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SMALL CAUSE FOR WORRY.
 The fact that Minnesota has some fifteen hundred thousand acres of swamp land is causing some good people a great deal of uneasiness. They fear that the humble homesteader may not have the opportunities that he deserves and that the state will not be settled fast enough so long as it hangs on to these fifteen hundred thousand acres of swamp.

As for the settlement of the state, Minnesota has thousands of acres of cheap lands now on the market which are attracting the very best kind of settlers as fast as we let them know what we have. Any body who wants cheap land and is willing to play pioneer and do the hard work demanded of a man who clears up a new country can get all he wants in Minnesota, and after his hard work is done he will have some land that is worth while.

Meanwhile if the state will spend a few hundred thousands draining its swamp lands it will be doing a great work for its people, adding materially to its assets and reclaiming a good many thousand more acres of cheap land to offer to those who are in earnest in their desire to build up homes for themselves.

The Wadena Pioneer Journal, one of the ablest newspapers in the state, devotes a long editorial to showing that there is a vast difference between the kind words which Judge Collins said of J. J. Hill and the kind words which Mr. Dunn said of the Great Northern president. The Journal effort is called forth by the suggestion made in these columns recently that Judge Collins, eulogy of Mr. Hill would afford his supporters an opportunity to warm over all the nasty things they have said of Dunn for a similar statement. The fact of the matter is that if the Dunn-Hill interview and the Collins-Hill speech were presented to them unblinded Judge Collins, supporters would have hard work to tell which was which. In fact, they would probably rise up in righteous indignation and denounce Dunn as the unholy author of them both.

RURAL delivery carriers receive the magnificent salary of \$600 per year. Efforts have been made for some time to amend the rules governing them so as to allow them to act as public carriers of parcels, etc. Such a modification of the rules would result in material good to the general public and enable the carriers to increase their compensation to a reasonable point.

SENATOR SMOOT may still be senator after the investigation is over but Mormonism has received in the past few weeks harder knocks than it has suffered for years.

WHEN the Business Men's club becomes a fact one profitable subject for discussion will

be the maintenance of a city band. Bemidji's band has struggled on with little concerted assistance thus far from those who are most interested. Other cities have succeeded in devising plans by which the city band has been a valuable organization and Bemidji can do the same.

BOB DUNN's Princeton Union is about the only country newspaper in the state whose editorial columns are not violently aware that there is a fight on for the republican nomination for governor.

BITS NORTH FROM THE COUNTRY

Fertile will try water for a year.

Pillager makes a still hunt for a creamery.

Fosston gets to the front with \$39 dog tax.

Deadlock on the question of incorporating as a city at Park Rapids—136 votes each way.

Long Prairie's electric light plant helped out the municipal ownership argument to the extent of a profit of \$624 last year.

The East Grand Forks Valley View accuses Crookston of consuming more alcoholic beverages per capita than any other town in the state. But possibly there is method in this early spring madness of the Valley View.

AMUSEMENTS

Mr. Harold Nelson and a talented company present "Quo Vadis" at the City opera house tonight. Mr. Nelson is said to give to the great drama a finished and thorough interpretation. He is a close student, an energetic worker and an enthusiast in his line and his recent successes stamp him as one of the foremost actors of the present time in Shakespearean drama. The seat sale for the production has been large and the indications are that one of the largest audiences of the present season will witness the production.

FINISH HAULING

Neils Lumber Co. Hauls Over Million of Logs Through Streets of Cass Lake.

On Monday the J. Neils Lumber Co. finished hauling all the logs that they will take from their camps west of town directly through the village. Over one million have been taken on the village road, and the remainder of the three million being out at the camps will be dumped into the Mississippi river at the junction with Cass Lake. On Sunday the largest load hauled through town was brought in. There were 11,440 feet in the load which was put on the sleighs by Jerome Compo and Ross Hampton, two of the best loaders in this part of the state. The teams were stopped at several points of vantage along the street and the load photographed. No damage whatever has resulted from the use of the graded street for the logging road, and it was something of an accommodation to the Neils company to allow the use of the street.—Cass Lake Voice.

To Reballast Line.

The Great Northern railway has piled a lot of new ties along the road bed, the entire distance from Cass Lake to Duluth, and when the frost goes out of the ground in the spring they will be put in place along the line. It is said that the company also intends to reballast the road bed during the coming summer, which will be considerable of a job. This line, from Crookston to Duluth, is one of the best paying properties in the possession of the Great Northern, and the company proposes to have the road in such shape that the large passenger and freight traffic can be handled to advantage.

Thanks, Say the Ladies. The ladies of the Bemidji Library association desire to ex-

tend a vote of thanks to the public at large for its kind attendance at the book shower last Wednesday evening and also to the talent that contributed so much to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. Wheelock deserves especial thanks for his generosity in donating the opera house as does Mr. Bagley for the use of the teams. The ladies were greatly encouraged by the generous way in which they were assisted in their first effort in beginning what they hope to make the finest public library in the state.

MRS. EARL H. MARCUM, Secretary.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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CRIME ON THE INCREASE.

Noted Educator Holds Vulgar Newspapers Partly Responsible. New York, March 14.—That there has been a marked increase in crime and criminal tendencies among all classes and that this condition has been due to semi-conscious suggestions from various causes, among them the vulgarity of newspapers, debase theaters, impure literature and divorces, all of which may be remedied, is the belief expressed by Henry Hopkins, president of Williams college, at a meeting here of the Patria club.

The foundations of the personal character of our national life are seriously threatened," he said, "by ugly features of the present time. There is abounding evidence of an alarming increase in crime of every sort, but particularly of the kind that undermines honesty, chastity and respect for law. There is a growing infidelity to financial trust and consequently a visible loss of confidence of man in his fellow men. Defalcations continue and multiply in disheartening succession. The proportion of divorces to marriages is astonishing and sickening. Disintegration, decadence and often destruction of the family and lowering of the home ideal go on.

"But most disheartening and startling of all is the lawless spirit in towns and cities, where have grown up crowds of hoodlums, where there is an increasing population who break out into reckless violence at times of strikes and lockouts. Of the same nature are the worse than brutal exhibitions in defiance of all authority and decency in the lynchings and hideous burnings that dishonor human nature itself.

TRADE CONDITIONS IMPROVE.

Favorable Weather Exerts a Decidedly Beneficial Effect. New York, March 14.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade says weather conditions have improved, and with them jobbing trade at leading Western points. Southern spring trade reports continue good, and reports of snow in the Southwest, though so light in some sections as to be of little service to winter wheat, has brightened wheat reports from that section. The iron trade also shows a gain in activity and in prices of crude material. Transportation matters show improvement and with them supplies of coke to furnaces and shipments of goods to consumers. February gross railroad earnings as a whole promise to be somewhat better than the outlook sometime ago favored. Drawbacks to general spring trade outlook are found in the slowness of Eastern buyers to take hold of spring goods and in serious floods. Pacific coast trade reports show a slight improvement.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

The newspaper libel law enacted by the Kansas legislature of 1901 has been declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court. Commander Charles E. Colahan, U. S. N., until recently commandant of cadets at the naval academy, is dead at Lambertville, N. J. The condition of Senator Tillman's throat, on which an operation was performed several days ago to relieve an abscess, is reported better. Among the passengers who arrived Saturday on the steamer Trinidad from Bermuda was Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, who is convalescent from a recent operation for matoiditis. An attempt is being made by the Civic Federation to avert the threatened lockout of lithographers all over the country if they do not sign the employers' arbitration agreement. Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) has asked a divorce from his wife, to whom he was married thirty-eight years ago after a romantic courtship. He charges her with cruelty and having made an attempt to poison him. Thieves Torture Woman. St. Paul, March 14.—Two masked men entered W. H. Henzel's residence, 609 Jackson street, during his absence and, after beating and pounding his wife until she became unconscious in a vain effort to get her to tell the combination of the safe containing valuable silverware and money, were forced to content themselves with a little silverware and \$4. They made their escape and are still at large.

ECZEMA SETS THE SKIN ON FIRE

No disease causes so much bodily discomfort, or itches, and burns like Eczema. Beginning often with a slight redness of the skin it gradually spreads, followed by pustules or blisters from which a gummy, sticky fluid oozes which dries and scales off or forms bad looking sores and scabs. It appears on different parts of the body but oftenest upon the back, arms, hands, legs and face, and is a veritable torment at times, especially at night or when over-heated.



In 1898 I experienced at times patches on the inside of my hands that itched and burned, causing much discomfort. As time went by it grew worse, and I was convinced that I was afflicted with Eczema. I consulted several physicians and a number of specialists, and used several external applications, receiving but slight temporary relief. In February I decided to try S. S. S., and in less than a month I experienced a change for the better, and by May all symptoms had disappeared, and I found myself entirely cured, and have had no return of the disease since. W. F. BRUSH, Manager Stockman's Advertising Agency, Station A, Kansas City, Mo.

The cause of Eczema is a too acid and general unhealthy condition of the blood. The terrifying itching and burning is produced by the overflow through the glands and pores of the skin of the fiery poisons with which the blood-current is overloaded. While external applications, such as washes, soaps, salves and powders astringent and cooling they do not enter into the blood itself or touch the real cause of the disease, but S. S. S. does, and purifies, enriches, and strengthens the thin acid blood and cleanses and builds up the general system, when the skin clears off and Eczema with all its terrifying symptoms disappears. Send for our free book on the Skin and its diseases. No charge for medical advice. **THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.**

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 FOR SALE—Steamer Bertha, 36 feet over all, 10 horse power rig. Lock box 285.

FOR SALE—One hundred acres of improved land in Red Lake county, three and one half mile from town. Price \$12 per acre. Address Box 115, St. Hilaire, Minn.

FOR SALE CHEAP—We have for sale, cheap, one 14-horse power joint traction engine, in first class condition. Just the thing for a sawmill. Address Prentice Bros., Cogswell, N. D.

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 Chicago, March 12.—Wheat—Good to prime steers, \$5.25@6.00; poor to medium, \$2.50@4.85; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.35; cows, \$1.60@4.10; heifers, \$2.25@4.50; calves, \$2.75@5.75. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$5.10@5.45; good to choice heavy, \$5.35@5.50; rough heavy, \$5.05@5.30; light, \$4.85@5.50. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$4.60@5.00; Western sheep, \$3.50@5.00; native lambs, \$4.00@5.65; Western, \$4.50@5.00.

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