

In Minnesota.

State News of the Week Briefly Told.

The postoffice at Hancock was looted of \$300.

A scarcity of logs is reported by the Little Falls mills.

Nels Kolhensrik of Boyd lost his house and goods by fire.

State Universalists will convene at Albert Lea on June 18.

Seabury divinity school at Faribault graduated a class of nine.

The Faribault school for the deaf graduated fifteen students.

The state fair managers offer \$43,000 in premiums to prize winners.

Lyon county has paid out \$3,000 in wolf bounties since March 1.

A 500-pound black bear was recently killed a few miles from Bemidji.

The St. Croix boom has started up again and will sort 12,000,000 feet.

A blaze in the Mankato normal school caused considerable damage.

Henry Brady of St. Cloud was arrested at Melrose for stealing horses.

Prof. Leurtion of Monticello has resigned the superintendency of schools.

Rand Ingrahamson of Duluth has confessed to a charge of incendiarism.

Theodore Kerum, a pioneer resident of Hastings, is dead, aged seventy years.

F. W. Hall, postmaster at West Concord, was fined \$100. Shortage in accounts.

Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria in Fosston the schools have been closed.

A killing frost to the southeast of Fergus Falls ruined thousands of acres of wheat.

Max Bahre's saloon at Little Falls was destroyed by fire. Loss covered by insurance.

The Minnesota Thresher company of Stillwater won a \$1,000,000 damage suit at Pittsburg.

Bishop Whipple will conduct the affairs of the diocese without the assistance of a coadjutor.

Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be distributed among the Starns county schools.

J. W. Dicey, an aged contractor of Dover, fell from the roof of a house and was seriously injured.

The Faribault police recently arrested a wife beater who was armed with two loaded revolvers.

Over 9,000 acres of school land was sold at Mora by State Auditor Dunn. Prices ranged from \$5 to \$10 per acre.

The German Society of Martin county held its annual picnic at Buffalo Lake. The attendance was estimated at 2,000.

A. L. Hatch was killed by the slipping of a load of logs at the north shore camp of the Alger-Smith Logging company near Duluth.

Miss Vinia Norris, a St. Cloud normal graduate and a teacher in the town of Buris, near Anoka, was killed in a runaway.

Rockefeller's excess tonnage is accumulating at Duluth. If it goes into ordinary a big break in the rate situation may be expected.

Insurance Commissioner O'Shaughnessy will demand the payment of an annual fee from agents who have gone into the brokerage business.

The Northwestern road has its track laid through Fairmont and regular trains are expected to be running by July 1. Work is being rushed on the new depot and other buildings.

Indian Commissioner Jones issued a peremptory order to the superintendent of the Pipestone Indian school to open the road running north through the reservation, which was diverted around the institution by order of the superintendent.

The annual meeting of the Stark Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company was held at Sleepy Eye. Peter Mertz was elected president, John Catling secretary and William Rossho treasurer. The company is in splendid financial condition.

The interstate basket picnic of Modern Woodman of Wisconsin and Minnesota was held at Lake City recently. Nine hundred Woodmen were present, representing twelve camps. The day was spent at Rest Island, where contests of various kinds were held.

An armed posse of citizens pursued and apprehended two men, the supposed assailants of Wilbur Smith of Howard Lake. The men were caught at Lake Mary, ten miles south of Hutchinson, and lodged in jail in the latter place, and have now been taken to Howard Lake. They give the names of S. F. Meyer and George Spicer.

The crop prospects in Martin county were never better than at the present time. There has been plenty of rain and the continued cool weather has been ideal grain and grass. Farmers say that the crop is now assured if there should not be another drop of rain until after harvest. Corn is looking well and most of it has been cultivated once.

Sixteen persons had narrow escapes in a burning boarding house at Duluth at 2 o'clock the other morning. All escaped very scantly clad, and a number of boarders on the second floor, when they woke up, found their escape cut off by way of the stairs and they jumped out of the windows. The building and contents were valued at \$3,500. The fire was caused by an exploding lamp in the dining room on the first floor.

The drouth has been very damaging to crops in the vicinity of Delano and small grain, even with favorable weather from now on, will not be over half a crop. Feed is becoming very scarce and many farmers are offering their stock for sale on account of being unable to feed them. Hay never was so poor and unless rain comes soon it will see farmers shipping out cattle or shipping in feed.

A. T. Hesselgrave, who accidentally killed his wife at Long Prairie, while chopping wood, was acquitted of the charge of murder.

OF GLOOMY TINGE.

The Crop Reports Received by the Northern Pacific.

Northern Pacific crop reports from Minnesota and the Dakotas completely reverse preceding reports and place a gloomy outlook on the crop situation. It says the yield will not be more than 75, perhaps 50 per cent of a crop.

Last week the Northern Pacific officials were rather optimistic, as was evidenced by President Mellen's telegram to New York, contradicting adverse rumors. Great Northern officials have been pessimistic from the start, and their calculations seem to be nearer the truth.

The latest reports cover the entire system clear to the coast. The report on the Minnesota division, given below, seems to apply equally to all Northwestern divisions, with little variation.

The recent showers, which gave rise to favorable opinion in grain circles, turned out to be of little consequence, because of the hot winds which followed. Between Staples and the Red river considerable damage is reported to all vegetation, especially on low lands, owing to frost the early part of the week. The most conservative persons do not expect, as stated above, more than 50 to 75 per cent of a crop. Flax, corn and potatoes, for the most part, have not sprouted, and, generally speaking, farmers will not replant. Wheat and oats are losing their strength and are sadly in need of rain. Rye is in poor shape, and grasses, also.

On the Little Falls & Dakota branch the situation is a few points better than on the Minnesota division, especially along the western half of the branch. Wheat is from four to eight inches high and shows a fairly good color. Yet all vegetation needs heavy rain. Rye ground near Sauk Center is being replowed, as the crop is too poor to cut. Everything else is on the decline.

The Fergus Falls line is also in bad shape. From Wadena to Underwood grain is heading out at six and eight inches and turning yellow below. Between Fergus Falls and Wahpeton a killing frost occurred Friday night.

The portion of Minnesota south of the "Dakota Crossing" of the Manitoba division is in better shape. Wheat has a good stand and color and is from four to five inches high. All other growths need moisture badly. That section seems especially favored, as one agent reports "the farmers expect the largest crops seen in many years."

In North Dakota some farmers are harvesting up poor wheat. The plant has matured too rapidly and has not developed in a healthy manner. The shot blade is appearing, although the wheat is but seven or eight inches in height. If the hot weather continues ten days longer early wheat will be headed out. The only thing which can assure even half a crop is plenty of rain and cool weather. An average yield of flax is anticipated.

Farmers in Manitoba believe it is not yet too late to revive the crops in the provinces and yet secure a fair yield.

Oliver Dalrymple of Casselton thinks the crops will revive if there is more rain, although most farmers along the Dakota division do not expect more than ten bushels to the acre.

Along the Fargo & Southwestern branch, the general impression is that wheat has been damaged 10 to 15 per cent by drought. The damage is regarded as permanent.

A "wonderful transformation" is reported along the Cooperstown branch, where there have been splendid rains and cool days.

A marked improvement is reported on the Jamestown & branch, where wheat is commencing to take on a healthy look.

In Montana there is no uneasiness. That state will have a good crop.

NATIONAL GUARD ON ACTIVE DUTY.

Col. C. A. Van Duzee Decides Upon an Innovation.

Col. C. A. Van Duzee, of the Third regiment, N. G. S. M., has received reports from all the companies of his regiment relative to the proposal that the regiment give up the usual summer encampment and devote ten days later in the season to the practice of field maneuvers. The proposition received the approval of the adjutant general and was then submitted to a vote of the officers and men of the several companies. The majority in favor of the change was very large, and yesterday Col. Van Duzee made definite announcement to that effect.

The plan contemplates the mobilization of the regiment at Milaca about the second week in September. The regiment will then engage in field maneuvers, covering the territory between Milaca and Brainerd, where the experiment will terminate. The distance between these two points is sixty miles. It will be in no sense a practice march, which would cover the distance in two or three days, but a continuous succession of maneuvers, outpost work, advance and rear guard, attack and defense, fortification and all the other details that might be anticipated by an army operating in the enemy's country.

Three days will be spent on Mille Lacs lake, the camps being pitched at various points on the south and west shores of that beautiful sheet of water. The regiment will proceed in light marching order and will be accompanied by a baggage train. It is already equipped at regimental cost with much of the equipment necessary for such an expedition, and the adjutant general has promised the rest.

An engineer corps and a signal corps will be organized at once, and there will also be a detail of scouts. Col. Van Duzee expects to take along at least 100,000 rounds of blank ammunition to add a realistic color to the work. The colonel expects to go over the ground in advance of the regiment and arrange all the details.

This is believed to be the first attempt in any state to give a national guard regiment an idea of the actual work that would be required of them in actual service, and it is believed that it will afford an example that will be more or less generally followed. There is already some talk of the artillery battalion joining the Third regiment in the expedition.

Not His Turn.

"You go first," said the condemned, as they started for the scaffold.

"No; after you," replied the jailer, politely.—Philadelphia North American.

HIGH WAGES FOR LABORERS.

Inspector Moersch of Labor Bureau Tells of Prosperity of Working Men.

The prosperous times of the laboring classes are well exemplified in the report made by Inspector Moersch to the labor bureau. Mr. Moersch has just completed an inspection of the iron mines in Northern Minnesota, and he finds boom times everywhere. As against twenty-two mines operated last year, forty-one are now in operation. And these employ over 5,000 men as against less than half that number last year. Wages have gone up from an average of \$1.80 per day to over \$2, and work everywhere is plentiful. The complaints all come from the mine operators, who say that laborers can find employment so readily that changes are constant. Inspector Moersch also reports complaints regarding the division of profits. The price on ore has gone up from \$2 and \$3 per ton in the past year to \$3 and \$4 at present, delivered at Cleveland. Of this total 33 per cent is consumed in railway shipping, 23 per cent goes direct to wages, and 14 per cent goes to the mine owners. A few large mine owners, he stated, control the transportation facilities so that the rates are excessively high. At present it costs from 80 cents to \$1 per ton to ship from the mines to the lake, and the lake rates to Cleveland are 62 1/2 cents.

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The officers of the First regiment, N. G. S. M., met at the armory at St. Paul and elected four field officers, a lieutenant colonel and three majors. The officers were chosen practically by acclamation, as but one ballot was taken. Gen. W. B. Bend, who ordered the election, presided. Maj. J. H. Friedrichs of Red Wing was made lieutenant colonel and Captains Frank T. Corrigion, Company E, St. Paul, and Oscar Seelach, Company G, Red Wing, were elected majors. They will take rank as given from the seniority of their commissions as captains.

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ANOKA MYSTERY COMPLICATED.

Work for a Sherlock Holmes in the Wise Murder Case.

Anoka, Minn., June 14.—The Wise murder case is fast getting in shape for some Sherlock Holmes. Officers were confident that they had found the gun that did the killing when they pulled a rifle out of the haystack on Johnson's farm and placed Johnson under arrest. Developments came last night in an unlooked-for manner that convinced them that it was not the gun, and now two Winchester rifles figure in the case.

Elisha Weaver, Walter and Alexander McCrea left Anoka at 3 o'clock to spend the night at Round lake spearing fish. They had a boat with a torch, and by the light saw a gun beneath the surface of the water. They pulled it up, took it to camp and "pumped" it three or four times when it discharged, striking Walter McCrea. They came to Anoka at once. Dr. Frank dressed his wounds. The gun was found to be a Winchester, 44-caliber, model '73, round barrel. Undoubtedly it is the right gun. How it came there, who threw it in and when did they do it, are some of the perplexing questions. Some people think it will help Johnson, but others don't know as it will. Johnson tells a straight story and maintains he is innocent. Another suspect is being watched, and arrests may come at any time. Some sensational developments may be expected before long.

FEDERAL MAN ON CROPS.

Report Covering Every Point of Minnesota.

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GENEROUS RAIN IN THE WEST.

Minnesota Is Drenched, Rain in South Dakota.

Browns, Valley, Minn., June 14.—The long drouth has been broken at last. It began to rain here about 10:30 a. m. and continued nearly all day, just in time to save the crops, and on the whole everything is much improved from the results. The rain was general throughout the county.

Morris, Minn.—A general rain fell over this section yesterday. Good rains at Graceville, Wheaton and Herman, and enough here to help the wheat materially.

Alexandria, Minn.—A light rain fell here for about three hours, the first in eight weeks. With the most favorable conditions during the rest of the season grain will not be two good half a crop.

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WISCONSIN DEMOCRATS

Meet at Milwaukee and Name Delegates to the National Convention.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 14.—Bryan sentiment prevailed the Democratic state convention held yesterday to elect four delegates at large and to ratify the selection of twenty district delegates to the national convention at Kansas City. The following is a list of the delegates at large, with alternates. David S. Rose, Milwaukee; T. J. Fleming, Milwaukee; George B. Hilton, Oshkosh; George Bird, Madison. Alternates, D. L. Plumer, Wausau; C. L. Hood, La Crosse; Louis G. Bohemier, Kenosha; T. L. Cleary, Plattville.

The district delegates are as follows: First, Gilbert T. Hodges, Monroe; R. E. Richardson, Racine. Second, J. E. Malone, Dodge county; Jobe Mills, Columbia county. Third, J. Montgomery Smith, Mineral Point; C. E. White, Vernon county. Fourth, Frank Falk, Milwaukee; Clinton Burnham, Milwaukee. Fifth, T. E. Ryan, Waukesha; Charles Weise, Sheboygan Falls. Sixth, F. B. Hoskins, Fond du Lac; W. F. Nash, Two Rivers. Seventh, W. H. Frawley, Eau Claire; R. B. McCoy, Monroe. Eighth, J. M. Baer, Appleton; W. W. Crane, Weyauwega. Ninth, John Noonan, Oconto; Julius Thielman, Lincoln county. Tenth, W. H. Stafford, Dunn county; G. C. Cooper, Douglas county. The contest on national committee was left for the delegation to settle at Kansas City.

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