

THE RIVER.

In a State of Stagnant Idleness About Bismarck for a Week.

(From Daily of 3d)

The river was rising rapidly yesterday at this point, indicating warmer weather and rains above. A good stage of water is predicted from now on. There are no boats loading at the levee at present, but several will arrive during the next few days.

The Far West passed Poplar river, up, yesterday at 12:40.

The Josephine passed the same point, down, at 8:30 last evening.

The Behan passed Le Beau's yesterday at 3 o'clock, bound for Bismarck.

The wires being down from above, news from the Coal Banks and points above has not been received for some days.

(From Daily of 4th)

The river was rising rapidly yesterday and the stage of water is good. The Butte and Helena, of the Benton line, and the Josephine, of the Coulson line, are coming down stream as fast as possible. The latter will reach Bismarck to-morrow morning and the former Wednesday or Thursday.

The W. J. Behan, Grant Marsh's latest pride, will arrive to-day and will get away for Sioux City as per advertisement.

The Sherman returned from Lincoln yesterday and proceeded on her way to the Coal Banks with 125 tons of freight.

The Josephine passed Buford, down, at 6 p. m., last evening.

The Black Hills passed Poplar River, up, at 7 a. m., yesterday.

(From Daily of 6th)

The June rise, so long looked for, has at last got here, no mistake.

Capt. Grant Marsh's steamer, the John W. Behan, arrived at the Bismarck levee Sunday afternoon and pulled out on her return trip to Sioux City, yesterday. She will run the river between Bismarck and Sioux City. For beauty she can never take the bakery or even a cake, but she is one of the very best business craft on the old Muddy, and is also fast.

Capt. Marsh assured us that he never came up the river from Standing Rock to this city as quickly as he came this time. She has great carrying capacity on low water, drawing only seventeen inches light. She is provided throughout with all the improved machinery, among other things a steam fire engine, a compact model of neatness. The roster of the Behan is as follows: Grant Marsh, master; John Marsh, pilot, and Com. Hiram K. Hazlet, clerk. Com. Hazlet, ten or twelve years ago, was largely interested in the Kountz line of upper Missouri river steamers, and general manager, with headquarters at Sioux City. He is a good steamboat man and a thorough gentleman.

The Josephine returned from her Benton trip on Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock. Her cargo consisted of 3,900 buffalo and beef hides, sixty bales of robes and fifty bales of skins. She had twenty-one passengers. She is billed to go out for the head of navigation again this evening.

The Big Horn, up, passed Poplar River at 5 a. m. yesterday.

The Wyoming, up, passed Fort Sully at 6 p. m. on the 4th. She is a mate to the Dacotah.

The Benton on her way up passed the Tobacco Gardens at daylight yesterday morning.

The Butte was at the Coal Banks on the 4th inst.

(From Daily of 7th.)

The river after its sudden rise began to recede slowly yesterday. The decline, however, will not be very great for some time to come. There is now a splendid boating body of water, and it is a pity that the dull time in river transportation generally occurs when the stage is big for business. After the first spurt in the spring the demand for river transportation becomes limited until the late summer and fall shipments begin.

The Indian supplies are also generally shipped late. The bids for these supplies have just been opened. Owing to this fact two of the Peck line boats are now lying at our levee like Othello, with their occupation gone, but as this company has secured the delivery of the Indian supplies they will not be long idle.

The Josephine will clear again for Benton on the 7th, to-day.

The Wyoming passed Labean's at 11:30 a. m. yesterday, and will reach Bismarck on Friday.

The steamer Benton left head of navigation on the Old Creek yesterday morning, and allowing her four days to make the run down, which is ample, she will round to at our landing Friday.

The Helena is at Benton. She passed the Coal Banks yesterday.

Yankton Press: "Mayor Wynn is making arrangements to prevent the landing of boats suspected of carrying small-pox. They will have to go into quarantine and submit to an inspection before their passengers can come ashore."

Sioux City Journal, 31: "The Rucker is about ready for the water, but will not be launched until the next rise comes. The time will be improved in building a new wheel, calking the deck and refitting the roof and cabins. The contract for 632,000 pounds of Indian bacon, secured by James E. Booge & Co., and the grain and flour contracts secured by Davis & Wann, will help out the boats landing at this city. The bacon is to be delivered to the government at Sioux City."

The Little Maude will get up steam to-day, but is not quite ready for a trial trip. Capt. Leach has had from a dozen to sixteen men engaged on her upper works and machinery since bringing down the hull from Ponca landing, four weeks ago. The first barge to run with the Maude will be launched at Ponca landing on Saturday."

It is claimed by the Sioux City Journal that the bulk of the Indian supplies to the agency on the upper Missouri river will be transported by the Peck line of steamers.

Fort Benton Record: "The Power line of boats have taken very few freight contracts this year, excepting those with the government. The owners of the line, Messrs. Power & Bro., have made no effort to obtain the carrying of freight, in order that they might have opportunity for shipping a large stock of lumber to Benton the coming summer. The lumber has been purchased in large quantities at points on the North Pacific railroad, and especially at Minneapolis and Anoka, Minn."

(From Daily of 8th)

The tide is still going down. It fell about two inches yesterday.

The Josephine departed on her third Benton trip of the season last evening. No other craft has turned the stake three times on the upper river this year. She was freighted with 260 tons. Her cabin passengers number fifty-five, and on deck she had a number of Russian Jewish refugees, who go to the Painted Woods district, about twenty-five miles above Bismarck, where they will

establish a colony and tear up the ground for next year's crop.

The following steamers will arrive at our levee this week in the order named, unless some of them run ahead or behind their time:

Wyoming, from St. Louis.

Butte, from Benton.

Helena, from Benton.

Red Cloud, from Benton.

Rosebud, from Benton.

The steamer Wyoming, one of the largest and most elegant on the river, is billed to leave here for Benton on the 8th, and the Rosebud on the 12th inst.

The Butte, down, was at Poplar river at 7 a. m. yesterday.

The Key West, up, passed the Coal Banks at 8:30 a. m. yesterday.

The Behan, down, passed Le Beau at daylight yesterday.

The Rosebud reached the head of the swollen artery at 3:40 yesterday afternoon.

The Benton, up, passed Buford at 2 p. m. on the 6th.

The Helena reached Benton at 1:45 on the 6th.

The government steamer Gen. Sherman, up, passed the Tobacco Gardens at 12 m. on the 6th.

What has become of the Eclipse and the Batchelor in the Yellowstone? Nothing has been heard of them for 10, these many days.

Many an inquiry has been made regarding the significance of the large flag frequently seen waving over Com. Maratta's office. It signifies the arrival or departure of one of the Coulson line boats.

Capt. Mart Coulson, who is sick at Com. S. B. Coulson's house in Yankton, is somewhat better.

There has been appropriated for the improvement of the upper Missouri \$100,000. Quite a number of large Mackinac boats have been built at Benson's Landing, on the Yellowstone, to transport lumber down that stream to the towns that are springing up so rapidly along the line of the North Pacific. The largest one will carry twenty-five tons.

Sioux City Journal, 3: "A letter received by Capt. Larson yesterday said that the Livingston, sunk at Niobrara, has been raised and put on the bank. The boat is to be ready for business in two or three days."

The Yellowstone, the Tribune learns from the Billings Herald of the 1st, had risen over thirty inches in four days, and was still a booming.

Fort Benton Record, 26th ult.: "Major J. W. Patrick, in the district court, has brought two suits against the Northwestern transportation company—one claiming \$2,000 damages for having been put of the boat, Gen. Meade, and the other for \$500 compensation for services as nurse for the persons who died on the recent up-river trip of the Meade."

The major must be a way-up nurse.

Sioux City Journal, 2: Col. Aikin was interviewed on his return from New York yesterday. He said that all the through eastern freight for points as far up as Fort Peck would be loaded on the Peck boats at Sioux City. The Kountz boats will get the local carrying between Chamberlain and some of the agencies, and some of the local transportation from Sioux City, about two boatloads in all. The Powers line gets the transportation between Bismarck and Standing Rock, the Montana posts, and some scattering work on the lower river. The Peck line boats now in the Missouri will be sufficient to carry the freight without bringing in the C. K. Peck, now in the lower river."

(From Daily of 9th)

The river is still receding slowly at this point. At Stevenson it is at a standstill, but falling above; at Buford it declined five inches. The Yellowstone is coming up, rising three inches yesterday and booming, giving that stream eight feet and three inches in the channel at Junction City. The present rise in the latter stream will begin to swell the old Muddy in a day or two.

The Josephine got away on her third Benton trip Tuesday night.

At present there are about 1,400 tons of freight at the levee, consigned to Montana and way points. The major portion of this freight is for the Black P line.

The following is the record of the boats, giving their positions in the river yesterday and day before:

The Red Cloud and Butte passed Stevenson only ten minutes apart. The Cloud was ahead. Now make your bets.

Benton, up; Poplar river at 11:30 p. m. on the 8th.

Gen. Sherman, up; Buford, 11:30 p. m. on the 7th.

Wyoming, up; Yates at daylight yesterday morning.

Butte, down; Buford at 8:30 p. m. on the 7th.

Red Cloud, down; Tobacco Gardens 8 a. m.

Five of the above named steamers will reach here this week, namely: Wyoming, Butte, Helena, Red Cloud and Rosebud.

The steamer Batchelor is doing duty in transporting railroad materials from the end of the track to Coulson.

Yankton Press, 5: "The steamer Niobrara arrived from Bismarck this morning, unloaded her cargo of hides here and went on below."

Mandan Pioneer, 8: "Some active moves have been consummated to put new life and vigor into our ferry system, Capt. Abrams having sold his half interest in the boat to his nephew, Mr. Edward L. Abrams, who will hereafter act as pilot of this much appreciated craft."

Capt. W. Braithwaite, none of whom is a more trustworthy and competent mariner, is in command and will bring to bear such enterprise and punctuality in trips as will make the Undine the popular ferry between the two cities. On July 1, should business warrant it, the boat will make four trips each way daily, and we sincerely trust that our people may lend the proper encouragement for that purpose, which the captain's well directed efforts so much deserve."

Commodore Maratta assures the TRIBUNE that the Wyoming will leave here at noon to-day, without fail, for Benton. She will receive no freight.

The Rosebud and Butte, from above, will also be here to-day.

Tall Wheat.

Dr. Bentley, who made a visit to his farm, three miles northeast of Bismarck Wednesday brought in a sample specimen of the wheat growing there. It is a little over eighteen inches in length. Any one who doubts this statement (of course there's none who know us will, but there might be a Fargo man in the city with sufficient gall to take issue with the assertion) can call at the TRIBUNE sanctum and measure it. It is here on exhibition, and everybody is invited to drop in and view it. It will make you smile to see it.

Government Land.

More land was taken at the United States land office, Bismarck, the first three days of this week than for any other three days since the establishment of the office in 1874, and each day the entries were greater than for the previous days. There are still thousands of acres to be had in Burleigh county under the homestead, pre-emption and tree culture laws. At Fargo every new comer is met by people anxious to sell land. At Bismarck all are ready to help locate settlers on government land.

THE PRESTON MURDERER.

HE IS INTERVIEWED BY A BISMARCK TRIBUNE MAN.

He Says He Shot Preston in Self-Defense—That the Latter Had Misappropriated the Firm's Funds.

MILES CITY, M. T., June 4.—Deputy Sheriff Crealy arrived here this morning from Coulson bringing with him Dan Lahee, the murderer of Billy Preston. On receipt of the information your correspondent visited the jail and was allowed an interview with the prisoner.

He said: "My name is Daniel Lahee; I was born in Illinois and came west in 1877; have been in Coulson since March last; became acquainted with Preston there and entered into partnership with him in saloon and stock business. Preston would draw out money and never give me an account; things kept on thus, and I finally said that if he (meaning Preston) would give me \$450 he could take the house and stock corral and call it square. He agreed to do this and promised his note. He staved it off and did not pay me, but kept up his promises. He wanted to put his stock in my corral and I would not let him; we had some words when he made a spring at me; I knew my only chance was to shoot, so I shot him; am satisfied that if he had got the drop on me I would have been in the same box he is now; after the shooting some of his men pitched into me, and marked me here (pointing to several gashes and cuts around his face); Preston also struck me after I shot him; I was then arrested and ironed and brought down here."

THE PRISONER.

is about thirty years of age and five feet eight inches tall, heavily built and of powerful muscle. His general appearance is repulsive; he wears a dogged look and forbidding countenance. His eyes are bloodshot, and his well marked face give him the appearance of a hard customer. His trial has not yet been set.

THE HERALD'S ACCOUNT.

In Wednesday morning's edition of the TRIBUNE appeared an interview which our regular Miles City correspondent had with Dan Leahy, the slayer of Wm. Preston, formerly a citizen of Bismarck. That was Leahy's side of the case, of course. This morning the TRIBUNE presents the other side, as given by the Billings Herald. The Herald's account, which appears below, is evidently somewhat biased, as our correspondent's interview proves. The manner in which Leahy was held was by hammering him into prostration:

"At about six o'clock this evening as Wm. Preston, who was formerly deputy sheriff of this county, was bringing his drove of horses, with the assistance of two of his men, from the bottom to the corral for the night, and had reached the bars to that enclosure, he was met by a former partner of his, Daniel Leahy, who, presenting a Sharp's rifle, said, 'Damn you, if you put up those bars I will shoot you.' Preston realizing that Leahy meant what he said, called out, 'Dan, don't shoot!' crouched toward the ground and partially shielded himself behind one of his herders. When Preston stooped, Leahy fired, and Preston immediately fell with his head against the logs near the back door of Leahy's saloon, which abutted on the corral. As soon as Preston fell, several parties seized Leahy and held him until the officers of the law arrived, when he was transferred to their charge.

The injured man was picked up by the bystanders, taken into Leahy's saloon, and doctors Hogg, Davie and Stickney summoned.

It was ascertained that the ball had entered the upper third of the leg (at the thigh), passed inward and upward, severed the femoral artery, and tore through at the back.

Surgical assistance was of no avail, however, as the artery continued to gush out the life of the injured man, and in a few minutes life was extinct.

The Wholesale Man's Thermometer.

Every established local newspaper receives subscriptions from large cities which puzzle the publishers to account for, but which the New York Times lately threw some light upon in the following: "A wholesale grocer in this city, who has become rich at the business, says his rule is that when he sells a bill of goods on credit to immediately subscribe for the local paper of his debtor. So long as his customer advertised liberally and vigorously he rested, but as soon as he began to contract his advertising space he took the fact as evidence that there was trouble ahead, and invariably went for his debtor. Said he: 'The man who is too poor to make his business known is too poor to do business.' The withdrawal of an advertisement is evidence of weakness that business men are not slow to act upon."

Will Yet Make His Mark.

The following neat compliment paid to our esteemed townsman, Attorney Flannery, is from the Fargo Republican of the 3rd inst. Upon speaking of the delegate timber in North Dakota in the event of a division of the territory the Republican said:

"Farther west, at Bismarck, is Col. C. A. Lounsbury the versatile editor of the Tribune, who has his weather-eye on a seat in congress and who would fill one very handsomely. Bismarck has also another gentleman not so widely known, but who will yet make his mark in North Dakota if he lives; one of the best legal minds of the Dakota bar, a diligent and careful student and an honorable, high minded man, who would, if in congress, give dignity to the office of delegate. That gentleman is George P. Flannery, Esq."

CONDENSED TELEGRAPH.

Harvesting has been begun in southern Missouri.

The Chicago horsehoers have struck for higher wages.

The general deficiency bill appropriates nearly \$9,000,000.

Grading has been commenced at Glendive for a street railway.

The "setters" in Brecker's tannery, Milwaukee, are out on a strike.

Judge Pillsbury, who was recently shot by strikers near Chicago, is recovering.

Eleven students graduated yesterday from the colored university at Oxford, Pa.

Victor Hugo heads an appeal for funds to assist the immigration of Jews from Russia.

A number of Trinity college (Hartford) students have been fined \$10 each for hazing.

W. J. Hutchinson has been bounced from the New York stock exchange for crooked practices.

Commander Terry, of the navy, a brother of Gen. Terry, died yesterday in Colorado, of consumption.

The typographical union, in session at St. Louis, endorsed the strikes of the iron and steel workers.

The operatives of the nail foundry at South Wareham, Mass., have struck for more elegant remuneration.

King Humboldt, of Italy, has promised to act as godfather for the infant son of Prince William, of Prussia.

The iron strikers of Wheeling, W. Va., have subsided, and the foundries are running with new hands.

The cotton, wheat and corn crops of Northampton county, N. C., were destroyed yesterday by a violent storm.

Arrangements are being completed at New Orleans for the shipment of California grain to Europe via that port.

Justice Miller, of the supreme court, has been elected president of the Garfield memorial hospital commission.

Ned Foster was shot and killed by a drunken man named Donaldson, Sunday afternoon, at Fairbault, Minn.

Taylor Underwood, a murderer, was sentenced at Springfield, Mo., yesterday, to twenty-nine years imprisonment.

There is said to be 1,200 applicants for paymasterships in the United States army, and only half a dozen vacancies.

Considerable damage is reported to standing timber in the neighborhood of Merrillan, Wis., where forest fires are raging.

A domestic quarrel at Glapwin, Mich., yesterday, resulted in the fatal shooting of W. Stevenson, an old man, by his wife.

Treasurer Gillfillan yesterday paid out \$3,672,058 for the redemption of bonds under the 112th call, which mature to-day.

The board of military visitors to West Point favor the establishment of a lecture room to be called Garfield Memorial hall.

The mayor of Cleveland orders the strikers not to assemble on the street in crowds, and not to interfere with laborers who wish to work.

A locomotive fell from the track of the elevated railway at West Brighton, N. Y., yesterday, and nine persons were badly injured.

Secretary Lincoln says he likes Advocate General Swain first-rate, and that there is no truth in the reports of unfriendliness between them.

Reuben Lucas was shot, by order of the court, at Talequah, Indian territory, yesterday, for murder. He displayed great "nerve."

Emperor William has invited Bismarck to act as sponsor for the infant son of Prince William, of Prussia—the emperor's great grandson.

Ex-Secretary Blaine will testify soon in regard to certain matters brought out by the examination of the Randall credit industrial company.

Ritzgerald, baron of the exchequer of England, has resigned, being unwilling to perform the duties of the office under the re-pression bill.

A ten-year-old boy named Willeox, while playing around a moving freight train at Audubon, Minn., was knocked under the train and killed.

A fire at Oshkosh, yesterday, destroyed Campbell Bros. & Cameron's saw mill, involving a loss of \$25,000, on which there was \$15,000 insurance.

The Rev. Father Gleason, of the church of the Holy Name, St. Louis, is involved in a naughty scandal, and has been removed by Archbishop Kenrick.

An extraordinary rainfall in the vicinity of Springfield, Ill., has caused a partial flooding of the lowlands. Railroads centering there are badly bothered.

T. J. Moses, ex-governor of South Carolina, pleaded guilty to the charge of petit larceny in New York, and was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary.

The Guion steamship Alaska made the trip from New York to Queenstown in six days, nineteen hours and twenty-five minutes—the best time on record.

A vigorous campaign has been decided upon by the Wisconsin prohibitionists this fall, and they will also send speakers to aid the prohibition cause in Iowa.

John Jackson and his wife, living at Harris Station, Mo., locked their four children in the house and went to church. The dwelling burned and the children with it.

The architect of the treasury at Washington says nothing will be done this year toward the construction of the Minneapolis postoffice unless lower bids are received.

Mother St. Bernard, mother superior of the congregation of the Notre Dame, at Montreal, has been elected superior of convents throughout Canada and the United States.

The gamblers of St. Louis would like to leave that city on condition that some 800 cases against them shall be discharged, but the court won't entertain any such proposition.

B. F. Scott, a drunken vagabond of Blue Mound, Ill., beat his wife to death with a monkey-wrench, yesterday, because she wouldn't give him money to buy "budge" with.

Alexander Mitchell, of Milwaukee, declines to permit his name to be considered in connection with the tariff commission, on account of a pressure of public and private business.

The house judiciary committee decided that it is not advisable to meddle with the North Pacific land grant, and in favor of permitting the company to go ahead and finish the road.

A Covington, Ky., negro named Archer yesterday shot two white men with whom he had become involved in a quarrel. The men will die, and so will Archer if the mob who are after him can catch him.

A handsome soldiers' monument which adorned the grounds of the state normal school at Millerville, Pa., was completely ruined by unknown vandals who defaced it with ink and other substances.

James E. Henry was hanged yesterday at

Carrollton, Ga., for murder. William Moore, another murderer, was to have been hung at the same time, but having taken poison his execution was postponed until to-day.

The Ohio republicans have nominated the Hon. Chas. Townsend for secretary of state; John H. Doyle, of Toledo, judge of the supreme court; and C. H. Flickinger, of Defiance, member board of review.

A Chicago, Burlington and Quincy passenger train struck a broken rail near Frederickville, Ill., yesterday, and three cars were badly pulverized. Thirty passengers were more or less badly hurt, but none were killed.

In Calhoun county, Arkansas, Thos. Hall, a prominent citizen, persisted in entering the house of John Harbour, another prominent citizen, after he had been repeatedly ordered not to do so. Harbour therefore killed Hall.

The first appearance of Mrs. Jesse James on the lecture platform occurred a few nights since in Kansas City, and was a flat failure. She sat on the stage while a man recited the train and bank robbing exploits of her late husband.

Chief Engineer Drake of the Coldwater, Mich., fire department, is under arrest, charged with setting fire to buildings last fall. He is said to have done this for the purpose of working up an interest among the citizens in fire matters.

M. Babcock, of St. Johns, Mich., said the Rev. J. E. Richards, a local Congregationalist preacher, would preach Ingersollism if it paid better than the gospel, and that Richards "thought more of a rich man's fleece than a poor man's soul." And just for that Richards brings a suit for \$10,000 damages.

The corpse found floating at Lawrence, Kan., is identified as that of David Bannerman, who was decoyed to the river by colored prostitutes and murdered by their male confederates. The latter have been captured, and it was with difficulty that they were saved from a mob, who "wanted them bad."

Davitt made a speech at Liverpool Wednesday night in which he said he was in favor of the land becoming national property. He considered that the soil of Ireland could be purchased for 140,000,000 pounds in government bonds, payable in fifty years. He denounced the Dublin castle rule as a monstrous failure.

"In Hoek" Again.

Geo. Howard and Henry Walker, who were imprisoned last week for robbing Chas. H. Vail of \$350, and on Monday, for lack of proof, were discharged, are again in limbo on a similar charge, and this time it is thought the charge will stick.

On Tuesday night they took a room at the Merchants and retired to bed about 12 o'clock. Soon after, Wm. Little, who is a guest of the same house, came down stairs and informed the night clerk, Chas. Coffman, that Howard had been in his room, and while conversing he discovered his artillery, in the form of an English bulldog revolver, and the two returned up stairs, where they met the brace of "rollers."

They allowed them to pass, but soon concluded to overhaul them. As they attempted to make an exit from the house, Coffman brought his gun to bear and induced the brace to take a seat together until an officer could be procured. Officer Francis, who is always on deck, came and took possession of the game. A search revealed nothing suspicious except a gold embossed lady's watch. The ticker is a detached lever and its cases are sprung. When they were liberated on the day before this article of jewelry was not in their possession, and it is supposed that it was stolen on Monday night.

Another point which fastens the guilt of the Vail robbery on them is that when they were turned out of jail eighty-five dollars was the amount of their wealth but Tuesday night they had \$110 after spending twenty-five or thirty dollars during the day, besides losing a sum considerably over \$100 at faro that night.

These birds are very "slick ones." In gaining access to Mr. Little's room they ed burglar's pincers. The marks of the instrument was on the key. In addition to the evidence already mentioned Mr. Little heard his door shut, and knowing it it had been locked, suspected something wrong and quickly entered the hall where he discovered Howard standing close to the wall near his door.

They were arraigned yesterday, and asking for further time to prepare for a preliminary hearing, were granted until 10 a. m. to-day. The circumstantial evidence is so strong against them that they will undoubtedly be held to the grand jury.

Local Succotash.

The heated spell is already upon us and the festive mosquito is also upon us. Our citizens and the strangers within our gates are very partial to the shady side of the streets. Wire doors and canvas awnings are becoming popular, and everybody is sweating, sweltering and swearing at the heat. B let them suffer so long as the corn and wheat is being benefited by old Sol's smile. The corn hereabouts is fairly snapping in its growth, and already its green leaves wave high—well hardly high—in the breezes, and wheat is growing "like sixty," being over a foot in height, and the lowering herds are fattening on the tall and luscious grasses which cover our great ranges. The garden truck is looking vigorous. Large and tender lettuce is already one of the summer luxuries at the Merchant's. No section of the west is so far advanced in vegetation as the Bismarck region, and the prospects of a crop were never brighter for any country than they are for this. The TRIBUNE has no hesitancy in wagering a chip straw hat with any of its contemporaries that the products, especially wheat, of this section will take the blue ribbon at the Minneapolis fair next fall. "Put up or shut up."

The Banner City.

Mr. Holmes, of McKenzie & Holmes, reports an even four hundred applications for copies of the Banner City, published by them, by last Wednesday's mail. The states represented in these applications are principally Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Wisconsin, Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota and Montana. The Banner City is full of reliable information in relation to the Missouri slope.