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The Queen of England sends the following...
...to President Cleveland's letter of...
...congratulation:

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith, Empress of India, etc., to the President of the United States of America, sendeth greeting: Our good friend—We have received from the hands of Mr. Phelps, the United States minister at our court, the letter which you addressed to us on the 30th of May last, and in which you convey your congratulations and those of the people of the United States on the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of our accession to the throne. We request you to accept our best thanks for this proof of friendship and good will, which, with the similar proofs we have received from the rulers and people of other states, has caused us the most sincere gratification. We thank you also for the choice you have made of Mr. Phelps to be the interpreter of your sentiments on this occasion. We request you to accept in return our best wishes for your own uninterrupted happiness and welfare, and for the prosperity of the United States of America, and so we recommend you to the protection of the Almighty.

Given at our court at Windsor Castle the 18th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1887 and in the fifty-first year of our reign.
Your good friend,
VICTORIA, R. I.

MINNESOTA.

The St. Paul Y. M. C. A., has a Chinese Sabbath school, with an attendance of 25 to 30 chinamen.

The Minnesota Natural Gas and Fuel Company of Albert Lea, has incorporated with \$1,500,000 Capital.

R. C. Mitchell says the reported sale and reorganization of the Duluth Tribune, is incorrect, and has not transpired.

Charles Syverson, living at Forest Mills, has been arrested and placed under bonds for overworking and otherwise abusing his children.

A tax of \$27,000 has been levied on Red Wing property for city purposes the coming year. This amount is less than has been levied for several years.

A machinist named Isaacs, riding in a handoom cab, at St. Paul, Sunday afternoon, suddenly jumped out, fell under the wheels and was killed. He was intoxicated.

A teachers' institute for Goodhue county will open at Zumbrota Oct. 17. Supt. Engstrom will have charge. The instructors will be J. T. McCleary and S. E. Sprague.

Mrs. Gulic Halverson, living about eight miles from Houston, committed suicide Aug. 18 by taking strychnine. Domestic trouble was the cause. She was 55 years old.

The county of Isanti recently voted to issue bonds to build county buildings, and has borrowed \$8,000 from the state school fund giving as security four bonds, due in 1890, '91 and '92.

A twelve-year-old son of Stephen Shong of the town of Orange, while out hunting Sunday was kicked on the forehead by an overloaded gun and his skull crushed. He lies in a very critical condition.

Mrs. O. F. Perkins, wife of Hon. O. F. Perkins of Northfield, fell from the railroad bridge at Spring creek Sunday morning and was killed. Deceased was fifty-two years of age, and had been a resident of Northfield for several years.

R. M. McKenzie, of Anoka received the \$50 prize for the third best essay upon the protective tariff, offered by the American Protective Tariff League. There were 48 competitors from 18 states and 35 colleges. McKenzie is a graduate of the Minnesota State University, Class '86.

A row occurred at a dance in Sherburn between a couple of railroad hands. Daniel Pfeiffer, in endeavoring to separate the combatants, was turned upon by one of them, Dennis Murray, and stabbed twice in the arm, one of the wounds being quite serious. Murray was locked up for trial.

A report has reached St. Paul, that Walter B. Smith, the paying teller of the 2nd National Bank of the city, who suddenly left Nov. 23, 1886, with \$4,000 belonging to the bank, is at Fort Worth, Texas, where he has been discovered as a common vagrant. Steps have been taken to bring Smith to St. Paul.

Alfred Nelson, aged 10 years, living at Cannon Falls, was severely injured by an explosion caused by the boy dropping a lighted match into the bung hole of an empty whisky barrel. The fragments of the barrel were driven upwards with such force that a portion of the roof of the building was torn away.

At Chatfield, while Horace Allen was endeavoring to stop a runaway team, he was knocked down and run over, receiving a broken arm, three broken ribs and a dislocated shoulder. His head was also frightfully bruised, it having been jammed into a rut in such manner as to require considerable strength to extricate it. In this mangled condition he was still able to walk to his house. The doctors claim his recovery doubtful.

The confirmation of the rumors regarding the sale of a seven-twentieth interest in the St. Louis River Improvement company's water power by Jay Cooke and others for \$700,000 cash has created interest in that section. Private dispatches state that the work of constructing several dams near Fond du Lac will be let to contractors as soon as possible.

Mayor Smith of St. Paul has received a letter from George K. Stillman, 439 Main street, Cincinnati, inquiring as to the whereabouts of Jean Baptiste and Ulrich Morris, father and son of a family of Canadians who came to St. Paul 25 years ago. If living, the father is now 70 years of age. A large property is to be divided among them if found.

Patrick Derkin, a well-to-do farmer residing near Cascade, Dubuque County left a neighbor's house one stormy night last February for a hunt. That was the last seen of him. Search proved unavailing. Within a day or two his headless and dismembered body was

...highway robbery. The crime was committed in a box car near Barnum. The criminals are two young brackens discharged and going to St. Paul. Their victim was peddler, alone with them in the car, whom they seized and cutting his throat, as they supposed, threw him out of the car while running at good speed. Strange to say, the injuries of the peddler were not fatal, and the spoils of the robbers were only \$12.

Washington Special: There are 1,189 postoffices in Minnesota, and 627 of them have been filled with Democrats under the present administration. There are 533 yet held by Republicans. In Wisconsin there are 1,510 postoffices, and 753 of them have been given to Democrats, leaving 757 yet in the hands of the Republicans. Thus it will be seen that Minnesota has a majority of Democratic postmasters, a small majority, while Wisconsin has a majority of four Republicans holding those offices.

Chicago special: The Vermillion iron range in Minnesota, which turned out 310,000 tons of ore last year, has been purchased by a syndicate composed of Chicago capitalists. Marshall Field, H. H. Porter, president of the Chicago & Indiana Coal Railway Company and J. C. Morse of the Union Steel Company, are the principal members of the syndicate which paid \$6,000,000 in certified checks and several millions in stock to Mr. Charlesmagne Tower, of Boston, for his interest. The purchase comprises 10,000 acres of iron land, and is said to be the largest iron investment known.

A St. Cloud dispatch says E. H. Morse, a prominent man of that place has left for parts unknown, and it is believed that he is now in the British possessions. He left July 30, to visit friends at Geneva Beach, Douglas county, and has not been heard of since. Even his wife does not know his whereabouts. She has been visiting in Canada. An application has been made to appoint a receiver. Morse has been doing a very large loan and collection business. He has been living fast for some time, keeping many horses and fine carriages, and has built a \$10,000 residence. He lived at St. Cloud most of his life and is a lawyer by profession. It is supposed that he has \$20,000 or more with him, Foley Bros. and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Company being the principal losers by his departure, although but little is known as yet.

WISCONSIN.

Gov. Rusk with family returned to Madison from a month's sojourn at the seaside and feels greatly improved in health. He weighs a trifle more than when he went away and looks ruddy.

Henry P. Armsby, professor of agricultural chemistry, at the Wisconsin State University, has accepted the directorship of the Pennsylvania agricultural experimental station and will leave for the East in a few days.

At Milwaukee, Thomas Burns, sixty-eight years old, employed at the West Milwaukee shops, sat on a railing in front of his house waiting for his family to come from church. He lost his balance, fell backward and broke his neck, being killed instantly.

Paul Ostrowski, seventeen years old, was shot and killed at Milwaukee by August Herneke, a dock laborer. The latter was shooting at a target in National Park, when Ostrowski came within range of Herneke's rifle. He was hit in the region of the heart and died soon after.

United States District Attorney Bushnell at Madison has concurred in the opinion of Assistant United States Attorney Rogers that Galbraith Bros., of Janesville, Wis., noted importers of horses, notwithstanding the recent opinion of the acting secretary of the treasury to the contrary, are legally bound to pay government duties on imported horses so long as they import them for sale and profit merely and not for breeding purposes. Papers were served on E. P. Vilas, attorney for Galbraith Bros., demanding payment of \$17,000 on unpaid duties on 160 horses imported prior to July 3, 1887.

Henry Irving has been elected a trustee of Shakespeare's birthplace, at Stratford-upon-Avon, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Dr. Ingelby.

THE MARKETS.

St. Paul August 20.

GRAIN—		
Wheat, No. 1 Hard.....	72	@ 73
Wheat, No. 1 Northern.....	71	@ 72
Wheat, No. 2 Northern.....	70	@ 71
Corn, No. 2.....	37	@ 37 1/2
Oats, No. 2 Mixed new.....	24	@ 24
Oats, No. 2 White old.....	23	@ 23
Barley, No. 2.....	60	@ 62
Rye, No. 2.....	42	@ 48
Flax Seed.....	90	@ 90
Baled Hay, upland.....	6 00	@ 10 00
Baled Hay, timothy.....	11 00	@ 12 00

PROVISIONS—		
Flour, patent.....	4 25	@ 4 40
Flour, straights.....	4 15	@ 4 30
Flour, bakers.....	3 40	@ 3 60
Butter, creamery.....	24	@ 25
Butter, dairy.....	16	@ 18
Cheese.....	12	@ 12 1/2
Eggs, fresh.....	10	@ 11 1/2
Potatoes new.....	60	@ 70
Dressed Beef, steers.....	8 1/2	@ 5
Hams.....	9	@ 11
Veal.....	5	@ 6

LIVE STOCK—

Steers.....	62	@ 3 00
Hogs.....	4 00	@ 4 75
Sheep.....	3 25	@ 3 25

Minneapolis August 20.

WHEAT—		
No. 1 Hard.....	71	@ 72
No. 1 Northern.....	70	@ 71
No. 2 Northern.....	68	@ 69

FLOUR—		
Patent in sacks.....	4 25	@ 4 40
Patent in barrels.....	4 45	@ 4 40
Patent at New England points.....	4 95	@ 5 10
Patent at N. Y. and Penn. points.....	4 90	@ 5 10
Bakers.....	3 40	@ 3 50

Chicago, August 20.

GRAIN—		
Wheat, cash.....	63	@ 63 1/2
Corn cash.....	41	@ 41 1/2
Oats, cash.....	24	@ 24 1/2
Flax Seed, cash.....	1 00	@ 1 00 1/2
MEATS PORK.....	15	@ 15 00

LIVE STOCK—

Cattle.....	42	@ 4 85
Hogs.....	5 00	@ 5 20
Sheep.....	3 10	@ 3 75

Milwaukee, August 20.

WHEAT—		
No. 1 Hard, Cash.....	68	@ 68 1/2

Duluth, August 20.

WHEAT—		
No. 1 Hard, August.....	71 1/2	@

News Gathered From The Most Reliable Sources.

DAKOTA MINES.

A special report has been prepared on the production of gold and silver in Dakota under the supervision of the director of the mint which has been made public from Washington, and will be read with interest by the residents of the Territory. This report says:

Little has happened in the mining industry of Dakota during the last year to attract more than usual attention. The Homestake, Deadwood-Terra, Caledonia, Highland and Father De Smet have, as in the past, furnished about all the gold. Among the silver-producing properties the Iron Hill occupies the foremost position. Of Dakota bullion product nearly all comes to the assay office at New York, either directly from the mines or through the various bullion agencies of the city. The figures given below represent the receipts at the assay office at New York for the last year:

Caledonia mine, gold, \$197,698.17; silver, \$2,529.12; total \$200,227.29.
Deadwood-Terra, gold, \$582,724.79; silver, \$6,931.91; total, \$589,656.70.
Father De Smet, gold, \$72,106.24; silver, \$931.37; total, \$73,037.61.
Highland, gold, \$512,989.95; silver, \$5,396.68; total, \$518,386.63.
Homestake, gold, \$1,018,235.88; silver, \$12,522.68; total, \$1,030,758.56.
Iron Hill, gold, \$324.66; silver, \$371,795.29; total, \$372,119.95.
Uncle Sam, gold, \$14,038.39; silver, \$128.55; total, 14,166.94.
Richmond, gold, \$453.27; silver, \$16,682.15; total, 17,135.42.
Unknown, gold, \$121,449.64; silver, \$5,631.66; total, \$127,081.30.
Total, gold, \$2,520,049; total, silver, \$422,581.41; total gold and silver, \$2,942,630.90.

The amount of gold bullion received during the year was materially affected by the following causes: Depreciation in value of ore reduced; the Father De Smet property, formerly a large producer, ceasing production early in the year; also the closing of the Caledonia mill for about two months, owing to a cave in the mine. Concerning the silver production of the territory a marked change is to be noted. During 1885 the total value of the silver reported was but \$65,526, while in 1886 it was \$422,881, an increase of \$357,055. The number of producing mines in Dakota, both gold and silver, was never greater than at present, owing largely to the railroad facilities acquired during the past year. It is likely that the number of producing mines will increase as transportation facilities improve, and it is more than probable that the product, both of gold and silver, will show a large increase during this year. Outside of the Homestake belt, reaching from Deadwood to Whitewood creek, are the Bald Mountain mines. These it is believed, are likely to become the principal gold-producing properties of the territory.

These ores are rich in gold, carrying a small percentage of silver, and occur in flat veins or blanket lodes, extending over an area of four miles. They cannot be treated successfully by the ordinary free milling process, so are shipped for separation. The silver production has suffered from the fact that the Richmond mine (which now includes the Sitting Bull property) formerly one of the largest silver producers, only commenced production in November, having up to that month been closed on account of legal difficulties. The steady output of the smaller mining properties in the Galena district, and preparations to build works of greater capacity for reducing the ores of the Carbonate district, offers an encouraging outlook for an increased silver product. During the year 1886 \$789,500 was paid in dividends by the following Dakota Companies: Homestake Mining company, \$600,000; Caledonia Mining company, \$20,000; Iron Hill Mining company, \$122,500. Total, \$723,500.

EXPLOITS OF A BURGLAR.

A desperate burglar, who gives the name of Peter Winter, has been arrested at Vermillion by Joe St. Pierre and Frank Beckett, who had been deputized for the especial purpose. A few nights ago Talcott's drug store was burglarized of a sum of money and a tray of gold pens. On the same night John R. Woods' residence was entered and a silver watch taken. The burglar was alarmed by Mr. Wood awakening and beat a hasty retreat. All this property was found on the person of Winter; also a gold watch belonging to Mrs. George Brown, of Yankton, which was taken from the house Monday night, a diamond stud belonging to Mr. Brown and some \$40 in cash. Col. Sheafe, of Watertown, was in the city, and hearing of the capture, suggested the propriety of visiting the sheriff's office and looking over the captured articles. About the first thing he discovered was a gold neck chain belonging to his wife taken from his residence in Watertown about ten days since. At the same time a valuable silver service was taken. The colonel expressed a desire to see a

BOYS THOUGHT IT A GOOD JOKE, AND SHEAFE THINKS WINTER IS A DANDY.

Another very fine gold watch was found upon Winter's person, several very fine gold finger rings, \$147 in cash, a kit of tools, a bottle of chloroform and a splendid double-acting, silver-mounted, ivory-handled, 40-caliber, seven-shooter revolver. Winter was just in the act of drawing this instrument of death to shoot St. Pierre as Beckett grasped Winter's arm. Winter was brought to Elk Point, by deputy Sheriff Hance Murphy and brought before Justice Mullahan. He waived examination and was committed to jail under bail of \$2,000. Winter is small in stature, and says he hails from Ohio. Burglarizing residences in th night time seems to have been a regular business with him.

JAMESTOWN HOROSCOPE.

The artesian well at the asylum grounds has reached a depth of 175 feet. By an ingenious device a dry hole will be sunk and if any natural gas exists there, will discover it. The very favorable gas indications met with in the city well has convinced nearly everybody that the city is underlaid with gas. The contract for building an addition of twelve stalls to the Northern Pacific roundhouse has been let to Contractor Bjourquist of Moorhead. The contract calls for its completion by Oct 1. This improvement calls for an expenditure of about \$17,000, and will swell the aggregate amount of money expended in the construction of buildings in Jamestown to over \$200,000. This, it is believed, is a larger building outlay than that made by any town on the line of the Northern Pacific. Notice has been received from the United States signal office that the daily dispatches for operating the flag service would be sent at government's expense provided the necessary flags were received and arrangements made to hoist them promptly and regularly. These requirements will be complied with and the city soon supplied with accurate weather forecasts.

THE BINDING TWINE FAMINE.

Aberdeen special: The past few years in Dakota farming has generally resulted in a great shortage of binding twine each season, and, after it has been ascertained that hemp can be grown in Dakota as well as Illinois, E. Jerome, of the Champaign, Ill., twine works, has decided to move his factory from there to this place. This will result next year in a large raising of hemp, and probably a great deal of the flax straw which is now wasted every fall can be turned into binding twine whereby twine could be supplied to all parts of Dakota at a much lower figure than now, as saving of freight from Eastern points would thus be provided. Twine has been furnished all parts of Dakota this season through the secretary of the Dakota Farmers' alliance, Mr. Wolgemuth, who is making this city his headquarters. The plan is instead of giving notes and heavy interest to local dealers, and getting twine through several intermediate dealers, the alliance receives direct from factories and furnishes it to all farmers on their notes at actual cost.

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE.

A Fargo correspondent says that there is danger that Fargo will lose the opportunity to become the headquarters of the Catholic diocese being erected for North Dakota, with its big cathedral, hospital, schools and all the institutions pertaining to the see, through neglect. The committee of the board of trade report that they have done nothing to make up the required bond, because they do not know who is to be bishop. The Pope names the bishop and fixes his headquarters, and he is not likely to select a locality that does not hold out inducements. The amount asked is \$5000 and a block of land suitable for the buildings. While things are thus at Fargo, Jamestown is on the alert and arrangements are being made to call a meeting of the citizens, regardless of sect or creed, to take some action in regard to securing the residence of the new bishop, soon to be appointed for the recently created diocese of North Dakota.

CHURCH'S FERRY.

It is estimated that this station, which has not heretofore been known as a shipping point, will this season market a surplus of over 800,000 bushels of wheat. The production of a few northern tiers of counties will be enormously increased this year over any former year, and, in fact, there will be found in the roundup very small portions of the territory that have not fair crops. The failure that seemed inevitable in a large section a month ago, has under the remarkable recuperative power of the soil, been nearly obliterated. The damage by hail, or any cause, has been trifling in amount, although severe on a few individuals, and the year in Dakota will only fall short of one of the most prosperous by lack of remunerative prices for products.

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