ERRING ERICKSON.

THE AUDITOR OF RENVILLE COUNTY IN GREAT TROUBLE.

Public Examiner Knox Discovers Serious Errors in His Accounts, Suggestive of Mismanagement or Dishonesty—A Deficit of Over Two Thousand Dollars Discovered—The Official Suspended by the Governor.

The following report from Public Examiner Knox, as to the affairs of the auditor of Renville county, Eric Erickson, has been submitted to the Governor, who, in the order appended, has suspended the official from office. This is the first suspension under the law passed last winter. Examiner Knox's report is as follows:

REPORT TO GOVERNOR.

STATE OF MINNETOTA, OFFICE OF PUBLIC EXAMINER, ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 8, 1878.

Hon. John S. Pillsbury, Governor of Minnesota:

SIR: I would very respectfully report that an examination of the books and accounts of the auditor of Renville county discloses a state of affairs that is disgraceful in the highest degree. The public security undoubtedly demands his prompt removal from office. That he should have been able to retain it at all during at least the year last past is a severe reflection upon the board of county commissioners who alone could have been fully aware of the facts.

It would be sufficient to show the necessity of immediate action to state summarily that the whole business of the office has fallen into dire if not inextricable confusion. Dissipation and profligacy of life have worked not only entire unfitness for duty, but total neglect thereof, and this has probably been supplemented by grave if not criminal acts.

The records of the board of commissioners were suspended fifteen months ago, the last entry being that of the meeting held May 5, 1877, and the records for several years are not signed by any member of the board, or attested by the auditor as clerk, rendering them valueless as evidence in any court. Some minutes and memoranda of the later proceedings were found upon loose sheets of paper, while others could not be produced.

The ledger and journal accounts, the only check upon the cash accounts of the treasurer, are in a similar or worse state of neglect, there being no ledger entry to any account (excepting salaries of county officers) since April, 1876. The records of original entries from which the above could be posted and brought together are also wofully defective, and since May 29, 1877, there are no entries of any description. The several tax lists have been rescued and preserved from a similar fate by the faithfulness of the county treasurer who has been compelled, in many cases, to perform the duties of the auditor as well as his own; but as these lists have also been in the lawful custody of the auditor, and funds are frequently sent to him for the payment of taxes, it is believed that they do not show all the payments that have been made. It is not certain that proof can be made of this, but it seems probable that it can be had.

As it seemed to me that the evidence of the auditor's unfitness were so abundant and cumulative, and the necessity so pressing that a competent successor should at once be appointed in his place, some months of whose time will be required in order to restore the records. I could not feel that my duties called for the time requisite for a full investigation, running through a series of years. I gave, however, sufficient time to fully look into the disposition of funds sent to Renville county for the purchase of seed grain for the years 1877 and 1878, taking of the latter year especially full schedules of the contracts demanded under the seed grain act and of all vouchers produced by the auditor or that could be found in his office. These schedules are now being copied and proven and will be submitted to you at any time if so desired. I give you as briefly as possible the results only, premising that everything has been done in the most careless and slovenly manner, making exact figures impossible. Hardly a provision of the act (chap. 94 of '78) has been complied with, and even the self-imposed forms adopted are so imperfectly used as to afford us protection as a voucher for moneys received.

[Here follows a tabulated statement, showing the disposition of the seed grain fund, which is omitted as unintentional, being fully explained in the continuation of Mr. Knox's report, as follows:]

Solving the problem in a strictly business way, only the vouchers of classes 1 and 2 would be allowed—leaving a deficit of $2,169.49. Allowing the part vouchers of classes 3 and 4, (*i. e.*, unreceipted bills for which there are no contracts signed, and receipted bills for which there are no contracts) and there is a deficit of $1,266.14. The board of commissioners figured for some days on this basis and found a deficit of $1,100 in round numbers, counting the original fund furnished by the State as $1,200. I have also noted under classes 5, 6 and 7 respectively, the amount of deficit were each of these to be allowed, and to these several deficits the sum of $188 is to be added if the auditor is to be held for the face of his receipt to the State.

The seed fund of 1877 was managed in much the same way; and of course with unsatisfactory results. I enclose a report (D) of the committee of the board as to the distribution which I have had carefully checked up, compared with the vouchers and footed, amounting (exclusive of peas) to the sum of $6,984. Adding to this the extraordinary expenses (no check upon those appearing in the '77 law) named in the report (exclusive of freight on peas) viz: $421.20, we have an expenditure on the per cent. of seed grain of $7,405.20. The amount of money furnished Renville county in 1877, as per State auditor's report (page 61) was $7,629.16 instead of $7,429 as printed in the committee's report, showing a deficit, taking the figures as they stand, of $223.95. But, of the vouchers furnished, there are unsigned contracts amounting to $315 and unsigned tickets amounting to $543. The same general carelessness prevails as noted in the account for 1878.

I should, perhaps, say that the auditor declared that he could furnish vouchers for more money than was furnished him, and I earnestly invited him to do so, as I wished to give him full advantage of every doubt, but with several days' opportunity to do so, he has failed.

The air of Renville county is full of charges against the auditor of a much more serious nature than these defaults in the seed-grain funds, and I think that a criminal prosecution would be sustained on the evidence of A. H. Reed of Glencoe, Henry Poehler of Henderson, E. J. Hodgson of St. Paul, and Messrs. Donahue & Paine of Beaver Falls, (formerly of Henderson,) and Mr. Hans Gronnerud, the county treasurer. I enclose a letter (E) from Mr. Reed, just received. Mr. Gronnerud has no doubt the endorsement on the check mentioned by Mr. R. is a forgery. I believe he also would testify to other matters of the same kind. Mr. Paine informed me, on my way back to Redwood Falls, that his firm had a check with forged endorsement, and I think that it can be proven that Ericson, under the compulsion of fear of prosecution, returned to different persons (or furnished tax receipts) for considerable amounts of money to which he had no right.

The only point upon which the auditor has shown any commendable promptness has been that of drawing orders for his salary. His pay for the year commencing March 1, 1878, amounts to the sum of $920.16. He has recorded himself as having drawn orders on this account up to July 20, amounting to $951, of which, however, I do not find that there had yet been paid more than $228. There is also some reason to think that a blank stub in his order book represents an order for $300 in his own favor. I have instructed the treasurer not to pay orders for more than his monthly allowance, but he has doubts whether he can refuse an order properly drawn coming to him, as it is likely to do, through a third person. Under a recent opinion of the attorney general as to the construction of sec. 123, ar. 8 of the Revised Statutes of 1866, it is decided that these articles must be signed by the chairman of the board of commissioners, and I have sent word and also now write him as to the condition of that account.

Before going to Renville county I asked the attorney general as to the power to suspend an officer given in sec. 3, ar. 83, G. L. for 1878, (last sentence). He thought this authority was vested in the Governor. Other statutory provisions are found in Bissell's Statutes at Large, chap. 11, secs. 38 and 42. The provisions also of ch. 75 of 1878, in cases of "habitual drunkenness," *ought* to be effective in the premises. It seems to me important that the most summary process possible should be enforced, as the capacity and the disposition of the auditor to do anything in the public interest has passed, while there still remains the power to do incalculable damage. The most important point will be the appointment of a capable and honest successor, and this power seems to be lodged alone with the commissioners, upon whom should be brought to bear every healthful power that is practicable.

The official bond of the auditor is, with one or two minor defects, better drawn than usual, and is for the penal sum of $5,000, signed by fourteen sureties, who, as near as I can learn, are responsible for the amount named.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
HENRY M. KNOX, Public Examiner.

THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER.

The following is the order of the Governor suspending the defaulting treasurer:

STATE OF MINN., EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. ST. PAUL, AUG. 20.

Erick Erickson, Esq., Beaver Falls.

DEAR SIR: Whereas the results of a recent investigation by the public examiner of this State show such misconduct and malfeasance in the conduct of your office as to seriously prejudice the public interests, this is to notify you that by virtue of the power vested in the executive by section 3, of chapter 83, of the general laws of 1878, you are hereby suspended from the further exercise of the right and performance of the duties pertaining to the office of auditor of Renville county, pending such further investigation as shall lead to your restoration to or removal from office. Respectfully,

J. S. PILLSBURY, Governor.

MRS. TOWNSEND.

The Clear Lake Murderess to Be Defended by W. W. Erwin—Insanity to Be Pleaded in Her Behalf.

W. W. Erwin, Esq., has assumed the defense of Mrs. Townsend, now confined in our county jail on the charge of murdering Mr. Dunham at Clear Lake, Wright county, about six weeks ago. The particulars of the tragedy are yet fresh in the public mind. Mrs. Townsend will be tried at Buffalo, the county seat of Wright county, at the October term of court. Meeting Mr. Erwin last evening, a representative of the GLOBE asked him what his defense would be. "Insanity, sir, insanity," he replied. "There is no doubt whatever but the woman is insane." "Her mother was insane when she carried her," said Mr. Erwin, "and Mrs. Townsend was born with St. Vitus dance, and has previously exhibited signs of insanity. Her father died in an insane asylum in Pennsylvania, her father's father was insane, her mother and her mother's mother were insane, and she has a sister who is now in an insane asylum. I can prove these facts, and when I have done so I think there will be no doubt of her acquittal." Being asked why, knowing these facts, he had not asked for a suspension of public sentiment, Mr. Erwin replied that he had more faith in the recoil wave than in the suspension of public sentiment. Public opinion will react upon itself. His experience had shown that more people were acquitted as the result of the recoil of public sentiment from its own extremes than were convicted during the excitement of the first passion. For this reason he preferred to wait, but having assumed the case and settled upon the plan of defense, he had no objection to the whole world knowing it. He felt confident of the acquittal of his client. No defense could be stronger.

St. Cloud Normal School.

Hon. D. Burt returned yesterday from St. Cloud, where he had been attending the opening of the Normal school, which took place on Tuesday. There have been some new teachers secured, as follows: Miss Lawrence, Oswego, N. Y.; Mrs. Higgins, of Geneseo, N. Y.; Miss Warner, of Westfield, Mass.; Mr. Child, graduate of the State university, as teacher of Latin and preparatory studies. All of the young ladies are graduates of Normal schools in their respective localities, it being the policy of the present board to bring teachers from the Normal schools of other States. Mr. Burt states that the Model school is entirely self-supporting. Miss Lawrence is the superintendent, and the State pays her salary according to law, but all the other expenditures are paid by the tuition of $12.

PERSONAL.

C. Missiter, England, at the Merchants.

Robt. Filkins, agent of 4-Paw's show, is in the city.

Hon. C. H. Lienau, Carver, was in the city yesterday.

Judge E. St. Julien Cox, St. Peter, paid St. Paul a flying visit yesterday.

Judge Aleck Boarman, of Shreveport, La., and Thomas Duffy, of Arkansas, are spending the yellow fever season in St. Paul.

Joseph B. Hall, who is en route for Fargo to start the Fargo *Republican*, weekly and semi-weekly, passed through the city yesterday.

Col. C. C. Chute, Chicago, of the American Railroad Unloading Ballast company, and one of the best story tellers traveling, is in the city.

At the Clarendon: Frederick Johnston, wife and children, H. R. Hoose, New York; J. W. Hay, Mrs. C. A. Gregg, Mrs. Geo. B. Woodward, Chas. Radcliffe, Chas. Morton, Milo Carrier, Chicago; D. R. Perry, John Adams, wife and three children, St. Louis; J. Oakes, Sioux Falls; Thos. Watson, Omaha; Wm. C. Cummings, New Brunswick, N. J.; H. H. Newberry, Taylors Falls; Rev. H. A. Newell and wife, Rochester; O. J. Johnson, Duluth; J. D. Williams, Anoka; F. E. Stauff, St. Paul; W. Potter, Aitken.

The following are among the arrivals at the Metropolitan: L. R. Brooks, Winona; Geo. Gelder, Erie; C. A. Barnum, New York; Right Revd. A. D. Pelliseir, San Antonio, Texas; Thomas Henry, Mrs. F. P. Andrews, Miss Nellie Henery, Mobile, Ala.; Miss Estelle Dunbar, A. Dunbar, Waukeska; Wm. Irving, Chippewa Falls; G. P. Fluke, Farmington; W. G. Wheeler, C. Johnson, White Bear; H. W. Rockener; Chicago; John C. Law, Pittsburg; Lieut. Geo. E. Bowen, Wm. A. Juild, Chicago; Thomas Duffy, New Orleans; C. B. Wright, Philadelphia; Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Garfield, New York; John H. Andre, Burlington; John J. Roberts, Hastings; E. Ten Eyck, East Saginaw; E. Rydee, Miss Kutter, Miss Vogel, N. E. Sargent, Jno. R. W. Sargent, Chicago; David Taylor and wife, Madison; W. J. Kountz, Allegheney; N. E. Noyes and family, U. S. A.; Jno. Harris and wife, N. Y.; Chas. W. Crosby and wife, Boston.

At the Merchants: J. Schrink, Boston; E. A. Smith, W. J. Selard, Geo. C. Allen, Milwaukee; W. W. Munroy, Buffalo; A. D. Thomas, Fargo, D. T.; R. Filkins, 4-Paugh Show; W. C. Fonda and wife, Howard Lake; T. S. Sanford, Ann Arbor, Mich.; J. L. Foly, Cincinnati; D. P. Shau, M. J. Mendleson, Chicago; F. N. Rose, Bath, N. Y.; A. H. Barrett, W. Leigh and son, F. H. Wicker, G. H. Shed, Jas. Kay, St. Louis; E. St. Julien Cox, St. Peter; C. C. Tichenor, Kansas City; J. S. Anderson, New York; J. J. McDonald, Minneapolis; C. W. T. Wright and wife, Rochester; E. S. Archibald, Dundas; K. C. Morehouse and wife, Seo. R. R. R.; Mrs. L. M. Hayes, Fremont; R. S. Burlyte and wife, Beaver Falls; E. Wirick, Clarksville; C. Misseter, England; W. P. Day, Chicago; D. J. Anderson, Winona; P. Newton, Anna Newton, J. B. Hall and son, H. P. Hoppin, Chicago; J. W. Pastor, Cumberland; J. B. Van Deusen, Chicago; E. G. Newhall, Galena; G. R. Whitney, Rich Prairie, Minn.; N. M. Singleton, Grand Forks; G. K. Keath, Minneapolis; J. Duff, Chicago; H. Street, Albert Lea, Minn.; H. Sayers, St. Louis; N. H. Clapp, Hudson; K. J. Sandvig, Lyle; C. T. Thompson, West Mitchell; W. S. Chatterton, agent 4-paugh show; Wm. Henderson, St. Louis; J. L. Cashel, Rochester; F. E. McCrary, Washington; H. M. McDonald, A. H. Smith and wife, F. A. Smith, Cincinnati; Maj. F. C. Hanna, Detroit; E. S. Martin, Cleveland; W. M. Sage and three children, D. A. Sage, E. S. Benson and wife, G. W. Jones, D. P. Brown, W. Hayden, Chicago; W. Slobie, wife and daughter, St. Louis; S. R. Reading, Perina; F. J. Lamb and wife, Madison; J. A. Creghton and wife, Omaha; F. D. Taylor, Detroit; D. Palmer, New York; P. N. Clark, St. Cloud; E. A. Smith, Milwaukee; J. Kilsen, Bellevue.

Lake Elmo Swimming Train.

The season is fast approaching when lake swimming will be over, and those who have not enjoyed this pleasure will be uttering words of regret. To prevent this feeling of disappointment the St. Paul, Stillwater & Taylors Falls railroad will run another of their ever popular swimming trains on Saturday, the 24th August, 1878.

Trains leave the depot foot of Jackson street at 5:05 P. M. and 7:40 P. M.; returning, leave the lake at 10:15 P. M., arriving in St. Paul at 10:45 P. M.

Remember, the water is warm and delightful. Don't neglect this chance for a good time.

THE STATE FAIR.

Busy Times With the Secretary and Assistants—Entries of Holstein Cattle, the First Ever Made in the State—Bench Show Attractions.

Secretary Judson and his assistants had a busy day yesterday in attending to the demands of persons seeking space and making entries for the world's fair to be held at St. Paul the first week in September, under the auspices of the State Agricultural society.

Parties intending to make entries to the bench show should do so as early as possible, so that Superintendent Lincoln can provide for their accommodation. Entries close the 27th inst.

HOLSTEIN CATTLE.

Geo. E. Brown, of Elgin, Ill., manager of the Fox River Stock association, has written Secretary Judson that he will be on hand with his famous Holstein cattle, and as this will be the first exhibit of any of this breed of cattle at any of our State fairs, a few words in regard to them may not be amiss. These cattle were bred in North Holland, and were selected personally without regard to cast, and in selecting them care was taken to secure not only purity of blood, and from notoriously large milking families, but particular attention was paid to fine points and symmerity of form. In color they are black and white, distinctly and prettily marked, and in size they compare favorably with other large breeds. They make an excellent cross with any of the other breeds, but particularly with the grade short horn, transmitting their own peculiar qualities with almost absolute certainty.

For butter they rank among the best, the product being abundant and of excellent quality; and as cheese-makers they excel all other breeds. Mr. Brown, being one of the largest and best breeders of this breed of cattle in the West, his Holsteins will be one of the great attractions of the fair. Mr. Brown will also exhibit Cleveland Boy and English draft horses of his own importation that are spoken of very highly by those that have seen them, and we trust that the stock men of this State may induce Mr. Brown to leave some of his stock in this State.

BENCH SHOW ATTRACTIONS.

In addition to the bench show, there will be a fine display of sportsmen's goods, by the leading manufacturers of the country, together with a display of taxidermist work, specimens of drawings in water colors, of sporting and shooting scenes.

Messrs. M. F. Kennedy & Bros. will make a large display of guns, rifles, fishing rods and tackle; also a variety of sportsmen's clothing and other goods.

W. F. Burkhard will also make a splendid display of similar goods.

Messrs. Parker Brothers, of West Meridan, Conn., will have on exhibition the elegant case of guns which attracted so much attention at the Centennial Exhibition.

Messrs. Simmons & Sons, of Boston, will make a large display of their famous "shooting suits," camp tents, lounges, etc.

W. H. Holabird, of Valpariso, Ind., the great sportsmen's clothier, will make a complete display of his various goods.

Mr. E. F. Warner has promised to contribute a collection of taxidermist's work, consisting of elk, deer, bears, and birds of all descriptions. This promises to be a magnificent display.

Mr. Chas. A. Zimmerman has definitely promised to make a display of his world-renowned sporting pictures, viz: "The Light Shell," "Trying for a Double," "Shooting Geese over Decoys." These pictures have been widely spoken of as gems of art, and no doubt will cause great attraction.

Capt. Lee Davis has been appointed manager of this department, and any parties wishing to make a display will please make applications to him.

THE PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION.

A meeting was held yesterday morning in the chamber of commerce of the committee of reception appointed by the State Agricultural society to meet President Hayes. At the request of Gov. Pillsbury, who was present, Gen. Sibley continued his services as chairman.

The principal business to be transacted consisted in the receipt of reports from the various organizations, secret and otherwise, of the city, representatives of which were present. The amount of enthusiasm developed was truly marvelous, and there is no doubt but that St. Paul will witness on the day of the Presidential visit the most glorious procession ever seen within its limits. The Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows, the Druids, the Sons of Hermann, the Knights of St. Paul, the various Father Matthew societies, the Turners, the German society, the Krieger Verein, the military companies of Faribault and Stillwater, the Minnesota Veteran association, the United States troops, the Fire department, and others too numerous to mention have signified their intention of being in attendance. The expectation is also felt that the Knights Templars of the entire State, who will be summoned to a general encampment, will also be in attendance. In fact, from present appearances, it would seem as if the whole distance from the depot to the Metropolitan, the temporary home of the Presidential party while in the city, will be lined by the societies, which will in succession countermarch after the President and his companions.

The line of march will traverse Third street. It is hoped the various business houses will be decorated suitably for the occasion, and it is especially hoped by the committee that the decorations will be completed on the evening previous, Wednesday, Sept. 4. The various organizations intending to participate in the procession are requested to report to Gen. Sanborn, the marshal of the day, not later than Monday, Sept. 2, when the numbers anticipated to be in attendance will also be specified. In conclusion of this department of the preparations for the State fair it may be mentioned that the utmost enthusiasm prevails, and every indication seems to assure the fact that President Hayes will be received in a style fully commensurate with his official position and eminently worthy of the city.

During the day, the President will hold a public reception, but the point has not yet been fully determined, but it will be most probably at the Metropolitan.

EQUINE CUSSEDNESS.

The Market Square Set Upon its Ears by a Wicked Runaway.

A vicious runaway occurred yesterday forenoon, commencing at the crowded market square. A young horse, belonging to Jacob Wallard, a butcher, started from near the pound, but was grabbed at the nose and bridle by its owner. The horse immediately commenced kicking, and succeeded in kicking the seat off the wagon, and then broke away, throwing Wallard under foot, and the vehicle passed over him. Rushing madly through the thronged square, the shaft of the runaway steed struck and entered the off fore shoulder of a pony owned by John Schoren, twisting the latter completely round. At this stage of the proceedings, Wallard pluckily seized his horse, and was again thrown, the horse starting down Washington street. Arriving at Fifth street, the Wallard horse missed his feet, and was hurled headlong against the sidewalk of Rice park, opposite the police headquarters, the wagon being completely overturned and utterly demoralized. At this point, Wallard came up again, and assisted in securing the horse. This done, it proved the owner was quite seriously injured and he was conveyed in a carriage to the St. Paul house for repairs. The Schoren horse was taken to Dr. Stein's stables, where an examination proved that the shaft had completely severed, for a depth of some fourteen inches, the muscles from the shoulder blade. The animal's wound was attended to by the doctor, who believes he can pull the horse through. The Wallard horse was not seriously injured. The escape of human life in the market square was something perfectly marvellous, and Mr. Wallard deserves especial praise for the courageous manner with which he held by his animal, notwithstanding his vicious furor.

CITY GLOBULES.

The grass in the capitol square is beginning to look quite sickly.

The Druid's excursion to Willmar starts next Saturday evening. Tickets can be had when the train starts at 5 P. M.

The Northwestern will be the St. Louis packet to-day, leaving at 12 o'clock noon, and the Alex Mitchell Saturday.

Considerable interest was felt last evening as to the blaze which illuminated the sky in the direction of Newport, Washington county.

The brick work of the capitol extension progresses in a manner that ought to put the blush upon the cheeks of all contractors for the city.

The watering of Rice park by the fire department is prosecuted diligently each evening, and the city will arise and call the premoters blessed.

Now that acting President Hayes is going to visit St. Paul, it is thought George Moore will make an effort to fling that custom house flag to the breeze.

The concert by the Great Western band at Grote's last evening was most numerously attended, and the performance elicited abundant applause, the presence of ladies adding *eclat* to the occasion.

It is reported and currently believed that Capt. Starkey's contract for the paving of Jackson street will be cancelled at to-morrow's meeting of the board of public works. But, then, "you can't most always tell."

Wm. Hyatt, of Otter Tail county, appeared yesterday before Commissioner Cardozo in answer to a charge of forging an affidavit to a pension claim. He gave sureties for his appearance at the October term of the United States district court.

The chicken hunters are beginning to return, and have as many tales to tell of their adventures as feathers brought home. Meanwhile, a number of the knowing ones have been prowling around near the city, and have succeeded in bagging respectable numbers of the coveted birds.

A. R. McGill, commissioner of insurance, received a telegram from Edinboro, Pennsylvania, yesterday, announcing the alarming illness of his daughter, a child of 4 or 5 years. She has been spending the summer with Mr. McGill's sister at that point. Mr. McGill left last evening in response to the summons.

Messrs. Wheeler and Hartman, Omaha, whose arrival was mentioned in the GLOBE Wednesday, are secretary and treasurer respectively of the Nebraska State Agricultural society. Mr. Hartman is so well pleased with President Finch's arrangements for the Minnesota exhibition that he will remain to see it.

The No. 4 engine house is being repaired to prevent its leaky condition reported upon by the chief engineer, and the flooring of the engine room and stables is being pieced. In common with the other houses, means are to be introduced to ventilate the space underneath the main floors.

A man named Edward St. Louis was placed in jail yesterday for smuggling, in default of bail. He was arrested by Maj. C. Wilson, special agent of the customs department, on the north shore of Lake Superior, and was committed by the order of United States Commissioner J. R. Corey, at Duluth.

The place of meeting of the Prohibition State convention has been changed from Waseca to Minneapolis, at the Reform club room, No. 40 Washington avenue south. The time is fixed for September 3. The change is made to accommodate those delegates who wish to attend the State fair at St. Paul and the Minneapolis exposition.

The common council committee on fire department, or a majority thereof, seems to be actuated by a very small spirit when headlights for the various engines are refused. If the majority of the committee could only for once practically experience the difficulty of driving rapidly in the darkness, the decision might be changed, and the head-lights would be ordered.

Chief Weber has already received about twice as many applicants for appointments upon the special police during the State fair week than are required. The chief does not consider that more than twenty-five or thirty need be employed, and believes he can so distribute the present efficient force in his command as to render further accesions beyond the number indicated unnecessary.

It would almost seem as if the fire department is to be run by the common council on a system of favoritism that cannot fail to have a disorganizing effect. The "transient" men of the department, engaged at the paltry salary of $20 per month, and many of whom have served faithfully for years, are entirely ignored when vacancies in the "permanent" force afford opportunities for promotion. By this action the stimulus of emulation in efficiency and faithfulness is effectually checked, and the sooner the council awakes to this fact the better it will be for the fire service of the city.

Look out for the finest lunch in St. Paul, 64 and 66 Jackson street, Caldwell's, 10 to 12 A. M.

DUSTING DRUMMER.

Henry Orlemann's Memory Proves Too Much for the Consequential Cronn, Who is in a Tight Box.

The most interesting case upon which Judge Flint was called yesterday to adjudicate was that of John W. Cronn. As far back as May, 1877, Cronn came to this city and represented himself to Henry Orlemann, saloon keeper, 91 West Third street, as the accredited agent of the J. M. Brunswick & Balke Co. billiard table manufacturers, of Chicago. Cronn is a first-rate talker. He is also a first-class billiard player, or, rather, is much above the average run. Representing to Orlemann that he was short of funds. Cronn persuaded Orlemann to endorse two drafts upon J. M. Brunswick & Balke company. The amounts were small, one being for $25 and the other for $35, but they were intended, so Cronn represented, to merely tide over a day or two, until remittances could be had. The drafts were protested, and cost Orlemann $65.16 at much personal inconvenience. But he bided his time. Cronn, having received the money, cleared for Winnipeg, and, probably thinking the matter had blown over, came to St. Paul yesterday, and Orlemann obtained scent of his presence. The trains were watched, but it remained for Officer Cook to net him as he stood near the Merchants, being pointed out by the keeper of the billiard tables in the hotel and by Orlemann. Cronn was committed in default of $250 bail until this morning. Mr. Orlemann has documentary evidence very damaging to the prisoner, among which is a letter acknowledging the signing of the drafts.

The handsomest suite of bachelro's quarters in the city for rent, with furniture for sale at a great bargain. House contains all the modern conveniencies. Location most desirable. Inquire at this office.

Soldiers Additional Homesteads for sale by MORTON, MOORE & CO., Pioneer Press building.

Weather To-Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21—1 A. M.—Indications for the upper lake region, warmer clear weather followed by increasing cloudiness, variable winds mostly northeast to southeast, nearly stationtry temperature and stationary or lower pressure. For upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valley partly cloudy weather, possibly occasional rain, southeasterly winds, nearly stationary pressure and temperature.

MINNEAPOLIS

CITY COUNCIL.

Regular Conclave of Our City Dads at the Council Chamber Last Night—Special Policemen Appointed for Fair Week—Report of City Officers, Etc., Etc.

A regular meeting of the common council was held at the council chamber, city hall building, last evening, at which the usual routine business was transacted. First of all the mayor presented a communication appointing

SPECIAL POLICEMEN FOR FAIR WEEK,

and asked that the names be confirmed. They were duly confirmed, and their names are as follows:

B. R. Drew, B. F. Morse, Edward Bassett, Louis Peterson, J. J. Leavitt, Wm. Hannegan, Peter Euberg, H. Huskins, M. J. Galpin, John Kelly, Wm. H. Groff, J. D. Ricker, C. L. Peck, John Hingston, Edward Loomis, James Dillon, Thomas Nelson, C. D. Kingsley.

TRACK TO FAIR GROUNDS.

The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Minneapolis railroad company asked permission to lay tracks on certain streets through the city to the fair grounds. Referred to the proper committee to report at present meeting.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

A communication from the city treasurer in relation to certain notes was referred to committee.

Poundmaster Jerry Sullivan reported having collected $16. Also from Mr. Gear, lower district, $7.

Also from A. O'Brien, E. D., $4.50.

All placed on file.

The report of the city engineer recommending that J. M. Woodward be awarded the contract for grading 3½ Avenue South, at 24c per square yard. Placed on file.

The clerk presented the assessment roll for repairs of sidewalks, which was laid over till the next meeting.

The commissioners' report was presented and had the same reference as above.

CLAIMS, ETC.

The committee on claims presented the usual budget of claims, and the clerk was instructed to draw orders on the city treasurer for the various amounts.

The committee on accounts reported back the accounts of the various officers as correct. Report placed on file.

The committee on public grounds and buildings reported back the report in regard to the purchase of a fire-proof safe for the city engineer's office and recommended that the committee be authorized to contract for the construction of the safe. Report adopted.

The usual number of petitions for construction of sidewalks and erection of gas lamps were reported, and the usual action taken.

The committee on fire department reported in regard to Germania engine company, favoring the purchase of a chemical apparatus for the use of that company.

The clerk was instructed to draw an order on the treasurer in favor of William Winthiesser for the sum of $250.

STOCK YARD NUISANCE.

The committee on markets reported back the report of the special committee in reference to the stock yards on Plymouth avenue, with the opinion that the yard was a public nuisance, and recommended that the same be removed from the city at the expiration of the lease. On motion, the council decided that the yards were a nuisance and must be removed at the expiration of lease.

The committee on railroads recommended that the petition of Barnard & Cope for the construction of a track on Second avenue N. E., connecting their factory with the St. Paul & Pacific track, be granted. Adopted.

The city engineer's report in reference to the construction of sewers was presented, and the assessments were confirmed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Under the heading of unfinished business the clerk took up for its second reading an ordinance fixing the grade of numerous streets in the city. The ordinance passed.

An ordinance amending an ordinance concerning awnings was also passed.

An ordinance amending an ordinance regulating pounds was laid on the table.

Ald. Smith moved that A. A. Hoyt be confirmed as driver of Cataract steamer in place of A. Rogers, he having been elected by the company.

Ald. Lyons moved that the city engineer be instructed to notify the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad company to plank the crossing of Seventh street northeast. Adopted.

Adjourned till next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

ANTI-DRIVE WELL.

A Small Gathering at Workingmen's Hall Last Evening—Committees Appointed—Talking Supreme Court.

Those interested in resisting the payment of the royalty on drive wells held a meeting in Workingmen's hall last evening. The meeting was called to order by C. W. Curtiss, president of the Workingmen's Union, and he was chosen chairman. Mr. Kellogg was chosen secretary.

Mr. Hervins, of the committee appointed at the last meeting to canvass the city and learn the feelings of the people about town in regard to paying the royalty, was called on and said that all to whom he had spoken about the matter were in favor of carrying it to the supreme court. They were willing to pay all they were able to in order to see the case carried through to the end.

J. B. Bassett gave the history of the old fight, and was of the opinion that they did not have a fair showing; that, in fact, it should go to the supreme court.

A communication from Gov. Davis was read, in which he expressed the opinion that it was a good case for the Supreme court, and the cost would be about $5,000.

L. Parker was appointed a committee of one to obtain a written opinion from Gov. Davis.

A committee of five was appointed to solicit contributions: Henry Smith, D. Huhus, W. W. Stickney, Mr. Ripley, Mr. Gurbach. J. M. Parker was chosed treasurer.

Adjourned sin die.

FRIGHTFUL RUNAWAY.

Conductor James Phelps, Wife and Child Injured—The Former Has His Shoulder Crushed to a Pulp—A Serious Affair.

Last evening the family of James Phelps, one of the most efficient conductors on the C. M. St. P. & M. road, met with a serious runaway accident near this city. Mr. Phelps was returning home from a visit to Minnehaha Falls, when the horse became frightened, run away and threw the party out. Mr. Phelps was very dangerously injured. His right shoulder was completely crushed, so that the bones could be rolled about as so much flash. His right side was also badly injured and his hip, face and head badly bruised.

Mrs. Phelps was badly bruised about the face, side and hip but had no bones broken. Her face was most dangerously bruised. The little girl, Nellie, was injured about the side and back, but nothing dangerous.

GLOBELETS.

Dr. Newman, the celebrated Washington divine, entertained an appreciative audience at Association hall, last evening. Dr. Newman is a fluent and entertaining speaker, and all who were absent missed a great treat.

C. W. Shearlock, of the East Division, now mourns the loss of two fingers. His hand become mashed in a portion of the machinery of the Minneapolis Mill company's mill, yesterday, and amputation became necessary.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY. District Court, Second Judidial District.

Warren L. Woodbury, Plaintiff, vs. Artemas Gale, Defendant:

SUMMONS.

The State of Minnesota, to the above named defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which has been filed in the office of the clerk of said court, at the Court House in the city of Saint Paul, in said county of Ramsey and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office in and at the corner of Fifth and Wabashaw streets, in said city of Saint Paul, county and State aforesaid, within twenty days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will, upon such failure, have the amount he is entitled to recover ascertained by the court or under its direction, and take judgment for the amount so ascertained, together with costs and disbursements of suit.

SMITH & EGAN, Plaintiff's Attorney, St. Paul, Minn.

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CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT

FOR

Sewer on Sixth Street.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN, Aug. 20, 1878.

The assessment of benefits, costs and expenses arising from the construction of a sewer on Sixth street, from Minnnsota street to a point half way between Cedar and Wabashaw streets, in the city of St. Paul, Minn., having been completed and entered of record by the Board of Public Works in and for said city, the said Board will meet at their office in said city, at 9 A. M., on the Sixth day of September, A. D. 1878, to hear objections (if any) to said assessment, at which time and place, unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the said assessment will be confirmed.

The following is a list of the supposed owners names, the description of the property, and the amounts assessed against the same, to-wit:

St. Paul Proper.

Supposed Owner.	Description. Lot.	Block.	Benefits, Costs and Expenses.
Julia A. Flynn,	7	5	$73 00
Same,	8	5	73 00
City of St. Paul,	9	5	73 00
Timothy Delany,	10	5	73 00
Edward Nicholas, s½ of	11	5	73 00
Julius Georgie, s 52 feet of	9	6	10 00
Same, w ½ of s 100 feet of	10	6	5 00
Norman W. Kittson, e ½ of s 100 feet of	10	6	5 00
Same, w 20 feet of	11	6	24 00
St. Paul Manufacturing Co., e 30 feet of	11	6	36 00
Same,	12	6	83 00
Same,	13	6	83 00
Same,	16	6	141 10
C. C. Berkman,	1	9	141 10
Christine Masson, w ½ of	4	9	41 50
James Esterling, e ½ of	4	9	41 50
Joseph Villaume,	5	9	83 00
Henry Schroeder,	6	9	60 00
Jane Eliza Sherman, n ⅔ of	7	9	10 00
Same, n ⅔ of	8	9	10 00
Gustav Willius, n ⅓ of	2	10	73 00
same, n ⅓ of	3	10	73 00
Ann Kiely, w ½ of	4	10	36 50
Catherine Ahern, e ½ of	4	10	36 50

Carver's Subdivision of Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 10, St. Paul Proper.

W. F. Davidson,	1	10	36 50
Same,	2	10	36 50
Same,	3	10	36 50
Same,	4	10	36 22

All objections to said assessment must be in writing and filed with the Clerk of said Board at least one day prior to said meeting.

H. M. RICE, President.

Official: R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board Public Works. 219-21

CONTRACT WORK.

CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., Aug. 19, 1878.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Public Works in and for the corporation of the city of St. Paul, Minn., at their office in said city, until 12 M. on the 2d day of September, A. D. 1878, for constructing sidewalks in front of all lots and lands situated and described as follows, and lying and being in said city, to-wit:

ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WAVERLY STREET IN FRONT OF LOT 16, O. JARVIS' SUBDIVISION OF LOT 3 OF BASS' ADDITION OF OUT LOTS.

ON WEST SIDE OF MINNESOTA STREET IN FRONT OF LOTS 1