

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

—The following from the St. Paul News explains the late visit of Col. Pickert to St. Paul. It is expected that the G. N. Ry., will be extended from this place to the Pickert lands, and every facility offered to make the undertaking a success:

Colonel Pickert, of Pickert, N. D., is among the guests at the Merchants to-day. He has been in the city for several days completing the organization of a big farming company. The colonel is already largely interested in bonanza farming, but with the new company he expects to largely increase the extent of his operations. They have 6,000 acres near Pickert, in Steele county, on which they have already erected many handsome and substantial buildings. Next season they expect to break up and put under cultivation 2,000 acres more. They do not confine themselves to wheat raising but go into live stock as well. They already have about sixty fine brood mares in the herd and will add more in a short time. The company has a capital stock of \$300,000 and some of the most prominent business men in the state are interested in it.

Col. Pickert this morning stated that their crop of wheat during the past season averaged about 14 bushels to the acre. "This," said he, "will pay from 10 to 15 per cent on the investment if the business is properly handled. The small farmers in our section of the country are all doing well. Of course we have calamity howlers, as they have in every country. You can't keep them out, and you can't do anything with them when you have them, for they are incapable of earning money under any circumstances. We don't hear any complaint from the farmers who attend strictly to business and run their farms on a business plan. They are all putting up new buildings, and the fact that we are unable to loan our school fund, is evidence that everyone up there has what money he needs for the present at any rate. I don't interest myself so much in politics as I do in farming, but I don't think the election will effect us much either one way or the other."