

CITY BRIEFS

J. H. Regan was up from his home near Bath yesterday.

There will be a masquerade skate at the roller rink tonight.

T. F. Daly of Ordway was an Aberdeen visitor yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. N. E. Nelson is spending the week with her parents at Wetonka.

M. Plin Beebe of Ipswich was in the city last night on his way east.

There are about seventeen sojourners at the small pox hospital at the present.

The home of Rev. Tiffany on the North side has been quarantined for small pox.

C. H. Murray of Carlisle township was spending the day in the Hub City yesterday.

J. C. Bassett of the Aberdeen National bank was at Langford yesterday on business.

Attorney F. G. Huntington will leave this morning for Bowdle on a short business visit.

A. E. Boyd has sold to John Snyder the lots 11 and 10 in block 4 of Nicollet Park addition.

The Luther League of the Norwegian Lutheran church will meet this evening at the parsonage.

The race which was to have taken place last night at the roller rink has again been postponed.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Murdy are absent at the Twin Cities where they will spend the rest of the week.

Miss Margaret Ringrose left last night over the Milwaukee for Sinsinawa, Wis., to reenter school.

Stephen Hobbs, linotype operator on the American, is on the sick list at present and unable to be at work.

E. S. Nelson of Stratford is in the city for a short visit with his son, Deputy Clerk of Courts N. E. Nelson.

There will be a regular meeting of the M. B. A. tonight. There will be election of officers for the coming year.

John Gavell, a resident of the Cresbard neighborhood, was spending yesterday visiting in the Hub City.

Representatives of several of the eastern bridge firms were in Aberdeen yesterday on business before the county commissioners.

Miss Anna Bartlett yesterday left for her home at Sioux City after spending the past ten days with her old-time friend, Mrs. R. A. Townsend.

The funeral of S. P. Morin was held yesterday noon at the residence fifteen miles south of Aberdeen, Rev. Gleene preaching the funeral sermon.

Mr. G. W. Lamkin and daughter Belle returned from Fergus Falls, Minn., Wednesday morning, where they had been visiting with relatives and friends.

Miss Lu Trott returned yesterday from Arlington, where she has been spending her vacation at her home. She is employed as stenographer by M. E. Gehon.

Knutson Cragin has been released from the small pox hospital after being there sixteen days. His brother, Jimmy Cragin, is now suffering with the disease.

E. E. Linderman is at St. Luke's hospital, where he has undergone an operation on a gland of the throat. Doctors Johnston and Miller performed the operation.

Frank Harrington has resigned his position at the Sherman house and will soon go to St. Paul to assume his duties as salesman for George Benz & Son, distillers.

The National Opera company last night presented "The Grand Duchess" at the opera house. There was a good-sized crowd in attendance. The play for tonight is "Erminie."

The most recent marriage licenses issued by the clerk of courts were to Harry B. Plummer and Miss Lottie Thompson and to L. H. Herschleb and Miss Isabel Hoover Elmore, all of Aberdeen.

C. A. Wallock of Forman, N. D., has been visiting in Aberdeen for a couple of days on business. He left last night for Yankton, where he will visit at his old home for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Slauson of Hettinger passed through Aberdeen last night on their way to Monticello, Iowa, where they go to bury the remains of their small daughter, who died recently.

Little Miss Wilner Coley has gone to Minneapolis to enter Holy Angels' academy for the rest of the school year. A farewell party was given for the young lady at the home of her parents on Wednesday night.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet this afternoon with Mrs. R. L. Brown, 502 South Kline St., at 3 o'clock. A large attendance is desired as there is important business.

Edward Antelope, who has been in jail here for some time on a charge of introducing liquor on the Standing Rock reservation, was yesterday released on bond and will return to his home at McIntosh this morning. He is an Indian.

Railroad Commissioner F. C. Robinson, of Groton, passed through Aberdeen Wednesday on his return from Pierre. Mr. Robinson expressed his belief that the legislature would pass a two-cent fare law at the present session.

The semi-annual apportionment of the interest on the permanent school fund of South Dakota shows that Brown county's share amounts to \$4,614.48. This is about 72 cents per capita. The Aberdeen city schools draw \$1,584.72 of the amount.

Night before last the mail car on the east Milwaukee was left in the turn-table pit at Ortonville until the next day. While doing some switching the mail car was left on the track on the turn-table from where it was pushed off into the ditch.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Christian church will meet this afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. C. E. Zirbes, leader, Mrs. E. T. Cassel, topic, "The Working Basis of the C. W. B. M." "Our Constitution." "Our Various Funds." "United Mission Study." "Islam, the Religion of the Mohammedans."

Tonight will be played the opening game of the high school basketball season when Bath and the local team will meet in the high school gymnasium at eight o'clock sharp. The line-up of the Aberdeen team will be as follows: Forwards, Bremer and Ward; center, Collins; guards, Bennett and Hanlecker. The Bath team is a fast organization and a good game is expected.

A letter has just been received here from the manager of the Zeigler, Ill., coal company in which they state that the recent press dispatches have been grossly exaggerated in describing the recent fires in their mines. They state that the fires are entirely out and that they will be shipping coal again by the tenth of this month. These people sell considerable of the coal used in this city.

City Engineer D. C. Washburn returned yesterday morning from a ten days' visit in the Twin Cities, where he went to price some fire apparatus which the city council proposes to purchase for the fire department here. Mr. Washburn carefully inquired into the matter and will make his report to the city council at their next meeting, which will be held on Monday night.

Recent newspaper advices have been to the effect that W. J. Onahan, the former Chicago banker, has lost his life in the recent earthquake in Italy. The gentleman is a very dear friend of Mother Joseph of this city and upon hearing the first report she telegraphed to a daughter in Chicago of the gentleman and last night received a reply that Mr. Onahan was safe and well at the Minerwa hotel in Rome.

R. W. Dickey, at one time in business in Aberdeen, has about completed his new \$25,000 hotel at Ellen-dale and the opening and dedication ceremonies will take place on the 15th of the month. Attempts are being made to secure enough passengers from Aberdeen to run a special train there on that date. If there are any who are in favor of the plan it is requested that they consult with J. F. Hagerty in regard to the matter.

John H. Firey and family left last night over the Milwaukee for the Twin Cities. From there they will go west over the Northern Pacific to the Pacific coast. Mr. Firey will then go to Prince Rupert to inspect the proposed terminal of the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad which is to be built there in the near future. Before returning to Aberdeen the party will go to points in California and later to New Orleans.

1908 WAS GOOD YEAR FOR S. D. RAILROADS

BOTH BIG LINES, NORTHWESTERN AND MILWAUKEE, SHOW GAINS IN REVENUE

Northwestern Gained 46.6 Per Cent and Milwaukee 50 Per Cent—Both Lines Showed Decrease in Operating Expenses and Increase in Business Handled—Accidents Result in 48 Fatalities.

Sioux Falls, Jan. 7.—Gains in net revenue of \$317,587.60 or 46.6 per cent for the Northwestern, and \$531,444.74 or 50 per cent for the Milwaukee & St. Paul, go to indicate an increasing prosperity for railroads operating in South Dakota.

From the years ending July of each year, the Northwestern road shows a decrease in the ratio of operating expenses to revenue from 97.61 per cent, meaning practically no profit, to 87.36 per cent. The Milwaukee shows a handsome decrease in this ratio from 78.23 per cent to 69.81 per cent.

The foregoing figures are taken from a summarized report of the South Dakota railway commission's report, now in the hands of the printers, and are figures furnished by the railroads themselves.

C. & N. W. Railroad

Revenues	1907	1908
Passenger—	\$1,161,763.47	\$1,192,953.72
Freight—	1,714,929.57	1,583,398.68
Other—	17,812.42	284,493.53
Total—	2,899,505.46	3,060,845.93
Op. Exp.—	2,830,170.27	2,673,933.14
Net Rev.—	69,335.19	386,922.79
Taxes paid South Dakota—		\$174,602.51

C. M. & St. P. Railroad

Revenues	1907	1908
Passenger—	\$1,772,136.56	\$2,102,618.75
Freight—	3,074,438.88	3,126,748.89
Other—	13,807.20	39,401.87
Total—	4,860,382.64	5,268,802.31
Op. Exp.—	3,806,079.62	3,678,647.76
Net Rev.—	1,059,203.02	1,590,415.61
Taxes paid South Dakota—		\$195,415.61

With the Northwestern road the great gain, according to the table, is not from passenger, freight or other income, but from a slight increase in each of these, and a slash in operating expenses.

The Milwaukee, which, in a spirit of real or assumed fairness on the part of the roads, is representing the several roads of the state in the 2 1/2-cent rate fight, shows its greatest increase in the passenger traffic. Freight and other revenue shows a good increase in revenue also, and the Milwaukee has, like the Northwestern, cut down operating expenses.

The above roads, as the large representative roads of the state, are taken from the summarized report submitted to and compiled in tabulated form by the railway commission. The figures are given in fair comparison, as the roads' investments in mileage of track is the same, there having been but about 54 miles of track built on the roads of South Dakota in the past year.

Traffic and Mileage

As a basis for comparison, the bulk of freight and traffic carried one mile per mile by the Northwestern, and the receipts per passenger per mile and per ton per mile, for the entire line, and for South Dakota, are given.

For the entire line, the passengers carried one mile per mile in the year ending July, 1908, numbered 113,480 on the entire line, and 48,311 in South Dakota. The average receipts per passenger per mile in South Dakota were .02524, as compared with .01810 for the entire line.

The tons of freight carried one mile per mile by the Northwestern in South Dakota were 131,344, as compared with 633,881 tons for the entire line. The average receipts per ton per mile were .01232 in South

Dakota, compared with .00867 for the entire line.

Accidents in 1908

For the year ending July, 1908, another interesting table of statistics for the South Dakota roads is included in the summarized report. This shows the fatalities and injuries in accidents on all the roads in South Dakota.

A total of 40 persons were killed in the year immediately preceding July, 1908, 26 of whom were employees of the road. Only two of those killed were passengers. Twelve others were killed.

Of the 446 injured reported, 361 were employees of the several roads, 54 were passengers and 31 were listed under the head of "others."

The Milwaukee railroad leads in the number of fatalities, with 23 killed, 18 being employees, one passenger, and four others.

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LATEST MARKET REPORTS

Live Stock

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 7.—Cattle, 500; steady and unchanged.

Hogs, 3,000; steady; range \$5.50 @ \$5.90; bulk \$5.65 @ \$5.75.

Sheep, 500; strong; quotations unchanged; lambs strong, \$3.00 @ \$7.40.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 7.—Cattle, 5,000 market strong to 10c higher; steers \$4.60 @ \$7.75; cows \$3.00 @ \$5.25; heifers \$2.50 @ \$4.60; bulls \$3.15 @ \$4.50; calves \$3.50 @ \$9.50; stockers and feeders \$2.50 @ \$5.00.

Horned, 1,000; market 5 to 10c higher; choice heavy shipping, \$6.20 @ \$6.30; butchers \$6.05 @ \$6.25; light mixed \$5.50 @ \$5.75; choice light \$5.75 @ \$6.10; packing \$5.70 @ \$6.05; pigs \$4.25 @ \$5.50; bulk of sales \$5.85 @ \$6.20.

Sheep, 15,000; market strong to 10c higher; sheep \$4.00 @ \$5.65; lambs \$5.25 @ \$8.00; yearlings \$4.25 @ \$7.25.

Grain

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 7.—Close—Wheat: May, \$1.09 1/4; July \$1.09 1/2 to 3/4; cash, 1 hard \$1.10 1/2 to \$1.11; 1 northern \$1.09 1/2 to \$1.10; 2 northern \$1.07 1/2 to \$1.08; 3 northern, \$1.05 to \$1.06.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 7.—Close: May \$1.07 1/2 to 3/4; July 98 1/2c; Sept. 94 1/2c.

Corn: Jan. 57 1/2c; May 61 1/2c; July 62c; Sept. 62 1/2c.

Oats: May 51 1/2c; July 46c to 1/2c; Sept. 39 1/2c.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 7.—Close—Wheat: 1 hard on track \$1.10 1/2; to arrive, 1 northern \$1.09 1/2; 2 northern \$1.07 1/2; track, 1 northern \$1.09 1/2; 2 northern \$1.07 1/2; May \$1.09 1/2; July \$1.09 1/2.

Durum: On track, No. 1 92 1/2c; 2 northern 90c; May 93 1/2c.

Flax: To arrive, \$1.53 1/2; track, \$1.53 1/2; May, \$1.54 1/2.

Oats: To arrive, 48 1/2c; track, 58 1/2c.

New York Money

New York, Jan. 7.—Money on call easy, 2 to 2 1/2 per cent; ruling rate 2 1/2 per cent; closing bid 1 per cent; offered at 1 1/2 per cent; time loans dull and easy; sixty days 2 1/2 per cent; ninety days 2 1/2 to 3 per cent; six months 3 1/2 per cent.

Aberdeen Markets, Card Prices.

No. 1 northern wheat 99c; No. 2 northern wheat 97c; No. 3 northern wheat 94c; No. 4 northern wheat 90c rejected wheat 82c; No. 1 durum wheat 79c; No. 2 durum wheat 77c; No. 3 durum wheat 74c; No. 4 durum wheat 71c; No. 3 white oats, 40c; No. 4 white oats 33c; No. 3 oats 35c; No. 1 flax \$1.35; No. 2 flax \$1.35; rejected flax \$1.30; No. 5 barley, 46c; No. 3 barley 48c; No. 4 barley 47c; feed barley 45c; No. 1 velvet chaff 90c; No. 2 velvet chaff 88c; No. 3 velvet chaff 85c.

Dealers claim this to be an open market and that they are paying over card prices.

NIGHT OF BAD FIRES IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, Jan. 7.—The fire fighting forces in the downtown section of New York had their work cut out for them tonight by three fires within a radius of a mile or two.

It required nearly three hours work to subdue the three fires, which caused a loss estimated at \$1,250,000. No lives were lost, but there were a number of accidents which involved injury to firemen or citizens. No one was fatally hurt.

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COUNTY OFFICERS TURN RECEIPTS TO COUNTY

The county commissioners yesterday spent the forenoon in checking over the reports of the clerk of courts and the register of deeds. The report of the former showed that the fees for the year amounted to \$2,824. As the county receives everything over \$2,500, \$2,000 for the clerk of courts and \$600 for clerk hire, the county will receive about \$225 from the office this year.

The report of the register of deeds showed the largest receipts for many years, exceeding those of last year by several hundred dollars.

The board spent the afternoon in considering bids for bridge contracts. About a dozen bridge firms had representatives present. The successful bidders will be announced today as the contracts drawn.