

PLENTY OF MOISTURE

**Weather Reports Indicate
That the Big Wheat States
Are Thoroughly Wet.**

A General Rain and Snow-
fall Which Lasted Nearly
Twenty-Four Hours.

The Gloom of Farmers Over
the Outlook Quickly Suc-
ceeded by Joy.

**Bernalillo County, N. M., Enjoys
the Luxury of a Natural
Gas Well.**

Segeant Lyons, of the weather bureau, up to 10 o'clock last night, rain was general throughout the Northwest during the past few days. In some hours, in some places the rainfall was intermingled with a very light snow. Throughout the country Sunday was a cloudy and threatening day. The rainfall in the Northwest is just what was needed, and the beneficial effect upon the crops is incalculable. It was particularly timely in the Dakota wheat belt, where there has been great anxiety lest the moisture would be so long delayed that the crop yield would be materially short. Consequently the farmers are rejoicing among all producers over the wet weather. The local forecast for St. Paul and Minneapolis and vicinity is fair weather and slowly rising temperature. Fears that there have heretofore existed for the safety of crops can now be put aside for a time.

WET ALL AROUND.

General Rains Throughout Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Specials to Globe.

AYR, N. D., May 18.—It began snow-

of very deep snow fell until about 3 o'clock, when it turned into a fine rain, and is raining at this writing, with a strong wind from the west. The farmers are in a very pleasant frame of mind and visions of twenty bushels per acre, with \$1 per bushel, are not far from their minds. There have been unusually hard winds and plenty of dust, which was very disagreeable, but it is a very good sign that had started and added to the general bad outlook, but things have taken on a different aspect since the rain. The farmers of the northern North Dakota may yet prove that it is equal to its past record of big yields of the best No. 1 hard wheat grown anywhere.

LITTLE FALLS, May 18.—Three inches of snow, accompanied by rain, fell here this morning, and the weather is now exactly what they needed. The weather to-day is warm, damp and low-

needed, light drizzling rain has been falling here for fifteen hours. For several days shifting, strong winds had blown clouds of dust off the fields, nearly ruining portions of them. Farmers were discouraged but now have

Grain sown with press drills is looking quite well. Only a portion of that sown broadcast is sprouted.

FARGO, N. D., May 18.—Rain and snow have fallen nearly all day in this vicinity. Reports from within a radius of 100 miles are to the same effect. Warm weather is now needed to insure a bountiful harvest.

STEELE, N. D., May 18.—An all day's rain has done great good to crops.

STROCK NATURAL GAS.
 Lots of the Illuminant in Buffalo
 County, S. D.
 Special to the Globe.
 Cheyenne, Wyo., S. D., May 12, 1891.

ing a well on the farm of Eugene Gibbard, the drillers struck a strong flow of natural gas, which increased so rapidly in volume that they were compelled to cease operations. The flow

heard quite a distance from the well. The discovery has caused great excitement among the residents of the vicinity.

Died of Asthma.

Special to the Globe.

LITTLE FALLS, Minn., May 18.—Samuel McCauley, manager of Charles Gravel's feed store in this city, was this afternoon found in a dying condition on his bed, where he had laid down to rest. He expired a few moments afterward. He was very fleshy and troubled with asthma, and it is thought he

His Children Drowned.
Special to the Globe.
STANTON, Neb., May 18.—A farmer

town, was out in a boat in a small lake on his farm, last evening, when the boat upset and Mr. Stucker and two children, Frank and Daisy, aged fourteen and nine years, respectively, were drowned.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 18.—A bill has been filed in the courts asking for an injunction to restrain teachers from

under a new school law, which Catholics will not recognize. Religious exercises were suspended in Protestant schools the day the law came into force.

LITTLE FALLS, May 18.—Work on the new pulp and paper mills has been commenced by the Hennepin Paper company. The amount to be invested will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Nine

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Wreck on the Alton.
JOLIET, Ill., May 18.—An extensive wreck was caused on the Alton yesterday about two miles this side of Wil-