

RAMSEY IS DEAD

MINNESOTA MOURNS DEATH OF ONE OF HER FOREMOST CITIZENS.

LONG AND USEFUL CAREER ENDS

WAS THE FIRST GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY OF MINNESOTA.

Held High Public Offices

WAR GOVERNOR, UNITED STATES SENATOR AND SECRETARY OF WAR.

St. Paul, April 24.—Alexander Ramsey, Minnesota's first territorial governor and the last of the war governors, died at his residence, 265 South Exchange street, a few minutes after 6 o'clock last evening. His death, while not unforeseen, in view of his extreme age, eighty-eight years, and his ill health since last February, was unexpected, and will come as a shock to the large number of friends in this city as well as the people of all the state to whom he was known during a long and honorable public career. While he had been confined to the house for two months with an attack of gout, the immediate cause of his death was heart failure, due doubtless to old age. He passed away peacefully and without pain, surrounded by his family, his mind retaining to the last its full vigor and clearness.

Gov. Ramsey is survived by his daughter and her three children, one of whom is named for him, A. R. Furness. They all reside in St. Paul.

Loses a Foremost Citizen.

In the death of Alexander Ramsey Minnesota loses one of her foremost citizens, and one who in his own career personified the state's story and, more indirectly, the story of the great Northwest. First governor of the territory in 1849, second governor of the state ten years later, and senator for the twelve years between 1863 and 1875, his public service is so closely interwoven with Minnesota's progress from a rangeless wilderness to its present position among the states that the state over whose birth he presided, and to whose service the best years of his life were given, remains as the monument to his name.

And while he served with conspicuous ability as secretary of war in President Hayes' cabinet and as a member of the "Edmunds commission" on the question of Mormonism in Utah, it is with the name of his state that he will be known and remembered.

It was no easy task to which he turned when he took up his duties as the first territorial governor, and one which required a tact, a firmness and a steadfastness and honesty of purpose such as but few men could have brought to the work. But Gov. Ramsey, although a young man, more than fulfilled his mission. His early policy with the Indians was one of fair dealing, which afterward did much to lighten the dark days of the Indian wars, while his firmness during the outbreak itself taught them that he was to be feared as well as trusted.

Last of the War Governors.

Gov. Ramsey was the last of the war governors, a group of men who, for loyalty, high resolve and tireless energy, has yet no equal in the United States. As war governor a fortunate chance gave him the distinction of offering the first quota of troops to President Lincoln for the defense of the Union, and it was also his efforts which enabled Minnesota, in spite of its sparse settlements and feeble population to furnish ten full regiments for the war and to keep its quota in full strength during those five years while carrying on a struggle against the Indians within its own borders, the magnitude of which is lost only in the greater struggle of the nation.

In politics Gov. Ramsey has been a Republican since the foundation of the party, but while a man of strong conviction, he never was a partisan in the sense that he was blind to the good qualities of those who differed most strongly from him politically. Probably no man in the state had a firmer hold on the affections of all classes, and Gov. Ramsey's death will be felt throughout the state as a personal grief.

Elected to Congress at Twenty-Eight.

This distinguished citizen, perhaps the most eminent in the early history of Minnesota, was born near Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 8, 1815. He was educated in Lafayette college at Easton, Pa. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1839. He early evinced a taste for politics and became active in the campaigns in his district. In 1843, when but twenty-eight years of age, he was elected to congress. He was re-elected in 1844 and positively declined a renomination in 1846. On April 2, 1849, President Tyler appointed him the first governor of the newly created Territory of Minnesota. He arrived in St. Paul, the capital of the territory, on May 27, 1849, and immediately assumed the duties of his office. He served as governor of the territory until May 5, 1853. In 1855 he was elected mayor of St. Paul. On Jan. 2, 1860, he took the chair of governor of the State of Minnesota, being the second governor elected by the new state. He served in that capacity until July 10, 1863.

"Our Quota is Ready, Mr. President."

Alexander Ramsey will probably live longest in history as the last of the loyal war governors of the South-

ern rebellion. When Fort Sumter was fired on he chanced to be in Washington. That day he waited upon President Lincoln and tendered him a thousand Minnesotans for the war—the first offer of the kind made—and when the formal call for volunteers came he answered it in person. "Our quota is ready, Mr. President."

When he left the governor's chair it was to take a seat in the United States senate. He was re-elected for a second term, serving in all twelve years in the senate. In 1879 he was appointed by President Hayes as secretary of war and served in that capacity until 1881.

FERGUS FALLS WINS.

Champion High School Debaters of the State.

Minneapolis, April 24.—Debating teams representing the Central high school of St. Paul and the Fergus Falls high school met in the final event of the interscholastic debate of the Minnesota High School Debating league. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That United States senators should be chosen by direct vote of the people."

St. Paul had the negative and Fergus Falls the affirmative. The judges decided the contest in favor of the Fergus Falls team. This gives them the championship of the state.

INJURED BY LEGISLATION.

Stringent Law Just Enacted Forces Closing of Public Library.

New Ulm, Minn., April 24.—The library board at a special meeting decided to close the library on May 1. This action is made necessary because of lack of funds. The city refuses to appropriate money, and the passage of the new library bill does not benefit the board, as it is still more stringent than the old law, and is almost prohibitive of good to cities of this size. The library has been well patronized by readers, and has existed for four years in the hope of legislation that would prove beneficial.

MONUMENT TO PRIEST.

Abercrombie Will Erect a Memorial to Pioneer Clergyman.

Fargo, N. D., April 24.—The efforts of the people of Abercrombie to form an association for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of Father Genin, the pioneer priest, have extended to Kent, Minn., where an association was organized. The two will work together and a monument forty feet high will be unveiled at old Fort Abercrombie in June.

RAISES HIS LIMIT.

Carnegie's Purse Strings Widen to Please Deadwood Men.

Deadwood, S. D., April 24.—Andrew Carnegie has increased his offer for a public library building to be erected in Deadwood from \$10,000 to \$15,000, at the request of the city council. A majority of the council members express themselves in favor of accepting the offer, and will probably proceed to purchase a site, for which an option has been obtained on several lots.

SMASHER IS UNWELCOME.

Taken Into Custody and Will Be Sent Out of Town.

Eau Claire, Wis., April 24.—Maria Ricks, window smasher, and little boy, appeared here yesterday morning, having been shipped from Madison. She and the boy went to the office of Dr. William B. Lyman, who was formerly in charge of Mendota asylum, where she was once confined. Woman and child were taken into custody and will be sent out of town.

Shot by a Cow.

Fargo, N. D., April 24.—A decidedly peculiar accident is reported from Rolette county. John Schoenberg, a six-year-old boy, was driving some cattle into the barn. One of the cows stepped on a cartridge, discharging it. The bullet hit the boy in the calf of the leg. The parents neglected to give the child medical treatment and when physicians were called gangrene had set in, and it is thought the child will die.

Boy Accidentally Killed.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, April 24.—Frank C. Seese accidentally shot himself in the head with a 22-caliber revolver, expiring in a few minutes. The boy was showing his grandmother how he stood while having a picture taken.

Hit by a Train.

Fergus Falls, Minn., April 24.—A message from New York Mills states that Isaac Oman was struck by a train while crossing the Northern Pacific track in that village and is probably fatally hurt.

Promotions at Madison.

Madison, Wis., April 24.—The board of regents yesterday promoted Dr. C. K. Leith, at present assistant professor of geology, to a full professorship, and elected Dr. N. M. Fenneman to a full professorship.

Bitten by Dog.

Buffalo Center, Iowa, April 24.—Mrs. Ollie Melvin, a milliner, was bitten in several places by a supposed mad dog. She was taken to Chicago yesterday to the Pasteur institute. The dog was shot.

Making a New Town.

Zumbrota, Minn., April 24.—The opening sale of lots in the new town of Wanamingo, on the new branch of the Milwaukee railway between Faribault and Zumbrota, will take place on Friday.

Killed by Falling Smokestack.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 24.—Hans Engen, a mortar-mixer working on an annex building, was killed by a falling smokestack.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, April 24.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 77@78c; No. 2 Northern, 76@77c; No. 3, 74 1/2@75 1/2c. Corn—No. 3, 43@45c; No. 4, 41@43c. Rye—No. 2, 47@48c. Barley—Malting grades, 45@55c.

Minneapolis, April 24.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 77 3/4c; No. 1 Northern, 76 3/4c; No. 2 Northern, 75 3/4c.

Duluth, April 24.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 78 3/4c; No. 1 Northern, 76 3/4c; No. 2 Northern, 75 1/4c; flax, \$1.03 3/4; oats, 33c; rye, 49 1/2c; barley, 35@51c.

Milwaukee, April 24.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 80 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 79 1/2c; May, 78 3/8c. Rye steady; No. 1, 52c. Barley steady; No. 2, 60c. Oats—Standard, 35@36c. Corn—May, 44 1/8c.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 24.—Cattle—Beef, \$4 @ 5; cows, bulls and mixed, \$2@4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@4.60; calves and yearlings, \$3@4.50. Hogs, \$9.80 @ 7.15; bulk, \$6.95 @ 7.

Chicago, April 24.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 78c; No. 3 red, 68@75c; No. 2 hard winter, 72@75c; No. 3 hard winter, 68@72c; No. 1 Northern spring, 79@81c; No. 2 Northern spring, 79@80c; No. 3 spring, 70@79c. Corn—No. 2, 44c; No. 3, 39 1/2@40c. Oats—No. 2, 31 1/2c; No. 3, 31c.

Chicago, April 24.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.20 @ 5.60; cows, \$1.75@4.75; heifers, \$2.50@5; calves, \$3@6; Texas fed steers, \$4@5. Hogs Mixed and butchers, \$7.15@7.35; good to choice heavy, \$7.35@7.57 1/2; rough heavy, \$7.15@7.35; light, \$6.75@7.10; bulk of sales, \$7.10@7.35. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$5@6; Western sheep, \$5 @ 6; Western lambs, \$4.50@7.35.

South St. Paul, April 24.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$4.50@5; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.25@4; good to choice feeding steers, \$3.75@4.25; steer calves, \$2 @ 3; good to choice milk cows, \$32@45. Hogs—Price range, \$6.70@7.25; bulk, \$6.85 @ 6.95; light and inferior grades selling at \$6.70@6.85; mixed, \$6.90@7; butcher and heavy, \$7.05@7.25. Sheep—Good to choice shorn lambs, \$6.50@7; culls and stock lambs, \$3@5; good to choice shorn ewes, \$5@5.75; culls and stock ewes, \$3@4.25.

KILLED BY THE MAFIA.

Stepson Declares That His Father Possessed Secrets of the Gang. New York, April 24.—"I believe that my father was killed by the Mafia because he threatened to reveal secrets which had come into his possession. He wrote to us that Morello was his enemy. He knew a great deal about the members of Morello's gang, and I believe that through fear or revenge, or both, they murdered him."

This statement was made by Salvatore Saglimbene, stepson of Benedetto Madonia, victim of the barrel murder. Joseph De Priemo, the convict brother-in-law of Madonia, is to be brought from his cell in Sing Sing prison to look upon the face of the murdered man in the hope that, inspired by a thirst of vengeance, he will reveal the secrets of the Mafia band of counterfeiters now under arrest.

MURDERER IS CRUCIFIED.

Chinese Desperado Confesses to Sixty Murders.

Victoria, B. C., April 24.—Advice of the crucifixion of a Chinese desperado in Kwang Tung who confessed to sixty murders. When he confessed to so many crimes it was decided that decapitation was too lenient a punishment and he was crucified. He was nailed by his hands to a wooden cross and placed on one of the cedar bridges as a warning to malefactors. He lingered for three days.

Poor Crops in Prussia.

Berlin, April 24.—The corn report of Prussia, made up to April 15, shows the condition to be worse than in 1902. Much damage is reported from mice, snails and frost. Seventeen per cent of wheat acreage will be plowed up.

Army Officer Suicides.

Manila, April 24.—Lieut. Col. Henry W. Spole of the First cavalry shot himself in the head with a revolver and died immediately afterward. His brother officers say he was temporarily insane.

How He Saved His Money.

A story comes from South Africa of how an elderly English miner saved his little fortune from the hands of the Boers. When the war was on the verge of breaking out he made up his mind to leave the Transvaal for Natal.

He had to carry all his money with him, and knew that the Boers would certainly take every penny they could find from him. So he hammered his gold into clasps and clamps for his box, nailed them on, and gave them a good coating of paint. As he expected, he fell into the hands of the enemy, and his box was thoroughly searched. But the trick was never suspected, and he got his £300 worth of gold in safety to British territory.

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