While crossing the first bridge on the standpipe road, north of this city, Tuesday afternoon, bringing a heavy load of barley to Watertown, J.E. Mitchell was suddenly and violently startled to feel the bridge sinking beneath the load. Driver, team and wagon fell through to the bottom, a distance of eight feet, and strange to relate, practically no damage was done, even the big load of barley not being spilled. Neither Mr. Mitchell or his team was hurt in the least. Without much delay, the wagon was extricated and everything soon put to rights and Mr. Mitchell came to town, congratulating himself on his narrow escape from a serious mishap. The structure was entirely of wood and built several years ago.

Taking the first step in actual improvement and expansion of the municipal light and heating department, city council members last night authorized R.D. Thomas and Associates of Minneapolis to draw plans and specifications for bids on a steam turbine and condenser of 3000 kilowatt capacity at 400 pounds pressure. The council’s move followed detailed scanning of the engineer’s survey report in a conference with William Juderjohn, chief engineer of the department, and C. R. Hennick, department manager, who confirmed engineer’s recommendations and added suggestions concerning technical details of the equipment. Detailed instructions for the type of turbine condenser plus necessary auxiliary equipment were given engineers who will draw the plans and specifications to submit to bidders.

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Danny Meyer and Lonnie Heuer, both of South Shore, display the results of a Sunday afternoon pheasant hunt west of Lake Kampeska. Young but experienced hunters, they confirmed the consensus that bird numbers are down this year. Danny spent the opening weekend afield despite a considerable handicap: a broken leg received while playing football. Motel operators in the Watertown area reported a drastic drop in out-of-state hunters. The owner of one motel in Watertown said business was down 80 percent. Improved habitat is the secret to increasing the number of pheasants. — Five S.D. State University students were cited at journalism scholarship winners at the recent High School Press Convention at SDSU. Recipients included William Peterson, Lake Preston, Aberdeen American News Scholarship; Mark Williams, Watertown, Watertown Public Opinion Scholarship; and Perry Haan, Watertown, Broadcast Journalism Scholarship.

Canby, MN fire chief Lloyd Cleveland urged area residents to be careful: it’s very dry and be very careful. The chief issued the reminder after a series of fire calls in rural areas around Canby recently. With the exceedingly dry conditions, Cleveland said a small spark can start a fire quickly. He also urged hunters heading out this weekend to be careful where they park hot vehicles, which could also ignite dry grass. … Three Girl Scouts from Troop 3828 in Watertown were honored with Gold Awards, the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive for community service. Recognized for service were Kelsey Likness, Melissa Stydel and Kristen Bartelt. All three are sophomores at Watertown High School and the trio organized Safety Town at the Codington County Extension building in August as their main project to earn their Gold Awards.