

EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM THE HASTINGS (MN) GAZETTE
MN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROLL JAN 3, 1885 - DEC 31, 1887

Births in Mendota year of 1884 received by Dakota County: 29
Deaths " " " " " " " " : 12

Saturday January 17, 1885

Death notice of HENRY BELLAND famous scout. Born Riviere du Loup, Canada, in 1812. Came to Minnesota 1836. Was at Fort Totten in 1874.
(Not copied entirely.)

Saturday January 17, 1885

JOSEPH BAUDET has sold 4 acres in MENDOTA to JOSEPHINE BAUDET for \$100.00.

Saturday January 24, 1885

Notice to creditors in estate of SUSAN V. GAMMONS, deceased.
(Not copied.)

Saturday January 31, 1885

W. D. PHILLIPS returned to Minneapolis Tuesday.

ALL THE FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM A COLUMN CALLED "MENDOTA ITEMS" unless OTHERWISE NOTED:

Saturday February 28, 1885 (First issue I noticed the column:

FRANK FEE is learning to be a telegraph operator.

LOUIS LeCLAIRE is excavating down to the street level in front of his dwelling, and intends to put in a brick front for a saloon and store.

Saturday March 7, 1885

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE has closed his saloon and marked FOR SALE on his building.

Saturday March 21, 1885

DANIEL FARIBAUT, our veteran sportsman, says he killed a mallard duck and a Wilson snipe on the 13th inst., an indication of Spring.

Continued March 21, 1885

A wedding party in attempting to go up the steep hill back of the village last Sunday met with quite an accident. The horses attached to the hack both fell down, when hack, horses, and occupants went back down the hill. No one was hurt and no damage done, but a thoroughly frightened groom and bride and hack driver was the result.

Saturday March 28, 1885

MRS. PLANTZA has a new and very nice sign on her saloon.

LAWRENCE RIED has opened a butcher shop, much needed and well patronized.

MICHAEL DUPUIS, our shoemaker, is again in his shop after an illness of nine months.

Several of our citizens are having gravel hauled and placed in front of their place, this making a fine walk.

DOLLY ROBINETTE, a young girl of fourteen, living here, has become totally blind, and went to the asylum at Faribault Tuesday. Her father is totally blind, her mother has lost one eye, and one sister has lost one eye caused by inflammation.

Saturday April 4, 1885

The boys are painting and fixing up their boats in readiness for Spring fishing. Operator E. V. THOMPSON'S seems to be the daisy, but I think he calls it Katie.

AMEDA LeCLAIRE, bridge watchman at Ft. Snelling drawbridge, was asking the Boys to take something, all on account of one small girl added to his household of ten, making eleven in the family, or parents and nine children.

K. M. MURPHY, of Rosemount is intending to become a citizen of MENDOTA, having rented the old SIBLEY mansion.

Our town has nearly as many wards as St. Paul. We have in local parlance Maintown, Frogtown, Mosquito Hollow, Beaudette's Addition, and Fee's Pinacle. Will notify you of any change for the better.

Saturday April 18, 1885

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE is hauling rock to be shipped to parties at Rosemount.

MRS. AMEDA LeCLAIRE is much better, and the doctor says out of danger.

I was counting up the widows and widowers in our village. We have about two hundred and fifty inhabitants, with seven widows and two widowers.

We are obliged to depend on St. Paul for our doctors. Dr. McDonald seems to be the favorite so far, but there is a good opening for a young physician here.

Continued April 18, 1885

DANIEL O'BRIEN, of Hastings, spent Friday and Saturday in town. He has taken quite a number of orders for monuments, some of them very fine, and a credit to the house he represents.

I have to chronicle the death of MICHAEL DUPUIS, one of the oldest of our citizens, who came here from BROCKVILLE, Canada, in 1854, and carried on business here ever since. His brother, HYPOLITE DUPUIS, was at that time a partner of H. H. SIBLEY'S. He has held several town offices with credit to himself and greatly to the interests of the community. His pleasant face will be sadly missed. Thus one by one do our early settlers depart for that undiscovered county from whence no traveler returns.

Saturday April 25, 1885

LOUIS LeCLAIRE is putting in a nice brick front to his basement.

JOSEPH AUGE caught 500 pounds of fish in one night with spear and torch, one buffalo weighing 22 pounds. The water is very clear on account of no rain and the river is low.

There is a good opening here for a shoemaker, and a good carriage maker could find plenty of work.

(DENNIS FEE now nearly 98.....NOT COPIED.)

HENRY DUPUIS, a locomotive engineer on Northern Pacific Railway in town to attend funeral of his father, MICHAEL DUPUIS. Mrs. Pulford, Mrs. Felton, and Mrs. Capron, his sisters, were also here, summoned by the same sad event.

Our school trustees have built a tight board fence around the school, ten feet high, and strangers ask if that is a reform school or a lock up? It certainly is not ornamental, and I don't see how it can be useful, while the inside of the building is in very bad shape, a disgrace to any community, and certainly not a fit place for children. Our board of health ought to look after the matter.

Saturday May 30, 1885

MRS. PLANTSKE has closed her saloon.
A new elevator is one of the street rumors afloat.

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE has opened a fine saloon in his new building.

FRED LeCLAIRE, JAMES FEE, and GEORGE BOUTHELL are happy fathers.

MRS. DAVID BEAUDETTE, formerly a resident of MENDOTA, was buried here Saturday.

Continued May 30, 1885

We have a shoemaker in town, a German. His name was too much to catch all at once.

The father of TELISFORD LeMAY was buried Monday.

Saturday June 27, 1885

Our school teacher is using a grab hoe during vacation.

Business dull and everybody complaining of hard times.

TIMOTHY FEE has a new front in his store which is quite an improvement.

Saturday August 22, 1885

(Not in the "Mendota Items" column:

DAKOTA COUNTY STATISTICS (for Mendota)

Wagons & Carriages in Mendota	130	Value	\$2,025.00
Watches & Clocks	62		\$ 107.00
Sewing & Knitting Machines	54		\$ 544.00
Melodians & Organs	9		\$ 363.00
Pianofortes	3		\$ 299.00
Household & Office Furniture			\$2,225.00
Agricultural Tools, Implements and Machinery			\$2,611.00
Dogs	19		\$ 39.00

Saturday September 5, 1885

(Hastings news, not in Mendota column:

LOUIS DEMEULES, an old resident of St. Paul, died on Monday of apoplexy, aged fifty-three years.)

Saturday February 6, 1886

Lots of snow and more coming. Roads in bad shape.

Corner lots in the middle of the block are in demand.

Saturday February 13, 1886

Everybody goes to St. Paul this week to see the carnival. Most of the Indians on the Palace grounds are from here. (Didn't copy entire paragraph.)

Saturday February 20, 1886

The new firm of LeCLAIRE AND O'LEARY have opened up in good style at OCTAVE'S old stand.

Saturday February 27, 1886

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE is putting in a new pool table. He will have the finest pool room in town.

Saturday March 6, 1886

A squaw named TATE (LUCY) CHASKA died here Saturday morning. She was a neice of OLD BETS. Her husband was one of General Sibley's scouts, and was poisoned by the indians while on an expedition. She was about fifty years old.

Saturday March 13, 1886

(Hastings news, not in Mendota column:

DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS.....

The application of OCTAVE LeCLAIRE of MENDOTA, for liquor license was granted and bond approved.)

JOHN ERMENN has rented LOUIS LeCLAIRE'S farm.

Saturday March 20, 1886

Our town is filled daily with real estate agents and that commodity is just booming, some large sales being made.

Saturday April 3, 1886

ESDRAS BERNIER has opened a store in his father's building near the schoolhouse.

Saturday April 10, 1886

Gen. H. H. Sibley has notified some of the Indians who have been making disturbances that if they don't stop and let those who are peaceable alone, he will send them away from the lots he has reserved for their use.

Saturday April 17, 1886

Alfred LeMay is building a house.

I see the Farmington Tribune has a Mendota correspondent, and a much better one than The Gazette. Nothing like having a post office and school master to help you.

Mr. Frank Henry LeClaire and Miss Mary Victor Coursel were married Tuesday evening by D. N. Bryant at the residence of Louis LeClaire. Quite a number of the relatives and friends of the groom and bride were present and enjoyed themselves in royal style. Mrs. Louis LeClaire always makes her guests feel at home.

Saturday April 24, 1886

A small child named Campbell was badly bitten by a dog on Wednesday at the Indian camp.

While talking with James Auge on Sunday he mentioned the fact that while digging in his garden he found plenty of potato bugs, which being placed by the fire were as lively as crickets. On going to my own garden I found that the ground was full of the old hard shelled fellows. Looks like another visitation of this scourge.

Saturday May 1, 1886

Some few pieces of real estate have changed hands at double the price they brought two months ago.

Quite a number of our young men have gone to Owatonna to work on the ditches of the Milwaukee Road.

Two things, yes three, would be exceedingly good cause for great rejoicing, a new depot, a good road to St. Paul, and a bridge across the river at McShane's Hill.

Saturday May 8, 1886

The boys on the ditcher came home Saturday.

May 22, 1886 in West St. Paul Items column:

The ancient landmarks at Kaposia, the old home of the Messengers and Heimbacks, all undergoing demolition preparatory to building of the Minnesota and Northwestern shops and round houses.

June 12, 1886 in Hastings Legal section: An Order for Hearing in the matter of the Estate of William H. Jarvis, deceased, late of Oreford, Talbot County Maryland. Petition filed by Harry Jarvis of Ramsey County. (Leaves goods, chattels and estate in Dakota County.)

Saturday June 26, 1886

James McCoy of Burnsville, had a sack containing twenty three dollars in coin taken from his wagon in this village Tuesday night. He had sold a load of wheat in St. Paul and stopped at OCTAVE LeCLAIRE's to look for a friend. When he went out again the money was gone.

Saturday July 3, 1886

MRS. AUGÉ, wife of our ferryman, TRIFLE AUGÉ, was buried June 25th. She died June 23rd. She was in the village shopping during the day and died at 10 o'clock in the evening.

A careful census of the inhabitants of the village was taken on Tuesday and Wednesday by D. N. Bryant, resulting in a total population of three hundred and four. The number necessary to incorporate is three hundred. It is the intention to incorporate at once.

Saturday July 10, 1886

MRS. LEWIS LeCLAIRE and her daughter-in-law, MRS. FRANK LeCLAIRE, have just returned from a trip to Nebraska.

Saturday July 17, 1886

Our real estate boom seems to have died out. Incorporation has seemed to die out. Needs some push.

Its very hard work for an honest, truthful man to get items when there is none, therefore your correspondent labors under great difficulty this week to fill the bill. Another great difficulty is when you have found a good item to have the parties want you to keep it out of the paper. This is very trying if it verges on the scandalous and there is a possibility that some of your worst enemies are mixed up in the matter. Such are the reporter's trials in life.

Saturday July 31, 1886 Hastings Dakota County Board Proceedings: A petition to incorporate the Village of Mendota was read and time of voting fixed for Tuesday August 31st at Fee and Murphy's Hall, with Timothy Fee, Cornelius Guiney and D. N. Bryant as inspectors of election.

Saturday July 31, 1886

JOSEPH BEAUDET has sold lots 55 to 58 in his addition in MENDOTA, to AUGUSTIN RAVOUX, for \$400.00.

Saturday August 7, 1886

LENDER and NIELSON, photographers who are traveling by boat down the river, have stopped here for a few days.

Continued August 7, 1886

Incorporation is being talked on every corner. Some think we will be hung as soon as incorporated. Others think it would be a good thing anyhow.

Abusive language came near causing some serious trouble in a saloon Sunday, and one man had to take back what he said about another's wife at the muzzle of a loaded revolver.

I met JOSEPH CAMPBELL on the street, an old resident of this town, who was born here in 1825, and is now and has been an officer of the government at the Sisseton Indian agency in Nebraska for several years. He is a gentleman of culture and can read and write English, French, and Sioux, and the government has done well in securing in him an efficient and conscientious officer.

Saturday August 14, 1886

The photographers have left here for Newport.

Incorporation and school matters are making some ill friends, and some hard words have passed between those who should know better. Keep cool, gentlemen, keep cool.

Saturday August 21, 1886

Incorporation has died early. Like all good things it died young.

Some inquiring for real estate and every one is having titles examined and getting ready for a boom. Many titles are found defective by failure of parties to record papers.

Saturday August 28, 1886

FRED LeCLAIRE lost one of his toes while handling railroad iron.

Real estate dealers are as thick as flies this weather and are trying to get hold of all the property they can.

Our town is lively evenings, and the brilliant uniforms of the sharp shooters now at Ft. Snelling are seen at every turn.

Not copied: D. C. O'Leary charged with intoxication while teaching school by D. N. Bryant and JAMES AUGER. (154 school-age children in district.)

Saturday September 11, 1886

On Monday three of the sports of St. Paul came out, and, after testing the fluids of the town, induced one of our fair damsels to take a ride. At the top of the church hill the buggy was upset and the horses came into town with a badly demoralized vehicle, finishing it by striking a farm wagon passing on the street. The occupants came in later on foot.

Saturday September 18, 1886

MRS. WILLIAM TRAP was buried last Monday.

The railway folks are building a new platform at the depot. Our school is closed, the teacher having resigned.

PETER MARTIN died here Tuesday morning and will be buried at the expense of the County.

The report that there will be a big boilershop at Pickerel Lake causes a boom in lots here. Now is the time to invest.

The priest could not give permission to have the body of PETER MARTIN interred here, and it was taken to St. Paul.

Saturday October 2, 1886

George Robinson who was killed at Hastings Monday was buried here Thursday morning. A large number attended the funeral.

JOSEPH AUGÉ and CONDELIA (Cordelia ?) AUGÉ were brought before Judge Bryant and put under one hundred dollars bonds to keep the peace.

Quite a shock was felt here at the announcement of the instant killing of George Robinson at Hastings, on Monday last. He was well known here, and a more genial man could not be found. Your correspondent tenders his sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. (NOTE: He fell from a train.)

Saturday October 9, 1886

School has commenced, and all the children speak well of the teacher.

GEORGE BOUTHILETT's only son was buried Wednesday. He died quite suddenly.

Lawrence Reid is fixing to open a butcher shop.

Saturday October 16, 1886

Some parties were disorderly Sunday night.

A son of PHILLIP LeCLAIRE, who died at LAKE CRYSTAL, was buried here Wednesday. He was a fine young man and would have been twenty three if he had lived until Wednesday, the day he was buried.

The Tribune reporter slopped all over.

Some of our boys are making five and six dollars a day catching frogs at ten cents per dozen. Who are frog eaters? It can't be they are all French.

When our new teacher tried to have some of his young lady scholars learn to be polite they said the old teacher didn't bother about manners, he only swore at them. Time for a change surely.

St. Paul talks about an upper town bridge to head off Minneapolis in her attempt to gobble some of Dakota County.

Saturday October 23, 1886 Continued:

At McShane's is where it out to be located; then things would boom here.

Saturday November 6, 1886

The widow DUPUES is having her house repaired.

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE has bought the Scanlon place and is fixing it up.

NOTE: on January 15, 1887 the Hastings Gazette says in 1886 in MENDOTA there were 31 births and 13 deaths.

Saturday March 26, 1887

MEDE LeCLAIRE is building a house on his farm just above the village.

Real estate is fairly active. LOUIS LeCLAIRE has sold 44 acres near PILOT KNOB for \$200 per acre.

JOSEPH BEAUDET, one of our oldest citizens, died on Monday and was buried Wednesday. A large number attended the funeral. He was nearly 70 years old, had resided here and in St. Anthony, now East Minneapolis, since 1850 and was highly esteemed by all his neighbors.

First and G streets is the unanimous wish for depot location.

Saturday April 2, 1887

LOUIS LeCLAIRE thinks of going into business, and will enlarge his building on First Street.

Gen. H. H. Sibley is having titles to all his lands examined, and where he has contracted lots he will give deeds. When persons are occupying lands without authority they will have to vacate.

Saturday April 9, 1887

JOHN BEAUDET was brought before Justice Bryant on Saturday charged by Swan Carlson with adultery with his wife, Nellie Carlson.

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE has put a neat veranda on the front of his house and store. He has the finest front in town.

Saturday April 30, 1887

LOUIS LeCLAIRE went to SPRINGFIELD, MINNESOTA last week and purchased Lot 4, Block 6, of JOHN ROTH, who abandoned it several years ago and let it be sold for taxes, but now wanted a good price for it. There ought to be some way fixed so that people who abandon property to avoid payment of taxes could never bother anyone who stepped in and paid them.

FRED LeCLAIRE was arrested and brought before Judge Reid on complaint of

Continued Saturday April 30, 1887:

having sold or given away intoxicating liquors without a license. A change of venue was taken and the case referred to Justice Thompson, of Egan. This is a case where the defendant has at different times purchased beer by the keg and given or sold it to young men and boys until they were intoxicated and then go howling through the town at a late hour at night. The complainant was Judge Bryant, who says he is determined to stop the practise if it takes all summer.

NOT COPIED: LOUIS LeCLAIRE and others appointed to see to location of depot and to having it called MENDOTA and not ST. PAUL JUNCTION.

On Saturday May 7, 1887 went to St. Paul and was assured by the Board the town deserved the depot as MENDOTA.

Saturday May 14, 1887

The new blacksmith is doing well.
EUGENE LeMAY has a new milk wagon.

The practise of our saloon keepers selling liquor to people until they are fighting drunk may result in closing them up or at least prevent them getting a license for one year.

No decision has been made in regard to the depot.

BERNIER has his new store nearly ready for the goods.

Saturday June 11, 1887

Two births and one death last month.

ESDRAS BERNIER will move into his new store this week. He has the finest one in town.

NAZAIR BERNIER will open a hotel in the building now occupied by his brother as a store as soon as the latter moves into his new building.

The following is perhaps from June 18th, not the 11th:

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE is at Hastings on the jury.

MRS. OCTAVE LeCLAIRE and MRS. MEDE LeCLAIRE are both quite sick.

ESDRAS BERNIER has moved into his new store and it is a neat as wax.

ASEN BEAUDET (note: a stranger in town) was instantly killed while attempting to board a freight train on the Omaha Road. His head was completely severed from his body.

Saturday July 2, 1887

LOUIS LeCLAIRE is having his house painted. The fence around the school house is falling down. It was a disgrace to good taste when it was built, and it's tumbling down is a good thing.

Saturday July 16, 1887

MRS. MEDE LeCLAIRE has returned home from the hospital at St. Paul much improved in health.

There are four LeCLAIRE brothers who live here whose wives were all quite sick at the same time, but are all very much better now.

Saturday July 30, 1887

The water is so low in the rivers the fish have to come ashore and hunt for a spring to get a drink.

Good chance for a newspaper, a carriage manufactory, or almost anything useful or ornamental.

James McGronan, justice, OCTAVE LeCLAIRE, constable, and Timothy Fee, treasurer, did not qualify.

The council has made The Democrat the official paper of this village. See what you loose by having an unpopular correspondent or being on the wrong side politically.

The vote for village officers was large, there being two tickets in the field. The following officers were elected:

President.....	Lawrence Reid
Trustees.....	D. H. Hayes
	LEWIS LeCLAIRE
	GEORGE BOUILLETTE
Recorder.....	W. F. Kersten
Treasurer.....	Timothy Fee
Justices of the Peace.....	J. B. AUGÉ, James McGronan
Constables.....	OCTAVE LeCLAIRE and E. Furnier
	(Bernier??)

Saturday August 6, 1887

ESDRAS BERNIER has a new awning up at his store.

Saturday August 13, 1887

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE has been appointed street commissioner, bond fixed at \$200.

Pilot Knob has been purchased by a syndicate, of which Maj. T. M. Newson, of St. Paul, is one, and he tells me they are to improve the property at once.

Saturday August 20, 1887

The Marshal has commenced on the dogs.

EDWARD DUPUIS has built a new fence around his house.

The depot down in the hollow is being painted. It looks like a coal shed.

Victor Fernier, brother of our blacksmith, has opened a paint shop in connection with the blacksmith shop. He is painting the church.

Continued August 20, 1887:

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE has qualified as street commissioner. JAMES AUGÉ is on duty as special police nights.

The Farmington Tribune correspondent seems to have given up the job.

The street commissioner has put First and D Streets in fine condition. They look neat as wax.

LOUIS LeCLAIRE, trustee, has resigned and K. M. Murphy has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE has sold his house and lot to a St. Paul party who will occupy it for a boot and shoe factory, giving employment to about twenty-five hands. I did not learn the consideration.

Saturday September 17, 1887

HUGO SCHUEIER, who purchased the OCTAVE LeCLAIRE place has moved out here; he does business in town.

Saturday September 24, 1887

MEDIE LeCLAIRE is building an addition to his house and giving the old part a thorough overhauling.

JOSEPH AUGÉ caught a fish weighing thirty pounds.

Our saloon men are hauling their own beer now. No brewer or other persons will be allowed to sell beer here from a wagon or through an agent without paying a license.

Esdras Bernier has quit the beer business, and the case against him has not been pushed. He found that selling beer by the keg was violating the law just as much as selling it by the glass.

HASTINGS/DAKOTA COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS:

O. L. LeCLAIRE to Hugo Schueler, Lot two, Block 7, Mendota.....\$650.00

Saturday October 1, 1887

The case against Esdras Bernier was dismissed at request of complaining witness K. R. Murphy, who said as Mr. Bernier had stopped selling he had no desire to make him any trouble.

Saturday October 8, 1887

Joseph Campbell, engineer at the government grist mill at the Sisseton Indian agency, is down on a visit.

Continued Saturday October 8, 1887

Joseph Coursol, a resident of the Santee Indian agency, is down to consult a physician; his health is poor.

The Mendota Evening Stars, a social club of the young men of this town and Eagan, had their first dance Wednesday evening, which was a success every way. The music was furnished by the twenty-fifth Infantry Band of Fort Snelling and was good. The supper was furnished by Mrs. K. M. Murphy, and a treat of itself.

Saturday October 15, 1887

J. E. AUGÉ, son of our ferryman, and MISS CLAIRIE BEAUDET were married at St. Peter's Church Monday morning.

Council have advertised for bids for lighting the street.

Saturday October 29, 1887

It is rumored we are to have another saloon in town.

MRS. LOUIS LeCLAIRE has gone to Nebraska to visit her son.

Our ferryman, Treffle Augé, who came here from Canada in 1851, and has run the Minnesota River ferry for twenty-seven years, has just returned from a visit to his old home below Quebec.

Saturday November 12, 1887

FRANK DUPUIS is home for a few days, having slightly injured himself falling from a ladder while at work in St. Paul.

The council meeting Tuesday was very harmonious. They decided to put up eight street lamps, and added the care of them to the marshal's duties.

(November 19 paper missing....no copy available at MHS).

Saturday December 10, 1887

Julius Batta is buying wheat.

The dog license seems to be a failure this year.

D. N. Bryant will open a hotel and restaurant about January first.

The council has purchased street lamps and they are now in full blast.

OCTAVE LeCLAIRE has purchased his old stand on E Street, and moved his family there.

Saturday December 24, 1887

JOSEPH AUGÉ is catching lots of fish.

King and Murphy have their feed mill in operation.

The moon is shining and the street lights are not..

John Bebo is home from his visit with Sheriff Connelly.

Fee and Murphy are selling piles of goods for the holidays.

BARRETT & LeCLAIRE have a nice stock of goods to sell cheap.

Esdras Bernier has put storm doors and windows on his store.

D. N. Bryant advertises 2,000 yards of roofing gravel for sale.

There is some hitch in the dog license, and the president calling the marshal a liar did not put any money in the treasury.

Saturday December 31, 1887

D. N. Bryant has preferred serious charges against the president and the recorder of our village council.

There was a very large attendance on Christmas at St. Peter's Church. The church has flourished wonderfully, and the repairs have made it one of the most beautiful houses of worship outside the cities.

The dance at Lee and Murphy's Hall Monday night was a grand success. Seventy couples were in attendance, and the best of order prevailed. Our village is becoming noted for the good order maintained at dances.

Our school teacher, Thomas Eagan, is giving the best of satisfaction, and the school is in a flourishing condition.

END OF ROLL

EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM THE HASTINGS (MN) GAZETTE
MN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROLL JAN 7, 1888 - DEC 28, 1889

Saturday January 14, 1888

When Hays tried to close his saloon Monday night some of the parties in there insisted on keeping it open. The result was broken windows and doors.

President Reid arrested John Gallagher and FRANK DUPUIES for creating disturbance on the streets on Tuesday and they were fined by Justice AUGER. They were at Hayes' the night before and had a hand in the disturbance there.

Saturday February 4, 1888

Our streets are dark, the council failing to provide the necessary oil for lighting the lamps.

Saturday February 18, 1888

D. N. Bryant has sold a large amount of gravel to St. Paul parties, and will open his pit, corner D and Water Streets, at once.

The report that a freight brakeman was killed at Ft. Snelling last Thursday turned out to be only a slight injury by falling from a train.

Wednesday President Reid had the marshal arrested for abusive language, and the case was adjourned until Thursday. Afterward the marshal appeared in court, plead guilty, and was fined one dollar, which he paid.

Council met at 9 A.M.. Quorum not present. Adjourned until 2 P.M., when there was a full board. All bills presented allowed. The president signed all orders except the pay of the village marshal, which he refused to sign for the reason that the marshal had neglected his duties. Hard words ensued between the president and the marshal. Council adjourned until next regular meeting.

Births in Mendota year of 1887 received by Dakota County:	26
Deaths " " " " " " " " :	14

Saturday May 5, 1888

Our streets are left in darkness.

D. N. Bryant has sued the village for his salary as marshal.

The bottom road to St. Paul is under water, also the road to the ferry.

Bryant and Murray have a force of men working in their gravel pit, and will commence shipping this week. They pay their men every second Monday. This is quite a novelty here as all railway employees are paid monthly, and no one else has ever employed any men.

Saturday May 12, 1888

Our council sees to be in a cave of gloom, not even a ray of light from a street light illuminates their path.

Nearly all the colored families belonging to the twenty-fifth have left town and will go with the regiment to its new post.

Saturday June 2, 1888

(HASTINGS NEWS)

Barthel Miller has leased THE RAILROAD HOUSE to TREFFLE and J. R. AUGÉ of Mendota, for the ensuing year, and gave possession yesterday. The Augé brothers come highly recommended, and are go-ahead, enterprising business men.

(Note: This was a hotel in Hastings, and I noticed the death of Mr. Miller at a later date, I think 1889.)

Saturday July 28, 1888

(HASTINGS NEWS)

Copy of St. Paul Pioneer Press of July 25:

D. N. Bryant, of MENDOTA, was in St. Paul yesterday, and told a different version of the assault on Audit's Island, in which his son was implicated. His son is not a tough, and he claims that the boy was knocked down twice before he struck Reid with a club. He further says that the boy has not disappeared, but will show up when he is wanted at the trial.

Saturday December 1, 1888

(HASTINGS NEWS)

Lawrence Reid, Joseph Auge, David Beaudet, J. J. Beaudet, Edward Dupuis, D. N. Bryant, Fred Bryant, and L. D. Hause of Mendota, and A. J. Shea, of South St. Paul, were in attendance upon court Tuesday.

Saturday December 8, 1888

Ft. Snelling has resumed the sunrise and sunset gun.

D. N. Bryant, who is an inventor, went to Hastings Tuesday.

All of the prominent men of the town have gone to Hastings.

December 7th and no ice on the river. The ferryman says this has not occurred before in 25 years.

Fred Bryant was indicted for striking Lawrence Reid, at a row on Picnic Island last summer. Bryant claims he done it in self defense, and entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned.

Saturday December 15, 1888

(HASTINGS DISTRICT COURT: Fred Bryant sentenced to county jail for 90 days.)

Saturday December 29, 1888

Judge AUGÉ claims to be the first to drive a team for a distance of eight miles on the Mississippi River this winter.

At Fee's Hall, January 15th, there will be a ball for the benefit of Mrs. Michael Lynch; all are invited to attend.

Miss Mary Gillispie, our efficient school marm, is visiting friends in St. Paul.

Mayor Reid was in St. Paul yesterday.

To date, the ferry boat at Ft. Snelling is running.

Saturday January 5 or 12, 1889 (Forgot to copy date!)

MRS. HYPOLITE DUPUIS, wife of the late HYPOLITE DUPUIS, was ninety years of age on January 1st, and apparently in good health.

Mrs. W. H. Smith of Minneapolis is visiting her parents, Judge AUGÉ.

The ferry at Ft. Snelling is closed, the ice being safe to cross over.

Saturday January 19, 1889

Mrs. Henry Kennedy and daughter of Inver Grove, are the guests of Mrs. Fred Bouthilett. Mrs. George Bouthilette was visiting her cousin, Mrs. Thomas Brennen, of St. Paul, last week.

FRED LeCLAIRE is setting up the cigars to the boys over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy in his family.

The dance given Tuesday evening for the benefit of Mrs. Michael Lynch was attended by twenty-nine couples. Music was furnished by the Ft. Snelling Orchestra.

Mr. Patrick Callaghan, one of the first settlers of Eagan town, died on the 7th, aged 79 years. The interment took place in the Catholic cemetery at MENDOTA Thursday.

Council Proceedings: January 8, 1889. Present Alds. Auge, Beaudet, and Bernier. Mayor Reid in the chair.

On motion of Ald. Beaudet, the marshal, OCTAVE LeCLAIRE, was authorised to purchase the necessary tools for use on street lamps, also globes, burners, and waste. On motion of Ald. Bernier, the marshal was instructed to serve notice on D. H. Hayes to replank his well which is dangerous to the public.

Saturday January 26, 1889

Judge AUGÉ met a gentleman friend Wednesday who was born August 11, 1836, precisely the same day and year the judge was born.

Saturday February 16, 1889

E. D. Henry has bought out Esdras Bernier's blacksmith shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bouthilette went to St. Paul last Sunday.

(HASTINGS)

Births in Mendota year of 1888 received by Dakota County:	33
Deaths " " " " " " " " " " :	10

Saturday March 16, 1889

(HASTINGS) Election results: Mendota, Fred Trapp, constable

Same issue in MENDOTA ITEMS column: Mendota constables, Ed Dupuis and Clifford Henry

Saturday March 23, 1889

Marshal OCTAVE LeCLAIRE was in St. Paul Wednesday.

Saturday March 30, 1889

Mayor Reid is the happy father of a pretty daughter, which weighs 12 pounds.

Alfred LEWY is the happy father of a bouncing boy, which tips the beams at eleven pounds.

Saturday June 22, 1889 (HASTINGS NEWS)

Marshall OCTAVE LeCLAIRE, of MENDOTA, brought down William Robinette Thursday, having been bound over to the next term of the district court by Justice Beudet for an assault with intent to rob upon Mrs. MARY KENNEDY, of that town.

Saturday September 5, 1889

OCTAVE LeCLARE, late village marshal, has gone to Seattle, W.T., to work through the winter.

Saturday October 12, 1889

(HASTINGS) MINOR TOPICS column:

Several improvements are being made at MENDOTA, a new jail and a number of dwellings being in course of construction.