Rains Quite General in N. W.

PRETTY GOOD RAIN

The Northwest Gets a Series of Smart Showers.

A PUFF OF COOLER WEATHER

Some Terrific Temperatures Just Before the Hot Spell Culminated.

Nearly the whole northwest received rain last night, and the country is smiling again. At some points there was no precipitation, but even there the people rejoice, for the temperature fell off about 10 to 12 degrees during the night.

The effect on the crops is not yet apparent. Two weeks ago, or even less, the farmers wanted rain and wanted it badly. Now they are approaching the harvest and rain is likely to interfere with their work. Still, it cannot fail to be a blessing to late crops anywhere in the northwest.

The region receiving rain extends from Lakes Superior and Michigan to central South Dakota and western North Dakota. The heaviest precipitation was in the northern part. Detroit, Minn., got 1.28 inches; Crookston, 1.15—which, by the way, it did not need—while Bismarck reports .92 of an inch. As North Dakota has been wanting rain, it is supposed that the farmers are rejoicing.

Toward the south the rain thinned out. Thus there is an area embracing Worthington, New Ulm and Grand Meadow, in which no rain fell last night, and the amount of the precipitation generally has been small. In some places the rain could hardly be called more than a superficial wetting. Observer Outram has no reports from Iowa or Nebraska, but doubts if these states have been visited by showers to-day as the rain clouds appear to have petered out a little south of the Minnesota line.

Showers in Prospect.

The indications are that Minnesota weather will be showery for a day or two. It is possible that moderate weather will now be dealt out, but there is no certainty on this point, for as soon as the cooling influences of the rains have passed away, old Sol may resume his playful task of trying to see how far up he can shove the quicksilver. Mr. Outram hopes that the crops will be greatly benefited by the rain of to-day, but doubts it very much except in North Dakota.

But if the water did no material good to the crops, it was a godsend to sweltering humanity. It came down in every nook and cranny of the northwest and rinsed out the muggy, stuffy heat which has been toasting and frying the northwest for the past fortnight. The temperature fell off 10 or 12 points. In Minneapolis, for instance, it was 82 yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, but at the same hour to-day it was only 70. Similar drops in temperature were noted everywhere, showing that the rain had done its work. With cooler weather, the dust laid on the country roads and the city streets which do not patronize the municipal sprinkling carts, with vegetation freshened and the air cleansed, life is again worth living.

North Dakota.

Specials to The Journal.

Fargo, N. D., July 25.—The first notices of damage to the wheat crop by heat have begun to come in. The excessive heat in the western and southern part of the state has undoubtedly affected the crop in those sections, but no great percentage is thought to be injured yet. The heat in the Red River Valley has been less severe and the damage less noticeable. In fact, it is questionable whether there has been any real damage up to date. The winds from the north have tempered the sun's rays and mitigated the effects of the heat. Grain is ripening and the earlier sown and higher fields are ready for the harvest.

Light rains this morning cooled off the atmosphere and the weather is pleasant and cloudy.

Milnor, N. D., July 25.—Harvest will begin in Sargent county by the last of this week. If nothing happens in the meantime, the average yield will be about fifteen bushels per acre. Help for handling the crop is not to be found, although farmers have started out offering $2.50 per day.

Devils Lake, N. D., July 25.—Competent judges put the following estimate on the crop for Ramsey, Roulette, Towner, Eddy, Nelson, Benson, Bottineau, Pierre, McHenry and Ward counties:

Wheat, 20 to 40 bushels an acre; oats, 60 to 75 bushels an acre; flax, 15 to 25 bushels an acre; barley, 55 to 80 bushels an acre. Help is needed to harvest the enormous crop. Good wages will be paid.

Fairmount, N. D., July 25.—From Fargo to Fairmont the grain is all too ready to cut, and but few are harvesting. In some fields some are cutting, but almost no grain is being shocked. At the same time, there are some men in the towns, and numbers are going through on trains, expecting further north to get greater wages. There is plenty of work to be done, but as yet little disposition on the part of laborers to take hold of it. Crops are promising well, but will not be big. The middle chambers of sections on wheat heads are not filling, because of crowding. Crops appear to do better gradually as one goes south from Fargo. Campbell, east of Fairmount, promises high yields. South of Wyndmere are the best appearing fields to be seen. Oats are not doing badly. Corn is quite poor, not standing half as well as it did a year ago.

Wahpeton, N. D., July 25.—Splendid rains last night revived the crops that had suffered from heat. Wheat harvesting has commenced here.

Jamestown, N. D., July 25.—The first rain of any consequence since July 4 fell last night. The rain was general throughout the James river valley, and was accompanied by considerable thunder and lightning. It will be of great benefit to crops that were beginning to show the effect of the extremely hot weather. The atmosphere is now cool and pleasant and a heavy growth of late-sown grain is expected.

Grand Forks, N. D., July 25.—There has been a wonderful change in the temperature throughout the northern part of the state. From over 90 degrees it has fallen between 30 and 40 degrees. Early this morning the minimum temperature record was 52 and at noon it stood 65. During the rain that started at 2 a. m. and continued till after 6, there was a precipitation of .76 inches. The rain fell unaccompanied by wind and little if any damage will result to the crops. The cool weather is hailed with delight, as the heat had been all but unbearable. The present weather is a great thing for the crops.

Minnesota.

Royalton, Minn., July 25.—The drought was broken yesterday by a heavy rain, which set in at a little after 4 o'clock. It did not come in time to benefit wheat, but it will save corn and potatoes. The temperature just before the storm was 110 degrees. Farmers report that wheat is damaged 25 per cent by the drought.

Graceville, Minn., July 25.—Wheat cutting begins in this vicinity to-day. In northern Big Stone and southern Traverse counties the yield will be good and the quality far above the average. Along Traverse and Big Stone lakes there is more straw than grain, and the crop is a disappointment. There is a scarcity of men for work in the fields. Farmers are offering $3 per day for shockers.

Battle Lake, Minn., July 25.—A heavy shower yesterday cooled the atmosphere. The thermometer had been above 100 pretty near all day. Harvest has begun, and will be general next week. The yield promises to be an average good crop, although the heat may have hurt it more than expected, especially on light soil. The corn is doing well, and this shower will bring it out all right. The hay crop around Battle Lake was the heaviest for years.

Le Roy, Minn., July 25.—Harvesting is about over. Threshing has begun. The oat crop is light, but of good quality. The mercury yesterday was 105 in the shade.

Red Wing, Minn., July 25.—A terrific windstorm struck the village of Goodhue, fifteen miles south of here, doing considerable damage. The German Lutheran church was blown over, and roofs were lifted off of several houses. A heavy rain accompanied the storm.

Brainerd, Minn., July 25.—Yesterday Brainerd received the first rain since the hot weather started in. It is just what was wanted, as crops were getting in pretty bad shape.

Grand Meadow, Minn., July 25.—The mercury yesterday was 106. Ben Nelson, age 16, died of the heat.

Ortonville, Minn., July 25.—The thermometer registered 106 in the shade Tuesday and 104 yesterday. Grass in the pastures was drying up and dying. By laying a thermometer on the ground in the sun yesterday, the mercury would run up to 115. Never before in the history of this part of the country has there been such terrific heat outside of a furnace. A prairie fire can be started anywhere. A large per cent of the wheat will be shrunken and many fields will not yield over five or six bushels per acre.

Long Prairie, Minn., July 25.—The wheat harvest began yesterday and what promised a bumper crop will only be a fair average crop. This is due to the heat.

Alexandria, Minn., July 25.—Yesterday was the hottest day of the season, 100 by the government thermometer. A half inch of rain fell last night. It is cool and cloudy to-day.

Morris, Minn., July 25.—A goodly rain fell here yesterday afternoon and early this morning.

Fergus Falls, Minn., July 25.—The amount of rain fall in this city last night was 1.34 inches. The first storm was accompanied by heavy wind which lodged the grain in many places.—A severe hail storm was reported in the town of Dunn last night. Three houses in Pelican Rapids were struck by lightning during the storm.

South Dakota.

Huron, S. D., July 25.—Fifteen days intense heat terminated last night and this morning by splendid showers over all Beadle county, and the greater portion of the Jim river valley. It was the longest and hottest period ever experienced in this section, the temperature averaging 8 degrees above any July in the past twenty years. So intense was the heat at times that outdoor work was abandoned during the middle hours of the day, particualarly in the harvest fields. Three prostrations occurred, but all have recovered. The rains will be of immense benefit to corn, millet and pasturage. The corn crop, while apparently damaged by heat will be exceptionally heavy if favorable weather conditions continue. Reports indicate a light potato crop.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 25.—Practically the sole topic of discussion these days, aside from the excessive heat, concerns the probable damage to crops from the hot weather. One of the best posted men in this locality as to the present condition of crops in this portion of the state is Frank Wade, ex-deputy United States marshal. He makes almost daily trips to the surrounding country. While on these trips he pays particular attention, of course, to the condition of the crops. "On my last trip," said he, "I was accompanied by a party of old an experienced Iowa farmers, who were looking up land which they desired to purchase. They were deeply interested in crops, and during the course of the journey alighted and examined at least fifty fields of grain and corn. The wheat samples procured by them shelled out from r eighteen to twenty-fou plump kernels to the head, and they estimated that the fields from which they were taken would yield from fifteen to twenty bushels per acre. This is the opinion of expert farmers."

Pierre, S. D., July 25.—Showers visited this section of the state last night and a cool northwest wind has been blowing since midnight. The temperature at 10 this morning is 78.

Huron, S. D., July 25.—The first rain in fifteen days fell here last evening. Most of the Jim river valley was visited, cooling the temperature, which attained 96 yesterday. More moisture is needed to relieve corn and other crops from further injury.

Woonsocket, S. D., July 25.—Harvest is progressing rapidly. The early wheat is turning out better than was expected after the extremely hot weather.

Brookings, S. D., July 25.—Barley and oats are being cut and the yield is far in excess of last year; in fact, they are a good average crop. Some of the wheat on light soil or poorly farmed land shows the effect of the dry weather, but grain on well tilled soil and that which has been properly taken care of is good for 18 to 35 bushels per acre. So far the corn has withstood the severe test and shows a remarkable growth.

Wisconsin.

New Richmond, Wis., July 25.—The rain so desperately needed in this section of the country, fell all last night in torrents, without wind or hail. It came gradually in a manner to do the most good. It means the salvation of corn, potatoes and pasturage.

Glenwood, Wis., July 25.—A steady rain of six hours, fell here and it is still raining this morning.

Cumberland, Wis., July 25.—The long drought was broken by heavy rains, insuring bumper crops. The rain is general throughout northern Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis., July 25.—The First Baptist church was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. Loss, $25,000; insurance, $12,500. Good rains fell.

Black River Falls, Wis., July 25.—The three weeks drought was broken last night by a hard thunder storm and an all night rain. This will do a great amount of good to the crops.

Black River Falls, Wis., July 25.—The long drought in this section was broken by an electric storm last night, accompanied by a fine rain during the night and this forenoon. Considerable damage was done by lightning. Several houses were struck and one big barn owned by J. A. Bailey was destroyed by fire.

Osceola, Wis., July 25.—The first rain in twenty days has been falling here. While rain was needed very much, at this time it will undobutedly do considerable damage to grain standing and in shock. The hay crop has been well cared for. Yesterday the thermometer registered 103 at 3 p. m., and this morning at 5:30 it registered 62 degrees, making a difference of 41 degrees.

Iowa.

Dubuque, Iowa, July 25.—Rains fell within two miles of this city last night. In town the fall was only one one-hundredth of an inch, but it caused the temperature to fall from 105 to 93.

Fonda, Iowa, July 25.—Farmers in this locality state that if a good rain comes within a week corn will prove a good half crop or better. It shows very little blaze and the ears are in healthy condition, but need moisture in order to give them strength to break the husk and catch the pollon. A certain amount of dew is noticeable each night, and the plant presents a healthy appearance in the morning. Hot winds have been a greater detriment to corn in this locality than the absence of rain and with a cessation of these the crop may be a fair one yet. Oats in this neighborhood have turned out fairly well and are going 35 to 60 bushels to the acre. Wheat, of which the local acreage is small, is of a slightly better quality this year, as the light dews have kept it freer from rust than usual. Flax, although somewhat short, still has time to pick up and is in a good, healthy condition.

RAIN

Good Fall in Some Portions of the Drought District.

Chicago, July 25.—The Tribune gathered direct reports at 2 o'clock this morning from telegraph operators at central points in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri—the drought-stricken states—regarding the weather conditions at that hour and the prospects for the immediate future. The results:

Iowa—Cedar Rapids, heavy rain since 1:15 a. m.; prospect for continuing is good. Independence, heavy rain since midnight. Fort Dodge, hard rain since 12:15 a. m. Marshalltown, pouring. Dubuque, light shower at 1:30 a. m.; now threatening. Iowa City, raining since midnight. Atlantic, no rain, but prospects are favorable for rain soon. Mason City, no rain yet; lightning and cloudy in southwest. No rain reported within 100 miles east or west.

Nebraska—Omaha, Cheyenne county and vicinity was visited by heavy rain to-night, two inches falling at Sydney. The fall is believed to have extended through western Nebraska. North Platte, very light rain both east and west of here. Schuyler, no rain. Broken Bow, no rain and not much prospect.

Missouri—Jefferson City, Kansas City, Centralia and De Soto reported no rain and no prospects for any. Moberly reported light local showers through central portion of the state.

Sweden Also Suffers.

Stockholm, July 25.—The crops are seriously suffering as a result of the continued hot weather. Fires have devastated the forests of Jentland, Western Gottland and the Smaland and upland districts.

MAY DEFY BARONS

State Board of Control Wants Better Coal Bids.

THE COMBINE BIDS WERE HIGH

Illinois Coal a Possibility in Case the Board Decides to Break Away.

The state board of control is preparing for a "rassle" with the coal combine. Bids for coal supply for the state institutions have been received and opened, but the board has waited two or three days without acting on them. It is understood that the coal barons, with their usual sagacity, have put in an assortment of bids that almost defies analysis or comparison. While they are not identical, they are uniformly high when compared with the market prices.

The board is said to be in correspondence with some concerns outside the combine who have not put in bids.

The present batch may be rejected and another advertisement made to allow the outsiders to come in. The outside interests are represented to be some independent mines in Illinois.

The board has rather a hard proposition on its hands, however. In asking for bids, the dealers were notified that the figures would be kept strictly confidential and only the successful bid announced. If all are rejected, then no figures can be given out, and the independent bidder will have nothing to guide him in bidding. Another question to give the board pause is whether the Illinois article can be used to advantage at all institutions. The state has rebelled against the combine before, and found it impossible to use the article furnished by the outsiders. Some of the institutions were unable to make steam with it. The board may spend some time in investigating the problem.

Railroads Can Block It.

The attitude of the railroads must also be taken into consideration in case the board strikes for liberty. A few years ago the city of Minneapolis cut away from combine bids and for a time was figuring with outsiders. Some independent bidders went so far as to offer to bring in sample shipments of their coal, but here the railroads took a hand in the game on the side of the combine. While they did not refuse to haul the coal in so many words, the people at the mines found it impossible to secure cars and the pretexts given by the railroads were sufficiently flimsy to be extremely significant.

A BISHOP'S CONSECRATION

AUXILIARY TO MGR. FEEHAN

Cardinal Martinelli Consecrator, Assisted by a Large Number of Church Dignitaries.

Chicago, July 25.—An immense crowd today witnessed the consecration in Holy Name cathedral, of Rev. Father Peter J. Muldoon, as titular bishop of Tamassensis and auxiliary to Most Rev. P. A. Feehan, archbishop of Chicago. Cardinal Sebastian Martinelli, of Washington, acted as consecrator, while two archbishops—Feehan, of Chicago, Ryan, of Philadelphia, a dozen bishops, 400 priests and scores of acolytes assisted.

The ceremony, which lasted three hours, began at 9 a. m., when Father Muldoon, robed in a long purple cassock, was escorted to the altar. After examining the candidate on church doctrines, Mgr. Martinelli administered the oath of fealty and duty.

The cardinal then proceeded with the high pontifical mass with which the ceremony of consecration had been interspersed. He then blessed the vestments, after which each piece was solemnly conferred upon the bishop.

The ceremonies came to an end with a prayer and a hymn. Bishop Muldoon's vestments, including a jeweled crozier, were presented by various organizations of priests of which he is a member, and cost $10,000. They are of the finest silk and linen edged with pearls, amethysts and diamonds.

It Just Burned.

Special to The Journal.

Webster City, Iowa, July 25.—For the past two weeks the thermometer has registered from 100 to 110 degrees in the shade. Yesterday a five-acre field of uncut hay belonging to W. H. Smith, west of the city, burned. There is no railroad near the farm, nor had any one been in the field for some time previous to the conflagration. The excessive heat from the sun, aided, perhaps, by the reflection from a piece of glass or hard metal about the field, started the fire

BAND MADE A HIT

The Journal Newsboys Cull Laurels at Milwaukee.

THEY KEPT ON THE MOVE

When Not Doing Business They Were Around Serenading.

Special to The Journal.

Milwaukee, July 25.—One of the features of the Elks convention here the past two days has been the hustling of the Minneapolis Journal Newsboys' band, composed of some of the youngest musicians in the northwest. The boys, thirty-six in number, seem to be on the move all the while, and the wonder has been expressed that they have been able to keep up the pace set at the start. All Wednesday morning the band marched about the city, visiting first one newspaper office and then another, serenading, and then going to the various hotels and giving concerts. No matter where the boys appeared they were given the heartiest kind of applause, and when they appeared in the parade of the Elks yesterday afternoon, the thousands of people along the route cheered them to the echo. Their red uniforms showed off splendidly. and the precision with which they marched and kept time was an imposing sight. While they did not furnish the best music, still they made the deepest impression, and it is safe to say that if the people could have voted for the first prize, The Journal newsboys would have carried it away. This morning The Journal band was around again serenading the hotels and newspaper offices.

The Minneapolis Elks were not notable for grotesque costumes as were some of the lodges. But they were one of the finest appearing contingents of men in the whole parade. They were dressed neatly in new coats of blue and white trousers, and carried purple and white umbrellas. They marched as only trained soldiers march, and were given their full share of applause along the route. The Minneapolis boys were banqueted by the Milwaukee lodge. The Furniture City band of Grand Rapids, Mich., which won the prize and the local newsboys' band were present.

THE ELKS' HOME

This Important Matter Goes Over to the Next Session.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 25.—The question of selecting a city for a home for aged and indigent Elks was laid over another session. The committee report was presented to the grand lodge at this morning's session and was ratified by the convention without debate. The committee concluded to take this action in view of several additional offers of sites which they wish more time to consider. Among the new bidders for the home are Las Vegas, N. M., and Saint Tammany, La. Twenty acres near Camden, N. J., and a site on Lake Michigan between Manitowoc and Two Rivers, Wis., are also offered. Springfield, Ohio, Colorado Springs, Col., Waukesha, Wis., White Sulphur Springs, Va., Yellow Springs, Ohio, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Cody, Wyo., have been the most active candidates for the national home. The grand lodge increased the special committee on the Elks home by the unanimous election of Jerome B. Fisher, past grand exalted ruler. This committtee meets with the grand trustees of which Joseph T. Fanning of Indianapolis, is the chairman.

The committee on returns and credentials recommended that that committee be increased from three to five members.

The report of the committee on laws and appeals came before the convention at noon and much time was occupied in its consideration.

The Carnival Parade.

The Corso and Elks carnival parade was the social feature of the reunion this afternoon. Several thousand persons were in line. The weather is all that could be asked for. Business was suspended and the parade was witnessed by many thousands of people. It began to move at 2:30 in four divisions headed by a large squadron of police. The Corso extended about two miles and all kinds of fun and frolic were the order of the afternoon. Confetti throwing was allowed along the line of the Corso, between the hours of 1:30 and 6 p. m., and hilarity at the constant bombardment with this material caused no end of enjoyment.

Grand Rapids Scored.

Milwaukee, July 25.—After receiving the report of the committee on laws late yesterday, the convention took a recess until to-day. Nothing was done yesterday in regard to the National Elks' home.

Grand Rapids, Mich., captured the first prize in the parade yesterday. The Toledo "Cherry Pickers" were awarded second and the Chicago contingent third moneys. In this class the determining points of the judges were general appearance and bearing, beauty and originality of costumes and number in line. The Greenville, Miss., lodge was given first prize for the most unique display in the pageant, Omaha being a close second.

The parade was by all odds the most beautiful and successful of its kind ever seen in Milwaukee.

NO COOCHIE COOCHIE

The Eau Claire Street Fair Draws a Hard and Fast Line.

Special to The Journal.

Eau Claire, Wis., July 25.—David McFarland has been sentenced to 125 days in the county jail in default of paying a $125 fine for assaulting 15-year-old Edith Smith. McFarland is 50 years of age and has a wife and family.

M. C. Ring of Neillsville has commenced action for nominal damages against Game Warden A. J. Klofanda of this city for alleged illegal seizure of fish. Mr. Ring was shipping bass and pickerel weighing over twenty pounds from Hayward to Neillsville. The fish were packed and were unaccompanied by the catcher.

Lightning struck Horticultural hall at the fair grounds last evening and totally destroyed the building and thirty tons of hay, besides a lot of farm implements. Andrew Jackson owned the property. The loss is over $1,500, with no insurance.

The Woman's Club recently met President George Blum and Secretary John Horrigan of the street fair association and objected to oriental dances being booked for the street fair. The fair management promised that no oriental dances would be permitted. Dode Fiske, who has a trained horse, "Decyron," that does a coochie-coochie dance, wanted to book the animal for the fair, but was turned down, as the management said that the club's objection extended to man and beast alike. A man having a den of trained bears whose specialty was coochie-coochie dancing has also been refused concessions for the fair on the same grounds.

The city council has granted a franchise to the Osseo Telephone company to erect an exchange in this city and carry its connections with Osseo, Augusta, Elvira, Mondovi and other towns into Eau Claire. One of the clauses prohibits the new company from selling out to any existing telephone concerns.

PAYNE GOUTY

Wisconsin Politician Is Taken Ill in Germany.

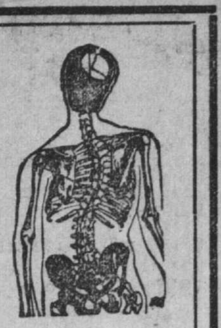
New York Sun Special Service

Frankfort-on-the-Main, July 25.—Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin is ill at Nuremberg, suffering from a severe attack of gout. He was journeying from Carlsbad to Frankfort when compelled to stop at Nuremberg to undergo treatment.

Chatfield Heat Victims.

Special to The Journal.

Chatfield, Minn., July 25.—"Grandma Tesca," mother of F. L. Tesca, a leading hardware man, was overcome by the heat. She is in a precarious condition.—It has been almost impossible for farmers to work in the fields.—Marjorie Rueber, the 2-year-ald daughter of C. E. Rueber, died yesterday.



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MONOPOLY IN BEEF

Standard Oil Co. to Control World's Cattle Trade.

GREAT PACKING PLANTS IN IT

Assertion Made in London That Is Promptly Ridiculed by Chicago Packers.

New York Sun Special Service

London, July 25.—"Standard oil capital will control the cattle trade of the world within ten years," was the assertion made by a prominent United States promoter, who lately accepted the presidency of a subsidiary corporation formed by the Standard Oil company for the purpose named.

This authority also states that the oil corporation, after a critical survey of the American industrial situation, has come to the conclusion that cattle is the most promising investment for the future that the country holds. Statistical experts report that the visible supply of herds suitable for food numbers a million less than it did a decade ago. The tendency is toward a still better shrinkage.

Already, he said, John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller and Frank Rockefeller own extensive ranches in Texas, while Joseph Sibley, of Pennsylvania, also interested in Standard Oil, operates large establishments in Florida.

The plan, it is said, involves an ultimate community of interests such as characterized the formation of the steel trust and the recent railway pools. Standard Oil interests will foster the growth of breeding farms and ranches in all parts of the country, and when the propitious moment arrives will consolidate them in one huge capitalization. Eventually, it is asserted, the great packing plants of Chicago, Milwaukee, Omaha and Kansas City will be invited to pool their issues.

Special to The Journal.

Chicago, July 25.—Louis F. Swift, speaking for Swift & Co., in discussing the assertion that Standard Oil would control the cattle trade of the world, said:

It is all nonsense. I have heard nothing of a combination of cattle-raisers and later of packers. There is no possibility of any community of interests being established such as this promoter mentions.

Michael Cudahy, speaking for the Cudahy interests, said:

I haven't heard a word of it, and if anything of the kind were in the air I would undoubtedly have heard of it. I don't put any stock in the rumor.

A. I. Valentine of Armour & Co. said:

I don't think there is anything in it. It is one of the rumors that float around periodically.

BRIDE OF SEVEN

Not Husbands, but Years Referred to—Mock Marriage.

Special to The Journal.

Sterling, Ill., July 25.—Little Ruth Cook, the seven-year-old daughter of E. J. Cook, of this city, refuses to be comforted because her parents tell her she is not the wife of seven-year-old Johnnie Rife, son of Wesley Rife, of Sterling. At a gathering of friends of both families the children had in all seriousness declared that they wanted to get married, and their parents humored them to the extent of a mock ceremony. Both the little principals were dressed for the occasion, and the tiny bride carried a huge bouquet. A wedding feast was served. It was all interesting until the parents of the child bride attempted to get her to go home. She rebelled. Strong persuasives were employed to get her to go home, but she was out early in the morning looking for her husband, and her parents and the boy's family, as well, have not yet succeeded in making the children believe the wedding was only a joke.

BRIDGE CLOSED

Alleged Official Negligence as to the Big Brooklyn Structure.

New York, July 25.—An order was issued today stopping all street car and vehicle traffic on the Brooklyn bridge. This was in consequence of the breaking of some rods. A statement was issued by a representative of the Roeblings, who built the bridge, that the suspension cables of the bridge were strong enough to hold much more weight than had ever been put upon them, but that there was doubt as to whether the roadway supports were adequate in view of the operation of the great number of trolley cars and elevated trains.

Acting District Attorney Lebarbier has called the attention of Police Commissioner Murphy to the report that the breakage was known to the bridge officials for a week. If this were so, wrote the acting district attorney, and if no steps were taken looking to repairs, then the officials were guilty of criminal negligence and the case will be presented at once to the grand jury.

WILL BE SAT DOWN ON

Ten Million-Dollar Chair Trust Being Organized.

New York Sun Special Service

New York, July 25.—Charles R. Flint is organizing a chair trust, the capital of which is said to be $10,000,000. The combination will include about forty chair companies, or practically all the big concerns in the United States. J. S. Ford of Chicago is in the city arranging the combination under Mr. Flint's direction.

The library of Heidelberg university has just acquired twenty-seven sheets of a Septuagint code, written in uncials, of the sixth or seventh century.

The Irish jam manufacturers have resolved to raise their price in consequence of the increased tax on sugar.

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PORTO RICO CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Island Set Free Commercially on the Anniversary of the American Conquest.

Washington, July 25.—The president today issued his proclamation establishing free trade between Porto Rico and the United States and declaring the organization of a civil government for the island. The proclamation is purely formal and only in the body of the resolutions adopted by the Porto Rican legislature (heretofore published) does it appear that the island is set free commercially to-day in commemoration of the anniversary of the planting of the American flag on the island. The proclamation is headed: "Cessation of Tariff—Porto Rico."

It recites that the act of April 12, 1900 (otherwise known as the Foraker act) provided that, whenever the Porto Rican legislature has enacted and put into operation a system of local taxation to meet the needs of the government and by resolution so notified the president, the latter shall issue a proclamation, and all duties on goods passing between the United States and Porto Rico shall cease. As the legislature has complied with that requirement of the act in terms set out in the resolution, which are quoted in full in the body of the proclamation, that document says:

Therefore I, William McKinley, President of the United States, in pursuance of the provisions of the law above quoted and upon foregoing due notification, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, and do declare and make known that a civil government for Porto Rico has been organized in accordance with the provisions of the said act of congress;

And I do further declare and make known that the legislative assembly of Porto Rico has enacted and put into operation a system of local taxation to meet the necessities of the government of Porto Rico.

FARMERS' TRUST

Hoosier Agriculturists Do a Little Pierpont Morganing.

New York Sun Special Service

Wabash, Ind., July 25.—Farmers around Barbers Mills have perfected a trust in handling grain and live stock. Their action was prompted by the Eastern Indiana Grain Dealers' association forcing an arbitrary price for grain. Farmers claim the middlemen have exacted large profits and propose to take up transactions direct with dealers. Nearly all the farmers in Rock Creek township have signed the agreement. Negotiations for rates on grain and stock for one year have been taken up with the railroads and the line making the lowest bid will get the business. The highest net prices on track in Wells county will be asked of eastern elevator and stock men, varying with the quotations in eastern markets, and farmers in the association will ship to contracting dealers direct.

IDENTITY REVEALED

Sick Woman at Menominee, Mich., No Longer a Mystery.

New York Sun Special Service

Menominee, Mich., July 25.—The identity of the mysterious woman who has been at the Commercial hotel in this city in the last stages of consumption has been established. She is the wife of W. D. Woods, formerly a prominent lumberman of Iron River, Mich., but who is now in the far west. The couple are said to have separated some time since and the woman remained at Iron River when not traveling for her health. The sick woman's sister, a Mrs. Stocklin, who resides at Iron River, came here and took Mrs. Woods back home with her.

YANZ CONTINUED IN CHARGE.

W. T. Yanz will continue as acting superintendent of the Hastings asylum until further action by the board of control. The board this morning voted to continue Mr. Yanz in charge after Aug. 1, when the trustees turn over control of the institution.

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Choice of any girls' tan shoes, of which the reg. prices were $1.25 to $1.60. Bargain Friday...... 69c

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Train Time

"NORTH COAST LIMITED" — NORTHERN PACIFIC

	Leave	Arrive
Electric Lighted—Observation Cars to Portland, Ore., via Butte. Missoula, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma.....	* 10:10 am	* 1:45 pm
Pacific Express Fargo, Jamestown, Bozeman, Helena, Butte, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland...	* 11:15 pm	* 7:05 am
Fargo and Leech Lake Local St. Cloud, Little Falls, Brainerd, Walker, Bemidji, Fargo..	† 9:05 am	† 5:10 pm
Dakota & Manitoba Express Fergus Falls, Wahpeton, Moorhead, Fargo, Crookston, Grand Forks, Grafton, Winnipeg..	* 8:40 pm	* 6:40 am

"DULUTH SHORT LINE"

Leave		Arrive
†8:15 am *2:00 pm *10:30 pm	DULUTH & SUPERIOR	*7:55 am †3:30 pm *7:00 pm

*Daily. †Ex. Sunday.

TICKET OFFICE—19 NICOLLET BLOCK. MILWAUKEE STATION, Minneapolis. UNION STATION, St. Paul.

THE GREAT NORTHERN

Office, 300 Nic. Phone, main 860. Union Depot.

Leave.	*Daily. †Ex.Sun. ‡Sun. only.	Arrive.
† 9:00am	St. Cloud, Fer. Falls, Fargo	† 5:15pm
† 9:00am	.. Willmar, via St. Cloud ..	† 5:15pm
* 9:50am	Flyer to Mont. and Pac. Co.	* 2:00pm
† 9:43am	Willmar, Su F., Yan., Su City	† 5:02pm
† 5:10pm	Elk River, Milaca, Sandst'ne	† 9:35am
† 6:10pm	..Wayzata and Hutchinson..	† 8:55am
* 9:03pm	..Minn. and Dak. Express..	* 7:00am
* 7:40pm	Fargo, Gd. Forks, Winnipeg	* 7:12am
	EASTERN MINNESOTA.	
† 9:20am	...Duluth, West Superior...	† 6:00pm
*11:50pm	...Duluth, West Superior...	* 6:10am

Sleeper for 11:50 train ready at 9 p. m.

NORTHERN STEAMSHIP CO.'S SAILINGS. Steamship Miami leaves Duluth Wednesdays and Saturdays, connecting at Mackinac island with steamships North West and North Land for Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo and Pan-American exposition.

LAKE MINNETONKA TRAINS. Leave Minneapolis—*2 pm, *5:05 pm, †9:15 am, †6:10 pm, ‡10 am, a9:25 pm, b10:40 pm. Returning, Leave Spring Park—*1:30 pm, *5 pm, †7:25 am, †8:14 am, ‡9:20 am, c9 pm, d10:45 pm. a Except Saturday; b Saturday only, c except Friday and Saturday; d Friday and Saturday only.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. — THE MILWAUKEE LINE

Office, 328 Nic. Phone 122. Milwaukee Depot.

Leave.	*Daily. †Except Sunday.	Arrive.
* 7:50am	Chicago, La Crosse, Milw'kee	*10:50pm
* 3:00pm	Chicago, La Crosse, Milw'kee	*12:30pm
* 6:25pm	Chicago, La Crosse, Milw'kee	* 3:20pm
*7:30pm	**Chicago-Pioneer Limited**	*8:20am
* 3:45pm	Chc'go, Faribault, Dubuque	* 9:20am
† 3:00pm	.Red Wing and Rochester.	†12:30pm
† 7:50am	LaCrosse, Dub., Rk. Island	†10:50pm
* 7:50am	Northfield, Faribo, Kan.Cy.	* 6:15pm
† 9:00am	... Ortonville, Milbank ...	† 5:45pm
* 7:35pm	Ortonville, Aberdeen, Fargo	* 6:55am
† 6:50pm	Northfield, Faribo, Austin	†11:05am
† 4:40pm	....Hutchinson, Glencoe....	† 9:45am

Trains for Hotel St. Louis, Minnetonka, leave Milwaukee Station: †6:15 am, *9:30 am, *1:30 pm, †5 pm, *6 pm, *11:45 pm. Returning, leave Hotel St. Louis: †7:20 am, †8:20 am, §9:30 am, †1 pm, *4 pm, *6 pm, *10:45 pm.

NORTH-WESTERN LINE — C. ST. P. M. & O. RY.

Ticket office, 418 Nicollet Av., Phone, 240 Main

†Ex. Sun. Others daily.	Leave	Arrive
Badger State Express—Chi'go, Milw'kee, Madison	7:50 am	10:45 pm
Chicago—Atlantic Express..	10:40 pm	11:55 am
Chicago—Fast Mail..	6:25 pm	9:00 am
North-Western Limited—Chi'go, Milw'kee, Madison	7:30 pm	8:15 am
Wausau, F.duLac, GreenBay	6:25 pm	9:00 am
Duluth, Superior, Ashland..	†8:10 am	†5:20 pm
Twilight Limited—Duluth, Superior, Ashland	4:00 pm	10:30 pm
SuCity, Omaha, Deadwood..	†7:10 am	8:00 am
Elmore, Algona, DesMoines	†7:10 am	8:05 pm
St. James, New Ulm, Tracy	9:30 am	8:05 pm
Omaha Express—Su. City, Omaha, Kan. City	9:30 am	8:05 pm
New Ulm, Elmore..........	4:20 pm	10:35 am
Fairmont, St. James........	4:20 pm	10:35 am
Omaha Limited—Su. City, Omaha, Kan. City	8:00 pm	8:00 am

CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN RY.

"The Maple Leaf Route."

City Ticket Office, 5th & Nicollet, Minneapolis. Depot: Washington & 10th Ave. S.

†Ex, Sunday; others daily.	Leave For	Arrive From
Kenyon, Dodge Center, Oelwein, Dubuque, Freeport, Chicago and East..	7:40 am 7:35 pm 10:45 pm	10:35 pm 8:25 am 1:25 pm
Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Marshalltown, Des Moines, St. Joseph, Kansas City.	10:00 am 7:35 pm 10:45 pm	8:00 pm 8:25 am 1:25 pm
Cannon Falls, Red Wing, Northfield, Faribault, Waterville, Mankato.	7:40 am 5:30 pm	†10:35 pm 10:25 am
Mantorville Local	5:30 pm	10:25 am

Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R.

Office Nic. House. Phone 225. St. Louis Depot.

†Ex. Sunday. Others Daily.	Leave.	Arrive.
Watertown & Storm Lake Express	†9:20am	†5:21pm
Omaha, Des Moines, Kansas City, Mason City and Marshalltown	†9:35am	†6:50pm
Estherville Local	5:35pm	9:40am
St. Louis & Chicago Limited	7:35pm	8:05am
Omaha and Des Moines Limited	8:35pm	7:25am

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie

Office, 119 Guaranty Building. Telephone 1341. Depot, 3d and Washington Aves. S.

Leave.	*Daily. †Except Sunday.	Arrive.
* 6:40pm	....Pacific Coast Points....	* 9:10am
* 6:35pm	...Atlantic Coast Points...	* 9:30am
	Depot 5th and Washington Aves N.	
† 9:40am	..... Dakota Express	† 4:20pm
† 8:15am	.... Rhinelander Local	† 5:45pm

Burlington Route.

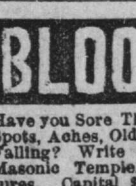
Office, 414 Nicollet Ave. 'Phone 543. Union Depot

Leave for	Terminal Points.	Ar. from
7:30am	Chicago — Except Sunday.	1:20pm
7:30am	St. Louis—Except Sunday.	....
7:20pm	Chic. and St. Louis—Daily.	8:25am

WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILWAY CO.

Office, 230 Nicollet. Phone 1936. Union Depot.

Leave.	All Trains Daily.	Arrive.
7:25am	..Chicago and Milwaukee..	8:50am
7:05pm	..Chicago and Milwaukee..	5:35pm



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