Special Reduced Excursion Rates

International Live Stock Show at Chicago, December 2d to 9th.

The International Live Stock Show opens this year under conditions more favorable than ever. The Coliseum, a handsome new structure built for this purpose, will be completed and used for the first time.

The display of live stock is to be so complete that it promises to even excel the perfection of former years.

Professor Herbert W. Munford of Illinois is quoted in the following short but pithy comment on the International:

"It is at the International that breeders and buyers mingle to mutual advantage. The breeder becomes better informed as to approved market types, and thus the International becomes a potent factor in giving direction to the breeders' efforts toward live stock improvement."

Low rates over the North-Western Line from all points west will be announced soon.

The Pacific Northwest.

A complete and interesting presentation of the scenic beauty and the rich natural resources and rapid growth of the Pacific Northwest are set forth in a beautifully illustrated booklet recently issued by the Chicago & North-Western R'y., which will be sent to any address on receipt of 4 cents in stamps.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition with the very low excursion rates and personally conducted tours in connection therewith over The North-Western Line from Chicago and the east have created an interest in this subject never before equaled. For full particulars address W. B. Kniskern, P. T. M., 215 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago.

Rates To Pacific Coast Cut $15.00.

Commencing September 15th, the Minneapolis & St. Louis will have on sale daily one way tickets to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and other points in the West and Northwest. Rates $15.00 below ordinary fare. Through tourist cars to California twice a week.

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BURNED TO DEATH AT ST. PAUL

THOS. CONLY MEET DEATH IN IN A VACANT ROOM.

It is Supposed the Fire was Started by Dropping a Lighted Cigar Among Rubbish.

St. Paul, Jan. 15.—Thomas Conley, who came to St. Paul ten years ago from Decorah, Iowa, was burned to death in a fire which started above the saloon of Charles Hiller, 153 West Third street, at 11:30 last night. It is not known how the fire started, but it is thought that it was caused by a lighted cigar.

Mr. Conley had been drinking in the saloon of Charles Hiller, who also comes from Decorah, Iowa, and about 10:30 o'clock George Ritter and Frank Smith took Conley to a room above the saloon, which is used by the Army and Navy Union for regular meetings and social sessions. They say that he apparently was sleeping when they left the hall.

An hour later flames were seen bursting from the windows in the second story of the building. Capt. Wm. Hanft of the central police station sent in an alarm of fire.

The body of Thomas Conly was found by members of the fire insurance patrol who were cleaning up the debris. The body was identified by Charles Hiller, the proprietor of the saloon. Patrolman Smith called Coronoes Miller, who had the remains sent to the morgue.

Thomas Conley was thirty-eight years old and unmarried. He was a railway freight engineer in Iowa and came to St. Paul ten years ago. He had been employed recently by the union depot company sweeping snow from the platforms. His father and and mother live in Decorah, Iowa.

The building is owned by the Hamm Brewing company and is damaged to the extent of $200. The adjoining building, owned by Mrs. Mary Burke, was damaged to the extent of $100. Both losses are covered by insurance. Mr. Hiller says his loss is trifling.

BEATEN FOR $19.

Complaint is Made That Assailants Compelled Victim to Give Them an Order on Bank.

Minot, N. D., Jan 15.—Beaten unmercifully and threatened with instant death by two neighbors unless he signed a check for $19 is the substance of a complant made by Phillip Glunt, a farmer living five miles north of Berthold, to State's Attorney George McGee. Glunt, who is a man of sixty years, claims that two brothers named Furley came to his farm and tried to compel him to give them an order on a Berthold bank for $19, which they claimed he owed them.

Glunt denied that he owed them anything and refused to sign the check. Then, according to his story, they took him into the barn and beat him unmercifully and threatened to kill him unless he complied with their demands. Glunt says he believes the men intended to carry out their threats, and so at last he signed the order, but wrote on it that it was signed under duress.

Glunt hitched up his team as soon as he was able and drove to the bank to stop payment on the check, but found that it had been paid.

Missing Man.

St. Cloud, Minn., Jan. 15.—James R. Bennett, city attorney for St. Cloud and one of the most prominent lawyers of this part of the state, has disappeared and nothing has been heard from him since last Tuesday.

Bennett was last seen in Minneapolis, the night before the West hotel fire. It was feared he had perished in the fire. Telephone communications with the West Hotel have been kept up and no record of Bennett was found.

Detectives of Minneapolis and St. Paul are at work searching for the missing man.

Bennet was a member of the firm of Calhoun & Bennett. He leaves a wife and family here.

It was found that Mr. Bennett went to Milwaukee and was all safe.

Slept in Danger.

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 15.—While every resident calmly slept, an early Sunday morning fire threatened to wipe out Tunnel City, Wis. Passengers waiting for a train at Tomah, five miles away, noticed the illumination, and word of the fire was sent to the burning town by the railroad telegraph operator.

Electrocuted.

New York, Jan. 15.—Two persons met death in the storm which swept over New York and New Jersey yesterday. Both were electrocuted by fallen electric wires.

Not Open.

Omaha, Neb. Jan. 15.—According to the police reports the "lid" was down tight in Omaha yesterday for the first time in many years, not one of the 245 saloons being open.

Nearly Frozen.

Rochester, Minn., Jan. 13.—James Fitzmaurice of Waterbury, Conn., who has been visiting his uncle, four miles east of here, became suddenly demented, and wandered away into the night but lightly clad to withstand the prevailing zero weather. He doubtless would have frozen to death had not the barking of a dog at the Biglow farm aroused Mr. Biglow, who found the young man wandering about in the yard in a dazed, half-frozen condition. He was taken care of and committed to the asylum.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA.

A Clean Sweep.

St. Paul.—Governor Johnson has made a clean sweep with the state board of equalization.

One-half of the members of the board go out this year and the governor announced their successors. The only one of the nine retained is W. R. Hodges of Sleepy Eye, a democratic editor whom Governor Johnson selected last fall to fill a vacancy.

The appointments are as follows:

First judicial district. John Heinen, banker, of Hastings, succeeding F. I. Johnson of Cannon Falls.

Third district, A. D French, farmer, of Plainview, succeeding J. G. Lawrence of Wabasha.

Fifth district, William Gausewitz, druggist, of Owatonna, succeeding Captain L G. Nelson of Owatonna.

Seventh district, C. E Vasaly, editor, of Little Falls, succeeding C. M. Sprague, of Sauk Center, chairman of the board and a probable candidate for lieutenant governor.

Ninth district, W. R Hodges, Sleepy Eye, reappointed.

Eleventh district, Henry Nolte, real estate, Duluth, succeeding J. E. Cooley of Duluth.

Thirteenth district, Samuel Nelson, merchant, Luverne, succeeding A. H. Fowler of Fulda,

Fifteenth district, Con O'Brien of Brainard, wholesale merchant and lumberman, succeeding George W. Knox, Aitkin.

Seventeenth district, Fred B. Brown, banker and former secretary of state, Blue Eearth City.

Mr. Brown is the only republican in the list. The board as it now stands has only three republicans out of twenty one.

Will Meet the Trust.

Stillwater.—The state board of control and Warden Wolfer of the penitentiary are ready to meet the competition of the binding twine trust, which is about to start a flax twine plant in St Paul, and run the prison twine plant out of business by underselling it in the state.

If the trust plant cuts into the market for prison twine, the state will carry the war outside, and force the trust to meet competition in the surrounding states.

Under the present law, the prison authorities may go outside the state to sell any of the products left on hand after July 1. That is late in the day to sell twine, but if the state has any trouble next season in disposing of its output, the legislature will be asked to change the law so the state can go outside and sell the prison output any time after May 1. That would give the trust some trouble, The present plan is to break the market only in Minnesota, in order to kill off the prison plant. The trust is not looking for competition all over the northwest.

Freight Shipments.

Minneapolis.—Minneapolis freight shipments and receipts for the year just passed show up well with the advances made by the city in every other line. The advance in total carlots received in 1905 is about 1,500 cars The advance in shipments, however, is much greater—12,000 cars.

There were 106,471 cars of wheat received and 24,635 shipped. There were 15,154,187 barrels of flour shipped out.

Timber filled 21,309 cars.

To keep people warm there were 627,775 cars of coal received.

Wool shipments amount to 1,873,984 pounds.

Of merchandise there were 418,371,538 pounds received and 753,947,723 shipped.

Revenue.

Minneapolis—Brewers, saloonkeepers and tabacco manufacturers of this city paid $397,260.95 into the United States treasury through the medium of the stamp tax in 1905. Of this sum, $28,000 was derived from the federal license tax imposed on all retail liquor dealers. The value of the beer, cigar, tobacco and snuff stamps sold in the course of the year amounted to $369,260 95, which was $4.843 83 more than the stamp sales for 1904.

News Notes.

Crookston—Attorney General Young has secured the settlement of a timber trespass claim against the Crookston Lumber company. The state receiving $2,795 68.

Stillwater—The farmers of Washington county living in the vicinity of Withrow have arranged to hold a farmer's institute at Withrow Jan. 26.

St. Peter—Fire broke out in the drying room at the St. Peter furniture factory, and damaged the plant to the extent of $15,000.

St. Paul—A Christmass tree caught fire in the home of H. P. Miller, and caused a loss of $300.

Winona—The river was dragged for the body of Joseph P. Page, who it is believed drowned himself on Christmas eve.

St. Cloud—For the first time in twenty years the St. Cloud saloons were all closed on Sunday. The lid went on at midnight Saturday, and the orders of the mayor were obeyed to the letter. The police reported that all saloons were closed.

Hamline—About 800 cars of Red cedar shingles are piled up at the Minnesota Transfer, exposed to the elements and now covered by several inches of snow. Some of the shingles have been piled up on the ground for weeks and they are likely to remain so for some time yet.

Mankato — Bernhard Meyer, aged ninety-four years, fell dead from heart failure and asthma when he arose at St Joseph's hospital, where he was spending his last days. He was the last survivor of his own family, although he leaves several grandchildren.

NOTED EDUCATOR CALLED BY DEATH

DR. WILLIAM R. HARPER, PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, PASSES AWAY.

Had Long Been a Sufferer—Building Up of the Great Institution of Which He Was the Head Was Crowning Work of His Useful Life.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—William Rainey Harper, president of the University of Chicago, died Wednesday afternoon. About a year ago Dr. Harper was taken to the Presbyterian hospital for an operation for appendicitis. When the incisions were made it was found that he was suffering from carcinoma (cancer of the intestines). He rallied from the operation and recovered to a sufficient extent to partially resume his university work. Among his visits out of town were one to John D. Rockefeller's, at Lakeland, N. J., one to Mr. Rockefeller, at Cincinnati, and a third to Battle Creek. Mich.

From the last named point he returned early in September with the announcement that he felt so much improved that he would resume his regular work at the university. This he never did, however, and all through the fall and winter it was apparent to his friends that he was slowly growing weaker and that the chances of his recovery were remote.

His death closes a career of education in which the University of Chicago was his crowning work.

Student and Educator.

Dr. Harper was born in the little Ohio town of New Concord, Muskingum county, July 26, 1856, the son of Samuel and Ellen Elizabeth (nee Rainey) Harper. He entered the United Presbyterian college when eight years of age and upon his graduation from that institution at the age of 14 delivered an oration in the Hebrew language. After three years' study at home he became a student of philology under Prof. William Dwight Whitney at Yale university, and in 1875, at the age of 19, received the degree of doctor of philosophy and immediately was elected principal of the Masonic college at Macon, Tenn. He left this position a year later to become a tutor in the preparatory department of Dennison university at Granville, O., where his devotion to work and his ability to arouse interest in his students led to his selection as principal of the department of this institution that was known as the Granville academy. The president of Dennison university at this time was Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, now president of the University of Nebraska. Drs. Andrews and Harper worked harmoniously and became lifelong friends. It was the recommendation of Dr. Andrews that secured for Dr. Harper appointment as professor of Hebrew and the cognate languages in the Baptist Union Theological seminary at Morgan Park, Ill., which position he held from 1879 to 1886. Dr. Harper had previously united with the Baptist church while at Granville. In his new position at Morgan Park Dr. Harper devoted his attention to instruction in Hebrew by the correspondence system and also to the inductive method of teaching languages and in his later career he never abandoned these two things. In 1891 he was chosen president of the new University of Chicago, to be founded the following year. From the first, with only a $2,000,000 endowment from Mr. Rockefeller, he projected plans upon an unparalleled scale, and when the moneyed classes caught a glimpse of the epic greatness of the scheme they flocked to his support. The minor details of biography are of little value Harper's life. His history is written in the consideration of President between the lines of that of the University of Chicago.

Graft in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Startling disclosures of the extent of graft on city contracts were made Monday by Assistant Corporation Counsel Sutherland before the Cullerton committee appointed by Mayor Dunne to investigate the charges. That attorney declared that the city has been defrauded of $5,000,000 in the last ten years on contracts for the construction of water tunnels and sewers, and on the purchase of machinery.

Will Remember the Bride.

Ardmore, I. T., Jan. 10.—The Rough Riders will send to Miss Alice Roosevelt on the occasion of her marriage to Congressman Longworth, next month, a handsome present. United States Marshal Colbert, secretary of the Rough Riders' association, who is behind the movement, has made a request upon each rough rider, including President Roosevelt, for a donation toward the present.

A Bold Robbery.

East St. Louis, Ill., Jan. 13.—Six men drove two wagons up to the general store of Halifax & Lewis Friday afternoon, knocked down John Halifax and guarded him with a knife while the store was looted and considerable stock loaded into the wagons. The six escaped, but were pursued and arrested.

Sherrick Arrested.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 13.—David E. Sherrick, former auditor of state, was arrested Friday on two additional indictments charging him with embezzlement and conspiracy to commit a felony. The trial of Mr. Sherrick has been set for February 5. Bond was given in the sum of $10,000.

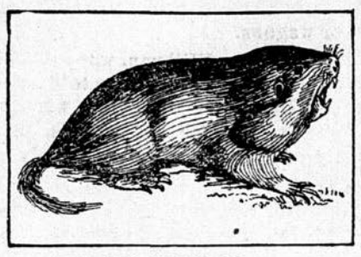
FARM AND GARDEN

POCKET GOPHERS.

They Are Found In Widely Separated Parts of the Country.

By D. E. LANTZ, Kansas experiment station.

In some families of rodents cheek pouches when present have the opening inside the mouth. In the geomyidae the pouches are present, are fur lined and open outside the mouth. The family and the type genus derive their name from their mode of life, which is entirely in the earth. Nine genera of pocket gophers are known, all of them confined to North America. Only three of the genera enter the United States. Of the United States genera one is found in the great plateau region from central Mexico and Lower California



POCKET GOPHER.

northward into British America, another from east central Mexico northward through New Mexico, western Texas, western Oklahoma, into Colorado, while a third is restricted to two large and widely separated districts in the United States. One of these districts includes portions of Alabama, Georgia and Florida, while the other includes much of the great low plain of the Mississippi valley and extends from the Rio Grande northward to southern Minnesota and Wisconsin and from eastern Illinois westward into Colorado and eastern Wyoming.

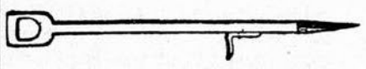
The pocket gophers all have the external pouches, strong lower jaws, fore feet strongly developed for digging and very small eyes and ears.

The prairie pocket gopher is abundant in the eastern part of the state and is the most formidable mammalian pest with which Kansas farmers have to deal. Its damage to the alfalfa growers of the state alone amounts to more than $800,000 yearly. This damage is not directly in the destruction of the alfalfa plant so much as it is in the interference with the work of cutting the crop and the loss by reason of having to cut the plant far above the ground to avoid running into the mounds thrown up by the gophers. This loss amounts to about one-tenth of the entire crop. Besides the damage to alfalfa, there is a similar one to clover, timothy and native meadows and the direct destruction of vegetable gardens and other crops. This species does similar damage to crops in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Missouri, a section of the most fertile land in the entire country.

The prairie gopher is of a dark liver color, lighter on the under part, and has pure white feet, with longer claws than any other species.

Pocket gophers are easily poisoned. They are very fond of common potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, raisins and prunes. The presence of strychnine, arsenic or other poisons does not seem to deter them from eating the food, but if the poison is sweetened they seem to eat it more readily. In summer it may be desirable to take the trouble to sweeten the poison, but in the fall and early spring it does not seem worth while to do this.

A tool devised for the purpose of introducing the poisoned food into the burrow is a spade handle shod with



TOOL FOR OPENING RUNWAY.

an iron point. A bar is attached about fifteen inches from the point to enable the operator to use his foot in pressing it into the soil. It is only necessary to find the runway of the gopher. The handle is sufficiently thick to make a hole large enough to permit one to drop the poisoned potato directly into the burrow. The operator then passes to another place, leaving the hole open.

It might be well not to let swine run in the alfalfa fields for a time after the poison has been put out.

Good Prices For Apples.

It is apparent that growers should have little difficulty in contracting apples at remunerative prices this season, says American Agriculturist. Instead of acting bearish, as a year ago, buyers are frankly acknowledging that they expect to be compelled to give more money for the coming crop than they did for that of 1904. Offers of $1.50 to $2 per barrel are not uncommon. In Michigan many orchards have been sold at $1 to $1.75 for fruit as it stands on the trees. Some growers with fancy apples say they will hold out for $2 to $3. In parts of Ohio buyers have bid $2.50 for early fruit, and in New York fall stock is being contracted around $2. Contracts reported in western New York for winter fruit at $2.

Bone Dust For Winter Wheat.

The soil for wheat must be richly fertilized and well pulverized. Even then, if the winters are exceedingly dry and cold, there may be a failure in the crop. Many farmers in Missouri are using bone dust to advantage. The land that is bone dusted will yield from five to ten bushels more to the acre.—W. D. Neale, Missouri.

Week-end Excursions, Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad will place in effect until March 31 the following excursions arrangements:

HALF RATES—After twelve o'clock noon of Saturdays to all points within 150 miles, good for return until Monday morning: minimum rate 75 cents.

FARE AND ONE-THIRD—On sale Fridays to points not less than 75 miles nor more than 150 miles distant, limit the following Monday.

ONE FARE PLUS $2.00—To points more than 150 miles away, limit five days.

These rates apply to the Cities where theatrical attractions and other amusements are best at this season of the year, and they also apply to local stations on the line.

For further particulars call on Minneapolis & St. Louis agents.

Yesterday and Today.

The Chicago & North-Western Railway has issued a valuable and interesting compendium of railway history in the Northwest from the time when the Indians ceded the United States the last territory east of the Mississippi up to the present day. Over a hundred pages of historic matter concerning the various roads forming what is known as The North-Western Line, well printed in strong paper covers, postpaid for ten cents. W. B. Kniskern, P. T. M., Chicago.

Homeseekers to the Northwest.

On every Tuesday until December the Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R. will sell Homeseekers' round trip tickets to points in Iowa, Minnesota, South and North Dakota, and the Canadian Northwest, at one fare plus two dollars. Tickets limited twenty-one days and stop-overs allowed. For rates and particulars call on agents, or address, A. B. Cutts, G. P. & T. A., Minneapolis, Minn.

Homeseekers and Settlers.

To points in Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, the Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R. has placed on sale for January 2 and 16, February 6 and 20, round trip and one way tickets at extremely low rates for benefit of homeseekers and settlers. Round trip tickets at three-fonrths of the regular one way rate, limit twenty one days. One way tickets at two dollars higher than half fare.

Twenty-one day tickets are on sale first and third Tuesdays to points in other states in the Southeast, West and Northwest, at one fare plus $2.00 for round trip.

Don't fail to call on M. & St. L. agents for full particulars as to rates, etc, or address,

A. B. CUTTS,
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Very Low Rates to Denver, Col.,

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold on Jan. 27, 28 and 29, limited to return until Feb. 15th, inclusive, on account of Wool Growers and Live Stock Association Meetings. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western R'y.

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