

made by the last legislature, which made the 11th, 14th and 15th from the old 11th and the 10th from the old 13th. Mr. Thompson is a reapportionment, he having served in one of the old districts and being a member of the present board.

Martin Moffat son of a farmer was probably fatally out on Sunday by one of a party of St. Paul toughs, near Bass lake. There were 8 men in the St. Paul party, and passing a school house where a Sunday school was in session they stole whips &c., from the carriage standing there. Martin, with others, pursued the thieves and was out by one he captured, who thus got free.

The commission appointed by Judge McClure to investigate charges against E. S. Brown, receiver of the car company at Stillwater, has reported that they had made a thorough examination and that every dollar of the accounts are correct. The report was filed with the Judge and by him ordered entered on the clerk's books and all bills and accounts ordered correct. The amount handled by Mr. Brown since he was appointed in May, 1884, is over \$3,700,000.

A tornado and hail storm, one-half mile wide, coming from the northeast, struck Reville, Thursday at 4 p. m. Nearly all the windows were broken, several buildings blown to pieces and others unroofed or badly damaged. Mrs. Harn was in her kitchen when the storm struck. The stove was turned over on her and she died soon after from the effects. All wheat in shock in the tract of the storm was threshed off by hail stones, some of which were three inches in diameter.

From August 25 to November 1 the Northern Pacific will put into effect a special rate on stock, cattle, bulls and sheep between St. Paul and the Rocky mountains of 75 per cent of present west bound rates as named in the present cattle tariff. The reduction is on account of the severe drouth in Southern Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin, where stock is being sold cheap, and in order to give settlers along the line of the Northern Pacific an opportunity to secure same at reasonable rates.

The interest in the Freeborn county natural gas development continues. Hon. J. H. Parker of Albert Lea is of the opinion that the present is great enough to force the gas almost any distance, St. Paul and Minneapolis being easily accessible. Strangers are arriving upon the ground and many letters of inquiry are daily arriving there with reference to the wonderful find. The drillers are at work sinking new wells all the time and another of those interested have just left with additional machinery.

Some days ago a young man named Bradley, alias Thomas D. Franklin, whose parents live in Illinois, was arrested in Minneapolis for attempting to pass a forged deed for \$3,000 upon a real-estate dealer, since when he has been confined in the city jail. County Attorney Davis received intimation that a scheme was on foot to secure Franklin's escape. The prisoner was given a heavy iron wrench, with which to wrest the cell-door from the hinges, whence he could escape through the skylight. A Deputy Sheriff was placed to watch the jail, and at midnight Franklin was arrested while coming out of the alley back of the jail. He had the wrench in his pocket. He was again put in jail under a new warrant. The police commission had the Deputy Sheriff arrested on a charge of aiding the prisoner to escape. On a hearing before the municipal court Judge, the case was promptly dismissed.

Three Harvest Excursions

Will be run by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway on Tuesday, August 30, Tuesday, September 20, and Tuesday, October 11, 1887, to all prominent land points in Northern Iowa, Western Minnesota, Dakota and Nebraska, at one fare for the round trip. Excursion tickets will be good to return within thirty days from date of sale. For further information address A. V. H. Carpenter, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee Wis.

IOWA.

Dubuque, Ia., saloons have been closed by a temporary injunction.

Eastern Iowa was greatly refreshed and benefited by two inches of rain-fall on the 10th.

It has been decided that the Iowa G. A. R., will start for the St. Louis encampment Sept. 26, going by special train on the C. B. & Q. line.

A cyclone played its zephyrs upon St. Paul, Iowa, Saturday evening and much damage was done including the destruction of the Catholic church.

At Cedar Rapids, on the 9th, fire in the packing house of T. M. Sinclair & Co., destroyed the slaughtering department and tank room. The loss is \$50,000. Insurance, \$30,000.

It is reported at Des Moines that Bishop Perry, of the Episcopal church, has been elected bishop for Nova Scotia. Inquiry among Episcopalians voices the sentiment that they will not accept it, as Iowa cannot spare so able a man.

At Waterloo, good milk cows are selling for \$10 and \$12 because of lack of water and feed. Yearling calves sell readily to dealers who drive to pasture, at \$3 per head. The Chicago, Kansas City, & St. Paul Railway Company are building a fine depot at the East Side crossing at Waterloo.

A destructive fire occurred at Brooklyn on the 10th, destroying the opera house which cost \$40,000, and was not insured; several shops and offices were burned; Wm. Crawford was killed by a falling wall and Warren Martin was run over by a fire engine, receiving mortal injuries.

John Nicols, a brakeman on the Minnesota & Northwestern railroad, died at Elma, Iowa, Friday morning, from injuries received two days before. His leg had been crushed by a car running over it. Amputation followed, with the above result. His parents reside at Austin, Minn.

Register Porter of the United States land office at Des Moines has been instructed by Land Commissioner Sparks to open to entry the 26,000 acres of land unearned by the St. Paul & Sioux City road and which reverted to the government last January. The lands have been in dispute since 1864.

Fulton, fourteen miles west of Davenport, is in a great state of commotion over the apparent discovery of natural gas on a farm in that township. A farmer named George D. Baker while attempting to deepen a twelve-foot well which was becoming dry, reached a subterranean commotion at thirty-five feet, and the air became impregnated with gas.

Constable Potts, at Des Moines, found a keg of beer in the barn of Thos. Hardy, and though it was not claimed it was for sale but held for consumption by Hardy and others who had bought it, a warrant was

issued for Hardy's arrest. Potts met his man on the street in conversation with a friend, read the warrant, and commenced firing, hitting Hardy twice, whose wounds may prove fatal, and seriously wounding a passerby. The constable is in jail.

WISCONSIN.

Oct. 1 the free-delivery system will be established at Janesville, Wis.

The sudden death of Frank W. Bagley, a respected and prominent farmer of the town of Trenton, Dodge Co., shocked the community and saddened a host of friends. He dies, aged thirty-four years, of typhoid fever, leaving a wife and four children.

Shaft No. 1 of the Ashland mine, near Hurley, Wis., caved in Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, killing three men and injuring another so badly that he is not expected to live. Only one of the men was married and he leaves a wife and 5 children destitute.

The four daughters of Albert Singer of Wheaton, Chippewa Co., died very suddenly Saturday. They were taken violently sick, two dying in a few minutes. In a short time two more were taken sick and died almost immediately. The doctor who was called pronounced it cholera morbus.

At Milwaukee, Monday evening, spontaneous combustion in the large rag shops of Peter Cassel caused a disastrous fire. The stock consumed will amount to about \$21,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$8,000. Insurance men say the state insurance commissioner will probably investigate the taking of such risks.

Prof. J. M. Turner, who took the school census of the city of Ashland in June last, also took at the same time the number of people connected with private families only, not including boarding houses or hotels. He found 9,218. Of the number residing in the city not included in his list there must be at least 2,000 more, which gives the city of Ashland a population of over 11,000. Many have so estimated it, but had no facts to verify it. This from actual count and personal visitation of every house in the city, carefully and systematically performed. Although some estimate it upon this basis at 12,000, it seems perfectly reliable and within bounds to call it 11,000.

Specials from every portion of the state show that the recent rain storm was general, and that the drouth-stricken districts have been effectually relieved. The storm was accompanied by high wind, which played havoc with trees and buildings. Hall broke thousands of panes of glass in Richland Center, and throughout the county, and corn was badly hurt. A daughter of Jenson Miller, of Fulton, and Miss Henderson, of Illinois, guests of the Miller family, were drowned by the capsizing of a boat in the storm in Lake Kegonsa. Two others were rescued. The victims were about 31 years of age. Near Lancaster, Grant county, lightning struck the barn of Thos. Beetham, which was destroyed, together with its contents. Beetham and a daughter were rendered insensible and the cows which they were milking were killed. The animals fell upon Beetham and his daughter, but they were rescued by the wife and hired man. The light of several fires was visible at Lancaster, but telegraphic communication was obstructed and no news could be received.

DAKOTA.

An attempt was made at Watertown to assassinate E. H. Bishop, three shots being fired at him, though without effect, Thursday night.

James O'Haire, of a Duluth, Watertown & Pacific surveying party was drowned at Huron while swimming the river. His parents are residents of Cato, Wis., his own home being in Watertown, Dak.

On Monday while riding on a hand car, between Everest, Dak., and Casselton, Mrs. Pogreba, wife of Andrew Pogreba, roadmaster on the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad, and her 1-year-old infant were thrown from the car and the infant instantly killed.

A Sioux Falls dispatch says: The farmers in south Dakota can with difficulty understand the fearful drouth in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. The country for fifty miles, every way from Sioux Falls, has been visited with heavy rains. The threshing of wheat is showing an average of twenty bushels to the acre. Corn is maturing well and will soon be out of the frost. The farmers throughout this section are jubilant.

THE MARKETS.

St. Paul August 13.		
GRAIN—		
Wheat, No. 1 Hard.....	72	@ 73
Wheat, No. 1 Northern.....	71	@ 72
Wheat, No. 3 Northern.....	70	@ 70
Corn, No. 2.....	57	@ 57 1/2
Oats, No. 2 Mixed new.....	25	@ 25
Oats, No. 2 White old.....	28	@ 29
Barley, No. 2.....	59	@ 60
Rye, No. 2.....	42	@ 42
Flax Seed.....	85	@ 87
Baled Hay, upland.....	6 00	@ 9 00
Baled Hay, timothy.....	11 00	@ 12 00

PROVISIONS—		
Flour, patent.....	4 25	@ 4 40
Flour, straight.....	4 15	@ 4 30
Flour, bakers.....	3 40	@ 3 60
Butter, creamery.....	18	@ 20
Butter, dairy.....	16	@ 18
Cheese.....	12	@ 13
Eggs, fresh.....	12 1/2	@ 13
Potatoes new.....	50	@ 55
Dressed Beef, steers.....	3 1/2	@ 5
Hams.....	9	@ 11
Veal.....	5	@ 6

LIVE STOCK—		
Steers.....	42 40	@ 2 80
Hogs.....	4	@ 4 55
Sheep.....	3 25	@ 3 25

WHEAT—		
No. 1 Hard.....	71	@ 71 1/2
No. 1 Northern.....	70	@ 70 1/2
No. 2 Northern.....	68	@ 68 1/2

FLOUR—		
Patent in sacks.....	4 30	@ 4 40
Patent in barrels.....	4 45	@ 4 40
Patent at New England.....	4 95	@ 5 10
Patent at N. Y. and Penn.....	4 90	@ 5 10
Bakers.....	3 40	@ 3 50

Chicago, August 13.		
GRAIN—		
Wheat, cash.....	63 1/2	@ 65 1/2
Corn cash.....	41	@ 41 1/2
Oats, cash.....	25	@ 25 1/2
Flax Seed, cash.....	1 01 1/2	@ 1 02 1/2
MEATS—		
Eggs.....	15 00	@ 15 00

LIVE STOCK—		
Cattle.....	22 90	@ 23 00
Hogs.....	5 00	@ 5 20
Sheep.....	3 10	@ 3 50

Milwaukee, August 13.		
WHEAT—		
No. 1 Hard, Cash.....	60	@ 60 1/2

Duluth, August 13.		
WHEAT—		
No. 1 Hard, August.....	71 1/2	

DAKOTA DOINGS.

News Gathered From The Most Reliable Sources.

SHEEP FARMING.

A. Stanley Hall writes the Dakota Farmer and Stockman as follows: "Allow me, for the encouragement of Dakota farmers, to give my experience with sheep, which has been continuous since the fall of '81, when I began with one car load of 105. During this time I have never lost a sheep from disease, and rarely more than 2 per cent from any cause during the year. My greatest loss has always been old ewes, as I was looking more to the increase of my flock than to preventum of loss.

"Began the winter of '86-7 with 315 of all ages, at least 15 of the number belonging to this class of 'relics' I fed during the winter the headed straw from about 100 acres of wheat; 25 acres of millet hay and 20 tons of weedy wild hay that was not fit for other stock. No grain whatever. The account is about as follows:

"Receipts—Wool, 2,547 pounds at 20 cents, \$510.40; lambs, 140 at \$2, \$280; pelts, five at \$1, \$5; total, \$795.40.

"Expenditures—Millet hay, \$4 per acre, \$100; straw and wild hay, \$75; labor, \$25; interest on investment, including shed, \$100; total, \$300; balance, \$495.50."

HARVEST HOME.

As harvest proceeds it develops that Dakota crops are much better in the aggregate than was expected. Here and there are spots where the crops are light, but in the main there is no fault to find with the yield. Up to a couple of weeks ago there had been no serious injury from hail, but since then several destructive storms have occurred. Still this effects the aggregate but little, though of course it is hard on the individual farmers who suffer the loss. The wheat yield is likely to be far above what was expected. In the extreme of South Dakota, where corn is preferred to wheat, several instances are reported where the yield was 26 bushels to the acre. It was thought that oats especially would be light, and yet the only report that has come to hand is from a farmer who got 1,500 bushels from 15 acres. Corn is magnificent. The Farmer's Review rates Dakota's corn crop at 110, and this is the highest figure mentioned in the whole country. In view of the drouth in a large part of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska, Dakota people have abundant reason to feel grateful for their bountiful harvest.

IN A NEW COUNTY.

There was a scene in the county of Hettinger last Sunday that was suggestive, some what by contrast, of the first settlement of the Pilgrims on the New England shore. Only a few months ago the first settlers reached the vast wild region of Hettinger, and on Sunday they gathered together at the site of the first church edifice and with religious exercises laid the corner stone. A herd of antelope were noted on the buttes, a little distance away, looking down upon the scene, and possibly the Indians upon the reservation not far southeast may have seen the gathering from some hill. At the conclusion the colonists adjourned to the printing office to hold Sunday school. The fact the newspaper is the pioneer now, even ahead of the church, is very suggestive, and one of the strong contrasts with the scene of two and a half centuries ago.

THE RAINFALL.

The average rainfall for Dakota is 28 inches. Up to the 1st of June the precipitation for the five months had been eight inches short of the average fall. June was even more deficient, and that was the month when crops in Dakota, experienced whatever set back that befall them. In July the rainfall was very nearly five inches, which is just about the average for July. This has saved the corn crop and helped out the pasturage. While, therefore, the crops in the main are satisfactory, still it is not to be denied that more rain is needed. The ground is dry beyond the surface to an extent that is affecting the wells and springs, and it will take a great deal of rain to make up for the loss of the past two years. The indications are that August will be wetter than the average, as the heaviest rain of the season in Southeast Dakota occurred during the present week.

THE GOPHER CROP.

Some of the voters in Eddy county have petitioned the county board to be allowed to vote a tax of 16 mills upon all the real estate of the county for the destruction of gophers. Last spring the county furnished farmers poison to kill the pests, but they seem to be still as numerous as ever. In one county of that section where a bounty was offered, over 240,000 gopher tails have been presented for redemption. The county auditor has had no small task in counting them. Still the supply does

not seem to be greatly diminished. But they are only a temporary nuisance. They disappear as the country fills up and the land is put in cultivation. They are now hardly heard of in the eastern and southern counties.

PILGRIMS FROM THE EAST.

Among the more recent large bodies of new settlers in the vicinity of Fort Abraham Lincoln, are a colony or two of Icelanders. They stop as near the north line as possible, but are regarded as desirable additions to the population. Quite a large colony from Rhode Island has secured land in the large unsettled district of Morton county, east of Hettinger, where the Massachusetts men are going to make the waste places bloom. These people, who are familiar with the thorough tillage required in sterile New England, will no doubt show that good crops can be grown west of the Missouri, and that their scientific methods will obviate the disadvantages of lack of rain so common there. They are the right people to reclaim that section.

PACKING COMPANY.

A provision and packing house has been organized at Huron. The capital stock is fixed at \$50,000, and a charter has been procured under the name of the Dakota Packing and Provision company, these being the officers: C. H. Cameron, president; Frank E. Stevens, vice president; Ed A. Morse secretary and treasurer; W. N. Fayant, superintendent. Arrangements have been made for the erection of a packing house. The site chosen is on the bluff next to the Chicago & Northwestern railway. The building now now in course of construction is 36x72 feet with a wing 24x32 feet and boiler room 14x20 feet; the main part is two stories high, with a cellar under the entire building. The company expect to have the building completed and machinery in place and ready to begin business by the middle of September.

EPISCOPAL GROWTH.

Since Bishop Walker, of the Episcopal denomination, came to north Dakota he has built eleven new churches and expects to have two more completed within as many weeks. Most of the churches are free from debt, which is of course very desirable. There are now fifteen Episcopal clergymen connected with the church work within his jurisdiction. He is about to begin missionary work among the Indians in the Turtle Mountain Country.

Huron's promised Episcopal church will be a stone structure 30 by 60 feet of gothic design and with all modern interior arrangements. It is intended to have the church ready for occupancy by the first of November.

TAX COLLECTING.

The Aberdeen News understands that the treasurer of Minnehaha county has made a decision which if sustained by the courts, will trip up a hornets' nest in Dakota. It is to the effect that real property can be sold for delinquent personal taxes. The treasurers will in accordance with this decision, collect all back personal tax this fall by the sale of real property that delinquents may own. The amount due will be computed and if the party owns real estate it will be advertised for sale with its description for such tax.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

The Grand Rapids Journal reports that the first car load of cattle ever shipped from La Moure county, and destined for Eastern market was shipped last Monday and thus comments: What is this but a proof that our farmers are awakening to the fact that diversified farming pays the best? Two years ago a cow was a curiosity in these parts. Everybody was here for the sole object of raising wheat—nothing else—but the last two years have opened their eyes, and this country will be noted for its stock as well as the wonderful No. 1 hard.

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

About sixty-five county boards of the eight-five counties of Dakota, says the Stark County Herald, have at their sessions this month submitted the question of prohibition to be voted at the November election. This is in compliance with petitions signed at least by one-third of the voters in each county. The Counties that have taken no action are five in the Black Hills, and a few frontier counties, and Yankton, where the petitions were stolen from the county board. It is likely prohibition will carry in sixty counties.

BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Stutsman County Bar association has been organized, with the following officers: President, Johnson Nickous; vice president, J. A. Frye; treasurer, John S. Watson; secretary, A. A. Allen. A schedule of fees, which will insure a uniformity of charges for legal services was adopted.

HAPPY THOUGHT.

Scarcity of binding twine says the Grand Forks Herald is becoming a very serious matter. Crops are ready to cut and the visible supply is zero. Twine

factories are reported running night and day to their fullest capacity. It is to be sincerely hoped that no grain will suffer through a scarcity of this commodity. Prices have jumped up to nearly twice the actual value. Why should not Grand Forks have a twine factory, to supply Northern Dakota and Minnesota?

THE MITCHELL FAIR.

Preparations are being made for the third annual territorial fair, which will be held at Mitchell on the last five days of September. The two fairs heretofore held at Huron have been eminently successful, and there is a general expectation that this one will surpass either of the other two. This ought to be the case, for each passing year marks great improvement in the territory's development. This is especially true in regard to stock. Of late much attention has been paid to thoroughbred stock and several fine farms have been established. The stock exhibit will doubtless be the finest ever seen in Dakota, and will compare favorably with that of neighboring states.

SAID BY DUNSEITH HERALD.

Reports come from all sections of the country that the harvest this fall will be the largest yield and most prosperous one known for years. Barley is being cut and will yield between thirty-five and forty-five bushels per acre. Wheat will be ready for the binder in a few days and the yield will average thirty bushels per acre. Oats are heavy and full and many fields will thresh from sixty to a hundred bushels per acre. The potato crop is excellent. All kinds of garden truck have been raised this year successfully.

BUSY TIME IN CLARK.

Clark County Democrat: Clark county is now one string of Harvesters. It looks as though there was a binder or header on every 160 acres, and some fields have two machines at work. The wheat is the best ever grown in the county. Most fields will yield from twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre, and some will go as high as thirty bushels or over; and the people are more than pleased, thinking they will be able to pay what they owe and start next year out of debt.

THE HAIL.

Wahpeton special: While this section has been comparatively free from hail this season, a few wheat growers have suffered severely. E. V. McKnight claims to have lost the past week nearly all of his 600 acres, and probably 3,000 acres in all in this section have been cut down, with some fields in other sections partially destroyed. The aggregate, however, will not be perceptible in the total of Richland county.

FARGO CONFERENCE.

The division conference at Fargo last week appointed C. T. Clement of Fargo, George W. Ellsbury, of Tower City, Waldo M. Potter, of Lamoure, George E. Bowers, of Hillsboro, and George B. Winslip, of Grand Forks, a central committee to appoint county committees and call conventions Aug. 24 to elect delegates to the North Dakota convention in Fargo Sept. 28.

STRAW BURNING STOVE.

Capt. Robert Burns, a farmer living in Spink county, has invented a straw-burning heating stove on which he has made application for a patent and already begun its manufacture.

HERE AND THERE.

W. H. Jeffries has been commissioned postmaster at Ollie.

Tyndall is arranging to have work begin on an artesian well at an early day.

It is reported that the Hewarden line of the Chicago and Northwestern railway will be extended north this season. Tyndall will put her schools on a better footing. Professor Young is employed for another year. A new school house is being talked of.

The town council of Highmore has about closed a contract with the Empire well auger company, of Ithaca, N. Y., to sink another artesian well. They are not satisfied with the flow of the old one. The machinery is to be ready for operation Sept. 1. Consideration \$4,000 for 1,650 feet of hole.

It is reported that the Fargo employes of the Northern Pacific will raise \$750 bail to liberate Cornwall, who is charged with stealing two cars of coal and selling it over the river. If the money is raised the company will ask to have the bail increased to \$1,500, as it wants a trial, and expects to implicate other parties.

Phillips & Hobson, of Huron, lost 69,000 brick that were ready to burn during the heavy rains of the past week.

Legal steps are being taken to set aside the recent election in Ramsey county, for the building of a \$20,000 court house and jail. The election it is claimed, was not in accordance with the Dakota statute.

The buildings to be erected at Stephen Mission, Hyde county, twenty miles south of Highmore, will begin as soon as the contract is awarded for their construction.