

News of the Northwest

THE STATE'S POSTOFFICES.

The 152 of Presidential Rank Bring in \$2,126,140.

Minnesota's 152 presidential postoffices yielded \$2,126,140.62 of gross revenue last year, as against \$1,936,560 in the preceding year, according to the annual report of Capt. Henry A. Castle, auditor for the postoffice department. The report also shows that the expenses of running these offices increased only from \$834,333.60 to \$924,892.23, while the net revenue showed the remarkable increase from \$602,227.22 to \$1,191,247.79.

Minneapolis, of course, led the list of offices in gross receipts with \$740,964.44, as against \$663,205.62 in the fiscal year 1900. The expenses of the Minneapolis office aggregated \$293,053.67 and the net revenue \$447,811.77. The percentage of expense to net revenue was 40 per cent, leaving a profit of 60 per cent to be applied to supplying the deficit in other places.

The gross receipts of the St. Paul office were \$541,193.76, as against \$506,725.34 in 1900; the total expenses were \$240,873.27, and the net revenues last year \$300,320.49. It cost 45 per cent of the gross receipts to run the St. Paul office.

Fifteen offices in Minnesota were advanced from fourth class to presidential offices last year, while two were relegated to the fourth class. The offices advanced in class are: Bird Island, Biwabik, Eagle Bend, Elbow Lake, Excelsior, Frazee, Hawley, Herman, Hopkins, Lake Park, Mora, Rushford and Stephen. The offices that went back in rank were Camden Place and West Duluth.

FOUR GENERATIONS PRESENT.

Parents of Gov. Van Sant Celebrate Their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary.

Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 3.—The celebration of the seventieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Van Sant of Le Claire, Iowa, will be remembered as one of the big events in the history of that village. The venerable couple were the center of a gathering of a score of persons representing four generations of the family. Among the sons was Gov. Sam R. Van Sant of Minnesota, and a guest of honor was Gov. Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa. The wide acquaintance of the Van Sants and the presence of the governors of two great states in the village at one time brought out all the people of the township in a rousing celebration last evening.

LAD TO WHISKY.

Man Fatally Shoots His Wife and Wounds His Son-in-Law.

Eldora, Iowa, Oct. 3.—James Lane, an Englishman about sixty years of age, yesterday shot his wife fatally and wounded his son-in-law, J. R. Barhite, in the neck. Lane was crazed with liquor at the time. The affair took place at Alden, eighteen miles northwest of here.

Child Burns to Death.

Yankton, S. D., Oct. 3.—A sad accident happened in the family of John Schuchardt near Milbank last week. The mother had just returned from Minnesota, where she had buried her mother. Being worn out she had laid down to rest, and while she was asleep a four-year-old child somehow got its clothes afire from the stove and its charred, lifeless body was found in the dooryard a short time afterward.

Bought Alma Mill.

Alma, Wis., Oct. 3.—William Heise has purchased the Alma Milling company property for \$1,900, at public sale, held by Trustee H. Altman, of the defunct company, of which Louis F. Hunner, who is serving a term of one year at Waupun, was treasurer. Heise intends to build a large elevator on the lots.

May Play a Half-Breed.

Iowa City, Iowa, Oct. 3.—Si Strong, a half-breed Indian, has an excellent chance to make the University of Iowa football team if he learns the varsity signals. He has been playing on the second team at center and guard since the beginning of early practice, and he played a wonderfully aggressive game.

Coin Forced Through His Body.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 3.—A quarter, dime and nickel were forced through the hip of David Bell, inspector for the Iowa Telephone company, while hunting near Oskaloosa, causing death an hour later. Bell's gun was accidentally discharged, the bullet passing through his trousers pocket.

Held for Criminal Assault.

Barron, Wis., Oct. 3.—William Brunell, traveling salesman for the L. L. May Nursery and Seed company, was bound over to the circuit court on a charge of criminally assaulting the eight-year-old daughter of Henry Cramer, a farmer of Hillsdale, eight miles south of here.

Town Loses Heavily by Fire.

Clarinda, Iowa, Oct. 3.—Half of the business part of Bradyville was burned yesterday. The buildings destroyed include the postoffice, newspaper office and the bank. Loss, \$60,000; insurance about half.

Bears Are Numerous.

Butternut, Wis., Oct. 3.—John Lowver shot a black bear east of town four miles. The animal weighed 200 pounds and is the fifth bear shot in the town of Butternut since last spring. They are very numerous this year.

Deputy State Attorney Resigns.

Grand Forks, N. D., Oct. 3.—E. J. Taylor unexpectedly resigned his position as deputy state attorney to engage in private practice. Scott Rex, partner of former Judge Templeton, has been appointed in his place.

Red Wing Street Fair Opened.

Red Wing, Minn., Oct. 3.—The fifth annual free street fair opened yesterday morning with promise of eclipsing all previous street fairs. The business portion of the city is bedecked in gala attire.

MONTANA LYNCHING.

Alleged Assault on Little Girl Cause for Action of Mob.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 4.—James Edward Brady committed an unusually brutal assault upon five-year-old Ida Pugsley in Helena Tuesday, and early yesterday morning was taken from the jail by a mob and hanged to a telegraph pole in the Haymarket square, about three blocks from the jail. The crowd was orderly, and after the man had been hanged it quietly dispersed. There were about two hundred men engaged in the affair and they were all masked.

BIG FIRE AT MARINETTE.

Grocery Warehouse Destroyed Entailing a Loss of \$200,000.

Marquette, Wis., Oct. 4.—Yesterday afternoon fire destroyed the warehouse of Smith, Thordike & Brown, wholesale grocers, together with contents, entailing a loss of about \$200,000. Among the goods stored was a large quantity of kerosene oil, which exploded with damaging effect to other goods. It was with the greatest difficulty that the mills and lumber yards of the N. Ludington company were saved. The damage is partly covered by insurance.

MIDWINTER LAUNCHING.

Three Boats Which Will Be Floated the Coming Winter.

West Superior, Wis., Oct. 4.—The spectacle of a launching in midwinter is one that will probably be the opportunity of the people of this city to see the coming winter. There are three boats to be built at the Superior Shipbuilding company's yards, and owing to the fact that all three cannot be building at the same time, one of these boats will have to be launched in the middle of the winter.

FIGHT WAS RENEWED.

And Alexander Longstaff Is Under Arrest for Shooting.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 4.—A Red Lodge special says that Alexander Longstaff shot and seriously wounded Max Gerard. The men had quarreled during the forenoon and renewed it upon meeting again in the main street in the evening. Longstaff pulled a revolver, shooting Gerard twice in the abdomen. Longstaff was arrested.

RECOMMENDS ROUTES.

Four Additional Mail Deliveries in First District.

Winona, Minn., Oct. 4.—Special Agent Gilbert Gutterston is reported to Congressman Tawney that he has recommended the establishment of four more rural mail routes in the first district in addition to the nine recommended a short time since. Agent Gutterston is now working in Houston county.

BROKE HIS NECK.

Fatal Fall From a Wagon at Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 4.—Owen Shevlin, while intoxicated, fell from a wagon last evening, striking his head against the curbstone, breaking his neck. He lived until morning. He was conscious until a short time before death.

Telephone to La Crosse.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 4.—It was formally announced yesterday that the Twin City Telephone company would construct an independent long-distance line of copper between St. Paul and Minneapolis and La Crosse, the improvement to cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000. Work has already been commenced, and it is thought the line will be completed by Thanksgiving.

Sunk in the Rapids.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 4.—The Satellite, the bowboat of the steamer Saturn, was sunk near Le Claire in the rapids. The two boats had a rft in tow, and a strong wind carried the bowboat out of its course. It is one of the most dangerous points on the river, as the rocks in the stream and banks make it possible for a rft to crush a boat in a very short time.

Merrillan Postoffice Robbed.

Merrillan, Wis., Oct. 4.—The postoffice was robbed Monday night, the robbers using tools taken from a local smithy. A violent storm prevailed at the time. The office was guarded by a St. Bernard dog, but there was no disturbance. The loss was \$15 in stamps. The outside combination of the safe was broken. The thieves were evidently amateurs.

Unknown Killed by Cars.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 4.—An unknown man was killed at B near a Chicago & North-western train. He was a Bohemian or Italian 5 feet 5 inches tall, 140 pounds, well dressed in a black coat and strie trousers, and had an excursion ticket dated July, from Hurley to St. Paul. It was the only article on his person.

Charged With Breaking Into Cars.

Willmar, Minn., Oct. 4.—Six Great Northern employees were arrested here yesterday on the charge of breaking into and stealing goods from boxed cars. The deed is alleged to have been committed about a year ago near Crookston, where the men are now in custody awaiting trial.

War Dance at Funeral.

Fort Meade, S. D., Oct. 4.—An Indian baby died here this week which belonged to the band of Pin Ridge, Sioux who are visiting the Hills. It was buried in the post cemetery along with the dead soldiers. The Indians celebrated the event with a war dance.

Potatoes Are Thriving.

Ridgeway, Iowa, Oct. 4.—The recent rains have made the best crop of the season, and the potato crop that was thought to be a failure is now booming and there will be potatoes to a considerable extent.

CRAZY OVER ANARCHY.

La Crosse Man Broods Over Assassination of McKinley.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 5.—August Mieran, who came here with his family of seven children two months ago from Winona, is violently insane as a result of brooding over the assassination of President McKinley. He believes that anarchists are attempting to kill him, and that his wife is implicated in the plot, although he is unaware of the death of the president. He has written several letters to him warning him against anarchists. He has also written to the emperor of Germany, whom he thinks is in the plot. Mieran was formerly an inmate of the Rochester (Minn.) insane asylum, but was released as cured. Before being committed to the asylum he burned his barn, in which he had previously had placed his household goods.

SMALLPOX OUTBREAK.

Assumes Serious Proportions on the Mille Lacs Reservation.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The bureau of Indian affairs has received word that the smallpox outbreak at the Mille Lacs reservation in Minnesota has assumed serious proportions. Several fatal cases have been reported and the advices indicate that the increased number of cases is menacing the nearby white settlements. An Indian inspector has gone to Mille Lacs to investigate and measures have been taken by the authorities to check the spread of the disease.

DR. FORBES MAY GO.

Duluth Divine May Become Secretary of the Extension Society.

Brainerd, Minn., Oct. 5.—In consequence of the death of Dr. Spencer of Philadelphia there are many rumors among those attending the Northern Minnesota Methodist Episcopal conference regarding his successor, as it has been stated that a prominent official in the conference would be named. Dr. Spencer held the important position of secretary of the Church Extension society. Dr. Forbes of Duluth is quite likely to succeed to the place.

NO NEED OF POLICE.

Butcher Corrala Burglar and Gives Him a Good Thrashing.

Spring Valley, Minn., Oct. 5.—Fred Schmidt, who runs a meat market in this city, being something of an athlete himself, caught a burglar in his shop and gave the fellow such an unmerciful pounding that he won't be out again for several days, and forcing from the man a full confession of a previous burglary last July when some \$25 was taken, and a restoration of the same.

HAS WHOOPING COUGH.

Gov. Pillsbury Is Seriously Ill in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Oct. 5.—Former Gov. John S. Pillsbury is seriously ill at his home in Minneapolis with whooping cough. The physicians fear that he may not recover.

South Dakota Presbyterians.

Brookings, S. D., Oct. 5.—The synod of South Dakota of the Presbyterian church met in Brookings yesterday. Rev. Drs. Thomson of the home mission board of New York, and A. W. Halsey of the foreign mission board of New York, also the moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church and Rev. Dr. Minton of San Francisco will be present. This synod has had a prosperous year, and includes 121 churches, over 100 ministers and 6,940 communicants.

Acen Woman Benten.

St. Paul, Oct. 5.—In an inter-family row on the river flats yesterday afternoon Mrs. John Urhomsky, aged sixty, received a beating which may cause her death. The aged woman was struck across the breast with the dismounted barrel of a Springfield rifle. Albert Durske is said to have inflicted the injuries.

Box-Car Merchants Molested.

Kasson, Minn., Oct. 5.—One of the box car merchants that have been selling goods through the country about this place for the last two weeks, was caught here yesterday by Deary and Ford inspectors Vroman. He was fined \$100 and costs for not properly labeling his goods.

Neck Broken by Street Car.

Minneapolis, Oct. 5.—Joseph Belster, a sewing machine agent, was struck by a Plymouth and Bloomfield electric car while crossing Washington avenue north near Eleventh avenue, last evening and he was instantly killed. His neck was broken.

Postmaster Fatally Injured.

Coloma, Wis., Oct. 5.—August Wicher, postmaster and general storekeeper at Richfield, Wis., was caught in the gears of a sorghum mill and was fatally injured, having his right shoulder crushed and right side caved in. He cannot recover.

Deaf Burglarized.

Appleton, Minn., Oct. 5.—The safe at the Great Northern railroad depot at this city was blown open by burglars and the contents, about \$60, taken. The deaf is on the outskirts of the town, and as there is no night operator it is an easy mark for burglars.

Post-Office Frozen Out.

Yankton, S. D., Oct. 5.—Four more rural delivery routes were started from Yankton. It is understood that the postoffice at Lakeport will be discontinued because these routes thoroughly cover the country tributary to that office.

Wheat Stacks Mysteriously Burn.

Linton, N. D., Oct. 5.—Four stacks of choice wheat, containing about 400 bushels, in the center of a field owned by Karl Jensen near Fort Ransom, were mysteriously fired at midnight and consumed.

INDIANS UGLY.

Mille Lacs County Settlers Are Afraid of an Outbreak.

St. Paul, Oct. 5.—Dr. E. H. Boeckman, sent by Dr. Bracken of the state board of health to investigate the smallpox epidemic among the Indians in Mille Lacs county, returned yesterday. He says the guards are now enforcing the quarantine with fair success. The disease is most virulent in form, however, and there have been several deaths. The Indians are in an ugly mood, their pay having been withheld by the government because they refuse to remove to the White Earth reservation. The settlers are much disturbed, fearing both the smallpox and an outbreak of the Indians. There is no great danger of an epidemic at present. Lars Erickson, a pioneer trader of Mille Lacs county, yesterday called at the capitol to enlist the aid of Gov. Van Sant. He says there is danger of an Indian outbreak and there is great danger of a smallpox epidemic. There are about 500 Indians loafing about homestead land who refuse to move. They have guns and refuse to obey the laws, living on game killed out of season.

FARMER AND SHOTGUN.

What a State Veterinarian Ran Up Against.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 5.—Henry Franseen, a prominent farmer living near Sioux Falls, was arrested yesterday on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon and threatening the life of Dr. O. W. Stanley, assistant state veterinarian, of this city. Dr. Stanley and State Veterinarian Foster of Brown county, with another physician, went to Franseen's farm for the purpose of shooting some horses of his which were alleged to have been exposed to glanders. He appeared on the scene armed with a shotgun and ran the officials off his place. His preliminary examination was set for today, but has been continued until next Tuesday.

AFTER BREWER'S MONEY.

Iowa Attorney Wants Damages for Alleged Conspiracy.

Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 5.—Eugene Lutz has commenced an action against the Sioux City Brewing company, demanding \$20,000 damages for alleged malicious prosecution. Nov. 25, 1899, Lutz, who is an attorney, was arrested with a client named A. D. Brauner, for alleged conspiracy to injure the business of the brewing company, and put in jail. Brauner had been discharged from the employ of the company and sought retaliation by the prohibitory liquor law of Iowa. Lutz filed actions against the company and his arrest with his client followed.

WARD IS INDICTED.

In Connection With Wrecking Le Mars, Iowa, Bank.

Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 5.—Seven indictments were returned against T. F. Ward in the federal court for falsifying the records of the Le Mars National bank, now defunct, and embezzling \$13,000 of the bank's funds. Ward, who was vice president, absconded and was captured in New Jersey.

BLACK RIVER FALLS TERROR.

Although Declared Insane, He Was Peaceably Helping Build a Railroad.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 5.—John Lowery, who is alleged to have burned his home and tried to burn a barn and terrorized Black River Falls and escaped here after being declared insane by a jury, was found working on a railroad in Minnesota, near Winona.

FARGO'S HOUSE FOUNDED.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 5.—Efforts are being made to interest Fargo capitalists in a plan to erect a number of residences in the city. There is a residence famine, and as a result those who have been forced to rent demand such exorbitant rates that many people who have thought of locating here, have been forced to go elsewhere. The opportunity for a profitable investment in homes has never been better, and as a result of Mayor Johnson's hustling there may be a change by next year.

RURAL MAIL BOXES BROKEN.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 5.—Reports come from French Island, in the town of Campbell, this county, that rural mail boxes have been broken into and up the matter and an investigation is being made. Several boxes have been found unopened heretofore, but it is but recently that the contents of the boxes have been tampered with.

POISON ENDS OLD MAN'S LIFE.

St. Paul, Oct. 5.—William H. Butterfield, a cripple aged sixty years, died at his home in this city from poison. Butterfield's roommate, Len Robinson, heard the old man walking about his room at 1 o'clock. At 3 o'clock he was again aroused by the old man's groans. Butterfield said he was "all right." When Robinson arose at 6 o'clock Butterfield lay beside him dead.

MINISTER WU WU OUNG.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Wu Ting Fang, minister from China, has accepted the invitation of the management of the Southern railway to make an address before the annual convention of the American Association of Passenger and General Ticket Agents at Asheville, N. C., Oct. 15 to 17 on the subject of "The Railways of China."

HAS THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED.

Cumberland, Wis., Oct. 5.—Clinton Hammond, a carpenter working on the company's large cold storage plant at this place, fell from the second floor, a distance of fourteen feet, breaking his left arm. It is just a year ago that the same man had the right arm broken and an eye knocked out in an accident.

DECEASED BY A BOULDER.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 5.—Passenger train No. 49, due here on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy from Chicago at 8:13, struck a huge boulder near McCortney while going fifty miles an hour. Fortunately the impact hurled it to one side, the only damage being to the engine.

HAND NEARLY CHOPPED OFF.

Cumberland, Wis., Oct. 5.—Iver Solum's two-year-old boy had his hand nearly chopped off by his brother while playing with an axe.



Bowdon may secure a telephone system.

Cooperstown reports many improvements.

Car shortages are reported in some localities.

Renville is to have a big concert hall and lodge room.

Some of the late flax is said to have failed to produce seed.

The McDonald bakery at Cooperstown was damaged by fire.

A strong flow of natural gas has been struck five miles from Litoa.

Thieves took everything movable from a threshing rig at Milton.

The alleged cases of smallpox in McLean county were only measles.

Some farmers around Tower City are adding sheep to their possessions.

Capt. Mudgett's flax crop in Barnes county averaged him \$18 per acre.

Hunter has had another baptism of fire. Two in one year is too many.

One elevator at Clifford has taken in 40,000 bushels of wheat this season.

Leut. Tharaldson gets the Grafton postoffice, and a long struggle is ended.

There is a complaint of a shortage of threshing machines and men along the Soo.

A Bouteau young man was arrested for the theft of \$75, and confessed the crime.

The contract for a public school building at Buffalo has been let. Price, \$7,840.

The rush for Ward county land keeps up, and the Minot land office is a busy place.

Ev. O. Riste of Milton raised some sugar cane and made his own sorghum.

A Sanborn man has quit the restaurant and gone into the harness business.

Work has been begun on the new hotel at Knox, and also on the new depot.

Farmers in Grand Forks county complain of damage by rot to the potato crop.

Complaints come from Barnes county that some of the wheat sprouted in the shock.

A Finley farmer raised ninety bushels of speltz per acre, and is selling it at a dollar a bushel.

Efforts will be made by North Dakotans to secure some of the new mail contracts to be let soon.

Farmers in the Mouse River valley are experimenting with sugar beets with considerable success.

Mayor Register wants a Spanish cannon to ornament the Northern Pacific grounds at Bismarck.

A big batch of incombustible sidewalks have been ordered put down at Bismarck by the city council.

Work on the new buildings at Fort Lincoln is progressing slowly, on account of the scarcity of laborers.

Peter Nelson of Braddock rejoiced over the assassination of the president, and narrowly escaped a lynching.

A threshing engine boiler exploded near Valley City, and three men were badly scalded, although no one was killed.

Hanley Bros' barn at Page was burned, and the bucket brigade had hard work to save the adjoining residence.

Three suspected horse thieves were seen at Glenville recently, one of whom was supposed to be an escaped convict.

The people of the state will be gratified at the awarding of several medals to the North Dakota exhibit at the Pan-American.

A young man named Ernest Wingler of Foster county was shot in the thigh by a gun which his brother didn't know was loaded.

Considerable interest is felt in the selection of a successor to Bishop Edsall. Thus far no names have been publicly suggested.

A number of threshers at Minto have pulled in their machines for the winter, claiming there isn't much in the business, anyway.

White laborers are succeeding the colored on the Northern Pacific extension work. The dusky brethren think the weather too cool.

C. M. Porter allowed the engine to get too near him while running a threshing outfit near Carrington, and a thigh was fractured.

Joseph Lemieux of Maryville, Rolette county, raised a pumpkin that weighed sixty pounds and was sixty-three inches in circumference.

There was a warm time at one of the Jamestown "joints" recently, as a result of one man being thrown on a stove by a frail female.

Charles Fritz, while threshing, near Claflee, stepped on top of the separator and dropped into the cylinder. One foot had to be amputated.

The colored laborers imported from the South for work on the Northern Pacific branches are being returned as the weather becomes cooler.

On the Adams farm, in Richland county, there was 1,400 acres of corn raised this year, and next year this will be increased to 2,500 acres.

Austin Logan shipped fifteen cars of cattle from Bismarck the other day. This is one of the largest shipments made from Bismarck in years.

Another bank is to be organized at Ashley by Theodore Landmann, C. C. Hammond and Mrs. C. C. Hammond. The capital stock will be \$10,000.

George Brown is putting up a creamery at Edsley, the building costing \$7,000 and will try to interest the people of Sykeston in a similar project.

John Doyle, who was sent up from Grand Forks on a burglary charge, had served two years in the penitentiary for entering Jul LaMoure's store at Neche.

The tax rate of Maryville is 67.9 mills, and that of Hudson 70.0 mills.

AN ODD TALE OF THE SEA.

Rolling Copper Rivet Wears Through Bottom of Vessel.

Some years ago a vessel loaded with guano worth several thousand dollars caught fire in the south Pacific and was abandoned by the captain and crew, who came ashore in the small boats and reported the disaster. One of the consignees thought the cargo could be saved, as he knew that guano would not burn, and it was his idea that the bulk of the ship might be found floating somewhere at sea. He chartered a small English tramp vessel that happened to be at Callao, Peru, and started out to search for the derelict. After cruising for two or three weeks, he found her, the wood-work burned to the water's edge, but the hull sound as a dollar and the cargo all right. They started to tow her to Callao, but the day before reaching that harbor the tramp vessel they had chartered began to fill rapidly and the pumps could scarcely keep her afloat. They narrowly escaped sinking with all on board. The leak was a mystery. They managed to get her to Callao only by the greatest exertion. When the ship went into the dock and was examined it was found that one of the plates about the center had worn through. Further investigation demonstrated that the damage had been done by a little copper rivet, which had been accidentally left in the bottom and had rolled back and forth over the same spot so often and so long that the iron plate had been worn thin and the pressure of the water had broken through.—Chicago News.

A DREAM OF TREASURE.

Small Boy's Dream Locates Money Which Is Really There.

Dreams are often unaccountable, and perhaps what I am about to relate may interest your readers. When quite young—I was only 7 years old then—I lived with my parents at a villa in Trieste, Austria. For weeks and weeks I had the same dream, although not nightly—namely, that in the night time I found myself at the bottom of the garden in my nightgown, scratching at a little heap of earth, and found copper, silver, and gold coins, and suddenly looking up, I found before me, and watching me, the sister of the landlord of the villa, an old, haggard woman. Having dreamed this so often, I naturally related it to my mother, who repeated it to her friends. These friends, who were of a superstitious nature, tried to induce my father to buy the plot of ground in question,