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SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL NEWS.

Death of France's Statesman.

Ex-President Thiers arose early Monday morning, Sept. 3d, and worked until 7:30 when he went for an hour's walk on the terrace, and afterwards wrote until noon. At noon he took luncheon with an appetite, but toward the end of his repast he stammered a few words his mouth contracted, his eyes became covered with a film and he was carried to his bed. The physicians ordered mustard plasters and leeches. Thiers died apparently not aware of his danger. The prostration was complete after twenty minutes had elapsed. To-day a number of well-known politicians went to St. Germain to condole with Madame Thiers, and telegrams of condolence were received from all parts. President McMahon, who is at Mont Brison, upon being informed of the death of M. Thiers immediately telegraphed to Paris to summon a Cabinet council, to arrange the solemnization of the funeral with the greatest pomp. President McMahon thinks that in the presence of such a loss to the country, all divisions should for the time disappear, in order by a great national demonstration to pay honor to one who has rendered such great services to France. President McMahon has sent a telegram of condolence to Madame Thiers, and the official Journal will to-morrow publish a decree that the expenses of the funeral will be borne by the state. It is resolved that the body will be interred in the Invalides. The whole Republican press expresses profound and sincere sorrow. Private telegrams from the provinces, show that M. Thiers death is regarded throughout the country as a national calamity. Most of the evening papers appear with black borders, and even papers opposed to M. Thiers generally render homage to the illustrious patriot, although they mingle with their praise disapproval of his most recently-expressed opinions. M. Thiers leaves two wills: One relates to his fortune, the best part of which goes to Mrs. Thiers and her sister; the other is political and literary, and will be executed by M. Barthelmy St. Hilaire. The sketch of a manifesto which M. Thiers was to have addressed to France before the elections has been found in his papers. Many apprehensions about the effects on the elections and even on the future of the Republican party, in case it should continue in the majority. So long as there was a leader there was almost complete confidence in his prudence and moderation, even after he had retired from the presidency. It was to his influence and authority that Germany continued to look with confidence.

The Crop Prospect in England.

The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the British corn trade says most of England's wheat crop is now cut but the curing of the grain has been greatly delayed by the persistent rain fall which has been experienced in many parts of the kingdom, especially in the northern counties. Fortunately the temperature has not been unseasonable, so the damage from sprouting has not been so great as would have been the case had the wheat been normally warm. Disastrous reports reach us from Scotland, where the storms and rainfall have wrought irreparable damage, both in cereals and hay, which has fairly rotted on the ground under the excessive moisture. The harvest in the north would have been three weeks or a month late under any circumstances, but the recent storms render it problematical when the crops will be secured. The weather has also been unfavorable for potatoes and the disease has been spreading in an alarming manner. The yield of cereals taken together is decidedly bad throughout the kingdom and the condition in which a good deal of wheat has been gathered and stacked render it improbable that offerings at principal markets will be on anything but a limited scale for several weeks to come. The quality of the new grain is decidedly inferior to last year, and a considerable admixture of dry foreign will be required to render it fit for present use.

The President Invited to a Southern City.

The city council of Augusta, Ga., passed the following resolution unanimously: Whereas, since his inauguration as President of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes has shown his intention of administering the great trust confided to his keeping in strict accordance with the constitution and laws of the country; has endeavored to purify the civil service of the government; has restored local self-government to the South; has manifested a sincere desire to destroy sectional feeling, to heal the wounds of the war and give peace to a portion of the Union so greatly in need of its blessings and, whereas these things entitle him to the respect and approval of all good citizens, irrespective of party.

Resolved, That as a mark of the esteem in which we hold him, we, the common council of Augusta hereby extend an invitation to the President and such members of his cabinet as may attend him, to visit the city of Augusta during his Southern tour, and pledge to him a cordial welcome on the part of all our citizens.

Brigham Young's Funeral.

An immense concourse of people from all parts of the Territory assembled at Salt Lake, on the 2d, to attend the funeral of Brigham Young. There were probably 12,000 or 15,000 persons in the tabernacle. The body was exhibited until 11 a. m. Religious services commenced at 12 and continued until 2. Remarks were made by Woodruff, Hyde, Cannon and Tyler, eulogistic of the deceased and the great work he had performed. The body was enclosed in a plain rosewood coffin, and was borne to the grave by the employes of the late president. The cortege was preceded by a band and followed by the family, the different orders of priesthood and adherents, all on foot. The order of Brigham Young as to the disposition of his remains, written in 1873, was read, but nothing from him: yet as to the leadership, or disposition of his property.

Heavy Robbery of An Official.

At Waukaponetha, Ohio on the night of the 5th between nine and ten o'clock, the

county treasurer, on his way home from a Catholic festival, was captured almost in the center of the town, gagged, carried down an alley, held a prisoner till midnight, and then taken to the court-house and subjected to a severe ordeal of fire, was placed between his feet as he lay on the floor. He was compelled to divulge the combination of the county safe, and some \$40,000 were taken therefrom. Mr. Meyers, the treasurer, was discovered next morning in a helpless, suffocating condition, his wrists, feet, mouth and face bearing witness of much suffering. Meyers was the outgoing treasurer, and should have delivered up the office the first of September, but owing to some delay in the settlement of accounts, was still in possession.

A Bad State of Affairs.

A dispatch from Wilkesbarre, speaking of the strike of the miners, says: "There is every reason to believe the worst features of communism will soon crop out. The agricultural districts are beginning to feel the effects of the lawless demands of bands. So-called committees are scattered through the country and wherever their requests for provisions is denied, force is used. Barns, orchards, stock yards and cellars are indiscriminately plundered; valuable cows killed and their hides left where they were slaughtered. Itinerant peddlers are plundered of their packs, potato fields are invaded and their produce carried off. Gov. Hartranft has determined to place a regiment of three months' men in the disturbed districts to cooperate with the regulars.

The Advancing Tide of Reform.

After a full consideration, it has been determined by the President that the public interests will be better served by the appointment of new officers for the three leading positions in the new York custom house. At the extra Cabinet meeting on the 6th, the only matter considered was the New York custom house appointments. Owing to reforms having been made, it was concluded to make changes in all the principal custom house appointments including collectors and surveyors such changes to be made at the convening of Congress.

Terrible Loss of Life in a Burning Building.

A large piano factory comprising an entire block, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, New York, was burned on the 3d, and in consequence of the lack of water and the dryness of the building, a terrible loss of life, variously estimated at from ten to one hundred, is reported. These were men and girls, employes of the factory, many of whom were engaged in the upper rooms and whose retreat was cut off by the rapid spreading of the flames below.

General Advance in Freights.

The general freight agents of western trunk lines have made an advance on freights by reclassifying the articles which have been shipped at 30 cents per hundred, such as grain, meat, etc., putting them on the fourth class, of which the rate is 35 cents from Chicago to New York. This advance begins September 4th, but is contingent upon a corresponding advance from St. Louis. The rate to Boston is 40 cents, to Philadelphia 33 cents and Baltimore 32 cents.

Efforts to Reopen Cotton Claims.

Efforts have been made recently on the part of claim agents to get the treasury department to re-open a number of their cotton cases which were rejected under previous administrations. Thus far secretary Sherman and assistant secretary French have decided against all these applications and refused to refer the cases to solicitor Raynor for an opinion which the persons were very desirous should be done.

No Trouble in Alaska.

Capt. J. W. White, of the United States revenue marines, who was sent to Alaska to investigate the condition of the people, reports to Secretary Sherman that no trouble exists and none is likely to arise except from the excessive use of intoxicating drink distilled by the Indians and half breed Russians. He recommends that the troops be removed and an armed vessel visit the principal villages on the coast every two or three months.

Hayes and Party at Marietta.

President Hayes and family consisting of his wife and two sons, and accompanied by Postmaster General Key and attorney General Devens attended the reunion of the soldiers at Marietta Ohio on the 7th, and was enthusiastically received by the large crowd present. The President and Generals Key and Devens all made speeches which elicited loud applause.

A Little Better Prospect.

Further investigation into the affairs of the State savings bank of Chicago, has resulted in the discovery of a number of new notes which will figure as available assets, and will probably bring the assets to a million dollar or over, and render an eventual payment of thirty to forty cents on the dollar possible.

The Great Forgery.

It is stated the detectives have traced the \$84,000 check on the Union Trust company of New York and have fastened the guilt upon two clerks, one in the Union Trust company and one in the New York life insurance company. On the 6th, the counsel for Nelson A. Gesner, indicted for complicity in the forgery, presented a petition for habeas corpus, returnable forthwith.

Mob Law in Kentucky.

Robert, James and Samuel Goodrich, and James Simmons, were taken from jail and hung by a mob Monday night, at New-castle, Ky. They were charged with murdering a number of persons in Owen and Henry counties.

Three young swells are seated on a bench in the Tuileries Garden with a young woman, and one of them dances on his knee a child of 3, beautiful as an angel. A lady passing, struck with the child's beauty, pauses and says to the young man, "Your child, sir?" The three young swells arise, bow deeply, and answer in chorus, "Yes, m."

THE CONFLICT IN THE OLD WORLD

The serious defeat of the Russians on the River Lon, on the 30th, has been confirmed. Popka has been abandoned and the Russian position completely turned. The Turks are continuing the pursuit. Baker Pasha who made the Turkish cavalry charge, and who had two horses shot under him is, with Capt. Briscoe of his staff, reported missing. It seems that since the lull in fighting Monday, the Turks have been preparing a returning movement, for besides the attempts to turn the position on Shipka Pass in the direction of Gabrova, Turkish forces have been sent within the last few days on some other lines of passage across the Balkans to the east and west of Shipka. One column was seen in the direction of the Kalifer river, to the northeast of Drenova, having probably made its way across by the Triavna pass. Another is said to appear in the valley of the Vidima and Beutinsk, to the southeast of Selvi, having probably made their way across the Trajan or Rosalita pass. They may be only irregular or flying detachments, but it is also probable they are different links of a combined operation which may gradually develop itself.

Osman Pasha telegraphs from Plevna on the 31st as follows: We have made an offensive reconnaissance in force against the Russian fortified position at Plichad (probably Polish of the maps), 5 miles east of Plevna, and encountered the enemy one-half hour's march from Plichad, and after two hours desperate fighting the enemy fled. We carried three redoubts by assault, captured a gun, many horses and arms. The Russians, who numbered 30,000, lost heavily; we slightly. A Russian official dispatch, September 1st, says: All is quiet towards Ruzschuk, Osman Bazar, Lafschia and Balkan passes. There was fighting before Plevna August 31st, from 8 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon. The Turks numbered 25,000 and were repulsed along the whole line. Russian loss 600.

A Russian official dispatch, dated Garmy Studen, Sept. 3d, says Lavatz was yesterday carried by assault by the Russian troops under Generals Mertinsky and Skabelof. The Russians are continually receiving reinforcements, and provisions are being prepared for a new Russian corps numbering 20,000 men, now entering Roumania. The London Times article shows the needlessness of the present war, its excessive costliness in men and money far outweighing its possibilities for good, and the danger of an eventual Russian failure; from all of which the Times concludes the present moment is propitious for intervention and that Germany and England ought to take the initiative to bring about a truce.

The Russian success at Lovatz leaves Osman Pasha with a hostile force on both flanks. Either defeat at Plevna or an attempted withdrawal may result in the destruction of his army, unless the Russians are compelled to weaken their forces on that side to meet Mehmet Ali's advance from Rasgrad. The latter seems to place the czarowitch's army in a position very similar to Osman Pasha's. If Turkish accounts may be trusted, a Turkish force has crossed Lom and reached the neighborhood of Oberlini, while another force has crossed Kara Lom to Palomarka. These corps are understood to be operating against Biela, but they jeopardize the whole Russian campaign east of the Yantra, as well as communications with Tirnova.

A correspondent at Poreidin says September 5th: I arrived here last night from Lovatz. When I left a heavy force of Turks were on the hill on the northwest of Lovatz, and artillery and infantry firing was going on. The Turks may have been reinforced from Plevna, which arrived too late. Osman Pasha may be sending troops to keep open the line of retreat to Schipka. Prince Charles, of Romania, is here in command of the Russian line facing Plevna. There are two divisions of Roumanian troops here. The Turks showed themselves on the afternoon of the 6th, but retired into their works before Plevna without doing anything. We are expecting the close of the Plevna business very soon, and a Turkish Sedan as the result.

The Rats that Sherman Left Behind in His March to the Sea.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

Atlanta has become so thoroughly infested with rats that their destruction has become a matter of very serious importance. The ruthless invader of our state-rooms, granaries and coops, is the regular wharf rat—or Norway rat as it is called. Is an importation and not a native production. It is said that it came with Sherman's army to Atlanta, being brought hither in the forage for the horses that was shipped out from New York. He is a perfect monster, is as large as a small kitten, has huge thighs and fore-shoulders, possesses enormous strength, is combative and plucky, and his cruel, rapacious face is ornamented with a pair of flowing moustaches. He has bred with incredible rapidity since his introduction here, and has literally devoured or driven off the modest, inoffensive and old-fashioned little gray rat, that innocent, easily-satisfied vegetarian, that may be termed "the rat of our fathers." A more harmless little rodent than our little rat of ante-bellum times can hardly be imagined. He was accepted without a murmur, and really taken as a sort of pleasure joke. [He figures in history as a decent, gentlemanly rat, that cracked an occasional grain of corn, or licked syrup, once in a while, from its tail that it had dropped into some sweet jug. He figures in history in such pleasant episodes as the visit of the country rat to the city, and in poetry as the rat that eat the malt that lay in the house that Jack built. He did no harm, and was liked and tolerated on all hands. But this new rat, born in the throes of revolution, and growing amid the fierce turbulence of this latter day, is a blood-thirsty and abnormal scoundrel. He despises the mild and musty corn, or the tranquil jam upon which the rat of our fathers fed, and when he wants a lunch he rushes out into your yard, seizes a half-grown chicken, and clapping its throat-latch with its sharp teeth, throws the palpitating corpse over his shoulders and gallops back to his den

to wallow in warm gore. These huge rats can be seen in large numbers galloping about the stores, along the street at night. It is almost impossible to raise poultry anywhere in the city. The rats kill young chickens and ducks with the greatest ease, and during last winter, on one occasion, entered one chicken-coop, and pulled from its roost and destroyed a full-grown hen. They kill ground pigeons frequently. They do not confine themselves to the city, but are spreading into the country. They move in troops of a score or so, carrying destruction to the barnyards and granaries, and consternation to the rural districts. They will attack a man when they are pressed in a corner. On such occasions, when flight is impossible, they will fly at their pursuer in blind rage, and generally succeed in closing their teeth through his flesh somehow. The bite of this little animal is actually poisonous. Captain. E. M. Roberts was bitten by one, and his hand is now shriveled all around the bite. Mr. Harwell was bitten, and it was feared his arm would have to be amputated. Mr. Dickson was bitten, and was sick for weeks. The poison instilled is virulent and obstinate.

Minnesota News.

HOUSTON.

On the 27th ult., the train on the Southern Minnesota road was thrown from the track at a point nine miles west of Hokah, by sand which had been washed down and lodged on the track during the heavy storm of the night previous. The engineer jumped and escaped without injury, but the fireman, Daniel Gates, was instantly killed.

SIBLEY.

The school house in the town of Faxon known as District School, No. 42, was burned on the night of the 27th ult. No insurance. Charles Ballard, of Green Isle, while at work upon a threshing machine, had his leg caught in the cylinder and was so badly injured that he died within a short time after the accident.

WINONA.

Five years ago T. H. Carver with \$200, a wife and several children came to the State and purchased a farm of 160 acres of H. S. Langdon, situated six miles northwest of Dover Centre, for which he agreed to pay 4,000 bushels of wheat, payable in five years. Then about one hundred acres were plowed; now, except four acres of timber and a few of grass land, the entire farm is under cultivation, and in addition also has a neat dwelling, with all necessary outbuildings and plentifully stocked with machinery, work animals and cattle. This season his wheat crop was above the average and will pay every bushel of his indebtedness. On the 25th ult., three grain stacks on the farm of C. A. Abbott, near Elmira, were set fire to by sparks from the engine which drove the horse power. The stacks and the separator were entirely destroyed.

MEERER.

Bill Collins and Jim Quick, of the township of Dassel, between whom an old feud existed, met in the woods on the 28th ult., when the quarrel was renewed and Collins struck Quick several blows upon the head crushing the skull and injuring him fatally. Collins has been arrested.

CARVER.

The Democratic County Convention will be held at Waconia, Sept. 24th. The jury of inquest upon the body of Martin Fisher found that deceased came to his death from wounds upon the head, inflicted with a club in the hands of one Gustave Neubauer in Waconia on the 12th ult. The County Fair comes off, Sept. 28th and 29th. The fall term of the District court will commence Oct. 1st. Candidates are as thick as hops. E. Harrison is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the legislature from the First District. The average yield of wheat is estimated at 28 bushels to the acre. The house of Theo. Griens of Benton was struck by lightning on the 26th ult. and a fourteen year old son of that gentleman instantly killed.

FILLMORE.

The Rushford hotels are doing a good business. The county fair takes place at Preston, September 19th and 20th.

ANOKA.

The Anoka mills, after a week's suspension on account of the big fire, have commenced running again. On the 20th ult., about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, five men who were engaged in laying brick upon the walls of the court house, were precipitated to the ground, a distance of forty feet, by the giving away of the staging. Two were seriously injured and the other three escaped with slight bruises. The staging had been carelessly built and was heavily lumbered at the time. On the 30th ult., the residence of Isaac Kither, near Round Lake, was struck by lightning and burned with all its contents. The stable of H. W. Emery near by was also struck and burned with some hay and stock.

JACKSON.

Eighty bushels of oats and twenty eight of wheat to the acre are what the farmers near the south end of Heron Lake are averaging. Alex. Fiddes has been appointed postmaster of Jackson, vice M. A. Strong, resigned. On the 28th ult., quite a drove of grasshoppers passed over the town of Christiansa, going east.

ISANTI.

Three small boys, sons of M. E. Peterson of Stanchfield recently killed an extraordinarily large bear which entered the cattleyard at night and being shot through the back, crawled into a pig-pen where he was finally slaughtered.

WATONWAN.

Farmers are already beginning to build upon their farms and otherwise improve them. Drummers are plentiful in the towns along the Sioux City Railroad. Apples over four inches in diameter and finely flavored are raised near Madelia. Ole Howe of Long Lake near St. James threshed 1600 bushels of wheat from 36 acres—an average of nearly 20 bushels to the acre. His oats yielded him nearly 70 bushels to the acre. Jake Barge of South Branch made 30 bushels of wheat to the acre.

WARSHAW.

The Grand Union Fair at Lake City will be the only one held on the line of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. The Catholic Church at Belvidere which is just being completed is one of the finest structures in that region. It is 90 feet long and 50 feet wide with a solid tower 90 feet high above which will loom the spire. Five thieves visited the barn of Warrington Brown of the town of Florence recently, and harnessing his horses to a wagon drove away, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of them. A Scandinavian named Colson was recently kicked in the stomach by a horse at Central Point, with such force that he died a short time afterwards. Lightning struck the residence of H. K. Ferrell of Lake City on the 20th ult., and severely shocked that gentleman and his daughter, Mrs. Baker.

STEELE.

A. L. Knapp of Clinton Falls threshed out 2272 bushels machine measure of wheat

from 70 acres. By weight this will probably yield 2,500 bushels. Part of the land from which this yield was made, has been cultivated for over 20 years. Ezra Town of Owatonna recently had his jaw bone broken and several teeth knocked out by the kick of a horse. The Catholic school building in Owatonna is nearly completed. The Owatonna public school buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and repaired during vacation. A package of love letters written by a young doctor to a young lady, were recently found in a shady nook in the grove surrounding the Owatonna Mineral Springs. J. B. Crooker, formerly of Owatonna, has struck it rich in the Black Hills.

PINE.

Don L. Willard, County Treasurer and Mrs. Lottie Becklin, both of Pine City have been arrested on complaint of the latter's husband for adultery, and held to bail in the sum of \$400, to answer in the District Court. The husband has commenced a suit for divorce and one also against Willard for damages in the sum of \$10,000.

POPE.

The mail between Benson and Glenwood is now carried by way of Swift Falls, Gilchrist, Chippewa Falls and Anderson. The new route from Bank Centre via Raymond, Grove Lake, Otto and Lake Amelia will shortly commence. For this new route George W. Loomer, of Raymond is the contractor.

MURRAY.

On the 24th ult., Joseph Goetzel was brought before Justice W. M. Davis, charged with attempting to commit a rape upon the person of his fifteen year old daughter, and was held to bail in the sum of \$500. Failing to give bail he was ordered to be taken to the Jackson county jail, but he escaped, and is now a fugitive from justice. In extenuation of his offense, he plead that it was the custom of the old country to thus test the chastity of its daughters.

RICE.

A. Deemann, of Lester, had eight sheep killed by the wolves a few nights ago. Buckwheat will be a light crop this year. There was a magnificent yield of wheat in the town of Lester this year. Corn is being cut already. I. N. Donaldson of Bridgewater, is being pressed by his friends for the Republican nomination for Register of Deeds. It is rumored that the insane man in female apparel is roaming about in the Emery neighborhood.

SHE BURN.

Wheat of a better quality than for years past, is being brought freely into Elk River. Elk River, in spite of the hard times, is improving. On account of the low stage of water in the river, the steamer Monticello has been forced to haul off for the present. The dwelling of Mr. Pond, at upper town, was recently struck by lightning, but not materially damaged. A load of wheat that weighed 64 pounds to the bushel, and averaged 28 bushels to the acre, was recently brought to Elk River. Many fields of corn have been cut already.

WRIGHT.

John Towler who a year ago, resided with his wife and family at Atwater, Kandiohi county, and deserting them came with a girl named Petit, to Kokato, where they have resided ever since, was visited on the night of the 23d, by a party of twenty-five masked men armed with a bucket of coal tar, a paint brush and a quantity of "cat-tails" from an adjacent swamp, who took Towler from his bed, and having removed him a short distance from the house, gave him a coat of tar, and top-dressing it with the "cat-tails" ordered him to leave. He left in double quick order. The Elk river is said to be lower than ever seen by white men. Partridges are said to be plentiful in the woods this season. The boys of Clearwater and Monticello are arranging for a base-ball match game. New ones are selling for twenty-five cents a bushel in Buffalo.

FREEBORN.

A barn on the farm of F. J. Jones two miles from Geneva, was burned recently, together with a stable, corn crib, and stack of hay. The Burlington and Cedar Rapids division of the North and South Road has reached a point within three miles of Albert Lea, and expected to reach that point by the night of the 1st. The District Lodge of Odd Fellows for the 2d district, embracing the counties of Mower, Freeborn, Waseca and Steele, will hold its next session in Owatonna, Sept. 18th and 19th. Many farmers have commenced cutting their corn.

LE SUEUR.

The wife of Hon. Jacob Zimmerman died at Tyrone on the 21st. The fall term of the public schools commenced Sept. 3d. The District court convened at Le Sueur Centre the 1st Monday of September.

DODGE.

C. F. Wright had been appointed Postmaster of Concord, vice C. N. Williams resigned. The Catholics of Claremont talk of building a church in that village. Six hundred pocket gophers have been bought by the county at fifteen cents a head. Of this number 500 were killed in Mantorville township. G. W. Slocum has been appointed Superintendent of the poor farm at a salary of \$600 per annum. I using the form of the night of the 28th ult., a zitting struck the house of Mr. Sheridan, 12 miles north of Dodge Centre killing him instantly and badly shocking two other men.

YELLOW MEDICINE.

T. M. Ault & son, who left Granite Falls with flour for the Black Hills, on their trip out lost their way, and getting into the "Bad Lands" were obliged, in order to get water, to spread their blankets at night to catch the dew and then wring them out in the morning. In this way they managed to sustain life for several days and finally got out all right. A farmer, a short distance north of Granite Falls, threshed out wheat that yielded 37 bushels to the acre, while 20 bushels to the acre was the smallest yield on his farm.

Latest Markets.

MILWAUKEE.

GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1, hard, \$1.19; No. 1, \$1.14; No. 2, \$1.04; seller September 1.00%; seller October, 98½c; No. 3, \$1.05. Corn No. 2, 42½c. Oats, No. 2, 27c. Rye, No. 1, 55c. Barley, No. 2, seller September, 69½c @ 70c.

CHICAGO.

FLOUR—Low to fancy, \$5 @ 6.75; Minnesota, \$7.75 @ 8.00; common to fair do., \$6.50 @ 7.50; Minnesota patent, \$8.00 @ 9.00; winter extras, \$5.50 @ 7.00.

GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1, Chicago \$1.10; No. 2, Chicago, \$1.10 cash; \$1.09 @ 1.09½; seller August; 99 @ 99½c seller September; 96½ @ 97c seller October; No. 3 Chicago \$1.03 @ 1.03½ rejected 87c. Corn, 42½c cash; 42½ @ 42½c seller September; 42½c seller October; rejected, 40½c. Oats, 29½c cash; and seller September 29½ @ 29c seller October; rejected, 19c. Rye, 63½c. Barley, 68c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, \$12.27 @ 12.30 cash and seller September; \$12.42 @ 12.45 seller October; \$11.95 @ 12.00 seller the year. Lard, \$8.30 @ 8.33½c cash, and seller September; \$8.40 @ 8.42½c seller October. Bulk meats—shoulders 6½c; short rib, 6½c; clear rib 7c.

Scene laid at a theatrical agency: Agent—"Your line of biz?" Actor—"Low comedy." Agent—"You've played in—?" Actor—"The Stranger," "The Two Orphans," "The—" Agent—"Those ain't comedies." Actor—"That I don't know, but whenever I have played in them I have been received with roars of laughter."