LOSS FULLY $3,000,000.

SUCH THE MISFORTUNE OF FARGO, N. D., THROUGH FIRE.

Business Portion of the City Wiped Out by a Conflagration Which Raged for Many Hours—Over 3000 People Homeless—Property Lightly Insured.

MOORHEAD, Minn., June 8.—A large part of Fargo, N. D., is in ashes. The fire started at 3 o'clock yesterday, in a restaurant on Second street. A strong wind was blowing. At 4 o'clock the fire had reached the Great Northern track, ten blocks north, gutting the entire district for three blocks east to Broadway. A strong fight was made to prevent the flames crossing to the west side of Broadway, but by 4 o'clock they had crept in in several places. Telegraph wires were all burned, so that it was impossible to reach Grand Forks or Hillsboro to ask for help.

At midnight the firemen were still working as hard as ever to stop the course of the flames. The section in the middle of the city from Robert street and Front street south four blocks wide and 10 blocks long, is a blackened plain of ashes, with not a dozen buildings left standing. A fierce south wind drove the flames like a prairie fire. The loss will probably be over $3,000,000. Over 3000 persons are homeless. Practically only one hotel, the Headquarters, is left, every insurance office was burned and but one bank, the First National, was saved.

Finally Under Control.

FARGO, N. D., June 8.—The big fire here was under control by 5 o'clock this morning, though still a number of fires were burning in different parts of the city. The statement is given out that a meeting of insurance men estimate the loss on insured property at $2,800,000 and $500,000 more on residences in the outskirts uninsured. Rates have been so high that but little property is insured for over one-third of its value.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.

Officers Elected at the Meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The annual convocation of the grand chapter, order of Eastern Star, was held in St. Johnsbury Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Past Grand Patron McClintock installed these officers: Grand patron, J. T. Gleason, Lyndonville; grand matron, Mrs. E. J. Parsons, Island Pond; associate grand patron, George W. Wing, Montpelier; associate grand matron, Mrs. Dr. Pettee, Brattleboro; grand secretary, H. L. Stillson, Bennington; grand treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Whitney, Windor; grand conductor, Mrs. G. W. Wing, Montpelier; grand associate conductor, Mrs. Mary L. Paine, Windsor; grand lecturer, Mrs. Olive J. Stowell, Putney; grand chaplain, I. P. Booth, Northfield; grand marshal, F. W. Baldwin, Barton; grand sentinel, O. E. Luce, Stowe; grand Adah, Mrs. Marie J. Colburn, Bradford; grand Ruth, Mrs. Clara E. Burnham, Barre; grand Esther, Mrs. Mary B. Spencer, St. Johnsbury; grand Martha, Miss Ada B. Hill, Newport; grand Electa, Mrs. Ella McLoud, Hardwick. The grand chapter adjourned to meet at Montpelier next year.

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY.

Capt. Rushlow of the Transportation Company to Advertise Its Attractiveness.

With characteristic energy Capt. Rushlow, general manager of the Champlain Transportation company, has had photographs taken of the company's fleet of steamers, namely: Vermont, Chateaugay, Horicon and Ticonderoga, and grouped together.

Many of the pictures, which are a credit to the company as well as to the artist, have been handsomely framed and will be distributed among the hotels in the Eastern and Middle States to be hung in conspicuous places. These beautiful pictures make one of the finest advertisements of the kind often seen, and they will also give people an idea of what kind of accommodations in the way of transportation they may expect if they visit Lake George or Lake Champlain. A miniature group picture of the boats will also adorn the letter heads of the company hereafter.

Capt. Rushlow, like thousands of others, believes there are no more beautiful bodies of water that these lakes, the surroundings of which are unsurpassed in picturesqueness and grandeur; and he proposes to advertise the attractiveness of the Champlain valley in a way that will arrest the attention of people; once visiting the lakes, they are apt to come again, and bring their friends.

When Capt. Rushlow commanded the steamer Vermont he says that tourists used to express surprise at finding such palatial boats on these inland lakes, adding that they would have visited here before if they had known it.

M'KINLEY RENOMINATED.

Ohio Republicans Declare Unanimously in Favor of Protection.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 8.—The State convention to-day renominated Gov. McKinley, who made a long speech accepting the nomination. In it he attacked the democratic party as responsible for the existing financial situation.

The report of the committee on resolutions, which was unanimously adopted, indorses the platform of the last national republican convention and the administration of Harrison; calls the McKinley act the best exemplification of the principle of protection, and reciprocity that has found expression in the statutes; declares adhesion to the doctrines of that great measure and favors such amendments thereto for protection, as time and experience may show to be advisable; adheres to the republican policy of granting pensions to the wounded and disabled Union soldiers and sailors of the late war, and the widows and orphans of such as are deceased; favors honest money, money composed of gold, silver and paper, maintained at equal value and under national and not State regulations; condemns the course of the present national administration in dealing with the financial situation; denounces the avowed purpose of the democratic party to repeal the prohibitory 10 per cent tax on State bank issues.

Deserving Praise.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. G. L. La Fountain & Co., Druggists, 95 Church St. and 148 North Champlain St.

"Is this hot enough for you?" is a silly question; but if you find a man who complains of suffering from the heat, ten to one you will find, on inquiry, that he does not use Ayer's Sarsaparilla to tone up his system and free his blood from irritating humors.

OUR HAVERSACK.

The Annual Encampment of the Vermont National Guard of Rutland.

A general order has been issued from Adjutant-Gen. T. S. Peck's office by command of Gov. Fuller to the following effect:

The annual encampment of the Vermont National Guard, authorized by section 3770, Revised Laws of Vermont, will be held at Rutland, Vt., from Tuesday, August 15, to Saturday, August 19, inclusive.

Brigadier General Julius J. Estey is hereby assigned to duty at said encampment as post commander, and will issue all necessary orders for the proper conduct thereof, in accordance with the rules governing military posts.

Muster and pay rolls in quadruplicate will be prepared before arrival in camp, by entering thereon the name of each officer and enlisted man in the organization. Pay will be allowed to officers and enlisted men, for such days during the encampment as they are present for duty, in accordance with No. 75, Laws of 1892.

While en route to and from camp, the senior officer present will be in command and will be held responsible for the maintenance of order and discipline.

Capt. H. E. Tutherly, 1st cavalry, U. S. army, assistant inspector-general, will inspect the troops and make a report upon the condition of the command at the close of the encampment.

Brig.-Gen. William H. Gilmore, quartermaster general, will furnish transportation, quarters, and provide for the payment of the troops.

The annual reunion of the Orleans County Veterans association was held at Barton last week. The convention was called to order by Major Branch of Newport, who introduced Hon. J. W. Currier, the president, who after a few pleasant words introduced John L. Lewis, esq., who delivered an address of welcome. The president called on John C. Cattanach for an address. The subject was "The flag at Appomattox." Then came addresses from Mr. Bush on the "Poetry of the war," Capt. Tucker "The battle of Winchester," Thomas Marnock, "How I found Sherman," and by Rev. E. B. Hatch of California, who gave an eloquent and patriotic address. The following officers were then elected amid much enthusiasm: President, George Bush, Barton Landing; vice-president, Kendrick Richmond, Newport; secretary-treasurer, C. W. Cook, West Glover; executive committee, C. L. Erwin, Newport Center, R. Webster, Irasburgh, and Ira Miller, Newport. After some routine business it was determined to allow the executive committee to appoint the place for the next annual meeting.

At 8 o'clock the camp fire was held. A huge bonfire was lighted, which illumined the country for miles, and though the rain kept falling all entered into the spirit of the evening and vied with the veterans to make it pleasant. Resolutions of thanks were passed, amidst the warmest enthusiasm and ringing cheers to the people of North Troy, to the relief corps, to the veterans, to the band, and to the railway companies. D. Skinner, esq., of Barton Landing, in a short address referred to the thinning ranks. He was followed by Capt. A. L. Howard of the regular service, who related some experiences in fighting Indians and in the Canadian Northwest, where he took his gatling gun to support the volunteers. He was listened to with deep interest and attention. Then came stories, experiences, or short addresses, from Mr. Bush, Capt. Tucker, Mr. Currier, Mr. Cattanach, Mr. Hastings and others. Old war songs were sung, the crowd taking up the chorus, the band accompanying.

A special order has been issued from the adjutant general's office, which says: "Capt. Gilbert C. Bates, Co. F, First regiment, having been placed upon the retired list, is hereby relieved from duty and will turn over the property for which he is responsible to the senior officer present, and settle his accounts with the quartermaster general.

"On the 7th of May, 1893, Capt. Bates having completed 20 years of continuous service, carries with him into retirement the respect and commendation of the entire command, and all regret that he finds it necessary to withdraw from active service. He has performed his duty with fidelity and zeal, and his career is an example for all to follow.

"An election to fill the office of captain in Co. F, First regiment, Vermont National Guard, which has become vacant by the retirement of Capt. Bates, will be held at Northfield, Vt., on or before the 15th day of June."

Alcander Wins the Race.

Alcander, owned by E. F. Brownell won the 2:22 class race at Lepine Park, Montreal, Wednesday of last week. Six heats were trotted. Inasmuch as it is early in the season and also as it is right in the middle of Alcander's stud season, it is remarkable that he was able to stand up and fight out the race in winning form; it confirms the stallion's right to be classed among the great race horses.

The Daily Herald of Montreal gives the following account of the race:

The race of the day was the 2:22 class, and it, too, was full of surprises. Ben B was a strong favorite. There were five starters. The first two heats were won by Factory Boy. The third heat showed what kind of a horse Alcander was, and he also captured the next heat. There was a pull down in the fifth heat when Blackstone's driver was changed, the owner taking the reins. The result was that the heat was still further split by Blackstone winning. Alcander took the sixth and captured the purse. Factory Boy was all right for three-quarters of the distance, but after this his speed failed.

SUMMARY:

Stake No. 2, 2:22 class, purse $1000.

H. E. Brewster, St. Johnsbury, ch s, Alcander	2	3	1	1	1
Charles Taylor, White River Junction, g g, Factory Boy	1	1	2	2	3
T. Hayes, Lindsay, Ont., blk g, Blackstone	4	4	3	4	1
E. D. Rooney, Ottawa, Ont., b g, Ben B	3	2	4	3	2
E. Pouliot, Quebec, ch g, James	5	dis.			

No time was given.

Growing Old Gracefully.

"What a lovely old lady," I heard a man remark, at the opera lately. "She's quite as beautiful as any girl in the house. Such color and complexion is rarely seen in a woman past forty."

Indeed, the woman of whom he spoke was lovely. Her face was clear and smooth, her cheeks, fresh and rosy, her eyes bright with perfect health and enjoyment of life. She had passed the critical "change of life" without falling into "the sere and yellow leaf," as most American women do. How had she succeeded in doing this? Simply by using Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription at a time when nature stood in need of some assistance. She had taken it at the right time. In doing this she was wise. Wiser than most women who "trust to luck" in getting through the critical and trying period safely. This standard remedy is just what is needed at such a time. It is, from girlhood to old age, woman's best friend. In all diseases peculiar to the sex, it accomplishes what no other remedy does—a cure. Take it, woman, when life's autumn begins, and "grow old gracefully." Your money back if it doesn't help you.

Henry Schoenhais, foreman Henry Krug Packing Co., St. Joseph, Mo., uses Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil with his men for sprains, cuts, bruises, chapped hands, etc. It is the best.

KICKED THROUGH THE FLOOR.

How Nicholas Gaudette Walked Out of Manchester Jail.

BENNINGTON, June 12.—Nicholas Gaudette, who escaped from Manchester jail Sunday morning, made his departure via a hole which he stamped through the floor of his cell with his boot. The floor was rotten and he only made two stamps with his heel. He was gone about two hours before his absence was discovered, as the man who guards the jail had gone to his breakfast. The jail has been condemned several times by the grand jury. McDowell, who remained behind, says he bid Gaudette a friendly good-bye, but thought he would remain and stand his chances.

Tapley's "Bread Winner" outwears all other shoes.