ST. PAUL NEWS.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Report of the City Engineer for August.

Batch of Assessments Confirmed--Specifications Approved, Etc.

At the regular meeting last evening all the members were present but Messrs. Hoyt and Koch, and Mr. Farrington presiding the following business was transacted:

The following assessments were confirmed: Sewer on Oak street, from Walnut to Sherman street; grading alley in block 30, Kittson's addition; grading Douglas street, from Ramsey street to Goodrich avenue; sewer on Jackson street, from Fourteenth to Fifteenth street; change of grade on Concord street, from Andrew to Arthur street.

The assessment for constructing a sewer on Tenth street, from Cedar to Minnesota street, was completed, and the clerk authorized to give confirmation notice.

The matter of the assessment for widening, opening and straightening Mississippi street from Grove street to Nash street, was adjourned to Sept. 15.

The petition of Blodgett & Osgood, and the majority of the property owners assessed for the grading of Locust street, that Contractor Nash, who did his work well and at a low price, giving universal satisfaction, have paid him the $140 penalty put upon him for not having the work done at a stated time, was placed on file.

The matter of the opening and extension of Bedford street, from North to Hopkins street, and the communication of John Wagener, asking that this improvement be made, was taken up and discussed, and the same was referred to the whole board to view the premises.

The engineer was instructed to send a bill of the cost of repairing Eighth street, $250, to the street car company for payment, said car company having made said repairs necessary by removing its tracks.

The following report of the city engineer was read, accepted and ordered transmitted to the council:

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, ST. PAUL, Sept. 5, 1884.

Board of Public Works, St. Paul:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith report work in charge of this department during the month of August, 1884.

Following is the list of contracts in progress, showing contract price and the estimates allowed on each during the month:

Contract.	Contract price.	Estimate allowed.
GRADING.		
Rice street	$46,490 00	$6,800 00
Seventh street	138,000 00	17,850 00
Dakota avenue	27,776 00	2,550 00
Aurora avenue	3,250 00	1,380 00
Hudson avenue	11,750 00	510 00
Winifred and Starkey streets	23,960 00	3,060 00
Locust street	1,775 00	1,445 00
Josette street	2,965 00	1,530 00
Rondo street	2,400 00	1,360 00
Oakdale avenue	14,445 00	3,740 00
Alley, block 30	219 00	219 00
Edmund street	4,975 00	.....
PAVING.		
Broadway	$28,300 00	$9,350 00
St. Peter street	39,300 00	5,950 00
Fifth street	26,000 00	5,950 00
Fifth street, No. 2	2,174 00	
Fourth street	32,990 00	3,400 00
SEWERS.		
Jefferson avenue	$12,000 00	
Rondo street	8,795 00	$1,543 37
Mississippi and Williams streets	4,622 00	2,167 50
Wacouta and Sixth	8,790 00	993 00
Jackson street	1,093 00	680 00
Oak street	1,751 25	212 00
Western avenue	369 00	
Mississippi street, N. 2	1,423 00	
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Wabashaw street bridge	$84,527 00	
Sidewalks	50,000 00	$22,565 28
Total	$580,639 25	$116,447 57

The work is progressing very satisfactorily, most of the contracts being carried forward with sufficient force to insure their completion within contract time.

The largest amount of work done on any one contract is on the Seventh street fill, the fill being made up to the grade of the old bridge, except at the point where the viaduct over the St. Paul & Duluth railroad is being built.

The work of laying sheeting stones on the small arch of the viaduct is in progress and the centering nearly finished preparatory to laying the sheeting stones on the large arch.

In Trout Brook Valley the abutment wall at the west end of the proposed St. Paul & Northern Pacific railroad bridge is finished and work is started on the pier between the right of way of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway and the St. Paul & Northern Pacific railroad. This contract provides that there shall be a roadway not less than twenty feet wide across the fill by the 1st of December, 1884, and that it shall be fully completed by the 1st of May next.

The Rice street grading, the contract time for which expired the 1st of this month, is not yet completed, but is so far advanced as to be easily finished before it is practicable for the railroad company to put up the bridge over their tracks.

The several paving contracts are well under way and are being rapidly pushed to completion. The contractors have had some difficulty in procuring suitable material but are now being supplied with good material and in quantities sufficient to properly carry on the work.

The street and sewer forces have been employed as follows:

Repairing street	$2,213 71
Cleaning street	1,520 25
Repairing sidewalk	182 75
Building crossing	348 77
Repairing crossing	20 00
Cleaning crossing	250 75
Repairing bridges	156 00
Work in parks	79 50
Repairing sewer	63 87
Cleaning sewer	65 78
Repairing C. B.	233 24
Cleaning C. B.	202 26
Market house	30 00
Total	$5,366 98

Work charged to the wards as follows:

First ward	$828 65
Second ward	858 93
Third ward	971 55
Fourth Ward	1,286 34
Fifth ward	872 35
Sixth ward	549 16
Total	$5,366 98

Included in the above cost is an item of $250 for repairs on Eighth street where the street railway company abandoned their track between Sibley and Locust streets. This track was abandoned and the rails taken up, leaving the stringers and ties in the ground, making it necessary to re-surface the street.

The large quantity of mud constantly being dragged in from unpaved cross streets makes it impossible to clean the paved streets by sweeping, so that we are forced to depend entirely upon scraping off the mud with hoes, which at the best is but a makeshift as it only removes a portion of the dirt. Even in this we are greatly bothered by the sprinkling, owing to the fact that it is necessary to even partially clean the pavement that the dirt should be well wetted, and having no control of the sprinkling carts, we are frequently obliged to depend upon the rain for the necessary wetting to admit of its being scraped off.

Another difficulty which adds considerably to the expense is that the men employed in scraping the streets are constantly being driven from their work by passing teams. This can be obviated by doing the work at night, provided, we can arrange to have the streets sufficiently wet at the proper time.

With the increased area of paved streets, when these now under contract are completed, I am of the opinion that it would be desirable next season to experiment with a sweeping machine. By the use of a sweeping machine, which can only be used on a comparatively dry street, the streets can be cleaned between 12 o'clock at night and 6 o'clock in the morning, and so cleaned as to require much less sprinkling during the day, and by preventing their being sprinkled late in the afternoon or evening they would, by 12 o'clock, except in case of rain, be in proper condition for sweeping, resulting, I think, in considerable saving in cost and doing away with the mud now ever present on our best cleaned streets.

Our labor reports for the month show a total of 20,931 days' labor of men, and 4,714 days' labor of teams. The highest number at work on any one day being on the 28th of the month, consisting of 895 men and 211 teams. Notwithstanding the fact that there has been considerable rain during the month our reports show that work has been done each day including Sundays, and that for nineteen days there were over 800 men employed. The lowest record is on the 17th, when there were only 43 men and 10 teams at work. Respectfully,

W. A. SOMERS,
Engineer Board of Public Works.

It was voted the council be asked to repeal the ordinance limiting the amount to be assessed for sewers to $1.75 per foot.

Specifications were examined and approved for grading Banfil street from Seventh to Duke street, and excavating Valley street, from Canada to Fairfield street, and the clerk requested to advertise for bids.

The petition of L. G. Gellett and other property owners on the line of the proposed grading of Canada street between Fourteenth and Valley street, that this grading be not done until the city water pipes are laid therein, was placed on file.

The matter of constructing a sewer on Norris street from Canada to Cooper street at an estimated cost of $1,317, was sent back to the council with a favorable report.

The petition of E. F. Krammerer to use a mna-hole at the corner of Sixth and Oak streets for the purpose of sewrage to a building to be erected by him on Oak street, and the objections of the engineer, recommending that instead a sewer be constructed on Oak street from Fifth to Sixth streets, to be built for an estimated cost of $650, and paid for by an assestment on abating property which would realize $860, was sent to the council asking for the passage of an order.

The grading of Front street from Como avenue to Victoria street, was referred to the full board to view the premises.

The engineer reported a list of lots in several blocks in Rice and Stinson's additions on the proposed list of grading Whithal street which had not released to the city for sloping which must be done before the work is undertaken.

Estimates were appraised and allowed amounting to $3,948. Adjourned.

THEY WERE MARRIED.

And That for the Time Closes Their Tale of Trouble.

A lover's vows, a maiden's tears,
A minute of bliss and a world of tears,
And silly blindness over all,
These, Oh woman! work thy fall.

The poet of the bull pen had just reeled off the above stanza and he was about to tackle a couple of yards more of the muse, when the gavel of hizzoner came down with a thump and the case of John Henry was called. John is a brown faced, horny-handed son of toil, and he was charged with seduction. The maiden, a modest damsel named Mary Burt, had loved not wisely, but too well. It was the old, old racket; they met when the daisies were blooming and when the lark carroled his matin to the budding spring, and he told his tale of love in the good old fashion and she listened to his honeyed words just as thousands of her sex have done before her. Then he left her and went into the country, and the damsel had him brought back on a warrant. He did not look like a bold, bad man, and admitted the soft impeachment and in a manly way said that he had intended to marry her all along. After the crowd had dispersed there was a quiet little wedding, no cards, and Judge Burr gave them his blessing and Fairchild kissed the bride and all was lovely, for the gander hung from the seventh story window.

Mike McNurney used to be a royal good fellow, but the old stuff has paralyzed him and he neglects his business and abuses his wife. He was up yesterday and some one said he had been drunk for six years, so he was sent up for thirty days as a bracer.

Mary Duffy is growing old and the bloom that once shone in her face has faded, and in its place she wears the hectic blossom of booze. She is getting to be an old timer and yesterday the court sent her up for the usual thirty days.

Robert Richardson is a queer little man with a hunchback and a pensive face. But to his natural misfortune he adds the vice of drink, and he was up yesterday for raising ned at the Union depot. He went up for thirty days.

Mike Dugan, another sweet scented bum, was charged with lushing to the brim on tanglefoot, and abusing people on the street. He got fifteen days, and Martin Wallace was sent out for a similar term for being drunk and trying to pound in a door.

Harriet Love was charged with selling liquor without a license at her joint on Robert street, and she was fined twenty-five bills.

At 2 o'clock the trial of C. M. Dutton, charged with obtaining money from Mrs. G. Hewett, particulars of which have appeared in the GLOBE was resumed, and after hearing the evidence he was held to the grand jury in the sum of $1,500.

HARVEST REPORTS.

From the Line of the St. Paul & Manitoba Railway.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

DEVILS LAKE, Sept. 5.—Light rain last night; cool and cloudy this morning; farmers threshing.

St. Thomas—Harvesting nearly over in this section; threshing in progress; heavy rain last night; some hail; have heard of no damage as yet.

Ojata—Cloudy and mild; light rain last night.

Grafton—Very light rain last night.

Minto—Farmers are about through harvesting; quite a number have begun threshing, which so far is turning out twenty-five to thirty bushels per acre, and grades mostly No. 2 hard; cloudy and damp this morning.

Michigan City—Farmers are busy stacking grain; but little or no threshing done here yet; cloudy and mild.

Lakota—Heavy rain last night and some wind; no harm done as known; this morning cloudy and cool; farmers around here have done cutting and are threshing now.

Grandin—Weather the past twenty-four hours cloudy and cool; this morning windy and warm; grain all cut; threshing and stacking going ahead in good shape.

Grand Forks—Weather this forenoon cloudy and signs of rain; threshing in this section going on as usual.

Glyndon—Threshing has been somewhat delayed by the hard rain last night; cloudy and cool this forenoon.

Elizabeth—Harvesting is nearly over with; a good yield; had a light rain last night but it will interfere with harvesting and threshing.

Fergus—Harvesting is about over; threshing is going on rapidly with a good yield; weather cloudy and warm.

Pelican Rapids—If weather continues favorable harvesting will be about finished this week; threshing has been begun; weather clear and warm this forenoon.

FERGUS FALLS DIVISION.

Sauk Centre—Weather clear and cool: grain all stacked; considerable threshing being done.

Eagle Bins—Grain all stacked; no threshing done yet; clear and cool.

Long prairie—Clear and fine; no threshing done yet.

Evansville—The stacking in this section is all done and threshing is commenced; weather clear and windy.

Osseo—No changes in crops.

Monticello—No change in crops.

A Case in the Wrong Court.

Judge McGrorty filed an order yesterday granting the motion to dismisss the petition of Robert A. Smith for an order directing John Jones as executor of the will of Wm. L. Mintzer, deceased, to convey to petitioner lot 2, block 19, Robert and Randall's addition to St. Paul, a valuable property near Hotel Ryan. The petition was filed under chapter 58 of Young's statutes, but the judge held that by reason of the special matters pleaded in the petition and the nature of the relief therein prayed, the probate court has no jurisdiction to entertain the petition or grant such relief. The petition sets forth that on the 19th of March, 1883, Mintzer was the owner of the lot subject to certain pretended tax titles held by Anna R. Mintzer, his wife, and subject also to the contingent statuatory interest of his wife in case of his death leaving her surviving. That on said day the said deceased, by John R. Burkhart, his duly authorized agent, sold and contracted to convey said lot to C. M. Dittman for $5,000, and that Mintzer died before the contract could be executed, and that Aug. 8, 1883, Dittman assigned the contract to the petitioner for a valuable consideration; that by reason of the death of Mintzer the title to an undivided one-third of his real estate was vested in Anna R. Mitzner, the widow; that the widow now refuses to convey her interest or to comply with the contract. The petion also claims that the value of the lot is diminished by the existence of the tax titles, and alleges that it would require at least $200 expense in litigation to clear said titles from off the property. The petitioner asks the decree of the court directing the executor to convey the lot to him, and if the executor should be unable to execute a conveyance that will convey said lot in fee simple, free of the claim of the widow, then that he be directed to convey such interest as can be transferred by his deed, and that petitioner be allowed a proportionate abatement from the agreed purchase price of the lot.

The Democratic State Central Committee.

To the Editor of the Globe.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 5, 1884.—Will you kindly give me space to correct an error in your report of the meeting of the Democratic state central committee—an error for which I was responsible—in giving the names of the committee present and absent. In the report the name of Horace Pratt, of Faribault, Rice county, was omitted. Mr. Pratt intended to be present at the meeting, but in the pressure of his private business affairs leading to a hasty reading of the call for the meeting, had received the impression that the call was for 7 p. m., instead of 2 p. m. For the benefit of all concerned in the cause of Democracy, Cleveland and Hendricks, "Tell the Truth," and reform, in Minnesota, I append the names of the central committee: Hon. Michael Doran, chairman; J. C. Oswald, Minneapolis; C. F. Buck, Winona; J. P. Kennedy, Fergus Falls; C. F. MacDonald, St. Cloud; T. G. Mealey, Monticello; F. E. DuTolt, Chaska; Peter Nelson, Red Wing; Horace Pratt, Faribault; A. J. Lamberton, St. Peter; A. Oppenheim, St. Paul; J. F. Meagher, Mankato; H. R. Wells, Preston; W. M. Campbell, Litchfield; Wm. Smith, Red Lake Falls. Respectfully,

JAMES D. WOOD, Secretary.

THE COURTS.

District Court.

[By Judge Simons.]

H. A. Loverin vs. Cotts Bros.; judgment of $314.60 for plaintiff for balance due on contract for furnishing a quantity of cord wood.

[By Judge Brill.]

Geo. J. Hanley vs. Wm. J. Woolsey; on motion by plaintiff for a receiver; motion denied on the ground that the property sought to be reached if exempt as a homestead, cannot be reached in this manner, and if not exempt that there is no difficulty in selling it in the ordinary way.

TRANSCRIPT OF JUDGMENT FILED.

John C. Hunter, as assignee of the estate of Wilhelmina S. Douglas, respondent, vs. the Cleveland Co-operative Store company, appellant; judgment for respondent of $44.50.

FINAL ACCOUNT FILED.

In the matter of the assignment of J. De Graw & Sons; final account of Philip Riley, assignee, filed.

COMPLAINTS FILED.

Northwestern Fuel company vs. Livingston Brothers: action to recover $347.74 for goods sold and delivered.

Moline Plow company vs. J. Ross Nicols assignee of H. L. Pilkington and Julius Hornback, partners as Pilkington & Co.; action to recover balance due as agents for the sale of plaintiff's goods in the state of Minnesota and county of Dakota, north of the forty-sixth parallel, which the assignee refuses to pay unless a deduction of $496.21, the account of J. B. Easter & Co., is made, wcich it is claimed said Pilkington guaranteed payment of. The full balance sued for is $1,656.98 with interest in the sums of $1,208.-24 and $448.

Probate Court.

[Before Judge McGrorty.]

Estate of Adam Gotzian, deceased; arguments of counsel heard upon construction of will and matter taken under advisement.

Estate of Mary Grace, deceased; bond filed and approved, letters issued and notice given to creditors.

Estate of Frank Brewer, deceased; P. T. Kavanaugh and R. O. Strong appointed appraisers.

Estate of Lucius D. Allyn, deceased; bond filed and approved and letters issued.

Estate of Wm. L. Mintzer, deceased; order denying petition of Robert A. Smith for conveyance made.

Estate of F. W. Frohne, deceased; order disallowing claim of R. E. Jenken, assignee, made.

Municipal Court.

(Before Judge Burr.)

R. Richardson, N. McNerney and M. Duffy, drunk and disorderly; committed for thirty days.

M. Duggan, drunk; fine remitted.

M. Wallaee, drunk and disorderly; fine of $15 paid.

C. O'Donnell, drunkenness; committed for five days.

Thos. Kinney, same; ten days.

A. Love, selling liquor without a license; fine of $25 paid.

J. Henry, seduction; discharged.

C. Wisner et al, disorderly; discharged.

C. M. Dittman, larceny; held to the grand jury.

Real Estate and Building.

The following transfers of real estate by warrantee deed were filed by registry yesterday:

John A. Sabin to Annie Kradel, lot 1 and N ½ of lot 2, block 6, Sabin Garden Lots, $1,500.

James M. Dean to Geo. B. Dunbar, lot 8, block 16, Brunson's addition, $5,000.

Wm. H. Lightner to W. W. Thomas, lots 8 and 15, block 22, Marshall's addition to West St. Paul, $825.

Andrew H. Kittell to Peter Foss, ten acres in section 30, town 30, range 23, $1,388.

Same to Peter A. Peterson, twenty acres section 30, town 30, range 23, $3,000.

F. L. Ahern to Henry Schuman, part of lots 1 and 2, block 2, Tinker's addition, $2,800.

Annie Kradel to John A. Sabin, lot 14, block 106, Lyman Dayton's addition, $2,000.

Building Permits.

The following permits to build were issued by Inspector Johnson, viz.:

THURSDAY.

Peter Rothansen, two one and a half story frame dwellings on south side of Susan, between Greenwood and state streets, cost $900 each, $1,800.

F. X. Seguin, two story frame tenement on west side of Robertson, between Chicago and Indiana avenues, cost $1,500.

F. Link, one story frame shed and porch to dwelling on west side of Winslow, between Page and Tyler streets, cost $100.

D. Casey, one story frame addition on east side of De Soto, between Case and York streets, cost $40.

Chas. Kruppell, two story frame addition south side of Burns, between Earl and Clermont streets, cost $200.

R. C. Libby & Co., two story frame barn on south side of Cascade, between Oneida and Duke streets, cost $600.

FRIDAY.

Henry Hochansen, one and a half story frame stable on north side of Sherburne avenue, between Park avenue and Rice streets, cost $100.

Charles Brache, one and a half story frame store and dwelling on south side of East Seventh street, between Beach and Mendota streets, cost $500.

Herman Haupt, Jr., two story frame dwelling on east side West Seventh street, between Logan and Snelling avenues, cost $2,500.

John Marty, two story brick stable on south side of East Seventh street, between Kittson and Willius streets, cost $800.

Nels Nelson, one story frame kitchen on west side of Woodbridge, between Millford and Atwater streets, cost $75.

J. A. De Pew, one and a half story frame dwelling on west side of Burr, between Minnehaha and Farquier avenues, cost $1,000.

E. H. Cutler, one story frame cow shed on south side of Summit avenue, between Walnut and Sherburne avenue, cost $60.

Rheaume & St. Pierre, one story brick of stores and dwellings on south side of East Seventh, between Minnesota and Robert street, cost $2,800.

Special Bulletin for August.

SIGNAL OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY, September 1, 1884.

During the month of August the mean temperature was slightly above the average in New England and 3 deg. 6 min. above in the north Pacific coast region; also at Mount Washington, where it was 0 deg. 8 min. above, and at Fort Stockton, Texas, where it was 1 deg. 5 min. above; it was normal in the middle and south Pacific coast regions, and below the normal in all other districts varying from 0 deg. 1 min. to 4 deg. 4 min.; it was more than 2 deg. below the normal in Tennessee, the lake region, upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys, the western plains, and Salt Lake City; the Missouri valley having the greatest departure, viz., 4 deg. 4 min.

The rainfall has been in excess of the average for previous years in New England, the upper lake region, upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys, the extreme northwest, and the western plaims, the south Pacific coast region, and Mount Washington. The greatest excess occurred in New England, the extreme northwest, eastern Colorado and Kansas, Indian Territory, and on Mount Washington; there was a deficiency in all other regions, the greatest defiency being throughout the southern and middle Atlantic states, Tennessee, and the Rio Grande valley.

Droughts have been reported in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, where crops have been somewhat damaged.

Frosts occurred in northern Dakota and Minnesota on the night of the 25th, and were reported in the press as having occurred in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Long Island, New York, and New Jersey on the 8th and 9th; also in southwestern Dakota on the 21st, and in Michigan on the 10th.

On the 21st severe local storms, with hail, occurred in Virginia, New York, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Massachusetts; also at Pittsburg, Pa., on the 16th: in Wisconsin on the 2nd, and at Moorhead, Minn.

Thunder and lightning, with heavy rains, were reported in nearly all sections.

W. B. HAZEN,
Brig. & Bvt. Maj. Gen'l.
Chief Signal Officer, U. S. A

Sitting Bull—The Opera House Episode Denied.

To the Editor of the Globe:

A small paragraph appeared in the GLOBE yesterday about an attempt which was alleged to have been made at the Grand Opera house a few evenings since, to shoot Sitting Bull. On investigation we find it was simply the ravings of an intoxicated man, who was really too drunk to shoot anybody, except to shoot off his mouth, and that hurt nobody but himself. We can see no reason why Sitting Bull should not have the privilege of visiting and seeing our city like any other visitor. He never massacred a white; he always kept away from the agencies; he never partook of the bounty of the government; and in the late battle he simply made a straight, square fight in the defense of his wife, children and people, which was forced upon him by the troops, and having more Indians than whites he won the battle. This is an historical fact, so after all Bull is not as bad an Indian as he has been painted.

Washburn Port List.

[Special Telegram to the Globe.]

WASHBURN, Wis., Sept. 5.—The Nyack arrived from Duluth and cleared for Buffalo with flour. The Empire State arrived from Buffalo with merchadise and cleared for Duluth.

THE RAILROADS.

Meeting Called to Consider the Tripartite and Other Complications.

A meeting of the committee of general managers of western roads, appointed at the managers' meeting in Chicago a short time ago to devise a plan for the settlement of tripartite and other complications, has at last been called by the chairman of the committee, Mr. J. C. McMullin, of the Alton. The meeting will be held at the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago, Sept. 15, and a general meeting of the roads interested in the business east and west of the Missouri will be held the following day. If the committee fails to devise a plan by which the existing difficulties can be overcome, the general meeting will have nothing to do but to adjourn, as without a definite plan it will be impossible to discuss intelligently the questions to be settled. The roads are all anxious to have the difficulties settled and paying rates restored on all business. But still great doubts are entertained that anything will be accomplished. The new position recently taken by the Chicago & Northwestern regarding its Sioux City & Pacific line has unsettled all plans previously made, and it will be no easy matter to harmonize the interests of this road with those of the other tripartite roads. The other tripartite complications will not be so difficult of adjustment, as the Rock Island, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and other eastern allies of the Union Pacific seem to be willing to waive their right to make through rates to Utah, Colorado, and Pacific coast business, provided the Union Pacific will absolve those roads from the requirement to give it all through business. If the Union Pacific, however, refuses to concede this, its eastern allies will insist upon their right to make through rates, as they cannot afford to give up the only advantage they have for giving the Union Pacific all their through business. These questions must be settled before anything can be done regarding Utah, Colorado, or California business.

The Transcontinental association will also meet again in this city September 16, to take action regarding the proposed reorganization of the association in case the tripartite roads should be able to adjust their difficulties.

Transporting Cattle.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Acting Commissioner of Agriculture Carman has issued the following circular relative to the prevention of the spread of Texas fever among cattle:

In view of the recent outbreak of Texas or southern cattle fever in the stockyards of Kansas City and Chicago, and other points in Illinois and Kansas, I respectfully recommend, at the urgent request of a large number of practical and experienced operators, who believe this disease to be transmitted by cars on the lines of transportation, and by contaminated yards and pens, that all cars used in the transportation of cattle from points along the border of southern Colorado, Kansas, southern Missouri and southern Kentucky, northward be thoroughly washed and disinfected. Also that all cars used on lines east of Kansas city, St. Louis or Chicago for the transportation of stock from points south to those mentioned above or eastward be washed and disinfected immediately after unloading, and further that all yards used for penning or feeding such cattle from south of the points designated shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected twice a week, or oftener. These precautions are regarded highly essential, as the feeders purchase all cattle for their winter stable and feeding during the season from August 1 to December 1.

The Rate War.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—There was a conference to-day between the railroad magnates Thompson, Ledyard, King, Blanchard, Harnolt, Newell and Hayden, but its results could not be ascertained. Manager Hickson, of the Grand Trunk, and Vice President Blanchard, of the Erie, repudiate the dispatch said to have been sent to Chicago by Commissioner Fink, declaring the war opened by their roads. It is said the Grand Trunk line has notified the commissioner that it is not satisfied with its award and demands a revision.

Rail Notes.

Mr. Manvel, general manager of the St. Paul & Manitoba road, has gone to Chicago.

C. H. Warren, general pasenger agent of the St. Paul & Manitoba, has gone to Winnipeg.

Wm. H. Bovell, ticket clerk at the Union depot, and S. W. Shirrell, of the Royal route, have gone to Montreal.

The gross earnings of the Northern Pacific for August decreased $26,728; the earnings of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy for July decreased $142,160; the earnings of the Chicago & Alton for the fourth week in August decreased $16,-518, and for the mouth of August, $27,453.

The resignation of Mr. Charles Francis Adams, Jr., as trunk line arbitrator, which is now officially announced, has been generally expected ever since he became president of the Union Pacific. The impression prevails that Commissioner Albert Fink will be elected arbitrator.

Massachusetts leads all the states in passenger traffic traffic, her roads having carried last year 53,000,000 people. Pennsylvania is second with 50,000,000; New York third, with 44,000,000, exclusive of elevated roads in New York city; Illinois fourth, with 25,000,000; New Jersey fifth, and Ohio sixth.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago & Atlantic railway for the election of a board of directors was held at Huntington, Ind. Thursday. The following directors were elected: H. J. Jewett, C. L. Atterbury, John King, Jr., Jacob H. Schiff, and O. W. Childs of New York, George J. Bippus of Huntington, T. A. Lewis of Indianapolis, J. M. Adams of Cleveland, and C. C. Waite of Cincinnati. The new board will meet soon in New York for the election of officers.

The fact is now out that at the meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company at Boston Aug. 19, Mr. T. J. Potter was promoted from third vice-president to first vice-president. Mr. Potter will continue to hold the title of general manager of all the Burlington lines, both east and west of the Missouri river. Mr. Peasly, the treasurer of the company, will continue to hold the position of second vice-president. The third vice-presidency has been abolished.

The annual report of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago shows 758.55 miles of track in operation, nearly all of which is laid with steel rails. It has 303 locomotives, 157 passenger coaches, 7,655 freight cars. The total revenue-yielding tonnage for the year is 5,084,708 tons. The total earnings for the line have been $10,-077,635; operating expenses $6,552,965; net earnings, $3,524,670; a decrease for the year of 24.39 per cent. Twelve people have been killed and 118 injured. There have been 346 train accidents, of which 193 were derailments and 42 collisions.

Incorporations.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state yesterday, of the Madison Townsite company, for buying, owning, improving, selling and dealing in lands, tenements and hereditaments, real, mixed and personal estate and property, including the buying and dedication of town sites, and improving, dealing, owning and selling of town lots. The principal place of business is to be the village of Madison, in Lacqui Parle county, which is to commence September 8, 1884, for a period of thirty years. The capital stock is placed at $10,000, divided into 200 shares of $50 each, and the highest amount of indebtedness is limited to $2,000. The incorporators are Herbert L. Hayden, Wm. W. Rhodes, Jacob F. Jacobson, John B. Oadson, Hans A. Larson, Walter I. Garnham and Charles Halnorson, of Lacqui Parle, John Anderson, of Madison, and Lane K. Stoue, of St. Paul. The first board of directors are Jacob F. Jacobson, Herbert E. Hayden and Hans A. Larson.

Quick Settlement.

On the 8th of August J. De Grau & Sons, the St. Paul lumber dealers, assigned their property to Philip Riley for the benefit of their creditors, which property was bid off and sold by the assignee to S. G. Cook for $22,000 cash, and which sum constituted their entire assets, their total liabilities being $42,000. Every creditor stepped promptly up and accepted fifty cents on the dollar and was paid, and yesterday W. H. Mead, Esq., Mr. Riley's attorney, filed the latter's final account as assignee of De Grau & Sons in the office of the clerk of the district court, the whole matter having been adjusted in the remarkably quick time of thirty days from the date of the assignment. It has taken every cent of the firm of De Grau & Sons to pay up. They are now free, and it is to be hoped will gather themselves together again and take a fresh start for that success in business which their honest and honorable conduct deserves.

The Gotzian Will Case.

The matter of the claim of Mrs. Josephine Gotzian, wife of Adam Gotzian, deceased, that according to the phraseology of her husband's will she is entitled to what it bequeaths to her and also to what the law would allow her had no will been made, was argued by counsel before Judge McGrorty of the probate court yesterday and taken under advisement.

C. D. O'Brien, Esq., appeared for Mrs. Gotzian, and claimed that under the construction of said will that she takes not only the devises and bequests given her by it, but also one-third of all other real estate of which her husband died seized; that what she took was cumulative, and that she took not only under the will but the law. The counsel further claimed that there was a different state of facts in this case from those appearing in the Washburn will case.

Greenleaf Clark, Esq., who appeared for the other devisees named in the instrument, claimed that this was a case in which the widow would be compelled to take either under the will or under the law, but that she could not take under both.

Rice Park Concert.

The following is the programme of the concert to be given by the Great Western band to-night at Rice park:

1. March, "Color Guard" ..... Casey
2. Overture, "The Fiddler of St. Waast" ..... Herrmann
3. Waltz, "La Barcarolle" ..... Waldteufel
4. { a Song without words ..... Franke
   { b May Pole Dance ..... Missud
5. Overture, "Orpheus and Eurydice" ..... Offenbach
6. Potpourri, "Gems of Scotland" ..... Cavallini
7. Selection from "Maritana" ..... Wallace
8. Galop, "High Ho!" ..... Weingarten

STATE FAIR NOTES.

Getting Ready for the Great Exhibition—Putting the Grounds and Buildings in Order.

[Special Correspondence of the Globe.]

OWATONNA, Sept. 5.—The poultry building is altogether too small and large additions are being made.

The Deering company has erected a large flag staff on their building.

The Red Wing Pottery company will make a big exhibit and manufature stone ware on the grounds.

The Osgood Scale company will exhibit their new patent scale and do the weighing for the society.

Rowell & Co., of Beaver Dam, Wis., will exhibit their seeders, mowers, plows, etc.

Supt. Howe, of the agricultural department, informs us that all the space west and south of the main building is taken, and will be filled by farm machinery.

Emerson, Talcott, Johnson & Co., Rockford, Ill., will exhibit their platform binder, binding grain without elevating it.

The Austin and La Crosse boards of trade have been assigned special days, and will spend the entire day on the grounds. Albert Lea will meet the St. Paul Jobbers here Wednesday.

Monday will be children's day; all under twelve free.

Eight hundred flags and streamers have been presented by citizens for street decoration next week.

Silas Wright and Herod.

[Special Telegram to the Globe.]

ROCHESTER, Sept. 5.—The following telegram sent from the Rochester fair grounds yesterday, is in answer to a proposition from Mr. R. Judson for the celebrated Minnesota stallions, Silas Wright, owned at Rochester by Simonds & Clough, and Herod, owned at Preston by M. T. Gratton, to trot at Owatonna during the state fair next week, for a special purse of $400. The famous record of 2:24½, made by Herod on Wednesday at Rochester, and the well known fact that these two famous roadsters are very evenly matched, will lend an unusual degree of interest to the this contest. The horses will be driven at Owatonna as they were at Rochester by their owners, and it will be without doubt the most exciting race ever trotted by Minnesota horses. The drivers both pledge themselves to drive to win, and those who know them and also the fact that they are rival horses will understand that the race is for blood.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Sept. 4.—R. C. Judson, Secretary State Agricultural Society, Owatonna, Minn.: We will accept your proposition and pledge ourselves to drive to win.

C. M. CLOUGH.
M. T. GRATTAN.

WASECA.

[Special Correspondence of the Globe.]

WASECA, Sept. 5.—Splendid weather, no better could be had for fairs or threshing. All reports so far are of large yields, twenty to twenty-seven bushels per acre.

A large number of Wasecaians at Minneapolis this week and at Rochester. More will go to Owatonna next week.

MaKenna is quite sick, being confined to the house, but his numerous friends hope his illness will be of short duration.

Messrs. Morse and Graham are working up the county exhibit to the State fair with a will, but it may not prove to be as much of a show as we wish.

Mr. A. H. Kenyon, one of Dakota's solid men, has been in the city the past week.

Doc Foster, the most efficient marshal this city ever had, has resigned—too much red tape.

Business is looming up and if prices of wheat would come up, the farmers would be happy.

Another old settler gone to his last home. Mr. Patrick Healey, of Blooming Grove, died Monday night aged sixty seven years. Mr. Healey came here in 1856 and was one of the best known citizens whose honesty and integrity was without blemish. He leaves a family of wife and six children, Mrs. McLaughin and Flynn, and ex-Marshal Healey, of this city, the other three are at home. This loss will be severely felt in this county, for old Pat Healey's (as he was familiarly called) place is vacant.

Yesterday morning the city was thrown into a fever of excitement over the wholesale destruction of canines. Some misecrant who should be consigned to Hades distributed all over the city meat containing poison, and many valuable dogs paid the penalty.

We learn that Mr. A. H. Brandt, of Woodville, contemplates removing into the city this fall.

You should see Frank McMahon's new drag. It is a beauty and Frank is as proud of it a boy with a new top. N. J. Breen & Son were the builders.

Democratic Prospects in Ohio.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Senators Gorman, Jones and B. B. Smalley were in charge of the Democratic national headquarters to-day. State Senator James Pierce said: "I have been spending some time in Maine, and I believe Reed will be beaten for congress. I was surprised to find so many Republicans there against Blaine. The Blaine Republicans are, however, making desperate efforts for a large majority." Gen. Durbin Ward, Ohio, said: "We have hopes of Ohio; we have carried it in the last two elections, and I see no evidence of defection. We have, unfortunately, our own internal feuds and strifes in the state, but they are rather personal and will not affect the canvass. Of course we will have difficulty in carrying the state. We have never carried it in any presidential contest for years. We have not carried it twice in succession until this last two years. This fact gives me hope that the gain is permanent.

River Improvement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Major King, corps engineer in charge of the rivers in Tennesse and Kentucky made the annual report appended as a tabulated statement of the work contemplated, the money available and the money asked for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884:

	Available.	Asked for.
Tennesse river, removing obstruction	$3,091	$20,000
Cumberland river, removing obstruction	7,561	50,000
Hiwasssee river	2,631	5,000
French Broad, improving channel 3	3,500	1,500
Clinch, removing obstruction	5,080	5,400
South Fork Cumberland, emoving rocks	5,255	10,000

Shot His Mistress.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 5.—Thomas J. Libby, proprietor of the Westpoint house, Preutsneck, Scarborough, and married, came to a hotel here last night with Lydia Snow, who is reported to have worked at his house. This morning four shots were heard in his room, and on looking over the door both were seen lying on the floor. On entering the room it was found Libby had fired two or three shots at her, one of which passed through the left cheek and lodged in her head. Another passed through the partition into the next room. He then shot himself behind the ear, inflicting a slight wound. He was arrested and was in a clear state of mind, there being no evidence of liquor.

Association of College Alumni.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5.—The Association of Collegiate Alumni is in session to-day. A paper was presented by Miss