

BIG YEAR IN HORSEFLESH

ENORMOUS BUSINESS AT MIDWAY AND GOOD PROSPECTS FOR 1907. Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul, Dec. 20—Barrett & Zimmerman report because of the rapid development of the northwest, including Canada, and the vast amount of railroad construction, this has been the best year for the horse market known. The bulk of the demand came from railroad contractors, while the logging trade, which has made this year a strong one, has been sold in the west, as well as to Washington and Canada. This has done much to offset the loss in the logging trade. The horses marketed this year showed much improvement in quality.

Notwithstanding the present automobile craze, there has been a healthy demand for fine carriage and saddle horses, and all classes have been scarce and therefore have held at high prices during the year. Summing up the year's market, dealers report that it has been the best year ever known as to values, quality and business done. Prices have been somewhat higher in all classes. Because of the present development of the country, it is expected that still greater demand for horses in 1907. The year closes with the following values listed:

Table listing horse prices: Drafters, choice \$175-200; Drafters, common \$100-125; Farm mares, choice \$100-125; Farm mares, common \$75-100; Delivery, choice \$100-125; Delivery, common \$75-100; Mules, according to size \$125-225.

GOOD FEELING IN TRADE

BUSINESS REPORTS FAVORABLE, EXCEPT FOR THE INADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION HANDICAP. New York, Dec. 20—R. G. Dun's review of today says: Christmas week made a favorable contrast with previous years as to the volume of trade. Retail business, especially in the west, has been so well distributed that there remains but a small amount of overstocking in many lines. Wholesale business is good for the season, and collections show further improvement. The volume of business is good in some lines, adding to the freight congestion which has not been relieved, except in isolated cases.

Manufacturers complain of the light receipts of fuel and material which have reduced activity in many plants, and there is also some interruption because of inventories and repairs. On the whole, however, there is less idle machinery than in any previous year. Lack of snow greatly facilitates building operations at many cities, and work is making rapid progress, although delayed deliveries of materials retard operations in some instances. High prices are maintained in all sections of the iron and steel industry, which is only natural when all departments are crowded with work and contracts run so far into the future that there is no possibility of a market for iron and steel in the near future. Pressure for pig iron is especially severe, partly because of slow receipts of scrap iron, and partly because of the difficulty of procuring scrap iron in some cases. Current deliveries are interrupted, there is a disposition to prevent a repetition of this difficulty by placing orders for future delivery and a very heavy tonnage was purchased during the last week of shipment during the week ending Dec. 20. Railway congestion is still most disturbing to shippers, and reports of prompt shipment are rare. An unprecedented output is being handled without disturbing quotations.

BANK CLEARINGS

Table showing bank clearings for various cities: New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, etc. Total U. S. \$2,814,007,811.

GENERAL PRODUCE

Table listing prices for various commodities: Butter, lard, sugar, coffee, etc. Official quotations of the Minneapolis Produce Exchange, corrected up to 12 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 29, 1906.

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian: Bethany (Oak and Essex streets), Rev. T. J. Johnson, 10:30 a.m.; Westminster (Fourth and Hennepin), Rev. J. W. Johnson, 10:30 a.m.; etc. Episcopal: Holy Trinity (Fourth and Hennepin), Rev. St. Paul, 7:30 a.m.; etc. Catholic: St. Charles (Fourth and Hennepin), Rev. M. J. O'Connell, 7:30 a.m.; etc.

MANKATO'S BEST YEAR IN BUILDING

\$539,599 SPENT IN 1906 FOR IMPROVEMENTS. Fifty-six New Residences Were Erected, the Most Expensive One Costing \$20,000—Several New Plants Built and Extensive Repairs and Improvements Made to Old Ones.

Special to the Journal. Mankato, Minn., Dec. 29—The past year was the best in the building line that Mankato has ever had, according to an exhaustive report of the improvements of the year by the Daily Free Press. The building improvements aggregate \$500,880, besides which the city spent \$38,710 for sewer and water extensions, cement and stone curb and gutters, tar macadam, and cement sidewalks. This makes the total figure \$539,599. Besides this, North Mankato expended \$44,175. Fifty-six new houses were built in the city, the most costly being one by E. M. Currier, a candy manufacturer, costing \$20,000. Other noteworthy improvements were the construction of the new Immanuel hospital at a cost of \$30,000, the new plant of the Creamery Packing Manufacturing company, at a cost of \$15,000, the new plant of the woodwork factory of Klien-Schmidt Bros., costing \$17,000; improvements on the Hubbard mill, aggregating \$30,000; the extension and improvement of the Mankato Telephone company, costing \$35,000; the extension and improvement of the plant of the Mankato Citizens' Telephone company, costing \$15,000; the new fair association building, new creamery, enlargement of the Congregational church, etc. Next year promises to be equally good in the building line.

A freight wreck on the Great Western road between Elysian and Madison Lake yesterday delayed freight cars for hours and destroyed or damaged five freight cars. No one was injured. Almost killed by Shredder. George Miller yesterday narrowly escaped death in a corn shredder. The belt flew off and forced him into the machine, and also caught up a crowbar and threw it into the apparatus. The cause of the accident was that Miller got off the machine to get a bucket of corn and some cuts and bruises. Conductor Michael Hickey has resigned from the Chicago & North-western and gone to Winnipeg, where he has accepted a position on the Canadian Pacific. Former County Treasurer Peter Lloyd and wife were married twenty-five years ago today, and celebrated the anniversary with a large reception. Among the guests were fifty of those who attended their wedding.

Poultry Show Next Month

The Central Minnesota Poultry association will hold its seventh annual exhibition in this city Jan. 19 to 25, inclusive. Attractive premiums are offered on all classes of poultry, and many entries are expected. The previous exhibitions have been very successful. Wednesday was the forty-fourth anniversary of the execution of thirty-eight Sioux Indians in this city. The marriage of Miss Ada Mayer to David Fugh, both of this city, was a pleasant social event.

BURNED HIS OWN HOME

Drunken Wretch Beat Wife and Child and Drove Them Out. DEADWOOD, S. D.—An attempt at a frightful crime was the Christmas day celebration of David Rousseau on a little ranch near the mining camp of Roubaix. He is employed at the Lucky Strike and on returning home went on a spree. He beat his wife and daughter, finally ordering them from the house and telling them when they got to the top of the nearest hill they might look back and see the smoke from their home. His wife tried to quiet him and prevent the fire, but was unable as Rousseau emptied the contents of a kerosene can and set the house on fire. The building and its contents were completely destroyed and there was no insurance on the property.

LE SUZUR, MINN.—The dynamo at the city power station, which burned out on Christmas eve, has been replaced by one of higher power.

PEOPLE'S MORNING

(Unique). "The Spirit of Minneapolis" colored violin, orchestra, talking machine, soprano solo by Mrs. M. J. O'Connell, etc. "Life's Hour Glass," object lesson, organ solo by Mrs. M. J. O'Connell, etc. "New Year's Resolutions," moving pictures of G. A. Bergeron, etc. "New Year's Resolutions," moving pictures of G. A. Bergeron, etc.

EXPLOSION WAS FATAL TO THREE

Railroad Laborers Are Blown to Pieces While Thawing Dynamite Near a Fire. Moorhead, Minn., Dec. 29—Three more lives have been added to the toll of dead since the price of the Northern Pacific railroad improvements in this vicinity. Siebert Bergeron of Fargo and Max Otterhaus of Fargo and a man named Webber, whose home is not known, were killed by an explosion while thawing out dynamite at Muskoka. John Hanson is badly injured, but it is said he will recover. News of the accident first reached Moorhead in the form of a request for the coroner, but without any further particulars. Bergeron and Otterhaus were literally blown to pieces, while Webber's legs were crushed and his body terribly torn. He lived to be brought to the hospital, where he soon died. The story of the accident is that the men were thawing out some dynamite by a fire they had lighted.

UNITARIAN.

FIRST (Eighth street between Nicollet and Hennepin) church, 10:30 a.m. Morning service, Christmas cantata, "Nativity," by double quartet; short address by Rev. G. F. Holt. Morning service, Christmas cantata, "Nativity," by double quartet; short address by Rev. G. F. Holt. Morning service, Christmas cantata, "Nativity," by double quartet; short address by Rev. G. F. Holt.

FERRON PEACHES ON THIEVING BAND

Remnant of the Gang Once Led by Jack Sully, and Now Composed of Flocks of Squaw Men, Has Stolen 6,000 Head of Stock in Rosebud and Western Nebraska Country. Special to the Journal. Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 29—More than 5,000 head of stock have been stolen by a well organized band of thieves, operating in the Rosebud and western Nebraska country, according to Tom Ferron, manager of the stock yard, who has confessed to the officers. The gang is a remnant of the one formerly captained by Jack Sully, killed two years ago in a gun fight with deputy marshals. Ferron was captured here by Jack Foster, formerly captain of Rough Riders and now government detective on the Rosebud reservation. Ferron and another man, said to be the leader of the gang and named Judge Carson, were captured by a party of forty head of horses from Henry Fresno, a ranchman. According to Ferron the gang is composed of halfbreed Indians and "squaw men" and is so well organized that some of the members residing in the border towns are able to dispose of stolen stock without suspicion. The halfbreeds round up the cattle or horses, take them a certain distance from the town, and then turn them over to a third party and so on until the bunch is placed in the hands of the town agent. On the way the brands are changed.

AUDITORS ASK FOR COUNTY ASSESSORS

MOVEMENT FOR ASSESSMENT REFORM IN NORTH DAKOTA. Governor-elect Burke is Interested in It and Will Help to Have Assessments Raised and Made More Uniform—Wallace of Wahpeton a Pioneer in the Movement. Special to the Journal. Wahpeton, N. D., Dec. 29—The action taken by the state association of county auditors at Grand Forks yesterday, when it passed a resolution asking the legislature to create the office of county assessor for the purpose of securing uniformity in assessment of property, is in line with the movement started by George E. Wallace of this city, president of the North Dakota Association of Commercial Clubs. The state law provides that property shall be assessed at its full value, but it is, in fact, assessed at about one-fourth to one-third its value. The assessment is poorly equalized and the cities as a rule bear the heaviest burden of taxation, city property being assessed on a higher percentage than farm property. Mr. Wallace has not suggested a county assessor as a remedy for present evils, but he has been endeavoring thru the several commercial clubs of the state to have the present law enforced so that all property will be assessed at its full value. Mr. Wallace recently addressed a letter to the several commercial clubs of the state, in which he called attention to the inequalities of the assessment, and also to the fact that owing to the low assessment many cities of the state had reached the debt limit and were unable to borrow money, tho' it was greatly needed for public improvements.

CHIPPewa FALLS, WIS.—Charles Brown was struck by a falling tree near Stanley and expired a few hours later.

Low Rates for Holiday Travel

On Dec. 29th, 30th and 31st; and Jan. 1st, 1907, the Burlington Route will sell tickets at low points on its lines at One and One-Third Fare good until Jan. 7th, 1907, for return. Note the liberal return limit. For further information call or phone. Tickets—Ed and Nicollet st., Minneapolis. Both Phones. J. F. McEIBROY, City Passenger Agent. V. D. JONES, City Ticket Agent.

Sunny Brook Whiskey

Advertisement for Sunny Brook Whiskey, featuring a bottle illustration and text: "Sunny Brook Whiskey, The Pure Food Whiskey. Bottled in Bond. U. S. Pure Food Inspectors refuse to seal adulterated foods... They also refuse to seal... and commensurate quantities. The name of the DISTILLER is on the label." Sunny Brook Distillery Co., Jefferson County, Ky.