

THE COMMON CENTER.

MINNESOTA, THE EMPIRE STATE OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST, HER RESOURCES AND PROSPECTS.

St. Paul, Minn., April 26.—In the hope that it may not be altogether uninteresting to your numerous readers...

Geographically, this state is very near the center of the North American continent—midway between the Atlantic and Pacific, Hudson Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

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Not only every state in the Union but every nation upon earth has representatives in the population of Minnesota.

The agricultural development of Minnesota excites the richest and most favorable climate. Wheat is the prominent cereal cultivated and embraced 66.59 per cent of the crops produced in 1880.

Hardly second to the grain-growing interest is that of stock-raising. The best breeds of blooded stock are being introduced in all localities, and with the fine pasturage and abundance of water and favorable climate live-stock raising must become a leading interest.

Although the leading industries of the State are agriculture and lumbering, the manufacturing branch is rapidly becoming important. Its main products are the products of lumber in various shapes, flour, agricultural machinery, etc.

The building of railroads has been very rapid and successful. At the close of 1883 there were 5,009 miles of railroads in operation in the State.

There are extensive and valuable mineral deposits in Minnesota. Building material, granite, brownstone, limestone, sandstone, brick, clay, cement and potter's clay are abundant.

EDUCATION AND JUDICIARY. In no State is more liberal provision made for education than in Minnesota.

The Supreme Court consist of the Chief and five Associate Justices. Appeals may be taken from any judgment or order in civil cases or criminal prosecutions in the District Courts.

Foreign Landholders in the United States. Senator Van Wyck has introduced a bill regarding the ownership of land by foreigners.

Young Lincoln's Intended Ruff. Washington Correspond. Mail and Express. It is generally agreed that Arthur will lead on the first ballot at Chicago, with Blaine second and Grant third.

THE SYSTEM OF LAND LAWS. In Minnesota is well-nigh perfect. The division of each county into townships, and these subdivided into sections and fractions thereof, makes the whole system simple and easily understood.

protection is given in almost every possible manner to the farming and agricultural interest. As a member of special interest to your readers, I send you a slip showing the growth and prosperity of Duluth, made famous by his celebrated speech in Congress.

The house committee on Public buildings and grounds reported favorably to the house the bill authorizing the erection of a public building at Duluth not to exceed a cost of \$100,000.

It is a city at the western extremity of Lake Superior, and in population and commercial importance ranks next to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

In the year 1860, standing at the door of the Capitol of Minnesota, Wm. H. Seward said: "I find myself for the first time upon the high land in the center of the continent of North America, equidistant from the waters of Hudson Bay and the Gulf of Mexico."

The following condensed statistics in connection with these prophetic utterances will give some idea of the growth and business of St. Paul and the northwest.

Population of St. Paul in 1850 was 840; in 1855, 2,300; in 1860, 4,498; in 1865, 10,000. Buildings erected in 1883 St. Paul ranks next to New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago, the actual amount being \$1,988,950.

New business houses established in 1883, 608. New business houses erected, 394, costing \$282,500.

Number of business houses in 1879, 570; in 1881, 1,030. Number of business houses in 1883, 1,825, with a total minimum capital of \$74,400,000.

Increase of manufactures—1870, 88 houses, 98 employees, \$1,611,378 products; 1883, 283 houses, 17,000 employees, \$93,000,000 products.

Growth of custom-house business, 1879, \$11,821,566; 1883, \$74,016,000. Growth of post office business: Gross income in 1848, 3,800; in 1858, \$58,922; in 1868, \$1,245,037; in 1878, \$4,077,000.

Railroad growth: Costs of improvements made by St. Paul roads in 1883, \$25,386,500; passenger trains in and out of St. Paul daily, 163; railway making St. Paul principal depot for all new roads seeking entrance into St. Paul.

Increase of banking business: Bank capital in 1870, \$900,000; 1883, \$5,500,000; average deposits in 1870, \$1,417,921; 1883, \$11,897,591 by national banks alone.

Health statistics: In 1880, 11,665; fifty-one healthy districts in England for 34 years; 17, New York, 24,300; Cincinnati, 17,821; Washington, 24,300; average of the world, 21. T. T. ALEXANDER.

Professional Fitts. From the New York Morning Journal. William Roberts was placed on trial in the general sessions to answer a charge of burglary.

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Personal Reminiscences and Anecdotes of a Great Pennsylvanian. Lancaster (Pa.) Cent. Philadelphia Times.

More than half a century ago Thaddeus Stevens came from the green hills of Vermont to York to fill the position of teacher of classical studies in the York academy, which was then a celebrated institution of learning.

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France Letter to Philadelphia Press. Louisa de la Ramee is of French extraction her grandfather having been a Frenchman; but she is English on both sides of the house, having been born at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, 43 years ago.

Far up that ancient river Italy, on either side, a small village where almost every house has a man at work in Constantinople; for the farming of these villages is just as ancient as the river, and needs outside help to hold its own year after year.

These Armenian women and girls which they left behind them, are usually robust, as well as the men. Indeed, anyone born there with a fair complexion dies before long running this gamut of disease and death.

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