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TODAY'S WEATHER. WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Forecast for Monday: Minnesota—Probably fair; Monday; mostly winds, warmer in northern portion.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Oct. 31, 6:15 p. m. Local Time, 8 p. m. 6th Meridian Time—Observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations.

TEMPERATURES. Place. Tem. Place. Tem. St. Paul. 44. Qu'Appelle. 33. Duluth. 42. Minnesota. 39. Huron. 41. Winnipeg. 38.

DAILY MEANS. Barometer, 29.94; mean temperature, 41; relative humidity, 85; wind at 10 a. m., north; weather, cloudy; maximum temperature, 45; minimum temperature, 27; daily range, 18; amount of precipitation in last twenty-four hours, trace.

RIVER AT S. A. M. Danger Gauge Change in Station. Line. Reading. 24 hours. St. Paul. 10. 3.5. 0.0. La Crosse. 10. 3.9. -0.1.

DISCORDANT PRINCIPLES AND ACTS. To the man who has attained a clear conception of the fundamental principle that separates political organizations, defines their purposes and directs their policies nothing is more frequent than to meet other men still in the mists, attached to and sustaining a political organization while holding opinions that directly antagonize its vital principle.

The opposing concept is the Democratic, that holds government to the single function, chiefly, of securing to each person the right of doing what he will provided he infringes the equal rights of no other one. As Henry George put it in one of his speeches the other day: "What one does, as long as it injures no one else, is no one else's business."

A LUMBERMAN'S SOPHISMS. The Mississippi Valley Lumberman always delights us with the childlike blandness with which it discusses the proposition to increase the prosperity of its especial constituency by permitting it to exact a higher price for lumber than that which competition would allow, a proposition to which the majority of the users of the lumber are inescapably consigned.

In one of his speeches he said: "All that any party or any standard or any legislation can do is to see that every man has an open field and a fair fight. It cannot exempt him from the fight. Right he must, and the best that the government can do is to see to it that no one strikes below the belt. From the beginning of time to the present and to the end of time those who earn and save will have, and those who do not

cannot be expected, apologetically reply the Lumberman, that manufacturers would advance wages right off, after the three years of hard sledding they have experienced. And why not? What did they ask the \$2 tax for, if it was not that they could raise wages? What was their sole pretense for their demand but that? And why not advance wages simultaneously with prices? Was not the lumber whose price was advanced made by men whose advancing wages are these men not taking something from their men that is rightfully theirs? Will not the advance attach to the lumber yet to be cut by men whose wages were to be advanced? Is there not something of the method of the pirate in this getting legal authority to advance prices in order to advance wages and then refusing to do the latter, while doing the former?

THE PASSING OF A CRAZE. Minnesota has had her experience in the socialistic use of her power to tax to induce her farmers to engage in a new line of industry, and her capitalists to invest their money in an unaccustomed channel, and should, from the utter failure, learn a lesson that will bring her profit hereafter if she apply it. Fortunately the venture in sugar beets and beet sugars has not been very expensive. Five thousand dollars were appropriated for buying seeds, about half of which was spent, and some 10 per cent of the seed was bought by farmers or those who thought farmers would buy them, the remainder of the seed remaining on hand. We beg to suggest, in this connection, that, as the secretary of agriculture intends to invest heavily in beet seed for next spring's distribution, the state tender him its stock at cost. Aside from the loss by the state there are numbers of farmers about the state who, on the strength of representations of the erection of factories, planted quite extensively, and who have the consolation tendered them that beets are good feed for cattle. They are long on beets and short on cattle, however.

AN ANOMALY. A danger signal to the republic appears in the constantly growing apprehension with which the people regard the meeting of congress and its possible attitude toward public questions. It is hardly too much to say that the body of our people, those who are interested in prosperity and order and peaceful development, have come to look upon a session of congress almost as they would regard the occupation of a portion of the country by a hostile force. You will scarcely meet a business man and inquire of him what is the outlook without hearing the reply that conditions are encouraging enough just now, but nobody knows what will happen after the first Monday in December.

It is, we believe, the wish of every citizen of this state that this investigation may be as searching and thorough as the occasion requires, and that, when finished, whatever the outcome may be, the institution may receive a bill of honor from the people. It is a report of the committee, that a new start may be made from that point and that there is no reason to believe that the returns in the years to come, Gov. Clough has done his full duty in this matter, now let the people feel in a way that they can thoroughly as possible.—Stillwater Gazette.

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While wheat is considerably higher, a number of the staple agricultural products are lower as they were at this time last year, and even lower—among which may be enumerated cotton, oats and corn. The wave of prosperity doesn't seem to roll evenly.—Minneapolis Tribune.

financial schemes that will not have the virtues of efficacy or honesty. The general feeling is that congress is a disturber and little else. It is a subject on which the American people, who are attached to their institutions and believe in their system of government, may well ponder. We need a tremendous reform in the methods of selecting candidates for congress, and a change in the personal qualifications that are required for such service. Above and below all the other problems that confront us stretches this immeasurable one, the greatest and most difficult of them all.

MANY ACRES, BUT FEW FARMS. One might conclude from a perusal of the summary of the acres still belonging to the United States, contained in the land commissioner's report, that our venerable uncle is still "rich enough to give us all a farm." There are tremendous possibilities in the way of free homes in the 359,000,000 acres of unpatented land in Alaska, or in the 71,000,000 acres in Montana, the 54,000,000 in Arizona, the 10,000,000 in Nebraska, the 57,000,000 in New Mexico, in Utah's 44,000,000 acres, or the 24,000,000 acres of the Dakotas. Even the 6,000,000 acres subject to homesteading in Minnesota appear to offer free homesteads to thousands of homeseekers. But the fact remains that the era of free farms to settlers is well nigh over in this country. Uncle Sam has given away his land with prodigal hand, well bestowed where he has stipulated that homes should be made of his gifts, more questionably given when granted to induce internal improvements, until now there remains of his great domain, except acres of arid or semi-arid land and others of mountain ranges in whose narrow valleys a few farms may be developed.

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STILLWATER WAS AMUSED YESTERDAY AT AN INTERVIEW WITH SUTHERLAND. IT WAS SOMETHING UNUSUAL. MEN RELEASED FROM THE PRISON ARE ALWAYS RUSHED OUT OF TOWN. THIS MAN WAS INTERVIEWED Before He Was Allowed to Get Away—Says That Lemmon is All Right.

When a convict is released from prison he is invariably notified by the police of Stillwater that his presence is not desired in that city. Even though he may have employment in prospect elsewhere, he is told to move on, and to facilitate this he is given a month's terms expire during the month is furnished the chief of police.

A Globe reporter visited Stillwater yesterday and found an amused smile on the faces of many citizens there in appreciation of the situation in which the prison officials were placed through the exposure of the charges made through the Globe. A convict named Edward Sutherland, an Itasca county man, had been released a couple of days ago, but he was not "fired out of town," across the bridge, until the local reporters and correspondents had given a chance to surround him and to make him voice the sentiment that during his imprisonment he had never seen any brutality or cruelty in prison; that Deputy Lemmon leaned to the other extreme and was not severe enough.

This caused many Stillwater people to smile. In years past they have heard many statements and reports about Lemmon, and were even personally acquainted with him before the Globe's exposure. The prison scandal continues to be the topic of conversation in the Bluff City, but the people are cautious about expressing their opinions. Everybody wants to know where the other man is. Sutherland is the first convict released since the Globe's first publication of the prison's alleged brutality. Is there anything peculiar about that?

MARKET MEN MET. The market gardeners and farmers doing business in this city met last Saturday evening for a social session, at which the proposed removal of the market from Smith park was discussed. Mayor Moran, being called on, spoke of the importance of providing a market for the city, and expressed the belief that such market would be of valuable assistance in solving the problem.

Chairman Craig, of the assembly committee on public buildings and markets, said that the council would take up the subject this winter, and he believed that a good market would be the result. Gust Ebert, a market gardener, said he had been doing business on the public market in Minneapolis for fifteen years, but had recently changed to the one then in progress would be of valuable assistance in solving the problem.

ST. PAUL'S CASH ACCOUNT. Report of October Receipts and Disbursements. The report of the receipts and disbursements of the city treasurer for the month of October, 1897, is as follows: Receipts—General fund \$1,157.53 Special funds 165,285.29 Special assessments 1,194.29 Total \$1,327,067.11 Disbursements—Total \$1,327,067.11

POP WOULD WIN VOTES. We, the undersigned, invite you, as a Populist, to be present at a meeting of the members of the People's party, to be held in Labor hall, St. Paul, Minn., Wednesday, at 3 p. m. The purpose is to arrange for the national convention of the party, to be held in Chicago, who have not taken out their second papers, and to organize a central auxiliary club, with a view of effecting an organization of the party for the spring campaign. Bring your Populist friends. Yours fraternally, —Francis H. Clarke, —R. A. Walsh, —James Corcoran, —Alfred Girard, —J. C. Beattie, —Geo. Walden.