

THE NORTH WEST.

Dakota's Constitutional Convention at Sioux Falls Finally Gets Down to Business.

Completion of the Preliminary Details and Only Routine Work Expected for Some Time.

Burglars Follied at Superior--Accident at Spring Valley--A Serious Assault.

News From Various Points of the Northwest Gleaned by Globe Correspondents.

The Dakota Convention.

SIoux FALLS, Dak., Sept. 10.--The convention was called to order at 10:05, and opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Jamieson, and after the reading of the journal the president announced the appointment of four stenographers, and also the following as the committee on prohibitory laws: Kingsbury, Goddard, Owens, Minchaba. More of Beadle, Jessup, Flicht, Waltan of Brookings, Dow of Brown, Lankenaweller of Hughes, Phillips of Lawrence, Gault of McPherson. Two new members having accepted their seats, making the total membership ninety. The report of the committee on printing, on the subject of procuring the printing of the journal each day, showing that it could be done at a cost of about \$8 per day, was read and the appointment of a transcribing clerk, Chairman Neil stated that this committee had been authorized to make any recommendation in the premises, voicing the sentiment of the committee, he thought the printing should be procured as the report indicated. The report of the committee and the subject of the daily printing of the journal brought out some little sparring between Judges Brookings and Moody in favor and Taylor of Lincoln against the move, but the former finally prevailed, and they proceeded to instruct the committee to contract and procure the printing of the daily journal, as per their report. Ward of Hughes made a very timely motion that the several standing committees proceed without delay to the work of their respective duties, which was adopted. Taylor of Lincoln introduced a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the president to appoint a standing committee on impeachments and removal of officers. Haines of Turner introduced a resolution to appoint an engraving clerk. Myers of Spink asked for and was granted a leave of absence for a few days. Ward of Yankton moved the convention do now proceed to assign the hour and place of their respective committees, upon the adoption of which the convention took a recess of thirty minutes. Upon being called to order a general assignment was announced. Moody of Lawrence moved that the committee on printing procure 500 copies extra of the daily journal, to be at the adjournment of the convention, bound and distributed. This was amended, by motion of Taylor of Lincoln, to have 500 extra and so adopted. At 1:00 o'clock noon the convention adjourned. The convention is now fully under way and the work before it will be principally in committee. Its daily routine proceeding will be of little interest to the public until the constitution is announced and ready for presentation.

Burglars at Superior.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Sept. 10.--An attempt was made last night to rob the postoffice. The burglars succeeded in getting the back door unlocked, but were unable to get in on account of the door being barred. The front door had also been tampered with. Another attempt was made on the residence of H. B. Snyder, who lives alone and is supposed to have considerable wealth about him. The robbers were scared away before they accomplished anything.

Assaulted a Conductor.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 10.--J. B. Owen, a conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, was assaulted on the street in Green Bay, Wis., last night by a man who threw vitriol in his face, destroying one eye and badly burning his face. A man has been arrested on suspicion, but there is no positive evidence against him. There is much excitement over the affair.

Struck by Lightning.

BOZEMAN, Mont., Sept. 10.--A packer named Scott, with a rope, was killed by lightning at Yellowstone lake Sunday. Mr. Renshaw, the chief of the party, and another man were struck also. It is reported that both were paralyzed. Scott was a respected citizen of Bozeman, an old prospector, and came from Illinois. He was buried in the lake shore.

A Throat Cutting Scene.

DEBUEQUE LA, Sept. 10.--A well-known tough of this city, named Coffey, got into an altercation with a laborer at the East side railroad camp last evening and during the melee Coffey pulled out a razor and cut the throat of the other man. The murderer escaped, but is being hunted up by the sheriff.

Serious Accident.

SPRING VALLEY, Minn., Sept. 10.--A five-year-old son of W. W. Washburn of the Palace grocery nearly severed his left hand from his wrist by falling upon the master rolls of another. The country fair will be held at this place Sept. 17, 18 and 19. A fine exhibit of stock and farm products is looked for. A base ball tournament, military parade and sham battle will be attractive features of the fair. ... Chicago parties of relatives to the county fair. Recommendations have been completed for the starting of a new banking house here. They will open up business as soon as the necessary furniture can arrive. The new bank at Mellette has begun operations and a second at Daland is about to open, all of which seem to indicate that despite some dissensions Spink county is rapidly increasing her wealth. ... The farmers' elevator at this place will begin buying, storing and shipping wheat this week. This a joint stock co-operative venture, similar to the one so successfully conducted at Mellette last year. Seven similar companies now carry on dealings more or less extensive at various points in this county. A movement is on foot to organize these into a federal union for mutual assistance and protection. ... The intermediate and primary schools of the county school opened on Monday. It differed with a principal who had been hired and will not teach, and another who has not been hired and wants to teach seems likely to keep the school open for some time. ... The Conservative estimates of the wheat yield of this county place it at seventeen bushels to the acre, making a total of about three million bushels. Most of the crop was so far advanced as to be out of harm's way, but the crop, owing to the frosts of last week, is not a success.

MINNESOTA.

Redfield.

Company D, D. N. G., of this place will attend the encampment at Fargo, with about fifty men in line. Some indignation is manifested by the boys at the power assumed by the lieutenant colonel to assess dues upon the members of the regiment arbitrarily, and to select members of one company and order their names placed upon the muster rolls of another. The country fair will be held at this place Sept. 17, 18 and 19. A fine exhibit of stock and farm products is looked for. A base ball tournament, military parade and sham battle will be attractive features of the fair. ... Chicago parties of relatives to the county fair. Recommendations have been completed for the starting of a new banking house here. They will open up business as soon as the necessary furniture can arrive. The new bank at Mellette has begun operations and a second at Daland is about to open, all of which seem to indicate that despite some dissensions Spink county is rapidly increasing her wealth. ... The farmers' elevator at this place will begin buying, storing and shipping wheat this week. This a joint stock co-operative venture, similar to the one so successfully conducted at Mellette last year. Seven similar companies now carry on dealings more or less extensive at various points in this county. A movement is on foot to organize these into a federal union for mutual assistance and protection. ... The intermediate and primary schools of the county school opened on Monday. It differed with a principal who had been hired and will not teach, and another who has not been hired and wants to teach seems likely to keep the school open for some time. ... The Conservative estimates of the wheat yield of this county place it at seventeen bushels to the acre, making a total of about three million bushels. Most of the crop was so far advanced as to be out of harm's way, but the crop, owing to the frosts of last week, is not a success.

Crookston.

The city of Crookston is on the Red Lake river, about 25 miles above its mouth, and is a thriving, bustling little city of over 4,000 souls, which has had a steady growth from its start, and is now steadily expanding its borders and building up with substantial brick structures, has a system of water works and electric lights, contains two flouring mills with all the modern improvements capable of turning out 450

barrels of the choicest Northern flour per day, and has a water power improved sufficiently to run two more, and has an undeveloped water-power sufficient to drive twenty more mills of the same capacity. It contains one of the largest saw mills in the state, and is the point at which the vast pine forests of the northwestern portions of the state are carried into lumber to supply the treeless prairies of Dakota. It has a large machine shop and foundry capable of turning out any new work called for, from a steam engine down to a sash fastener, and of repairing anything that can be repaired. It has a good situation on the main line of the Manitoba railway, at the junction of the Devil's Lake branch, which extends west via the village of Grand Forks, Dak., to Devil's Lake and Sunset. It is also the point from which the branch to St. Minnabe and the branch to diverges from the main line, and before one year purposes to be connected with Chicago by means of a branch to connect with that system at Fargo, Dak., and also with the great lakes via Duluth. Such is Crookston, and it has grown to a city of 4,000 souls, and there was not a human habitation except the tepee of the Chippewas. Can St. Paul or Minneapolis show as good a record for the first decade of their existence?

Mankato.

The Boston Ideal company may appear here this week or next. There are a number of plays booked for the latter part of the month. ... The rainfall during the last two days amounts to 1.97 inches, according to the signal service station at the normal school. ... Rev. Mr. Archer leaves for his new home a week from Tuesday. He is going to St. Paul, and attending a synodical meeting. ... The Mankato canning works will put up wood cans this season. ... Dr. M. B. Wood is attending the state fair. ... The rain has temporarily stopped work on Fifth street. There is a goodly number of people in the city. ... There was no quorum present at the meeting of the school board Tuesday night. ... Yesterday morning Miss Mattie Burr of this city and Mr. George A. Jones of Grand Junction, Ia., were married at the residence of the bride's mother, in the presence of a few relatives. ... The bride is well known and highly respected in this city, having spent most of her life here. She is a sister of Mayor Barr. Mr. Jones is a son of Dr. N. Jones, owner and manager of the bank of this city, and is a very worthy young man. The young couple left for their future home at Grand Junction on the 11 a. m. train. They carry with them the best wishes of their many Mankato friends. ... Charles Perry and Andrew Fitzpatrick were in the city yesterday morning, in the police court on the charge of indulging in a scrap. They were each fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$8 in all. ... Trains were a little delayed yesterday morning on account of the rain. ... L. P. Hunt is one of the visitors at the state fair. ... A party belonging to the Mankato house, ran away Wednesday afternoon on South Front street. It was finally stopped by running into another team. Very little damage was done beyond a slight injury to one of the horses and the breaking of a wheel. ... Mr. M. Lewis left yesterday morning for Litchfield, where she is engaged to teach the coming year. ... O. C. McCurdy has gone to Hastings, Neb., where he is putting in gas works. He is accompanied by Walter Smith and Charles Coy. ... The Boston Ideal company will play at the opera house Wednesday and Thursday nights next week. They will present the musical comedy "Accidents."

St. Peter.

The boiler inspector, Mr. J. E. Cushing, has been in the city a few days this week, and has inspected a number of boilers and examined a number of engineers. We believe all engineers in St. Peter are now certified. Mr. Cushing says that Mr. P. is the third person in the state who has received a first class certificate. ... Rev. Mr. Sandmyer of the Catholic church here received a call from the bishop to attend to the congregation at Minneapolis. Rev. Mr. Sorerson will attend to the parish here until the bishop shall make another appointment. ... Rev. George E. McAfee of St. Paul preached in the Presbyterian church here Sunday. ... Mr. Mutter and Miss Bertha Thayer were married at the bride's residence Thursday evening. Rev. Mr. Sandmyer performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends. ... Col. Boller has named the men constituting the Second regimental committee. Judd Dodd and C. W. Gardner are the members of the committee. ... Mr. Peter, with A. B. French and T. H. Black as alternates. The annual shoot will take place at the United States range, Fort Snelling, Sept. 22 and 23. ... A number of A. K. Skaro post of this city will attend the camp-meeting at Dodge, Sept. 17, 18 and 19. Ed Thomas of the Benson Times is visiting his parents in this city. ... Stephen H. Salls died at his home in Kasota on Sunday. Mr. Salls had a stroke of paralysis about one year ago, and a few weeks ago had another stroke which finally ended his life. ... Mr. Schuyler of Nicollet met with an accident on Saturday. He was engaged in handling hay when the rack broke and he fell by the ground, the wheel passing over him and breaking one of his arms.

Spring Valley.

John Fate, an old settler well and favorably known throughout the state, died at his residence in Spring Valley Thursday from cancer in the stomach. ... Mrs. Jessie Bugbee of Tracy returned with her sister on Wednesday. ... The residence of County Clerk A. D. Gray caught fire Tuesday and burned to the ground. It was about \$200. ... A. R. Holman is in St. Paul. ... A large delegation of our citizens intended to visit the state fair, but the rain of Tuesday and Wednesday changed their plans. ... A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Edwards and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ainsworth on Wednesday morning. ... The God Templars gave a basket social last evening. ... I. Taylor has purchased the residence of J. C. Lee on Church street. ... Judge J. L. Farmer and Dr. J. A. McKee left this morning for the state fair. ... C. A. Cady left yesterday for a visit in Wisconsin. ... R. C. Livingston has returned from Dakota, where he has been for the past three months. ... The donation for Rev. F. B. Cowell was quite well attended, notwithstanding the rain. ... The result of the county fair was \$60 in cash was presented to him. ... Nellie Lewis of Omaha, Neb., is visiting her brother, N. M. Lewis. ... Miss Carrie Potter left for Ashabula county, O., Friday, to spend the winter with friends and relatives. ... Urie Carwin, one of the old veterans of 1812, is in the city, but he is falling fast. ... This morning at about 6 o'clock we were awakened by the fire alarm. The boys were promptly on hand and saved the property. The fire was in the Priest block. ... This is the first fire in the city since the fire since it was built, and if burned would be quite a loss to the city. The fire originated from a hot stove pipe coming in contact with some carpet which was underlaid with straw. The carpet was mostly burned and also some of the floor before the fire was got under control.

Waseca.

Rain for twenty-four hours has left our streets in a very moist condition and put a damper on many that were going to the fair. The last heavy frost and this wet spell have laid out corn and everything green. There would be more than one-third of a crop of corn in this part of the county. Potatoes are being effected. ... Mr. W. Ward has gone to the fair. ... Mr. W. G. Ward has gone to the fair. ... Mr. W. Latham is in the city. ... Mr. Andrew Helgeson came down from Milnor yesterday.

Brainerd.

Mrs. John Shep, for many years a well-known resident of Brainerd, died very suddenly on Tuesday. ... A. Detlebach, a prominent merchant, was summoned to Austin on Tuesday by a telegram announcing the death of his father. ... Mr. McCaren, Tom Hartley and J. R. Glover, the three Brainerd boys who captured George Miller, the Grand Forks burglar, were rewarded with a grand total of \$100 reward. ... Dr. J. C. Rosser returned this week from New Mexico, after an absence of several months. ... Two bears were seen about two miles from this city last Monday, and almost immediately afterwards they were annihilated. The bears are still roaming their native pine forests. ... The fall term of the public schools opened on Monday last. The attendance is lighter than

last year on account of a new Catholic school having been opened this fall. ... F. W. Willard, one of the proprietors of the Dispatch, is to be married next week to Miss Annie Gleason, a popular belle of Brainerd.

Northfield.

Commencing at 10 o'clock Monday evening, rain fell incessantly for about thirty hours, stopping about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Threshing will be delayed a few days by the rain, but the farmers are feeling quite happy over it, as they could not do much plowing on account of the dryness of the soil. ... Quite a number of our citizens were out on account of the wet weather. ... Mr. Pell of Chaska is again in the city. He intends making Northfield his home for a short time. ... Quite a number of the old students are back again and lots of new ones. ... D. R. McGinniss has been elected state fair judge. ... Clifford Gross arrived here from his Eastern trip last Tuesday evening.

Fergus Falls.

The Red river paper mill shipped its first carload of building paper on Tuesday to Averil & Co., St. Paul, who will handle the entire product of the mill. ... Potter Geisner of St. Paul is in the city with the object of establishing a paper box factory to be run by water power. ... The Standard Oil company has erected a warehouse near the city. ... The city council has contracted for the erection of the two one-hundred-and-twenty-five feet electric towers, one in the north and the other in the south part of the city, leaving the Northern Pacific to furnish its own light for its depot and yards, as it would not contribute any reasonable amount to the cost of a tower in the place of the old one. ... John Robinson's circus has made a liberal offer to a Fargo newspaper to act as advertising agent. ... The city council has contracted for the erection of the two one-hundred-and-twenty-five feet electric towers, one in the north and the other in the south part of the city, leaving the Northern Pacific to furnish its own light for its depot and yards, as it would not contribute any reasonable amount to the cost of a tower in the place of the old one. ... John Robinson's circus has made a liberal offer to a Fargo newspaper to act as advertising agent. ... The city council has contracted for the erection of the two one-hundred-and-twenty-five feet electric towers, one in the north and the other in the south part of the city, leaving the Northern Pacific to furnish its own light for its depot and yards, as it would not contribute any reasonable amount to the cost of a tower in the place of the old one. ... John Robinson's circus has made a liberal offer to a Fargo newspaper to act as advertising agent.

Winona.

A large delegation from the various Catholic societies of this city will leave on a special train for La Crosse on Sunday morning to attend the dedication of the new Catholic church there. There will be from 600 to 700 in the party. ... S. W. Champlin, the general freight and passenger agent of the Green Bay, Winona & St. Paul, will be in the city. ... The city council has contracted for the erection of the two one-hundred-and-twenty-five feet electric towers, one in the north and the other in the south part of the city, leaving the Northern Pacific to furnish its own light for its depot and yards, as it would not contribute any reasonable amount to the cost of a tower in the place of the old one. ... John Robinson's circus has made a liberal offer to a Fargo newspaper to act as advertising agent.

Fairbault.

Bertie Knight, a servant girl in a restaurant near the Cannon valley depot, kept by a man named Davis, attempted suicide last night by shooting herself. The ball passed through her body below the heart. Dr. Wood thinks she will recover unless blood-poisoning sets in. She is about 18 years old, and lately came from Waseca. Her parents are reported to be living at Tracy, this state. ... Shattuck and St. Mary's schools opened to-day. ... Bethlehem academy opens next Monday. ... Nearly everybody and his family is going to the fair at St. Paul. ... The late rain was a God-send to the farmers. They are all busy plowing now.

Owatonna.

Arrangements are making by which the families and friends of this comrades of the G. A. R. post of the place can attend their meetings this winter, which, after the necessary business being transacted, will be held with open doors, so that the hierarchy may be taken in the matter of organizing by all. ... The lodge of Good Templars of this city having secured excursion rates, went to Claremont Tuesday night to meet with the lodge there. Speaking, singing and feasting was the program of the evening. ... The train returned at 1:30 train Wednesday morning.

Grant County Democrats.

The Democrats of Grant county met at the court house yesterday for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization. As yesterday afternoon's train pulled out of Meckling and was getting under good headway a man appeared alongside the rear car wildly waving his arms and shouting loudly. Conductor Jackson, thinking he had a passenger aboard who was left behind, signaled a halt and the train came to a standstill and waited for the man to approach. He reached the train, shook hands with another man on the platform of the rear car, bade him good-bye and turned around and walked back to the Meckling car. The man who was left behind was a drifter, and the whole train over this affecting incident, even Conductor Jackson was swelled up with emotion. ... Farmers in the La Moure region have been greatly troubled to obtain harvest help, and the veteran and sagacious editor and farmer, Waldo M. Potter, advises them thus: "By devoting his attention to the raising of hogs, but not to the raising of wheat, he will partially escape the perils of hail, drought and flood, and the exactions of monopolies, and he will also be in a favorable situation as regards the help necessary to carry on his farm, for he will employ his own labor, and will not be dependent on extra and high-priced help during harvest. Indeed, diversified farming is the true solution of most of the knotty problems now troubling the Dakota grainger, of which farm help is by no means the least significant."

Dakota Democrats.

Whereas, a meeting of the Democrats of the territory has been called at Aberdeen on the 10th inst. to organize the Democratic party of Dakota, and Whereas, While we do not think that call for said meeting is made by the proper authority, and that the action taken by the usurpation of the power given to the Democratic territorial central committee, we think it is our duty to be represented at the said convention for self-preservation, and therefore be it Resolved, That our representatives are hereby instructed to cast their votes against the usurpation of the power given to the Democratic party of this territory; and be it further Resolved, That we consider the question of the party of Dakota, and that we do not think that call for said meeting is made by the proper authority, and that the action taken by the usurpation of the power given to the Democratic territorial central committee, we think it is our duty to be represented at the said convention for self-preservation, and therefore be it Resolved, That our representatives are hereby instructed to cast their votes against the usurpation of the power given to the Democratic party of this territory; 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