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Minnesota came off victorious in her spirited contest for the Republican National Convention, and gladness reigns throughout Minnesota. This is the grand recognition of the great Northwest. Minnesota worked bravely and merited success. The conduct of St. Paul, in cordially co-operating to bring about this result, is highly honorable to her citizens, and is worthy of universal admiration.

The following circular from the Trustees of the Minnesota Soldiers' Home will be good news to many a needy veteran, to whom the State is now ready to offer a comfortable home: TO COUNTY AGENTS, COUNTY AUDITORS, GRAND ARMY POSTS AND CITIZENS:

The Minnesota Soldiers' Home is now prepared to receive all worthy and eligible applicants for admission. The new buildings authorized by the last Legislature are approaching completion, and for the first time in its history the home will have room for all who are likely to apply within the ensuing six months. It is reported to the Board that many ex-soldiers are now inmates of almshouses, or dependent on public charity. All such, if without families, are entitled to apply for admission to the home, and diligent search and inquiry should be made for them, as their continuance in their present condition is a disgrace to the State.

No insane patients can be received. But for all sick or disabled persons, especially such as require delicate surgical operations, there is now a fully equipped hospital at the Home, ample for all prospective demands. To this hospital may be sent eligible ex-soldiers who have families, for operations or medical treatment, to be discharged when cured.

It is the constant aim of the Board of Trustees to make the Home, within the limits of its capacity and financial resources, as widely useful as possible to the veteran survivors of the war. The earnest and active co-operation of all G. A. R. comrades and patriotic citizens, in this matter, is cordially invited.

Blank applications will be forwarded to any address by the Secretary, I. H. Beebe, Room 14, Capital Building, St. Paul, Minn. Very Respectfully, HENRY A. CASTLE, President. I. H. B. BEEBE, Secretary.

Under the caption "Winter for 60 years" the Minneapolis Journal gives the following facts about the weather of Minnesota, which will be of interest to all who wish to know what an English climate we have in this State: "The Lench of winter that has made people shiver this last week brings out the 'oldest inhabitant' with his stories of severe winters in the past. The general impression that severe winters have been the rule for the last 60 years and that 40 degrees below zero is frequently a mistake. A careful study of the 'Minnesota Weather Record' will be a revelation to those who have not closely examined the subject. While the temperature has a wide range, the extremes are exceptional. 100 degrees above has been reached but twice, and 41 degrees below zero but once. In the month of May the mercury fell below freezing point only once in about every three years, and only three times lower than 25 degrees; and in September only 11 times below 33 degrees. Mercury falls below zero frequently in March and November, and has been as low as 26 degrees below zero in March and 24 degrees below in November.

The coldest winter was in 1874-75, when the mean temperature was 2 degrees; the coldest winter month was February, 1875, when the mean temperature was 4 degrees below zero; and the coldest day was Jan. 8, 1888, with a minimum temperature of 41 degrees below zero.

The warmest weather was in 1877-78, with a mean temperature of 25 degrees; the warmest winter month was December, 1882, with a mean temperature of 36 degrees; and the warmest winter day was in February, 1841, with a maximum temperature of 60 degrees.

The mean temperature for the last three winters; commencing with 1888-9, was respectively 20 degrees, 18 degrees and 19 degrees. For four successive winters, commencing with 1888-9, the mean temperature was respectively 19, 18, 19 and 18 degrees; and for the three successive winters, commencing with 1843-4, the mean temperature was respectively 18, 20 and 20 degrees. This does not indicate any climatic change.

The Pioneer Fuel Company has sent out a pamphlet compiled by J. S. Holmes giving the maximum, minimum and mean temperature for each month and year, showing at a glance the warmest, mildest and coldest winters since 1822. The average mean temperature for the seasons during the number of years set opposite each is as follows: Spring (March, April and May), for 66 years, 43 degrees above zero. Summer (June, July and August), for 66 years, 60 degrees above zero. Autumn (September, October and November), for 65 years, 45 degrees above zero. Winter (December, January and February), for 62 years, 15 degrees above zero.

While the winter climate of Minnesota does not allow the banana to come to full maturity, it is a location for fuel dealers and for health, provided you breathe the vigorous, ozone laden air and do not sit cooped up over a coal stove.

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GOOD ROADS.

(From the "Gospel of Good Roads.")

II. You will agree with me that your roads are bad. You may not know that they are the very worst in the world; but you have never seen or heard of any worse ones; nor, alas, perhaps of better. You live on the main road in an important county. I saw you one day last spring trying to drive your best horse through the pasty depths of that mysterious streak of public territory, and while the patient beast was pulling the harness in two, in his efforts to lift you and your mount load on to the little bridge near the mill, your photograph was taken, and I have had it copied on page 9 of this pamphlet.

It is an honest picture—as honest as the sun; let us sit down together and look at it. You will notice that your face is turned the other way, and I promise not to tell anybody who you are; for I feel that the day is soon coming when every American farmer will look upon that picture with some regret, and I have no desire to humiliate a friend; besides, it is not your fault alone that this road is bad, nor is it this road alone that presents a sea of slush and slime throughout the rainy season.

There were 10,000 farm horses in your county on the day when this photograph was taken, and for about four weeks all the county roads had been in just this condition. Tearing was out of the question; to haul a load to town was impossible, and the 10,000 farm horses stood in their stalls "eating their heads off." At what cost to the farmers? Assume that the cost of keeping each horse is twenty-five cents per day, including labor, food, and all other items, and in half a minute we compute that it costs \$2500 per day, \$17,000 per week and exactly \$70,000 for the four weeks that these horses have been standing practically idle. A bad road, you see, is an expensive thing.

It is expensive not alone to the farmers of your county, but to the farmers of the entire country. The average rain-fall in the United States is something over forty inches per year. The dirt road absorbs these forty odd inches of water, freezes and thaws, dries, pulverizes, changes from paste to powder and back again from powder to paste, and for weeks at a time is practically impassable. Farm traffic is tied up. You have produce to sell, purchases to make, grain to grind, timber to haul, bills to collect and obligations to meet, but all these must wait because your only avenue of travel is taking its annual soak. A dirt road is a day you look out of your barn door with the hope of seeing some struggling vagrant of whom you can inquire, "How is the road?"

I do not intend to overdraw the picture, for we have agreed together to stick to facts alone, and so I have traveled many miles and gone to much trouble in order that my letter to you might contain only the truth, and I find the country roads to be even worse than I had supposed them to be; worse than you think them to be. They are disgracefully bad almost without exception. One day I said to myself: "Now, there is the great Empire State, she is out of debt, rich, populous, thriving; she has 125 people for every square mile of her territory, nearly 200 incorporated cities and towns, and the value of her farm crop last year was about one and one-half times that of all the New England States combined. I will go up to the capital city of this great state and see what sort of roads New York has provided for her farmers." So one day in April a year ago I went to Albany, and there, almost in the shadow of that magnificent \$5,000,000 State house, I found the farmers of Albany County literally struggling in a "slough of despond." Here is a picture from an actual sketch made at that time.

Another perfectly honest picture; as honest as the sun. How much do you suppose it costs the farmers of Albany County per day to keep the roads in that condition? The legislature was then in session, making laws "for the better government of the City of New York," for the expenditure of money in the repair of State canals, "for improvement of navigation in the Hudson River," "for the completion of the State Canal," "for the maintenance of convicts in the State Prison," and so on, millions for expenses without end, but nothing in behalf of the farmer. I bought an Albany morning newspaper, and found in that a somewhat extended article on the condition of the roads in the State of New York. Let me quote:

FARMERS BLOCKED OUT—BAD ROADS—KEEP RURAL BUSINESS AT A STANDSTILL—GRAIN FED TO CATTLE WHOLE BECAUSE IT CANNOT BE TAKEN TO THE MILL.

Through correspondence from this and vicinity counties it has been learned that the roads have, during months past, been almost impassable. Business has been impeded, farmers unable to forward produce, and trade is generally depressed.

The roads in the vicinity of Castleton are in such a shape that it is impossible for farmers to get into the village at all, and business is what may be termed at a standstill. Outside the villages the condition of the roads is by far worse than in former years.

On account of the rough ruts and the very muddy condition of the roads near Guildland Centre, which are in the worst condition known in years, farmers find it extremely difficult to reach the market with their produce, in consequence of which business has for some time been very dull in this section. Farmers found it uphill

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work to raise money enough to pay away The worst road for the Clarksville farmers is the Delaware turnpike, from the bridge over the Normanskill to the pavement of Delaware avenue, near Bender's brickyard, it has been impassable a number of times. The roads have been worse for the last two years than before, owing to the large amount of rain that has fallen during that time. The roads in the vicinity of Warwick Seminary, for the first time in many months, are assuming a passable condition.

The past winter, which has been one totally unlike any previous in the memory of the oldest inhabitants, has also been remarkable for the bad condition of the roads. In the villages of Milford and Coopers town the roads in the main streets have been in a terrible condition, and merchants have attributed the depression of business in no small degree to this. With the pleasant weather of the past few days the roads are gradually growing smoother, and, though still having many deep ruts, farmers are traveling much more freely. The fact is being more clearly shown that some more effective methods must be adopted to secure better roads in our country districts.

From twenty-seven of our states came at that time reports which, without exception described the public roads to be in a condition not unlike those of Albany County. From one of the wealthiest and most populous western states, a state full of resources and endless possibilities for the farmer, came a photograph, taken on an important county road leading into one of the great cities. I might tell you what city it was, but the scene is no worse than could have been found in the suburbs of a hundred other towns at that time and I have no desire to excite municipal jealousy. Here is the picture. You see the wagon has become hopelessly stuck, and is abandoned by horse and driver. If that horse could talk, what a story he might have! He would tell you a patient tale of pains and trials that you know not of and assure you that a dirt road in a civilized country is as much out of place as a dirt road.

(TO BE CONTINUED.) MONEY TO LOAN. The American Netherlands Land Company will loan money on improved farms at lowest rates of interest. Interest payable annually. Principal payable in installments. SHELL & SMITH, Agents.

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Minnesota Loan & Investment Co., Worthington, Nobles Co., Minn.

NOTICE TO F. B. LIC. THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE. C. St. P. M. & O. Ry., has recently issued a new circular of instructions to agents, conductors and trainmen generally, requiring passengers to purchase tickets before entering trains, at all stations where tickets are on sale. No person will be permitted to board train without a ticket or other proper transportation. One of the main objects sought to be gained under the new rule, is that proper statistics may be gathered showing the actual business done at each station. Stations are opened and agents placed in charge for the purpose of selling tickets and furnishing all possible accommodations to the traveling public, and it is hoped that the patrons of the line will assist the company in enforcing the new rule. Tickets offices will be open at least 30 minutes, day and night, prior to departure of each train carrying passengers during the hours designated by the Division Superintendent. T. W. FRASER, Gen'l. Pass. Agent.

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INDIANS, NEGROES AND CHINESE. A free lecture upon the Christian work of the American Missionary Association among these races in our country, will be given on Friday evening, Nov. 27, 1891, in the Congregational church, by Rev. J. P. Roy, D. D., of Chicago. The same will be illustrated by 75 stereoscopic views, thrown upon the screen by a powerful, dissolving calcium light. The entertainment will be joined with instruction. For sale by all Dealers.

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There will be a meeting of the Nobles county Alliance at Hutchinson, on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of electing one delegate and one alternate to the State Alliance. The subordinate alliances are each entitled to three delegates to the county Alliance. They should bring their dues of 5 cts. for each member. J. H. MAXWELL, Pres. A. E. TUTTLE, Sec.

There will be a meeting of Farmers Alliance No. 16, at Johnson's Hall, in Worthington, on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 1 p. m., to elect three delegates to the County Alliance, also one delegate to the State Alliance, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. J. B. GREEN, Pres. J. H. MAXWELL, Sec.

NOTICE. All bills due, and remaining unpaid on Wednesday, Nov. 25th, will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. L. C. OLIVER.

NOTICE. All parents, guardians or other persons interested, are hereby notified that the law concerning compulsory attendance at school will hereafter be enforced. By order of the board of education. F. LEWIS, Clerk.

Lands, Loan, Insurance. WALTER AAGAARD.

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I never get surly nor tired, With coal I always am fired; To hard work I incline, For rest I never decline— No. 9, No. 9.

This Life Expedition I want, Upon getting the Grand Prize instant; I left all behind, The Grand Prize was mine— No. 9, No. 9.