

TODAY THE GREAT NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

MINNESOTA LUMBER PRICES CONTINUE FIRM

SHIPMENTS ARE HEAVY, THOUGH FREIGHTS ARE HIGH. Rates Are Out of Proportion to Those on Other Traffic and a Cut Is Probable—Tracy Laying Soon to Be Started on Messabe Southern Road Extension From Mountain Iron.

Special to The Journal. Duluth, Minn., July 30.—Lumber prices continue firm. There have been several sales, possibly the largest of which was by the Lesure Lumber company, which has placed 2,500,000 feet of which 400,000 feet is thick stock that has been on the docks for some time. This is all being taken care of by the company and practically the entire sale will have been shipped east before the close of the week, a fact that argues for the position taken by head of the lumber trade here, that the eastern yards have no surplus stocks on hand.

Other sales have been closed during the week, but in single deals in large amount. Prices have been better than could have been secured a few months ago. Shipments continue heavy and the procession of ships at docks show no diminution from week to week. There is talk of a cut in lumber freights and it is probable these freights are out of proportion to other commodities.

It is expected that the Messabe Southern road extension from Mountain Iron, which has been under construction for some time, will be completed by the end of the month. The road will be about 10 miles long and will be a branch of the main line of the Messabe Southern road.

The St. Louis River Logging company has commenced driving out the logs in Elk Lake. The water here has been sluiced out, but the water is low and it is doubtful if the rest can be taken out before heavy rains. The company has been working on the Elk Lake for some time and the owners of land on Elk Lake and the companies that have attempted to lumber there.

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST IN BROWNS VALLEY. BROOKS FALLS, MINN.—A bankruptcy petition of unusual interest was filed here today, the petitioners being George I. Becker and William M. Becker, surviving partners of the firm of Becker & Gering, bankrupts.

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SOUTH DAKOTA BETTER SEED FOR PLANTING

TRI-STATE GRAIN DEALERS TO MEET AT MITCHELL. Addresses by Brenner, McCaull, Stubbens, Holden, Chilcot and Others—Movement for Careful Planting in the Interest of Larger Yields for Farmers of Northwestern Grain States.

Special to The Journal. Mitchell, S. D., July 30.—The South Dakota meeting of the Tri-State Grain Dealers association will be held in this city on Tuesday, Aug. 2, in the rooms of the Mitchell club. One of the objects to be met is the formation of a South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska interested in using better seed for planting, it being the opinion of leading members of the association that 50 per cent more grain can be raised in these states by planting better seed. The following program will be presented in the afternoon: Invocation—Rev. Thomas Nicholson, president of Dakota university. Address of Welcome—George A. Silsby, mayor of Mitchell. Response for Association—J. M. Doyle of Delmont.

Address—A. F. Brenner, Minneapolis, president of the association, will read "Relations of the Grain Dealer and the Farmer"—J. L. McCaull, Minneapolis. "Improvement in Grain Crops"—Professor W. C. Cline, Iowa State University. In the evening two addresses will be made, as follows: "The National Association"—George A. Silsby, president of Grain Dealers' National association of Chicago. "Corn Culture"—Professor F. G. Holden of Iowa Agricultural college, Ames.

BULGE IN PRICE OF BEER. Winona Saloonkeepers Angered by Action of Brewers. WINONA, MINN.—Winona saloonkeepers are up in arms over action taken by the brewers here in raising the price of beer from \$6 a barrel to \$7.50. Formal notice of the advance was sent out yesterday by the four breweries. The Winona brewers have recently formed an association, and have elected a board of directors. The state association has been anxious for an advance here as in most places in the state beer is sold at \$7, or higher than the advance made here. The brewers here are not alone another reason for the advance in a 25 per cent increase in wages just granted to brewery employees on application of the Brewery Workers' union.

CASS LAKE DISAPPOINTED. Pine From the Chippewa Will Be Manufactured at Other Points. CASS LAKE, MINN.—All doubts as to where the pine to be taken from the Chippewa reservation will be manufactured have been set at rest by the announcement of the lumber companies. It had been hoped that at least one more large sawmill would be erected at Cass Lake, or in this immediate vicinity, but the companies, with one exception, have made arrangements to have their logs hauled to Grand Rapids and from there driven down the Mississippi to points in Iowa, or further east to Cloquet and sawed at the mills there.

The Standard Lumber company, which was one of the largest purchasers of the logs, has arranged for the construction of several miles of railway grade and tracks within the confines of the forest reserve, at Cuba, about five miles east of Cass Lake, and 200 men are at work cutting out right-of-way thru the forest, grading and laying the rails. This railroad will be owned by the Standard Lumber company and the main line will connect with the Great Northern at a point a mile east of Cuba. There will be several branches of the line, one to the west, one to the east and one to the north. The Standard company has almost 20,000,000 feet of pine cut in that vicinity the next four years.

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MOODY CASE BROUGHT TO TRIAL AT WAHPETON. Charges of Collusion with Blindpigs and Collecting Illegal Fees—State's Case Materially Weakened by the Rulings of the Court—Little Left of Complaint.

Special to The Journal. Wahpeton, N. D., July 30.—After several adjournments, postponements and about four months' delay, the celebrated Moody case is on trial. The case was called today at 10 a.m. and the forenoon was taken up in selecting a jury. State's Attorney Schuler appeared for the state with Purcell, Bradley & Divet and W. H. Redmon for the defendant.

Owing to the rulings of the court before the last adjournment and the rulings made today there is little left of the complaint. The action is brought to oust the sheriff from office during the first term of office or first of collecting illegal and exorbitant fees as sheriff and second, for protecting blindpigs and conducting a lottery.

Before the last adjournment the court ruled that nothing in the complaint relating to acts committed during the sheriff's first term of office or during 1901 and 1902 could properly enter the case. The court held that the complaint was limited to the acts committed during the second term of office.

This materially weakens the state's case as it leaves only the acts committed during the second term of office. The sheriff collected several hundred dollars in illegal fees for work done for which the law provides no fee, and a suit which promises to be the most important ever tried in the state is in progress in United States court in this city. It was brought by the Standard Oil company, for the purpose of testing the validity of an oil inspection law enacted by the state legislature.

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SHOT HIS COMPANION. Strom Was Showing What He Would Do if Attacked by Holdups. FARGO, N. D.—William Monson and Theodore Strom were discussing the recent holdup. "What would you do if some person thrust a gun in your face this way?" said Monson, pointing a revolver in Strom's face.

GRAFTON, N. D.—The work of paving has been completed here. The blocks of cedar pavement have been laid. The construction of cement sidewalks thruout the paved districts will be begun at once.

WISCONSIN. BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.—A teachers' institute will open here next Monday under the direction of Principal Thomas Lloyd-Jones of Menomonie, assisted by Mr. L. D. Darling of Stevens Point.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—The sight of a burglar at her bedside when she awoke from a sound sleep has stricken Mrs. Henry Haas deaf and dumb.

DURAND, WIS.—George Tarrant, aged 66, father of Judge W. D. Tarrant of Milwaukee, is dead.

NORTHWEST WEDDINGS. CEDAR FALLS, IOWA.—Miss Clara A. Tilton, assistant in the physical training department of the University of Iowa, and Fred Hack, a young Chicago lawyer, were married this week in St. Louis.

WINTERSET, IOWA.—Miss Mae Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fleming of this city, and Edward Wilder of Naples, Texas, were married here and are on their way south.

WASHINGTON, IOWA.—Miss Grace Cray and Charles Strain, prominent in society here, outwitted their friends and were quietly married before anyone knew of the event.

MASON CITY, IOWA.—Bradford Knapp, an attorney of Belmont, Iowa, and Mrs. Stella Davis of Canton, Iowa, came here this week and were married at the home of the bride's sister.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—John Harper, one of the early settlers of this city, returned the first of the year from Scotland and announced his engagement to Miss Margaret Ogilvy of Thurma. Miss Ogilvy is a classmate of J. M. Barrie and is well-educated. The couple were married last evening at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. Donald McKenzie. The bride arrived in the city a week ago.

HAMPTON, IOWA.—Ole C. Christensen and Martha Peterson were married in St. John's Lutheran church.

ELK POINT, S. D.—Guy W. Gray and Miss Maud Swetelle, both of this place, were married in Sioux City.

MONTANA FIRE IS TAKING MONTANA PINE

DOZEN CONFLAGRATIONS IN HEAVY TIMBER SECTIONS. Flathead County Is Covered With Smoke So Dense that at Times the Sun Is Obscured—Forest Supervisor and His Men Check a Blaze Near Belton.

Kalspell, Mont., July 30.—No less than a dozen fires are raging in different parts of the timbered sections of Flathead county and the damage already done is beyond calculation. Forest Supervisor Raines has finally succeeded in checking the fire on the north side of the track at Belton, but the fire on the south side is still raging and several hundred acres of timber have been destroyed.

There is a serious fire on the north fork of the Flathead river just south of the Kintla lake oil fields, and unless it is soon checked great damage will be done to the growing timber in that section.

The fire at Athens, just west of Kalspell, has been burning for two days and at one time threatened the destruction of the large sawmill of Hundley & Schagel. Another fire which has done much damage is at Marion, another at the east end of Haskell tunnel and one west of the tunnel, while still another is in the timber near Atlantic. Another large fire has made its appearance near Columbia Falls and is destroying valuable pine timber. Fires are burning several miles northwest of Kalspell and still others have broken out in the forest east of Kalspell and in the timber on the west slope of the Kootenai.

The whole region is covered with smoke so dense that at times the sun is obscured. Added to this the intense heat and much smoke make it disagreeable in this section. It is estimated that at least 5,000 acres of timber have already been burned over.

MICHIGAN COKE OVENS AT THE SOO. Lake Superior Corporation Plans to Build Them. SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH.—Announcement is made by Attorney J. H. More, of the Lake Superior corporation, that the company is planning to build coke ovens in the American Soo. This is a practical certainty. This statement has been brought out in connection with the recent being worked over the gas franchise it is planned to award to the concern making the best proposition.

Among others F. H. Clergue, promoter of the original Consolidated Lake Superior company, is in the field for the franchise, and according to Attorney More, the Lake Superior corporation is vitally interested with him despite the claims from the east that Mr. Clergue's connection with the company was a thing of the past.

NEGATIVE, MICH.—Victor Kallstrom, a young lumberman, howling the rolls of iron shaft and missed his footing. He slid and rolled down 600 feet, when he encountered an alpine and saved himself. His injuries were slight.

IOWA SUPPORTING TWO WIVES. Wages of Hedrick Garnsheed by His First Spouse. DES MOINES, IOWA.—George Hedrick, a railroad man, was held in the district court here for the support of two wives. His first wife secured a divorce and he neglected to pay the alimony awarded her before he married a second time and went to Michigan. His first wife garnished his wages and the court holds the law good which permits the garnishment of a railroad man's salary at any point of the road.

HARRY CARNAHAN, the employee of the Keokuk & Western railway who was accidentally shot Wednesday evening while target practicing at Van Wert, Iowa, died at a hospital in this city.

THEODORE CLEIGHAN is under arrest here charged with attempting to commit murder on the person of Jerry Lee, because the latter married with-in a week of his first wife's death. Cleighan is a brother of the dead woman.

BULL IN SCHOOLHOUSE. Imprisoned Animal Found by a Party of Plovericks. ELDORA, IOWA.—A party of plovericks stopped at a vacant schoolhouse and discovered that a huge Durham bull was imprisoned in the building. It is not known how the animal succeeded in getting inside the building for it was closed and the door fastened. It had evidently been captive for several days as his sides were gaunt and he looked starved and in need of water.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.—George W. Rocho, five years a clerk in the money order department of the Omaha postoffice, is missing and experts assert that \$300 or \$400 have been embezzled.

BOONE, IOWA.—Mystery surrounds the death of William Peterson, whose remains were found in the gangway of his barn near here. The coroner is investigating.

NASHUA, IOWA.—Thomas Tracy celebrated his nineteenth birthday at the home of his son. There were seventy relatives and friends present.

PIPESTONE, MINN.—The funeral of Lars K. Nelson, who was drowned at Great Falls, Mont., Sunday afternoon, was held in this city today. The services were held at the home of Mrs. O. F. The widow is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Slenson and the couple were married in Pipestone last March.

MAPLETON PROUD OF ITS BEAUTIFUL HOMES

Thrifty Town in a Banner Agricultural Section of the North Star State—Business Men in League to Push All Material Interests.



RESIDENCE OF LUCAS TROENDLE, MAPLETON, MINN.

Just 101 miles south of Minneapolis, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, in the banner county of Minnesota, lies nestled in a maple grove, the little city of Mapleton, known for its enterprise and progress. It has a population of 1,100, it has several miles of water mains, an electric-light plant, a modern sewerage system, an excellent school, five churches, representing the leading denominations, 250-barrel flourmill, six elevators with a combined capacity of 100,000 bushels of grain and a public library and two banks, besides institutions in all lines of trade. No less than a dozen telephone lines enter the village, including the long-distance systems of the Twin City company and the Northwestern. The local exchange has over a hundred phones in active use and is growing rapidly.

Mapleton is a village of homes. Its residents own their own homes, 80 per cent of the inhabitants being property owners and not renters. Its homes are of a substantial and in many instances beautiful examples of the architect's skill. The home of L. Troendle, one of the leading merchants, a cut of which is shown herewith, is the finest residence in the county. It is thoroughly modern and is probably not equaled in another town of its size in the state.

Mapleton is a home-loving community, its citizens believing that the home is the cornerstone of the social fabric and as a consequence, Mapleton is an ideal place for those desiring to be free from the temptations of the larger cities. Only about 47 per cent of the people of the United States own their own homes, and while the west does not lead in this direction, Minnesota is well in the fore front with a percentage of 65, and it is such villages as Mapleton that enable the north star state to hold its position.

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GRIZZLY BEAR Said to Be the Only Really Dangerous Animal in America. Illustrated Sporting News. The grizzly bear is the only animal in America that is really dangerous. We all know that any animal will fight if cornered; a bull moose may be ugly and charge; a black bear will fight for her cub, or if wounded, but the grizzly, old Uncle Ephraim, the "mountain man" call him, is always ugly and ready for a fight. So well is the fact recognized that very seldom do any of the old-timers take a chance unless everything is in their favor. Their immense size, coupled with their ugly disposition, makes them indeed very dangerous. There are many cases on record of grizzlies weighing 1,500 pounds. I have never seen one that weighed actually that much, but have seen several that weighed over 1,000 pounds, or have seen skins that were much larger than any I have killed, so do not doubt the statement that they grew to weigh 1,500 pounds.

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