ITS TAXABLE VALUES

MINNESOTA ASSESSMENTS NEXT YEAR WILL BE ON ABOUT $600,000,000

REVISED FIGURES SENT OUT

Board of Equalization Raised the Realty Assessment to $489,000,000, While the Personal Property Is $109,000,000 More—Since Two Years Ago 3,000,000 Acres Have Been Added.

The total valuation of real property for the state of Minnesota this year $489,565,789, and personal property, $109,792,757, making a total valuation of real and personal property for 1898 of $599,358,546.

These figures were given out by State Auditor Dunn yesterday, based on the changes made by the state board of equalization at its session early in the fall. The total valuation is the lowest of any year since 1889, with the exception of 1896, when the valuation for real and personal property was placed at about sixteen million less. The valuation of realty has been increased $32,000,000 this year over and above the returns made by the assessors. The county boards raised the assessor's figures $18,000,000, and the state board increased the valuation $14,000,000 over the returns made by county boards.

With the exception of the valuation placed on real property in 1896, the figures for 1898 are $50,000,000 short of any year since 1889. However, values seem to be going up, as this year's figures are materially higher than 1896, when the board made some sweeping reductions on account of the depression in realty values which followed the numerous bank failures throughout the state.

The board of equalization assessed over 2,000,000 more acres of land this year than two years ago. The law passed at the 1895 session of the legislature taxing unused railroad lands is largely responsible for this increase and next year will see a still greater increase in the taxable acreage, as the law has not been in effect sufficiently long to determine just how much of this property is held by the railroad companies. In 1896, 31,422,300 acres of land were subject to taxation, and this year the state auditor's books show a total taxable acreage of 35,422,300.

The personal property assessments since 1890 have varied but little from year to year.

The figures as compiled by State Auditor Dunn are as follows:

Personal Property—			
1890	$103,603,390	1896	$104,629,990
1892	114,356,876	1898	109,792,757
1894	105,601,793		

It will be seen from the above that the personal property valuation is higher this year than any year since 1888, with the exception of 1892, when it was nearly five millions above the figures for this year.

Real Estate—			
1890	$497,128,295	1896	$478,742,654
1892	541,116,377	1898	498,565,789
1894	553,157,461		

Some interesting facts can be culled from the auditor's figures. For instance, the valuation placed on horses in 1892 was at the rate of $53.70 per head, and this year it is $26.83 per head, just one-half the valuation of six years ago. The figures tell very accurately of the condition of values, as it is well known that values placed on horseflesh now are just about half what they were a few years ago.

In 1894, 15,478 oxen were assessed in the various counties of the state; two years later there were but 5,326, and this year returns have been made for but 1,545. While oxen have decreased, horses have increased 16 per cent per year, but the values have been steadily on the decrease. The decrease in the price of horses is attributed to, first, the application of steam and electricity, and, second, the large importation and breeding, which has been more than ample to supply the market demands.

The valuation of the city of Duluth was decreased $1,000,000, and $1,200,000 was added to the valuation of the iron mines in Northern St. Louis county, which substantially left the county's assessment where it was two years ago.

BYRNE STILL IN JAIL.

Judge Orr Fixes Bail in His Case at $2,000.

The preliminary examination of Charles A. Byrne, charged with bigamy, was heard in the police court yesterday afternoon. The complaint is sworn to by Agent Hutchins, of the Relief society.

The prosecution proved by the justice of the peace who married Byrne and his first wife, Feb. 28, 1885, at Chetek, Wis., the first ceremony and then introduced the marriage license issued in Ramsey county last May, and Justice of the Peace Latta, who married Byrne to Mrs. Byrne No. 2.

The defense on cross-examination attempted to show that the identification of Byrne by the Wisconsin justice of the peace was not positive, as the witness had seen neither Byrne nor the woman from the day the ceremony was performed until yesterday.

Mrs. Byrne No. 1 is now at the city hospital and fears are entertained that her mind is affected by reason of the trouble she has gone through. One of her children, a boy aged eleven years, is at the Home for the Friendless, and the other, a girl of four years, is at the Catholic orphan asylum. After the state had introduced its evidence the attorney for the defendant, Stan J. Donnelly, waived examination.

Judge Orr held Byrne to await the action of the grand jury and fixed the bail at $2,000. Byrne, after a talk with Mrs. Byrne No. 2, was taken to the county jail, but his attorney gave notice that a motion for the reduction of the amount of bail would be made at an early date.

THE "BEGGAR STUDENT."

Concordia Society Will Present It Dec. 4 at Mozart Hall.

The St. Paul Concordia society will open the 1898-99 season at Mozart hall Sunday evening, Dec. 4, when they will present the "Beggar Student" in German. The society has been rehearsing the opera for the past three months and have their first full dress and orchestra rehearsal today at Mozart hall. Seibert's orchestra will furnish the music and Frank Werner will have charge of the stage in the absence of President Platte. The opera will be given under the direction of Prof. L. W. Harmsen, the director of the society. The cast for the production is made up as follows:

Palmatica, countess Nowalska— Mrs. Con Freund
Her Daughters—
Laura .....Miss Gertrude Nachtsheim
Bronislava .....Miss Bertha Enderlein
Col. Ollendorf, governor city of Krakow .....Gustave Hennecke
Officers in the Saxony Army—
Von Wangenheim .....George Winter
Von Henrici .....E. L. Heunisch
Von Schwednitz .....William Kemstedt
Von Richthofen ..... J. Leon Conrad
Bogumil Malachowsky, count of Krakow, Palmatica's cousin ....Geo. M. Mayer
Eva, his wife .....Miss Adele Hedemann
Students at the Krakow University—
Jan Janisky .....O. W. Rohland
Symon Rymanoviez ..... Albert Fritsche
Enterich, Saxonian invalid and jailer— J. W. Wegman
Piffki, porter at the castle of Krakow ..... Theodore Weidner
Ounphrie, Palmatica's servant— J. S. Hoffmann
Rey, an inn keeper .....Louis Behrenbach
Time of play, Krakow, 1704; under the reign of Frederick Augustus II., called "The Strong," king of Poland.

COMO BOILER CONTRACTS.

Park Board Awards Them, Subject to Some Further Inquiry.

At a meeting of the park board held yesterday afternoon the contract for the building and putting in of boilers at the Como pumping station was let. The awarding of the contract was conditional. The board had a lengthy discussion about the matter, for it was not clear in the bids of the lowest bidders as to who would put the boilers in place. It was finally agreed that Robinson & Cary should have the contract for the building of the boilers, and that O. Beyer should have the contract for the brick work. It was provided, however, that Supt. Nussbaumer should see the parties and find out who should put the boilers in place.

Beyer made a bid of $749 for the brick work on the foundation for the boilers. Robinson & Cary offered to build the boilers and put them on the grounds at Como for the sum of $1,103. There was apparently nobody to mount the boilers. If the parties bidding agree that the boilers shall be put in place, then the contract will be confirmed. John Kenny, who was the highest bidder on the whole job of building the boilers and putting them in place, was present at the meeting and protested against the letting of the contract for the work on the boilers to be done outside of the city.

PLEAD SELF-DEFENSE.

Whites Say That Weaver Was Responsible for the Assault.

Harry White and Mrs. White, the latter known on the vaudeville stage as "Babe" Harrington, were arraigned in the police court yesterday charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. The victim, R. H. Weaver, was not present in court and the case was continued for one week. Bail for the defendants was fixed at $500 each, and Mrs. White was of the opinion that she could secure bonds. Her husband was committed to jail.

The Whites claim that Weaver was responsible for the assault.

ONLY A FLURRY.

Yesterday's Snow Was a Brief Episode to the Weather Report.

The snow yesterday was termed a flurry by Weather Observer Lyons. There was a rise in the temperature of 26 degrees in twenty-four hours. Lyons expects the temperature will remain about zero today.

The storm and low temperature this week equal, according to official reports, the worst conditions last winter. The coldest day last year was 13 below zero, which has been equaled this week.

The weather through the Canadian Northwest still continues very cold.

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HEIRS NOT SATISFIED

STEWARDSHIP OF THE KITTSON ESTATE SOUGHT TO BE INQUIRED INTO

HINTS OF SERIOUS CHARGES

Conversion of Money to the Uses of the Trustee Is Charged by the Complainants, Eleven of the Heirs to the Pioneer Trader's Wealth—Trust Company Refers to Its Records.

The stewardship of the St. Paul Trust company, in the handling of the Kittson estate, is to be investigated. Petitions on behalf of all the heirs were filed yesterday protesting against the allowance of the final account of the company as administrator and praying that the previous accountings be reviewed. The petitions allege fraud on the part of the company in using the funds of the estate and converting the interest earned to its own use.

There are three of the petitions and in each one several of the heirs are named. All of the suits are identical, and when they were filed yesterday the answer of the trust company was filed with them. The petitions specifically pray that an order be entered by the probate court setting aside the various orders confirming accountings and allowing the fees claimed by the company. The last accounting, now presented for confirmation, shows that the trust company has on hand in cash some $7,000. The accountings made and the present condition of the estate are quite beyond the conception of a layman, and nothing is to be gleaned as to the actual state of the trust.

There have been in all five accountings made of the trust. The first shows that the executor had on hand in cash $385,000, the second shows a balance of $359,409, the third $425,055, the fourth does not state the amount and in the final there is about $47,000. At various times these accountings have been passed upon by the court and confirmed. On the first accounting there was allowed in fees $14,225, on the second $16,650, on the third $10,000, on the fourth $5,000. The claim on the fifth has not been computed or allowed, but the claim is a large one.

Daniel Murphy, acting for the heirs, alleges that the trust company used the large sums of money held at various times for the heirs, for its own purposes, that it placed the money out at interest and converted the interest; that the money was held in bank at times and checked out by the trustee as its own, and that in all these things there was fraud practiced on the heirs. It is alleged that the company had no claim to the fees allowed by the court, and a demand is made that all orders made as to the previous accountings be set aside and the stewardship be reviewed from the start. There are eleven of the heirs represented in the various petitions, and it is claimed as a cause of action that they were not properly notified of the hearings on the accountings and were not represented at the hearings.

The trust company in its answer sets up the record of the court and claims that all of the hearings and accountings were in accordance with the law and that the plaintiffs were all properly notified of the hearings before hearings were had.

FAMILY HAD NO FUEL.

August Hafke's Plea When Charged With Stealing Coal.

August Hafke, living at 417 East Fifth street, was in the police court yesterday charged with larceny. The complaint made by Special Officer Cogan charged that Hafke stole coal from the St. Paul & Duluth road. Cogan said that when Hafke was taken into custody he had a sack containing about fifty pounds of coal, and he was positive that the prisoner had taken some of the coal from a loaded car.

Hafke said he had a wife and three children and no fuel. He had been employed by Fielding & Shepley as a laborer, but was not working now. There was no fuel in the house, and as he had seen people walking along the tracks picking up coal he took a bag and started out. He denied that he had taken any coal from the filled cars, but admitted he had swept up some of the coal which was left in cars after being unloaded. This was the first time he had ever done anything of the kind, and he promised not to repeat the offense.

Relief Agent Hutchins informed the court he would investigate, and Judge Orr continued the case with the statement that if Hafke's statements were true he would dismiss the charge.

FEENEY NOT VERY HEROIC

POLICE THINK HE "HOLDS UP" WOMEN ON THE STREET

Minneapolis Man Identified as the Perpetrator of One of the Recent Highway Robberies on St. Anthony Hill—Evidence Strong.

Detectives Murnane and Sweeney think they made a good catch Thursday when they arrested Patrick Feeney. The prisoner was taken in custody on suspicion of being the highwayman who had robbed two domestics employed on the hill of their pocketbooks.

Hilda Anderson, employed at 987 Laurel avenue, was one of the victims of the thief, who followed her on a Selby avenue car, and when she left the car at Selby avenue and Victoria streets knocked her down and took her pocketbook, containing $12 in cash. Miss Anderson was robbed the evening of Nov. 16.

Two nights later Hilda Sensing, a domestic employed by B. J. Hunt, living at Selby and Snelling avenues, was stopped by a fellow, who, with a pistol in his hand, demanded her purse. She handed it over, together with $4.50.

She reported to the police that the man had evidently followed her on the car and got off the first car while she was getting off the trailer.

Detectives Murnane and Sweeney, after investigations, decided that Feeney was the right party and took him in custody. The prisoner denied all knowledge of the work. Miss Anderson called at the station, and, while she said Feeney looked like the man who had robbed her, she could not positively identify him.

A passenger on the car the night Miss Anderson was robbed, however, positively identified Feeney as the man who left the car at Victoria and Selby avenue.

Miss Sensing, when given a look at Feeney yesterday afternoon, at once identified him as the fellow who had demanded and taken her purse and $4.50.

Feeney will be arraigned in the police court this morning. Lieut. Boerner stated last evening that Feeney made his home in Minneapolis and was supposed to be the party who had robbed several women in the same manner in that city.

CASS THROUGH VOTING.

But Its Vote Has a Decidedly Queer Look.

The official vote of Cass county reached the capitol yesterday morning. It only takes a glance at the figures to indicate that there was a decided and very shady-looking attempt to elect Mr. Eustis governor out in this new section. Of course, after Minneapolis had gone 5,100 against its home candidate, it didn't make much difference what they were doing out in the "rotten boroughs," but that the attempt was made to do something desperate is perfectly evident. In Cass county in 1896 but 606 votes were cast for governor, and Mr. Clough had twenty more votes than Mr. Lind. In 1898, when Minnesota cast more than 90,000 less votes than in 1896, Cass county forces its total vote from 606 to 1,046 and gives Mr. Eustis 178 more votes than Mr. Lind.

This tainted vote of Cass county is as follows: Eustis, 588; Lind, 410; Higgins, 13; Hammond, 17; Smith, 614; Bowler, 335; Lovely, 592; Brown, 457; Lewis, 473; Canty, 328; Mitchell, 263; Buck, 248.

TO DEDICATE A MISSION.

Bradley Street Church Edifice to Be Consecrated Tomorrow.

The Bradley Street Mission of the House of Hope will be dedicated tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services will be conducted in the new building for the first time.

Rev. G. W. Davis, D. D., of Macalester college, will preach the dedicatory sermon, and addresses will be made by Rev. C. W. Scovel, the pastor in charge; Dr. Chas. E. Lee and one of the trustees of the House of Hope church.

The new building is at Bradley and Partridge streets, and cost in the neighborhood of $10,000. All the branches of the Hope mission work have been transferred from the old German church, near Seventh street, to the new building, where all services will be held in the future.

The contractors turned the building over to the House of Hope people ten days ago.

LOWER COURT REVERSED.

Its Discretion in the Consideration of Contracts Is Limited.

Another decision handed down by Judge Buck in the case of W. F. Abbott et al., executors of the estate of Henry G. Abbott, deceased, against Ole Moldestad reverses the lower court, which gave a verdict for the plaintiff. The syllabus is as follows:

William F. Abbott et al., executors of the estate of Henry G. Abbott, deceased, appellants, vs. Ole O. Moldestad, respondent.

1. Where parties make a mutual executory contract for the sale of real estate, and the vendor covenants on his part to convey the land, and in consideration thereof the vendee promises to pay the purchase price, and there is nothing in the contract which makes it invalid or objectionable in its nature nor in the circumstances connected with it, equity regards the vendee as the beneficial owner of the premises, even though he has not paid the purchase price, and the vendor has a right to enforce payment of the purchase money by a suit in equity against the vendee's equitable estate in the land, instead of by an ordinary action of law to recover the debt. And the vendor may proceed to enforce specific performance by such suit, whereby the vendee's equitable estate under the contract is sold in pursuance of a judicial decree, which will operate as an assignment of the vendee's rights under the contract, and whereby it would not operate as a cancelation of the contract itself.

2. While courts may, in the exercise of a sound discretion, grant or withhold a decree for specific performance of an executory real estate contract, this discretion is not an arbitrary or capricious one, but judicial, and if the contract has been entered into by a competent party, and is not objectionable in its nature and circumstances, specific performance is as much a matter of course, and therefore of right, as are damages. The discretion of the court exists only so far as it must necessarily judge whether, under all the circumstances, the contract is, or is not, an equitable one. When that fact is determined judicial discretion ceases.

Held, That under the rules of law here enunciated, and all of the facts and circumstances in this case, it was error for the trial court to refuse specific performance of the contract. Order reversed. —Buck, J.

HAD WAIVED HIS RIGHT.

Case Involving Jurisdiction of the St. Paul Police Court.

A case of local interest is that of W. J. McCubrey against John Lankis, having to do with process of appeal from the municipal to the district court. The syllabus is:

Wm. J. McCubrey, respondent, vs. John Lankis, appellant.

Syllabus—An appeal from the municipal court of the city of St. Paul to the district court upon questions of both law and fact constitutes a general appearance in the action which amounts to a waiver of any previous want of jurisdiction of the person, and a consent that the action may be tried on its merits. Order affirmed.

SHARON HELD LIABLE.

Residence of a Pauper Declared to Be at That Place.

An interesting decision was handed down yesterday. Two Minnesota towns got into a controversy over the residence of a dependent poor person.

The town of Lexington sues the town of Sharon to recover three months' board for caring for the dependent. The defendant town contends that the beneficiary was not a resident, and therefore it had no liability. The evidence is quite bulky, and the court gives a decision that it was "sufficient to justify the verdict of the jury," which returned a verdict against the defendant town. The case rested wholly upon the dependent's residence.

VERDICT WAS JUSTIFIED.

Supreme Court Scorns the Appeal of a Saloonist.

The supreme court, in an opinion written by Judge Buck, yesterday sustained the district court in the case of the State of Minnesota against John Walterstradt, a Crookston saloonkeeper.

The case was brought against Walterstradt for selling whisky to a minor. The boy to whom the intoxicant was sold entered the saloon with two other boys. They all told straightforward stories in court, and the case was fought by the saloonkeeper on a technicality.

The supreme court in its decision upholds the constitutionality of the law and the verdict of the jury. The syllabus is:

"Evidence considered and held sufficient to justify the verdict of the jury.—"Buck, J."

FEES FOR THEIR WORK.

Compensation for Court's Officers in Plow Company Assignment.

Judge Kelly filed an order yesterday allowing C. M. Power, assignee for the St. Paul Plow company, $5,000 as fees for his work. The attorneys for the assignee, Horton & Denegre, are allowed a like sum, the compensation being at the rate of $3,400 per year.

In a memorandum accompanying the order Judge Kelly compliments the officers for the work they have done in winding up the concern.

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Novek Gets Bail.

Anton Novek, charged with the larceny of a bag containing $1,900 in gold from Albert Buzek, was released from the county jail yesterday on a bond of $1,000, with Horejs Bros. as sureties. Novek, it is alleged, took the coin from a room in which the remains of Mrs. Buzek were lying last Monday.

Overloaded Stomach

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TRAFFIC OF THE YEAR

REPORT COVERING THE BUSINESS OF ALL THE RAILROADS IN MINNESOTA

COMPILED BY COMMISSION

There Are Fewer Miles of Road in Operation Than There Were a Year Ago—Not a Passenger Killed During the Year, but More Were Injured Than During 1897—Earnings and Taxes.

The railroad and warehouse commissioners yesterday made public their fourteenth annual report. It is as follows:

The total number of miles of main line of railroad in Minnesota on June 30, 1898, was 6,062.69 miles, being a decrease of 23.66 miles from the previous year; this decrease is accounted for by the Great Northern railway taking up the line from Carlisle to Elizabeth, and the Brainerd & Northern Minnesota railway taking up several of its logging branches.

The extension of the Fosston line of the Great Northern system to a connection at Deer River with the former Duluth, Superior & Western railway and of the line from Park Rapids to Cass Lake, and of the Brainerd & Northern Minnesota railway from Walker to Bemidji was not completed in time to appear in this report.

GROSS EARNINGS.

The gross earnings of the companies operating in this state, from freight, passenger and miscellaneous sources by companies, is $37,142,460; but in these figures the Great Northern and the Willmar & Sioux Falls railways only give the gross earnings derived from business local to the state, while the figures for all the other roads are made upon the same basis as heretofore, namely: Minnesota is credited with all local earnings and a mileage proportion of the revenue on through and interstate business.

The explanation of the said companies of the change from former method is as follows: "This company has abandoned as impracticable and misleading the plan of making divisions of the earnings on interstate traffic between the states through which the system runs and cannot therefore give figures purporting to show earnings in Minnesota on such traffic. The figures shown on page 35 are the earnings derived from business local to the state of Minnesota."

On account of this change in reporting by the two companies named a comparison with former years cannot be made by this office, except to state that the total gross earnings from operation in Minnesota for the previous year were $36,600,063, and that while the Great Northern and the Willmar & Sioux Falls railway last year reported gross earnings in Minnesota amounting to $6,649,629, the same companies, under the new method of reporting, show gross earnings in Minnesota only amounting to $912,576.

OPERATING EXPENSES.

The total proportional operating expenses for Minnesota, as reported by the companies for the year ending June 30, 1898, were $21,148,099, as shown by table III.; for the previous year the total operating expenses were $19,555,689, showing an increase of $1,592,090 for 1898.

It will be noticed by a comparison of table III. for 1898 and 1897 that the Great Northern and the Willmar & Sioux Falls railways have charged operating expenses to Minnesota on the same basis for both years, while they have credited the state only with local earnings, which explains the high rate of percentage of operating expenses to earnings, viz.: 71.35 and 80.57 respectively.

NET INCOME.

In consequence of the statements above made as to the change in reporting earnings by the Great Northern and the Willmar & Sioux Falls railways, the net income of the roads from business in Minnesota for 1898 is only $15,894,361, while last year the same was $17,044,074.

ACCRUED INTEREST.

The total amount of interest accrued on funded debt of all the railroads doing business in Minnesota, for the entire line, for the year ending June 30, 1898, was $27,483,656; the amount of interest accrued on current liabilities during the same time was $279,502, or a total of both of $27,763,158; for the previous year the amount of interest accrued on funded debt was $28,214,440 and on current liabilities $292,720, or a total for both of $28,507,160, showing a decrease for 1898 of $744,002.

RENTALS PAID.

The amount of rentals paid for use of tracks and terminals of other companies by the road reporting, for the entire line, was for 1898 $5,488,652; for the previous year the same was $5,906,360, showing a decrease for 1898 of $417,708.

DIVIDENDS PAID.

The total amount of dividends paid during the year ending June 30, 1898, by the railroads reporting in Minnesota, for entire line, was $16,438,160, being $6,975,806 on common stock and $9,462,354 on preferred stock. Last year the amount of dividends paid was $11,605,518, showing an increase for 1898 of $4,832,642.

The following companies paid above named dividends for 1898:

B., C. R. & N., common stock	$220,000
Great Western, debenture stock	492,404
C., M. & St. P., common stock	2,531,463
C., M. & St. P., preferred stock	2,104,245
Northwestern, common stock	1,954,195
Northwestern, preferred stock	1,555,528
C., St. P., M. & O., common stock	370,994
C., St. P., M. & O., preferred stock	753,750
Duluth Terminal, common stock	3,000
Eastern Minnesota, common stock	500,000
Great Northern, preferred stock	1,500,000
M. & St. L., preferred stock	265,000
N. P., preferred stock	3,000,000
St. P., & D., preferred stock	239,505
Willmar & Sioux Falls, common stock	150,000
Total	$16,438,160

In addition to the above dividends paid, the Duluth & Iron Range Railway company issued a stock dividend of $2,500,000 on account of earnings of the stock so issued. The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway company, whose road is leased to the Great Northern Railway company, paid a dividend to its stockholders of $1,200,000, which is not embraced in the above statement.

TAXES PAID.

The total amount of taxes paid on gross earnings of railroads in Minnesota for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, was $1,127,950.24; the same for the year 1896 was $1,037,194.40, showing an increase for 1897 over 1896 or $90,755.84 in taxes paid to the state of Minnesota.

SURPLUS.

The following eighteen companies, operating railroads in Minnesota, report a surplus, after paying operating expenses, taxes, interest, rentals and dividends, on June 30, 1898, including surplus from previous years, for entire line, as follows:

Brainerd & Northern	$171,490
B., C. R. & N.	2,557,752
Chicago Great Western	6,227
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	9,802,695
Chicago & Northwestern	6,377,325
C., St. P., M. & O.	2,874,881
Duluth & Iron Range	671,681
D., M. & N.	212,494
D., Miss. River & N.	390
Duluth, Red Wing & Southern	42,289
Eastern Minnesota	1,641,447
Great Northern	530,650
Minneapolis Eastern	893
Minneapolis & St. Louis	806,702
Northern Pacific	387,708
St. Paul & Duluth	215,478
Willmar & Sioux Falls	248,622
Winona & Western	9,818
Total	$27,153,539

The total last year of such surplus was reported at $29,632,446, thus showing a decrease of $2,478,907 for 1898; but this decrease is more apparent than real, for the Northern Pacific company has set aside out of its surplus $3,000,000 for a further dividend on preferred stock; the Duluth & Iron Range company, as already stated, has issued a stock dividend of $2,500,000 out of the surplus; the Great Northern company has written off and charged to profit and loss out of this account $6,996,619.17 in consideration of the transfer of the entire capital stock of the Seattle & Montana railroad to the stockholders of the Great Northern for advances made by the latter to the former.

DEFICITS.

The following six companies, operating railroads in Minnesota, report a deficit on June 30, 1898, including deficits for previous years, as follows:

Chicago, Burlington & Northern	$2,233,398
Duluth, Superior & Western	226,149
Minneapolis, New Ulm & Southwestern	35,805
Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie	595,048
Winona Bridge railway	28,415
Wisconsin Central	1,159,257
Total	$4,276,072

The total deficit for the previous year was $8,396,030, showing a decrease in this item of $4,119,958 for 1898.

CAPITAL STOCK AND FUNDED DEBT.

The total amount of stock and funded debt of the twenty-six railroads reporting to this office, for entire line, for the year ending June 30, 1898, was $1,157,061,160, viz: stock, $488,997,496, and funded debt, $668,063,664.

The total amount of stock and funded debt for the previous year was $1,142,681,254, showing an increase for 1898 of $14,379,906. The increase is largely in the stock of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Duluth & Iron Range roads, and in the bonds of the Eastern Railway of Minnesota, to pay for the Duluth, Superior & Western railway, and its extension.

The stock and bonds of the Great Northern Railway company are not included in the above for the reason that its capital is invested either in lines of railroad such as the Willmar & Sioux Falls and the Eastern Railway of Minnesota, whose capitalization is given separately, or in other properties; the line operated by the Great Northern company being represented by the stock and bonds of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway company.

The proportional amount of stock and bonds for Minnesota on a road mileage basis is $264,326,776, or $43,599 per mile of road. The reported cost of road and equipment on same basis is $42,808 per mile.

ACCIDENTS TO PERSONS.

No passenger was killed in Minnesota in 1898, but 56 were injured; the previous year two passengers were killed and 35 injured.

Of trainmen 14 were killed and 193 injured in 1898; the previous year 20 were killed and 187 injured.

Of switchmen, flagmen and watchmen 6 were killed and 71 injured in 1898; in 1897 6 were killed and 57 injured.

Other employes killed in 1898, 16, and injured 216; the same for the previous year were 15 killed and 165 injured.

Eighty trespassers were killed and 84 injured in 1898; the previous year 75 were killed and 78 injured.

Of persons not trespassing 11 were killed and 85 injured in 1898; of the same class the previous year 13 were killed and 24 injured.

In all 127 were killed and 655 were injured in 1898; the total number of persons killed in 1897 was 131, and of injured, 546.

Field, Schlick & Co.

Winter Underwear—SPECIAL Saturday Prices.

There's money to be saved on all kinds of Winter Underwear and Hosiery bought here—on the popular grades as well as on the finest qualities. An assortment to choose from that has no equal in this town.

Extra heavy Wool Plated Combination Suits, $3.00 quality, for $2.60.
Heavy Wool "Oneita" Suits, black or natural, $2.25 kinds, for $1.85.
"Florence" Combination Suits, open across bust, $2.00 kinds, for $1.48.
Imported Swiss Ribbed Wool Vests, $1.50 quality, for $1.20.
Three-fourths Wool Vests and Pants, best 75c kinds, for 62 cents.
Extra heavy DOUBLE FLEECED Vests and Pants, 50c kinds, for 39c.
Full regular made Knee Tights, $2.50 quality, for $1.50.
Ankle length Tights, in two weights, $1.50.
Ladies' heavy black English Cashmere Stockings, sizes 8, 8½ and 9 only, best 75c quality, Saturday 50 CENTS a pair.
Extra heavy DOUBLE FLEECED black Cotton Stockings, 23 CENTS.
Ladies' extra heavy plain or ribbed Wool Stockings, 25 CENTS.
Boys' heavy ribbed Wool Stockings, 25 cents.

Important Specials in Jackets and Capes.

About 3 dozen Children's Reefers, odd sizes, value up to $5.50, will be closed out Today at **$2.00**

Children's and Misses' Reefers and Gretchens, in a good assortment of styles. Two special lots for Saturday at $3.75 and $5.75.

A small lot of Ladies' Capes (only 32 in all) different lengths and materials, will be closed out at..... **$4.75**

JACKETS. 140 Tailor-made Jackets of Mohair Cheviots or Kerseys, 6-button rounded box front, new storm collars, half or full silk lined. Extraordinary values at..... **$6.50**

JACKETS. 200 brand new Jackets, latest styles of the season, a dozen different materials to choose from, all lined throughout with Skinner's Satin or Rhadame Silk, all colors, Saturday Special. **$9.75**

JACKETS. Highest grade Tailor-made Jackets, elegantly tailored and richly lined with high grade silks, all the new colors, fully as good, if not better, than any Jacket sold for $18.50. Saturday only **$13.50**

Wonderful Gloves

Ladies' Medium and Heavy Pique Street Gloves, 2 clasp, with gusseted fingers and heavily embroidered backs, for

. . . $1.00 . . .

a pair. They're the best Gloves we ever sold at this price. All the popular colors.

Last Chance This Year.

Positively the last sale of Lace Curtain Corners to be held this year. About 1,000 are left—mostly Irish Points and Brussels Nets. Every Curtain Corner in this store will be included in this sale. They're 1½ yards long and 54 inches wide—samples of Curtains worth from $8.00 to $30.00 a pair at retail.

TAMBOUR SWISS CORNERS, 35 CENTS.

IRISH POINT CORNERS, 60 CENTS.

IRISH POINT CORNERS, 90 CENTS.

BRUSSELS NET CORNERS, 90 CENTS.

Nothing is more suitable for draping, short windows, hall doors or transoms.

Lonsdale Muslin.

A large quantity of genuine Lonsdale Bleached Muslin, full yard wide, at less than mill price, only

5 Cents

a yard today. Not more than 40 yards to one buyer.

For Men.

The economical man buys "Mattelutz" German Sanitary "Steam Shrunk" Underwear. He gets more wear and more comfort out of it than any other kind in the market.

"Musser" Socks outwear all others.

"Hole-proof" Socks are warranted to wear.

SPECIAL. Men's Heavy Ribbed Wool Shirts and Drawers with silk fronts and trimmings, best $1.25 quality, for..... **78c**

SPECIAL. Heavy Plain Knit Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers—can't be duplicated for less than $1.25. Today..... **83c**

SPECIAL. Men's good wool fleeced Shirts and Drawers, best $1.00 quality **69c**

SOCKS. A new lot of heavy Merino Socks, black, tan and natural gray. Our best value at **25c**

Men's heavy Knit Wool Gloves and Mittens, fine cashmere or ribbed worsted..... **50c**

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WILL BE CREMATED.

Remains of Miss Mabel Davidson, the Dead Skater.

The funeral of the late Mabel Davidson will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Noble, 87 South Victoria street. Rev. C. D. Andrews will officiate. Miss Davidson was baptized by the pastor a few weeks ago. The remains will be cremated at Forest Hill cemetery.

Wants His Patent Protected.

Edward A. Thiem demands an accounting of profits from C. F. Whaley in a case brought in the district court yesterday. The plaintiff claims to be the inventor of what he calls a wheel adjusting apparatus. He says that he had an arrangement with the defendant to put the invention on the market, and that Whaley formed a company and has been manufacturing and selling the invention. The plaintiff wants an injunction and an accounting of profits to date.

His Dog Worried Teams.

Edward Flannigan, residing at 59 East Seventh street, was before Judge Orr yesterday charged with violating ordinance 805. Patrolman Perro, who made the complaint, testified that a dog owned by Flannigan amused himself by chasing teams up and down the streets. The officer stated that he had warned Flannigan numerous times to keep the dog off the streets, but the warnings did no good.

Flannigan told the court he would muzzle the dog, and the case was continued to Dec. 5.

Trust Company Resigns.

The Minneapolis Trust company yesterday filed a resignation as guardian of the Brennan heirs. The resignation is accomp