



WATER DROWNS OUT CROP

Minnesota River Over Flows Its Banks.

Immense Volume of Water Has Been Flowing Steadily.

Ditching Sloughs Into River is Thought to be One Cause.

The Minnesota river at this point is something like the Standard Oil Company, it is monopolizing about all of the country within its banks and some places where the tributaries flow into the river the water is backed up and overflowing the tributaries. It has been many years since the river has wrought such damages as it is doing at this time.

Hundreds of acres of corn that was nicely started has been covered with water and destroyed the fields of grain have been drowned out, while the continuous high water seems to promise that when it recedes it will be so late in the season that no other crop can be planted with any assurance of it ever coming to maturity.

About the only good that can be said to have been accomplished by the high water is that it has drowned out all of the pocket gophers that had become a menace to the crops and the harvesting machines. These small animals are all gone and it will be many years before they will be back in the ground as thick as they were.

It may be thought that the high water would afford the launches opportunity to take trips up and down the river, but they are unable to do this on account of the bridges. It was supposed that when the bridges were put over the river they were fixed so that the draws would permit boats to pass, but it is doubtful if there is a bridge on the river that can be operated for this purpose, so the launches are penned in between the bridges above and below the city.

It would be a climax to the sentiment of the people of this part of the state if at this time some serious enterprise should be started to turn the waters of the Red River of the North into the Minnesota. With that immense drainage on top of the present over flow the people in the low lands would have to move out. It is thought that the condition of the river at this time is due mostly to the quick drainage that is afforded to the sloughs and small lake beds that have been ditched into the Minnesota river and its tributaries.

If this is the case and there is a continuance of the ditching of any great quantity of water into the river the state will have to build dykes in places to protect the settlers. It is not that there is an unusual amount of rain so much as it is that the river has been made a sewer for a larger territory and is unable to carry the surplus water off as rapidly as it should.

The condition of the river has alarmed many of the farmers living below this city where the banks of the river are not high and the water has an opportunity to cover the land, and many of them have written to congressmen to use their influence in preventing the drainage of the water from Traverse into the Minnesota. In speaking of the matter to some of the farmers who have land under water at this time, they say that they are sure that if so much ditching had not been done during the past year that the ex-

cessively high water would have passed off very much quicker and that there would not have been the destruction that is being wrought by the drowning of the grain.

Another matter that they brought to the attention of the business men of this city was the importance of bringing the question before the commercial union and having that body petition the congressmen from this state to work against the further drainage of large bodies of water into the Minnesota.

They also say that if the people of this city would see to it that the grade on the Nicollet county side of the Courtland bridge was raised a foot or more it would be passable at any time in high water, but as it is there is scarcely a year when it is not impossible for the farmers living on the opposite side of the river at times to cross with any kind of a load. As this bridge is particularly useful to the city of New Ulm it was suggested that in as much as the county of Nicollet was too busy in other parts of the county looking after roads and bridges, that it would be beneficial to the merchants of this city if they would see to it that the approach to the bridge was raised.

Water has surrounded both of the bridges over the Minnesota river for about a week now and has kept a large number of people from coming to the city. If it is possible by a little work to remedy this it should be done.

PETTY THIEVES STEAL FLOWERS

Not Only Blossoms But Entire Plants Are Taken.

There seems to be an epidemic of flower stealing in this city that should be stopped at once. A number of people who have had choice plants in their yards have had the blossoms cut from them at different times.

Not satisfied with this the thieves have taken up plants bodily and stolen potted plants from the lawns of different houses, taking the best they could get. These depredations are not confined to any one person or to any one locality but are quite general over the city.

In the cemeteries where there has been a desire to decorate the graves of the dead, the stealing has become so common that many who have arranged to set out plants have decided that it is useless as they will be only supplying the wants of some person or persons who seem to have regard neither for the dead or the living.

It takes all manner of people to make a world but it seems that there are some who are more of a nuisance than a benefit, and the man or boy or whoever it is who sneaks around in the dark and pilfer from those who are doing their best to add to the beauty and attractiveness of the world we live in, is so dwarfed in spirit that, if known he would be shunned by all respectable people.

It would be a difficult thing for the police to discover who it is who is doing this work, but it should be stopped in some manner. If the cemeteries are to become the prey to vandals and the lawns of the homes the prey of thieves, there will be little incentive to decorating the city at any time.

SLEEPY EYE GETTING MORE FISH

Large Supply of Pike Placed in Cottonwood.

Last week through the personal efforts of the state game warden and Hans Mo, 100,000 young pike were placed in the Cottonwood river one-half above the Iberia dam and the other half below the dam. Mr. Fullerton happened to be in the city and the matter was mentioned to him by Mr. Mo and he immediately telegraphed for the fish.

He also gave Mr. Mo to understand that if they were able to keep the lake at its present level there would be no trouble in stocking the lake with croppies and perch. As long as there is no danger of the lake freezing solid there is no reason why fish should not live in the lake.

Mr. Mo says that the fishing in the Cottonwood has been very poor from the fact that only at very high stages of water are fish able to get above the dams in the river. He complains that there are no fish ways provided, and the result is that the people of Sleepy Eye are denied the sport they would otherwise have if things were as they should be.

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CONVENTION COMESTO CLOSE

Methodist Young People Spend Profitable Time.

Attendance of Delegates is Over Two Hundred.

Sunday Meetings Drew Very Large Numbers of People.

German Methodists to the number of more than two hundred met in this city last week for the two closing days of the week and Sunday and engaged in the deliberations of the annual convention of the Epworth League and Sunday school. It was a very enthusiastic gathering and they all appeared to be imbued with the necessity of earnest work.

Friday noon most of the delegates were in the city, coming in on the



GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH WHERE CONVENTION MET.

trains from the various directions on both roads, so that in the evening when the delegates and others of the city gathered at the church there was a good audience to listen to the address of welcome from Mayor Silverson and the greeting from the local pastor, Rev. C. H. Sauter.

Mr. Silverson spoke only for a few moments and his address was that of sincere welcome. He assured the gathering that it was his wish while they were in the city they might enjoy all that was good and that their meeting might be productive of the highest good to themselves as well as of benefit to the city.

At the conclusion of the address of the mayor and that of the pastor Rev. E. H. Havighorst spoke for a few moments. This was the opening work of the convention and Saturday the young people settled down to the actual work that was before them. All of the proceedings were carried on in German. Those of this city who have attended this as well as other conventions of a similar kind that have been held here and elsewhere, say that it was in point of attendance and enthusiasm among the very best, if not an exceptionally well attended and enthusiastic gathering.

At the conclusion of the work resolutions were passed on various matters and a resolution of the warmest gratitude was passed for the exceptionally good care that had been taken of the delegates and the completeness of the program, and the evident sincerity that appeared in the welcome of the convention to this city.

Sunday was the crowning day of the session, though the work was completed Saturday the sermon by Rev. C. F. Blume in the morning attracted a large audience, and the lecture in Turner hall in the afternoon by Rev. E. S. Havighorst, on "Christian Manhood," was something of superior excellence. It is said by those who are capable of judging to have been one of the best things that have been heard in the German language in this city for a long time. The lower floor of the theatre was completely taken by those who had assembled to hear the lecture. It was a good audience.

Dr. F. E. Hirsch of Charles City, Iowa, preached in the church in the evening to a good audience. Earlier in the evening a street service was held on Minnesota street, and Saturday evening a similar meeting was held, attracting a large number of people. The one Sunday evening was conducted by Rev. C. F. Blume. A large number of the delegates were present to help in the singing.

It was in all of its apartments one of the most successful religious conventions that have ever been held in the city, and was enjoyed as much by the people of the city as by the delegates.

One of the specialties of the convention was the "Welcome Song" that

was arranged especially for the convention by Prof. D. A. Grussendorf and was sung with enthusiasm. It is as follows:

Willkommen.

Willkommen, Freund, von nah und fern.
New Ulm beherbergt Gane gern.
Willkommen in die liebe Stadt,
Die niemand noch misfallen hat.

Wir laden ein fñhlt euch daheim,
Fenn hier fñhlt: "ich und Sonntag;
Im reidtem Minnesota-Zeal
Ist Brod und Obbad fñr euch all.

Vergeht auch nicht eur Herz und Seel,
Sonst wår euer Hiersein nur ein Zeh;
Eur Licht leht leuchten klar und fern
Uns Christli Geist leht bei uns fern.

Many of the delegates were taken about the city and were astonished at the wonderful beauty of the place and the pleasant surroundings. Some of them came here with the idea that it was an old and degenerating city and were agreeably surprised at the very modernness of the city and the hospitality of the people.

MUSICIANS DEFIED POLICEMAN

Severely Censured by Mayor Silverson Monday.

A little scene took place on the streets of this city Sunday evening that was not down on the program. While some of the members of the Epworth League, part of the convention that was in session in the city, were holding an open meeting in front of the Dakota house, the sound of band music attracted the attention of Chief Klaus and he directed Policeman Tauer to have it stopped.

It appears that it was in one of the saloons, and the young fellows were not disposed to pay any attention to the request of the policeman. When he left part of the band of musicians, claiming that they had as good right on the streets as any of the other people started out from the saloon loudly beating the drum.

This called the attention of the officers of the law to the matter again and they started in pursuit. The one with the drum defied the officer and refused to appear at police headquarters without a warrant and the officer took him to the jail, but when he saw that the officer meant business he relented and with the others appeared Monday morning before justice Henningsen.

Mayor Silverson was there and told them what was what, saying that in playing in the saloons on Sunday they were violating the state law and in defying the police they were committing a criminal act. He told them that it was such acts as theirs that interfered with the freedom that has been so long enjoyed in this city, that if it was persisted in his attention would be called to some things in the city that would compel him to act along lines that would not be popular.

That he had now in his possession a petition that he was considering and that such actions as the members of this unorganized band were guilty of would lead to more drastic measures than were incorporated in the petition. Simple manliness and courtesy should lead the people of the city both old and young, to respect the assembling of a religious body in any place of the city at any time and especially on Sunday, and he gave them warning that if they or any other persons were guilty of such action as took place Sunday evening he would act in accordance with the law and his authority as mayor.

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