

The State Day by Day. News of Interest.

RESULTS OF EXPERIENCE.

Condensed by Great Northern Immigration Bureau for Farmers and New Settlers.

The Great Northern immigration department has coined the results of the experience of the settlers and farmers of North Dakota for twenty years into a communication to new settlers and the advice given applies as well to those who have lived there a long time as to those who are new to the state. Here are some of the pointers:

"A dry, hot wind may prevail, and at just the critical time damage the crop you have insured against hail. Some other disaster may attend your farming operations against which you had or could get no insurance. Far better is the plan to have a variety of crops growing on your farm. If a dry spell catches your wheat, then you have flax or other grains coming on earlier or later, which have escaped, and you have something to depend for their growth on the never failing grasses of these fertile prairies. Neither drouth nor hail will stop their growth or the resulting sure profit to their owner. Better than any kind of insurance is mixed farming with a reasonable number of young stock on your farm.

"Another pointer is to sow only such grain crops as you can plant with the ground properly prepared and in due season. Instead of investing in high-priced machinery, buy a few cows, sheep and hogs.

"Next plant a good garden, and in this we do not mean only such vegetables as you use on your table, but all kinds of root crops that will be valuable as a winter feed for your stock. Do not ask your wife to give all her time to cooking and slaving for a lot of hired men on the farm. Do your farm work and let the wife raise a fine lot of poultry.

"You can make slaves of yourself and family by devoting all your energies to grain raising. You can be really independent if you couple stock raising with diversified farming. Keep out of debt. Do not try to advance so rapidly that you will be obliged to go into debt. Do not for one moment consider the proposition of making proof on your homestead and then placing a mortgage on it to secure money."

A BIG CONVENTION.

President of Dakota "U" Promotes a Three-day Meeting in the City of Mitchell.

President W. I. Graham of Dakota university has arranged for one of the greatest educational conventions that has ever assembled in the state. It will be held in Mitchell on May 12, 13 and 14, and will be attended by ministers and laity of the Methodist church, the one object being to bring the ministers and laymen into closer relations for the upbuilding of the Methodist institution in Mitchell. President Graham says the convention will be attended by about 400 people.

Dr. Graham has secured the services of two of the most noted Methodists in the United States. They are Bishop C. C. McCabe of Chicago and Rev. W. F. MacDowell of New York city, secretary of the board of education of the Methodist church. Both are closely identified with the educational features of the Methodist church.

This will be the first convention of the kind held in the West. The Methodists will have an opportunity to see the progress that is being made on the university's new building, which is being paid for by the ministers and laymen of the state.

Smith & Davison, who were awarded the contract for the erection of a new postoffice building at Mitchell have changed their plans in the dimensions of the structure, and will erect a double building in the place of the single one first contemplated. It will be 55x112 feet. The second floor will be occupied by the Mitchell club.

GOV. WHITE SIGNS GRAIN BILL.

Measure Provides That It Shall Take Effect After Passage and Approval.

The bill providing that the governor of North Dakota recommend a member of the grain and warehouse commission for the city of Superior has been signed by Gov. White. The bill is as follows:

"Section 1. That the governor of this state shall, within thirty days after receipt by him of a request by the governor of the State of Wisconsin so to do, recommend one or more persons who shall have had at least five years' experience in the handling or grading of grain, resident of this state, for appointment upon the grain and warehouse commission for the city of Superior, Wis., and shall, within said period, forward to the governor of the State of Wisconsin the name or names of the person or persons so recommended.

"Sec. 2. (Emergency.) Whereas, in emergency exists in this that the grain raised in the State of North Dakota is largely inspected in the State of Minnesota and the inspection made under the laws of the State of Minnesota is not just, and the grain raisers of the State of North Dakota are now suffering great damage therefrom, now, therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

The emergency clause constituting the second section of the bill is of no table significance.

Sufficient Reason.

Ella—Why didn't you accept him if you love him?
Stella—It was only the first time he had proposed.—New York Times.

ROOSEVELT COMING.

Advises Congressman-Elect Spalding by Wire That He Will Visit Flickertaildom.

President Roosevelt will visit North Dakota this year. An invitation was extended him by Congressman Spalding when the latter was recently in Washington and the president reserved an answer until he could investigate matters more fully. He has sent the congressman a telegram promising to come. North Dakotans take a peculiar interest in the president from the fact that he formerly owned and resided on a ranch in the western part of the state and his visit will be made a state affair.

A suit involving the construction of contracts has been started before Judge Ryan at Fargo. Kops Bros. sold Miss Trexler a piano for \$225, for which notes were given and payments arranged on the installment plan. The instrument was unsatisfactory and another was substituted. The notes were assigned and paid in order by the purchaser. Now Kops Bros. sue for \$125 additional, alleging the second piano was a more valuable one than the first. Miss Trexler declares no new notes were given and she was not informed there was any difference in price. The piano has been replevined and Miss Trexler is anxious to know what she gets for her \$225.

The anti-Sunday shaving law has gone into effect in North Dakota and brings more joy to barbers than to patrons. The shops have always done a Sunday business and the public finds some difficulty in adjusting itself to the new conditions. Only dead men can be shaved Sundays, and the men with whiskers are not anxious to get into the eligible list.

CHANGING THE MAP.

Unorganized Counties in North Dakota Now Have Government.

The new county boundary bill, which increases the boundaries of Stark county by the addition of all of Hettinger county on the south, Dunn county and the south half of old Williams county on the north, was carefully prepared by Senator L. H. Simpson, and will certainly stand any test thereon made in court. The bill as drawn follows closely the decision of the supreme court of South Dakota upholding a similar bill passed by the South Dakota legislature in 1899. The provisions of the South Dakota constitution are identical with those contained in the constitution of North Dakota. Under a similar bill Bowman county is attached to Billings county and the north half of old Williams goes to Mercer. The people of Stark, Billings and Mercer, as well as those residing in the unorganized counties, will vote on the increase of the boundaries at the general election in 1904. The election could not come earlier because the constitution provides that votes on changes of the county boundaries must be submitted at a general election. Senate Bill No. 74 will permit the unorganized counties of Allred, Wallace and McKenzie, on the Missouri river, to organize a new county. In the meantime all the unorganized counties are attached to Stark for judicial purposes, except Allred, which goes to Williams. By these various acts all the unorganized territory in North Dakota is done away with, something the people of Stark and Billings counties have for years been trying to accomplish.

HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Five Farmers of McIntosh County Will Be Tried for Rott's Death.

The preliminary examination of Gottlieb Schaffer, Frederick Bensing, Peter Reidlinger, John Nagel and Andreas Schlabz, charged with the murder of Christopher Rott on the night of Feb. 15, at Ashley, has been completed, and the defendants were held in \$2,000 bail each. The court found that manslaughter in the second degree had been committed and that there was probable cause to believe the defendants guilty. One hundred and twenty-five pages of printed depositions were taken for the state. The defendants offered no testimony, but claimed they were entitled to acquittal on the state's testimony.

The fight which resulted in the death of Christopher Rott occurred in a blind pig run by a Mrs. Winter. The friends of Rott assert that the defendants enticed him into the place for the purpose of taking his life on account of an old grudge, while the friends of the defendants say that Rott induced them to go to the place with him; that he got them all drunk and made an assault upon one of them with a knife. The evidence of the Winter woman was that Rott used a knife upon one of the defendants, who pounded him over the head with beer bottles. Rott's skull was fractured in two places and Nagel was cut in four places.

Rott was a collector living at Kulm, N. D. The defendants are farmers of McIntosh county. The state was represented by State's Attorney A. W. Clyde and Assistant Attorney General Godderson; the defendants by L. T. Boucher of Eureka, S. D. The examination lasted two weeks.

The world likes an optimist. Even a poker player likes to hear his opponent say "That's good."

The only thing certain in man's checkered career is that he has to get a move on.

COLLIDE IN A FOG

FREIGHT STEAMER CRASHES INTO A CROWDED PASSENGER STEAMER.

SIX PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES

BOTH VESSELS GOING TOO FAST TO GIVE TIME TO AVERT A COLLISION.

SUBJECT OF AN INVESTIGATION

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCIDENT WILL BE INQUIRED INTO.

New London, Conn., March 23.—Traveling at a moderate rate of speed through Lond Island sound early yesterday the big passenger steamer Plymouth, of the Fall River line, bound for Fall River from New York, and the freight steamer City of Taunton, of the same line, came into collision in the fog just east of Plum Island, the bow of the freight steamer raking the starboard side of the Plymouth and causing the death of six of those on board the Plymouth and serious injury to a number of others.

The responsibility for the accident has not been determined and will be the subject of an investigation. It is said by the officers of the two vessels that both were going at a fair speed considering the fog, and that there was not time after the warning whistles which followed the lookout's discovery of the danger to avert a collision.

The steamers apparently were under good headway when they met, the bow of the City of Taunton, which was proceeding toward the west, bound from Fall River to New York.

Penetrating Ten Feet into the hull of the east-bound passenger boat. As the vessels pulled apart the bow of the freight steamer raked the upper works of the Plymouth, tearing out the second cabin and ripping out state rooms like cardboard. Seven cabins were swept from the starboard bow of the big passenger boat.

A rumor was current in this city in the afternoon that several Italian workmen who were steering passengers on the Plymouth were missing.

Officers of the company last night said that as far as they knew all the steering passengers had been accounted for, although they admitted that it was possible that one or two might have been swept overboard. The number of passengers was larger than usual at this season, about 550, and that more people did not lose their lives is considered little short of miraculous.

FRESHIES AND SOPHS RUN AMUCK

Cut Hair of Undergraduates and Make a Sophomore Bald in Spots.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 23.—Gangs of freshmen and sophomores, with scissors, patrolled the University of Michigan campus Thursday night and cut the hair of nine undergraduates. J. G. Carpenter, a sophomore, was caught with a girl on the way to a dance. He was made bald in spots and allowed to proceed. F. B. Dodds, a sophomore, drew a revolver on two freshmen who attacked him. The "freshies" made a football tackle, took the revolver away and sheared Dodds. D. W. Lathrop, a Sigma Phi boy, was cut in broad daylight. Late in the evening a Gamma Phi Beta girl drove out freshmen who entered her parlor to clip a sophomore caller.

MORE FREEDOM FOR IRELAND.

Bill Extending Self-Government Will Be Introduced by Government.

London, March 23.—A bill giving Ireland an important extension of local self-government will be introduced in parliament by the government. The leaders of the Nationalists and Irish Unionists have already been consulted on the subject and the rough outline of the proposed measure has been sketched. Thomas W. Russell (Liberal Unionist), in an interview at Enniskillen, Ireland, declared the government was about to introduce a new measure of home rule, but the statement is premature as regards the time and goes beyond the facts in the case. Nothing will be done until the Irish land bill is disposed of.

CROWNINSHIELD GIVES UP.

Retires From Command of European Squadron.

Rome, March 23.—Rear Admiral Crowninshield, who applied recently for immediate retirement from the navy, yesterday lowered his flag on board the cruiser Chicago and gave up the command of the European station. Ambassador Meyer himself obtained permission from the Italian government for the American squadron to make a long stay at Naples.

LIFE LOST IN A FIRE.

Guest's Carelessness Causes Destruction of a Hotel.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 23.—The careless throwing down of a lighted match by a guest in his room, caused a fire last night that practically destroyed the Clarendon hotel with its contents, entailing a loss estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and causing the loss of one life and the more or less serious injury of several persons.

THE RESPONSE TO ARGENTINA.

Text of Secretary Hay's Answer to That Republic.

Washington, March 23.—The text of the response of Secretary Hay to the Argentine note proposing combined action of American states to resist the collection of debts by naval force was made public yesterday. It is as follows:

"Without expressing assent to or dissent from the propositions ably set forth in the note of the Argentine minister of foreign relations, dated Dec. 20, 1902, the general position of the United States in the matter is indicated in recent messages of the president.

The president declared in his message to congress, Dec. 3, 1901, that by the Monroe doctrine 'we do not guarantee any state against punishment if it misconducts itself, provided that punishment does not take the form of acquisition of territory by any non-American power.' In harmony with the foregoing language, the president announced in his message of Dec. 2, 1902: 'No independent nation in America need have the slightest fear of aggression from the United States. It behoves each one to maintain order within its own borders and to discharge its just obligations to foreigners. When this is done they can rest assured that, be they strong or weak, they have nothing to dread from outside interference.'

"Advocating and adhering in practice, in questions concerning itself, to the resort to international arbitration in settlement of controversies not adjustable by the orderly treatment of diplomatic negotiations the government of the United States would always be glad to see the questions of the justice of claims by one state against another growing out of individual wrongs or national obligations, as well as the guarantees for the execution of whatever award might be made left to the decision of an impartial arbitration tribunal before which the litigant nations, weak and strong alike, may stand as equals in the eye of international law and mutual duty."

RECOMMENDS MORE WAGES.

Coal Commission's Report Before the Cabinet.

Washington, March 23.—The report of the anthracite coal commission will be made public to-day. The report was made to the President Tuesday and laid before the cabinet Thursday, but it has been carefully guarded that its contents should not be made public. It is possible, however, to give the two most important recommendations of the committee:

First—The committee recommends an advance of 10 per cent in the pay for mining in the anthracite region, the advance to be paid from the time when the miners resumed work in October last.

Second—No recognition is given to the miners' union. The commission states explicitly that the question of recognizing the miners' organization was not within the scope of its investigation. The demand that there shall be an agreement between the operators and the miners' union is, therefore, not answered.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, March 23.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 75 1/2@76c; No. 2 Northern, 74@75c; No. 3, 71 1/2@73c. Corn—No. 3, 38@40c. Rye—No. 2, 48@48 1/2c. Barley—Maltng grades, 45@55c. Flax—No. 1, \$1.11. Oats—No. 3 white, 32@32 1/2c.

Minneapolis, March 23.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 76 3/4c; No. 1 Northern, 75 3/4c; No. 2 Northern, 74 1/2c.

Duluth, March 23.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 75 3/4c; No. 1 Northern, 74 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 72 3/4c; fax, \$1.13 1/4; oats, 32 1/2c; rye, 50 1/2c; barley, 35@51c.

Milwaukee, March 23.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 78 1/2@79c; No. 2 Northern, 77@77 1/2c; May, 74@74 1/2c. Rye steady; No. 1, 51 1/2@52c. Barley steady; No. 2, 60c; sample, 41@56c. Oats firm; standard, 35 1/2@35 3/4c. Corn—May, 44 3/4c.

Chicago, March 23.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 74c; No. 3 red, 70@73c; No. 2 hard winter, 70@72c; No. 3 hard winter, 67@71c; No. 1 Northern spring, 77@78c; No. 2 Northern spring, 77@77 1/2c; No. 3 spring, 70@71 1/2c. Corn—No. 2, 43 1/2c; No. 3, 39c. Oats—No. 2, 34 1/2c; No. 3, 33 1/2@34c.

Sioux City, Iowa, March 23.—Cattle—Beeves, 4.75 @ 5; cows, bulls and mixed, \$2@4.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 @ 4.50; calves and yearlings, \$2.75@4.20. Hogs, \$6.85@7.30; bulk, \$7@7.15.

Chicago, March 23.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5 @ 5.65; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@4.85; cows, \$1.50@4.50; heifers, \$3.25@5; calves, \$2.50@7. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$7.15@7.45; good to choice heavy, \$7.45@7.55; bulk of sales, \$7.15 @ 7.40. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$5.15@6; fair to choice mixed, \$4.40@5.15; Western sheep, \$5@5.85; native lambs, \$5@7.35; Western lambs, \$5@7.25.

South St. Paul, March 23.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$4.50@5; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.25@4; good to choice feeding steers, \$3.75@4.25; steer calves, \$2@3; good to choice stock cows and heifers, \$6.75@7.20; 2.75. Hogs—Price range, \$6.75@7.20; bulk, \$6.90 @ 7; light, \$6.75 @ 6.85; mixed, \$6.90@7.05; heavy, \$7.10@7.20. Sheep—Good to choice fat lambs, \$6.25@6.85; good to choice yearling wethers, \$5.25@5.75; heavy, \$5@5.50; culls and stock ewes, \$1.75@3.

Lives Lost in a Storm.

Center, Ala., March 23.—During a heavy wind storm near Cedar Bluff last night Jerry and Yancy Bishop were killed and several others were injured. They had taken refuge in a clover shed which was destroyed.

Marshals Are Exonerated.

Charlestown, W. Va., March 23.—The grand jury report on the miners' riots exonerated the United States deputy marshals. The report criticises the newspapers. It is a lengthy document.

FINE THE PACKERS

FIVE LARGE COMPANIES IN MISSOURI ARE SOAKED \$5,000 EACH.

DECIDED BY SUPREME COURT

GUILTY OF MAINTAINING UNLAWFUL COMBINATION TO CONTROL PRICES.

GIVEN THIRTY DAYS TO PAY UP

IF THEY FAIL THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DO BUSINESS IN STATE.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 23.—The Missouri supreme court yesterday found five large beef packing companies guilty of maintaining an unlawful combination to control prices of meat in the State of Missouri and issued an order of ouster prohibiting them from doing business in this state and to pay a fine of \$5,000 each and bear the costs of the proceedings. The companies are given thirty days in which to pay the fine imposed, and if, during that time they accept the judgment and pay the fine the ouster will be held in abeyance and the companies permitted to continue doing business in Missouri.

The opinion in the so-called beef trust cases was written by Judge W. C. Marshall and concurred in by each of the six other judges of the court en banc. The companies affected by the decision are the Armour Packing company, Cudahy Packing company, Hammond Packing company and Swift & Co. of Chicago, and Schwarzschild & Sulzberger company of New York. All of the above named companies maintain branch offices in different cities of the United States and in Missouri at St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph. The evidence adduced which incriminated the packers was obtained in these cities.

The decision in the supreme court against the packers is the ending of a proceeding which was instituted last May. The opinion holds that the evidence shows conclusively that there was a combination of the packers to maintain trust prices on beef in Missouri; that the representatives of the packers met on certain days to fix the prices for the week; that rebating was done; that the same prices prevailed at all of the coolers at the same time; that no competitor could enter the field against the packers because the combine would undersell the newcomer out of business. The opinion does not take up the charge made in the proceedings by the attorney general that the companies were also guilty of selling diseased meat.

ONE MAN CLOSES FACTORY.

Shoe Firm Refuses to Pay Union Wages to Its Only Fireman.

Chicago, March 23.—One thousand employes of Selz, Schwab & Co., shoe manufacturers, were thrown out of employment on account of one fireman who struck for union wages. The lone fireman was to have been assisted by the engineer, but his ally failed him at the last moment and the stoker was compelled to enforce his demands alone. He was being paid 12 1/2 cents an hour, and upon his joining the Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen that union demanded that he be paid the union scale of 28 1/2 cents an hour. The employes of the factory were notified that the plant would be closed until further notice.

PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME.

C. W. Hackett, Prominent St. Paul Wholesale Hardware Merchant.

St. Paul, March 23.—C. W. Hackett died at 2 o'clock this morning at his home here. He came to St. Paul in 1875 to engage in the wholesale hardware business and founded the C. W. Hackett Hardware company, of which he has since been the head. Old age was the cause of his death. Mr. Hackett was born in Lynnborough, Mass., seventy-two years ago. He is survived by a widow and two daughters, Mrs. H. B. Gates and Mrs. N. De Motte of St. Paul.

NO MORE CIGARETTES.

Governor of Missouri Signs the Law Against Sale to Minors.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 23.—Gov. Dockery has signed the Stubbs anti-cigarette bill passed by the legislature and it will become a law in ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature, which probably will be Saturday, hence the law will be effective on June 19 next. The bill prohibits the selling or giving away to minors under eighteen years of age any cigarettes, cigarette wrappers or papers under a penalty of a fine of \$100 for each offense.

TO SETTLE WITH FRANCE.

Venezuela Makes Offer to Avoid Further Arbitration.

Paris, March 23.—The French government has received a definite offer of \$200,000 from Venezuela as a settlement of all claims of France prior to 1892. The purpose of the offer is to avoid further arbitration of these claims which originally amounted to considerably more than the sum offered. The whole amount will be paid when notice of France's acceptance, which is not yet given, is received.

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