

PERSONAL MENTION

John Zimkowski was a city visitor last Monday.

Bennie Abbott returned to his work at Ilankinson, N. D.

A. G. Jones left Tuesday with land seekers for Butternut, Wis.

Miss Fronie Steffes spent last Sunday with Minneapolis relatives.

Miss Annie Erwig, of Minneapolis, spent Thanksgiving with friends.

Leo J. Plattner transacted business in the Twin Cities last Tuesday.

Miss Merel Jones spent her Thanksgiving vacation with her parents in Delano.

O. J. Lundsten and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Minneapolis.

Rev. Fr. Roy spent a couple of days of this week with relatives and friends in Delano.

Charlie Johnson spent a few days of last week in Minneapolis, visiting with relatives.

Louis and Albert Hohn left last Wednesday for Vancouver, Wash., to work for C. W. Kerrick.

Miss Clair Walters, who is teaching at Morrystown, Minn., came home for her holiday vacation.

Mrs. G. W. Bolton and Mrs. Moore, of Maple Plain, were calling on friends in Delano last Wednesday.

Wm. Flanigan, of Buffalo, visited from Thursday until Saturday with his sister, Mrs. S. M. Ash, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Berneck returned Saturday afternoon from a week's visit with relatives at Appleton.

Mrs. L. Stotko and daughter, Tillie, left last Sunday for an extended visit with Joseph Stotko and family at St. Paul.

George and Flora Weldele, of Pelican Lake, were guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Anna Weldele, last Saturday.

Miss Lotta Roosen visited several days the past week in Delano, the guest of her friend, Miss Grace Nowatt.

Mrs. A. Sicloff returned Monday evening from a visit of a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Stein, at St. Paul.

Mrs. P. Crawley, of Minneapolis, spent the latter part of last week in Delano, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Horsch.

Mrs. Johanna Mayer, who has been visiting with relatives here for some time, left last Tuesday for her home at Havre, Mont.

Miss Emma Mara returned Monday from Minneapolis, where she had been spending a few days with relatives and friends.

Johnny Muckenhirn came up from St. Thomas college last Tuesday to attend the funeral of his grandfather, John Muckenhirn.

WOMAN MURDERS AGED FATHER.

John Muckenhirn, Aged 83, Slain by his Daughter with Ax and Butcher Knife at Midnight.—Woman Adjudged Insane and Sent to Asylum.

—One of the most pitiful and at the same time horrible crimes that has ever been committed in this vicinity took place last Sunday night, at about midnight, when Frances Muckenhirn in a fit of temporary insanity with an ax and butcher knife killed her aged father, John Muckenhirn. It is too terrible to describe the appearance of the body when found by neighbors on Monday morning. The deed of the deranged woman was discovered when the children of her brothers came in from the country to go to school. They had put the horse up in the barn and went to the house to leave the milk which they had brought in, and it was then that Frances told them of what she had done and that they should return home and tell their parents. Mrs. Mary H. Matter, who lives near-by, saw the children hitching up again and made inquiry as to why they were not going to school, and they told her what Frances said. Mrs. Matter immediately gave the alarm and called in help. Upon examination of the premises they found the dead body of her victim lying in bed, scarcely having moved from his sleeping position, with his skull crushed and his throat cut.

At the Coroner's inquest it was brought out that Frances and her father had retired as usual, but that about 12:00 o'clock that night Frances woke up, and as she told it, "her head was hot and something seemed to tell her that the time had arrived for her father and herself to die." So she got up, went out and got the ax and struck him several blows upon the head, and then thinking he was dead she wanted to let the "water out of his head," so she took the knife and cut his throat. When she saw the "red stuff" running out she realized that it was blood. She then tried to commit suicide by striking herself on the head with the ax, but did not have strength enough to accomplish her purpose. She succeeded, however, in making several ugly wounds on her forehead.

After washing herself as best she could she went and laid down on a small bed in the same room where she had committed the awful deed.

When questioned about it during the day she seemed to have recovered sufficiently to partly realize what she had done and felt sorry about it, but said it was too late now—that they could not bring him back.

Testimony was introduced to the

condition is greatly improved and is on the road to a complete recovery of her health.

Mrs. T. M. Woolley and daughter, of Howard Lake, were guests of Dr.

effect that she and her father had always got along without any trouble between them and that she had never raised a hand against him before. The coroner's jury, which was composed of Peter H. Bergmann, Leo J. Eppel, J. B. Plattner, W. B. Seippel, Geo. S. Kittock and Fred Brandes, brought in the following verdict after hearing the evidence:

"We, the jury in the homicide case of John Muckenhirn, find that he met his death by blows from an ax on the head which crushed his skull and by having his throat cut with a butcher knife, both weapons having been in the hands of his daughter, Frances Muckenhirn, while temporarily suffering from a violent attack of insanity, and recommend that she be committed to an asylum."

It is deeply deplored that the unfortunate woman had not been sent to a place of safe keeping before this frightful act was committed, and which has cast a cloud of horror and sorrow over the entire community. We understand that steps had been taken about a week ago to have her removed, but her father insisted on her remaining at home to keep house for him.

The unfortunate victim, John Muckenhirn, was born in Germany in 1827 and came to this country many years ago. He settled on a homestead just west of this village, where he and his wife lived until too old to work, when they moved into the village to pass the remainder of their days. He was highly spoken of as a respected citizen, without an enemy, but with hosts of friends, all of whom express deep sorrow and sympathy for this unlooked-for ending of a long and peaceful life.

The funeral services were held yesterday morning from St. Peter's Catholic church and was attended by a large concourse of old neighbors and friends. The remains were deposited in the Catholic cemetery west of the village by the side of his wife, who died about two years ago.

ADJUDGED INSANE.

Buffalo, Dec. 4 (Special).—Frances Muckenhirn, who killed her father at Delano Sunday, was brought to the Probate Court room for an examination for insanity. She was adjudged insane and ordered committed to the hospital at Fergus Falls. W. S. Cady and Mrs. A. H. Grant accompanied her.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Following is the program for the Wright County Teachers' Association which holds its first meeting for this year at Delano, December 7th. Rural School Section.—10:00 a. m.