

Minnesota is under contract for 85 miles from Little Falls to Morris. Its westward course from Morris or whether it will be extended beyond that point cannot be stated. But it can be stated that pending the completion of the main line the company's plans as to branches will be developed no farther than necessary.

Track laying on the Northern Pacific, Fergus & Black Hills branch, in Minnesota, was completed yesterday from Wadena to Fergus Falls. A branch from this road is being graded in the Pelican valley, which is tied up in a knot with the St. P. & M. grade in the same valley.

The grading of the Fargo & Southwestern branch in Dakota will probably be extended to the James river the coming year, and about fifty miles of track may be laid during the summer.

The grading of the Casselton branch is to be extended this year to the Manitoba boundary line, in the vicinity of Pembina mountain.

The Jamestown branch in Dakota is located and the grading in progress for forty miles from Jamestown towards the southern bend of Mouse river. The present contract carries the branch to the northern boundary of the company's land grant through Stetson county.

During the year about ninety-one miles of iron track has been replaced in steel rails in Minnesota and Dakota, and ten thousand tons of steel rails have been provided for completing this improvement the coming year. New side tracks were laid to the amount of 44,696 feet or about 8 1/2 miles. Pile and trestle bridges have been rebuilt, 2,622 feet. Wire fences put up, 104 miles. New ties used, 155,334.

At Duluth a new coal dock 100 feet deep and 600 feet front, has been constructed. At Brainerd buildings are being constructed as follows: Round house for 44 engines, 316 feet in diameter, machine shop, 120x508 feet; blacksmith and boiler shop, 80x603 feet; store house 40x300 feet; iron house, 30x60 feet—all with stone foundations, brick walls and iron roofs. New freight houses have been built at Aikin and Detroit; a new depot at Mendota; a new round house at Fargo; new freight house and baggage and express offices at Bismarck; new depots at Spiritwood, Dawson and Steele; and frost proof tanks at Kimberly, Motley, with engine, Alliance, New York Mills, Easton, with windmill, and Sauk Rapids with windmill. Twenty-two new grain houses have been built during the year along the line, with an aggregate capacity of 1,673,000 bushels.

During the year this company has received new rolling stock as follows: Locomotives 29; passenger coaches 12, sleepers 3; freight, box and stock cars, 2,390. At this date the rolling stock in use east of the mountains by this company includes 113 locomotives, 37 passenger coaches, 7 sleepers, 2 chair cars, 13 baggage, mail and express cars, 1,600 box cars, 485 stock cars, 1,729 flat cars, 33 coal cars, and 109 cabooses and other cars. For 1882 contracts have been made for addition of 88 locomotives, 34 passenger and baggage cars and about 2,000 freight cars of all classes.

Changes in the location and plans of the headquarters building in St. Paul have postponed its completion for a year. The building, 62x150 feet, and of the most substantial character, is being erected on Broadway in front of the company's freight house and facing up Fourth street. In appearance and in all respects it will be a prominent addition to that part of the city, and worthy of association with the grand business blocks which mark the progress of our city to its second stage of growth. Work on the building will be resumed in the spring with purpose to complete it during the year.

This company has filled in and nearly covered with tracks its freight yard acquired in 1880, and has completed its part of the Fourth street tunnel, over which its tracks are carried on an iron bridge. An association of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha, St. Paul & Manitoba and Northern Pacific companies has during the present year established a common transfer station, located six miles from St. Paul, near Union park. The station grounds comprise 170 acres. Here some three and a half miles of track has been laid, and stock yards and sheds have been erected, with offices and residences. Further large additions to this station, designed solely for the transfer of through freights will be made during the coming year.

The Northern Pacific has purchased a large block of land in Minneapolis for depot purposes, and will join in building there a union passenger depot.

THE CHANGES in control of this company during the year alluded to above have been the accession of Henry Villard to the presidency and financial management of the company, with Thomas F. Oakes as vice-president and chief executive officer. Connected with this change there was effected a union of the Northern Pacific company and the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, the latter of which was in occupation of one of the routes by which the former was bound in its charter to connect with the Pacific. In connection with their union, a third company was organized especially to provide capital for construction of necessary branches and feeders of the two roads and likewise for maintaining the control of Mr. Villard and his associates over the Northern Pacific and Oregon companies. The three companies maintain separate organizations, but being under the same control are united in harmoniously and effectively working for a common purpose.

Other changes of the year include the appointment of Gen. Herman Haupt, a railway man of large experience and one of the famous railway engineers of the world, as general manager. The offices of the company at St. Paul have also been added by establishing several new departments and subdivisions.

Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha. This company at this date owns and operates 1,063 miles of railway, as follows: Eastern division and branches, 250; Northern division, 140; St. Paul di-

vision and branches, 166; Sioux City division and branches 318; Nebraska division and branches, 189. To this will be added the coming spring about 100 miles which is partly constructed at this time, and another 100 miles will be added during the year.

The construction work of this year has been mostly in the Northern division, the main line of which has been extended thirty miles beyond Cable, bringing the track within eighteen miles of Lake Superior and about thirty miles from Bayfield, the terminus of the road. A cross line is being built from Superior City by way of Veazie, on the Northern division, to Chippewa Falls. From Superior City towards Veazie, the line has been graded this year for 15 miles. From Veazie towards Superior City 25 miles of track laid. From Chippewa Falls towards Veazie, the line is partly graded for 47 miles and 15 miles of track has been laid.

In the Nebraska division the grading and bridging of the Norfolk branch, 50 miles has been finished and 25 miles of track was laid this year. The line from Covington (opposite Sioux City) to Omaha is being improved and shortened by work which will probably be completed early next summer.

The Merrillan and Blue Earth branches, built in 1880, were fully opened to traffic early this year and have been important feeders of the road. The latter connects at Elmore on the Iowa line with a northward branch from the Chicago & Northwestern company's system of Iowa roads. The latter has a gap of about 15 miles to alter from a narrow gauge, when the two branches will be operated together, forming a good line between St. Paul and Des Moines. In preparation a joint station is being made at Elmore, where grading, track laying and the building of station houses will be continued through the winter.

Twenty miles of iron track having been replaced with steel during this year the main line from Elroy to St. Paul and St. Paul to Sioux City is now all laid with steel rails. A round house with 20 stalls, a water tank and coal sheds, holding 8,000 tons, have been built at Eau Claire and five miles of side and spur tracks have been laid there. The old drawbridge over the channel of the St. Croix at Hudson has been replaced with an iron draw, and all the wood work of the bridge is to be replaced with iron during 1882. The line through Hudson has been changed so as to shorten the distance one and a quarter miles and to avoid the remarkable curves of the old line. A brick building has been put up for the passenger depot at Hudson.

The company has met its great increase of traffic by adding to its rolling stock this year 20 locomotives, 10 passenger cars, 5 baggage cars and 660 freight cars. Its contracts for 1882 include 25 locomotives and 1,400 freight cars. Its present equipment includes 140 locomotives, 4,000 freight cars, and 105 passenger cars.

INCREASE OF TRAFFIC. The traffic of this line for 1881 has been about 45 per cent greater than 1880. Prominent in the increase has been the Lumber Line business which has amounted this year to about 150,000,000 feet, most of which was transported the full length of the company's road west of the St. Croix. The return freights notwithstanding the partial failure of farm crops and the great delay in moving crops occasioned by the heavy fall rains, have also been largely increased over the previous year. The gross earnings of the road in round numbers may be estimated for 1881 at \$3,750,000, against \$2,750,000 in 1880. The average operated mileage of 1880 was about \$20 and of 1881 about 1050 miles.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS. At the east St. Paul station the freight house and round house have been completed this year. The former is 25x40 feet and the latter has 42 engine stalls. At the new shop grounds above the railroad bridge over the Mississippi the round house, machine shop and boiler and blacksmith shop are now nearly completed and the workmen are to be immediately brought from Shakopee to occupy the shops. A detailed account of these important improvements will be found in another column of to-day's GLOBE. The grading of the company's freight yards below Broadway is about finished and a new freight house 30x500 feet has been added this year. The general office building of the company, at the corner of Fourth and Rosabel streets, was completed last May and is now fully occupied.

The intimate connection of this road with the St. Paul & Manitoba and the fast increasing intercourse and traffic between this city and the province of Manitoba, serves to make the progress of the Canadian Pacific of great local importance. A year ago last October the syndicate formed mostly of members of the St. P. & M. company completed its contract with the Dominion government. In June last it acquired the Canada Central, now the Eastern division of the Canadian Pacific. The Dominion government, under its contract, is building 718 miles, including the most difficult part, between Lake Superior and the Red river. This year the syndicate or, rather, the Canadian Pacific company has built 180 miles of road from the Red River west and has 120 miles of further grading nearly done. Surveys and other preliminary works are in progress all along the line. The government's 718 miles will be completed the coming season. The prairie line (west of Red River) is expected to be extended 500 miles the coming year and meantime about 130 miles west of the Rocky Mountains will also be completed. Branches have been surveyed from Winnipeg to Pembina Mountain; up the Saskatchewan to Edmonton and southwesterly and west to near Turtle Mountain and thence to the Souris or Mouse river—and construction of the first named has been begun. Notices have also been given that applications will be made at the next session of the provincial parliament for charters of several other contemplated branch roads in Manitoba.

It appears to be an object with the C. P. company to push its westward line from the Red River to completion before the Northern Pacific shall have fairly established a new route across the continent for it to compete with; and this evidently contemplates friendly connection over American roads via the St. Paul & Manitoba lines, at least until the Eastern division of the C. P. are completed and

connected. It is claimed by Canadians and others interested that the Canadian Pacific will have three points of advantage, viz: First, the road will ultimately cost the owners little or nothing, the land and money grants being equal to the cost of building the whole line. Second, it will have the carrying of British and Asiatic mails, ensuring direct connection with the most important and all the commercial lines and cities of the Pacific. Third, it will finally be the shortest of transcontinental lines.

CITY GLOBULES. Mrs. C. A. Bryant has sold to Geo. S. Heron lots 19 to 24, block 18, Summit Park addition for \$1,500. The traffic for the horse Morgan Chief will take place at the Merchants hotel Saturday evening, Dec. 31st, at 8 o'clock. Mayor Rice was engaged yesterday in signing the pay rolls of the police force, and the coppers will receive their due to-day. Y. M. C. A. concert, vocal and instrumental, conducted by Mr. S. A. Baldwin, will be given at the rooms of the association next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. During the year 1881 the fire department received ninety-nine calls, of which number there were eighty-two fires, nine chimney blazes and eight false alarms. The sale of twenty acres in section 24, White Bear township for \$3,500, was recorded yesterday, the property being transferred from Mrs. M. Schaber to Jacob Arnold. A petition was filed in the probate court yesterday for letters of administration in the estate of Philander Van Anken. The personal estate is estimated at \$50,000. Benjamin G. Crookston was on yesterday appointed special administrator in the estate of F. M. Michael, deceased. The personal estate is valued at \$14,000; debts \$6,000; real estate not given. Oratorio of Esther at Clinton avenue M. E. church—third and last rendition by the West St. Paul musical society. Admission 25 cents. Turn out and give the people of the west side a crowded house. The Fairbank Guards have received the \$300 appropriated by the state, leaving only the Minneapolis Zouaves, of the military companies of the state, entitled to the appropriation yet to be paid. The Christmas music, under direction of Richard Gordon, which was pronounced the finest ever rendered in St. Paul's church, by request of the congregation will be repeated next Sunday morning. George Foster's feet became weary of the ice-bound sidewalk, and as a better protection from the toe-nipping frost he cabbaged a pair of overshoes belonging to Edward O'Neill. He was run in, and now he will not walk the rugged highway for thirty days. In the district court yesterday, Kate Ryan commenced an action for \$5,000 damages against the Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha Railroad company. The damages are claimed to have resulted from the death of her husband, who was killed while working on a freight train. About five minutes to 13 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm of fire was turned in from box No. 15, occasioned by the discovery of fire in the rear of Seeger's box factory on Eagle street. It was squelched with a few buckets of water and the damage was only nominal. United States Deputy Marshal Brackett reached the city yesterday, with a man named Wm. Johnson in custody, arrested at Rice's station, Morrison county, upon the charge of selling liquor to Indians. He was held to the grand jury of the United States district court in \$300 bonds. Yesterday Mayor Rice appointed Henry Hinkle, M. A. Skenks and W. A. Johnson, employees of the St. Paul & Manitoba Railroad company, as assessors of the city and police judges. Six special policemen will also be appointed by the city to do service at the shops until the strike is adjusted. Mr. Frank Kelly, the well known proprietor of the Bon Ton, 63 West Third street, will be at home all day to-day and to-morrow, to receive his friends. He will keep open house and entertain his patrons with a grand New Year's lunch. The festive oyster will be on deck with other delicacies. The sudden cold snap was a little too previous for the warm southern blood of George Meyers, and not having an overcoat to ward off the blast, he borrowed the winter of one Greenwald. The latter, like the scheme, was arrested. He was yesterday, and the hearing was continued until to-day. Y. M. C. A. Young men's meeting this evening at 8 o'clock, addressed by Prof. Clamport, of Fairbank. Devotional meeting Sabbath morning at 9:30. Special services Sunday at 4 p. m. New Year address by Rev. W. K. Marshall, D. D. Singing conducted by Mr. Heimlich, assisted by the choir. All are cordially invited. Quite a serious accident occurred at the Gillilan block at 10:30 yesterday morning. A glazier, whose name was not learned, was pushing a pulley rope a box of glass weighing 180 pounds, to one of the upper stories, when the rope broke, and the box in falling struck him partly upon the shoulder and side, bruising him severely externally, and causing slight internal hemorrhage. In the police court yesterday James Buris and Wm. Hickey were arraigned on the charge of threatening two of the workmen employed in the shops of the St. Paul & Manitoba railroad company. The trouble is supposed to have originated from the boiler makers' strike at present in progress. The hearing was continued to January 3d, and they were released in bonds of \$300 each. Articles of incorporation of the Arctic Storage Company of St. Paul were filed with the secretary of state yesterday. As the name would indicate the corporation is rather icy. In fact they propose to run an ice and refrigerator business. Its capital stock is \$50,000, and the officers are James E. Moore, president; James A. Drake and James E. Moore, who constitute the board of directors and officers. The St. Paul Storm Insurance company, yesterday, filed with the secretary of state amendments to its articles of incorporation, naming as its board of directors, Patrick H. Kelly, C. M. Dittmar, Gustav Williams, Walter H. S. Sanborn and Chauncey W. Griggs; and as its officers, Chauncey W. Griggs, president; Gustav Williams, treasurer; and Wm. P. Dwyer, secretary. The capital is also increased to 2,000 shares of \$50 each. A point of attraction this evening to those who delight to indulge in tripping the "light fantastic," will be the ball of the Liederkreis society at Pfeiffer's hall. The dances given by this society, as is well known, are conducted by gentlemen, and every detail for the rational enjoyment of their guests is made as nearly perfect as possible. For this next New Year's eve reception extra arrangements have been made to secure an especially pleasant time to all who attend. Bishop Ireland has formed a new total abstinence organization in St. Paul, to be known as the Total Abstinence League. The league will hold public meeting every two weeks, beginning next Monday evening at Pfeiffer's hall, on the corner where the safe was broken, and a bottle of beer was found. The capital is also increased to 2,000 shares of \$50 each. A point of attraction this evening to those who delight to indulge in tripping the "light fantastic," will be the ball of the Liederkreis society at Pfeiffer's hall. 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WHOLESALE TRADE. The Mammoth Proportions to Which it Has Reached. DETAILED BUSINESS EXHIBIT, Showing Sales Aggregating Fifty-Six Millions, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars. THE GREAT LUMBER TRADE. St. Paul Fast Gaining Ground as the Best Lumber Market in the Country. THE WHOLESALE TRADE. It is difficult to keep pace with the great growth of the wholesale trade of St. Paul. The increase is so rapid that it swells the business to proportions of cities five times the size of St. Paul. In groceries, dry goods and boots and shoes the increase piles up by the million, and in all other branches it is relatively as large. The railroad development places such a vast extent of territory within our reach that there scarcely seem to be any limits to the trade. The retail business blocks which have been erected for our merchant prices the past year are at once an index and a monument of the trade. The constant influx of new business houses demonstrates that the name and fame of St. Paul as a jobbing center has gone abroad, and the tidings are attracting men of enterprise and capital. The fact that no prominent jobbing house ever failed in St. Paul, and that even the smallest are staunch and firm in their business, shows the advantages of doing this work in this city. Without exception, every jobber called upon by the GLOBE reported a large increase in his business. This increase ranged from 20 to 80 per cent. While it is impossible to obtain exact figures of the wholesale trade, a fair approximation can be secured. It is, however, impossible to ascertain all of the wholesale trade, and, undoubtedly, some who should have been called upon have been overlooked. The following, while comprising, as it does, only a portion of the trade, gives the sales of 1881, and speaks more eloquently than words: Agricultural implements.....\$ 2,500,000 Groceries.....2,700,000 Beer.....1,100,000 Clothing.....900,000 Cigars and tobacco.....300,000 Carpets.....600,000 Crockery and glassware.....500,000 Commission.....3,250,000 Confectionery.....275,000 Drugs and spices.....850,000 Dry goods.....7,800,000 Furs.....1,800,000 Fruits.....400,000 Hides, hats, caps, etc.....1,800,000 Fuel.....2,580,000 Groceries.....8,000,000 Grain.....7,250,000 Hardware, iron and metals.....3,225,000 Leather findings and saddlery hardware.....975,000 Lumber (cash sales).....1,630,000 Notions.....275,000 Oil.....1,050,000 Paper and stationery.....800,000 Pork and beef.....400,000 Musical merchandise.....350,000 Pumps and plumbers' supplies.....375,000 Toys, etc.....1,000,000 Lime and cement.....150,000 Sash, doors and blinds.....350,500 Staves.....250,000 Trunks, etc.....150,000 Wines and liquors.....3,000,000 Total.....\$56,735,500 GRAIN TRADE. The partial failure of the grain crops during the past season in other states has caused wheat and the coarse grains to rule high in this market. The corn crops of Nebraska and Iowa and South and East of these states were at least 50 per cent. below the usual yield, and notwithstanding the exceptionally good yield in our own state the ruling prices in this market have been in excess of 1880. The corn crop of Minnesota during the last year was, considering the acreage put in, largely in excess of the crops of either Nebraska or Iowa. Corn has ruled at from 100 to 300 per cent. higher during the last year in Nebraska than in 1880. The bulk of Iowa and Nebraska corn has gone south during the year, and compared with former years the receipts from these states in this market have been lighter owing to high prices and the large crop raised in this state. The shortage in the oats and barley crops of adjoining states has caused high prices to rule here, notwithstanding the yield in Minnesota was sufficient to meet the local demand. The oats and barley that find their way into this market come generally from Iowa and are shipped to the logging camps and the Territories west. The receipts of wheat having during the year aggregated 5,439,027 bushels. Of this about 2,700,000 bushels were handled by our commission merchants, and about 2,000,000 bushels shipped on Eastern orders without breaking bulk on arrival here, and about 2,000,000 bushels handled by our commission merchants, the total value being \$4,988,500. It was handled in this market during the year 4,720,645 bushels of coarse grain. Of this amount 1,448,045 bushels were handled by the St. Paul Warehouse and Elevator company; about 1,500,000 bushels received and shipped east on orders without breaking bulk, and 330,400 bushels handled by our commission merchants. The aggregate value of the coarse grains thus handled in this market being \$3,307,042. The St. Paul Elevator company received about 133,885 bushels of fax seed, and shipped 80,222 bushels. There were bought by St. Paul dealers also about 400,000 bushels, and shipped on order without breaking bulk. The value of the fax seed handled during the year was about \$550,000 and as last year's experience has proved that fax seed can be safely shipped in bulk, this will no doubt become an important feature in our trade during the coming year. Last year's business has been satisfactory to our elevator men and dealers, and as we note no change in business in this line, we note a single failure to meet promptly their business obligations, we feel that St. Paul grain men have made a record during the past year second to no interest represented in the commerce of our city. CIGAR AND TOBACCO MARKET. The tobacco crops of the East and South have been short and of inferior quality during the past year. Wisconsin, however, produced a good crop and of very fine quality, and manufacturers of a fine grade are now generally of Wisconsin, Connecticut, or Kentucky growth. Cigar-makers' stock of all grades, now rule high, and the prospect at this time is favorable to a very decided advance in all grades of tobacco and its manufactures, especially in manufacturers' common stock. The cigar market now ranges from \$20 to \$60 per thousand, with a very active demand for medium grades. The year's business has been profitable to a large number of manufacturers, and, as far as reached by GLOBE representatives, shows an increase over the business of 1880 of 64 per cent. We do not pretend to give the exact figures of either the jobbing or manufacturing cigar and tobacco business of St. Paul for the past year for the simple reason that it was not attainable. But the resume we make is reliable, although not covering, in all probability, over thirty-five per cent. of the actual business done in this line during the year. The aggregate manufacture of cigars, as far as reported, was 5,515,900, and the sales reaches 5,915,900. The cash sales reported aggregated \$304,000, but a number of firms failed to supply any figures. This industry gave employ-

ment to 243 men. These figures, from information which we have, are about sixty-five per cent. below the actual credits due this important branch of our wholesale and jobbing trade.

LUMBER TRADE. This branch of the business of St. Paul has been exceptionally active and satisfactory during the past year. It is impossible to present an accurate review, owing to the difficulty of getting statements from dealers, but sufficient data has been obtained from firms keeping their business well in hand to make a most gratifying exhibit of the business of the past year. Statements given by dealers based on mere estimates, have been carefully revised and placed within the bounds of possibilities of each case, and the GLOBE exhibit of the cut, sales and increase of the business of St. Paul firms during the past year, may be accepted as being as near accurate as care in gathering the statistics and the preparation of the annual statement by the attaches of the paper could make it. The cut of the mills represented by the various St. Paul dealers during the year aggregate 83,663,010 feet of long lumber, 47,951,950 shingles, and 57,896,250 lath. In this aggregate is included the cut of the large firms of Nelson & Co., Reed & Sherwood, and John Martin & Co., of this city. Of the year's cut Reed & Sherwood has 18,000,000 feet of long lumber in stock—the largest held by any one lumber firm in the Northwest. This firm purchased \$150,000 worth of logs during the season just closed, and paid out monthly to employees in the busy season \$8,000, and gave employment to about one hundred and fifty-five men. The sales made by this city during the year aggregate \$92,100,000 feet, an excess of about 18,000,000 feet over the cut of St. Paul firms during the year. This is due, doubtless, to the firm market which has prevailed during the year and which has drawn heavily on last year's drying stock, and also to the fact that large sales have been made here through agencies representing Wisconsin firms. Mr. Summalt alone, of the latter class, has sold 20,000,000 feet. Of shingles there was sold during the year 63,307,250 and 57,186,950 lath. The sales made by a large number of firms being inaccessible, we are only able to give the aggregate cash sales made by firms which we found open to inspection, which amount to \$1,630,037.50. This represents about one-third of the actual cash business of our dealers during the year. Averaging the increase in business reported by firms, and as shown by railway receipts, we find the increase in the lumber business of St. Paul during the last year to have been about 41 per cent over the business of 1880. There was employed in the business represented by St. Paul lumber firms, during the last year, 1,473 men.

The favorable prices which have ruled on all grades of lumber during the year have encouraged dealers to make preparations to extend their business during the coming season. We were unable to get the details concerning Nelson & Co.'s intended extensions, but the advent of Mr. M. M. Dorr, of Chicago, as a member of this extensive firm, will doubtless be followed by ample preparations to meet the business of the coming year. Messrs. John Martin & Co. and J. P. Gribben are making extensive preparations to meet their increasing trade, in the way of additional yard facilities, and central shipping and receiving yard with side tracks and other facilities to expedite business. The Knife Falls mills, represented by Mr. C. A. Moore and the mills represented by Col. John S. Prince, have been during the past year run to their full capacity, and these firms anticipate an increase in their business during the coming year. Messrs. DeGraw & Son have purchased an extensive stumpage and mills, with facilities to increase their present business. Messrs. Keller, and Miller, and Fifield, and other, who are doing a conservative and safe business, report satisfactory sales during the past year, but we note no anticipated changes or extensions in these firms during the coming season. The season's business, as a whole, has been very satisfactory to dealers, and prices have ruled from three to five dollars higher than last season on all grades of long lumber. The present mild weather is unfavorable for the logging camps, as Minnesota has never yet failed to contribute her share toward making winter a success, we apprehend the next three months will give life and activity to logging operations. The bulk of the lumber trade in this market comes from the Northwest, Minnesota and West Wisconsin, and is generally shipped by rail to Northwest Minnesota, and west by the Northern Pacific to Dakota, with a very fair demand from Nebraska and Kansas. The great advance during the year in pine lands, taken in connection with the fact that dealers, as a rule, have no stock to carry over the next season, gives promise of an active and buoyant market during the coming year, and a very decided advance on present prices.

Northwestern Stock Yards. The following shows the business of the Northwestern stock yards, Messrs. Delany & O'Connor, proprietors for the past year—the first year the yards have been in existence: 80 cars sold for.....\$69,000 00 380 cars hogs sold.....243,000 00 130 cars sheep sold for.....55,000 00 60 cars horse and mules, valued at 128,000 00 Total.....\$1,095,000 00 Seventy-two cars cattle in transit. Seventy cars hogs in transit. THE Plumbers' Biowout. The journeymen plumbers, whose annual ball took place at Pfeiffer's hall last night, proved themselves to be as much at home while engaged in worshipping at the altar of Terpsichore, as when soldering up a leak in a bursted waterpipe and preparing a leak that would need repairing a short time after the party. The annual ball was given at 9 o'clock the order of dance was commenced with the grand march, led by Mr. Jos. Elles and lady, followed by nearly two hundred couples, and from that time until the "wee small hours of the morn'" dancing was in order without interruption, excepting to respond to the call to supper, which occurred at midnight. The entire order, consisting of twenty-five dances, was carried out to the strains of music furnished by the Great Union band. Among those noticed present were: Mr. Col. Rogers, Wm. Wilson, Geo. Dempsey, Jno. Ward, James Johnson, Rich. Bell, Jno. Shoy, J. C. Johnson, J. S. Brooks, M. F. Ryan, J. McQuinlan, T. McMillen and J. J. Dunnigan, accompanied by ladies. In all it was a very enjoyable affair. Iching Piles—Symptoms and Cure. The symptoms are moisture, like perspiration, intense itching, excessive rawness, very distressing particularly a night, as if pin worms were crawling in and about the rectum; the private parts are sometimes affected; followed to continue very serious results may follow. "Dr. Swaney's All-Healing Ointment" is a pleasant sure cure. Also for Hemorrhoids, Itch, Blisters, all scalp, crusts, cutaneous eruptions. Price 50 cents, three boxes for \$1.25. Sent by mail to any address on receipt of price in currency or 8-cent postage stamps. Prepared by Dr. B. Swaney & Son, 355 North Sixth street, Philadelphia, Pa., to whom letters should be addressed. Sold by all prominent druggists. Rays of sunshine will shed their radiance over your invalid friend's heart by sending him or her a few bottles of Dr. Halliday's Blood Purifier as a Christmas or New Year present.

THE State Treasury. Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1880.....\$ 264,151 90 Collected during year.....1,715,408 07 Total.....\$1,979,558 16 Disbursed during year.....1,421,813 79 Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1881.....\$ 557,744 27 Ramsey County Treasury. Amount of cash on hand June 1st, 1881.....\$ 5,860 50 Total receipts during year.....605,541 79 Disbursements.....\$700,808 35 Balance Dec. 30.....\$ 684 39 THE Opera Last Night. A brilliant audience assembled at the Opera house last night to witness Gounod's great opera of Faust, as presented by the Abbott English opera company, with Miss Abbott in the leading role. The curtain rose promptly on time and the audience composed itself for the unraveling of a score that there is none more replete with delicious melody in the range of musical compositions. The scene opened, proceeded smoothly until the end of the second act, when the revelations of sentiment and sound had already awakened genuine enthusiasm, when a scene transpired that was far removed from being in the bill of fare for her unfortunate husband, when Miss Abbott, Valentine Fabiani, the chief tenor, and Mr. Conley appeared in front of the footlights in acknowledgment to the plaudits of the audience, the prima donna proceeded to the delivery of a most unexpected and truly little to be expected, when she proceeded to announce that she was undergoing such extreme physical agony that it would be quite impossible for her to proceed with her role. The St. Paul audience had always received her so kindly, and she had always been so warmly applauded, that she hoped they would not consider she was actuated by any motive but the direst necessity. Miss Rosewald, she continued, had kindly consented to proceed with the role, and in part reparation for her unfortunate husband, she would sing the "Swanee River" while the setting was put in for the next act. A shade of regret passed over the audience, more out of sympathy for her misfortune, however, than the unexpected loss of what would have proven an artistic triumph. 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