

Lake Freights at Chicago.

Vessel room was in good demand from lake shippers to-day. Rates to Buffalo were firm and a trifle higher, being quoted at 2½¢ for wheat and 2½¢ for corn. Erie canal rates steady at 4½¢ for wheat and 4½¢ for corn from Buffalo to New York, including charges at Buffalo. Georgian Bay rates firm and higher, being quoted at 1½¢ for corn and 1½¢ for oats. Oats to Sarnia quoted at about 1½¢ — *Daily Business*, August 12th.

Educating the Indians.

A home for Indian children has been established at Elkhorn, Man., under the care of the Church of England. The Home is composed of three two-storey buildings, each about 40x45 feet. The centre buildings, besides the apartments of the Superintendent, contains the dining room and kitchen on the ground floor, and a large school room on the upper, the eastern building is for the boys, the western for girls, with apartments for the matron. The cost of the buildings was about \$10,000, \$6,000 of which was received as a grant from Government through the Indian office, the remainder was raised by private subscriptions. \$100 per year is allowed by the Government for each Indian child inmate.

The Merchant.

Though of recent years the word merchant has been associated with ship owners, that meaning is far from its primary signification, says the *Commercial Bulletin*, of Boston. The Latin noun *merx*, from which the word is derived, signifies "goods," the verb *mercari* to traffic, its participle *mercans*, a trader, but a buyer rather than a seller. All these Latin words are general terms, and the buyers for country shops are close to the primary signification of the Latin substantive which has been transferred into English. Though even in Chaucer's time "merchant" was used of wealthy citizens trafficking in foreign exchange, the Scotch still preserve the primary signification of the word by applying it to peddlers.

Mercury, the god of merchants and of gain generally, passed through a series of changes no less remarkable than those of the name used to designate his worshippers. Mercury, whose very name was derived from *merx* mentioned above, was the Roman god of gain, whose emblems were a purse and a branch of peace. The serpent-twined rod and winged hat, with which he is now represented, are the property of the Greek god Hermes, whose attributes differed widely from those of Mercury, but with whom the later Romans attempted to identify him at a time when aping Greek fashions in Rome was as common as our own straining after English models.

The California Raisin Crop.

The Fresno, Cal., *Expositor* says that "the coming raisin crop promises to be not only the largest but the best ever had. The spring passed off without any injury to the vines, the fine weather in May and the beginning of June favoring the setting of the grapes. On all first-class land the bunches are large and the berries

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