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HOMES IN THE WEST.

Persons looking westward for homes can procure full information concerning the GARDEN SPOT of Iowa and Minnesota, by subscribing for the Worthington ADVANCE, published at Worthington Minnesota. Send $2 for one year; $1 for six months, and 50 cents for three months, to "ADVANCE, Worthington Nobles county, Minnesota."

STATE FAIR.

RECORD OF THE OPENING DAY OF THE EXHIBITION.

ood Attendance for the First Day--Getting Things into Shape--Splendid Exhibit of the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad --The Races in the Afternoon--The Bogardus Shoot To-Day--Other Attractions.

The opening day of the State fair, as was naturally to be expected, found matters on the grounds in an unfinished and inchoate condition generally. A large amount of labor and time is requisite, under the most favorable circumstances, to get an institution of the magnitude and importance of the State fair in good running order, and in the present case it was not to be expected that a different rule would obtain.

The forenoon witnessed a decided change for the better in the general appearance of the buildings. Large numbers of workmen and employes were busily employed in preparing and arranging exhibits and in making decorations and other necessary details for showing off goods and wares to the best advantage. This scene of busy preparation was continued throughout the day, and by night it was plain to be seen that an immense deal of work had been accomplished.

The attendance was not large, but as the gates were not formally opened until noon, it was still respectable in numbers for an opening day. It was estimated that considerably over a thousand persons visited the grounds during the course of the day.

A PROMPT RAILROAD,

The early visitor to the grounds, yesterday, would, in all probability, have awarded the prize medal for promptness and completeness of detail, to the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad, for its splendid exhibition. This was gotten up under the supervision of Herman Trott, Esq., and, considering the brief period allowed for the gathering of materials, was a model of taste and skill in its simplicity and effectiveness of detail. There was as fine wheat, oats, rye and barley in the straw, in sacks and boxes ready for the mill, as can be found anywhere under the canopy of heaven. There was wheat weighing from fifty-nine to sixty-two pounds to the bushel, and yielding from twenty to forty-seven and a half bushels to the acre. There was noticed some samples of wheat grown on old land in Wright county, which yielded forty-one bushels, weighing sixty-two pounds to the bushels. There were splendid vegetables of all kinds, grown on this year's breaking; also a fine collection of apples and other fruits and native grasses. There were of course monster pumpkins, curious gourds (one shaped exactly like a base ball club), big beets, huge squashes, one weighing 115 pounds, etc., which would have delighted the heart of the Presidential bumpkin who occupies Mr. Tilden's seat, when on a fair-seeing tour through the country. Altogether the exhibition is highly creditable and speaks in unmistakable language the fertility and productiveness of the country along the line of the road.

In the same building is the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul exhibit, which will be fully completed to-day. D. A. Holbrook, passenger agent of the road, is in charge.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS.

In Commercial hall, Noyes Bro. & Cutler, Auerbach, Finch, Culbertson & Co., Mannheimer Bros., Schlick & Co., John Matheis, J. P. Allen, Sherwood Hough, Crippen & Upson, American Sewing Machine Co., Haas the tailor, and many others are preparing fine exhibitions of their respective lines of goods, all of which will be fully completed to-night.

ART GALLERY.

The oil painting gallery, under charge of H. C. Munger, contains several fine paintings of Mrs. J. C. Burbank; several very fine contributions from Mrs. Carson; several from Earl S. Goodrich; a dozen of the well known artist Gilbert Munger; one or two from Dr. Leasure, and four large oil paintings from Merrill. The gallery already presents a most attractive appearance.

ST. PAUL & SIOUX CITY RAILROAD.

The Sioux City Railroad company's exhibit will be the most attractive and tasty of any of the roads and is nearly complete. It is well worth seeing even now.

THE DAIRY.

An exhibition of butter moulded in various curious and fantastic shapes, forwarded by Wadsworth & Lawrence, of Waseca, will attract attention and is well worth seeing.

The Hutchinson Creamery, together with the Climax Refrigerator and the dairy products of the State generally, will be largely represented in this building.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Ramsey County Agricultural society's exhibition is rapidly approaching completion.

Floral hall is nicely decorated and festooned with flowers, but is not yet complete in all its appointments.

Large quantities of machinery were brought out yesterday and placed in position. In this line the exhibit of Pilkington, Busch & Co. seems most nearly complete and ready for inspection.

Many fine cattle, horses, etc., are on the grounds, and many other contributions in the same line arrived last evening. Space forbids any specific mention of these herds at this time and demands that it be postponed to a more favorable and convenient season.

RUNNING OF TRAINS.

General Manager J. J. Hill, of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad, has not only provided most liberal and convenient facilities for the safety and comfort of passengers at the fair grounds, both in getting on and off the cars, as heretofore detailed in the GLOBE, but has also shown his accomodating disposition by adopting for the week a most acceptable time card. Nine daily trains each way are provided as follows: Arriving at fair grounds at 8:00 and 9:15 A. M.; 12:15, 1:30, 3:15, 4:15, 5:18, 5:55, and 6:15 P. M. Returning leave at 8:15, 9:48, 10:14, 10:48, and 11:45 A. M.; 1:48, 2:47, 4:48, 6:30, and 6:58 P. M.

THE RACES.

Shortly after two o'clock the bell tapped from the grand stand, which was the signal that the day's races were about to begin. The first event was the 2:50 class, for a purse of $250, best two in three, $150 to first horse, $75 to the second and $25 to third.

There were eight entries, as follows: C. C. Bates, Decorah, Iowa, b g. Careless; Willis Baker, Lake City, Minn., b. g. Smoker; E. C. Hardy, Fontenelle, Iowa, b. m. Nettie R.; W. A. Culbertson, St. Paul, b. g. Peerless; Dexter Curtiss, Madison, Wis., c. m. Lady Hess; Richard Smith, Blooming Grove, c. s. Charley Mack; T. W. Irving, Owatonna, b. g. Sleepy Jim, and J. O. Brown, Preston, Minn., b. s. Preston Star.

THE FIRST HEAT.

The first named six started—the two last having been withdrawn. Mack won the pole with Smoker second, and Nettie R., Peerless, Careless and Lady Hess in the order named. Considerable difficulty was had in starting, and after scoring about a dozen times, the judges, W. F. Cross of Red Wing, B. D. Woodmansee, of Anoka, and Thos. B. Marrett, of St. Paul, becoming impatient, gave them off on a bad send-off—for two at least. Smoker broke early and started to pace, and on reaching the quarter pole all were pretty well bunched. At the half mile Mack led with Nettie two lengths behind and in this fashion followed all the rest, with Smoker last. On the home stretch this relative position was maintained, except that Smoker, who had again broken into a pace, came well up among the others and passed third under the wire; Mack first, Nettie R. second, Peerless and Careless neck and neck and Lady Hess last. Time 2:37.

The judges, after consultation, decided to set Smoker back for pacing, and awarded him the last place, thereby giving Lady Hess the fifth position.

THE SECOND HEAT.

In accordance with the above decision of the judges the horses took the respective positions assigned thereby, and after encountering the usual difficulty in starting, finally succeeded in securing a fair send-off. Mack and Nettie R. took the lead before reaching the first quarter, which they maintained to the half and three quarter pole, Mack finally passing under the wire a length and a half ahead of the mare, followed by Careless third, Lady Hess fourth, Peerless fifth, and Smoker distanced. Time 2:40.

While the scoring for this heat was going on, a mannamed O'Brien made a verbal protest against the mare Nettie B. being allowed to participate in the race, on the ground that she had a better record; that her name had formerly been Fannie D., and as such she had been ruled off the Buffalo track.

The judges accepted the protest, but required it to be reduced to writing, and after an interval of about an hour, the following paper was filed:

"Judges St. Paul Driving Park:

I protest Nettie B. in the 2:50 race; also in the 2:37 race, for trotting under assumed name and having a better record. JOHN KATHAN."

During the trotting of this, the second, heat a queer, and, to the old horsemen present, an unaccountable delusion seemed to take hold of the three judges. While the horses were passing to the half mile and thence to the home stretch and down, these gentlemen discovered or thought they did, that Nettie's driver was holding her in, and hence that there was collusion between him and Mack's driver. In a jiffy the delusion spread and the word went out that the mare could beat the horse and that the heat should be declared "off." A long parley ensued and the more "chin music" there was the firmer became the conviction that that wicked driver must be unseated and the heat driven over again with a new driver for the mare.

The driver and owner were both called and badgered to find out what they had to say. The driver emphatically denied knowing the mare by any other name or that he knew of her having any record at all. He had been driving her since last spring.

The owner, Hardy, was next subjected to judicial investigation. He denied the record part of the story and said the mare was ten years old; that he had owned her two years, and that he knew nothing of her having any other name. As to collusion on the part of the driver, he was not aware of it. If any other man could make her trot faster than her regular driver, or fast enough to win first money, he would like to see it done, as he wanted to have the swag. He admitted protests had heretofore been filed against his mare, but said they had invariably been withdrawn, and as to the charges made against him that her time had been suppressed at Mankato, he claimed that such was the fact, but that it was done in accordance with an understanding with the secretary and treasurer of that association.

The judges again had a long discussion over the vexed question, and finally with the aid of Geo. A. Nash, who assumed the role of mentor to the disquieted trio, decided the second to be "no heat," on the ground that Nettie was not driven properly—i. e., "for all that was in her," and that the heat must be trotted over, and a new driver assigned to drive the mare.

This decision was decidedly what Dick Swiveller would call a "stunner," to the horsemen and others who had watched the race attentively, and could see no signs of jockeying or collusion on the driver's part. The action of the judges was freely commented on, as their decision was avowedly based, not on the protest filed, but on the assumption of unfair driving. The further injustice of deposing the driver and substituting another in his stead, on a pretext at least very doubtful, was so glaring that many disinterested persons did not hesitate to denounce it as grossly improper.

However, there was no recourse, and one of the judges, Mr. Cross, was assigned to drive the mare. Hardy, the owner, interposing no objection, Mr. Cross mounted the sulky, and the heat was trotted—Mack winning, with Careless second, Nettie third, Smoker fourth, Lady Hess fifth and Peerless sixth. Time, 2:40½.

In trotting the heat after passing the first quarter, Nettie broke badly, and before she could be brought down had dropped considerably to the rear. While on the three-quarter stretch she recovered and got down to work, and thence on to the wire behaved nobly, but could not recover lost time. This heat hardly justified the confident assertion previously made by the judges as to the mare's ability to beat Mack, nor their suspicions as to the jockeying of the driver. But all this failure was satisfactorily accounted for by the whispered intimation that after trotting the "void" heat, the driver had neglected grooming his animal and had slyly given her a pail of water, so determined was he that she should not win. Be this as it may, it is certain that with the able driving of Mr. Cross she did not accomplish what she had done with her own drive. Verily some things are easily accounted for!

SUMMARY:

Mack	1	1	1
Nettie R.	2	2	2
Careless	0	3	3
Peerless	0	5	6
Lady Hess	5	4	5
Smoker	6	dis	4

Time: First, 2:37; second, 2:40 and third 2:40½.

Although Nettie B. came in third, she was nevertheless declared entitled to second money, and Careless was awarded the third.

During the settlement of the complications resulting from the trotting of the "void" heat, the running race, a single mile dash for a purse of $100, $75 to first and $25 to second horse, was sandwiched in and disposed of in short order.

There were four entries, all of which started: H. W. Smith, Big Lake, b. m. Mollie Merrill; N. F. Legg, Minneapolis, b. s. Tom Ryan; H. W. Scott, Augusta, Wis., c. c. Simple Simon, and John Bradford, Big Lake, b. h. Fitz Allen.

A very fair start was secured and a beautiful and exciting dash was had, the horses coming in in the order named. Time, 1:48.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME FOR RACES.

In the 2:37 class for purse of $250, first $150; second $75, and third $25, five entries have been made, as follows:

A. Post, Faribault, Lady of the West.
John Cathan, Preston, Sleepy Ned.
E. E. Harding, Fontenelle, Iowa, Nettie R.
C. C. Bates, Decorah, Careless.
W. F. Cross, Red Wing, Hambletonian Chief.

The race will be called promptly at 2 o'clock P. M.

CAPT. A. H. BOGARDUS AND SON.

After the races, Capt. A. H. Bogardus, the champion wing shot of the world, will, with his son, give an exhibition of his fancy shooting, among which is the notable feat of shooting double balls from two traps sprung simultaneously, shooting with one hand, shooting ball with gun turned sidewise, breaking fifty balls in three and a half minutes, shooting ball with gun upside down on shooter's head, and many other notable feats too numerous to mention.

His son Eugene, 14 years old, will also perform equally daring and surprising exploits, all of which display a most marvelous genius for a youth of such tender years.

WATER SPORTS.

Ross Easily Beaten by Smith—Failure of the Effort to Bring Courtney and Hanlan Together.

BEDFORD BASIN, N. S., Sept. 1.—The weather was lovely, to-day, for the boat race in the morning. Smith and Ross rowed over the course, three miles with a turn. Towards the afternoon the people began to gather along the shores of the Basin, and by the time appointed for the race there was not an unoccupied eligible spot from which to view the contest. At 3:30 the men were ordered out. Ross was the first to make his appearance. He wore a white and blue striped shirt, blue breeches, and blue and red sap. Smith's costume was white trunks and blue cap. When the men were in line and ready to start, the stake boat got adrift, causing some delay. The betting at this time was even. At length the men got off, and Smith, drawing ahead, turned the stake boat in nine minutes, leading Ross by twenty-five seconds. Smith kept a lead of about two lengths all the way home, finishing a length and a half ahead. Time 20:45.

The start took place about a quarter to 6. Ross took the lead, and in the first quarter of a mile had an advantage of about a quarter of a length. Then Smith made a spurt and soon showed about two lengths clear water between himself and opponent. Smith started with about 36 strokes to the minute, which, after passing Ross, he reduced to 30. Ross rowed about 38 strokes to the minute. As the stake boats were neared Ross spurted and lessened the gap. Smith turned his boat beautifully in 9 minutes and 45 seconds from the start. He turned in seven strokes and scarcely seemed to lose the least headway. Ross lost on the turn. He rowed hard, however, and though Smith was now five lengths ahead he decreased the distance and pulled in toward Smith, probably intending to foul him, as the latter was not in his own water. Smith put on a spurt and made a foul out of the question. He slackened his speed and rowed to finish certainly not at his best.

Hanlan and Courtney.

ROCHESTER, Sept. 1.—Letters are received from Hanlan and Courtney to row a championship race for $5,000 offered here. Hanlan declines on account of the large field the purse would attract, and Courtney because the championship is held in Australia and because of the danger of fouls in the large field. He would row Hanlan as the American representative, or row any man in the United States for that title.

CRIME CONFESSED.

CHARLES DREW TELLS THE STORY OF HIS VILLAINY.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Stevenson Shot to Death by a Horse Thief—Chisholm Murder Trial to be Commenced To-Day—Large Attendance and Great Interest in the Trial—Four Small Boys at St. Louis Run Over by a Switch Engine, and Two Fatally Injured—Miscellaneous Crime and Casualty Record.

THE ROBER MURDER.

CONFESSION OF DREW.

READING, Pa., Sept. 1.—Charles Drew, under sentence of death as one of the principals in the Rober murder, has made a confession. He says: "I went to Brandt last summer and we sat on the porch. He treated me to beer, and both felt its effects. He said we could make money and told me how. I said I would consider it. Finally I asked if he was alone. He replied there were three others with him. He mentioned Hummel and Wise, and I said I did not know them. He then offered to bring them up. I saw them but only knew Wise. From boyhood up I knew him. I then agreed, and they insured Rober. I said it was a hard thing to kill Rober. He said they could make money. When they again met Brandt said there were five interested. Hummel also spoke about it. Wise came and asked whether I was to kill Rober. I told him I was not certain. He urged me to go ahead and said they would shoot me if I didn't. I promised, but I never intended to do it, as the insurance had all been effected. Brandt afterwards said they had a plan ready, and if I did not

KILL HIM THEY WOULD SHOOT ME,

and to save my life I promised. A week or two afterwards Wise said I should not do it, so far as he was concerned, as he said he did not like the job. Think it was the same day he said I had to kill Rober. I then asked Frank Stichler to do it, because I could not. Stichler said he did not care, he could kill any one, but he bargained I should go along, which I promised, but declared I would not touch Rober. Then Rober came to my house, and we went off together with Stichler. I was first, Rober was in the middle, with Stichler following. I went over the plank and Rober got on it, Stichler got Rober by the legs, threw him in and jumped on top of him. Rober fell below the plank. I then went back to the fence. It was then intended to drown him in the dam. Brandt had planned that Rober was to go fishing at Kitz Miller's to catch fish for Brandt and wife, and then I was to drown him. We went, and Peters went with us. When I saw the dam I could not to do it, and said we would return, when Rober replied: "Yes, it was too cold anyhow. I pitied him. The drowning at the plank afterwards was also a plan of Brandt's. Brandt had promised me $300 and that the others should get the same. He promised Stichler nothing. I had tried to coax Elijah Stichler, but he would not go with me. I said to Frank I would give him $300 after I was paid. When it was done they tried to swindle me out of all and kill me. This was planned behind the shed at Brandt's. This they told me in jail. When they asked me to go into Bangtown I thought they wanted to kill me then. Brandt urged me in jail to keep quiet about this matter as they hoped to get clear. I didn't see the conspirators so very often about the matter. I engaged Frank Stichler to do the job after the Kitzmiller plan failed. I didn't go into the water. After the drowning Stichler walked up to my house and went to Brandt. I didn't see the old man's struggles. The plank was made wet by the splash when Rober fell. Brandt had Rober insured in another company to kill him, but the company failed and with it the plan. Brandt told me what to say before the coroner's inquest. It was a sort of general plan. Brandt often urged me while in jail not to confess. He called at my cell for that purpose to-day. I am afraid of him, but not of the others. If you hang me, you will hang an innocent man.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

THE CHISHOLM MURDER TRIAL.

SCOOLEA, Miss., Sept. 1.—The September term of the circuit court in Kemper county began at DeKalb, the county seat, to-day, Judge Hamm presiding. The State docket is set for to-morrow, when will commence the trial of the case of the State vs. Henry J. Gully, Virgil Gully, Houston Gully and Slocum Gully, indicted for the murder of W. W. Chisholm, Miss Chenila Chisholm and J. P. Gilmore, on the 29th of April, 1879. The prosecution is conducted by District Attorney Thos. S. Ford, assisted by Stewart L. Woodford, of New York, ex-Attorney General Merrie, of Vicksburg, and ex-Chancellor Ware, of Jackson, Miss. Over 500 persons, mostly white, are in attendance. While there is no excitement, great interest is taken in the trial. W. H. Gully, one of the defendants, died since indicted.

ASSASSINATED.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 1.—Information is received of the murder of Samuel Ham, a farmer living near Roscoe in Cedar county. Three unknown horsemen rode up to Ham while he was engaged in boiling sorghum and shot him dead. He was supposed to have a considerable sum of money. After searching the body and failing to find the money they rode off. Pursuing parties are scouring the country round about, but so far have not come up with the desperadoes. Ham was recently from Kentucky and one theory is that the homicide was the sequence of an old feud.

KILLED BY UNKNOWN PARTIES.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 1.—A negro named Cason was killed near Franklin, across the river from Booneville, by vigilants. He has for years been a bad character and recently been guilty of outrageous conduct toward ladies in the neighborhood. Two nights ago a party of unknown men in disguise called Cason from his cabin and shot him.

DISASTROUS MILL FIRE AT BURLINGTON.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Sept. 1.—At 6:45 this evening a fire was discovered in the third story of the Orchard City mills and the elevator of Oimated & Cameron. The firemen were prompt but failed to get at the fire from the stairways and in spite of all efforts it burned to the ground by 8 o'clock. The Graham hotel and Rand & Palmer's buildings on the south side of Main street, the Union hall block, owned by the Grimes estate on the west side of the alley on Valley and Main streets, and the block of buildings north on Water street, were greatly endangered and saved only by bountiful supply of water from the Holly Works. The cause of the fire is unkown. The mill was a fine structure and well appointed in all respects. The elevator works had just been put in at a cost of about $15,000. The mill cost, twelve years ago, $110,000. It contained quite a quantity of grain in store. Loss over $100,000. Insured in the Fairfield, of Connecticut, Fireman's, of Dayton, German, of Freeport, (reinsured), the Milwaukee Mechanics, New York City, Niagara, of N. Y., Rochester German, Western Assurance, (one-half reinsured), Toronto, Canada and Trans-Atlantic, $2,500 each; Lemar, N. Y. $1,250; Merchants, N. Y., $1,000; Ætna, N. Y., $1,250; Adriatic, N. Y., $1,200; Alliance, Boston, $1,375; Standard, of Newark; $1,375; People's, Newark, $2,000.

SHOT BY A HORSE THIEF.

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 1.—Richard Stevenson, United States deputy marshal, was shot to death in Kingman county Saturday by a horse thief who escaped to the Indian Territory. He had arrested the thief at Wellington and was returning the prisoner and property to Kingman. Both the men together with a drummer were in a carriage. In descending a sudden declivity the thief snatched Stevenson's revolver and shot him through the breast. He then disarmed the commercial traveler and mounted the best horse and fled. Stevenson is well known in the State. His family were formerly from Momouth, Illinois. Two half-brothers met sudden deaths in the State.

PECULATING POLICE COMMISSIONER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—At a meeting of the police board to-day a communication was read from the mayor stating that Commissioner Wheeler was indebted to the city $2,112 for buttons sold and was not entitled to his salary until the amount had been made good. The commissioner's salary for August, $500, was thereupon stopped.

ADMITTED TO BAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—Charles De Young was to-day admitted to bail by Chief Justice Wallace in the sum of $2,500.

A YOUNG MURDERER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 1.—David Contrell, aged 18, shot and killed Frank McConnell, aged 10, in Caldwell county, Saturday evening. Contrell claims the shot was accidental. He was arrested and in default of bail jailed.

THE WORLD'S DOINGS.

SCHOONER CAPSIZED.

The Schooner Stephen Bennett, from Boston for Baltimore, capsized August 28. Capt. Bennett and crew, five persons, and three passengers are supposed to be lost.

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS.

The President and family leave Washington September 8th for Cincinnati, on the way to their home in Fremont, O. The President will return early in October. In the meantime he will attend the reunion of the Twenty-third Ohio volunteers at Youngstown and to go to the agricultural fair at Neosho, Kansas.

LOTTERY CLOSED.

At Louisville, Ky., August 26, on application of the mayor and council of Frankfort in the Franklin county circuit court, an order of injunction was granted against Simmons & Dickinson, restraining them from transacting any lottery business under the Frankfort grant. Notice was served upon the firm at 11 o'clock A. M., so no new drawing was had that day.

POISONING.

At St. Louis, August 26, eleven persons in the boarding house of Mrs Moore, were poisoned and about the same number living outside the house, but furnished with meals by Mrs. Moore, also suffered with more or less severity. The trouble was traced to cake served as desert, purched at a confectionery near by, but what was in it has not been ascertained.

ASSASSINATED.

Sam H. Pemberton and Wm. Roberts, while returning from Galatin, Ill., to their homes near Walpole August 27, were assassinated. Pemberton had been to Galatin to take charge of a law suit, and while there had a difficulty with parties interested in the suit, but nothing serious occurred. The theory seems to be that parties with whom he had trouble committed the murder.

FROM HAYTI.

Information received from Cape Haytien, August 15, via Havana, says the forces sent by the provisional government at the port of Au Prince, after a severe engagement, have taken possession of the town of Gonaives, headquarters of the Liberals. Part of the town was burned. Losses heavy among the combatants. The cities of Cape Haytien and Port de Paix, which were occupied by the rebels, surrendered, and acknowledged the authority of the provisional government. This ended the revolution.

SHOT BY A MOB.

Boonville, Mo., Telegram, August 31: Friday night a body of unknown men went to the cabin of a negro named Casin, some five miles from Brownsville, Mo., called him out and riddled him with bullets. He was a rough character, kept a sort of low gambling den and made himself generally disagreeable to the neighbors. The immediate cause of the affair was, Casin went to the house of a neighbor during his absence, insulted and slapped his wife and otherwise abused her, which so enraged the community as to cause the above result.

STATISTICS.

The internal revenue bureau has prepared statements showing the number of gallons of spirits produced during the fiscal year of 1879 to be 71,992,617 against 56,103,053 gallons in 1878. Gallons withdrawn from bond with the tax paid in 1879, numbered 57,896,778; in 1878, 69,573,639. Gallons withdrawn from bond, for export in 1879, 14,857,581; against 5,499,252 gallons in 1878. Gallons landed abroad in 1879 was 7,799,061; in 1878 the number was 364,616 gallons. Remaining in bond and warehoused, June 30th, 1878 was 19,208,478; on June 30th, 1878 only 14,088,773.

CORN AND HOGS.

The Kansas City Commercial Indicator reports from 58 counties in Kansas, 55 in Nebraska, 11 in Western Missouri, and 12 in Southwest Iowa, in reference to the acreage of corn and its yield, and also as to the probable number of hogs which will be marketed during September and October, as compared with the same month last year. The acreage of corn is generally reported very much larger, with the prospects of a large yield excellent although in counties in Kansas and Western Missouri late corn has been somewhat damaged by the weather. There will be a less number of hogs marketed during the next two months than the same month last year. Hogs are generally in a healthy condition.

THE SITUATION IN QUEBEC.

The United States consul at Quebec says $5,500,000 capital have been wholly wiped out by the failure of the Consolidated Exhange and Ville Marie banks, besides the depositors and bill holders of half a million more But worse than all is the condition of the working classes. During the past winter there was scarcely any employment, and it is estimated there are not less than seven thousand men at present out of employment in Quebec and suburbs. Controversies about the distribution of the small amount of work to be done culminated in the riot of the 15th. It is entirely a question of bread, and as repression does not feed the hungry, the situation is anything but agreeable.

INDIAN OUTRAGE.

A Deadwood telegram of August 29, says: Armund Knudson and George Beecher, two freighters from Fort Pierre arrived yesterday, report that while encamped at Pine Springs eighteen miles below Cheyenne river, last Friday night, they were attacked by Indians about 10 P. M., their wagons riddled with bullets and arrows and some horses killed. They noticed Indian signs previous to going into camp and slept in their blankets some distance from the wagons and close by their picketed horses. They mounted their horses, Knudson's giving away from the effects of a wound. They escaped on one horse to the next station, secured aid and returning early in the morning found the wagons undisturbed, but the balance of the stock gone. Their wagons were brought here by another incoming trains.

BANK ROBBERY.

At Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 26, a respectable-looking man walked into the Capitol City bank, called president Rickey's attention, and entered into conversation about the purchase of some bonds. In a few minutes another man came in, and also engaged Rickey's attention concerning some other business. The first man stepped away, walked over to the water-cooler, and Mr. Rickey supposed he was only taking a drink. Rickey's attention being drawn toward the last man, he lost sight of the man at the cooler. Presently he saw him leave the bank. Going into the vault Mr. Rickey discovered that $5,000 in money and $12,000 in bonds were stolen. He was wild with excitement and returned from the vault just in time to see the confederate leaving the counter of the bank. The room is protected with wire screens. The vault opens behind the counter, and can be reached only from behind. Great excitement prevailed for some time. The following is a description of the loss: Currency, $4,880; $1,000 in Columbus city hall bonds; $11,000 in 4 per cent. bonds. The bank only loses currency. The bonds are private deposits. The bank offers $3,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

UNVEILING THE CUSTER MONUMENT.

At West Point, August 30, a large number of people gathered to assist at the ceremonies of unveiling the Custer monument. The statue is at the brow of the main road leading from the south dock on the plateau in front of the Mess Hall. To the west was a large platform for speakers, singers and guests. Shortly after 3 o'clock the cadets and battery marched with a band to the monument, escorting the guests. Among the distinguished persons present were Gen. Hancock, Hamilton Fish, Gen. Scofield, Gen. N. P. Banks, Algernon S. Sullivan, and John McCullough, the tragedian. Algernon S. Sullivan delivered the presentation address, transferring the statue to the academy on behalf of the Custer fund society. Mr. Wilson McDonald, the sculptor, then unveiled the statue, amid applause, when the band played Custer's charging tune, "Garry Owen," after which Maj-Gen. Scofield made an address of acceptance, and was followed by Gen. N. P. Banks, the orator of the day.

YELLOW FEVER.

Twenty-nine new cases of yellow fever were reported at Memphis, August 26, thirteen of whom were colored, number of deaths not reported. Hereafter all places of worship are to be kept closed. At St. Louis, August 26, two mild cases of yellow fever were sent to the quarantine hospital.

At Memphis, August 27, there were twenty-two cases of yellow fever in all—twelve whites, ten colored—and ten deaths. At New Orleans, Gen. J. B. Hood and daughter are down with yellow fever. The governor of Tennessee issues a proclamation urging the people of the state to contribute aid to Memphis. Houston, Texas, has declared quarantine against Galveston.

At Memphis, Aug. 28th, new cases of yellow fever were still occurring. Thirteen deaths reported. The Howard association assigned twenty nurses to duty. Six cases reported at New Orleans, from the quarantine section—one death. The condition of Gen. Hood and daughter is reported to be favorable.

August 29, at Memphis, the yellow fever was again on the increase. There was 22 new cases reported, 6 whites and 16 colored, 11 deaths, 25 additional nurses were assigned to duty. At New Orleans, Gen. Hood's condition was reported very dangerous, another of his children was down with the fever. There have been 17 cases and 5 deaths in all to date.

At Memphis, Aug. 30th, there were 38 new cases of yellow fever—21 white, 17 colored; ten deaths. The total number of new cases reported for the week is 171—white 87, colored 84; the total number to date 848. Total number of deaths from yellow fever for the week, 51; total number to date, 228. The Howard association report having 208 nurses on duty in 193 families, 132 white and 61 colored. Twenty were assigned to duty Aug. 30th. At New Orleans, Aug. 30th, Gen. J. B. Hood died of yellow fever. It is believed his daughter Lydia will not recover, and his daughter Edith is very sick. He leaves eleven children—the oldest ten years, the youngest, twins. His wife is dead and he was overwhelmed with financial reverses. As a matter of precaution the funeral ceremonies were attended only by a few friends.

At Memphis, Aug. 31st, there were 20 new cases of yellow fever—7 white and 13 black—and five deaths. A telegram from Germantown, Tenn., announces that Julian Bedford is down with the fever at Bailey Station. It will be remembered his son Edward died of fever about two weeks ago. The Howards have sent a nurse and physician to that point. Weather sultry and warm. At New Orleans, Aug. 31, one case of yellow fever was reported. Lydia and Edith Hood are both dead, and another child of the Hood Family is very sick. To date 17 cases have occurred; seven recovered, six died, and four remain under treatment.

That Awful Cow.

There probably isn't a woman in North America who isn't afraid of cows, and there is not a cow in North America which would harm one hair of any woman's head if it had the best chance in the world and no other job on hand. Wednesday forenoon a stray cow, perhaps from the country for a taste of baled hay, found a gate open and entered a yard on Second street. The woman came to the front door dressed to go out, but seeing the cow she uttered a scream and hurried back. There wasn't a thing in the yard for the cow to damage or eat, and being tired she raised her cud, lay down and began to chew away as if she had got home from a long visit to Europe. The woman next appeared at a side window and called upon the cow to "get out." A dog might have "got," but the cow didn't. Then the woman threw a rag at the cow and called for the dog. The dog didn't come and the rag didn't scare. Then the woman shook a pillow at the cow and peremptorily ordered her off the premises, but the bovine half closed her eyes and let her thoughts run ahead to fly time. As the cow wouldn't go, and as the woman couldn't go till the cow did, sterner measures were resorted to. A tin pan was held out of the window and beaten with a spoon, but that cow couldn't be fooled into believing that the Fourth of July had come. Then the woman went into the back yard to throw clubs over the fence and knock a couple of horns off. The first one hit the window and the next one banged the blinds on the next house, and the cow's horn stuck tighter than ever. Cries of "git out!" were again resorted to without effect, and then the woman watched at the front door till she saw a boy come along and she opened it and cried out, "Oh! boy! there's a horrible cow in our yard! Prop the gate open and get all the boys you can and drive her out, and I'll give you a whole quarter of a dollar. Hurry up, for she looks as if she was getting ready to come right in here!" The boy "humped" the dangerous animal out in thirty seconds, received his pay and the woman gave up going down town for fear she would have a "nervous spell."

The Verdant Plumber.

Plumbers are looked upon as the natural subjects for jokes, doubtless from the fact that only in that way can one get even with their bills.

A plumbing establishment a few days ago took on a new hand, just arrived from Wales. On the day after his arrival a water-pipe in a down-town establishment burst. He was told to go and attend to it.

Seeing the owner of the house in the shop he went up to him and got the particulars of the accident, and then made ready his tools and started. The proprietor shouted:

"Where are you going?"

The new man told him.

"Do you mean to tell me that you are going down there to fix that pipe without examining it?" he gasped.

"Why, I am going to look at it when I get there,' said the man.

"Why," said the proprietor, catching hold of the desk for support, "can it be possible that you would do a job of work at one visit? Don't you know your trade better than that? Have you no pride in your business? Why, you'd ruin the entire community in less than a year!"

And the speaker burst into tears. As soon as he grew calmer he explained to the new man that he should first visit the house and make a thorough examination of the building, get the lay of the streets, find the location of the nearest hydrant, go upon the roof of the house, and then return thoughtfully to the shop for his tools, keeping an accurate account of the time.

MINNESOTA STATE NEWS.

State at Large.

It is reported, and with good reason, that the prarie chickens will soon be exterminated at the rate of slaughter now yearly going on.

An eight-room school house is contracted to be built at Kasson, Dodge county.

Three praric chicken hunters in Swift county fired 118 times and killed only one chicken, but they frightened a good many.

Stevens County.

The frame of the new Congregational church at Morris is up, and the work will now be pushed forward rapidly.

Renville County.

Renville county *Times:* The hum of the steam thresher is heard in the land. The yield of wheat does not appear to justify the predictions made early in the season.

Meeker County.

Cattle men are buying cattle in Litchfield and vicinity, in Meeker county, for shipment to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Anoka County.

Anoka Union, August 28: A man was run over by the freight train Tuesday night near Coon Creek. He was well dressed and carried a satchel. His body was completely divided, and presented a most sickening spectacle to the section men who found him. A letter was found in the pocket bearing the name of Wright Wheeler, but nothing could be ascertained as to the whereabouts of his home or friends. The body was buried Wednesday afternoon.

Pipestone County.

A horrible accident occurred near Pipestone City the other day, which resulted in the instant death of a young man whose name we were unable to learn. In attempting to draw the ramrod from his gun as it lay in the wagon, the piece was discharged, and the muzzle being close to his head, the charge struck him full in the face with the terrible effect above noted. On the same day a child belonging to his family died of diptheria.

Sherburn County.

Elk River (Sherburne county) *Star:* The wheat crop is not panning out as good as was expected. The average in the county will not exceed eighteen bushels to the acre, but it is all good quality.

McLeod County.

The other day an incendiary set fire to Alex. McDougall's grain stacks, in Helen McLeod county, destroying about 150 bushels of wheat.

John Wilson reached Glencoe the other night fourteen days from England. He brought with him from the old country a genuine English game cock.

Glencoe (McLeod county) Enterprise: Mrs. Slung, of Hale township, gave birth to a twelve pound boy Sunday, August 17th, and on the following Wednesday, three days after, took her place in the harvest field, and pitched grain the balance of the week.

Swift County.

Appleton (Swift county) Recorder, Aug. 28: It is said misfortune never comes single. Only a short time since Geo. Cunningham lost his barn and four horses by fire, and on Tuesday, August 19, the dwelling house of Mr. C. was struck by lightning, and the bolt played sad havoc among the kitchen furniture. Strange to say no one was injured.

Benson (Swift county) *Times*, August 29: Last Friday, during the prevalence of a heavy rain storm, E. A. Samsel, a farmer living near Shakopee creek, south of town, was returning to his house, having been to prepare some stacks against the coming rain, when he was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Every shred of clothing on his person was torn from him. He was buried the next day at the Six mile Grove school house.

Fillmore County.

A highway robbery was committed at Preston, Fillmore county, the other day. One man was robbed of ten and another of eight dollars.

A hand car in which were six men was thrown off from the track the other day, near Spring Valley, by a piece of broken rail which some miscreant had placed upon the track. All were severely injured, and one of the number terribly bruised and cut.

Dakota County.

I. M. Bell, a farmer of Hampton, Dakota county, had a fisticuff fight with a harvest hand, recently. A pause in the fight ensued, when the harvester came at Bell with his head down. Bell, meanwhile, had drawn a small revolver, and fired at his head-down antagonist, the ball hitting him square on the bridge of the nose, passing down through his mouth, and out through the chin, causing a wound more painful than dangerous.

Freeborn County.

The other day, at Albert Lea, a green harvest hand, who had earned $25 in the field, met a confidence man, and they both became fast friends. Night came, and they both put up at the Gardner House, occupying the same room