will convene at Rome, Italy, during the first week in April, 1906.

Postmaster Slain.

Bolivar, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Postmaster Will Smith was shot and instantly killed Wednesday morning by Ran Marsh. The murder, it is understood, was the result of Marsh's attentions to Miss Hillhouse, the postmaster's stepdaughter.

Post Office Burned.

Sycamore, Ill., Dec. 28.—The post office at Charter Grove and the general store of L. W. Darnelle burned Wednesday. A greater part of the mail at the office is reported destroyed.

Fish Hatchery.

Fargo.—There are excellent prospects for the establishment of a fish hatchery at the agricultural college near Fall. It will prove a valuable adjunct to the C. as from the hatchery fish can be distributed into state rivers, streams, lakes and suitable artificial waters.

Senator Hanna, yesterday, received a most encouraging letter from U. S. Senator McComber, which stated in substance that Mr. Hanna's letter referring to the fish hatchery at Fargo, had been received and that the senator, in congress, had introduced a bill several days ago and that he should do all he could to secure its enactment at an early date. He thought he should be able to carry it through. There is nothing of the kind in the state and a hatchery should be here. Mr. Hanna says if the government follows out its usual course in such matters there will probably be an initial appropriation of about \$25,000, which will be expended in the hatchery building proper, and that will very likely be followed up by the erection of a residence for the superintendent of the hatchery and perhaps a supplemental structure, possibly at a total cost of about \$50,000. The bill presented asks for a hatchery for North Dakota, and that it be located at Fargo.

Drainage.

Grank Forks.—The drainage convention to be held here on Jan. 10 and 11 promises to be a greater success than at first anticipated but the complete program cannot yet be announced. However it is being given more interesting as more prominent men have announced their intention to be present. The division of irrigation and drainage, department of agriculture, will assist. James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, has written that he will be present, and as he is one of the pioneer advocates of drainage, will have many interesting things to say.

Hon. J. L. Cashel will give the results of his investigation from an economical standpoint. A. L. Fellows, state engineer for North Dakota, and Geo. A. Ralph, engineer Minnesota state drainage commission, will also be present and many other men prominent in this work, whose names will be announced later.

Prosperous.

Starkweather.—President J. M. Kelley of the Farmers' railroad has purchased twenty-six quarters of state land lying midway between the Farmers' road and the Elmore branch. It is reported that a new road will be built through that section in the spring.

President Kelley has secured a new freight rate, and announces a reduction of 19 cents a hundred from St. Paul to Olmstead. He also states that arrangements have been made whereby freight will leave St. Paul every day for points on his line in a special fast freight that will reach points on the Farmers' road within thirty-six hours after leaving the Twin Cities. Another fast car will be put on from Grand Forks and will bring freight from that point in twenty-four hours.

Big Leak.

Bismarck.—The Northern Pacific has a gang of men trying to locate a water leak under the grass plot east of the depot. About six feet under ground the water is flowing out of a wooden trough at a great rate and can scarcely be pumped out of the trench fast enough to enable the men to work. No one seems to have any idea where the water is coming from as the city main is not very near that point. One of the foundation walls of the old Sheridan house has been encountered by the diggers and will have to be cut through to reach the source of the water. No one realized before that there was so much water in Bismarck.

Fire.

Grand Forks.—An explosion of an air blast stove in the drug store of Colburn & Co. destroyed the store and a row of frame buildings, resulting in a loss of probably \$30,000. The losses are: McCurry block, \$7,000; Colburn & Co., drugs \$9,000; Benson & Vestre, hardware, \$9,000; Masonic lodge, \$1,000; Dr. Waldron, who had an office over the drug store, \$600; millinery block, \$500.

An insurance of probably half was carried by several losers. The buildings were all frame and the absence of fire walls made the efforts of the fire department to stop the flames futile.

NEWS NOTES.

Fargo.—A train on the Maxbass line killed a deer—one of six—that tried to cross the track. The engineer was evidently hunting for venison and using big ammunition.

Bottineau.—A number of traveling men who were on one of the snow blocked trains on the branch, presiding Conductor Wynn with a signet ring for his work in getting them out of the trouble.