

RAIL AND RIVER.

The Railroad Review. (Springfield, Mass.) Republican.

Henry V. Poor's "Railroad Manual" illustrates how easy is literary place to the man who has a public demand. To present in one volume a record of the financial condition, the traffic and the official staffs of all the railroads in the country was to do a work of obvious utility, and when this is issued annually, it is not surprising that it has become a standard reference work for American railroading, as assuredly as Webster's dictionary became the standard in lexicography.

The Republican has already noted the main features of Mr. Poor's last report. There was built last year 11,591 miles of railroad, being the largest extension ever made in one year, bringing the total up to 213,329 miles of railroad in the United States. No other country in the world approaches this vast mileage, and probably altogether they do not exceed it. It would go round the world four and one-half times.

The nominal capital and debt would pay the national debt four or five times—and the year's earnings for 1882, which are not a matter of inflation and stock watering, amount to \$770,000,000, or half the national debt. Two-sevenths of this amount was for passengers, five-sevenths for freight. The average gross earnings per mile was \$7,188 in 1882; in New England it was \$8,000, but in old England the railroads in 1879 earned an average of \$16,500 per mile.

The nearest approach to this in America is probably in Massachusetts, where in 1882 the railroads earned an average of \$2,500 per mile. Thus the earning capacity of railroads rises with density of population and high degree of popular intelligence.

The weakness of the American railroad system is the constantly widening gap between nominal capitalization and real cost. It is both a financial and a moral weakness. It was a financial weakness in the long period of depression, when hundreds of millions of so-called stock was forced out of possession, and is always a moral weakness from the fact that a fictitious capital is entitled to the "reasonable" return which the common law allows the common carrier.

Mr. Poor shows that the last 28,000 miles of railroad in this country, the product of the last three years, has been accompanied by an expansion of capital and debt amounting to \$2,023,000,000, or \$70,000 a mile, whereas the actual cost was not over \$30,000 a mile. At \$30,000, a net earning of \$1,800 will pay 6 per cent on the cost, but at \$70,000 it takes a net earning of \$4,200 to pay 6 per cent.

Now there has been a marked decline in both gross and net earnings per mile of American roads since 1880, partly because of the unproductive new mileage probably, and partly because of the constant decline in rates. Mr. Poor's figures therefore seem to furnish an explanation of the present lack of confidence in railroad stocks.

Our Neighbors. Dan County (Wis.) Items. Aug. 23rd 1883: The two mile rail road track connecting the Dan County Pressed Brick Company's works with the M. & St. P. R.R. is now fully completed.

The social event of the season is the marriage to-day of Peter E. Wilson to Miss Lillian Wallace. The couple take the evening train east. Dan county has unusually good crops this year. Corn although late is coming in in fine shape.

A sale of the Bailey manufacturing plant at Knapp is advertised for Sept. 26, when a lumbering and landed property to the value of \$72,000 is to be disposed of.

STILLWATER GLOBULES.

Bay Bees' society meets with Miss Mand Armstrong this evening. A general invitation is extended.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mrs. John Peterson while driving in the vicinity of Owen and Hickory streets was thrown from the buggy and quite severely injured about the face and temple. It is supposed the horse was rendered by being trifled with by a little boy who was in the vehicle at the time. The lady becoming frightened, either jumped or was thrown to the ground with the result as above stated.

The ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone of the German Catholic church will commence at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, Bishop Grace, of St. Paul, officiating. The Crusaders and other Catholic societies will be in attendance. The new church will, when completed, be quite an imposing edifice. Much credit is due the building committee for the zeal and perseverance manifested by them in forwarding the work, and in the still more important matter of providing the funds.

The following was learned from Mr. Hingsworth, who is engaged in buying cattle for a firm who have suffered from the chieving operations of a gang. For some time past a small but expert gang of cattle thieves have been operating in the northern part of this state. One of their first depredations was the theft of a car load of cattle at Moorhead on the 16th of last July. The stolen property was conveyed to places at a distance and there disposed of. In one instance, some oxen that had been stolen were found by their owners in the pastures of the different farmers who had been innocent purchasers.

Free Thinkers' Convention. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 30.—The Free-thinkers' convention opened this morning with a conference, during which a number of brief speeches were made. Dr. L. R. Ware of Boston dilated upon Herbert Spencer, John W. Raiser and others endorsing the views presented. Dr. H. G. Grace, of Bryan, Ohio, offered, for the use of any educational institution the free-thinkers will establish, a cabinet containing more than 15,000 specimens he has been thirty years collecting.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The surgeon general of the marine hospital service received a report from Dr. Finn, in charge of the Ship Island quarantine station, showing that there are twelve vessels now in quarantine there, from which nineteen cases of yellow fever have been taken. All the cases were brought from Vera Cruz. Commander English reports in the following telegram received at Pensacola, August 29: The new cases, a servant, Dr. Owens Fred Owens and one attendant. One death followed.

A Ticket Forfeiture. CINCINNATI, Aug. 30.—A committee has been appointed to arrange nominations for a ticket as provided for in yesterday's meeting of the Democrats dissatisfied with the Highland house convention.

Confirmation of Assessment for Grading Carfield Street. OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., AUG. 28, 1883.

The assessment of benefits, costs and expenses arising from the grading of Carfield street, from Goodrich street to Ramsey street in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, having been completed by the Board of Public Works in and for said city, said Board will meet at their office in said city, on the 10th day of September, A. D. 1883, to hear objections (if any) to said assessment, at which time and place, unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, said assessment will be confirmed by said Board.

The following is a list of the supposed owners' names, a description of the property benefited and the amounts assessed against the same, to-wit: Leech's Out Lots to St. Paul.

Supposed owner and description. Lot. Benefits. Geo Parker, E 1/2 of S E 1/4 of ... 3 \$763 20 Marshall's Subdivision of N. E. 1/4 of Lot 3, Leech's Out Lots to St. Paul.

Supposed owner and description. Lot. Benefits. James Martin ... 6 \$124 55 Jas K Mallaney ... 5 124 55 C Derrmann ... 4 124 55 Theresia Gramp ... 3 124 55 J and M Meyers, E 40 ft. of ... 1 & 2 169 70

Supposed owner and description. Lot. Benefits. W W Whitacre ... 84 \$217 30 B D Morgan ... 61 217 30 W D Whitacre ... 26 217 30 Same, part S of Pleasant avenue, of ... 13 60 90 Pat Leo part S of Pleasant avenue of 12 ... 17 55 Andrew O'Rourke ... 37 217 30 W D Morgan ... 69 217 30 A Waters & J H Jacoby ... 85 217 30

Confirmation of Re-Assessment for Levee in Sixth Ward.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., AUGUST 29, 1883.

The assessment of benefits, damages, costs and expenses arising from the opening, widening and extension of a street or levee along the Mississippi river bank in the Sixth ward in the city of St. Paul, Minn., from the south line of said city, in section 9, town 28, range 22, to the south line of said city, in section 10, town 28, range 22, on certain property on which judgment has been denied by the District Court of Ramsey County, having been completed by the Board of Public Works, in and for said city, said Board will meet at their office, in said city, at 2 p. m., on the 10th day of September, A. D. 1883, to hear objections (if any) to said re-assessment, at which time and place, unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, said re-assessment will be confirmed by said Board.

The following is a list of the supposed owners' names, a description of the property benefited or damaged, and the amounts assessed against the same, to-wit: Supposed owner and description. Lot. Block. Benefits. Damages. Balance.

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Confirmation of Assessment for Grading Pleasant Avenue.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., AUG. 28, 1883.

The assessment of benefits, costs and expenses arising from the grading of Pleasant avenue, from Sixth (6th) street to Ramsey street, in the city of St. Paul, Minn., having been completed by the Board of Public Works in and for said city, said Board will meet at their office in said city, on the 10th day of September, A. D. 1883, to hear objections (if any) to said assessment, at which time and place, unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, said assessment will be confirmed by said Board.

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Amendments of Articles of Incorporation of KNIFE FALLS LUMBER COMPANY.

This is to certify that at a meeting of the stockholders of Knife Falls Lumber Company (a corporation heretofore organized and acting under laws of the State of Minnesota) held at two o'clock in the afternoon of August 21st, 1883, at its office, in Saint Paul, Minnesota, at which all of the stockholders were present in person or by proxy, all the stock of said company was represented except the following resolutions were voted on separately for each article proposed, the stock of said company being voted therefor:

First—Resolved, that article III of articles of incorporation of Knife Falls Lumber Company, be amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. The amount of capital stock of said corporation shall be five hundred thousand dollars, which shall be paid in in such manner as the directors shall prescribe.

Second—Resolved, that article IV of the articles of incorporation of Knife Falls Lumber Company, be amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which said corporation shall, at any time be subject, is the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Third—Resolved, that the incorporating articles of this company be so amended, that article VII shall read as follows:

ARTICLE VII. The number of shares of the capital stock of said corporation shall be ten thousand, and the amount thereof shall be fifty dollars each.

In testimony whereof, said corporation has caused this certificate to be signed by its president and secretary, and its corporate seal to be attached. Dated August 21st, 1883.

KNIFE FALLS LUMBER COMPANY, Seal. By CHAS. A. MOORE, Secretary.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Ramsey, ss: H. Brandenburg and Charles A. Moore, being each first duly sworn, doth each for himself, say that said H. Brandenburg is the president, and said Charles A. Moore is the secretary of Knife Falls Lumber Company, and that each has read the foregoing certificate, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true, and each without further depose and say, that the amendments to the articles of incorporation of said Knife Falls Lumber Company contained in said certificate, were adopted at a meeting of the stockholders of said corporation by a unanimous vote of all the shares and shareholders said said certificate has subscribed as said certificate as said president, and said Charles A. Moore has subscribed the same as such secretary. Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 22d day of August, A. D. 1883.

CHAS. N. BELL, Notary Public, Ramsey Co., Minn. 624-171-2