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From the Leader.

## Minnesota.

Beyond the Rocky Mountains, two thousand miles away,  
Where Mississippi's River rolls on its silent way,  
Where many streams and rivers are journeying to the sea,  
And Minnehaha's waters are dancing in their glee;  
There are broad and flowery prairies, with rolling hills between,  
And tall majestic forests, and meadows clad in green;  
There are herds of lowing cattle on many a hill and plain  
And the farmer's fields are laden, with wealth of golden grain.

There summer days are beautiful, the earth yields her increase,  
There's nought in Minnesota but happiness and peace;  
Ah, dear old Minnesota, the brightest and best in all the sisterhood of States, "The Lullaby of the West."

And when Summer days are ended, and old Winter comes around  
And spreads a pure white mantle of snow upon the ground,  
Then what a joyous season for lads and lassies fair;  
When the sound of merry sleigh bells is borne upon the air.

When the Winter day is ended the sun has taken flight,  
Then, what pen can paint the glories of a Minnesota night;  
When the moon with all her starry train is marshaled in the sky,  
Looking like an army, with banners, passing by.

And that glorious arch—the milky way—high in the heavenly dome,  
May be, it is the Angels' path, that leads up to the throne,  
And Aurora Borealis with waves of golden light;  
From horizon to the zenith, adds glory to the sight.

Ah, glorious Minnesota, thou art a favored land!  
Thy beauties have been painted by an Almighty hand!  
Good bye, dear Minnesota, though far my feet may roam,  
I'll think of thee regretfully, my once bright happy home!

JOHN McNEIL.

San Francisco, Jan. 5th, 1874.

## STATE NEWS.

### RICE COUNTY.

MAJ. DIKE of Faribault sold a team of black colts to Mr. Morton of St. Paul for \$1,000.

MR PEHRSON, landscape gardener, has mapped out the design of the park and grounds of the Asylum at Faribault. The grounds when completed will be among the finest in the West, so says the Faribault Republican.

A BOY counted 217 teams pass his father's house on the road to Faribault, on Saturday last, which looks like business.

A PUBLIC LIBRARY and free reading room is one of the things, of which Faribault can boast. Would that there were more towns and neighborhoods and Granges that could boast of something of the same kind.

AN old settler's association had a temporary organization at Faribault on the 24th ult., and is to permanently organize on the 4th inst.

RICE COUNTY reported 528 births and 256 deaths during the year.

A MEETING of the County Council P. of H. held a meeting at Faribault the 24th. A committee was appointed to act with the committee of the Board of Trade, previously appointed to solicit stock for a manufacturing company. Committee: G. W. Tower, G. W. Fax, and O. F. Brand, Faribault; Miles Hol-  
lester, Warsaw; Joseph Goar, Morris-town.

It was also decided to attempt the raising of a stock company for erecting a flouring mill, with a capital of \$30,000; the mill to have four run of stone, with a capacity for six run. The Faribault Republican strongly commends the enterprise. We are glad to see a general waking up among the newspapers, as well as among the people, upon the subject of home industries throughout the State. We believe that it is in this direction that granges are to receive the greatest material benefit.

Faribault claims to have expended \$255,000 in improvements last year, an increase of \$85,000 over the previous year.

### DAKOTA COUNTY.

THE great church trial of Hastings has come to an end, and what an end, my countrymen! A sister in the church is found guilty of lying on three charges, and of adultery upon three more. It is now recommended that the following be set to music, and sung upon proper occasions:

C. Powell Adams was his name,  
And Hastings was his station;  
For wives of every age and fame,  
He beats Old Brigham's nation.

THE Good Templars of Hastings had an oyster supper Monday evening. L. K. Washburn, of Minneapolis, is to deliver a lecture in their hall Feb. 5th.

THE Grand Jury of this county commenced business on the 20th ult., examined 120 witnesses, found 20 indictments, and adjourned on the 24th. That's business!

SEVEN saloon-keepers of Hastings got indicted for selling liquor to minors. A special detective police force was put on their track and brought them up standing. Stick a pin there.

THE following is given as the financial showing of the Grange will on the Cannon:

Amount of stock paid in.....	\$40,000
Value of real estate.....	50,000
Value of Personal Estate.....	500
Amount of credits.....	300
Amount of indebtedness.....	3,200

### BLUE EARTH COUNTY.

GOOD THUNDER and Garden City are entertaining each other with dancing parties on alternate weeks. This is social reciprocity.

THE tow mill of the Linseed Oil Company, at Shelbyville, went up in smoke on Sunday, the 26th ult. No insurance; loss, \$3,500.

DR E. W. AVERY, of Mankato, is the recipient of a medal as a testimonial for his professional services in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, on which is the monogram of King Wilhelm and the motto in German, "In God was our Trust, to Him be the Praise."

THE grainary containing grain and farming implements belonging to Mr. Brill, of Decoria, was burned last week; value, \$1,200; small insurance.

R. AUSTIN is President, and J. B. Swan Corresponding Secretary of the Blue Earth County Agricultural Society for the coming year.

BELLEVIEW Grange installed officers Jan. 17th; J. D. Hawkins is Master, and H. J. Kincaid Secretary.

OF Albion Grange, South Bend, Robert Shannon is Master, and John S. Davis Secretary.

### LYON COUNTY.

A DOG UNATTENDED CARRIES THE MAIL ONCE A WEEK.—Mr. J. Prosser is a hunter and trapper who lives at Lake of Two Woods, Dakota, twelve miles west of the Minnesota line. Several settlers live near him, and as they have no regular mail service, letters and papers are conveyed between the Two Woods settlement and "Capt. Herrick's" at the State Line by private enterprise. This service has for some time been performed by a dog belonging to Mr. Prosser. The mail is placed within a small sack and tied about the dog's neck, when he is told to "go," and he goes—never having once failed to reach his destination without delay.—*Prairie Schooner.*

A MRS. KROUD of Canton township in this county gave birth to a boy and girl, Jan. 20th, the two weighing twenty-five pounds, so says the *Schooner*. The same lady has a boy now seven

years old that weighed twenty pounds at birth.

MARSHALL is to have a public meeting for the purpose of more definitely ascertaining whether there are any destitute persons in Lyon County. No cases of destitution have been found as yet.

MR. E. P. WATSON is to move to Marshall and start a harness shop in the spring.

### WABASHA COUNTY.

A few cases of epizootic are reported in Chester township.

THE social entertainment given by the Odd Fellows at Lake City is reported as having been a most enjoyable time. Original essays were read by A. H. Taisey and Albert Glines, a beautiful recitation was given by Miss Annie Webster, and the occasion was enlivened by music under the direction of Dr. Estes, and the palates of all were gratified with oysters. "The secrets of Odd Fellowship, the origin and reason of so many brethren dwelling together in harmony" were evidently fully revealed.

REVIVAL meetings are in progress in the M. E. Church in Lake City. The church is crowded and great interest manifested.

THE American House at Read's Landing burned on the 22d, was the oldest hotel in the village; was owned by Jas. Pauley and valued at \$10,000. No insurance.

PLAINVIEW does not appear to take to narrow gauge railroads, nor to auction stores; the one can raise no bounty and the other cannot get breeze enough to float a red flag.

A NEW MILL at Reed's and another at Wabasha are contemplated.

THE Lights and Shadows of the Indian character, is the subject of a lecture to be delivered at Wabasha, February 3d, by Rev. John Chebul. The subject is inexhaustible, especially the "Shadows." The lecturer dishes it out at fifty cents a head; cheap enough.

BEEF SLOUGH is being improved by driving piles therein for booning purposes.

THE Wabasha Agricultural Works have another proprietor in the person of Mr. Geo. McDougall. The firm is now Dayton, McDougall & Lowth. The new firm mean business, and intend to manufacture Threshing Machines, Engine Powers and Seeders. We always rejoice to see our home manufacturing interests strengthened.

A BROOM manufactory at Wabasha proposes to make 400 dozen brooms the coming season.

SEE Plainview correspondence on inside of this issue.

THE Quincy and Plainview Grange had public installation of officers on the evening of the 10th ult. Speeches were made by Messrs. Bryant, Harrington and others. Of course a feast of good things and a happy social time was enjoyed. This is the way the Grangers have to drive dull care away

### MOWER COUNTY.

THE County Treasurer reports four times the amount of taxes collected this year than in any previous. This does not look much like starvation.

### OTHER STATE NEWS.

THURSDAY, at Duluth, a Chippewa half-breed named Antoine Bennis, performed the extraordinary feat of skating twenty-four consecutive hours. He was allowed two minutes per hour for rest and refreshment.

### WINONA COUNTY.

BURNS' FESTIVAL AT FOUNTAIN CITY.—A large assemblage gathered at Concordia Hall, Fountain City, on Friday evening, to participate in the Burns festival. Over one hundred couples were present, representing Winona, La Crosse, Rochester, Arcadia, Minnesota City, Alma, and the surrounding country. The guests were called to order by the President of the society, John Hill, who delivered a very able address.—*Winona Republican.*

MR. H. D. Morse of Winona is to erect in the spring on his farm in Olmsted County, a factory to be known as the Forestdale Cheese Factory. He is to be joined in the enterprise by Messrs. Knapp, Carson & Staples, owners of adjoining farms. The building is to be three stories high and to cost \$2,500.

MR. Goltz has politely informed the Winona & St. Peter railroad company through the courts that he wants \$15,000 for damages received by him by their careless handling of cars.

THERE is a young dry goods clerk in this city, who is so thoroughly devoted to business that he sometimes gets up in his sleep to wait upon imaginary customers. The other night he rose, lit the lamp, cut the bed-quilt in two with his pocket scissors, folded the half into a neat parcel, and then, in his blindest business accents, remarked to his astonished "sleeping partner": "Can I show you anything else to-day, Madame?" That young man is bound to rise.—*Winona Republican.*

R. C. LIBBY,  
HASTINGS, MINNESOTA.  
Will sell  
GOOD COMMON LUMBER,  
at from  
\$12 to \$14 Per Thousand,  
and will take  
NO. 1 WHEAT  
at  
\$1 PER BUSHEL  
Will make it an object for men putting up buildings to buy their entire bill from me.  
R. C. LIBBY.

JOHN F. NORRISH,  
STILL TAKES NO. 1 WHEAT  
at  
\$1.00 PER BUSHEL  
FOR GOODS AT  
CASH PRICES.  
Call and examine our GOODS and PRICES.  
Fair Dealing and Bottom Prices is our motto.  
Established in 1857.  
Hastings, Minn.

PRENTISS CHUBB, Esq., in a letter to the *Glencoe Register*, says he raised 107 bushels of flax seed the past season, on seven acres of ground, old wheat land, and that he considers flax more profitable to raise than wheat.

SEVERAL crystal weddings are to be celebrated in Le Sueur, says the *Sentinel*, within the next two weeks.

THE Le Sueur *Sentinel* learns that corner lots in Cleveland, have increased in value in anticipation of the probable result of the county seat removal contest.

BENJAMIN, the St. Peter weather prophet, having correctly foretold the weather for December and January, now predicts that during February there will be more cold, stormy weather, and a greater fall of snow, than during any previous month this winter.

### RICE COUNTY.

Northfield is to have a new school house, to cost \$25,000.

THE Grange Mill Company are adding a large building to their mill for storage.

### WASECA COUNTY.

Wheat buyers of Waseca are complaining that the elevator of that place is full and they are unable to get enough cars to ship their wheat.

THERE is to be a meeting of the Waseca Co. Council P. of H. on the 7th day of February, 1874, at one o'clock P. M.

### OLMSTED COUNTY.

Resumption of work on the Davenport and St. Paul railroad is among the encouraging probabilities of the near future.

ISAAC GROVER, sentenced for one year for the trivial offense of amusing himself for the last year or so by trying to make himself proficient as a sculptor by chipping his wife with hatchets, axes and razors, has taken his departure to Stillwater. His wife had a great devotion to art but he carried it a little too far.

SALEM Grange had installation of officers followed by a few well timed and pertinent remarks by Mr. Fuller, and a right enjoyable time, sandwiched with a sumptuous collation.

ON the 20th ult. a Sabbath School institute was held at the Summerville school house in Viola, under the management of Mrs. Nind of Winona.

VIOLA Grange had installation of officers on the 24th. Bro. Ferguson of Elgin Grange acted as installing officer, and did his work well. The retiring Master, Mr. Keller, made a speech in which he referred to the good that had been and was yet to be accomplished by the P. of H. The installation was followed by a feast which was highly enjoyed.

### M. MARX,

OF THE NEW YORK STORE, AT HASTINGS,

is selling his entire stock of

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING,  
AT PANIC PRICES.  
For Wheat at \$1.00 Per Bushel.  
ALL GOODS WARRANTED as REPRESENTED  
OR MONEY RETURNED.