BUSINESS OF ST. PAUL.

RECORD OF A PROSPEROUS CITY.

The Commercial Emporium of the Northwest Makes a Splendid Exhibit of Business for the Year 1877--Nearly Twenty-eight Millions of Wholesale Trade, Over Nine Millions Retail and Nearly Five Millions of Manufactures--Figures which Speak Volumes.

While St. Paul is known and recognized as the great commercial emporium of the Northwest, comparatively few, even of our own citizens, are aware of what that fact signifies. A short time since the Chamber of Commerce employed Mr. W. M. Campbell to obtain the statistics of the wholesale trade of the city for the past year, and we are enabled, as the result, to present the following table this morning, showing an aggregate business of twenty-seven million, eight hundred and fifteen thousand, and seventy-two dollars:

WHOLESALE TRADE OF ST. PAUL FOR 1877.

Style of Business.	Houses engaged.	Persons employed.	Aggregate sales.
Agricultural implements	7	86	$1,027,000
Beer	14	28	322,666
Boilers (steam)	2	4	33,000
Book sellers, stationers, and paper dealers	3	32	480,000
Boots and shoes	2	43	1,450,000
Boxes (paper and wood)	4	6	28,000
Brewers' supplies	1	4	40,000
Brooms	2	8	14,000
Brushes	1	4	40,000
Butter	2	10	50,000
Carpets, oil cloths, etc	3	10	130,000
Cigars and tobacco	40	45	430,000
Coal	1	85	351,000
Commission merchants	15	71	1,671,000
Confectionery	4	8	213,000
Copper and brass articles	2	2	9,500
Crackers	3	4	84,000
Crockery and glassware	3	23	144,000
Clothing	6	32	783,000
Drugs	2	44	820,000
Dry goods	4	181	4,175,000
Flour (mills alone)	6	11	533,600
Fruits, foreign and domestic	2	7	135,000
Furniture	3	6	33,000
Gas fitters and plumbers' supplies	3	6	45,000
Grain	22	86	3,751,000
Grocers	3	100	4,400,000
Gloves	2	3	12,000
Hardware, stoves, etc	8	67	830,000
Harness	1	2	10,000
Hats, caps and furs	3	22	422,000
Hides, pelts, furs, wool, etc.	7	30	977,000
Iron, steel and heavy hardware	2	20	400,000
Leather and shoe findings	1	6	300,000
Lime, plaster and cement	6	9	56,160
Looking glass plates	1	2	5,000
Lumber, lath and shingles	11	64	485,816
Mill machinery, mill and railroad supplies	6	15	241,000
Millinery	5	23	280,000
Oils	1	2	55,000
Oysters, fish and game	1	2	35,000
Photographic stock	1	2	15,000
Pork dealers and packers	6	6	341,000
Pianos, organs, etc	1	4	20,000
Printers' materials	1	2	35,000
Roots (gathered in Minn.)	3	..	53,000
Saddlery and hardware	3	15	249,500
Salt	2	5	47,600
Sash, doors and blinds	3	8	75,000
Seeds	1	6	30,000
Sewing machines	7	32	225,200
Soap, candles, etc	2	3	45,000
Steam heating, ventilating	3	6	40,000
Teas and coffee	4	18	234,000
Toys and fancy goods	2	14	111,000
Trunks, valises, etc	2	3	30,000
Vinegar	1	1	13,000
Watches, jewelry, etc	1	2	15,000
Wagons	2	5	85,000
Wines and liquors	9	44	790,000
RECAPITULATION.			
Houses engaged			265
Persons employed			1,249
Total aggregate sales			$27,815,072

THE RETAIL TRADE FOR 1877.

While the great trade of a commercial metropolis is always in the wholesale department, the retail statistics of St. Paul make no small item, as the following figures prove:

Style of Business.	Houses Engaged.	Persons employed.	Aggregate Sales.
Agricultural Implements	8	27	$317,345
Auctioneers	3	17	202,250
Bakers	13	37	74,900
Booksellers and Stationers	16	38	158,400
Boots and Shoes	50	113	355,630
Book binders, Blank books	3	47	28,800
Carpets, Oil Cloths, etc	4	43	276,200
Cement Pipe	1	2	2,000
Cigars (exclusively)	23	36	64,050
Clothing (ready made)	14	41	351,450
Coal and Wood	10	99	499,487
Confectionery and Fruit	34	45	58,550
Crockery	4	13	61,000
Cutlery	2	3	7,650
Dry-goods	13	103	957,000
Druggists	15	45	220,500
Fish, oysters and game (exclusively)	2	5	31,800
Fire extinguishers	1	2	10,000
Florists	4	6	5,700
Fancy goods	5	14	77,700
Flour and feed (exclusixely)	15	24	109,000
Furniture	10	26	140,350
Engravers	2	4	11,000
Grocers	101	238	1,323,800
Gunsmiths	4	8	47,300
Hair (human) dealers	3	5	5,550
Hardware, stoves, etc	17	44	194,500
Harness	9	29	59,600
Hats, caps, gloves, furs, etc	9	23	192,000
Locksmiths	4	6	6,900
Livery stables	13	85	151,800
Lithographers	3	17	31,778
Marble dealers	4	20	34,000
Mathematical instruments	1	3	6,000
Meat markets	40	107	348,800
Millinery	14	55	69,200
Newspapers	10	131	232,752
Pawnbrokers	3	6	67,000
Photographers	8	24	29,200
Pianos and organs	4	35	184,000
Pictures and picture frames	2	4	16,000
Patent medicines (exclusively)	2	3	6,500
Plumbers and gas fitters	5	36	61,000
Pop, ginger ale, etc	3	12	21,000
Printers, book and job	12	104	134,764
Rubber goods	1	3	8,400
Saloons	187	244	549,775
Safes	2	6	125,000
Second-hand stores	9	22	35,300
Sewing machines	7	17	64,000
Seeds (field, flower and garden)	2	41	6,000
Show cases	1	2	3,000
Shirts	6	10	52,000
Tailors	34	148	224,900
Teas and coffee	2	4	30,000
Tin and sheet iron	17	66	69,500
Toys	8	22	112,500
Trunks	2	4	40,000
Undertakers	7	13	24,700
Vegetables (market house)	..	..	250,000
Wagons, carriages, sleighs, etc	20	35	160,200
Watches, clocks and jewelry	11	28	161,500
Zephyr worsteds	3	14	35,000
RECAPITULATION.			
Houses engaged			842
Persons employed			2,474
Total aggregate sales			$9,206,351

OUR MANUFACTURES IN 1877.

The amount of manufacturing in St. Paul is oftentimes underrated, because we have been too much accustomed to look at our commercial business as the extent of our greatness. Those who have entertained such ideas will do well to peruse the appended table:

Kind of Business.	Houses Engaged.	Persons Employed	Value of Articles Manufactured.
Agricultural implements	2	185	$355,000
Baking powder	1	16	20,000
Boiler manufacturers	2	25	33,000
Bookbinders, blank books	3	47	28,800
Boots and shoes	2	187	525,000
Box manufacturers	45	30	31,000
Breweries	11	94	263,446
Brick	1	9	3,500
Brooms	2	12	14,000
Brushes	1	35	30,000
Carriages, wagons, sleighs	18	151	146,500
Cement pipe	1	2	2,000
Cigars	29	197	128,560
Clothing	4	540	285,000
Confectionery	4	46	182,000
Copper and brass	2	9	6,000
Crackers	2	24	80,000
Cutlery	1	2	3,000
Coffee and spices	2	26	175,000
Coopers	5	13	7,000
Dried beef (cut)	1	3	2,000
Druggists manufacturing	2	9	80,000
Engravers	2	4	7,000
Engines and cars	2	195	191,000
Flour	6	38	583,600
Foundries	1	42	90,000
Furs	5	131	192,000
Furniture	4	26	46,000
Galvanized iron cornices, roofing and roofing material	2	30	76,937
Guns	3	10	7,000
Harness	7	31	42,900
Hat and bonnet bleachers	2	15	2,000
Horse collars	3	24	46,100
Jewelers	1	4	7,000
Lithographers	3	17	31,778
Machinists	4	30	41,000
Malt	3	8	28,000
Marble (workers)	4	20	34,000
Mathematical instruments	1	3	3,000
Millinery	2	27	40,000
Newspapers	11	131	282,752
Planing mills	3	12	45,000
Pop, ginger ale, etc	3	12	21,000
Pork packers	6	58	341,000
Printers, book and job	12	104	134,764
Sash, doors and blinds	2	30	55,000
Show cases	1	2	3,000
Soap, candles, etc	2	14	45,000
Shirts	6	48	52,000
Steam heating	3	25	28,000
Tin and sheet iron	17	66	69,500
Trunks, valises, etc	2	27	60,000
Type foundries	1	11	14,000
Vinegar	1	4	13,000
Others not enumerated	4	6	7,200
RECAPITULATION.			
Houses engaged			229
Persons employed			2,927
Total value of articles manufactured			$4,991,657

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FIGURES.

The river imports show an aggregate of 30,325,674 lbs., and exports, 9,301,876 lbs.; with railroad imports added the aggregate is 737,770,705 lbs., and rail and river exports combined 494,561,750 lbs.

The seven banks of the city show an average daily balance of $3,943,573; the average discounts are $4,197,065, and the exchange sold in 1877, aggregated $34,578,476.

It is not probable that another city of forty thousand inhabitants, in the United States, can make such a showing as is furnished by the above figures.

PERSONAL.

Gen. T. W. Wilson, we regret to learn, is lying seriously ill of pneumonia at his residence in this city.

Hon. E. W. Durant, of Stillwater, spent the the day yesterday in the city, busily intent upon matters of concern to the Masonic brethren.

The friends of Samuel G. Sloan will regret to learn that he has been confined to his room at the Cosmopolitan hotel for some time, and is still quite ill.

The new sacred opera, "Joseph," which is to be performed at Des Moines, Iowa, as a compliment to the Iowa Legislature, is dedicated by the author, V. C. Taylor, to our citizen, W. H. Leib.

C. D. O'Brien left yesterday morning for Litchfield to assist County Attorney Strobeck in the prosecution of Annie Hollingsworth, for assault with intent to kill upon the person of John Eobjernson.

Rev. Arthur Little, of Fon du Lac, Wis., who declined a $2,500 call from Plymouth Church, of this city, has accepted the pastorate of New England Church, Chicago. We think Mr. Little has made a "little" mistake, as he could not have found a better or more liberal congregation than our friends up on Summit avenue. But may the Chicago folks had the longest purse, and hence made the loudest call. But the Plymouth folks should not despair. "There's as good fish," &c.

At the Metropolitan: Z. B. Clarke, Benson; J. A. Leonard, Rochester; A. J. Underwood, Fergus Falls; A. S. Farmer, Detroit; W. N. Allen, Chicago; John P. Molton, Denver; Otis Ayer, Le Sueur; P. Arnold, Montreal; Geo. M. Mowbray, North Adams, Mass.; J. B. Cummings, Winona; Augustus Smith, Plainview; R. P. Cheney, Appleton; W. J. Kountz, Alleghany, Pa.; Soren Listoe, Fergus Falls; A. J. Edgerton, Mantorville; L. G. Prendergast, Collinwood; Geo. Bryant, Elgin.

At the Sherman House: M. O'Neil, Mantorville; Mrs. Crompton, Iowa; H. H. Whitney, Brainerd; J. T. Cyeskleba and wife, Owatona; John Stuart, Scotland; B. G. Caulfield, Chicago; J. E. White, Wyoming; J. W. Birdwell, Minneapolis; Johnie Murry, Minneapolis; E. Grimshaw, Deadwood, D.T.; O. Vandusen and wife, do.; B. Madison, Central City, D. T.; David M. Bisbee, La Crosse; Miss H. Larmie, St. James; Miss L. McDion, St. James; C. H. Watson, Northfield; H. K. Rogers, Libby, Iowa; W. H. Hall, Cleveland; A. Wilson, Austin; J. D. Beecher, Austin; L. T. Sargent, Glendon; J. R. Benerdict, Bridgeport, Conn.; G. E. Foote, St. James; J. H. Stockwell, Stacy.

The following are among the arrivals at the Merchants Hotel; W. C. Conler, Minneapolis; Arthur A. Rice, New York; Wm. Slethens, Omaha; M. H. Brown, Denver; Mrs. C. H. Smith and child, Minneapolis; John M. Barry, Faribault; F. Drew, Chicago; J. A. Johnson, Stillwater; C. E. Benett, N. H., Fort Snelling; J. A. Bells, Chicago; D. M. Brown, Fort Snelling; H. H. Boyer, Milwaukee; J. E. Calderwood, Chicago; J. Duyer, Hammond, Wis.; Miss J. Tyler, Chicago; E. B. Wanlu, Boston; C. P. Leshn, Chicago, D. S. Haywood, St. Cloud; E. Magen, Sheldon; F. A. Derby, Sheldon; E. M. Dittman, Brainerd; David McLellen, Brainerd; G. D. Henry, Minneapolis; D. F. Rich, Minneapolis; J. S. Brady, Minneapolis; T. S. Penington, Hastings; Geo. Gellagher, Minneapolis; Geo. Sly, Bell Plaine; E. H. Conellus, Bell Plaine; Arthur A. Rice, New York; W. H. Brown, Denver; Wm. Stevens, Omaha; Mrs. C. H. Smith and child; Judge J. M. Berry, Faribault; T. Drew, Chicago; C. E. Gilbert, U. S. A.; A. J. Bells, Chicago; D. M. Brown, U. S. A.; L. Z. Rogers, Waterville; G. A. Blair, do; A. S. Alfred, New York; T. S. Cole, Wheeling; J. S. Karns, Buffalo; Hon. J. C. McClure, S. J. Willard, Red Wing; M. C. Russell, Lake City; H. F. Wheeler, Akron, O.; W. S. Arnolds, Menomonie; C. N. Childs, Milwaukee; M. B. Derrick, Chicago; A. K. Doe, Stillwater; Dud. Hersey, do.; Capt. D. B. Lomis, do.; M. Moffatt, do.; N. Patwell, do.; E. W. Durant, do.; W. E. Easton, do.; Frk. Miner, Janesville; Geo. H. Roe, Alexandria; I. W. Dyckson, Zumbrota; George W. Seymour, Taylor's Falls; Thomas Watts, Winnipeg; James Dewar, Brainerd; L. Ehrlich, Terre Haute; A. P. Peterson, Cokato; H. P. Gallup, Sauk Centre; John Bear, Anoka; James E. Merritt, Anoka; Col. H. H. Boyce, Milwaukee; J. C. Calderwood, Milwaukee; E. B. Warner, Boston; C. P. Lesher, Chicago; J. E. Wagoner, Sheldon, Ia. F. N. Derby, do; C. M. Dittman, Farmington; B. F. Farmer, J. D. Farmer, Spring Valley; S. C. Lobdell and wife, St. Cloud; A. P. Stearns, St. Charles; F. S. Liverman, Fairmount; D. P. Weir, Winnebago City; D. A. Hayward, Joe Ward, St. Cloud; Chas. S. Whertra, Elk River; J. F. N. Fander Filder, Anoka; Hon. P. C. Bergsman and wife, Bismarck; F. B. VanHousen, Alexandria; W. W. Hartley, Brainerd; P. A. Gatchell, Wadena; W. P. Spaulding, Brainerd; J. A. Braden, A. C. Clausen, Benson; Hamlet Stevens, Litchfield; John Honge, Morris; Frank E. Joy, Stillwater; Peter Hanson, Breckinridge; Capt. H. G. Bell, Anoka; John H. Johnson, Stillwater; A. C. Smith, Litchfield; Geo. E. Fuller, New York; J. W. George, Lansing; I. Ingmundson, W. T. Wilkins, Austin; C. A. Roy, Le Roy; Stephen Ives, J. B. Graves, Brownsdale; J. Q. Farmer, Spring Valley.

Ex-Chief Ingraham.

Sidney Ingraham, ex-chief of the police, of Winnepeg, lately liberated from the Ramsey county jail, has been on the war path again. He commenced business on Jackson street by entering a confectionary store and carrying away a quantity of candies. His next raid was on the butcher shop of L. W. Luley, 88 Jackson street, where he captured some meat and sausage, telling the proprietor to take a back seat. In the evening he made two attempts to rob Stephen Holgate, on Seventh street, the second time assaulting him, demanding his watch and chain. Officer Brisette finally picked him up in a saloon on Wabashaw street. He was arraigned this morning before the Municipal Court, on charge of disorderly conduct. The case was continued till to-day at 10 o'clock a.m.

State Firemen's Convention.

The annual State Firemen's Convention will be convened at 10 o'clock to-day, at Faribault. Delegates left this city by the 5:50 train. Accompanying Chief R. O. Strong were F. Brewer, G. Freeman, T. Conway, P. H. Smith, F. D. Hall, M. Marxen, G. B. Berge, Jos. McGeehan, Peter Heck, J. Lunkenheimer, Jr., H. Jansen, delegates, and a number of other gentlemen. Immediately after the convention the Fireman's State Life Assurance Society will hold their annual meeting and elect officers for the ensuing year. In honor of the occasion the Faribault fire department will give a ball to-night.

THE MYSTIC TIE.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, A. F. & A. M

The Lodge of Sorrow in Memory of Grand Master Braden and Grand Tyler Richardson--Facts Relative to the Growth and Progress of the Order--All Matters of Interest to the Fraternity.

The twenty-fifth grand annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Minnesota begins at noon to-day in the Masonic Hall, in this city, and from present indications it is safe to venture the assertion that the attendance will be larger than upon any previous occasion in the history of the craft in this jurisdiction. Already members from every section of the State have arrived, and many more will reach here upon this morning's trains. The Grand Lodge is the supreme authority of the Order, and its annual sessions have been looked forward to as occasions, not only of yearly reunion of FRIENDS AND BROTHERS for social enjoyment, but as the particular periods at which the highest and most vital interests of this ancient and well-beloved institution can be best considered and best promoted. Upon these occasions it is that the Grand Lodge officers—the highest exponents of authority in the craft—are elected and vested with the appropriate insignia of their position and authority. At these times also, are laws enacted for the guidance of the craft, abuses and errors of subordinate lodges reviewed and corrected, and all other matters relating to the

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of the order considered and settled. Thus it is that to the zealous craftsman, these annual communications are always looked to with unabated interest, and seldom fail to secure a full representation from the four corners of the State, of the children of the "Mystic Tie."

The present Grand Communication is, however, one of more than ordinary interest and concern. Within the year just passed, the "insatiate archer," death, has entered the ranks of the Brotherhood and

"DISPLACED THE LIGHT"

of two of the officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master, J. C. Braden, and Grand Tiler. Abira Richardson, both trusty and well-beloved servants of the Order.

LODGE OF SORROW.

In the tenets of Masonry, it is a duty strenuously inculcated that to the memory of a deceased Mason, some kind of demonstration of respect and sorrow should ever be paid by the brethren, and Lodges of Sorrow have been long instituted in the canons of the craft, as the means whereby this manifestation should be made apparent. This duty is therefore incumbent upon the present meeting of the Grand Lodge, and accordingly, this evening at 7:30 o'clock, a Lodge of Sorrow will be held in Masonic Hall, under the auspices of Rose Croix (Rose †.·.) of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, (A.·. and A.·.S.·.R.·.), in memoriam of Brothers Braden and Richardson, the latter of whom was for a quarter of a century Tiler of the Grand and Subordinate lodges in this city.

Eulogies, upon this solemn occasion, will be spoken by Grand Orator R. A. Jones of Rochester, H. R. Wells of Preston, J. H. Baker of Mankato, Rev. Charles Griswold of Anoka, H. N. Castle of Stillwater, and George A. Camp of Minneapolis. Appropriate music will also be furnished by R. S. Munger and Professors Lieb, Wood and Buckalew.

THE SOMBRE HUE OF MOURNING.

The walls of Masonic Hall have already been neatly and tastily draped with black and white cloth, as has also the furniture of the lodge room. Past Grand Master Pierson, the oldest Past Grand Master in the State, will preside at the Lodge of Sorrow, assisted by Past Grand Masters C. W. Nash and G. W. Cooley of Minneapolis.

As provided in the ritual, the Lodge of Sorrow can consist of but twenty-seven participants, who must all be of the Scottish Rite, and is only held upon the death of distinguished Masons. The forthcoming occasion to-night will be the second instance of its being held in Minnesota—the first being in 1869 upon the death of John Mott, who was, at the time of his decease, Treasurer of Ancient Landmark Lodge of this city. Inasmuch as the occasion to-night is in memory of the death of the first Grand Master of the State who has died in office, and of the Grand Tyler Richardson, who had continuously for twenty-five years, since the organization of the Grand Lodge, filled the duties of that position in the body which now pays the last tribute of respect to his memory and worth, the Lodge of Sorrow, will doubtless prove one of the most interesting occasions in the history of Minnesota Masonry, and one well worth seeing.

THE GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota consists of one hundred and twenty-nine subordinate Lodges—each subordinate lodge being represented in the Grand Lodge by three delegates. In 1852—just twenty-five years ago—the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was organized in this city with three subordinate lodges only, all three aggregating a membership, at that date, of less than two hundred members. To-day the returns from the several lodges already received at the office of the Grand Secretary show an aggregate membership of over eight thousand. This fact sufficiently illustrates the prosperity of the Ancient Order, and bespeaks in trumpet tones its admirable and beneficent qualities.

THE SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Of the subordinate lodges, Ancient Landmark of this city is the largest in point of membership—the second being Cataract of St. Anthony's Falls, and the third, Hennepin No. 4 of Minneapolis. Winona No. 18, Rochester No. 21, Faribault No. 9, Minneapolis No. 19, St. Paul No. 3, St. John No. 1 of Stillwater, Mankato No. 12, Cornelian at Lake City, Fidelity at Austin, Star in the East at Owatonna, are the names of some of the more important lodges in the localities named, each and every one of which contains an active membership of over 120 working brethren of the craft.

A GLIMPSE AT THE PAST.

The first Masonic Lodge established in Minnesota was St. Paul No. 1, in the fall of 1849, receiving its charter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The next was Cataract of St. Anthony's Falls, which was authorized by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and the third was St. John's, of Stillwater, which derived its authority from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. At the organization of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1853, the numbers of the lodges were assigned according to priority of charters. Thus St. John's Lodge, of Stillwater, although the last organized of the three above-named received the first charter, and hence became No. 1, while Cataract of St. Anthony, was made No. 2, and St. Paul Lodge, the first organized in the Territury, became No. 3.

Starting out in 1853 with three lodges, the number had increased in 1860 to thirty. Ten years later found seventy-eight lodges in active operation in the State, which number in seven years more has grown into 129 chartered lodges, and four more under dispensation. In all this time, extending over a quarter of a century, there have been but eight Grand Masters, five of whom are still living, and three dead—Ames Sherburne and Braden.

From the above cursory and imperfect review of the working of Ancient Craft Masonry in this State, there can be no doubt that the condition of masonry in Minnesota is highly prosperous and encouraging. As the office of Grand Master has been vacated by death, the duties of the office will to-day devolve upon Deputy Grand Master E. W. Durant, of Stillwater.

RED RIVER VALLEY.

The River Still Open, and but Little Snow and Ice—How an Enterprising Citizen Proposes to Supply a Possible Ice Famine Next Summer.

From Ira M. Carpenter, Esq., the popular Superintendent of the Northwestern Transportation Company, whose headquarters are at Grand Forks, Dakota Territory, a GLOBE reporter derived the extraordinary information that there has been no crossing of the Red River at that place on the ice this winter. But little snow had fallen in that region, and but a short time ago, the road out of Garry was so bad that it was difficult, if not impossible, to haul an empty hack outside the city limits—the wheels clogging with the sticky clay, and putting an absolute embargo on trade and travel. Such odd freaks of the weather as this, were totally inexplicable to the "oldest inhabitant," who, loath to believe that such things can be in midwinter, manifests his "special wonder" in a style and language foreign to both the taste and idiom of the Y. M. C. A., while Ira admits himself unable to account for the unwonted atmospheric metamorphosis at present prevailing in that region, he nevertheless proves himself alive to the necessities of the changed condition of affairs, and, to keep up with the times, has taken the precaution to order a supply of ice freezers from New Orleans for use next summer. Ice, he says, is a necessity, and if dame Nature refuses her wonted supply, he is just enterprising enough to remedy the evil, and furnish the needed luxury "in quantities to suit." The bad condition of the roads, consequent upon the open weather, Mr. Carpenter says, has a depressing effect, along with the heavy production of the past season, upon the prices of wheat and oats, in Garry particularly, and generally along the valley of the Red River—the former being quoted at only fifty cents per bushel, and the latter at 25 cents per bushel of 34 pounds.

Mr. Carpenter is confident of a large and greatly increased immigration to that region next summer, and even now is considering proposals for the transportation, from Fisher's Landing to Winnipeg, of three hundred families of Canadian farmers early in March next. All indications, he is satisfied, point unmistakably to the fact that in a very few short years the fertile valley of the Red River will be thickly populated and one of the richest and most prosperous communities in the North West.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Roads that Need Mending--Excessive Railroad Charges--The High School Question --The Northern Pacific.

The regular meeting of the Chamber yesterday morning was attended with the usual degree of interest which has long since been felt in the proceedings of this body.

Mr. Ingersoll called up the subject of roads leading from this city to Washington county, and moved that the matter be referred to the committee on roads, with instructions to report next Monday. He referred to the importance of prompt action on the matter, and also to the efforts being made by Hastings to draw to itself the trade of localities, which naturally belongs here, and would certainly come here, were passably good roads hither provided. The motion was adopted and referred to the regular standing committee on roads, with the addition of Mr. Ingersoll.

Gen. Johnson called up the complaint of Quinby & Hallowell, made at the last meeting relative to the excessive charges on a sleigh shipped by that firm to the Northern Pacific country, the charges being one half or more the value of the sleigh.

After some debate the subject was continued in the hands of the committee to whom it was referred last week.

Gen. Banning spoke of the previous action of the Chamber in reference to the public schools and referred to the committee's report of their examination of the High School building. He regarded as the most important recommendation made by the committee the necessity as urged by them, of having a new public school building. Their recommendation met with a hearty response from all having any knowledge of the subject. It was evident that the building was unsafe, unhealthy, and altogether unfit for the uses to which it is applied. Some question has arisen as to the lease, which, he stated, had three years to run at a rental of some sixteen hundred dollars. In the worst aspect of the matter, the city would be out only some $700 or $800. He noticed the Chamber had spent a great deal of time in the discussion of roads and other comparatively unimportant matter. Yet it was passing strange that but little solicitude has been expressed for the daily endangerment of the health of the children of the city.

Mr. Deane explained that the committee had been unable to get together and attend to the matter properly. They had, however, attended a meeting at Minneapolis, and had there visited the public schools and gathered some interesting facts. The Board of Education had the matter under consideration, and we rather thought it discourteous in the Chamber to proceed therein prior to action by them. The subject was finally disposed of by reference to the committee for report next week.

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Scribner on the committee on transportation in place of C. B. Newcomb, and of E. E. Hughson in place of same gentleman on committee on parks.

Mr. McClung offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The annual message of the Governor, just delivered, shows that the State of Minnesota has grown in twenty-seven years from a population of 5,320 to 700,000; from an assessed property valuation of $806,473 to $221,000,000; in railroad development from ten miles in 1862 to 2,200 miles in 1877; that 216½ miles have been built during the past year, an amount largely in excess of the entire four years preceding; that the gross earnings of these roads the year last reported exceeded $6,000,000; that the wheat crop of the State ranged from 30,000,000 to 20,000,000 of bushels, and the cash value of the four leading cereals exceeded $55,000,000; that the flour manufactured exceeded $15,000,000 in value, and all manufactures over $42,000,000; that the sale of government lands were 850,000 acres, and of government and railroad lands over one million of acres—largely intended for actual occupancy and cultivation; that the natural increase of the State has been 24,205 births to 7,043 deaths, 213 of which were caused by old age.

And whereas this wonderful transformation of what was popularly regarded as an inhospitable land, far remote from markets, and fit only for the buffalo and the Indian, into a rich and populous State, ranking first among the wheat producing States of the Union, has been largely brought about by the liberal policy of the general government in granting lands for the construction of railroads, and extending the time for said construction during seasons of financial embarrassment; therefore,

Resolved, That in view of these rich returns for the bounties of the government, we think the same wise policy which dictated the grant of lands for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, should grant them the extension of time asked for the construction of their road; and we believe that said extension of time will result in giving to the Union a line of new and prosperous States, reaching to the Pacific Ocean, and the shortest and best route between the Atlantic and Pacific and to China and Japan.

We respectfully ask the Congress of the United States to grant the extension of time asked, and we call upon our representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to procure such extension as a matter of great interest to the entire country.

Resolved further, That this Chamber acknowledges the reception of the communication from the Board of Trade of Helena, Montana, asking for close relations of intercourse and exchange. The identity of interest between Minnesota and Montana in opening railway communications with the Pacific States, and their reciprocal relations in matters of trade and commerce, make it a pleasure for Minnesota to extend her hand across the wilderness to Montana and to accept her tender of a better acquaintance and closer relations of business.

A brief discussion followed, after which the resolutions were adopted, and the Chamber adjourned.

STATE EDITORIAL CONVENTION.

The Annual Meeting to be held This Afternoon.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Editorial Association will be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms to-day, commencing at 2 P. M. There are numerous important matters to be presented to the meeting, and a good attendance is anticipated.

The editors who had arrived last evening, were J. A. Leonard, Rochester *Post*; A. J. Underwood, Fergus Falls *Journal*; J. W. Walsh, Northfield *Mail*; M. O. Hall, Granite Falls *Journal*; R. C. Mitchell, Duluth *Tribune*; M. C. Russell, Lake City *Leader*; Z. B. Clark, Benson *Times*.

Home Building Society.

The recent issue of stock in the Home Building Society having all been taken up, it has been determined to issue $75,000 more of a new series, to accommodate borrowers, which will be issued March 1st. Applicants for membership who desire to borrow in this popular society, and receive for themselves homes, had better apply without delay to the secretary, Mr. Thos. Prendergast, at Savings Bank, or Mr. John Dowlan, president.

25 Per Cent. Below Cost.

The entire stock of Dry Goods of A. H. Strouse, for the balance of this month. Corner Third and Wabasha streets.

Before you buy a trunk or traveling bag, consult your own interests by giving Garland a call. He has all the latest improvements on trunks and traveling bags at Eastern prices.

Cloaks and Furs

At your own price at A. H. Strouse's, corner Third and Wabasha streets.

Boots and Shoes.

All in want of good reliable Boots and Shoes are advised to go to Schlick & Co's.

The office of Central Superintendent of Indian Affairs, located at Lawrence, Kas., has been discontinued by order of the President.

CITY GLOBULETS.

Suspense is over.

Democracy is happy.

Expectation is on tip-toe.

The old liners smile from ear to ear.

Dry pickings at the capitol last evening.

The river in front of the Jackson street levee remains open.

W. D. Rogers is Past Chancellor of Champion Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

The night is done and the glimmer of light is spread athwart the political skies.

Neither the Senate nor House committees will be announced until to-morrow.

State Editorial Association at the Chamber of Commerce room to-day at 2 o'clock.

More wheat arrived by team yesterday than on any one day for some time. $1 was paid.

Senate and House in session this afternoon—the former at 2:30, and the latter at 3 o'clock.

Prof. W. H. Lieb will sing a leading part in a Sacred Opera in Des Moines, Iowa, some time next month.

Considering the bad condition of the roads, there is a remarkably fine display of wood and hay in the market.

The woods are full of candidates for Assistant Secretary of State, and —— is named as the coming "dark horse."

The annual meeting of the Ramsey County Agricultural Society will take place on the 26th in the old Court House.

Most of the members of the Legislature returned last evening, and the hotels again present an animated appearance.

Yesterday afternoon a few Senators and members were observed at the capitol, but both chambers have a deserted aspect.

Judge Brill, of the District Court, takes up the criminal calendar to-day, upon the conclusion of the labors of the Grand Jury.

A war to the hilt is going on for Assistant Secretary of State, and the peace of the republican happy family is seriously jeopardized.

At the meeting of the license committee of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday morning, the cost of county licenses was fixed at $25.

Heavy snows have fallen recently in the pineries on the headwaters of the upper St. Croix, and the lumbermen are correspondingly happy.

Macfarland's delivery wagon was badly smashed yesterday afternoon in the vicinity of Seven Corners by a runaway collision with a hitching post.

The genial Private Secretary Pusey mourned, last evening, for a "baptismal item" for THE GLOBE, and Rachael-like, refused to be comforted because he had it not.

Dr. Heichold will deliver an address to the Temperance Reform Club on the evening of the 17th—providing he can spare the necessary time from reading THE GLOBE.

Deputy Sheriff Callan yesterday morning took over to Stillwater convicts Frank Honeger and Thomas Malone, who "go up," the former for 18 months and the latter for 12.

The jail sewer contractor, Igo, has the privilege of tapping the Robert street sewer, as per license issued by the city yesterday morning—the aforesaid little douceur costing just $25.

Between "My Policy" and the pulling and hauling of the elect for the loaves and fishes of the Assistant Secretary of State's office, the republican heart is sorely vexed. Truly, there is no rest for the wicked.

The order of A. O. U. W., of this city, will hold a public meeting at their hall on the night of the 22d. Addresses explanatory of the objects of the Order, its rapid growth, &c., will form part of the exercises.

Stillwater sends the following delegation of leading citizens to the Annual Convention of the State Firemen's Association at Faribault, to-day: A. K. Doe, M. Moffatt, F. E. Joy, D. H. Hersey, W. E. Easton, and P. Patolle.

Now that the DAILY GLOBE is a living, breathing reality, your old settlers' cup of bliss is well nigh filled, and would absolutely run over, could "Old Probabilities" be induced to send along a regular old-fashioned cold snap.

The funeral of young Ramsden took place yesterday from Christ's Church. He was killed by a limb falling from a tree in the pinery. His age was twenty years. A large number of friends followed his remains to Oakland Cemetery.

The reading room of the "Winds