

DIRTY WHEAT AT DULUTH.

How the Farmer's Wheat is "Shrunk" in the Country and Again at Terminal Points.

Twenty-Five Tons of Dirt Extracted Daily From the Receipts at Duluth Alone.

The Inspection at Minneapolis and Duluth Relaxed and the Inspectors Instructed to Go Easy.

DULUTH, Special Correspondence of Pioneer Press, Oct. 9.—Numerous complaints have been sent to the Pioneer Press regarding the system of wheat shrinkage or dockage, and in order to ascertain if there exists any ground for these alleged grievances, a thorough investigation of the matter has been made.

THE PROCESS OF GRADING.

In order that farmers may understand the process through which their wheat passes before it reaches the eastern markets, the following details are given: When a farmer takes his wheat to the local elevator, the buyer, who is also inspector, arbitrator and in fact the sole judge of the quality, condition and price of the wheat, fixes the grade and docks it according to his judgment.

WHAT BECOMES OF THE DIRT.

Mr. Ruple, superintendent of the elevator company at Duluth, says about sixteen tons of this dirt and chaff are used daily as fuel to run the engines. This amount comes from three cleaners alone, and the total amount of dirt taken out averages about twenty five tons per day.

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companies at Minneapolis and Duluth do not buy and sell grain, but simply receive and ship it according to the instructions of shippers and buyers, charging a fixed sum for handling and cleaning.

HOW THE SHRINKER SHRINKS.

It has been shown that the average shrinkage of the country elevator is about five pounds per bushel. This would seem, to the uninitiated, a pretty big square, and enough to remove all the dirt in an ordinary crop.

THE INSPECTION AT MINNEAPOLIS AND DULUTH.

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selection of pure seed and proper sowing, the average yield of wheat can be increased fifty per cent. He says the crop this year is the worst he ever saw in this country in the matter of wild buckwheat and other foreign seeds, and shows plainly the need of prompt attention on the part of the farmer.

SOMETHING ABOUT GRADES.

Less complaint is heard about grades this year than last. The quality of wheat is generally good, and if free from dirt would be an excellent crop. Strange to say, the complaint about grades comes from the country elevator men this year instead of the farmers.

CARS RECEIVED AT DULUTH IN SEPTEMBER.

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TOTAL CARS.

Summary table for cars received at Duluth and inspected at Minneapolis, showing totals for each category.

Life Insurance at Cost.

Mr. C. S. Northrop, general agent of the Mutual Life and Endowment Association of Muscatine, Iowa, has perfected his arrangements for doing business in the territory.

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Annual Statement

From Organization, April, 1883, to April 7th, 1884, of the condition and affairs of the Muscatine Mutual Life & Endowment Association

OF MUSCATINE, IOWA.

Organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, made to the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said Territory.

President—O. H. P. Linn. Secretary—J. H. Snook.

Attorneys for service in the Territory of Dakota. Organized and incorporated April, 1883; commenced business April, 1883.

INCOME.

For membership fees, cash and notes \$6,983 00

For annual dues, cash 773 00

For reporter and advertising 54 10

Money advanced by directors 50 00

Total \$7,780 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid commissions to agents \$5,178 75

Paid for printing 460 00

Paid for postage 68 00

Paid for office rent 75 00

Paid for office books and stationery 120 56

Paid for fuel, light and expressage 30 58

Paid for traveling expenses 104 45

Paid for membership fees returned 22 50

Paid for legal fees 20 00

Paid for secretary work in office 600 00

Total paid \$6,883 80

Cash and notes on hand 996 30

Due Association on membership notes 377 00

Due Association from agents 80 20

Total \$7,782 10

ASSETS.

Furniture and fixtures in office 150 00

Books in office 100 00

Blank and printed matter in office 75 00

Cash in office 143 88

Cash loaned 48 72

Notes and ledger balances 467 70

Total \$1,363 30

LIABILITIES.

Due officers \$1,250 00

MEMBERSHIP APRIL 7, 1884.

Applications for membership since organization 700

rejected and held for advisement 29

Applications in force April 7, 1884 671

Insurance in force \$1,356,000 00

Number of death losses None

(Signed) O. H. P. LINN, President.

J. H. SNOOK, Secretary.

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

I, Geo. L. Ordway, Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original statement now on file in this office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, D. T., this 16th day of October, 1884.

C. S. NORTHROP, Special Agent for Dakota Territory.

C. L. RAMSAY, Agent, Bismarck, D. T., Office, Room No. 2, Slattery Block.

St. James' Pain Remedy advertisement. THE GREAT GERMAN REMEDY FOR PAIN. Relieves and cures RHEUMATISM, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago, BACKACHE, HEADACHE, TOOTHACHE, SORE THROAT, QUINSY, SWELLINGS, SPRAINS, Soreness, Cuts, Bruises, FROSTBITES, BURNS, SCALDS, And all other bodily aches and pains.

Advertisement for a political candidate. When the applause which followed the governor's remarks had ceased, loud cries were sent up for MAJOR BOVAY, of Mandan, one of the oldest republicans in the territory and one who assisted in the organization of the party. The major arose and said: "Gentlemen! I don't know why I am honored, and I confess I don't know what to say on this occasion. I fully feel all those emotions which our honored governor expresses, and I must say that I have felt very nervous indeed for several weeks over the campaign in Ohio, and I took what feeble measures I could, some time ago to prompt parties who were in possession of the reins, to look well to Ohio. I thought I could see that if we were defeated in Ohio, our line of battle was broken. I believe, as Governor Pierce, that the result in November depended upon the October results." Here the major branched out into political history and experience, and gave a very interesting address, which was loudly applauded by his hearers. He said that he had fifty years struggle with the democratic party, the first twenty-five of which he was the under dog, and that for the last