BIG CROP OF FLAX

FARMERS IN NORTHWESTERN NORTH DAKOTA ARE IN PROSPEROUS CONDITION

SETTLERS ARE POURING IN

Northern Railroad Lines Sure of Largely Increased Earnings Due to Opening Up of New Lands.

Writing to the Minneapolis Journal from Harvey, N. D., H. V. Jones, the editor of the Commercial West, has the following to say of the flax crop in Northwestern North Dakota:

The northwestern counties of North Dakota will produce a great flax crop. It is a wonderful transformation from last year that is seen from Larimore to Minot and Portal. The flax crop in the Red river valley is not healthy and its outcome is in doubt, but the moment one strikes the hill country towards the west, a change for the better is apparent at once.

Last year the new settlers in the northwest counties found the times hard because there were no crops above what was necessary for a bare subsistence. There was a shortage of grass for stock, and in many instances conditions approached seriousness. This year all is changed, and the hills and valleys of Ward, Wells, Pierce, Benson, Towner and other counties are glorious with bountiful crops.

Of these crops flax is the great leader. Wheat cuts but small figure in Ward county, western Wells county and the other new settlements. For miles there are acres of flax, clean and promising a splendid yield, and nearly all of this acreage is first crop. In many instances the crop will pay for the farm this year, which will furnish a support for all these northwest counties that cannot easily be overestimated. With the splendid flax crop is a bountiful supply of fodder. Farmers can carry the stock they have and provide for more.

The crop conditions in these western counties will have an important bearing on railroad earnings. Here is a large acreage that is coming in as a permanent support to the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Soo. Only a half dozen years back there was almost no cultivation for a hundred miles around Minot. Now the country is settled and there is a bountiful yield for all the newcomers.

These encouraging conditions hold to the far points of the Bowbells country. The Mouse river valley shows wheat that will yield from 25 to 30 bushels and flax that will crowd the record of production.

The land men are again busy. Every train brings landseekers. The far northwest counties of North Dakota must be reckoned with hereafter, as crop producers.

—H. V. Jones.

FARMERS TO MEET.

National Congress Will Be Held at Sioux Falls, Oct 1 to 10.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 2.—The work of preparing for the twenty-first annual convention of the Farmers' National congress, to be held in this city Oct. 1 to 10, has commenced, and the business men and citizens are determined that all who attend the gathering will go away well satisfied with their treatment. The programme for the convention has just been completed and is as follows, omitting minor features:

At 10 o'clock on the morning of Oct. 1 the convention will be called to order and addresses of welcome will be delivered by representatives of the state of South Dakota and city of Sioux Falls. Gov. Savage, of Nebraska; ex-Gov. W. D. Hoard, of Wisconsin; President J. H. Worst, of the North Dakota agricultural college; Col. B. F. Clayton, of Iowa, and others will make responses. rPesident R. G. F. Candage, of the Farmers' National congress, will, at the afternoon session, deliver his annual address. John Hamilton, of the board of agriculture of Pennsylvania, will read a paper on "The State Department of Agriculture; Its Mission and Organization." At the evening session Eugene Secor, of Iowa, will give the gathering his views on "Some Problems Confronting the American Farmer." An address, "Social Life for the Farming Community," will be delivered by O. C. Gregg, of Minnesota.

Wednesday morning, Oct. 2: Address, "The Rice Industry; Its Relation to the Other Agricultural Interests of Our Country," by J. R. Foley, of Louisiana. Address, "The Nicaragua Canal; Its Importance to Farmers in the South and West," by Harvie Jordan, of Georgia. A paper on "The Truth About the Oleomargarine Business" will be read at the afternoon session by Charles Y. Knight, of Illinois. Among those who will discuss this important question will be J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, ex-secretary of agriculture, and W. D. Hoard, ex-president of the Farmers' congress. At the evening session President J. W. Heston, of the South Dakota agricultural college, will read a paper. An address, "The Farmstead Beautiful," will be delivered by Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of the University of Nebraska.

Thursday morning, Oct. 3: Paper, "State Control of Animal Diseases," by Leonard Pearson, B. S. V., M. D., state veterinarian of Pennsylvania. Capt. F. J. Merry, of Iowa, will follow with an address on a subject to be selected. "Soil Culture in the Semi-Arid West" will be presented by Prof. W. H. Campbell, of Kansas, an authority on the subject. John P. Brown, of Indiana, will speak on "Ancient American Forests, Living and Petrified." At the evening session Mrs. Bertha Dahl Laws, of Minnesota, will give her views on "The American Girl and the Home." M. F. Greeley, of South Dakota, will read a paper on "The Farm Home and Life."

Friday, Oct. 4: An address will be delivered by J. R. Dodge, of Washington, D. C., on "Present Status of Wool Growing." An address, "The Relation of Mining Industries to Farming," will be delivered by Congressman E. W. Martin, of Deadwood. During the afternoon session the final reports of committees will be made and officers selected for the ensuing year.

DOCTORS AT ROCHESTER.

Southern Minnesota Medical Association Holds Annual Meeting.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Aug. 2.—The tenth annual convention of the Southern Minnesota Medical association was held in this city yesterday. Physicians were present from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Northern Iowa and South Dakota. St. Paul and Minneapolis were well represented. In all over 100 were present.

The convention was called to order at 10:30 by Dr. E. D. Keys, of Winona, the president, who gave a short and stirring address. This was followed by an excellent paper by Dr. Franklin Staples, of Winona, who is now the oldest physician in Southern Minnesota. He was unable to be present, but his paper was given its place, and a resolution of thanks was adopted. Dr. J. W. Andrews, of Mankato, had an interesting paper on "Caesarian Section versus Cramotomy," after which "Anaesthesia," by Dr. W. T. C. Heise, of Winona, was the subject for a long and earnest discussion.

The afternoon session opened with the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Dr. A. S. Adams, Rochester, president; Dr. M. J. Hart, Le Roy, first vice president; Dr. A. B. Stewart, Owatonna, second vice president; Dr. W. T. Adams, Elgin, secretary and treasurer.

The programme was as follows: "Surgical Aspect of Cancer and Ulcer of the Stomach," Dr. W. J. May, Rochester; "Placenta Proevia," Dr. R. C. Dungan, of Eyota; "Report of Placenta Proevia Centralis with Twins," Dr. J. A. Gates, Kenyon; "Concealed Hemorrhage in the Pregnant Uterus," Dr. H. H. Witherstine, Rochester; "Some Inflammatory Troubles of the Ear," Dr. L. H. Munger, Winona; "Congenital Hernia," Dr. C. H. Mayo, Rochester; "Smallpox" (a) Dr. Ronald B. Pretchard, H. O., Winona; (b) Dr. A. S. Adams, H. O., Rochester; (c) "Smallpox in Minnesota," Dr. T. L. Hatch, Owatonna. The general discussion was opened by Dr. H. M. Bracken, St. Paul, secretary of the state board of health; "Paralysis of Bladder and Rectum from Injury," Dr. A. L. Baker, Kasson; "Clenic, Chronic, Nervous Diseases," Dr. A. F. Kelbourne, superintendent Rochester state hospital.

Two papers were also given by Drs. G. E. Campbell, of Wykoff, and G. A. Love, of Preston.

The following were among those present: Drs. J. B. Moore and F. C. Todd, Minneapolis; H. M. Bracken and B. Foster, St. Paul; J. L. Lynch, J. B. McGaughey, L. H. Munger, Winona; E. D. Steel, Mankato; E. W. Ayers, Richburg, N. Y.; C. B. Hill, Pine Island; A. J. Button, Hammond; J. B. Waiste, Plainview; J. E. Creive, Zumbrota; C. A. Cooley, Madelia; C. E. Fawcett, H. R. Russell and .. W. Burns, Stewartville; E. E. Harrison, West Concord; B. E. Dimitt, Red Wing; J. W. S. Cott, St. Charles; L. E. Evans, Osage, Iowa; O. T. Way, Claremont; A. L. Baker, Kasson; C. H. Woodruff, Elgin.

FATHER CLEARY NAMED.

Minneapolis Priest May Be Made a Bishop.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Aug. 2.—The bishop of the diocese of Sioux City will be one of the three following men: Bishop Lenihan, of Cheyenne; Rev. Father T. M. Cleary, pastor of St. Charles church, Minneapolis, and Dr. P. J. Carrigan, vice rector of the Catholic university at Washington, D. C.

These three names were sent to Rome nine weeks ago today, and until the announcement comes from Rome no one will know which of the three will be the incumbent.

THROWN OUT OF COURT.

Case of Mrs. Zora Staples Is Dismissed.

STILLWATER, Minn., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Judge Williston, of the district court, yesterday filed a decision dismissing the case of Mrs. Nora Staples against the executors of the estate of the late Isaac Staples in which the plaintiff, who is the divorced wife of Sherman W. Staples, endeavored to secure part of the estate to which her former husband will fall heir. The estate is not yet out of the probate court, hence the dismissal of the district court action.

Robbed on a Sleeper.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Aug. 2.—An unknown thief made a nice haul on the Grand Rapids & Indiana railway sleeper between Grand Rapids and Mackinaw City last night, when William Hanford, a diamond salesman for Freedenheim Bros. & Levy, New York city, was relieved of over $700 in diamonds and $80 in money. The stolen articles were the personal property of Hanford, who had put them under his pillow upon retiring. The theft was not discovered until morning. The conductor on the sleeper thinks the thief got off at Cadillac. Hanford usually carries about $75,000 worth of jewelry in his trunk.

Hair Worth $10,000.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 2.—A suit for $10,000 damages has been begun in the federal court of the Northern district of Iowa by a Sac and Fox Indian of high degree and purple blood, known as Ma-Ka-Ta-Wah, alias Qua-Twa, sometimes referred to as Black Cloud and dubbed by poor, illiterate white trash, Muck-a-High. The plaintiff in the action was condemned for cashing a public annuity to serve a term in the state penitentiary. There the raven locks in which he gloried were removed. For this offense to his comeliness he demands the recompense named in the suit.

Winona Winnowings.

WINONA, Minn., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—John Ludwick, who was arrested yesterday for using a seine in river fishing, pleaded guilty. He said he knew the use of a net was contrary to law, but he was using it to get fish for his family, practically all his property having been destroyed in the Minneiska fire last fall. In view of these facts he was let go with a fine of $25, which he was allowed thirty days to pay.

A class of 500 will be confirmed at St. Stanislaus' church on Sunday by Bishop Trobec, of St. Cloud.

Drowned at Dubuque.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Aug. 2.—John A. Ruston, aged twenty-one, a theological student, was drowned at Green's Island, six miles south, while bathing. He was the only son of Rev. W. O. Ruston, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and president of the German Theological Seminary of the Northwest. Howard Salot and Harry Shaw, while attempting a rescue, were almost drowned. The death struggle was witnessed by the parents and many others.

Woman's Long Walk.

MANKATO, Minn., Aug. 2.—Mrs. Della Vincent arrived in the city yesterday on her way to Minneapolis to visit a sister, having started from St. Louis seven weeks ago. She walked 400 miles of the way, as she had no money to pay railway fare. Her husband is dead, as are also her parents. City officials took compassion on her, gave her a meal and bought her a ticket to St. Peter.

Mrs. Kunkel May Recover.

SHERBURN, Minn., Aug. 2.—Mrs. Eliza Kunkel, who was shot by Fred Yost, is still alive. The doctors have located the bullet, and entertain strong hopes of her ultimate recovery. Evidence points to the fact that the bullet which killed the baby wounded her. Yost has a wife and five or six children living at Welcome.

Construction Crew Strikes.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Aug. 2.—The construction crew at work on the river division of the Milwaukee road between here and Dakota struck yesterday for a raise in wages of 50 cents a day. The demand was refused and today the entire crew was discharged and work is at a standstill. The men were receiving $1.50 a day and demanded $1.75.

HARPOONING THE BLUE WHALE.

Pearson's Magazine.

To pursue the blue whale successfully, a boat is required that can steam twelve knots an hour, and which is furnished with a formidable weapon known as the harpoon-gun.

The harpoon-gun is a ponderous piece of apparatus placed on a raised platform on the prow of the whaler, and consists of a short, stout cannon, mounted on a broad pedestal, on which it can rotate horizontally. The gun has also a vertical motion, and can be turned quickly in whatever direction the prow of the ship dominates. On the top of the gun are "sights" for aiming, just as in a rifle. Behind is the stock, which is grasped in the hand when firing the gun, and beneath it the trigger. The breech is a box-like arrangement, situated just where the stock is fastened to the gun proper. The gun is loaded in the ordinary way from the muzzle, and the harpoon is tightly rammed into it. To discharge the gun, a small cartridge, with a wire attached, is first put into the breech. Pressure on the trigger causes a pull on the wire, which ignites the cartridge and discharges the gun simultaneously.

The harpoon is about six feet in length, and very massive. It consists essentially of three parts, the anterior conical portion, the movable barbs, and the shaft. The anterior conical piece is an explosive shell filled with gunpowder, and screws on to the rest of the harpoon. The explosive shell is fired with a time-fuse after the harpoon is imbedded in the whale.

Behind the explosive conical piece lie the four barbs, situated at right angles to each other. These barbs are always bound down tightly together with thin rope when the harpoon is going to be discharged. As the harpoon penetrates the flesh of the whale, this rope gets brushed off the barbs, and, in so doing, pulls a wire, which sets fire to the fuse, and it explodes the shell in a few seconds. The shell gets blown to pieces and makes a terrific wound in the whale's interior, and the explosion causes the four barbs to stand out, so that it becomes impossible for the harpoon to be withdrawn. The rest of the harpoon consists of a long shaft with a slot in it, in which a ring moves freely with the rope attached.

If the whale is at all well hit, the harpoon gets imbedded about five feet, and unless the rope breaks the animal cannot escape. The rope, which is a very stout one, passes from the harpoon on to a round tray in front of the gun where a coil of fifty feet or so lies. It then passes backwards over a pulley on to the drum of a double steam winch supplied with an immensely powerful brake.

Taken all in all, the harpoon-gun is about the most exquisitely cruel instrument of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man. But it is only when one sees and knows the prodigious brute it is meant to destroy that one realizes that it is nevertheless none too effective. The gun is never discharged at a greater distance than fifty feet, and seldom, indeed, at more than thirty feet from the whale. To be able to get so near requires not only very fine seamanship, but a very intimate knowledge of the habits of the animal.

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Ladies' Straw Sailors {including Knox}, former price $2.00 and $5.00, now..... 25c

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WITH BROKEN SHAFT

UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT LENNOX IS OFF THE PACIFIC COAST

PROVISIONS RUNNING SHORT

Volunteer Crew Under the Third Mate Rows Forty Miles to Shore —Tug Slocum Sent to Aid.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—Seven men from the disabled transport Lennox, bound from Manila to this port, who were picked up in a small boat off Piedras Blancas lighthouse and brought to this city by the steamer George Loomis, tell a story of a broken shaft, dearth of provisions and the drifting of the helpless ship in the current that sets down the coast. The men are Third Mate J. Spratt, J. Lee, Frank West, P. J. Flaherty and James P. Scanlon, ex-sailors and men-of-wars men, and David Rankin, a government clerk returning from Manila, and F. L. Rose, a reporter formerly connected with the Manila Freedom. They constituted a volunteer crew that put off from the transport in search of assistance. On the Lennox are seventeen cabin and forty-five second-class passengers, nearly all of whom are discharged sailors and soldiers, the English officers and a Chinese crew of about thirty men. There are no women on board.

Third Mate Spratt and his companions tell the same story. One of them said:

"The Lennox left Manila on June 17 and Nagasaki on July 5. Suddenly, on the evening of July 25, the shaft broke within three feet of the propeller, making a great noise, but the quick shutting off of the engines prevented any damage to the vessel. There was a calm at the time and things looked bad. The members of the Chinese crew were helpless. Two old sailors fixed up a jury rig, but the vessel made little or no progress. For nearly a week we looked in vain for assistance, meanwhile drifting to the southward and in toward the coast. What made it really serious was the shortage of provisions. Capt. Williamson asked the Chinese crew to man a small boat and attempt to reach the coast. The Chinese refused, and the chief officer came to us sailors and asked for a volunteer crew. Twenty minutes later we were off in a boat. We took two kegs of water, two tins of corned beef and a box of hardtack. The boat was rigged with a sail, but there was no wind. Until we were picked up by the Loomis, twelve hours later, we were at the oars, and had come within sight of Piedras Blancas lighthouse."

It is expected the government tug Slocum, which was at once sent in search of the Lennox, will find the transport some time today close to Santa Barbara channel. She was 180 miles south of this city and 40 miles at sea when the small boat left her.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Col. Long, quartermaster at San Francisco, has informed the war department that the tug Slocum, which was sent to the assistance of the disabled transport Lennox, was expected to reach that vessel at 3 o'clock this morning. The Lennox is a chartered transport. She was returning to San Francisco in order to be turned over to her owners.

Col. Long informed the department that, in view of a possible shortage of supplies on the Lennox, the Slocum would take out some stores.

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Is Mackinac Island. Only $13.50 from St. Paul or Minneapolis and return via Eastern Minnesota Railway and steamship "Miami." Ticket office, 332 Robert street (corner Fourth), St. Paul, Minn.

CADILLAC AGAIN WINNER

DETROIT SLOOP WILL DEFEND CANADA'S CUP

First of Series of Races With the Canadian Challenger Invader Will Be Sailed Aug. 10.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Cadillac, of Detroit, has been officially selected to defend the Canada cup against the Canadian challenger Invader. The decision was reached today by the judges after the Cadillac had won another decisive victory over the Milwaukee, beating her over the line by about eleven minutes.

The course today was triangular, twenty-one miles in length, with the wind blowing at twenty-five miles from the north and northeast.

A new jib and centerboard were carried by the Milwaukee when she appeared, just as the starting gun was fired. She was first across the line, with the Cadillac ten seconds in her wake. The course and condition of wind were to the liking of the Milwaukee, and she soon had a lead of three-fourths of a mile. The boats were about this distance apart when the first buoy was reached. On the second leg both used their balloon jibs, and as the Cadillac gained slightly under conditions supposed to be more favorable to the Milwaukee, it was the general opinion that the race would go to the Detroit boat, as the last leg of the course was a run to windward, in which work the Cadillac has steadily shown her superiority.

The Milwaukee had lead of two minutes at the second buoy, but as soon as the windward work commenced, the Cadillac gained steadily. She quickly passed the Milwaukee and increased her lead all the way home.

She was two minutes behind at the second buoy, and finished eleven minutes ahead, making a gain of thirteen minutes on the last seven miles.

The official elapsed time was: Cadillac, 2:54:55; Milwaukee, 3:06:06.

The first race between the Invader and Cadillac will be sailed Aug. 10, weather permitting.

Brighton Beach Results.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Five favorites and one outsider won at Brighton Beach today. In the second race Locket, at 30 to 1, after a hard struggle through the stretch with Oclawha, the favorite, won by half a length. Summaries:

First race, steeplechase, about two miles and a half—Mystic Shriner won, Isen second, Decameron third. Time, 5:19 1-5.

Second race, selling, five furlongs and a half—Locket won, Oclawha second, Cast Iron third. Time, 1:08 1-5.

Third race, mile and seventy yards—Monarka won, Candle second, Lucent third. Time, 1:44 3-5.

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth—Ethics won, The Amazon second, Himself third. Time, 1:46 3-5.

Fifth race, six furlongs, selling—Goldilia won, Hardshell second, Dr. Korbe third. Time, 1:15 3-5.

Sixth race, selling, mile and an eighth—Intrusive won, McGrathiana Prince second, Fatalist third. Time, 1:53 3-5.

Gun Club Shoot.

The North Star Gun club will hold its shoot on the Kittsondale grounds this afternoon. All shooters are cordially invited to attend.

TASTE IN DRINK CHANGED.

London Mail.

The fine old sherries which the British court used to drink with delight in the days of our grandfathers, but which have lain dormant in their crusted bottles in the cellars of the royal residences for many years, owing to the change of taste in drink, are rapidly being distributed over half the civilized globe. The story of how the king came to sell his sherry does not seem even yet to be generally known. On stock being taken of the wine in the royal cellars after his majesty's accession to the throne, it was found that, owing to the unpopularity of sherry, enough of it had been laid down to last, at the present rate of consumption—for about a hundred years. Under these circumstances it was thought better to sell off a large proportion of it, and to reinvest the money obtained by this means in wines of a character more suited to the tastes and constitutions of the present day.

Couldn't Hear It.

Baltimore American.

"My poor friend," said the earnest reformer, "do you never hear the still, small voice of conscience?"

"No," replied the wicked person. "I'm so hard of hearing that conscience couldn't get word to me with a ten-foot megaphone."

Amply Described.

Puck.

Mrs. Goodsoul (answering ring)—What is it, little girl?

Mary—Please, M'm, we've lost our kitty. She left yesterday, and we're hunting her. We want to know if you have seen a cat by the name of Minerva go by your house.

They Were Discovered.

New York Herald.

When they went into the hotel he was determined to do nothing to betray the fact that they were newly married. He took up the pen, for his first registration under the new conditions, and with an old married man look and sweep of indifference, wrote: "Mr. and Mrs. Mary Thompkins."

"Will you have the bridal chamber, Mr. Thompkins?" asked the clerk.

Not Scared, but—

Harper's Bazar.

Clergyman (after being rescued from the shipwreck)—Mr. Smith, did I really appear scared when we thought all would be lost?

Mr. Smith—I can't say that you were scared, but for a man who has been trying to get to heaven all these years you appeared most reluctant to accept the opportunity.