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Editor of the STANDARD.

Dear Sir: Thinking that perhaps your readers might be interested in something from this booming city of the West I have ventured to drop you a few lines. Sioux City is situated on the western boundary of Iowa, on the Missouri River, which is here a mile wide. The river is so muddy and the deposits accumulate so rapidly that the current changes its direction every few days. A few weeks ago it washed away 25 acres of valuable land belonging to the Illinois Central R. R. Co. Twenty-five acres I suppose would suffice to make the stream muddy-looking below Sioux City. The soil in this section is not so black as the usual prairie soil, but more of a sandy nature, and the country more hilly than prairies east of this. This is the city where they shoot Methodist ministers; you will remember it was the scene of the murder of Rev. Geo. Haddock a brave, fearless temperance worker, who endeavored to enforce the law. He was pastor of the First Methodist church of the city at the time of his murder. Nevertheless the North West Iowa Conference of the M. E. church, nothing daunted is here assembled at time of writing, under the presidency of Bishop Merrill. I suppose one-third of the Conference are Canadians. The murder of Haddock was the event that sealed the doom of the saloon system in this city. Before that, the prohibitory law was a dead letter, and the saloons held the city by the throat; since that, the law has been enforced, and the city now has the saloon system by the throat, and there is not to-day one open saloon in Sioux City with its 30,000 population. There never were more happy homes in Sioux City than there are today; the city was never so prosperous, and the outlook for the future never so promising as at present.

The trial of the Haddock murderer and his accomplices still drags wearily on; but the danger is that if a conviction is obtained, the verdict will only be manslaughter. The judicial system is not so perfect as in Canada, and evil doers often escape the punishment they richly deserve. The city is now as orderly as any Canadian city, on week days, but the Sabbath is sadly desecrated stores and theatres being open. The "Law and Order League" has been a potent factor in the enforcement of the law generally. The German element of the population is the chief source of disturbance. Notwithstanding the shooting of Haddock, the members of the N. W. Iowa Conference walk the streets none daring to molest them, and more than that, the citizens have received us cordially, and entertained us with the generous hospitality, characteristic of the American people.

The chief attraction here now, is the "Corn Palace" and as I am the guest of the builder, can give a description of the curiosity. This is the centre of the corn district and the idea of a "Corn Palace" was conceived and has been carried out. In the frame work 360,000 feet lumber were used; it is covered inside and outside with corn in every imaginable form. The main building is 150x225 feet and the main tower 115 ft. high. There are six pavilions, 70 turrets. In its construction there have been used (in outside covering alone) 100 acres of corn stalks, 1000 bushels of husked corn, 1 1/2 tons of nails, 500 lbs of carpet tacks, 500 lbs of very fine thread wire, some thousands of yards of cotton cloth. The inside is illuminated with 27 electric lights, and outside 500 gas jets render the darkness as light as day. The frame was erected by 46 men in six days; 35 men working 14 days completed it; the decoration was done by 125 men working 9 days, and 75 ladies working 6 days; 18 teams for 15 days were employed exclusively in bringing material, besides the farmers hauling the corn to the city. The cost of the Palace will be about \$80,000. The whole city is decorated with corn; arches, stores, dwellings, all contributing their quota to the decoration. The ornamentation exclusively of the palace cost at least \$80,000, some of them on the stores cost \$1000. Evidently "Corn is king" in Sioux City at present. There are whole loads of corn stalks here 18 feet in length, and some 18 feet. Ears of corn 14 inches long and 9 inches in circumference are by no means rare. The "Corn Palace" is certainly a novelty. The inside decorations are too numerous and ingenious to describe. The builder of the Palace is Mr. A. F. Cox, of Sioux City and the workmanship is indeed a credit to the builder. Evidently Mr. Cox is as skillful a master mechanic, as he is generous and hospitable in the capacity of "mine host." The signs of the business houses are lettered with corn. and Iowa's staple product is even

scattered on the streets and sidewalks in lavish profusion.

This country has its advantages and its disadvantages. If a man has anything in him, he is sure to come to the front here. The Americans are characterized by their go-ahead-iveness. Sometimes I am led to think they follow the advice of Billings—"Be sure you're right then go ahead in case of doubt go ahead anyhow." I cannot speak too highly of their social, goodnatured, and hospitable treatment of strangers. Two things are to be deplored, the violation of the Sabbath, and the looseness of the marriage tie; but there are here some of the most consistent christian people I have ever met.

I have written this hurriedly in the interval between the sessions of the conference; had I more time at my disposal I might add many things, that would be of interest, but this letter is already long enough.

Yours &c.,
T. Hall.
Sioux City, Sept. 29th, 1887.

Holland Centre Prize List '87.

HORSES DRAFT.

John Atkinson, W. Walker, General Purpose, A. Lilburne, P. Hamilton, W. Robinson; Carriage Horses, N. Henry, W. S. Willisroft; Mare with Foal, P. Connell, J. Atkinson, J. Cathea; Buggy Horses, M. Rammage, W. Rammage; Saddle Horse, Jon. Atkinson, J. Atkinson; Colt or Filly, T. Nixon, P. Connell; 1 yr. General Purpose, W. Garbet, C. Farly; 2 yr. Roadster, R. Freeborn, J. Atkinson; 1 yr. Roadster, W. Robinson; Spring Coalt, W. Robinson, W. Garbet.

CATTLE.

Bull with pedigree, W. Robinson; Milch Cow, J. Henry; Heifer 1 yr. J. Henry; Milch cow grade, W. Robinson; Heifer 2 yr. grade, W. Robinson; Heifer 1 yr. grade, J. Henry, Marsh Wark; Spring calf grade, W. Robinson, W. S. Willisroft; Working Oxen, T. Nixon, S. Hannah; Steers 1 yr. M. Ward.

SHEEP.

Aged Ram, Leicester, J. McCauly; Aged Ram, South Down, M. Ward; "South Down or other Down M. Ward.

SWINE.

Berkshire sow any age, J. Spears; Suffolk Boar any age, W. Garbet; Suffolk Sow any age, W. Robinson.

POULTRY.

Collection Barnyard fowl, B. Coleman, R. Freeborn; Pair Geese, R. Freeborn; Pair Turkeys, R. Freeborn; Large Ducks, R. Freeborn, B. Coleman, Small Ducks, T. Trouton, R. Freeborn.

GRAIN.

Fall Wheat, J. Atkinson, T. Trouton; Spring Wheat, R. McKissic, J. Murray; Barley, Arthur Philips; Pease, R. McKissic; Oats, T. Murray, J. Cameron; Timothy Seed, J. McCauly, F. Trouton; Peck Beans, W. Norton, J. Cathea.

ROOTS.

Collection Potatoes, J. Bruce, M. Ward; Bushel Potatoes, J. Bruce, T. Nixon; Turnips, R. McKissic, A. Philips; Mangolds, W. Norton, R. McKissic; Beets, N. Hanley, R. Freeborn; Carrots, J. Cathea, S. Hannah; Parsnips, W. Norton, Celery, N. Hanly, Cauliflowers, P. Hamilton, F. Trouton; Cabbage, S. Hannah, W. Robinson; Tomatoes, W. Norton, N. Hanly; Onions, W. Norton, T. Dixou; Pumpkins, J. Atkinson, A. Philips; Squash, W. Robinson, E. Holmes; Cucumbers, T. Trouton, J. Bruce; Citrons, W. Norton, P. Hamilton; Water-Melons, W. Norton.

FRUIT.

Winter Apples, J. Cathea, R. McKissic; Fall Apples, J. Quinn, W. Love; Variety Apples, J. Quinn, J. Murray; 4 Variety Crap Apples, T. Trouton, 12 Crab Apples, T. Trouton, A. Lilburne; Peas, J. Atkinson, W. Love; Grapes, C. Farly, T. Willisroft; Blue Plums, E. Smith, W. Norton; Green Gage, J. Quinn; Plums any kind, E. Smith, R. Freeborn.

DAIRY.

Tub Butter, W. Robinson, M. Rammage; 5 lbs. Roll Butter, James Quinn, Christy Farly; Cheese 10 lbs. J. Cathea, M. Rammage; 2 Loaves Bread, Wm. Norton, Arthur Philips; Flowers, Mrs. Trouton, Frank Trouton, Henry N. Baily.

MANUFACTURES.

Iron Harrows, W. Cronther; Buggy, J. Spears; Single Cutter, W. Cronther & Nealons; Horse Shoes, W. Cronther, J. Spears; Full Cloth, Robt. Freeborn, Mrs. Norton; Fancy Flannel; born, Mrs. Norton; Plain Flannel, W. S. Willisroft, T. Willisroft; Blankets, J. Cameron, J. Murry; Horse Blankets, J. Murry.

LADIES' WORK.

Pair Mitts, W. Norton, J. Cameron, by Thos. Trenton; Pair Socks, Thos. Trenton, J. Cathea; Patch Quilt, Wm. Norton, J. Cameron, by W. Garbet;

Fancy Quilt, W. Norton, J. Cameron; Log Cabin Quilt, W. Norton, W. Garbet, by C. Farly; Embroidery in Wool, W. Norton; Berlin Knitted, Hugh Mercer, W. Norton; Brading in Cotton, W. Norton, J. Cameron; Rag Mat, Hugh Mercer, Dan. Taylor; 5 yds. Carpet, J. Cameron; Col. Flowers, Ed. Smith, Albert Privat; Work of Art, A. E. Calcutt.

SPECIALS.

Penmanship, Willie Spears, STANDARD 1 year; Best Span Drivers, Wm. Henry, by Arty Duncan, Owen Sound; Lady Driver, Miss Blade, Miss Summers, Miss Halsted.

Mrs. J. Lamb, returned on Monday from a visit to Cleveland, Ohio.

Wm. Lucas, Esq., returned this week from a trip across the lines.

Mr. Thos. Hill has just returned from a trip down through Tennessee and other southern points.

Our first shower of show fell on Tuesday night and vanished away next morning.

It is well to Remember.

That slander, like mud, dries and falls off.

That he who gathers roses must not fear thorns.

That to wait and be patient smoothes many a pang.

That all are not princes that ride with the emperor.

That correction is good when administered in season.

That it takes a great deal of grace to be able to bear praise.

That you will never have a friend if you must have one without failings.

That to have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power.

That there is no limit to the age at which a man may make a fool out of himself.

That roses of pleasure seldom last long enough to adorn the brow of those who pluck them.

That a man who cannot mind his own business is not to be trusted with the business of others.—Good Housekeeper.

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