

PROBING THE REGION The Mills Lacs Country Beautiful and Remarkably Productive. SOME BIG CROP STORIES A District Which Should Be Made More Accessible From Minneapolis by Rail.

To the Editor of The Journal. I and doubtless many others have read with great interest the letters of your Mr. Knappen setting forth the vast undeveloped and almost unexplored region of Minnesota. He is doing an untold service. By all means keep Mr. Knappen in the country until he shall have gone the rounds of at least northwestern Minnesota.

I had occasion lately to visit the region lying about Lake Mills Lacs. I was then deeply impressed with the absolute necessity of our having a connection between Minneapolis and that lake. The Great Northern now runs to Milaca, a distance of sixty-four miles, and with an extension of about twenty-five miles we would have brought within 1 1/2 hours' ride of what in my judgment would soon come to be one of the most noted summer resorts in the northwest.

Lake Mills Lacs has an interesting history. It was to this point the two French explorers came in about 1658, more than twenty years before Father Hennepin discovered the Falls of St. Anthony. It was called by them Lake Bude, but the Indian name, signifying "much water," has fortunately been retained. It was here that the Sioux and Chippewas long contested with each other the possession of the valuable shores.

So fervent were the descriptions sent back to the French rulers that the territory east of the Mississippi was ever after regarded as valuable. In 1763 France, by treaty, ceded it to England, and the revolution of that year wrested it from the mother country.

A Splendid Lake. The lake itself is a magnificent sheet of water, it has a little rise and almost circular form, being about seventeen miles long by about fifteen miles wide. Its shores have a gradual slope and its sands are those of a fine beach. One looks out upon its broad expanse several islands, probably of volcanic creation, are distinctly seen. Except for the scattered settlers here and there, the lake itself appears almost as "primitive" as it did to the explorers 250 years ago. A lumber company has on it a steam tug 600 or 800 remaining Indians, the lake itself appears almost as "primitive" as it did to the explorers 250 years ago.

Now arises the query, why so desirable a resort right at our doors should be so allowed to lie? There is but one answer. The railroads have been stretching far away to the Pacific slope and paying no attention to the development of our state. The time has now come when "the community of interest" between the citizens demands that special attention be given to home development.

The Minneapolis Athenæum has received a number of attractive books during the summer, from which the following are selected, as being of a popular nature. These books are now on the shelves of the public library.

BI-JOHN ON VANDERBILT The Former Doesn't Agree With the Latter's Views on Large Wealth and Its Uses.

"Blind John," whose stand is at the Dime Museum corner, does not agree with William K. Vanderbilt that it is an unfortunate thing to be born rich. Naturally Mr. Vanderbilt and John look at the thing from different standpoints, but they both speak from experience, and both opinions should carry weight accordingly. Mr. Vanderbilt is quoted as having said that inherited wealth is as certain death to ambition as cocaine is to mortality. Later, in the interview the millionaire said: "My own life was never destined to be quite happy. It has been laid on lines which I could force, almost from the earliest childhood. It has left me nothing to hope for, with nothing definite to seek or strive for. The first satisfaction which I could force, almost from the earliest childhood, it has left me nothing to hope for, with nothing definite to seek or strive for. The first satisfaction which I could force, almost from the earliest childhood, it has left me nothing to hope for, with nothing definite to seek or strive for."

Recent Purchases of the Athenæum

"A Sailor's Log," by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans. Experiences related in this interesting book cover two important wars, a campaign against the pirate, hunting trips in China and service in the great American war. "Mrs. Gilbert's Reminiscences." A theatrical autobiography of unusual interest. No. 1 of the present generation has had so long and so interesting a career on the American stage as Mrs. Gilbert.

"The Children of the Nations," by Poulton Bigelow. A study of colonization and its problems. A social study made under personal observation in parts of the world controlled by great colonial powers. "Indian Basketry," by James G. Wharton. A popular treatise describing the baskets and basket-makers of the great American southwest, the Pacific coast and Alaska.

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A Police Star for Mrs. Severance

Mrs. C. A. Severance of St. Paul is the first woman in that city to receive a commendation as special policeman. Mrs. Severance is the wife of the law partner of the late Senator C. K. Davis, and is interested in the work of the humane society. She applied for the commission in order to secure authority which would enable her to act at once upon seeing a

District Clearing Houses Wanted

New York, Aug. 29.—A general convention of delegates from all the state bank associations in the country, to take action against the rule established by the New York clearing house bank of charging for the collection of out-of-town checks, is suggested by the executive committee of the Connecticut Bankers' association, which has issued a circular letter to that effect. The letter proposes a system of state or district clearing houses in which each district or state should select a place to which all collections on banks in that district should be sent and to which all banks in that district should immediately pay in par funds their own checks when presented by the clearing house bank or institution at that central point.

Brief Anglo-Spanish Tilt

Madrid, Aug. 29.—While the British fleet in Spanish waters was maneuvering for a torpedo which had been launched, stranded on the shore in front of La Linea. A party of man-of-war's men was sent to recover it, but was prevented from doing so by a detachment of Spanish carbiniers. The landing party was strongly reinforced from the fleet, the carbiniers were overawed and the torpedo was recovered.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR HEAD REFUGED IN WINE PIT

STODDARD GRAND COMMANDER INFORMATION GOT BY CHOKING Hundreds of Armed Men Searching for Francis, the Missouri Negro Murderer.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 29.—The grand encampment of Knight Templars to-day elected Henry Bates Stoddard of Bryan, Texas, grand commander to succeed Reuben H. Lloyd, of California. Col. George M. Moulton of Chicago was elected to succeed Mr. Stoddard as deputy grand master. Rev. H. W. Rugg of Rhode Island was advanced one rank to the office of grand generalissimo, made vacant by the election of Col. Moulton. William B. Melish, of Cincinnati, was elected to succeed Rugg as captain-general, while H. A. Lock of Portland, Me., the junior grand warden, was made senior grand warden.

These officers were elected without opposition. The only contest came in the selection of junior grand warden. There were fifteen candidates. On the first ballot Frank H. Thomas of Washington, D. C., received 137 votes. On the second ballot he received 298 votes, and was declared elected. San Francisco was selected as the next scene of meeting beginning the first Tuesday in September 1904.

Louisville, Aug. 29.—Today, for the first time since the conclusion of the grand encampment, the festivities began. The visitors were able to take full advantage of the pleasure and sight-seeing excursions which have been on the program ever since the grand encampment.

Colorado commandery, No. 1, of Denver, before an admiring throng of 50,000 people, the grand encampment of the Knights Templars, captured by the grand encampment of the knights. St. Bernard, No. 305, of Chicago, the favorite with the majority of the grand encampment, which included the Golden Gate, No. 16, of San Francisco, and Hanselman, No. 16, of Cincinnati, came in for third and fourth prizes respectively.

Among those who took part were La Verne W. Noyes of Chicago; T. E. Orr of Pittsburgh; John Charles E. Dyer of Milwaukee and Rev. Father F. J. Odenbach of Cleveland.

DORAN'S SCORE LOWEST

Play Opens at Winona With a Large Number of Twin City Players Out. Special to The Journal. Winona, Minn., Aug. 29.—Owing to the large number of entries in the golf tournament here the playing of the preliminary round was slow and it was after 1 o'clock before the play was completed.

AT THE STATE CAPITOL

State Auditor Dunn Announces the Calendar. State Auditor Dunn has arranged for sales of state land during October at the following times and places: Wadena, Oct. 7, 9:30 a. m.; Detroit, Oct. 9, 9 a. m.; Moorhead, Oct. 10, 9 a. m.; Fargo, Oct. 11, 10:30 a. m.; Roseau, Oct. 12, 10 a. m.; Ada, Oct. 14, 9 a. m.; Crookston, Oct. 15, 10 a. m.; Warren, Oct. 16, 11 a. m.; Moorhead, Oct. 17, 10:30 a. m.; Red Lake Falls, Oct. 18, 2 p. m.; Little Falls, Oct. 22, 2 p. m.; Foley, Oct. 23, 4 p. m.

Big Kerosene Bill

What It Cost to Kill Grasshoppers in Three Counties. E. B. Forbes, acting state entomologist, has turned in a bill for \$1,613, spent for kerosene oil used in killing grasshoppers for such emergencies. There is about \$5,000 remaining in this fund.

New Smallpox Cases

Only seventy-four new cases of smallpox were reported to the state board of health during the two weeks ending Aug. 25. They were distributed as follows: Becker county, 2; Beltrami, 1; Big Stone, 4; Clay, 1; Crow Wing, 1; Fillmore, 7; Nicollet, 1; Norman, 3; Otter Tail, 1; Pipestone, 2; Polk, 2; Ramsey, 4; Redwood, 1; St. Louis, 12; Sibley, 1; Stearns, 6; Todd, 25. In addition, eighty-one cases were reported from the first time twelve from Otter Tail, forty-six from Pope, eighteen from Todd, and five from Wadena county.

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Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 28.—"Boss" Francis, the negro who outraged and murdered Francis, the Missouri Negro Murderer, is believed to have been located in a mine pit in a negro settlement six miles north of Holden and within a mile of Columbus, the scene of the crime. Francis may elude his pursuers almost indefinitely. The lead to his whereabouts was obtained by stringing up three negroes who live near the Hyatt farm at Columbus. Bloodhounds have been sent for. The search for the murderer has been renewed with increased vigor by hundreds of armed men.

The mob has spent the entire night searching for the negro. Finally after midnight they came upon Emma; Javonport, Charles Briscoe, who lived near Columbus, and a brother of the murderer, between Columbus and Holden. The men acted suspiciously, but declared that they knew nothing about Francis. Briscoe and his brother then talk, it was decided to string all three up. Rope was placed about Briscoe's neck, but he would say nothing, and at ten o'clock he was hanged. After Davenport had dangled at the end of a rope for a few moments, he became terror-stricken and motioned to be let down. He finally said: "Let me go, I'll tell you where he is. He is in a coal bunk over here, and I'll show you."

JOLLY FOR WEATHER MEN

Guests Throw Many Bouquets Cream City to Banquet the Visiting Forecasters To-night—Secretary Wilson There. Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 29.—The convention of weather bureau officials came to a close to-day with a section devoted to the most interesting feature of the brief response to the "As Others See Us." The remarks were of a highly optimistic character in praise of the officials of the United States weather bureau.

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Great Bargains for Boys. Boys' Hose, sizes from 6 to 10, elastic rib, with triple knee and French foot. Regular price 35c, Bargain Friday 25c. Boys' Wash Suits, worth from 50c to \$2.00, Bargain Friday 35c.

Bargains in Women's Furnishings. At 75c—Mercedized cambric Petticoats, beautiful effects in black and white, made with 8-inch accordion pleated flounces. Worth \$1.25. Bargain Friday 75c.

Friday Bargains in Women's Shoes. Women's Oxfords, remnants from several broken lines. Values to \$3.00. Small sizes only. Bargain Friday 50c.

Men's and Children's Hats. Nobby fall and summer Caps, in solid colors and fancy plaids, stripes and checks. The balance of our 35c, 50c and \$1.00 grades. Special values for Bargain Friday 25c.

Northwest Pensions. Washington, Aug. 29.—Pensions granted: Minnesota—Henry J. Nelson, Nankay Center, \$5; Jacob M. Clark, Royaltown, \$10; F. G. Gatterson, McColl, Minneapolis, \$12; Robert J. Gatterson, Sauk Center, \$10.

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