

1901 SEPTEMBER 1901

Calendar table for September 1901 with columns for days of the week and dates.

Florida, according to the last census returns, has a greater amount of land under water than any other state of the union, while Wyoming has the least.

A New York leader of fashion has invented a new way of handshaking. A man who devotes his talents to such purposeless ends ought to be afflicted with softening of the brain.

A wealthy man in New York city copied his will from an instrument that had stood the test in the court, and then secured the assurance of eminent authorities that it would hold. Nevertheless the lawyers have hopes.

The year 1901 has been a record-breaker in many ways. It has been a peculiar summer as to the weather, and an unusual number of fatalities, seemingly, occurred. Now we read that the number killed in climbing the Alps since January has exceeded all previous records.

The downpour of water that submerged the largest part of Cleveland the other night was an unusual happening. That water should fall over the best built portion of a city with ample drainage in such volume as to flood its streets and undermine residences seems incredible, yet such was the case.

The transportation companies running steamships to Alaska are now in search of settlers for that country, and it is stated that they are preparing to settle the valleys of southern Alaska with thousands of hardy immigrants from Norway and other northern European countries. Money is to be made in Alaska, but more of it in the harvest fields than in the gold fields.

It seems not to trouble the rulers of Russia that a famine is impending over a portion of that country half as large as Germany. The czar visits Germany and France in an ostentatious manner, and his counselors plan to extend the empire's borders and menace the remainder of Europe. Russia may cover much territory, but with its masses in ignorance and semistarvation it cannot be one of the powers that will dominate the world.

The treasury authorities announce that bills of two Montana banks to the amount of \$300,000 are in circulation without the signatures of the president and cashier, having been stolen in a recent train robbery. The defect will never be discovered by any but sharp-eyed bankers, as under our excellent bank system no person ever looks to see where a national bank note was issued or whether it is signed or not.

The success of the recent experiment made by a Philadelphia tug master in towing two loaded coal barges from the Delaware to Havana promises a growth of the export coal trade to the West Indies, which is encouraging. Hitherto the chronic swell off Cape Hatteras has deterred a venture of this sort, but the trip once easily made, many other towns may be expected to follow in the wake of this courageous Philadelphia captain.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science has repudiated the Adam and Eve story of the origin of the race. And of course that knocks out the Garden of Eden and all the poetry and romance of the old belief. But the association has given us nothing to take their places. What is science good for if all it can do is to tear down and not to build up—to take away familiar and cherished ideas and furnish no substitute?

It is believed that the Indians are as numerous in the United States at the present time as they were when Columbus landed. The present number is estimated at 267,000, and on the average they are richer than the people of this country in general. In the United States treasury \$33,000,000 is held to their credit, yielding them an interest of \$1,600,000 a year. Several tribes have large incomes. Government conducts 250 Indian schools. Uncle Sam certainly can make out a policy of benevolent assimilation in dealing with the red man.

Something over a year ago the Hawaiian government undertook to burn up some plague-infected buildings in Honolulu, and in so doing set fire to the local Chinatown, thus sowing the seed of a crop of claims now nearly ready for harvesting. A million and a half was appropriated to meet them, but they already exceed \$5,000,000, and are still coming in at a rapid rate. It is an entirely new role for John Chinaman to appear in, but as a debutant it is not to be denied that he shows considerable talent. "For deeds that are dark and tricks that are vain," etc.

Two hundred teachers attending a Missouri institute meeting discussed the question of who is the greatest woman in history. Queen Victoria led in the answers given, with Frances Willard and Helen Gould next, but the prize was awarded to the teacher who made the following reply: "The wife of the Missouri farmer of moderate means, who does her own cooking, washing and ironing, brings up a large family of girls and boys to be useful members of society, and finds time for her own intellectual and moral improvement."

A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

FROM WASHINGTON.

Clews were found by secret service officials which they believe show the plot to assassinate the president was hatched in Chicago.

The secret service bureau has the name and description of every anarchist in the United States.

It is shown by the government report of crop conditions that corn has not recuperated. Wheat, barley, rye and buckwheat are fully up to the ten-year average. Apples will be scarce and potatoes are considerably below the average.

THE EAST.

The percentages of the baseball club in the American league for the week ended on the 8th were: Chicago, .614; Boston, .573; Detroit, .538; Philadelphia, .521; Baltimore, .504; Washington, .547; Cleveland, .431; Milwaukee, .367.

In the National league the percentages of the baseball clubs for the week ended on the 8th were: Pittsburgh, .625; Philadelphia, .594; Brooklyn, .571; St. Louis, .534; Boston, .487; Cincinnati, .400; Chicago, .379; New York, .389.

At Great South Bay, L. I., scores of persons claim to have seen a sea serpent 300 feet long.

At the Buffalo fair Indiana day was abandoned out of respect for the president.

In New York C. F. Courtwright was dismissed from government service for saying he was glad McKinley was shot.

Noted specialists examined Czolgosz, who shot President McKinley, and pronounce him perfectly sane.

The president was on the 10th declared to be convalescent. For the first time since he was shot in Buffalo he has taken food through the mouth, and he is able to turn himself in bed without help.

Orders have been given President Shaffer by the executive board of the Amalgamated association to settle the steel strike on the best terms possible.

Czolgosz confessed that he was the chosen agent of a band of anarchist conspirators to kill the president. He says he threw papers in a sewer giving details of the plot.

The Abbot and Cresceus will race for a purse of \$20,000 at Readville, Mass., September 19.

J. G. Stove, former consul general to South Africa, arrived in New York from Bremen.

At the Pan-American exposition Rhode Island day was celebrated and joy was shown at the announcement of the president's favorable condition.

P. S. McNally gave up his attempt to swim from Boston to New York in 30 days.

In New York the chief of police has ordered a census of anarchists with a view to making the city too hot to hold them.

WEST AND SOUTH.

Near Folsomville, Ind., Buck Wheeler, a farmer, killed Elias Burns, his son-in-law, and then shot himself. Jealousy was the cause.

Public functions tendered to Maj. Gen. MacArthur by the citizens of Milwaukee have been abandoned by request of the general himself, owing to President McKinley's condition.

In Galveston, Tex., the first anniversary of the great storm was observed with public memorial services.

In a railway collision at Jamestown, N. D., seven men were killed and four others seriously injured.

Thirteen vessels ashore, seven wrecked and a total property loss of not less than \$200,000 is the record of a storm on the great lakes.

Near Elgin, Ill., L. Kovach shot and killed his wife and himself. Despondency over loss of money was the cause.

In Chicago Peter Jackson and wife and four other persons committed suicide.

All efforts to reach a settlement of the steel strike have been unsuccessful. The steel mills at Bay View, Milwaukee, have started up.

John A. Logan's livery barns were burned at Richmond, Ind., and 20 horses were cremated.

Three women and nine men were arrested in Chicago, charged with conspiracy to murder President McKinley.

A DENIAL BY SHAFFER.

He Brands as False Rumor That He Had Been Ordered to Settle Steel Strike.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 12.—While stories of a peaceful settlement of the strike of the Amalgamated association were heard Wednesday with much force and persistence, President Shaffer continued to deny them emphatically, and said that the battle of the steel workers would go on until they won.

He denied that the executive board had instructed him to settle the strike on any terms, and said that he would not go to New York or make any further peace movement for the present. While the president of the Amalgamated association was standing in this position, the officials of the United States Steel corporation were putting forth active efforts to start their plants.

This was particularly the case on the South side. During the day the company held the strikers' pickets back by a show of police and got a lot of provisions, cooking utensils and cots for the men to sleep on into the Monongahela plant of the American Tin Plate company. It was officially announced at the same time that there was an ample number of men ready to enter the plant and start the mills as soon as they were in readiness.

While the strikers were busy watching those movements on the South side, the officials of the same company

A Chicago paper correspondent says hatred for Great Britain and sympathy for the Boers is unanimous in Europe.

A Rome dispatch says that the pope has been so impressed by the attack upon President McKinley that he intends to take the initiative in joint action by the Christian powers against anarchism.

A bill is being prepared by the Belgian government providing for the total suppression of Sunday newspapers.

In London it is believed that Kitchener's proclamation will not bring about a general surrender in South Africa.

On the same train the king and queen of England, czar and zarina of Russia, king of Denmark, king of Greece and 28 princes and princesses went from Fredensborg to Copenhagen.

LATER NEWS.

Senator Wellington was unceremoniously expelled from the Union League of Maryland, on account of remarks made regarding the attempted assassination of the president.

Emma Goldman, the anarchist lecturer, was arraigned in Chicago and held without bail pending the decision of similar cases in the upper court.

Mrs. Phoebe Hearst has agreed to pay all the expenses of a department of anthropology at the University of California, which will be devoted especially to the study of Indians of the Pacific coast. The cost will be about \$50,000 a year.

The police of New York are busily engaged taking a census of the anarchists.

The legation of Costa Rica, has just received information that Senor Don Jaltasar Esturpinian, the former vice president of Salvador and Senor Don Francisco A. Reyes, secretary of foreign relations of that republic have been appointed delegates to the Pan-American congress to be held in Mexico next October.

At Cripple Creek, Colo., the barber shop of J. Tyler was blown up by dynamite. Tyler is a colored man and has repeatedly refused to join the barber's union.

The decree of the Venezuelan government, which placed corn and beans on the free list for a period of sixty days from July 26 for the purpose of extending aid to the poorer classes who were the sufferers from higher price on food products is revoked.

Methuen engaged Vautander and DeLarey in Great Marie's Valley, Sept. 6 and 8, driving them from a strong position Sept. 8. The Boers left six dead Sept. 6 and twelve Sept. 8. Forty-one prisoners were captured.

White men raided the negro districts at Decatur, Tex., terrorizing the black residents and ordering them to leave town. Many negroes are departing.

The Marquis Angley was robbed of jewels valued at \$150,000, which were taken from his rooms in London while he was attending the theater.

The American Brotherhood of Car Men, by a vote of 39 to 23, refused to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor. The fear of being called out in some sympathetic strike was the principal reason for the action.

The new duties against United States goods are now being enforced at Vladivostok, Russia.

The doctors pronounce Czolgosz perfectly sane.

Fire in the warehouse of the New York Cold Storage company in Brooklyn caused \$500,000 damage.

Several children were injured in a panic in a Racine, Wis., school caused by falling plaster.

THE PRESIDENT IS WORSE.

An Attack of Heart Exhaustion Brings an Alarming Change and All Physicians are Summoned to Bedside.

Milburn House, Buffalo, Sept. 13.—2:55 a. m.—President McKinley experienced a sinking spell shortly after 2 o'clock. The physicians are administering restoratives to him with the hope of reviving him.

A general call has gone out to the physicians and the members of the cabinet now in the city. Dr. Park reached the house at 2:55, and shortly after him came Secretaries Hitchcock and Wilson.

4:35 a. m.—Dr. Wasdin says the president is slowly showing some symptoms of rallying, and his condition is more favorable than it has been for before for an hour. He is still in grave danger, and there is every reason for fearing a fatal termination, but all hope has not been abandoned.

5 a. m.—President McKinley is in a semi-stupor.

He rallies at the approach of his attendants, but almost immediately goes into a state approaching unconsciousness.

He is exceedingly weak and his heart-beats are erratic.

The situation is said by Secretary Wilson to be as discouraging as it well could be and still give any reasonable ground for hope.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Secretary Cortelyou has sent the following telegram to Colonel Montgomery, in charge of the telegraph office at the White House: "The president is critically ill. Notify the cabinet. The president's condition has grown worse during the night and he is extremely weak."

Secretaries Hay and Gage were immediately communicated with. Mr. Gage is expected to be at the White House, while word is awaited from Mr. Hay. Controller of the Currency Dawes was hastily summoned and is now at the White House waiting for news from Buffalo. Several other personal friends have been notified.

VETERANS AT CLEVELAND.

Thirty-Fifth Annual Encampment of G. A. R. Opened—Parades Witnessed by Thousands.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 10.—The first day of the thirty-fifth annual encampment of the G. A. R. opened under the most auspicious circumstances, and it is now quite evident that the event will be one of the greatest in the history of the organization. The streets were thronged with people, and the citizens' committee had all it could do to care for the ever increasing number of visitors. The day was largely devoted to assigning the veterans to their quarters. The city at night was a blaze of glory.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 11.—The naval veterans took first place in the festivities attendant upon the grand army encampment Tuesday. The eighty-seventh anniversary of Oliver Hazard Perry's historic triumph on Lake Erie was fittingly celebrated in a grand parade of naval veterans and a naval display upon the lake.

Gen. Leo Rausser, commander in chief of the grand army, with his staff, reviewed the parade.

President McKinley's old regiment, the Twenty-third Ohio, in which he enlisted as a private in company G in 1861, and which had for its commander Col. Rutherford B. Hayes, another president, held its annual reunion

Tuesday at the chamber of commerce auditorium. Over 500 men attended, which made the largest gathering of the regiment in ten years. A resolution was unanimously adopted calling upon senators and representatives in congress to enact a law banishing all anarchists from the United States.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 12.—The parade of the veterans, the spectacular event of the grand army encampment, took place Wednesday, and was witnessed by tens of thousands of persons who lined the streets, covered the housetops and took advantage of every available point of view along the line of march.

The column was over eight miles in length, marched for five hours and was splendidly handled, moving steadily and with scarcely a halt or a break until the entire line had passed the reviewing stand. The errors of several states marched in the line with their representative posts.

DRIVE BOERS BACK.

Report from Kitchener Tells of Battle in Which Many Are Killed or Made Prisoners.

London, Sept. 12.—Lord Kitchener reports to the war office from Pretoria as follows: "Methuen engaged Vautander and DeLarey in Great Marie's Valley September 6 and 8, driving them from a strong position September 8. The Boers left six dead September 6 and twelve September 8. Forty-one prisoners were captured."

Matjefonstein, Cape Colony, Sept. 12.—Col. Crabb has surprised the camp of Van Der Merwe, the most trusted lieutenant of Commandant Scheepers, killed him and another Boer and made prisoners of 37 out of the 100 men under Van Der Merwe's command."

Testimonial for Parker. Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 12.—The board of trade through resolutions adopted inaugurated a movement with the object of presenting a suitable testimonial to James B. Parker, the negro who had a hand in overpowering the would-be assassin of the president. The resolutions were approved by all classes of citizens, and all the banks in the city have agreed to serve as depositories of the funds.

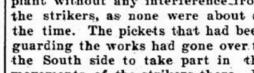
Killed Himself. Erie, Pa., Sept. 10.—Grief over the shooting of President McKinley and subsequently worry over his condition and prospects were the causes which led Orlando D. Vancamp, one of Erie county's most prominent men, to kill himself Monday night. He blew off his head with a shotgun.

Young Cyclist Dead. New York, Sept. 10.—John Nelson, the young bicyclist of Chicago, who was injured in his race with Jimmy Michaels at Madison Square garden last Wednesday night, died Monday at Bellevue hospital.

Well-Known Violinist Dead. New York, Sept. 12.—Leonard Cordes, once a well-known violinist, died Wednesday at his apartments in East Eighty-eighth street. Cordes was 72 years of age and in his life had been the first violin in some of the best known orchestras in the country.

Both Must Die. Dallas, Tex., Sept. 12.—Henry Williams, convicted at Marshall of murdering Henry Brown, has been given the death penalty. John Pearl, who killed Emil Hermann near Brownwood last spring, has been sentenced to be hanged October 22.

THE SCHLEY COURT OF INQUIRY.



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showed greater activity about the Star mills. About 11 o'clock in the morning a car loaded with skilled men for the Star plant arrived in the Union station. The men were taken to the plant without any interference from the strikers, as none were about at the time. The pickets that had been guarding the works had gone over to the South side to take part in the movements of the strikers there. In the carload were about 60 men. They were all men who had worked in tin mills, and among them were rollers, roughers and catchers. They came from the east, and it is said many of them had broken away from the ranks of the strikers in other mills and had sought work in new localities under assumed names. With this increased force the Star plant is practically filled with skilled men and will be able to operate all of the mills there on full turns. These efforts, it is believed, have practically ended all possibilities of the Amalgamated association ever getting back the Star mills into their control, as the men who have gone to work there have declared their intention of remaining as individuals for all time.

Will Meet in Indianapolis. Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 12.—The second annual encampment and reunion of the National Association of Spanish War Veterans completed its business Wednesday and adjourned to meet in Indianapolis next year. Gen. Willis J. Hulings, commander in chief, stated that there were 284 camps representing 40 states and territories and advised the consolidation of all organizations composed of Spanish-American war volunteers. Col. J. Coryell, of Pennsylvania, was elected commander in chief.

A Veteran Degraded. Danville, Ill., Sept. 11.—John R. Leffer, of the national soldiers' home, was degraded Tuesday by having the buttons cut off of his coat, and was then drummed out of the grounds for having manifested elation at the attempt upon the life of the president.

Given a Life Sentence. Yokohama, Sept. 11.—The man who June 31 last fatally stabbed Hoshi Toru, who was minister of communications in the last Ito cabinet and formerly Japanese minister at Washington and president of the house, was sentenced Tuesday to hard labor for life.

Storm Sweeps Lake Huron. Port Huron, Mich., Sept. 9.—After one of the roughest nights ever known on Lake Huron, made worse by a heavy bank of smoke that overhung the water, six vessels are wrecked on the beach three miles north of here. The crews were rescued by different life saving crews during Saturday, the total number rescued being 56.

A Disastrous Train Wreck. Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 11.—Two persons were instantly killed, two burned to death and one mortally injured in a railroad wreck near here Tuesday.

Passed Away. Duvernort, La., Sept. 12.—Christ Mueller, one of the leading lumbermen of the Mississippi valley, died suddenly Wednesday, aged 78. He had been a prominent citizen of this city since 1852, when he came to America as an exile because of participation in the Schleswig-Holstein war for independence.

Acting Secretary of War. Washington, Sept. 12.—Assistant Secretary Sanger has gone to the Adirondack mountains, and Gen. Gillespie, chief of engineers, is acting secretary of war.

GAGE'S PROMPT ACTION.

Secretary Will Release \$25,000,000 Treasury Scrips as Asked by New York Brokers.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The following announcement was made Tuesday at the treasury department: "The secretary of the treasury hereby gives notice that he will receive and consider proposals for the sale to the government, on account of the sinking fund, of United States three per cent. bonds, loan of 1895-1915; four per cent. bonds, funded loan of 1907; four per cent. bonds, loan of 1905, and five per cent. bonds, loan of 1904, to an amount not exceeding \$25,000,000. Proposals should be submitted to the secretary by letter or telegraph not later than Thursday, the 12th inst.; any bonds accepted to be promptly delivered at the United States treasury in New York or to the treasury department at Washington. "The right to reject any or all proposals is expressly reserved. "LYMAN J. GAGE, "Secretary."

The secretary also has directed that internal revenue receipts be deposited with national bank depositaries up to the par value of all bonds deposited including the two per cent. bonds. This will release about \$5,000,000.

Commenting upon the offer made in his circular, Secretary Gage said that the active movement of crops had begun throughout the country, and he did not desire that the treasury should absorb millions of dollars that might be in trade channels. The subtra-

ries in the west and south have been calling heavily for currency to move the crops, and the amount sent so far is in excess of any year in the history of the treasury. The placing of additional money with the national bank depositaries will divert about \$5,000,000 from treasury vaults and put it into circulation. At the same time the purchase of \$20,000,000 in bonds would be a decided relief.

DEATH IN THE RAPIDS.

Miss Maria Willard, an Ohio Girl, Loses Her Life in Niagara Whirlpool.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 9.—It has remained for an Ohio girl to be the first woman to lose her life in an attempt to navigate the whirlpool rapids of Niagara in a barrel. This girl is Maud Willard. She was taken out of the river dead at ten o'clock Saturday night. She entered the barrel at 3:40 o'clock and was set adrift at 3:51 o'clock. At four o'clock her barrel swept under the bridges into the rapids. At 4:04 o'clock the rapids had been passed and the barrel was drifting about the whirlpool, where it remained until darkness settled. It was swept around the river pocket many times. Graham swam to Lewistown successfully, and when he returned he crossed to the Canadian side in hopes that he might save the life of the girl who was to do the double turn with him. Capt. Johnson, the surf swimmer, also hurried there with life lines and life rings. The electric road sent its searchlight car to the whirlpool to illuminate the river. It returned, but without definite information as to the barrel. Miss Willard took her pet dog into the barrel with her. When the barrel was opened the girl was dead, but the dog was still alive. Miss Willard was 23 years old and a native of Canton, O.

Statistics of Methodism.

London, Sept. 12.—A report submitted to the International Ecumenical conference of the Methodist church shows that there are 24,899,421 adherents of the Methodist faith. In the western section there are 6,447,361 actual church members, and in the eastern, 1,221,824. The total value of the church property throughout the world is \$300,000,000. There are 89,087 churches and 48,334 ministers. The estimated increase in adherents of the Methodist faith in the last decade is 2,536,938.

Gigantic Swindle Unearthed.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Residents of Chicago have been swindled out of \$150,000, according to government secret service officers, through the counterfeiting of cigar labels and internal revenue stamps. Ten manufacturers of cigars and a printer are said to be involved in the fraud, and several arrests are expected this morning.

Will Represent Chili.

Santiago de Chili, Sept. 12.—Don Joaquin Walker Martinez has been nominated as minister of Chili at Washington.

Bodies Recovered.

Connellsville, Pa., Sept. 12.—Seven of the 13 bodies that have been entombed since June 10, when the explosion in the coal mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company at Port Royal took place, were recovered Wednesday.

Two Drowned.

Prairie du Chien, Wis., Sept. 11.—George Halverson and Tom Roland, both young men about 26 years of age, were drowned near Ferryville while fishing. Roland was single, but Halverson leaves a wife and one child.

MINNESOTA NEWS.

Grain Receipts.

The official figures showing the receipts and shipments of grain, flour and millstuffs at Minneapolis for the crop year ending Aug. 31, have been compiled by Assistant Secretary J. H. McEnary, of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.

The table prepared shows that the receipts and shipments of the commodities enumerated, with the exception of wheat, flour and millstuffs, are in excess of the totals for the preceding crop year, indicating the extent to which Minneapolis has grown as a grain market during the past crop year.

The wheat receipts for the last crop year fell below those of the previous year by nearly 6,000,000 bushels, and the shipments were over 4,000,000 bushels smaller.

The city's growth as a corn market is emphasized by an increase of over 4,000,000 bushels in the receipts, most of which was consumed, as the shipments were only nominally larger.

Fair Receipts.

The total number of admission tickets taken at the state fair during the entire six days of its session was 185,584, against 136,279 for the year 1900.

This number does not represent the total number of persons who entered the grounds, for there were many tickets issued for two persons. Every day of the week beat the corresponding day for last year.

When all the money is collected and all expenses paid, there will be a very nice balance. The money will be used in fitting up the grounds and increasing the facilities, in order that next year's fair may be better and brighter than the one just closed. The state fair management already has decided to expend a portion of the surplus for the erection of new sheep barns and other improvements, which, it is expected, will be decided upon soon.

Hermitage Burned.

Death as tragic as that which befell his brother, Capt. Frank W. Halstead, was the fate of Maj. George B. Halstead, the lonely occupant of the Hermitage at the head of Lake Minnetonka. The Hermitage, with its priceless collection of relics and its romantic history, was burned to the ground at 1 o'clock in the morning. Not until the day following were the charred remains of Maj. Halstead found.

The Hermitage was the most visited spot at Lake Minnetonka. The major's brother was one of the first settlers on the upper lake. He was the original "hermit," and selected a site whereon to build in 1855. He first erected a log cabin where the famous house was burned.

Showed Defects.

D. B. White, of the state dairy department, claims that some of the men who have been winning premiums on fair butter-making. That at the state fair was scored on Monday of fair week, and on Saturday a second inspection was made by experts, when it was found that some of the prize-winning product had greatly deteriorated in flavor, which proved that there was something radically wrong with the method of the prize-winners. The state dairy department will try to locate the defects.

Rode 1,000 Miles.

Walter A. Thomas, a Minneapolis grain man, who has the distinction of being the originator of the idea of visiting the wheat fields of the northwest in an automobile, has returned from a 1,000-mile tour of the wheat fields of Minnesota, North and South Dakota. As a result of his personal inspection, he places the total wheat yield of the three states at 175,000,000 bushels, the bulk of which, he believes, will grade No. 2.

News in Brief.

Fred Blumer of Minneapolis, arrested on the charge of robbing Joseph Fease of Hastings, was discharged.

Howard Mulholland, at Rochester, shot and severely injured his 8-year-old brother with a gun, which he supposed was not loaded.

At Duluth Mrs. Jeanette Dun, aged 70 years, fell down stairs and was instantly killed.

Fire burned eleven stacks of grain for George Wuerter, near Brownsdale. Loss, \$1,000.

A flower of the stramonium, a weed commonly known as the "thorn apple," caused the death of Daniel H. Doyle, 18 years old, who lives in St. Paul, and is employed in a foundry. On his way to work the boy picked the flower and nibbled it to pieces. He became unconscious almost immediately and died a few hours later.