

Gorge of the St. Croix

To Be Saved for a Park.

G. H. Hazard, of St. Paul, is working hard to induce the legislature to pass an appropriation for improving the Dalles of the St. Croix, which form the Interstate park. Mr. Hazard, who, with Benjamin Clayton, of Taylor's Falls, and John Z. Ely, of Cottage Grove, form the park commission, has recently returned from Wisconsin, where he secured an appropriation from that state.

The beautiful tracts of land at Taylor's Falls on the Minnesota side, and at St. Croix Falls on the Wisconsin side were acquired in 1886, and then the proposition to establish a park met with approval. The plant life in and about the Dalles is said to be the most varied of any one place known. There are all three selected fringing the Dalles, and the plants are as varied as their colors. All the different vines of the northern climes are found here. Among the trees are the pine (white, Norway and jack), cedar (red and white), spruce, fir, birch, willow, butternut, linden, poplar, the maple family, ash, walnut, mountain ash, elm, oak, ironwood, cherry, hickory, the junipers, the larch and Canadian yew. Among the thousand plants is found the mosaic flower ("Our State's Own"), the golden rod, blue harebells, roses, blue-bells, jacks-in-the-pulpit, columbine, honeysuckle, blue gentian, anemones, asters and lilies. Among the very exceptionally large family of ferns, the most choice and rare are found, including the walking and bulb fern; and among the

Art association an expression of our appreciation of the work that has already been accomplished toward securing the Dalles of the St. Croix as a forest reserve for the citizens of Minnesota and Wisconsin, where native plants and animals that are fast being exterminated may be perpetuated, and where they and the remarkably varied and interesting geological conditions may be readily accessible to students, and we urge that these two states take early action to acquire the additional land that is necessary to preserve the reservation and the views in it from being marred by the destruction of any part of the forest growth and rock formations or by the introduction of any inharmonious objects.

The following letter was received by the commissioner from John H. Renshaw, geologist, United States Geological Survey, department of Interior, dated at Washington, D. C.: "Under separate cover I mail you a photograph of the St. Croix Falls sheet. The photograph, being all black, you will not be able to form a correct idea of the work as it will appear in the final engraved proof. When engraved the black, the contours in brown and the water in blue. It will be one of the most beautiful, interesting sheets we have surveyed, and will be valuable for the use of students, with its varied contour and rich geological and pictorial features. The states of Minnesota and Wisconsin are to be congratulated that you took

prominent points on many of our lakes and streams for park purposes.

RANKS WITH NIAGARA.

The editor of the Garden and Forest, published in New York, in speaking of the move to secure the Dalles of the St. Croix as an interstate park, names them in the following class:

"It is not only such marvels as Niagara, the Palisades, the Dalles of the St. Croix, the Yosemite valley, and the great gorge of the Colorado which ought to appeal to us as a special charge for which our civilization is responsible."

The editor of the Grocer's Criterion, Chicago, who has a collection of over three thousand photographs of American beauty spots, pens a column article for his paper, of which the following is a sample:

"Fancy a massive mountain split from summit to base by some mighty convulsion of nature, and through this great gorge a deep, black river rushing and you have a slight conception of this interesting place. In its way it is as remarkable as Niagara, and its picturesque features are more attractive and beautiful."

For a long time the Dalles of the St. Croix have been famous for the scenery and the wonderful geological condition presented. The locality has long been the Eldorado for the geologist and botanist, and for the love of nature in wild grandeur few spots offer more enticing attractions.

When operations for the improvement of the tract were begun the place was rough indeed—nothing but wild nature with means of access to the points of interest only available to the pioneer used to such surroundings. With the appropriation of \$5,000 obtained by Mr. Hazard the park has been maintained for two years, 150 acres cleared up, thirty old houses and outbuildings removed, mud holes and small swamps drained, trees, shrubs and vines replanted, offices, platforms, walks and steps arranged. In ad-



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IN LABOR'S FIELD

The following is the schedule for meetings in labor circles during the coming week:

Monday—Web press helpers, hall 1; Journeymen Tailors' Protective union, hall 2; Electric Workers' union, hall 3; main hall, annual ball of the local bartenders' union.

Tuesday—Blacksmiths' union, hall 1; carpenters' union, hall 3; stage employees, hall 1, at 11:30 p. m.; Wednesday—Bookbinders' union, at 6 p. m., hall 1; Typographical No. 13, hall 2; plasterers' union, hall 4; lathers' union, committee room; cabinet makers' hall 2.

Thursday—Pressfeeders' union, hall 1; stereotypers' union, hall 4; bricklayers' union, hall 3, and special meeting of the journeymen plumbers in hall 2.

Friday—Stonemasons' union, hall 1; building trades council, hall 2; boss plasterers, hall 3; painters' union, hall 4.

Saturday—Iron molders' union, hall 1; bakers' union, hall 3; brewery workers, hall 2; main hall, annual ball of Theodore Koener Lodge No. 16, Order of Hermann Bona.

Other events are: Switchmen's annual ball at Ryan hotel, Monday.

Meeting of St. Paul No. 7, N. A. S. E., Central hall, Sixth and Seventh streets, Tuesday evening.

Friday evening the regular meeting of master horsehoes' union, Hale block, on Jackson street.

Tuesday evening, the regular meeting of Switchmen's Union No. 31, at Druids' hall, Seventh and Jackson streets.

Conductors' Ranks Increase.

Two new members, John Flavin and Will Martens, of the Great Northern system, were yesterday added to the list of membership in St. Paul Division No. 40, O. R. C., and two new applications were received and referred.

Secretary Goss reported that the plans for the convention of 1901, which it is hoped, to secure for St. Paul, were being very successfully conducted, and all signs looked favorable for St. Paul.

Senate File No. 53, in reference to the moving of trains on Sunday and Sunday work on railroads, was disapproved by all the members present but two.

J. H. Stevens, of Division No. 299, of New Mexico, and E. R. Hicks, of Dennison Lodge 537, Dennison, Tex., were guests of the meeting, and both were called upon for short talks. Secretary M. N. Goss reported that the appeal of the order for supplies to be donated by members for the railway men's home at Highland Park, Chicago, was meeting with a ready response, and up to date the following supplies had been received at his office: One and one-fourth dozen pairs of socks, two pair of pillow cases, seven bed spreads, one overcoat, five coats, five vests, fourteen shirts, one suit of clothes, two hats, one cap, twelve handkerchiefs, one and one-half dozen neckties, three suits of underwear, six dozen collars, all sizes, four dozen cuffs, two dozen collar buttons, one dozen pins, one dozen packages of smoking tobacco, and \$6 in cash.

A letter from Acting Chairman T. F. Richardson, of the grievance committee of the Great Northern system, was also read and referred; the letter announced that the general committee meet for consultation with the general manager of the road in St. Paul, April 10, and would continue in session until April 12.

Hack and Cab Drivers.

The local branch of the hack and cab drivers' union transacted a large amount of business at its regular meeting last night. A delegation of some fifteen headed by President Harry Coffin, Trustee Fred Malone and Delegate Frank McGaughey were present from the Minneapolis union as guests of the meeting. James Kennedy, who was reported on the sick list, was granted the usual weekly allowance. A rising vote of thanks was also extended The St. Paul Globe.

Chief Goss Dissects It.

Another Fake Story About a Holdup on the High Bridge.

One of the morning papers yesterday, and it was not The Globe, printed a gaudy account of an alleged hold-up on the high bridge. Chief Goss ran across the item last night at the central station. Giving his blue moustache a vicious twirl, he exclaimed:

"This makes me sick. As a matter of fact, there was no hold-up at all. This paper says it was on Wednesday, whereas the occurrence, which gave rise to the story, happened a week ago Saturday. It also remarks that it occurred at 5 in the afternoon, whereas it happened at 3 o'clock. It goes to further relate that the affair was an attempted hold-up, notwithstanding that it was simply a common affair where a drunken man jostled a lady and frightened her. The smart young man who wrote it says 'there were marks where the fellow's fingers caught her throat.' That's good! Barring a few other inaccuracies, the article, if properly expurgated, might be somewhere near the truth, but as it stands, at present, it is utterly false."

The affair referred to was caused by a drunken man who jostled a Mrs. Fischer, of Winslow avenue, while she was crossing the bridge. There were many spectators to the affair and no one suspected at the time that a daring hold-up was taking place.

ST. PAUL CHURCH NEWS.

The Epworth League of the Dayton's Park German M. E. Church will meet Thursday evening in the church parlors.

Signs of the Times.

Railroad travel is always a splendid index to the condition of the times. No one will doubt the presence of general prosperity in the Northwest after an inspection of the passenger trains of the Milwaukee road any day at the Union Depot. This ever popular line runs five passenger trains every business day to Chicago, and their large patronage indicates "The Milwaukee" is more popular than any other Western system.

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The American Park and Outdoor Art association held their national convention in Minneapolis last summer. Many of them visited the Dalles, and after a careful inspection by Warren H. Manning, secretary, Boston, adopted the following resolutions, indorsing the move to acquire 1,100 acres in Wisconsin and 500 in Minnesota on lines surveyed and recommended by Frank E. Noyes, so as to control the unit of scenery, embracing the landscape from the upper to the lower Dalles:

ART ASSOCIATION INDORSES.

Resolved, That we place upon the records of this American Park and Outdoor

up the matter of making a reservation of the Dalles of the St. Croix.

"Having visited and inspected the park before you commenced your extensive improvements, I have to congratulate you upon the good effect you have been able to produce with so little money at your disposal, with which to clear up and make accessible the picturesque parts of the Dalles."

This survey was secured by Senator Davis, Dean Hall of the University of Minnesota, and Prof. Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin, joining with the park commission in the request. The map includes a territory of 12x17 miles. The St. Croix river at the Dalles is near 700 feet above sea level. The bluffs on the Minnesota side are 1,120 feet above sea level, while on the Wisconsin side they rise to 1,400 feet.

The elevation of points in neighboring territory is as follows: At Duluth—lake, 690 feet; bluffs 1,000 to 1,400 feet. At St. Paul—river, 700 feet; bluffs, 900 to 1,000. At Minneapolis—water above falls, nearly 800 feet; and knolls at Lake Harriet 900 feet. The low land south of the state fair grounds is 800 feet.

This park move should have a good effect on our state, and no doubt has stimulated sentiment in the line of having the general government preserve the Leech Lake region, and should set the friends in the different parts of the state to work to secure the shore line and

dition a steamboat dock with approaches has been built, and row boats secured to add to the attractions.

The river being navigable the United States government has made an appropriation which will improve the river facilities, and steamboating will soon be resumed.

The bill introduced in the legislature contains the following: "To enable the governor to carry into effect the provisions of the act of April 19, 1886, and of this act there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$10,000. No payment shall be made from this fund until the commission, to determine what compensation the owners of private property shall receive for their lands and property appropriated to the public use, have made and filed their final report and the same has been approved by the governor. Any remainder of the \$10,000 shall be available for the general purposes and care of the park, the same to be expended under the direction and approval of the governor."

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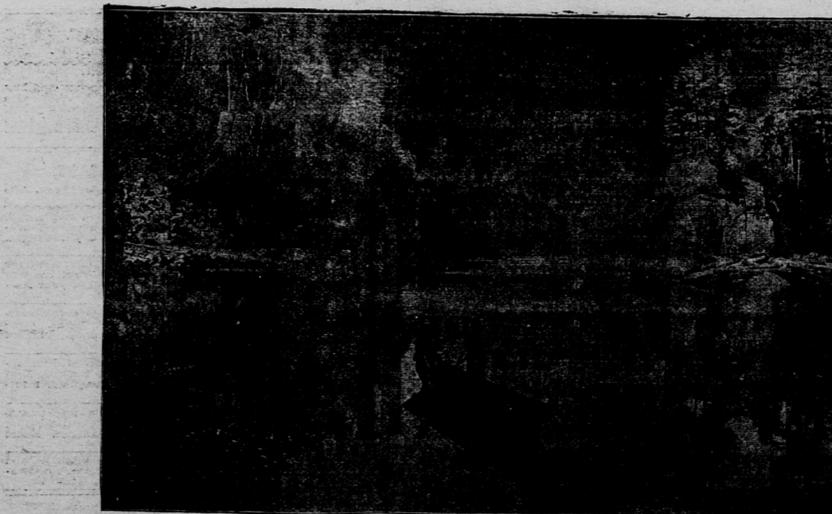
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