

take place from 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The prizes will not be money, but various articles contributed by the merchants and announced as their gifts.

The Swedish octets gave a delightful entertainment Friday evening to an audience of between 300 and 400, including many from neighboring towns. Their songs are in the Swedish language, but a great many Americans attended and enjoyed the rich melodies as much as the Scandinavians. All the singers have beautiful voices. The receipts of the concert were \$240, and the local guarantors cleared a small sum.

Miss Ida B. Cook takes this method of offering to the musical public her services as a teacher of the piano. After a large experience in this special branch of instruction, she can assure her patrons a satisfactory advancement upon the piano and good results to her labors. Terms upon application, No. 513, Lakeside drive, or F. H. Stramb, the jeweler.

During the recent visit of J. S. Billings to the state fair he purchased five head of sheep which cost him a good, round sum. They are Shropshires, two of them imported and all of them pure blooded and duly registered. Among them are two prize winners at the fair. Mr. Billings anticipates that these will be the nucleus of a large and valuable flock.

The main feature of the system of grading which Prof. Weld has introduced in the public schools is that the eight years of the school course shall be allotted to four teachers in regular succession. Each teacher has two years work, no more and no less, and the teachers in the same grades in different schools have precisely the same work to do. When a teacher has completed her allotted work with a class—which is based on the amount that an average class will do in a given time—she is allowed to go no farther with that class. In cases of individual superiority more rapid promotions may, of course, follow, but the system is one that will secure uniformity in all grades.

Personal.

- Harry Wilson has returned from a visit to Wisconsin.
- Hon. Henry Plowman came down from Luce Friday on business.
- Alex. Van Praag has returned from a business trip along the Manitoba road.
- Miss Kaddatz and her sister, Mrs. Fred Schacht, of Elizabeth, went to St. Paul Thursday night to visit for a fortnight.
- Mrs. C. W. Smith has returned from Chicago where she purchased a large stock of millinery goods of the latest styles.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Billings returned from their visit to the exposition and state fair Friday morning.
- Miss Nellie Barrows has returned to Minneapolis and will sail for Europe Oct. 5 with Mr. Halbert and family.
- Mr. French arrived via the Northern Pacific Friday. He is a holder of a large amount of real estate in this county.
- Chauncey L. Baxter, of Perham, came up from St. Paul Friday where he has been for two or three days, and stopped a day at Fergus Falls.
- Oliver Olson left Thursday for St. Paul to visit the state fair, and before returning home he expected to go to Iowa, where he formerly lived, on a short visit.

Current Comment.

Secretary D. Duncan—Tell them that there are a carload of hogs entered, twenty horses and about forty cattle; all to be offered for sale at the stock sale Saturday, and that the entries are hourly increasing.

OTTER TAIL CITY.

Rise and Fall of the City on the Banks of Otter Tail Lake.

A correspondent in the Alexandria Post, who signs himself "Pablo," has the following to say about Otter Tail City when it was a booming city:

"About the time the Alexandria Post was born there was a vigorous youthful city in full blast about twenty-nine miles almost due north of Brandon. This was Otter Tail City, then the county seat of Otter Tail county, the next neighbors on the north. I think the Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad then ran to Melrose only, and stages ran across country from Brandon to Otter Tail City, and later, to Perham. One McDonald, an Indian trader, was then in the height of his glory at Otter Tail City, which had 2,000 inhabitants then and supported twenty-seven saloons. The first line of the Northern Pacific road had been run there and the railroad wanted a piece of land for depot grounds, side track, etc. I think that part of the land was owned by a man named Cathcart. At any rate, the owner and the Northern Pacific railroad could not come to terms, and a new line was run from Wadena via Perham, the present location. The saloons dried up for want of custom. The big hotel owned by a rich Boston man was burned. The houses were sold off and hauled to other points. The county seat was removed to Fergus Falls and Mr. Cathcart sold his town site for \$1 an acre and went to parts unknown. The mills were closed and went to ruin, the brewery stopped business and two or three shanties only remain to mark the spot. John McNellis, who drove the stage for Burbank & Carpenter from Brandon north, is now almost the only one on the site of the then city. He built a nice house and for years has run it as a hotel, at first doing a large business in accommodating the teams drawing grain from all the settled country to Perham, often having forty to fifty teams and men nightly. He is still there and I had a very pleasant visit with him, but his customers are few and far between. McDonald, the old Indian trader, died there only a few years ago. McDonald once owned 160 acres of land where the old "half way house" stood between St. Paul and St. Anthony, or perhaps he took a claim; then only traded his interest in it for a barrel of whiskey and two Indian shot guns and moved to St. Paul. Shortly after he made a contract with the owner to buy lower St. Paul from Seventh street to Dayton's bluff for \$80. On the day appointed he took his money and walked down to finish up the trade, but the other party not reaching the rendezvous in as good time McDonald went on down to "Pigs Eye" and engaged in a friendly game of poker in which he lost his money. The indignant dealer in real estate cursed his luck in being behind time and used some vigorous language to McDonald but the trade was off. McDonald went to Otter Tail City among the very first but I think R. L. Frazee was the leading spirit in the improvements. There is a very singular natural ridge on the northeast shore of the lake unlike anything else in the state. Where the Otter Tail river approaches the lake at the northeast it comes within three rods of the lake striking the ridge in question, makes a bend to the left and follows parallel to the lake and about three rods distant for more than a mile before it finds its way through the bank, the present hotel being near that point.

Wadena Items.

Wadena Pioneer.
On Saturday afternoon Loren J. Rowe

ever before. It covers not only domestic service and labor for employes in factories and stores, but the innumerable other directions in which the efforts of women are directed toward self-support, or to assisting in the support of the home. Under Mrs. Campbell's trained direction, the department will immensely enhance the great value and usefulness of Good House-keeping in the homes of the world.

THE ST. CLOUD RAILROAD SHOPS.

Our Sister City Trying to Brace Itself up by Hopes that Shops Are to Be Built.

St. Cloud Times: For several days past there have been rumors in circulation to the effect that the work of erecting the Manitoba railroad shops near this city would be commenced on the 20th of the present month. The Daily Times has been fully aware that such a move was in contemplation by the railroad company, but has not felt disposed to be a party to any "booming" schemes by exciting the public mind as to these shops. We have always felt, and do now, that St. Cloud, by its position as to the different branches of its lines, was the proper location for the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad company's general shops. We have also felt confident that when the company was fully prepared to erect the shops they would be built at St. Cloud. We think so yet.

So much by way of prelude. Now as to the basis for present rumors. Some time ago Mr. Hill was interviewed by certain citizens as to the probability of work being commenced this fall on the long talked of shops. He said it was very probable and added that before beginning, they must have vacated a certain piece of town road in St. Cloud town, which ran directly through the proposed shop grounds. This road is a little over half a mile long, and runs directly north from the Rockville road to the Sauk river crossing at Waite's bridge. This road is not generally used, and the people of St. Cloud town, and also the super-visors have expressed a willingness to vacate the road.

Later on Mr. Hill was asked if he would begin work this fall, provided the vacation of his road could be secured. He replied in writing that, if the said road was vacated operations would be commenced this fall probably this month, the 20th inst. being mentioned in some of the conferences.

Messrs. Waite, Cooper and Myers, the parties who have conferred with Mr. Hill will to-day interview the officers and people of St. Cloud town. They anticipate no trouble in securing the vacation desired, as the citizens of the town fully realize the importance of the shops to them, and are willing to concede the justice of the request for the vacation of a roadway which runs through the center of a large system of rail road works.

We are informed that it is the intention of the company to make a good start this fall, but that only one or two of the proposed buildings will be erected this year.

There was a terrible epidemic of dysentery and bloody flux in Pope county, Illinois, last summer. As many as five deaths occurred in one day. Messrs. Waite Brothers, of Waltersburg, sold over 384 bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy during this epidemic and say they never heard of its failing in any case when the directions were followed. It was the only medicine used that did cure the worst cases. Many persons were cured by it after the doctors had given them up. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by N. G. Mortensen.