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MINNEAPOLIS STORMS AND TAKES THE STATE FAIR TO-DAY

NOW IT IS ALL FIGURED OUT

Railroads of the Northwest Parceled Out Among the Various "Interests"—Harriman to Get the St. Louis.

Special to The Journal.

New York, Sept. 3.—Reports coming here from Chicago indicate that the time is near when announcement will be made of combinations of western roads that are highly interesting. The plan is said to be as follows:

The Minneapolis & St. Louis is to be a Harriman road and be operated as a link in the Harriman group, as part of the Illinois Central. The Iowa Central is to be another link in the same group, but will be operated as part of the Chicago & Alton. The Wisconsin Central is to be absorbed by the Harriman syndicate. The Chicago Great Western is to come under the wing of the Hill-Morgan combination like the Burlington, though approximately at A. B. Stickney's price. The Omaha, part of the North-Western system, in time to be embodied in it, is to be operated more directly under Vanderbilt's supervision. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is to remain independent, but it is to have sufficient representation in the other large interests on its board to assure absolute co-operation.

YOUNG VET TO OLD VETS

Col. Roosevelt's Talk to the Union Veterans.

HE EXALTS THEIR DEEDS

And Makes an Emphatic Hit by His Speech.

THE AFTERNOON RECEPTION

Commercial Club Thronged With Citizens Anxious to Grasp His Hand.

Colonel Roosevelt has put in no pleasanter hour during his vist to Minneapolis, nor made no more notable bit with an assemblage than on the occasion of his greeting to the Union Veterans League at the fourth ward wigwam this morning. It was an informal affair all through, not unnecessarily drawn out, and full of meat from start to finish. The body of the hall was crowded to the doors with veterans and their wives, members of the Relief Corps and veterans of the Spanish war. The general public filled the gallery, and then jammed the aisles.

C. W. Curtis, commander of Gettysburg post of the Union Veterans' League, presided. On the platform were General L. A. Grant, Perry Starkweather, John F. Perry, Captain E. B. Wood, of Long Prairie, former commander of the state department, G. A. R., James Compton, commandant at the Soldiers' Home, P. D. Boutelle, Herman Vogt, W. H. Adams, W. F. Alee, A. H. Runge, A. L. Jones, B. F. Ward, J. Colfax Grant and Chief of Police Ames.

Colonel Roosevelt appeared on the scene a little before 11 o'clock, escorted by Thomas H. Shevlin and Congressman Fletcher. The crowd was in very demonstrative humor and gave him a "strenuous" welcome. All on the platform were immediately presented. Miss Mabel Runge then sang, and without further preliminaries Chairman Curtis introduced the honored guest of the day.

Colonel Rosevelt was attired in the frock coat and roomy trousers that he is making to do universal duty during his trip to the state, and looked the part of the rought and ready fighter to perfection.

He spoke only briefly, perhaps a quarter of an hour at the most, and took his text largely from the lessons furnished by the courage and fortitude and patriotism of the men before him in the hour of the nation's peril, at times, however, falling into reminiscences of his own brief but eventful experience in war. He was frequently interrupted by vociferous applause. He said in part:

Col. Roosevelt's Talk.

"In a sense I can call you comrades, although ours was only a skirmish compared with what you did. Yet it gave me a chance to appreciate the measure of your great deeds. I am pleased with the opportunity to greet the people of this city and the state and the northwest. I am glad to meet and greet them all. And above all other citizens of the republic, I feel honored to meet men of the Grand Army of the Republic, who in the times that tried men's souls proved the faith that was in them by their works. They not only talked patriotism, but they acted and died patriotism.

"The work of Washington and his fel-

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BIG COAL DEAL

Pocahontas Syndicate Acquires Some 1,500 Distinct Properties.

Special to The Journal.

New York, Sept. 3.—It is officially announced to-day that the Pocahontas Coal Syndicate, which will embrace vast tracts of coal lands in Virginia and West Virginia, will be launched within a very short time. The new concern will have a capital stock of between $50,000,000 and $75,000,000. Practically all of the stock has been underwritten. A member of the syndicate to-day said that more than 300,000 acres of coal lands in the two states mentioned had been acquired. In the neighborhood of 1,500 distinct properties have been bought outright or options secured thereon. Judge Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, is chairman of the underwriting syndicate, which will be financed by J. P. Morgan & Co.

MORE HURTS FROM DROUGHT

This the Fortune of Crops the Past Week.

RAINS RETARD WORK

Improvement in Corn Offsets These Drawbacks.

THRESHING OF SPRING WHEAT

Plowing and Seeding Well Advanced for Which Soil Conditions Are Favorable.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The weather bureau's general summary of crop conditions is as follows:

While the weather conditions of the week ending Sept. 3, 1901, have been generally favorable in a majority of districts, heavy rains have injured crops and retarded work in portions of the south Atlantic and gulf states, and dry, hot weather has been unfavorable in the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and on the north Pacific coast. Extreme heat and drought in localities of Oklahoma and Texas have also been detrimental to crops.

Late corn continues to show improvement, although it was injured by drought and heat in portions of Kansas, has suffered further decline in Missouri and needs rain in Nebraska.

In Iowa corn is maturing rapidly and the cutting of early planted is general in all sections of this state and Missouri, and the more northerly sections and is progressing rapidly in Kansas.

Further improvement in late corn is reported from the Ohio valley, but it has suffered injury by flood on low lands in Tennessee. Reports indicate that the bulk of the late corn will be safe from injury from frost by Sept. 15 to 20, but that some very late fields will require until Oct. 1 to fully mature the crop.

Spring wheat threshing continues with generally satisfactory yields, except in North Dakota, where they are light and of poor quality.

It was another generally unfavorable week for cotton. The average condition Aug. 24 was 71.4, as compared with 77.2 on the 25th of the preceding month, and a ten-year average of 74.9.

Very favorable reports concerning tobacco are received from all sections except Maryland, where it is not curing satisfactorily. Cutting is general and the bulk of the crop is in shed in Wisconsin.

The condition of apples continues unpromising in nearly all sections.

Soil conditions are favorable for plowing and seeding, which are in progress and well advanced in all districts except in Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma, where the work has been retarded by drought.

GOOD EXCUSE.

"Why is Rudgley trying to break the record in his trip around the world."

"His wife is after him."

A TIDE OF PEOPLE FROM MINNEAPOLIS

It Inundates the State Fair and Flows Into Every Nook and Corner of the Big Show.

More Records Are Broken—The Legislature Meets and Pronounces the Fair "Great Stuff."

Minneapolis Day at the state fair has always been a winner, and this afternoon all signs pointed to something new in the way of Minneapolis Day records, despite the fact that this is only the second day of the great fair.

The fair management said shortly after noon to-day that there was no longer any doubt but that this would be a record-breaking Tuesday—the turnstiles already gave assurance of that.

At noon the turnstile records showed 5,000 more paid admissions than were shown at the same hour Tuesday of last year.

Last year Minneapolis Day came Thursday. As the outside attendance at the fair is always larger the latter part of the week, and as yesterday drew a very large crowd owing to the presence of Mr. Roosevelt, some surprise was felt by the management that the attendance was so large to-day with the promise of going clear past the record of Tuesday a year ago and possibly of Thursday.

Minneapolis Day a year ago showed 42,284 paid admissions. The management believes that the record for to-day when all are in will equal or pass that figure.

Secretary Randall says that if the day's figures do go past those of a year ago, the record will be a wonderful one and will make it hard for any other day to come up to it. The turnstiles kept up their merry click all afternoon and the pleasant weather, it was felt sure, would attract an immense crowd for the evening's program, which is an unusually fine one.

The Weather Ideal.

Minneapolis Day at the fair was never favored with better weather or a better program than to-day. It has been an ideal day, perfect for the enjoyment of all of the sights and perfect for sports. The attendance during the morning was slightly under that of yesterday morning, but the afternoon brought big crowds. The afternoon program included an exhibition of saddle horses on the half-mile track and an exhibition of harness horses an hour later. The exhibition of light carriage teams was begun at 3:30.

The big event of the day was the 2.21 pace for the purse of $5,000 offered by Minneapolis business men. The field of starters was large. The grand stand was packed with an enthusiastic audience, which cheered the winners. The 2:17 pace closed the racing program of the afternoon.

The Evening Program.

This evening the program will be as follows:

Band concert.
Three races by Tolbert running combination.
Running race, one-half mile heats.
Llonel Legare spiral exhibition.
Running race, one-mile dash.
Pain's Last Days of Pompeii.

State and Territorial Day.

To-morrow is state and territorial day. The racing program will include a 2:22 pace and 2:35 trot. Purse in both events, $1,000. Also a one-half mile running race. The evening program will be similar to that of this evening.

The Journal Newsboys' band was one of the big attractions to-day.

LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL

Fair Gets It at Meeting of Legislators on the Grounds.

Members of the state legislature gathered in Institute hall at 10 o'clock this morning and in a short session declared the state fair a success and the appropriations made by the legislature well spent. Lieutenant Governor Lyndon A. Smith called the meeting to order. Representative James A. Larson, of Walnut Grove, was elected chairman and Julius Schmahl, chief clerk of the house, was made secretary. Short speeches were called for. Chairman Larson led off with his thanks to the members present for the honor conferred upon him.

Secretary E. W. Randall called upon for remarks. He told the members he was glad to see them at the fair and hoped they would enjoy the show. He called attention to the new agricultural hall for which appropriation was made at the last session of the legislature. He said that the fire protection given by the new hydrant system had been successfully tested twice this week. By sales of thoroughbred stock now in progress, the association hoped to add largely to the stock interests of the state and thereby increase its prosperity. Mr. Randall told the members that the fair was now on basis where it could grow in good shape. The management hoped to make money this year as a result of the fine weather and complete show. Some improvements were needed. Among these was a larger grand stand and an electric light plant. He wanted the members to investigate both propositions.

Talks by Solons.

Lieutenant Governor Smith excused himself when called upon for a speech by saying that an extra session was in prospect and all of his eloquence would be required then.

Senator E. T. Young said that the fair management was in good hands, and that the legislature was friendly to the institution.

Senator Tim Sheehan made several lines of characteristic remarks. To his mind the present gathering was not called to discuss the fair or to felicitate generally. It was for the discussion of the question of an extra session. The desire for an extra session was not to discuss the question of taxation so much as to do justice to certain measures that went down to inglorious defeat on the last day of the session. Among these was the appropriations for the newspapers.

Attorney General Douglass made a short talk in which he recommended that all future buildings of the state fair association should be fire proof.

Other speakers were W. P. Roberts, W. B. Anderson of Winona and George J. Mallory of Duluth. Frank Forbes, a former reading clerk, was asked to sing, but declined. He made a short talk, impressing upon members the value of the stae fair sessions of the legislature.

The following members and officers of the legislature were present:

Senators—Lieutenant Governor Smith, Montevideo; E. T. Young, Appleton; R. E. Thompson, Preston; O. H. Myron, Ada; Samuel Swenningson, Austin; T. D. Sheehan, St. Paul; G. D. McArthur, Blue Earth City; A. W. Stockton, Faribault; W. W. Sivright, Glencoe; Charles Halvorson, Dawson.

Representatives—Charles G. Rapp, St. Hilaire; W. H. Noyes, Barnum; Peter J. Schwarg, Dodge Center; George J. Mallory, Duluth; William P. Roberts, Minneapolis; John B. Lommen, Comstock; G. B. Ward, Alexandria; James A. Larson, Walnut Grove; Rukard Hurd, Minneapolis; W. A. Nolan, Grand Meadow; W. B. Anderson, Winona; P. A. Gandrud, Sundberg; J. H. O'Neil, Park Rapids; J. H. Schutz, Marshal; J. B. Bean, Nicollet; Thomas Torson, St. James; J. E. Bosworth, Money Creek; J. O. Haugland, Montevideo; L. C. Stevenson, Minneapolis; Carl Wallace, Minneapolis; Gunerius Peterson, Hector; W. W. Rich, New Brighton; Charles Fust, Minneapolis; G. W. W. Harden, Leroy; P. C. Deming, Minneapolis; C. W. Armstrong, Minneapolis; C. S. Sherman, St. Paul.

Officers—William D. Smith, Winnebago City, second assistant secretary of senate; Julius A. Schmahl, Redwood Falls, chief clerk of the house; S. A. Langum, secretary of senate; S. W. Melendy, Minneapolis, postmaster; Edwin Johnson, Norway Lake, house file clerk.

COUNTY DISPLAYS

Some Eye-Openers for Folk From the South.

One of the interesting items among the county exhibits is the alfalfa shown by Beltrami county. Beltrami surprises the people from the southern counties with what it can raise in the way of grains, grasses and vegetables. C. L. Smith in charge of the exhibit claims the best sample of wheat on the grounds.

Dakota county has had trouble in getting its exhibit in place. It's manager says that the delay in getting the display here is due to the mistakes of the Milwaukee road. It makes a strong display of flax and corn as well as other farm products.

Charles A. Cooper of the Cooper Land company of St. Cloud is in charge of the Stearns county exhibit. St. Cloud polished granite is one of the attractive parts of the display. Large muskmelons and watermelons are prominent.

Stevens county shows corn, grains and potatoes in a complete way in addition to a multiplicity of other products.

Mrs. J. A. Howard, of Zumbro, in the Wabasha county display has an exhibit of honey bees which attracts much attention. Added to this is a very fine display of honey. Wabasha county also exhibits ginseng root, watermelons, peaches and figs in addition to the regular northwestern farm products, Aitkin county, Goodhue, Olmsted, Blue Earth, Houston, and

SCHOOL BEGINS.

TRUST OF BOXMAKERS

Rural Free Delivery Combine Seems Doomed.

A REOPENING COMING

Postmaster General Will Probably Appoint Another Committee.

CONGRESS MAY INVESTIGATE

Marylanders Bring Very Unfaborable Reports From Cape Nome.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The rural free delivery boxmakers' trust seems on the point of being knocked to pieces. An official of the postoffice department said today that, in all probability, Postmaster General Smith would soon appoint another committee to select additional boxes to be used on rural free-delivery routes. The committee appointed last winter examined fifty-six boxes, all but about a dozen of which came clearly within the specifications of the department; but it arbitrarily selected fourteen of the boxes as proper for rural free delivery use and discarded all of the rest. Since May 1 last the department has forbidden the delivery of mail to any person on a rural route who was not provided with one of the fourteen selected boxes; provided, however, such delivery might be made in cases where the irregular box was contracted for prior to May 1.

This action of the department has enabled the favored fourteen manufacturers to clear many thousands of dollars, and it has been openly charged that the postmaster general and Chief Machen of the rural free delivery service are responsible for the formation of what, to all intents and purposes, is a boxmakers' trust. Great pressure has been brought to bear by senators and members of congress for the appointment of another committee that would recommend the adoption of all boxes coming well within the requirements of the department, and several congressmen, among them Mr. Eddy of Minnesota, have served notice that unless something of that kind is done they will have congress investigate the boxmakers' trust at the session next winter, with a view to having all facts in connection with the selection of the fourteen boxes made public. What effect these threats have had it is difficult to say; but it is a fact, as already state, that the department is on the eve of reopening the box question by naming a new committee.

The Journal has a rural free delivery box which is admittedly superior to practically every one of the fourteen boxes selected, and yet that box cannot be used in rural routes in the northwest because it is not one of the arbitrarily selected fourteen boxes. When the new committee is appointed there will be a chance for The Journal box to be submitted in the regular way, and there is no question but it will be adopted, as will all boxes which come up to the requirements of the postoffice department.

GIVE CAPE NOME A BAD NAME. Marylanders returning from Alaska give Cape Nome a very bad name. A party of a dozen men living in Garrett county, returned home the other day after two years spent at Nome, and have filled the state papers with their interviews. Lawrence E. Compton of Oakland, Md., one of them, says that the exodus from Nome has assumed the proportions of a stampede. Of a former population of 40,000 probably not 1,000 people will winter there. Real estate has dropped, the cost of living is low, and there are about 40 applicants for every job. A Maryland woman, he says, who once was offered $20,000 for a lot would now be glad to get one-fiftieth of that amount. The summer has not been adapted to the wants of the miners. The beach and gravel along the creeks remained frozen, and one of the claims fifty miles from Nome was covered with ten feet of ice. Thousands of miners have washed every particle of gold out of the beach, and it is no longer a source of revenue. Some of the mining companies have been fairly successful on Anvil creek and its tributaries, but the export of gold from Nome will be a mere bagatelle compared with that of the two previous years. Said Mr. Compton:

Thus far in the Klondike region and in Nome only free gold has been discovered, and the mining is purely of a placer character. It is fully agreed that lodes of quartz are to be found, and a search is being made for them. While we are not overburdened with wealth as the result of our journey, we return rich with experience.

LOWER CABLE RATES COMING. Consul General W. A. Rublee, of Hong Kong, has made an interesting report to the state department concerning the proposed cable from the United States to Manila, via Hong Kong. The people of that city and of the Philippines are very anxious for its early construction, as a relief from the prevailing exorbitant charges of the cable companies now in the field and will bring all possible pressure to bear in this country. The present cable tariff to the United States from Hong Kong is $1.75 per word, and it is believed that the new cable will cut this down to at least $1. Such a reduction would, Mr. Rublee says, greatly increase the trade between Chinese and Philippine ports and this country.

—W. W. Jermane.

$100,000 LOSS

The Sawmills of Armstrong-Thielman Co. at Hancock Burned.

Special to The Journal.

Houghton, Mich., Sept. 3.—Fire at 10 o'clock this morning totally destroyed the Hancock saw mills of the Armstrong-Thielman Lumber company. The buildings including the mill, offices, warehouses, residences and also the entire summer's cut of hardwood, pine and finished lumber are a total loss. The loss is estimated at $100,000, only partly insured. The water supply was inadequate and the combined efforts of both the Hancock and Houghton fire departments were fruitless.

The product of the first month of operation of the Mass mill was 175 tons of mineral, of which sixty-six were mass copper. In all 9,500 tons of rock were stamped with only one head in commission.

The controller of the currency to-day declared a first dividend of 25 per cent in favor of the creditors of the Le Mars, Iowa, National bank on claims amounting to $111,171.

WAYLAID

Postmaster of Carver Murderously Assaulted by His Stepfather.

Special to The Journal.

Carver, Minn., Sept. 3.—An attempted murder occurred here at 11:30 last night. Postmaster J. S. Nelson was returning home and was assaulted by his stepfather, Swan Holm, and narrowly escaped death.

By reason of a bridge being out Nelson was compelled to enter his residence through an alley. Holm, masked and otherwise disguised, was secreted in a dark spot and when Nelson appeared, he struck him with a large bar of iron, inflicting an ugly wound on the scalp over the brain.

Nelson's cries brought the watchman and Holm was taken at once to the county jail at Chaska.

Nelson and his stepfather have not been on good terms for years. The latter has not been living with his wife for some time and has been away a good deal and was not known to be here until he made the murderous assault last night on his wife's son. His wife has made her home with her son and a daughter. It is supposed that Holm and his wife could not agree and that Nelson, naturally taking the part of his mother, has incurred the ill will of the old man. The family has suceeded in keeping its affairs pretty well from the public, but it is known that Holm was a disturbing factor and that the difficulty has been of long standing.

MILL WRECKED

Boiler Explosion in Mills at Muscatine—Three May Die.

Special to The Journal.

Clinton, Iowa, Sept. 3.—Two boilers in the Musser lumber mills at Muscatine exploded this morning. Three men were severely hurt and may die.

The mill is a total wreck and other boilers were thrown off their foundations. An hour later the mill would have been filled with workmen. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

TO-MORROW'S EVENTS AT THE FAIR

State and Territorial Pioneers' Day

Morning—10 a. m.—Auction sale of Hereford cattle.
Afternoon—Band concert. Aerialistic exhibition by the Bickett family. Balloon ascension. Lionel Legare, spiral globe exhibition. 2 p. m.—Matched roadster team (stallions barred), exhibition on half-mile track. Appointment turnouts, on half-mile track. 2:30 p. m.—Harness horses, American or foreign bred, to be judged on half-mile track. Running race, one-half mile; purse, $200. 2:22 class pacing; purse, $1,000; thirteen entries; 2:35 class trotting; purse, $1,000; fourteen entries.
Evening—Running race, half-mile heats. Band concert. Running race, one-mile dash. Lionel Legare, spiral globe exhibition. Changes in Tolbert running combination. Pain's brilliant spectacular pyrotechnic exhibition, "The Last Days of Pompeii."

IN MINNEAPOLIS

Afternoon—
2:15 p. m.—Banda Rossa Concert at the Exposition—Ladies' Thursday Musicale
2:15 p. m.—Haverly's Minstrels at the Metropolitan.
2:15 p. m.—Mathews & Bulger at the Bijou.
Evening—
8:15 p. m.—Banda Rossa concert at the Exposition—"Wagner night."
8:15 p. m.—Haverly's Minstrels at the Metropolitan.
8:15 p. m.—Mathews & Bulger at the Bijou.

GUESTS AT JOURNAL BUILDING

The Journal building receives compliments on every side. It is voted one of the neatest structures on the grounds. Hundreds throng it daily, asking questions on the art of printing and the work of getting up a daily newspaper. Many never saw a linotype machine before, and the smooth working Mergenthaler linotype in The Journal building is a wonder. The antique press, two centuries old, is a great curiosity.

Among the callers yesterday were several pioneers who have been in the state for a great many years. Two of them have taken The Journal for twenty years. They say its growth into a great metropolitan daily has paralleled the development of Minnesota into the great state that she is to-day. These old-timers, loyal to the state, regard The Journal as one of the northwest's greatest institutions. Several of them relate with what great interest their grandchildren and great grand children look forward to the coming of the Journal Junior each week.

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