

MINNESOTA HELPS FARMERS OF STATE

ART DIRECTOR SAYS NO OTHER GOVERNMENT HAS DONE SO MUCH.

PRAISES PLANS FOR HOMES

Innovation Attracts Attention in All Parts of World—Flagg Invites Farm Women to Secure Help from State Commission.

Minneapolis.—Maurice I. Flagg, director of the Minnesota Art Commission, credited the state of Minnesota as being the first government in the world to spend money to help farmers have more comfort and beauty in farm homes, when he spoke at the meeting of the Farm Women's congress in the "Hall of Fame" at the fair grounds.

"The government has spent lots of money to enlighten farmers about hog cholera and how to raise alfalfa, but the first step taken by any government to aid people living in rural communities to have better homes has been taken by the state of Minnesota," he said. He added that Minnesota farmers had shown wonderful appreciation of their opportunity.

Nearly a million house plans have been given out in the past two years in response to requests from farmers, the speaker said.

Attracts World's Attention.

This innovation in Minnesota has attracted attention in all parts of the world, Flagg stated, and he mentioned that Australia, New Zealand, Japan and other far-away countries had sent for copies of the farm-house plans.

Flagg said that it was the hope of the State Art commission to ultimately have a model village at the fair, but that the commission for the present takes great satisfaction from the realization this year of its plan made three years ago for a model farmhouse at the fair grounds.

He invited farm women of Minnesota to get all the help they want in planning farmhouses, and the planning and adornment of front and back yards and farm yards from the State Art commission.

SINGLE TAX LEAGUE MEETS

Denounces Present System of Taxing Improved Property More Than Unimproved.

Duluth.—At the first annual banquet of the Single Tax league of Duluth, Chairman W. F. McEwen, on motion appointed a committee on state organization from the various congressional districts and a committee at large. It is probable the state organization will be called the Minnesota Tax Reform league.

C. J. Buell of St. Paul, read a draft of a code of principles in which the present system of taxing improved property more than unimproved was denounced, and "urging on the next legislature the importance of reducing taxes on buildings and improvements and all products of industry and letting the taxes fall more equally on those who hold land for the rising value that improvements and industry create, thus become enriched through the enterprise and thrift of other people."

7,000 ATTEND COUNTY FAIR

Forty-third Annual Exhibition of McLeod County Agricultural Society Held.

Hutchinson.—The second day of the 43rd annual fair of the McLeod county Agricultural society found the management nearly swamped with entries and ticket sales, and every department, especially live stock, full to overflowing with exhibits. The attendance was above 7,000 with more than 1,200 automobiles on the grounds. Every town or city within 100 miles was represented.

One of the chief points of interest was the rural school industrial exhibit in a large building of its own. The silver cup offered for the best dairy herd was awarded to the Holsteins shown by Ed Ulrich of Biscay. The large purses offered attracted a fine string of horses to the races.

Waseca Pioneer Dies.

Waseca.—Senator Eugene B. Collier of the Sixteenth district passed away at his home in this city after a lingering illness. He was born in Gardner, Mass., in December 1847, coming to Waseca in 1880, where he opened a law office, he being a graduate of Amherst college. Mr. Collier was first elected to the state senate from this district in 1894 and has had the office several terms since. He also had many public offices in this city.

Druggists May Grow Own Herbs.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Pharmacists may combine the business of drug-compounding with scientific growing of medicinal plants and, within a few years, the unsightly "back yards" of drug stores may have blossomed forth into valuable beds of colorful and fragrant herbs, if the hope of retail druggists advanced at the national convention in Minneapolis comes to realization. At present there is a vague "dream" in the eyes of many of the delegates.

POTATO WRECKS STORE.

Winona.—That a potato can assume the proportions of an infernal machine was discovered at Lake City, Minn., when a tuber of unusual size, which Mrs. Carl Workman had placed in her oven to bake, exploded and nearly wrecked the stove. The sides of the oven were plastered with mashed potato. The oven door was blown off and practically all the rivets in the stove will have to be reset.

"BIGGEST CROP IN HISTORY"

Superintendents of County Exhibits at State Fair Express Opinions—Corn is Still Doubtful.

Minneapolis.—Minnesota's small grain crops are the best in history, according to opinions expressed by the superintendents of the various county exhibits at the state fair. "These men radiate a spirit of optimism. Mention of crops brings a smile of huge proportions to their faces. They fairly beam prosperity on visitors to the booths. There is a cordial invitation to step in and see for one's self.

About corn they are not so certain. "Give us two weeks of this weather and we will make a splendid showing," is the general expression. Some counties report that early frosts have not damaged the corn while others are not so encouraging. It is generally thought that with good weather there will be a crop of 40 to 60 per cent of normal.

If early threshing reports are an indication of what may be expected, Minnesota wheat will make a record worthy of tradition. Estimates of the average bushels to the acre vary from 25 to 35 with some much higher for small fields. On the farm of Albert Holstead, eight and a half miles west of Detroit, Minn., a tract of wheat ran 50 bushels to the acre while on another large farm 37 bushels is reported. In Marshall county 20 acres of wheat averaged 42 bushels to the acre, 43 bushels to the acre is reported on the farm of John Kuld of Red Lake Falls, and it is asserted wheat will average 30 bushels in Red Lake county.

LEVEL OF LAKE IS TOO HIGH

Land Owners at Lake of the Woods Tell Commission That Dams Cause Floods.

Warroad.—The level of the Lake of the Woods has been raised about four and a half feet above its natural stage by the dams at Kenora, according to figures submitted to the International joint commission by Engineer Meyers, who has made the survey for the commission. The owners of agricultural lands along the lake, which have been partially submerged, are asking for the restoration of the natural level.

They are represented in the hearing by Congressman Halvor Steenerson, while the water power interests at Kenora, who stand for the highest possible level are represented by Mr. Rockwood of Minneapolis.

Evidence has been given to show that a large amount of damage has already been caused by the high water. Several hundred people were in attendance at the hearing. The commission opened its hearing on the Lake of the Woods levels and the entire population along the shores here was represented.

HIBBING MUST STOP PAVING

Federal District Court Grants Petition of Oliver Mining Company for Restraining Order.

Duluth, Minn.—Hibbing must stop its \$50,000 paving project between the village and its suburb, Alice, until Sept. 18. The Federal district court, sitting at Duluth, granted the petition of the Oliver Mining company for a temporary restraining order upon an ex parte hearing. On Sept. 18 the court will hear arguments for and against making the order effective throughout the pendency of a suit filed by the mining company for a permanent injunction. Mayor Power at Duluth last night said he would appear to oppose it.

Warehouse Burns; \$18,000 Loss.

Minneapolis, Minn.—One of the Malone-Bovey Lumber company's two warehouses at Thirteenth avenue south and Third street burned with a loss of about \$18,000. The warehouse was filled with finished lumber. The company's office was destroyed with the warehouse. Several firemen, including acting Chief "Sandy" Hamilton, were slightly burned and three families living in houses near the warehouse were rescued from their beds.

North German Methodist Conference

New Ulm.—The North German conference of the Methodist church will be held here Sept. 15 to 19. The conference comprises the German Methodist churches of Minnesota, western Wisconsin and eastern North Dakota.

Jury Reports Hospital Charges.

Duluth.—Charges of carelessness on the part of hospital authorities in St. Louis county, so gross as to be a contributory cause of malpractice, comprise part of the report of the September grand jury just submitted to District Judge Pesler. The jury charges present conditions are such that a person may enter "any of the hospitals and perform serious major operations merely by representing himself as a surgeon." It is further alleged that no investigation of a surgeon's standing ever is conducted.

READY FOR BATTLE WITH HOG CHOLERA

STATE BUILDS \$10,000 LABORATORY FOR PRODUCTION OF SERUM.

EVENTS AT STATE CAPITOL

Interesting and Important Happenings of the Past Few Days Selected and Arranged for the Convenience of Busy Readers.

St. Paul.—With the erection of a \$10,000 building at the University of Minnesota agricultural college, now under construction, the plant for the manufacture of hog cholera serum will be complete in every detail and the work of manufacturing the serum, whose use may be the means of saving millions of dollars to Minnesota farmers, can be conducted on a scale adequate to meet the demands of the hog raisers in the state. Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, assistant veterinarian in charge said.

The building, which is of brick, is to be used as the serum laboratory of the plant. There are five other buildings now in use, two of them big hog sheds where the hogs used in manufacturing the serum and virus are kept. Much of the work since the manufacture of the serum began in 1908 has been done in other buildings at a disadvantage, but at the recent session of the legislature, \$10,000 was appropriated for the final addition and \$20,000 for maintaining the plant for two years.

The first manufacture of hog cholera serum began at the university farm in 1908. In that year, 25,000 cubic centimeters of it was manufactured. This amount was trebled in 1909, while in 1910 there was manufactured 150,000 c. c., in 1911, 240,000 c. c., and in 1912, 250,000 c. c.

An epidemic of hog cholera swept over the middle western states in 1913. At that time the losses in Minnesota alone were estimated to be \$5,000,000.

School Losses State Aid

By persisting in using the Bible in its schools and giving religious instruction to pupils, the Mankato high school will lose \$10,000 aid from the state.

C. G. Schulz, state superintendent of education, explained that the school was entitled to \$2,200 annual state aid, \$1,800 industrial aid and about \$6,000 as its share of the apportionment for attendance.

The school authorities have been notified of the resolution adopted by the State High School board which denied the Mankato high school further state aid, until it stopped religious instruction.

The board acted in accordance with an opinion given by former Attorney General H. W. Childs, that no religious instruction could be given in the public schools.

Mr. Schulz said there was no way to tell what action may result from the board's resolution to withhold state aid. The school board may start court proceedings in the endeavor to compel the state superintendent to pay over the state aid or find a means of commencing a friendly action to test whether the use of the Bible in the schools is constitutional.

The situation was placed before the high school board by Inspector R. N. Phillips, who investigated and found religious instruction was being given in the Mankato schools.

Governor Returns to Capitol

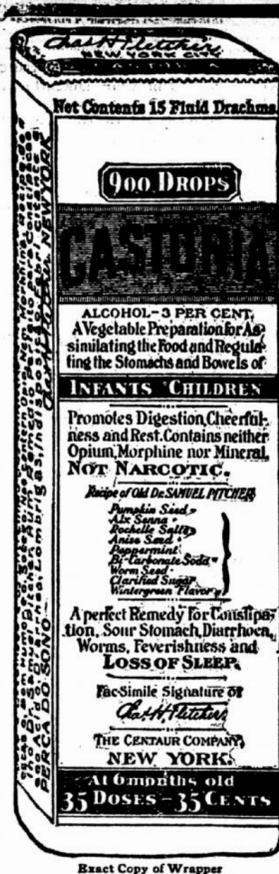
Governor W. S. Hammond has returned to the capitol after an absence of two weeks during which he attended the conference of state governors at Boston. "It was the most successful meeting of the kind that has been conducted since there have been annual meetings of governors," said Governor Hammond. "There were 36 present. The entertainment was on a princely scale, including the mobilization of the national guard of Massachusetts at a cost of \$25,000, and a review of a portion of the United States navy. We attended a dinner given by the Boston city council at which every guest had a private telephone, on which we listened to a long distance conversation between Governor David I. Walsh of Massachusetts and Governor Hiram Johnson of California."

Salaries of Secretaries

An idea of what former private secretaries to Governors of Minnesota earned from notarial commissions in addition to their salaries of \$1,500, was gained when J. A. O. Preus, state auditor, figured out the amount received by the state since January 1. The total is \$4,116 for eight months. This would indicate the secretaries received in previous years about \$7,000 or \$8,000, or more than the Governor's salary. Beginning January 7, the fees were turned into the state treasury.

Timber Board Meets

The state timber board met to consider reports on appraisals of land, which probably will be sold October 15, but took no action, due to the fact that J. A. O. Preus, state auditor, and Walter J. Smith, state treasurer, were out of the city. The question of whether to hire timber cruisers to measure stumps on state land from which timber was cut under Federal permits is expected to be considered. It is planned to ask Congress to pay for the timber, which included about \$75,000 worth.



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Putting His Foot In It.

Niece—I do think you are clever, aunt, to be able to argue with the professor about sociology. Aunt—I've only been concealing my ignorance, dear. Professor Bilks (gallantly)—Oh, no, Miss Knowles. Quite the contrary, I assure you.

A Treat for Ma.

"Yes, we girls are going to camp out. Oh, we are going to take mother along to cook. She needs a vacation."—Judge.

Where the Vacuum Was.

Bill—He's got a new idea for a vacuum cleaner. Jill—Where'd he get it? "Out of his head."

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MIGHTY POWER OF LOVE

Great Truth in Words Which Emerson is Put on Record as Having Spoken.

It was Emerson who said, "An acceptance of the sentiment of love throughout Christendom for a season, would bring the felon and the outcast to our side in tears, with the devotion of his faculties to our service. Love would put a new face on this weary old world, in which we dwell as pagans and enemies too long, and it would warm the heart to see how fast the vain diplomacy of statesmen, the impotence of armies and navies and lines of defense, would be superseded by this unarmed child." Alas that the sentiment has not been accepted, but instead the world and the individual have been laying their plans, and directing their action, by a calculation of chances which, of course, can be no bigger than the human mind that does the calculating. That love has not been tried is proved by the collapse of commercial civilization, and of calculation perish, while the sentiment of love endures, because it is of God, and being of God, is sure in the end to triumph.—Universalist Leader.

Not Warlike.

"Would you go to war if your country called you, Mr. Jobbes?" "I might, and then again I might not." "What do you mean by that?" "If the first call sounded like a mere invitation, I would wait to be sufficiently urged."

Art Discussion.

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