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### WHEAT INVESTIGATION.

COMMITTEE BUSILY LOOKING INTO THE CHARGES OF FRAUD.

Inspector Clausen Explains Methods of Inspecting-Reasons for Some of His Removals Important Points in Testimony Given Before the House Commit-

ST. PAUL, June 4 .- Testimony in the elevator investigation was unimportant until Inspector Clausen was put upon the stand. Mr. Erwin's attempt to show that the theway and warehouse commis to be I been dereliet in their handling of the grain business aroused Chief Inspector Clausen, who called attention to the fact that the present grain law was defective in many respects; that no one realized it more than the railway and warehouse commission, who had attempted at the last three sessions of the legislature to secure amendatory legislation, but had failed. He also showed that the rules and regulations established by the commission were based upon the provisions of the grain inw, and that the methods of the business to which Mr. Erwin objected were really specific provisions of the

Could Not Be Ignored nor altered except by the legislation proposed by the commission. Mr. Clausen in his testimony also stated that in no other market in this country did the system of forwarding grain in the dut obtain, upon which Mr. Erwin asked his opinion as he said to the merits of the system to which he replied that he thought that all grain should be sent forward to terminal markets in a clean condition, and under the very best conditions possible. That when the grain inspection department took charge, five or six years ago, about one-third of it was received in the dirt, twothirds of the receipts being clean. Today it is a very rare sight to see a cleaned car of grain. He ascribed the change to the fact that farmers and shippers in the country could not clean shippers in the country could not clean the grain as profitably as against the light dockage placed upon it by the in-spectors. This was owing to the supe-rior and finely adjusted machinery in the terminal elevators, as against the primitive fanning mill of the farmer. The committee adjourned to meet in the morning at 10 a. m.

House Grain Committee Denied, St. PAUL, June 5 .- In the elevator investigation Mr. Clausen was placed on the stand again. He was given some grain to grade, which he did as rejected, and gave his reasons, showing it had been burned by heating in the bin, These samples had been graded by Mr. Ario as No. 1 Northern. Another sample of grain which Mr. Ario could not even name proved to be a kind of a barley raised in some parts of the state to feed to stock.

Mr. Clausen further explained the use of special bins. When a shipper has a lot of wheat which is of extra fine quality he has it stored by itself. In this way, when shipped from the elevator, he can have the advantage of having it nnmixed with an inferior quality of the same grade, and thus, perhaps get a higher price for it. As the grain must be delivered from the elevator at the same grade given to it when it was inspected in, regardless of improvement by drying or cleaning, the Eastern buyer would get all the benefit if it were not for the special bin feature of the system. Sometimes the grade is raised by a reinspection, but this entails some expense. The owner of grain or his authorized agent may obtain a reinspection, but there is no advantage whatever to the warehousemen in such case. Witness further stated that the railroad companies did not show any respect for the rights of inspection, switching cars all over the yards and even taking them out of town before they could be in-

william C. Weld, state weighman, was put upon the stand. Mr. Weld testified before the house committee. Mr. Weld said that it was not an uncommon occurrence to weigh grain in at night, but he thought this grain was always inspected during the day. He did not know, nor had he ever heard of a case in which the grain was received or shipped without having been weighed or the weighing overseen by a state weighman. He never heard of a case where more grain was weighed out for a vessel than it could carry, that the residue, after the vessel was loaded, was not weighed back and credited to the vessel. He had never known or heard of a case in which the elevator men had done the weighing and simply given the weights to the state weighman. t was the duty of the state weighmen

to see that the shipping bins were empty after a vessel was loaded, and this was always attended to before a certificate of weights was given.

An Important Change. Howard Starkey, foreman of elevator D, at Duluth, took the stand. Mr. Starkey testified before the house committee. The testimony made him say that there were slides in the shipping pipes, these slides opening into the pocket bins, and that these slides were kept open while yessels were being loaded. His actual testimony, he said, was that there were slides in the shipping bins, opening into the pocket bins, and the pocket bins are kept open while yessels are being loaded, in order that leakages may be discovered. Witness also said his testimony in regard to screenings was not given as he had Howard Starkey, foreman of elevator screenings was not given as he had given it. He knew nothing about the wholesale trade in screenings. He had sold screenings at retail for 25 cents to 75 cents per bushel. Had sold ten times as much at 25 cents as 75 cents,

Witness stated positively that it would be impossible to take wheat from without the discovery of that fact by bimself. Witness also declared with emphasis that all cars unloaded were properly

on cross examination by Mr. Erwin witness stated that the shipping bins had been relined with sheet iron once, about two years ago. The shipping bins clark S. Fulton, chief deputy inspector at Duluth, was next called as a witness, but nothing new or important

The Trouble with Cross. gr. Paul. June 4.—C. S. Fulton was again called to the stand by the wheat investigating committee and questioned regarding the controversy between himself and Mr. Cross. The witness emphatically denied that he had sent Cross

over to West Superior because he wanted to get him out of the way. It was his content to change the inspectors between West Superior and Duluth frequently to acquaint them with the elevators

In the cross examination by Mr. Erwin, Mr. Fulton said that he had done everything for Mr. Cross. He had saved him from being discharged by the board. His instructions were always to give the wheat or the owners the benefit of any doubt that wight arise as to the grade of wheat, and he followed out hese instructions to the letter.
Under the cross examination by Mr.

Severance the witness emphatically de-nied that he had ever practiced any diserimination against Barnes, Thompson & Co., as testified to by Mr. Cross. He produced papers signed by various firms in Duluth corroborating his statement. State Inspector Clausen was recalled and examined for an hour or more on the rules of the inspection department, and if they were strictly enforced. He thought the rules were as strict as could

be made under the law. A. D. Thompson, a grain commission man of Duluth, was put upon the stand and he and Mr. Erwin occupied the rest of the afternoon. The attorney wanted to find out the true inwardness of the pit, but Mr. Thompson did not

give him much satisfaction. At 5 o'clock adjournment was taken. Sereenings Shipped at Midnight. St. Paul, June 6.—Edwin McManus,

chief weigher at Duluth, was put on the stand, and an hour spent in listening to his methods of weighing. In the cross examination by Mr. Erwin the witness said that when he first went into office, two years ago he heard of some vessels that were loaded at Duluth being short at Buffalo. He had some corresponhe has been in office. The shortage on maverage was about 40 pounds in 1,000 time to time. bushels. One vessel was short 600 bushels. Mr. Severance asked that Julius Smith be brought up from Buffalo to answer a few questions, as he was the man who had been making the charges of shortages. The matter was laid over until the contents of Mr. McManus' cor-

respondence can be ascertained.

The witness further said that the loss by shortage while the grain was being on the ground of insanity. T. J. transported by the lakes did not fall Mahon shot his wife May 24, 1890. upon the people of this state, but upon the vessel owners.

J. I. Thomas, agent of the Northern Pacific and the South Shore and Atlantic at Duluth, and T. A. Kemp, agent of the Omaha, produced their books. The latter testified that on one occasion he was asked to get two cars to elevator E when it was late. He set the cars in after 7:30, and they were pulled in before midnight. They were billed as screenings. He could not remember when it was without looking up the records. Nothing was said about great William Diddle, a farmer living four Charles Can: a Duluth grain dealer testified in ...vor of the elevators.

Eric Had His Ears Open. St. PAUL, June 9 .- Eric Olson was placed on the stand to tell what he knew about buying and selling wheat at the country warehouses and elsewhere. He told what he could about ten different firms and then about the manner of

eighing at the country stations.
"Have you ever had occasion to complain of these local buyers?" "No, I have generally been treated "Do you know of any time when they

gave you short weight?' No. 1 remember one time I took a lot of wheat to an elevator. It had a lot of pigeon seed in it. We gave it a test and they treated me very fairly. But I saw another man come in and I think perhaps they took out a little more out

Thus it went all along. Eric knew of nothing out of the way from his own personal knowledge, it was all hearsay.

Buffalo Scales Incorrect. Mr. Berry gave an account of his trip to Euffalo a year ago last fall, He said the trip was made at the solicitation of the elevater people and the state weigh-master at Duluth. He first went to Duluth and watched the loading of the ship Italia from elevator D. Then he took the train to Buffalo, where he watched the unloading of the ship at the Niagara B elevator. The cargo weighed seventy-seven bushels short, and Mr. Berry called for a test of the and Mr. Berry called for a test of the scale. It was found to be slow five pounds to every 100 bushels, and this, together with about five bushels which was refused and left on board, just about made the discrepancy. Mr. Berry then went to five or six other elevators and found most of the scales out more or less, in favor of the Buffalo compa-

Overages Not Reported.
C. M. Rees testified that during his wo year's term of office as weighmaster in Minneapolis he had received between 300 and 400 complaints of shortage. Overages were not reported, but his men had examined the tickets of weight and found nearly as many overages as

"As to wheat being stolen," continued the witness, "to my certain knowledge there is in Minneapolis a great deal of grain stolen from the cars while standng on the track.

He had not been able to fix the amount of wheat stolen in the course of a year but it was many thousands of bushels: He explained that the elevators, mills and commission firms had sample men who took samples from the cars they were interested in, and it was difficult to tell the thieves from the authorized samplers. He suggested that the cars be resealed after the samples were taken,

### OPENED FOR ENTRY.

Valuable Iowa Lands to Be Given to Set-

tlers-July 6 the Date. DES MOINES, June 9 .- July 6 there will be open for entry in Iowa the unearned forfeited lands within the inlemnity limits of the grant to the Sious City and St. Paul, Chicago, Milwaukeg and St. Paul and the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railroad companies, not embraced in selections heretofore made on appeal for said companies. There will probably be about 15,000 acres of these lands opened up for entry. A large part of these lands is occupied by settlers, who have been innocent pur-chasers of the railroad companies and chasers of the railroad companies, and have made improvements. In cases of this kind the settlers will be given the first opportunity to make entry.

Davis! Birthday a Legal Holiday TALLAHASSEE, Fla., June 8.—The bill making the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis a legal holiday has be-come a law. After the bill was passed the legislature adjourned sine die,

Here's a Chance for Sinners. Paris, June 8 .- In an apostolic letter to Cardinal Richard the pope promises his blessing and a full indulgence for seven years' sins to every pilgrim visit-ing Montmartre during June and July, when the church will be consecrated, the object being to obtain funds for the

Brook's Election Confirmed. NEW YORK, June 5 .- The Churchman announces that Dr. Brooks having per day.

### MINNESOTA NEWS ITEMS

in the vicinity of Waterville.

Minnesota Adventists are in camp at Pleasant Park, near Minneapolis The Third regiment of the Minnesota national guard is to be disbanded.

Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, is expected home from Europe Saturday. Mayor Winston has ordered all gambling establishments in Minneapolis to

Six thousand acres of school lands were sold in Clay county last week. The prices realized were good. The state superintendent has designated Plainview and Preston as places

for holding summer schools. The grasshopper scare at Pelican Rapids is over. Only a small bunch was seen on section four in that town; noth-

The semi-annual meeting of the Minnesota Unitarian conference will be held at Unity church, St. Paul, on Tues-day and Wednesday. Eva McDonald, state lecturer of the

Minnesota Farmere' Alliance, was mar-ried Tuesday last to Frank Valesh, an assistant state labor commissioner. For parading the streets of Winona, Minn., with musical instruments mem-bers of the Salvation Army were fined \$25 and costs. The case will be appealed. Word has been received from Super-vising Architect Edbrook, of Washing-ton that work on the Duluth public building will be advertised in a few

nence from the officials at Buffalo show-ing that about 100 vessels had been short at that place during the two years various symptoms of municipal degen-

Hon. Joseph Roach, c. Northfield, Minn., has been awarded the govern-ment contract for furnishing sheep and cattle for the Fort Berthold and Standing Rock agencies.

In the McMahon murder trial at Henderson the jury, after being out ten hours, returned a verdict of not guilty The county commissioners of Blue

Earth county have decided to at once commence the erection at Blue Earth Earth City of a new court house to cost about \$0,000, plans to be submitted at their July meeting. At Aurora, Minn., John and Knut Hanson attacked Peter Zeiner. Zeiner defended himself with a hatchet, cut-

William Diddle, a farmer living four miles south of Sleepy Eye, Minn., died a horrible death of lockjaw. He was down in a well and a crowbar fell on him and injured his leg and foot, the injuries de-

veloping into lockjaw. Adelbert Goheen, under sentence of cent. lower than usual. death at Fergus Falls, tells Sheriff Billings he will never be hanged alive.
The sheriff differs from him. Two watchers, one night and one day, are

Annie Johnson, a pretty blue-eyed, flaxen-haired girl, the prepossessing daughter of a well-to-do Scandinavian farmer of Norman county, Minnesota, forsook home and parents last week and joined her dusky lover, William Saice, an Indian of the reservation.

Professor Lugger of the state university, has examined into the ravages of the grasshoppers near Pelican Rapids. He says they are not the breed that did damage in 1897 and 1888, but are a prac-tically harmless variety, though hatch-ing in considerable numbers.

Otter Tail county Prohibitionists held a mass meeting at Fergus Falls last week and resolved to revive the party, it having been demoralized through desertions to the Farmers' Alliance. They also resolved that the platform of third party people at Cincinnati is unsatisfactory to Prohibitionists, and a bid for the support of the liquor power.

The state normal boord held its annual meeting at St. Paul Thursday and elected faculties for the four state normal schools for the ensuing year. The presidents of the various faculties were all re-elected. The total number of graduates this year was 118. Fifty of these graduated at Winona, forty at Mankato, twenty-five at St. Cloud and three at Moorhead.

Sheriff Hyland, of Hastings, Minn. captured the young couple who eloped from Beldenville, Wis., George Maier and Miss Abbie Severance. It was learned that they had been married by Justice Bevans in River Falls, Wis., and the irate father of the girl withdrew the complaint issued by Justice Johnson complaint issued by Justice Johnson and forgave the young couple.

There is considerable excitement at Austin over rumors that a small plant of pearls, similar to those which caused so much excitement in Wisconsin last year, has been discovered in the Cedar river, two miles from that city. Two strangers have been working in a mys-terious manner for several days. The Tiffanys of New York city are testing them.

The Indians at White Earth have de The Indians at white Earth have decided to oppose the admission of non-reservation Chippewas to White Earth reservation. If this decision should be sustained it will deprive 300 Chippewa mixed bloods in Minneapolis and St. Paul of the right to take allotments there. The non-reservation Indians claim that they come within the purious of the act authorizing the treaty. view of the act authorizing the treaty, and will make a vigorous fight for their

The Minnesota grand lodge of Odd Fellows held a two days' session at Winona last week. Additional subscriptions amounting to \$15,000 were raised to the Odd Fellows' home. Duluth was decided upon as the place for holding the next meeting. The following officers were elected: Grand master, W. R. Johnson, of St. Paul; deputy grand master, Howard Lancaster, of Fisher; grand warden, F. W. Denton, Winona; grand warden, F. W. Denton, Winona; grand secretary, A. L. Bolton; grand treasurer, W. W. Churchill, of Rochester; grand representative, W. G. Nye, Minneapolis.

PRESTON, Minn., June 9.—A fire broke out in Hard & Kuethe's store at 1 a. m. It was confined to the storeroom on the first and second floors, the other occu-pants of the block suffering but slight loss. The stock of Hard & Kuethe is a total loss; insured.

Liestrader's expedition to explore East Greenland has started from Copen-J. W. Vrooman has been re-elected grand master of the Free Masons of New York state.

Chief Secretary Balfour has sold his Scotch Highland estate for \$500,000 to Mr. Combe, the well-known brewer. The grip is creating great havoe among the natives of Alaska. Hundreds have died at the rate of a dozen

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