

## BOOM CONTINUES.

Usual Midsummer Falling Off in Trade Not Apparent This Season.

OUTLOOK A GLORIOUS ONE.

Alarm Over Crop Damage Now Known to Have Been Exaggerated.

NEW YORK, July 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

A business flood so strong and rapid that the conservative fear it may do harm is out of season in July. But the seasons this year lap over and crowd each other. May frosts and frights, it is now evident, kept back much business that would not naturally have been finished before midsummer, and the delayed accumulation of one season gets in the way of efforts to begin another on time. But the volume of business, however, it may be assured, is remarkably large for the month, even in a good year. The exaggerated fears about crops have passed, the syndicate is believed both able and determined to protect the treasury and the time draws near when the marketing of new crops will turn into a national balance if speculation does not hinder.

**Sensational Fall in Wheat.**  
The week has been notable for a sensational fall in wheat of 8 cents in two days, followed by recovery of 5 cents, though neither accords any interpretation of the quite disregarded government report. The sudden drop in prices was the result of speculative rather than commercial influences.

At many of the cities throughout the West and Northwestern states merchandise markets present the dullness incident to the first half of July, though at all points the outlook for fall trade is reported good. At Chicago the volume of business is heavier than expected at this time.

**Collections Are Good**  
and the crop market is favorable. St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha all report a fair volume of business, prices hardening and an unexpectedly favorable crop outlook. On the Pacific coast trade continues favorable. The construction of the San Joaquin Valley railroad is aiding business in many directions. Extensive wheat engagements at San Francisco leave that port bare of tonnage. Portland, Or., reports prospects of a good fall trade and improvement in the salmon catch.

There were 266 failures in the United States this week, compared with 197 last week, 229 in the second week of July, 1894, and 398 in a like week in 1893.

### FIRES STILL RAGING.

Much Valuable Timber Being Destroyed in Michigan.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., July 15.—The fires still rage near Thompsonville, Frankfort and Wallin. South of Frankfort farm buildings and valuable timber are being destroyed. Around Traverse City the forests are ablaze, but there is as yet no serious damage to property except standing timber. Every available man is out fighting the fire to prevent its communication with farm buildings and mills. Between here and Thompsonville much valuable timber is being destroyed but there is no immediate damage to buildings.

PETOSKEY, Mich., July 13.—Forest fires have burned up to the village of Brutus, on the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, north of here, but the village was saved. The fires burned into the Petoskey Catholic cemetery, but the fire department prevented their spreading.

**Sure Sign of Prosperity.**  
ST. PAUL, July 15.—For the first time since the panic of '93 the railroad shops of St. Paul and Minneapolis are running this month at their full capacity. Depression in any locality always communicates itself immediately to the railroads, and the reverse holds equally true. Were other indications absent, this fact, therefore, could be taken as a very reliable proof that prosperity was once more about to smile on the Northwest.

**Berry Crop a Failure.**

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., July 15.—There never has been so near a total failure of the berry crop in this county as this year. It is at an end, except the blackberry crop, and the total number of cases shipped from here this year is 1,600, against 7,400 cases for 1894 and 16,405 cases for 1893, or less than one-tenth of an average crop.

**Need Three Thousand Men.**

MINNEAPOLIS, July 15.—Mayor Pratt is in receipt of a letter from Judge John J. Healy of Ipswich, S. D., stating that fully 8,000 extra men will be required between Aberdeen and the Missouri river to harvest the big crops. Good wages will be paid and the mayor is requested to send as many men as he can.

**Mrs. Stevenson Ill.**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., July 15.—The wife of Vice President Stevenson was taken suddenly ill Thursday night and

two physicians spent several hours with her. She has improved since then, but is resting under the influence of opiates.

**Captain Wyckoff Dead.**

ITHACA, N. Y., July 15.—A dispatch has been received here stating that Captain W. O. Wyckoff, of the firm of Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, died suddenly at his home on Carleton island, Thousand Islands.

**Fell Three Stories.**

ST. PAUL, July 15.—Annie Olson, a domestic, fell three stories through the skylight of the Commercial hotel and died in a few minutes. The girl had gone to the roof of the hotel to hang out clothes.

**EARLY LIFE OF PAUL JONES.**

He Came to America to Inherit an Estate in Virginia.

There is no record of his having attended any school except that of the parish of Kirkbean, but he developed a truly Scotch passion for reading and writing. He went to sea when 12 years old and made two voyages during his minority in a slaver, but hating the traffic he left it and the ship too. At 20 he was in command of a fine brigantine. About this time occurred what he calls, in a letter to Robert Morris, "a great misfortune," adding, "I am under no concern whatever that this or any other circumstance of my past life will sink me in your opinion." The trouble was a threatened criminal prosecution for having had a carpenter flogged, which was the usual mode of punishment in those days. The matter was investigated, and Paul Jones was fully acquitted.

It is worthy of remark that the magistrate who inquired into that matter notes that Paul Jones expressed great sorrow for having had the man flogged, although the charge of cruelty was fully disproved. He returned to Scotland once after this, and although affectionately received by his own family his friends and neighbors seem to have treated him coldly. The smart from this injustice turned the indifference he felt for his native land into hatred, and ever after he considered himself quite free from any responsibility for having been born and having spent the first 12 years of his life in so inhospitable a country.

In his twenty-seventh year a great and fortunate change occurred to him. His brother William, who had emigrated to Virginia and died there, left him an estate. There is no doubt that Paul Jones was often afterward in want of ready money, but it must be remembered that everybody was in want of ready money in the eighteenth century. Certain it is, from his papers preserved at Washington, that he might be considered at the beginning of the war a man of independent fortune.

The two years of his life in Virginia are obscure, as might be expected from a man living the life of a provincial country gentleman, which the records concerning him prove. At the outbreak of war with the mother country Paul Jones hastened to Philadelphia, and through Mr. Joseph Hewes, a member of congress from North Carolina, got his commission as senior first lieutenant in the infant navy of the colonies. It was then he made the acquaintance of Robert Morris, to whom he felt a passionate gratitude and affection, and whom he named as sole executor in his will, Mr. Hewes being then dead.—Miss Molly Elliot Seawell in Century.

**IN THE FUTURE.**

When the Girl Who Earns \$5,000 a Year Will Be a Desirable Wife.

"Don't you think it about time for Mabel to consider the subject of matrimony?" he asked hesitatingly.

"Oh, there is plenty of time," replied his wife. "Mabel is very ambitious, you know, and she is used to certain so-called luxuries that she would dislike to give up."

"Well, frankly, I think she is working too hard."

"Oh, no, she isn't. It will do her good. And since she won that case in the supreme court her income has been steadily increasing. If she continues to do as well in her profession, she may be able to think of marriage in a year or so. You see, things have changed since we were married."

"Indeed they have," he sighed.

"Then a girl's beauty, temperament and accomplishments had more to do with her matrimonial chances, but it is very different now, very different indeed. Mabel is not yet the prize that I wish her to be, and I doubt if she could be sure of getting the kind of husband that I desire her to have. The best young men are very particular, you know."

"Very true," he admitted.

"Many of them will hardly look at a girl whose earning capacity is not \$4,000 or \$5,000 a year. Mabel agrees with me that it is best to wait until she has reached that point, and then she is sure to be sought after by the very best and most desirable young men in the city."—Chicago Post.

**"A Nice Pupil"**

Napoleon was a great soldier, but he could not spell. His handwriting was also so bad as to give rise to the rumor that he used undecipherable characters to conceal the fact that he, the master of Europe, could not master French orthography.

In the early days of the empire a man of modest aspect presented himself before the emperor.

"Who are you?" asked Napoleon.

"Sire, I had the honor at Brienne for 15 months to give writing lessons to your majesty."

"You turned out a nice pupil!" said the emperor, with vivacity. "I congratulate you on your success!" Nevertheless he conferred a pension upon his old master.—Youth's Companion.

**Wanted to Help.**

Mrs. Van Mission—What are you reading, my pet?

Little Daughter—I is readin a long article 'bout how to roast a turkey.

"What for?"

"I thought nex' time you went slummin I'd ask to go wif you, and wile you was distributin tracts I'd tell 'em how to roast a turkey."—Good News.

Ireland was originally Irene, or the "Western Isle." It was called the "Emerald Isle" because of the brilliant color of its verdure, which throughout the year is a lively green.

**KIPLING'S HERO IN LIFE.**

A San Francisco Newspaper Discovers the Original of "Private Mulvaney."

The San Francisco Call has discovered the original of Rudyard Kipling's "Private Mulvaney." He is William McManus, and he lives in San Francisco. To him, according to The Call's story, Kipling is indebted for many of the marvelous stories that have made him famous. McManus, who was a soldier in India, says he knew Kipling when a lad. Later McManus "bossed" a gang of native tracklayers on the government railroad, and in the doing of it McManus said:

"Well I remember Kipling in those days, a plucky, inquisitive little fellow in the civil service, whom I first met at Cawpur, where he passed his bottle around among us privates and then got us to tell all the yarns of the barrack room. He had a little, stubby, black mustache and wore specs."

McManus was born in 1839, and 18 years later enlisted in the army. He went to India in 1857. McManus says that most of Kipling's stories are founded upon fact.

**Snowballs, Five a Throw.**

The street-follies have something new. It is a delusive arrangement of ice and gingerly—or rather peppery—sirups. The products are called "snowballs."

A huge cake of ice lies upon a street stand. Beside it is the sirup. A customer gives an order. The fairer takes a large metal arrangement that resembles a lemon squeezer and opens it by turning back the top. A bowl with a sharp edge is disclosed. This is used to scrape ice from the cake. When it is more than full of flaky ice, sirup of the flavor desired is poured upon the ice and rapidly absorbed by it. The cover is brought back to place, forcing the ice and sirup into a compact ball. The lid is thrown back in a few seconds and a white, frosty sphere is delivered.

The stuff has jumped into favor with the thirsty, and the Bowery is lined with men crying: "Snowballs! Snowballs! Five a throw!"—New York World.

**Where Indeed?**

Quite an amusing little episode occurred at the races Derby day. One of Louisville's most fascinating belles was among the number composing a box party. This young lady was exceedingly anxious for a certain horse to win, whose jockey was clad in white shirt and red pantaloons. So great was the enthusiast's excitement that during the race she persistently wrung her little hands in a piteous manner, bewailing all the while, "Oh, where is my white shirt and where are my red pants!" All the time she was totally oblivious to the fact that her claim to the above named articles was causing the utmost hilarity at her expense.—Louisville Times.

**One of Jove's Tricks.**

At the entrance to Point Defiance park, Tacoma, stands a giant fir tree at least 150 feet in height and 6 feet in diameter at the base. At the very apex of that sturdy trunk one day last week a shaft of lightning struck. From the point where it first struck the tree straight down one side for 50 feet the bark was torn away from the body of the tree, laying bare the surface of the wood; thence, as though actuated by some spirit of mischief, the bolt began a spiral course around the trunk, tearing the bark off for a width of six or eight inches, twice completely encircling the tree in a distance of 100 feet before entering the ground.—Tacoma News.

**Would Have Women Police.**

In a recent address before a women's meeting in San Francisco, the Rev. Anna Shaw of Boston advocated the appointment of women on police boards and expressed the belief that such a policy would promote good morals.—New York Tribune.

**To Suppress Scandal.**

A society for the suppression of scandal has just been started at Insterburg in East Prussia. Every scandalous story spread in the town will be traced and the originator prosecuted by the society.—New York Sun.

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