

FOSTON, (Polk Co.) MINNESOTA.

The powers that be—Love, money, ambition and a good dinner.

The bread-eating world requires more than 2,300,000,000 bushels of wheat every 12 months.

The sultan of Turkey will this summer celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne.

Introduction of the trolley in the French Riviera has resulted in injury to the telephone lines, which are of the grounded pattern.

If there is any truth in the axiom: "The better the day the better the deed," then all real-estate transfers should be made on Sunday.

The government of Queensland, Australia, has engaged Dr. Maxwell, the famous sugar expert, of Honolulu, for five years, at a salary of \$20,000 a year.

The late Duke of Edinburgh's life was insured for \$300,000, and scarcely a single English insurance company was without some interest in Prince Alfred's life.

The queen of Spain has announced that in the event of the marriage of the princess of Asturias to Prince Charles of Bourbon, no dowry will be asked for from parliament.

The coloring on the new English halfpenny stamp consists of a mixture of Prussian blue and chrome, without any lead, arsenic, or other irritant. The gum is obtained from starch.

It is now claimed that the Duke of Saxe-Coburg had a premonition of sudden death. His ideas on the subject went so far that he expressed the opinion that he would die in a land outside of England.

A German surgeon recently cut off a patient's toe and sewed it to the stump of a missing forefinger. It proved a very good substitute, and can be moved by the owner, as an artificial finger could not be.

Sion R. Bostwick, the man who captured Santa Anna during the Mexican war, is still alive. He lives in San Saba, Tex., and, although eight-one years old, is healthy and hardy and as straight as an arrow.

Aluminum has just been employed for the construction of a new fireproof curtain to be used in theaters. The curtain is 60 feet wide by 54 feet high, is composed of aluminum sheets one-twelfth of an inch thick, and weighs 4,000 pounds.

The Victoria Cross has been conferred upon Corporal F. McKay, Gordon Highlanders, for conspicuous bravery on May 29 during the action on Crow's Nest Hill, near Johannesburg. He repeatedly rushed forward under a withering fire at short range to attend to wounded comrades, dressing their wounds while he himself was without shelter, and in one instance carrying a wounded man from the open under a heavy fire to the shelter of a boulder.

The well-known Spanish painter, Joaquin Sorolla, has been awarded a first-class medal in the Paris exposition, and all those who admire his works are pleased at his success. The Medrileno call Sorolla "the painter of the sun," because no one can surpass him in those wonderful scenes of outdoor life painted in full sunshine, brilliant light everywhere, dazzling to the eyes, with heavy shadows lying where the light cannot penetrate.

So far as dining is concerned in Paris, the prices have not been put up as much as people expected; indeed, at the best restaurants it is doubtful if they have risen at all and Paris today is an infinitely cheaper place to dine well than London is. But a great sameness has come over the menu at all the restaurants, which is owing, probably, to the multitude of strangers who are in Paris and who expect certain dishes at a French restaurant, and order those only.

An interesting experiment in tobacco culture is being tried in the fields of Connecticut Tobacco Experiment Company at Poquonock, Conn. Nine rows, 500 feet long, of tobacco plants are being grown under a covering of thin cheesecloth, the object being to keep the temperature in which the plants are growing comparatively even, and to protect the plants from insects and the elements. Already the success of the experiment is said to be assured. Success means the obtaining of leaves so perfect that they will sell for a higher price than ordinary Connecticut tobacco.

It is a singular fact about Count Tolstol, the celebrated Russian writer and socialist, that he possesses an enormous power of self-deception, which is not only highly remarkable but convenient. It is one of his favorite tenets that all property is wrong, and that the holding of any unnecessary property is an even worse crime. Therefore he has handed over all of his property but a bare pittance to not to his poorer neighbors or to charity, or to some socialistic committee for the equalizing of everything—but to his wife and children.

SECRET ORDERS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO LI.

Sheng's Yamen Confirms the Rumor That Li Hung Chang Has Received Secret Orders to Make the Attempt—Chinese Question in the Phase of Discussion and the Likelihood of the Concert and the Likelihood of Germany Modifying Her Demands—Awaiting Government Again in a Waiting Attitude.

London, Sept. 28.—The Chinese question is again in the phase of discussion and the likelihood of Germany finding it convenient to modify her aggressive attitude. According to the Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail Japan assents to Germany's proposal, but at the same time strongly urges that there should be no prolonged delay in the negotiations. The same authority says that Japan would decline to follow Germany in pursuing the imperial court into the interior of China. From Shanghai comes the announcement that

An Imperial Edict confers posthumous honors on the anti-foreign high commissioner, Li Ping Heng, who committed suicide after the evacuation of Tung Chow, and Duke Chung Yi, the late emperor's father-in-law, who killed himself after the emperor and empress regent left Peking. Chinese papers assert that orders have been issued for the erection of a new imperial palace at Si Ngan Fu. They also report that Li Hung Chang has started for Peking, escorted by Russian and Japanese troops, and that Li Chuan Lin has been appointed viceroy of Canton. Sheng's yamen confirms the rumor that Li Hung Chang has received secret orders to attempt to recapture Peking.

Slaughtered by Russians. The Times prints correspondence from Niu Chwang declaring that the Russians have killed indiscriminately between 1,500 and 2,000 Boxers and Chinese civilians, men, women and children, both inside and outside of the walls. The correspondent adds that from all sides come reports of the violation of the women, and that the Russians are carrying out a policy for the destruction of property and the extermination of people in Kia Chau. Nearly all the villages have been burned and the inhabitants killed. For some days the correspondent declares the soldiery and Cossacks have been allowed to do what they like, and he thinks the annexation of Manchuria is intended.

JUST WAITING.

Our Government Has Nothing New to Offer. Washington, Sept. 28.—One belated dispatch from Gen. Chaffee relative to conditions in Peking on the 21st inst. was made public yesterday. It is apparent that our government is again in a waiting attitude, after having made the important move toward a reduction of the American troops in China announced Wednesday. Gen. Chaffee had not received the department's instructions when he sent his message made public yesterday, but without doubt has it now in hand. His offer to escort Li Hung Chang was in conformity with the expressed purpose of the state department to facilitate in every proper manner the journey of the Chinese viceroy to Peking. Still it is now regarded as just as well that the offer was declined and the responsibility

For Li's Safety left with the Russians. The instructions to Minister Conger to establish relations with Li and Prince Ching is still held up here. It is beginning to appear that the purpose of the delay is to ascertain more clearly the plans of the powers in whose interest, as well as our own, Mr. Conger was to endeavor to bring about negotiations for a settlement. If it should appear that there is a disposition on the part of any considerable proportion of them to reject in advance the well meant efforts of the United States government to bring about a conference and negotiations in which they could participate on equal terms with our own government with the purpose of terminating the Chinese difficulties, then Mr. Conger's instructions

May Require Recasting. It might be regarded as useless for him to arrange for a meeting of the powers with China which the former do not care to attend owing to entirely different purposes from those animating the United States, and there is probably no disposition to subject our minister to humiliation by a flat failure which might be anticipated. It also is possible that the news relative to the advancement of Prince Tuan to a position where he might influence the negotiations is regarded as worthy of attention and that our government may delay proceedings as long as he stands in the way. The state department has not been officially informed of Prince Tuan's promotion.

INCENDIARIES IN SCHOOL.

Books and Pictures Damaged, and Finally the High School is Set on Fire. Independence, Iowa, Sept. 28.—At the high school building last night books were torn, pictures thrown down and other damage done. Fire was set in the basement and the building partly destroyed. The loss is about \$2,000; fully insured. The school will be closed for six weeks. It is supposed to have been done by tramps.

HONOR FOR IRELAND.

Archbishop Is Made a Commander of the Legion of Honor. Paris, Sept. 28.—Archbishop Ireland leaves here for London to-day, whence he will sail Oct. 10. He was decorated yesterday as a commander of the Legion of Honor by M. Jules Cambon, the French ambassador to the United States, on behalf of the government. Gen. Horace Porter, the United States ambassador to France, and Belfrage Torrey, the United States minister to Spain, were among those present.

Condemned to Death For Murder of Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 28.—James B. Howard, who has been on trial for the past ten days charged with being a principal in the assassination of William Goebel, was found guilty and his punishment fixed at death by the jury yesterday.

The fact that the jury had deliberated all of Tuesday afternoon without reaching a verdict led to the belief that it was hopelessly divided, and this fact made the verdict shocking to Howard and to those who hoped for his ultimate acquittal. Howard did not lose his composure when the verdict was read. He glanced at the attorneys and smiled but said nothing. After the jury had been discharged Howard was taken back to the jail, and here for the first time

He Betrayed Emotion. He called for a pen and paper and wrote a long letter to his wife, during which he wept. He was joined later by his attorneys, who spent a good part of the day in conference with him in regard to the motion for a new trial which will be filed to-day and other matters in connection with the case. W. H. Carlton, who is under indictment as an accessory to the Goebel murder and who gave damaging evidence against both Howard and Caleb Powers, was released on bail last evening and his case was continued until the January term. His bond was fixed at \$10,000, and his brother-in-law, E. E. Hogg of Owensley county, and J. F. Halcomb and John Johnson of Jackson county became his sureties. Howard was represented by ex-Congressman W. C. Owens of Georgetown and Carl Little of Manchester.

The Prosecution was represented by Acting State's Attorney Williams, T. C. Campbell of Cincinnati and H. B. Golden of Barbourville. "Jim" Howard, as he is commonly known in the mountains, is a strikingly handsome man, forty-four years of age, and would be one of the last to be pointed out by a stranger as the man on trial. He had the record, however, of being the leader of the Howard-White faction in the Baker-Howard feud in Clay county in which numerous lives were taken. He had killed George Baker and was suspected of the assassination of Tom Baker, who was killed after the same fashion as Goebel, and Howard's friends believe that these facts had very much to do with the making of the verdict sentencing him to the gallows. The trial of Henry E. Youtsey of Newport will be called at Georgetown next Monday.

ATTACK OUTPOSTS.

Insurgents Break Loose Near Manila.

Manila, Sept. 28.—On Monday night vigorous insurgent attacks were made on the American posts near Zapote bridge, Las Panas, Bacoor and Imus, twelve miles south of Manila, the scene of the fighting last October. It is estimated the rebels numbered 400 and they were armed with rifles. The inhabitants took refuge in the churches. The Americans have since dispersed the insurgents, killing and wounding fifty. A party of scouts belonging to the Twenty-fifth United States Infantry landed on the island of Samar, the inhabitants and insurgents fleeing to the mountains. They met with but slight resistance and burned a town. Last night there was outpost firing at Paet, Paganjan and Santa Cruz, in Laguna province. It is reported that an American scouting party discovered a body of insurgents in the province of Nueva Ecceja, two skirmishes ensuing in which twelve of the natives were killed. Similar brushes have taken place near Indang and Silang, in Cavite province, and at Iba and Subig, in Zambeles province, the Americans having two killed and three wounded. Advances from the island of Leyte say that Gen. Mocaia's bands have scattered and demoralized by Maj. Henry T. Allen, of the Forty-third Infantry, who has vigorously pursued the insurgents in the mountains, capturing many and taking a quantity of money, rifles, ammunition and stores.

STRIKERS ARE ORDERLY.

Good Behavior of the Men a Noteworthy Feature of the Strike.

Philadelphia, Sept. 28.—Yesterday was the tenth day of the miners' strike and as yet there is no indication of surrender or concession on either side. In fact no overtures looking to a settlement of the differences have been made by either the strike leaders or the mine operators. Various propositions of a settlement by arbitration have been put forward by persons not directly connected with the mining business, but thus far practically no progress has been made in this direction. A most noteworthy feature of the strike is the remarkably good behavior of the strikers up to this time, especially when it is considered that the claim is made that upward of 100,000 mine workers are idle in the anthracite region. There has, of course, been a few disturbances, but none of a character at all serious with the exception of the one at Shenandoah on Friday last when a striker was killed during a clash between a number of strikers and a sheriff's posse. Affairs were quiet yesterday throughout the region. A shooting affray occurred near Scranton, in which three men were wounded, but the participants, who were Italians, were all strikers, and the affray had no direct connection with the present strike.

Buildings Burned at Harrold.

Harrold, E. D., Sept. 28.—Fire destroyed Ames Wiley's store building, which was a total loss with light insurance. The warehouse was also a total loss, with no insurance.

Killed in a Fight With Sheriff.

Colville, Wash., Sept. 28.—Tom Donner was killed and Harry Coffeen wounded and captured in a running fight with deputy sheriffs near Addy. Donner and Coffeen were young men from Spokane and were charged with highway robbery.

Plague Death.

Glasgow, Sept. 28.—Another plague patient died here yesterday. No more new cases have been reported, and the dismissal of contact cases from the reception houses continues.

KILLED BY CYCLONE

TERRIBLE DISASTER OVERTAKES MORRISTOWN, MINN.

Seven People Killed Outright and Many Wounded—Most of the Dead Were Caught in a Saloon Where They Had Taken Refuge—Part of the Town Destroyed Was Recently Visited by Fire, Otherwise the Damage Would Have Been Much Greater—Amount of Damage Not Known.

Waterville, Minn., Sept. 26.—The town of Morristown, just east of this city on the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad, was visited by a cyclone about 5:30 yesterday afternoon. Seven people were killed outright and many wounded.

The storm struck the town from the south, blew down a barn on the outskirts of town, passed up the main street, taking everything before it. A barn in the center of the town was lifted from its foundation and swept away, leaving three horses in their stalls unhurt. The brick saloon owned by Paul Gattiske was completely demolished and Henry Wait, a resident of Morristown, and F. Pitman, a farmer who lives a few miles south of this place, were killed in the saloon where they had gone to take refuge from the storm. The killed are:

- HENRY WAIT, ELMER BROOKS, JACOB WEBER, FRANK PITMAN, JACOB MILLER, JOHN ROHRER.

NELSON, boy living on a farm a few miles south of Morristown. The latter is the only casualty reported from any of the surrounding country, and the loss to property is not thought to be great to the farmers. Part of the town was destroyed by fire a short time ago and the storm fortunately struck that section mostly otherwise the loss to property and life would have been much greater.

The seriously wounded so far as known are Paul Gattiske, proprietor of the saloon; Frank Wilder, porter, white, and a boy named Pitman.

The doctors of Waseca, Faribault and this city have been called to the scene of the disaster. Of the seven people killed, six were killed in the saloon, there being eleven people in it at the time it was struck.

Tree Crushed He Saloon.

Faribault, Minn., Sept. 26.—Word has been received here that a cyclone struck Morristown at 6 o'clock and eight men have been killed and a large number are missing. A large tree was lifted from the ground, carried over a housetop and deposited on a building used as a saloon, which was completely wrecked, and from which the bodies of eight men were taken. The report does not say how much damage was done to property there.

County Seat Removal.

Olivia, Minn., Sept. 26.—The county commissioners of Renville county met yesterday to consider the petition for removal of the county seat from Beaver Falls to Olivia. This petition was filed Sept. 3, and is the largest ever secured, containing 3,365 names, or over 80 per cent of the voters of Renville county. There have been six or seven contests for removal prior to this one, but though the great majority of the people have desired the removal, some technical error has prevented it in each case. Beaver Falls was made the county seat about thirty years ago. Little improvement has been made since that time, as there is no railroad and no hotel accommodations.

Boy Lost in the Woods.

Renville, Minn., Sept. 26.—At a picnic held in the woods Sunday nine miles south of here John Larkin's little boy, about two years old, wandered away and got lost. The woods were searched all night without avail. In the morning Mr. Larkin came to town and rang the fire bell to get the people together for aid. About twenty teams went out and the child was soon found about 100 rods from where the picnic was held, lying down by a large tree, completely tired out and wet to the skin, as it rained nearly all night.

Suit Against Commission Men.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 26.—Argument was finished yesterday in the suit of the Chicago board of trade against several Milwaukee commission men in which a temporary injunction is sought by the board of trade preventing the commission men from using the market quotations. Judge Seaman of the United States district court, before whom the suit is on trial, took the matter under advisement.

Fifty Vessels Missing.

St. John's, N. F., Sept. 26.—More than fifty French vessels from St. Pierre are still missing as the result of the recent gale and much alarm is felt for their safety. Many doubtless are disabled, but it is almost certain that others have foundered. The French flag ship Isly has been ordered from the treaty shore, it is reported here, to cruise over the Grand Banks with a view of learning the extent of the disaster and of assisting any vessels requiring help.

Burglars Make a Rich Haul.

Berlin, Sept. 26.—Burglars recently entered the residence of Dr. Wrede in this city and secured 20,000 marks in cash and securities to the value of \$200,000 marks. Within a day the police have recovered and restored all the stolen property except 15,000 marks worth.

The total rainfall in India to Sept. 23 is stated to have been 39 inches, and since that date about 7 inches have fallen. The weather is brighter and is believed to be settled.

RAIN SPOILS GRAIN.

Flax and Wheat Yield Greatly Decreased by Excessive Moisture.

Redwood Falls, Minn., Sept. 26.—The heavy rains of September, including the very heavy rain of Sunday night, have put a stop to practically all threshing operations in this county during the month. Threshers are very much disappointed.

Langdon, Minn.—A series of heavy rains have prevailed over this section nearly the whole week past. Threshing has been badly interrupted. Many grain stacks are thoroughly soaked through, and it will take some time for them to dry. In many instances it is feared the grain will be damaged.

Devils Lake, N. D.—Several hours' rain occurred yesterday followed by a genuine cloudburst at 6 o'clock. This will delay all threshing for a full week. Heavy pelting rains are knocking millions of flax pods on the ground, much lessening the prospective yield.

NORTH DAKOTA W. C. T. U.

Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year—Reports Submitted.

Devils Lake, N. D., Sept. 26.—The state convention of the W. C. T. U. at its morning session listened to the reports of Mrs. Dora Stanton, Grand Forks, on evangelical work; Mrs. K. V. King, Larimore, on reformation work; Mrs. U. B. Calderwood, Carey, on procuring homes for homeless children. The report of the enforcement league showed that evidence in nearly 200 cases was presented by the league during the past year. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Miss Elizabeth Preston; vice president, Dr. J. H. Knox, Wahpeton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. U. Van deburg; recording secretary, Mrs. Carrie Allen, Grand Forks; treasurer, Mrs. Addie Carr, Northwood.

FISHERMAN DROWNED.

Disastrous Storm over the Gulf of Georgia.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 26.—Four men at least met death in the equinoctial storm that burst over the Gulf of Georgia. The fishing boat was seen to capsize just inside the narrows and its four occupants were thrown into the water. A boat sent to the rescue was also upset, but the men in it were picked up by a tug. The fishermen, however, were not found. Great anxiety is felt for other fishermen who are still out. Several small steamers and scows broke loose from their moorings and were damaged or sunk as they smashed into the wharves.

THIEF IN A LA CRESCENT HOME.

Who the Owner Was Attending a Meeting of the Vigilance Committee.

La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 26.—Thieves are still active in this vicinity, and notwithstanding the appointment of a vigilance committee at La Crescent—the little Minnesota city opposite here—that city has been again visited. The vigilance committee was in session at the town hall considering various important matters, a number of other citizens meeting with them, and during the session a thief entered the house of one of them, ransacking it thoroughly and making good his escape.

MANY BADLY BRUISED.

Speakers' Stand at a Political Meeting Gives Away.

Brookings, S. D., Sept. 26.—During the meeting addressed by the Prohibition candidates for president and vice president at Huron yesterday morning a sidewalk built over a subway near the speakers' stand gave way and fell to the bottom of the subway, a distance of nine feet, carrying with it from 75 to 100 people. A score of persons suffered severe bruises and a shaking up, but only three appeared to be badly hurt.

COAL FOR JAPAN.

Trial Shipments Forwarded From East Kootenai.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 26.—Consul General Shinuzer of this city is forwarding to Japan trial shipments of Crow's Nest coal from East Kootenai. He expects that it will partly supersede Welsh coal with the Japanese navy. British Columbia colliery companies hope, if the strike in Pennsylvania continues, that many mine workers will migrate to the collieries of this province, which are short of white labor.

ACTIVE TAX FERRETS.

Back Taxes Rolling into the County Treasury, and More Coming.

Osage, Iowa, Sept. 26.—A good record will appear as a result of the labors of the tax ferrets, who have been at work on the county books for some weeks past. Over \$4,000 have been collected, \$900 being paid in one day. Twelve different persons have paid more than \$100 each back taxes.

Fell into an Old Well.

Dickinson, N. D., Sept. 26.—Mrs. Clara L. Lowery fell into a well and was seriously injured. The well was partly uncovered and was on a vacant lot belonging to P. McGinley, proprietor of the Madison hotel at Madison, N. D. Under the law he will be liable for damages. Mrs. Lowery is the wife of a prominent stockman.

Hog Cholera Prevalent.

Osage, Iowa, Sept. 26.—Hog cholera is very prevalent here and thousands of hogs are dying throughout the county. This will be a bad loss, as farmers needed hogs to run with their steers while fattening.

Iowa Flora.

Ames, Iowa, Sept. 26.—The state historical society is being furnished with a collection of the flora of the state. The plants are being donated by Prof. Pammel, of the Iowa State college at Ames, and mounted by him.

ONE MORE FATALITY.

Henry Frederickson Killed in the Morristown Tornado.

Faribault, Minn., Sept. 27.—A late report from Morristown to-night gives another death, the result of the cyclone. It occurred southwest of town and is Henry Frederickson, who was struck by flying timbers.

The injured people are all still alive and are doing well. The loss of property will probably reach \$10,000.

The tornado created a scene of desolation. Not a building in the path of the storm was left untouched. Some were not badly damaged, but all were more or less injured.

The first serious damage done was on the farm of John Olson, where his barn was lifted from the foundation and carried some distance and smashed. A boy named Efulfoos, aged about twelve years, was in the barn at the time and was killed by being struck with the heavy timbers. The tornado made its pathway directly through the center of the city, taking barns and small buildings in its course and completely demolishing them. Large trees were uprooted and carried away. The most serious damage occurred at the brick building owned and occupied by Paul Gatzke, in which there were eleven people, some going in for shelter from the storm. The building was completely wrecked. The following were in the building and were killed:

- H. E. Wait, Republican candidate for representative, of the town of Warsaw. Johnnie Rohrer, Morristown village. Elmer Brooks, Morristown village. Jake Weber, Jr., Morristown town. Frank Pittman, Waterville.

Otto Gatzke, son of the owner of the building, Morristown village.

The injured are: Paul Gatzke, Morristown village, body badly bruised, will recover; Frank Wilder, Morristown village, head badly cut and several ribs broken, will probably recover; Porter White, Morristown village, head cut and leg fractured; W. Pittman, Waterville, son of Frank Pittman, who was killed, injured internally and both legs broken, cannot recover.

Morristown has had two great misfortunes in less than a year. There were two great fires, the first nearly wiping out the entire business portion, and which was followed by a second in several months later, and now comes the tornado, which has caused so many deaths and so much loss of property.

FANCHER MAY RESIGN.

Republican Candidate for Governor of North Dakota Springs a Sensation.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 27.—Rumors of what promises to be the greatest political sensation of the state were current last night. It is reported that Gov. Fancher, who was renominated by the Republicans, has informed the party leaders that he wishes to resign. There is confirmation of the story from the fact that the Republican state central committee has been notified by telegram to meet at Grand Forks today on important business, but no details are given. It is claimed Fancher's resignation is due to continued ill health. He is also of a most sensitive disposition, and repeated attacks by a large number of Republican newspapers in the state have disgusted the executive to such a degree that he is willing to forego further political preferment for personal peace and comfort.

WAR ON OSTEOPATHS.

Wisconsin Medical Board Says They Are Not Lawful Practitioners.

La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 27.—A Milwaukee special to the Republican and Leader says the medical examiners, who held their last meeting in this city, will take steps to prosecute all osteopaths in the state, claiming that they are not recognized by the Wisconsin statutes as physicians. Local practitioners deny the charge, and say that they will fight the case before the supreme court. The board consists of the best physicians in the state. Attorneys seem to think their stand is a correct one.

SHORT IN HIS FUNDS.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 27.—It is believed upon investigation that there is a shortage of \$3,000 to \$5,000 in the accounts of the late George F. Chester, former clerk of the district court, who died recently in Superior under circumstances that indicated suicide.

Plague of Mites.

Kasson, Minn., Sept. 27.—The farmers of this locality are complaining of the number of mites that are in their barns. They are supposed to come from off the English sparrow and are so numerous that they get on the horses and cause their hair to drop out. No way of getting rid of the pests has yet been found.

Burned to Death.

Hedrick, Iowa, Sept. 27.—The barn of Henry Osterfoss was burned last evening and Mrs. Osterfoss was incinerated in the building. No one saw her enter the barn and she was not missed until her remains were found in the ruins. It is not known how the fire originated.

Rain Responsible for Deficit.

Vermillion, S. D., Sept. 27.—The rainy season raised havoc with the Clay county fair this year, and as a result only two days' admissions were secured, which leaves a deficit of several hundred dollars. Had rain not caused the closing of the fair the association would have cleared money. The managers are not discouraged, however.

Charged With Fraud.

Albert Lea, Minn., Sept. 27.—John T. Nelson, who was a grain and stock buyer at Norman, Iowa, just returned here from Ward county, N. D., in charge of the sheriff. He is charged with getting \$900 from the Bank of Emmons in a fraudulent manner.

Incendiarism.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Sept. 27.—Incendiarism made an unsuccessful attempt to burn the cooper shop belonging to the Fergus Falls mill last night, but the fire was extinguished before it gained much headway.