

News of the Northwest

A \$40,000 FIRE.

A Number of Commission Firms Are the Losers.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 25.—There was a startling and quite destructive fire at the Centra market last evening, when the Gamble-Robinson commission company and other commission concerns sustained losses aggregating about \$40,000. The loss is quite well covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the premises of the Gamble-Robinson company, probably from electric wires. It spread with great rapidity. When the firemen arrived on the scene the blaze had assumed big proportions, and this, with a high wind prevailing, caused much alarm.

SHIPPING FLOUR TO AFRICA.

Boer War Does Not Affect the Business So Far as La Crosse Is Concerned.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 25.—The Listman Mill company shipped 1,200 barrels of flour to South Africa late yesterday and state that the Boer war is affecting the trade with that country very little at the present time. They do not agree with Col. Hughes, who stated in a dispatch from Coburg that it was foolish to ship flour in packages larger than 100 pounds. The local company contends that the larger the package the less moisture is absorbed.

PRISONER HANGS HIMSELF.

Accomplishes Self-Destruction by the Use of a Handkerchief.

Minneapolis, Oct. 25.—Henry C. Landre of St. Paul committed suicide in the Hennepin county jail at Minneapolis. Landre was arrested during the forenoon for attempting to steal the poor box in a Catholic church. He was captured by the assistant pastor of the church. Landre was taken to the jail and placed in a cell. A short time after he was found hanging to a window bar. He had knotted a handkerchief around his neck, tied it to the bar and then raised his feet from the floor. When found he was dead.

ITALIAN LABORER KILLED.

His Skull Was Crushed by a Falling Rock.

St. Paul, Oct. 25.—Pasquale Strafoline, an Italian laborer, was killed in the Burlington yards at the foot of Dayton's bluff yesterday afternoon. He was loading gravel on a flat car when a large boulder became dislodged high up on the bluff and rolled down, striking him and crushing his skull. He died instantly. He was about forty years old and lived at 110 South Franklin street. He is said to have a wife and family in Italy. He had been working for the Burlington road but a few days.

MURDER AT ASHTON.

Quarrel Among the Crew of a Thresher Results in Fatal Shooting.

Mellette, S. D., Oct. 25.—A shooting affray took place at Ashton, a town ten miles south of here, Saturday. Jack Wilson shot and instantly killed Jack McLean with a shotgun, blowing the top of his head off. They had been working with a threshing crew near Northville, and owing to the high winds the machine shut down and the crew all went to Ashton, and the supposition is that they were drinking and got into a quarrel with the above result.

HIS NECK BROKEN.

Prominent Citizen of Marshall Meets Instant Death.

Marshall, Minn., Oct. 25.—Martin B. Drew, a resident here a quarter of a century and prominent a few years ago in legal circles, also in Democratic councils, fell from a staging while building a granary and broke his neck. He was picked up dead. He was a native of Vermont and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Probably Drowned.

Baraboo, Wis., Oct. 25.—Sidney Waerman, a wealthy farmer whose home is near Kilbourn, has disappeared, and it is feared he is dead. Saturday he went hunting and his gun was found against a tree on the edge of the Wisconsin river, the bank of which is very steep and rocky. It is thought that Waerman, who is subject to epileptic fits, fell into the river and was drowned. He was forty-two years old and unmarried.

Weds a St. Paul Man.

Hastings, Minn., Oct. 25.—Jacob Stepka of St. Paul and Miss Katherine Vitcheck of this city were married at the Church of the Guardian Angels yesterday at 9 a. m. The Rev. J. A. Powers of Stillwater officiating. Miss Annie Stepka of St. Paul, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and Michael Vitcheck of this city, brother of the bride, best man. A reception was held last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vitcheck, in the first ward.

Died in Dentist's Chair.

Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 25.—Mrs. Chris Kopp, the wife of a prominent German farmer living near Mapleton, Iowa, died in the dentist's chair of chloroform. This is a particularly sad case, as the woman leaves six small children. Chloroform was used against the advice of the doctors, but Mr. and Mrs. Kopp both thought the dentist could use the drug safely.

In Jail for Theft.

Blue Earth, Minn., Oct. 25.—A man who has been employed on the farm of John Due, near Winnebago City, was placed in jail here, charged with having stolen a gun and overcoat from his employer. Under duress, the prisoner located the stolen articles.

Second Crop of Strawberries.

Detroit, Minn., Oct. 25.—As an example of Minnesota climate a farmer near here was to-day exhibiting some wild strawberries picked yesterday in his meadow.

P. H. KELLY DEAD.

Pioneer Merchant of Minnesota Passes Away Suddenly.

St. Paul, Oct. 25.—Patrick H. Kelly, a leader among St. Paul's pioneer merchants, politicians and public-spirited citizens, died last evening. Mr. Kelly's death came suddenly and was entirely unexpected by his relatives and friends. He was at his place of business Monday and seemed perfectly well. Yesterday, however, he was slightly indisposed and remained at home. Dr. C. E. Smith, the family physician, was called in the afternoon, but thought it was only a slight indisposition, and stated that there was no cause for special alarm. About 8:50, while sitting in a chair in his room Mr. Kelly suddenly gasped and fell back, dead. He was conscious to the last, and a moment before the fatal stroke had asked for food. Death was due to weakness of the heart. Mr. Kelly had for several years been a sufferer from kidney disease, complicated with dropsy. He was sixty-nine years old.

CAN NO LONGER FOLLOW CLAIMS.

State Cut Off From Aiding Pension Claimants.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 25.—Minnesota men that served in the Twelfth, Thirtieth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth regiments may be prevented from receiving disallowed portions of claims for back pay, arrearages and extra pay, representing several thousands of dollars, through the decision of the auditor for the war department that he will no longer furnish to Adj. Gen. Lambert a statement of the disposition of the claims made by the state. The decision affects 1,200 claims now pending.

Portions of such claims are often disallowed. Checks for the balances are sent direct to the applicant and with the acceptance of these the right of appeal to the controller of the currency for the remainder is lost. Through the statements from the auditor the adjutant general was able to warn applicants to reserve the right of appeal. These statements will no longer be sent, and the state has no means of following its claims. The auditor for the war department takes the unusual ground that these claims are "private matters," and that the state has no authority to demand statements.

Gov. Lind took the matter up with Secretary Gage without results. Other efforts are now being made to secure a reversal or modification of the decision.

REGENTS ARE OPPOSED.

Will Not Establish a Commercial Department at the University.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 25.—The university regents have practically decided against the proposition to establish a commercial department in the university. It is understood that President Northrop does not favor the idea and that the board is practically a unit against it. Dr. W. W. Folwell had considered the idea, and after he had argued in favor of a commercial department, bankers and other business men of prominence in Minneapolis had gotten out a petition which was presented to the regents. The latter are not likely to take any action on the matter, but will let it die a bornin'. The regents think that it would be unwise to go to too great an expense in establishing a new branch of instruction, when the beneficiaries would be very limited in number.

COST OF INSANE.

Figures From the State Institutions Showing County and State Shares.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 25.—The total cost of caring for the insane in Wisconsin for the year ended Sept. 30 is \$452,097.78. The amount paid by the state for the care of the insane in county asylums, as certified by the board of control to the secretary of state is \$366,876.08, which is about \$12,400 less than last year. Of this amount the state pays \$271,242.01, and the counties not operating asylums, \$95,633.17. The amount certified for collection from counties for patients in the state hospital is \$34,556.34, in the Northern hospital, \$50,665.36.

SHOT HIS SWEETHEART.

Percy Baker Attempts the Life of Nettie Larson at Halstad.

Halstad, Minn., Oct. 25.—Percy Baker, a former conductor on this line, shot his sweetheart, Miss Nettie Larson, while they were out for a walk near her home, two miles south of here. They have been lovers for many years, and Percy had been waiting to get a divorce from his wife, when he said he would marry Miss Larson. She refused to continue her relations with him, which impelled him to his rash act.

POISONED THE WATER.

Members of Eight Families Taken Ill in Wisconsin.

Fond du Lac, Oct. 25.—The members of eight different families living in the vicinity of Armory and McGilliam streets are very ill and one is in a very dangerous condition. An examination of the well where these families get their drinking water supply shows that carbolic acid has been placed in the water. The discovery has caused a great deal of excitement, as it is believed that the poison was placed there by some one with criminal intentions.

Mysterious Postal Robbery.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 25.—Postoffice Inspector Dorman has gone to Grand Forks to investigate a mysterious postal robbery. Two registered packages, one containing \$1,000 and the other \$2,000, were stolen.

DOLLAR AN HOUR

Is the Wages in Dawson—Mammoth Tusk Found.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Capt. Laggas, of the steamer Morning Star expressed much confidence in the future of the Klondike. At Dawson a large amount of gold dust is now awaiting transportation. No man works for less than a dollar an hour at Dawson. In prospecting Capt. Laggas found part of a mammoth's tusk twenty feet under ground. It is eight feet long and the ivory is well preserved.

SHOT BY A COMPANION.

William Jacobs of Dane County, Wis., Accidentally Killed.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 26.—William Jacobs, twenty-three years old, was accidentally shot and killed while hunting with a party of three others in the eastern part of Dane county, near the town line between Deerfield and Medina. Two of the party were brothers of young Jacobs, and a fourth, who held the gun from which the fatal shot was fired, was Otto Dietrich, a lad of sixteen. They had started for the woods to hunt rabbits. Young Jacobs was killed instantly. The other boys were so badly frightened that none of them could tell how the accident happened except that the gun was discharged. A coroner's jury was summoned by Justice Thompson, and after an inquest, returned a verdict of accidental death by shooting.

TO SAVE SENATOR DAVIS' FOOT.

An Abscess Resulting From Blood Poisoning Is Opened.

St. Paul, Oct. 25.—Senator C. K. Davis passed through a most successful operation at his home, 130 Farrington avenue, yesterday afternoon, and it is now believed that amputation of one of the toes on his right foot will not be necessary. Dr. Stone, Dr. Lancaster and Dr. Rothrock performed the operation, making an incision between the toes to allow the contents of an abscess to escape. Since blood poison became manifest several weeks ago his right foot was so highly inflamed that it was believed it would be necessary to cut off one or more of the toes. The result of yesterday's work puts a different light on the case, and it is now thought that his speedy recovery is assured.

VER YSERIOUS CHARGE.

Duluth Man Arrested for Alleged Indecent Assault.

Duluth, Oct. 26.—A rumored sensation of the past three days culminated in the arrest of an old and prominent citizen of Duluth, Roswald H. Palmer, for alleged indecent assault. The complaint is made by Humane Officer H. C. Withrow, and the names of A. M. Musolf and Mary Makowski, thirteen years old, are used in the complaint. He refuses to discuss the matter. Mr. Palmer is married, well off, and has been identified with the iron and land business for some years.

MAMMOTH RAFT.

A Record-Breaker, Valued at \$625,000, Passes Down the Mississippi.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 26.—The Wisconsin steamer John H. Douglass and satellite passed here with the largest raft that has ever floated the Mississippi river, according to old rivermen. It contained over 9,360,000 feet of lumber, besides huge quantities of lath and shingles. The value of the lumber alone, at a minimum estimate, is \$625,000. It was fifty-two cribs long and eight wide, each crib containing 18,000 feet of lumber. The ordinary rate is fifteen cribs long.

MANY RUSSIANS COMING.

Four Hundred and Fifty Families to Locate in Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Oct. 26.—James L. Gates of this city has arranged with 450 Russian families of Odessa to locate on lands in Chippewa county. This means about 2,000 people, and they will be located near the new town of Ladysmith, on the Soo road. C. T. J. Moller, formerly of this city, is Mr. Gates' agent in Russia, and he writes that the emigration project has attracted a great deal of attention.

SEIZURE BY GAME WARDEN.

Two Tugs and All Nets of A. Booth & Co. Seized.

Bayfield, Wis., Oct. 26.—State Game Warden Bissinger seized the fishing tugs Camp and Anderson and all the nets belonging to A. Booth & Co., at their fishing grounds on Lake Superior, and arrested the captains of both tugs for unlawful fishing. Bayfield is headquarters for the fishing grounds on Lake Superior, and this will tie up a large number of fishermen. The outcome will be watched with interest.

M'DERMOTT NOT KILLED.

Irish Soldier is With Cronje on the Isle of St. Helena.

Milwaukee, Oct. 26.—Relatives of Frank McDermott in this city have received a letter from the chaplain of an Irish regiment that fought against the British in the Boer war, saying that young McDermott was captured with Cronje and taken to St. Helena. It was supposed that McDermott was dead.

Ore Shipments Increase.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 26.—Receipts of iron ore at the Mesaba docks are more liberal of late. The steamer Holden loaded and got away after waiting a week for a cargo. There were fourteen cargoes of ore forwarded from here Tuesday. Thirteen cargoes of lumber moved out of the harbor for the twenty-four hours ending at midnight.

More Lightning Rod Swindles.

Prescott, Wis., Oct. 26.—Several farmers in the town of Hartland, about thirty miles east of here, were victimized last week by lightning rod sharks. This old dodge seems to work readily with a few changes.

Took His Own Life.

Glendive, Mont., Oct. 26.—Last night George Mors shot himself with suicidal intent and died shortly after. He was about twenty-five years old. Financial embarrassment was the cause.

RUIN WOULD FOLLOW BRYAN'S ELECTION

What the Manufacturers of the Country Believe Would Happen

Manufacturers and their immediate customers are beginning to get themselves in shape for the dull times that they know would ensue in the event of the election of Mr. Bryan. Reports from all over the country indicate that "Bryan" clauses are soon to be the rule in signing new contracts. The latest is a contract entered into between the New Haven Carriage company and the J. Curley company of Brooklyn. The contract specifies that the New Haven company shall furnish the Curley company with a certain number of carriages at a certain price until November 15th, 1901. With the contract received by the Curley company was the following letter from the New Haven company:

"We inclose herein agreements signed. You will notice that we have made an indorsement at the bottom. Will you please indorse this yourself? It is just as good policy for you to indorse it as it is for us, for you do not wish to be bound down by anything in case of such adverse circumstances as would occur in the event of Bryan's election."

The indorsement reads: "This agreement to be null and void in case William J. Bryan is elected president of the United States in November, 1900."

Other large concerns are indorsing important contracts in this way, their managers well knowing that a long season of business depression would follow the success of the Democratic ticket. A large Philadelphia dry goods house in placing contracts abroad insists that the contracts be similarly indorsed.

The business men know what four years of Bryanism would mean to them and the working people are equally aware of the fact. If these classes are not prosperous, they will be unable to consume as much of the products of the farm as they would in the event of Republican success, and the farmer knows the value of having an era of prosperity among those who eat and wear his products.

PATRIOTISM NOT IMPERIALISM.

"Was it imperialism that like a mighty torrent swept across this great prairie state and called to arms your boys in 1861? Was it imperialism that caused thousands of the boys, young and aggressive and equally as patriotic as you, to respond to the nation's call in 1898? Those boys who went forth two years ago went to keep the old flag here, to defend it at Santiago, San Juan, Cavite and to keep it from defilement at the hands of Aguinaldo and his Tagal Malays, and all the sympathizers both abroad and at home. No imperialism in that; simply patriotism—a term unknown to some of our boy orators. I say to you that when any one tries to scare you about the attitude of the boys of '61, say to them that they went forth, not for gain, but that the flag that went up at Vicksburg, Missionary Ridge, Cavite—carried, too, by those heroes—Dewey, Sampson and Schley—went there to stay; to stay forever, to stay as long as a drop of American blood courses in the veins of our American young men. We all demanded that the war

mine. . . . I must say that I need success more than I need sympathy, and I must say that I have not seen so much greater evidence of getting success from my sympathizers than from those who are denounced as the contrary."

General Schurz did not undertake to conduct the war for President Lincoln after that, but he has never been any too loyal a Republican. He has twice left the party before this campaign, the most notable occasion being when he would not support the late James G. Blaine.

It might be added that Mr. Schurz sees only "Imperialism" in this campaign, and that he joins Mr. Bryan in hiding the financial issue, the most important of all.

National Honor Endangered.

"Although a lifelong Democrat, I cannot refrain from placing myself on record against the party which has elected, since about five years, to espouse the cause of free silver coinage

SCHURZ ON MANY SIDES.

This is not the first campaign in which Carl Schurz has changed about and worked with his former political opponents; nor the first time that he

A Story in Figures

EXPORTS TO ASIA

1895

\$17,325,057

1900

\$64,913,984

EXPORTS TO OCEANICA

1895

\$13,109,231

1900

\$43,390,927

has criticized his own party. In the latter part of 1862 he attacked the conduct of the civil war and gave his opinions to President Lincoln in unmeasured terms. On the 24th of November in that year, Mr. Lincoln wrote him a long letter in which he said: "If I must disregard my own judgment, and take yours, I must also take that of others; and by the time that I should reject all that I should be advised to reject, I would have none left, Republican or others—not even yourself. For, be assured, my dear sir, that there are other men who 'have their hearts in it,' that think you are performing your part as poorly as you think I am performing

and other equally dangerous Populistic fallacies. What I am surprised to find is to hear of many Democratic business men express a doubt as to the necessity of again voting for McKinley on account of the improbability (?) of Mr. Bryan permitting any legislation after his election, which might prove hurtful to the business interests of the country. I shall continue to vote against populism and repudiation and will vote for President McKinley, and will not throw my vote away by voting for a gold Democrat."—Adolph Hirsch, Merchant, New York.

People, as a rule, hear better with their right ear than with their left ear.

A NEBRASKA FARMER DISPROVES BRYAN'S CLAIM

Mr. William Jennings Bryan, the Popo-Democratic candidate for the Presidency, insists that the farmers of the United States have not derived any benefit from the existing prosperity.

A Nebraska farmer proves that Mr. Bryan is wrong. He sends us a statement showing what he realized from his 160-acre farm in 1896 and this year, taking exactly the same qualities of each product from his account books. Thus:

1896	1900
400 bushels wheat at 48c.....\$192.00	400 bushels wheat at 60c....\$240.00
1,200 bushels oats at 14c..... 168.00	1,200 bushels oats at 18c..... 216.00
2,500 bushels corn at 15c..... 375.00	2,500 bushels corn at 30c..... 750.00
13,500 pounds steers at 4c..... 520.00	13,000 pounds steers at 5½c.... 715.00
5,000 pounds hogs at 3c..... 150.00	5,000 pounds hogs at 4.7c.... 235.00
200 pounds butter at 10c..... 20.00	200 pounds butter at 17c.... 34.00
200 dozen eggs at 7c..... 14.00	200 dozen eggs at 12c..... 24.00
	\$2,214.00
	1,419.00
Balance in favor of 1900.....	\$775.00

Mr. Bryan will observe that this Nebraska farmer received over 50 per cent more money this year than he did in 1896, for precisely the same quantities of his products. Mr. Bryan should study the exhibit. It will be interesting to Farmer Bryan, who might compare it with his own account sales this year.

Candidate Bryan should not tell falsehoods about the prices of farm products. If he is still in doubt let him run over to Everett, in his own state, and have a chat with the farmer who supplied these figures.