

CITY GOVERNMENT.

Large Amount of Street Work Ordered Last Night—Trying to Get a Fire Commission—Two Names Rejected—Ex-Ald. Fisher Sends in a Personal Explanation—Bonds to be Issued.

The following is a brief statement of the business transacted by the council last night.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The board was directed to have the following work done: To grade Ravoux street from Iglehart street to Carroll street; to widen Grove street from Broadway to Pearl street to fifty feet; to grade Anora avenue from Grant street to Broadway; to grade Fourteenth street from Jackson street to Canada street.

A MUSICAL MEETING.

The County Board in Session—A Long and Disputatious Meeting—The Printing Question—County Funds—Monthly Reports—Woodchucks Linked with Sweetens Long Drawn Out.

A regular meeting of the board of county commissioners was held in the auditor's office at 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon. In the absence of the president, Commissioner Wiley was called to the chair, and there were present Commissioners Pottgeiser, Schurmeier, Ames and Kroh.

THE PRINTING QUESTION.

The committee on printing reported having received four bids for the job printing and book binding of the county, and recommended that the contract be awarded to J. J. Lemon as the lowest bidder.

The same committee reported in favor of the adoption of a resolution appointing the St. Paul Dispatch as the official paper of the county, providing that the publisher of that paper within thirty days, enter into contract with the county to publish all advertisements and proceedings, at a rate not exceeding that now paid for such services.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The mayor sent in the names of Charles N. Parker and George W. Freeman as members of the board of fire commissioners. The first was confirmed, but the latter, Mr. Freeman, was laid on the shelf by being sent to the committee on fire department.

The request of H. C. McGartney and others to have Minnehaha and Edgerton streets graded, was referred to the committee on streets.

George Rotwell asked leave to remove a small one-story building, and the same was referred to the alderman from the First ward.

The request of Walker, Judd & Vespie to place a kind of platform or derrick at the foot of Eagle street, to facilitate the handling of lumber, was referred to Ald. Smith.

The complaint of J. W. Janson in regard to danger to his house in the Sixth ward in case of a rise in the Mississippi river, was referred to the committee on streets.

The board of public works reported adversely to grading Magnolia street; the same in regard to grading Whithall street, and the council accepted the report.

The awarding of the contract for constructing a sewer on Seventh street, to C. T. Miller, and the awarding to Michael O'Brien the contract for constructing a culvert over Phalen creek, was adopted.

The name of John Rooney was directed to be placed on the police pay roll at the rate of \$78 per month for services in conveying prisoners to the workhouse.

The city clerk is to give the necessary notice for a change of grade on Cedar street from Twelfth to Bluff street.

The city engineer was ordered to report a grade for Madison, Arundel, Lafayette and Winter streets.

An order is to be drawn on the treasury in favor of John Clonan for \$25.

It was directed that all the cleanings taken from the public streets and alleys in the First, Second and Third wards during the coming season, be deposited upon the slopes of the embankment of Seventh street, between Kitson street and the St. Paul & Manitoba railroad bridge.

Permission was given to J. C. McCarthy to place telegraph poles on the fire alarm poles of the city across the bridge to his place of business in the Sixth ward.

The owner of the Pomeroy building, that was partially destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, on Fifth street, between Jackson and Sibley streets, was directed to have the building removed, or so repaired that it shall be safe, and if he don't attend to it then the chief of police is to have the same declared a nuisance.

The resolution to confirm Frank Brewer as a member of the board of fire commissioners was lost by the following vote: Yeas—Robert, Fischer, Smith, Van-Slyke, Allen—5.

Nays—Downan, O'Connor, Otis, Cornish, Johnson, Starkey, McCarthy—7.

Several years ago J. W. Fisher was a member of the council when charges were preferred against him by Mayor Maxfield. On a trial of the issues on the council the charges were sustained and Mr. Fisher was expelled from that body. Last evening Mr. Fisher sent into the council a long statement giving the history of his trial and expulsion. He also accompanied the statement with an affidavit from Luke Padden and another from F. Wigand, the two principal witnesses against him, in which these two persons said that what they testified to on his trial was not true. He accompanied the papers with a resolution asking to have the whole statement placed on the record. On a vote being taken, the request was complied with.

The proper city officers were directed to execute the following bonds: Thirty thousand dollars to aid in constructing a permanent roadway over Phalen's creek. One hundred thousand for sewerage purposes. Twenty-five thousand for the public parks. Twenty-five thousand for the St. Paul workhouse. Ten thousand for grading and macadamizing Fort street. Five thousand for the approaches to the bridge across the tracks of the St. Paul & Manitoba and Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha roads. Twenty thousand for the Sixth ward levee improvement.

Farewell Banquet to Mr. Liebenstein.

tribute of respect and regret at his early departure for other fields of labor. There were present about seventy-five friends and the occasion was finalized by a great deal of mirth, good fellowship and festivity. A very nice and dainty supper was spread by the caterer, Ramaley, and during the interims a number of addresses were made. Mr. M. H. Flarsheim was master of ceremonies, and appropriate remarks were made by Mr. Joseph Oppenheim, Mr. H. J. Strouse, Mr. J. Engle, Mr. H. T. Satter, Mr. Haas and others.

After the dinner had been appeased dancing was indulged in and the event was justly characterized as one of the most elegant affairs of the year.

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The report of the committee was adopted. Sheriff Richter addressed the board concerning the payment of several livery bills for carrying insane persons, and conveying the late grand jury to the workhouse.

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middle of this month, bringing with him thirty experienced Scotch farmers. This step the firm deemed expedient on account of the scarcity of farm labor. The going wages of farm hands this season will probably range from \$25 to \$30 per month with board. Several newcomers have already arrived this season from Illinois and Pennsylvania. Some of these bought land last season, had it broke and put in the seed and now will come and take possession and live permanently. The people in the valley are happy and contented and look forward to another busy and profitable season. Last Sunday evening a temperance meeting at Warren brought out an attendance of 185. The various church societies are prospering. Much larger facilities for the public schools are needed. There are only two saloons in Warren, and these are very orderly and peacefully kept. From the best obtainable information the increased acreage in cultivation this year the marshal last night will exceed that of last by at least 50 per cent.

THE FORGERY CASE. Geo. H. Stahlman Held in \$3,500 Bail, Which He Gives.

The case of the state against George H. Stahlman, charged with forgery, was called for hearing in the municipal court yesterday afternoon. It will be remembered that defendant was arrested on the complaint of Albert Scheffer, of Dawson & Co.'s bank, charging him with the forgery of a note for \$5,300. The note was made by A. Stahlman and endorsed with the name of A. Stahlman, the charge being that the latter signature was a forgery, having been made by George Stahlman himself. When arrested Stahlman did not deny having endorsed the note but he stated that it was done with the consent of his stepfather, A. Stahlman.

At the hearing yesterday Mr. Egan appeared for the state, Mr. J. D. O'Brien for Dawson & Co., and Messrs. Heard, Mead and Granger for Stahlman and his creditors.

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The Work of the Late Legislature Which Didn't Materialize.

POCKET VETOS OF THE GOVERNOR

The Iron Range Bill Signed in Spite of the Howls.

BILLS OFFERED IN BOTH HOUSES.

A Complete List of Titles of Those Which Failed to Become Laws.

Yesterday was the closing day allowed the governor to consider the bills passed by the late legislature. The pocket vetoes are fewer in number than usual this year, there being but five altogether. We give them below:

SENATE.

Senate file 377—An act to detach territory from certain school districts in Polk county and attach the same to district No. 55 in same county.

Section 1 of the act is amended by section 4 of this same act. Apparently the bill was amended and sent to the enrolling clerk without engrossment. As presented it is seriously defective.

House file 352—To provide for the sale of lands which have been stricken from tax lists under provisions of chapter 135, general laws of 1878.

This act permits the sale of all lands in the counties of Pine, Kanabec, Stearns, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Benton, authorized to be sold by section 9, chapter 135, general laws of 1881, at any price that may be obtained. I am informed by the state auditor that the state taxes on lands covered by this act amount to about \$20,000. Under this act these lands may be sold for a nominal sum. Ample authority exists under the general tax laws of the state for the sale of such lands under the direction of the state auditor.

House file 217—An act to prohibit minors and habitual drunkards from obtaining liquor by false pretenses.

A material portion of this bill has been omitted in the enrolled copy, and it is otherwise defective in its enrollment.

House file 121—An act to amend section 31 of title 11 of chapter 8, of the general statutes of 1878, relating to county surveys.

There is no such section in the statutes.

House file 534—An act amending the law relating to horse thieves.

This bill has been carelessly enrolled. As presented, it is incoherent and unintelligible. If it means anything it provides a bounty for persons "assisting" parties charged with horse stealing.

[NOTE—As a sample of the careless enrolling, the enrolled bill in question has the word "enrolled" for "amended," and further on says: "Whenever any person or persons admitted to bail by any competent court of this state, or by a justice of the peace, charged with horse stealing, shall forfeit his bail and be without the jurisdiction of the court or concealed therein so that at the time appointed for trial his person cannot be produced in court, "there" and in that case the person or persons "assisting" said prisoner, or person charged as aforesaid, shall be entitled to the bounty, etc."—Ed.]

THE BRIDGE BILLS.

Among the last of the bills to which the governor affixed his signature were the bridge woodchucks. These numbered sixty-eight and appropriated \$67,050. As will be seen by the list of dead woodchucks, a large number of these woodchucks failed in one or the other of the two houses, while most of the bills that did pass were sealed down in committee, the total appropriations asked for this purpose amounting in round numbers to about \$110,000. While there is only something over \$4,000 now in the treasury to the credit of the internal improvement fund, from which these appropriations have to be paid, Gov. Hubbard estimates that \$44,000 will be applicable to this purpose during the year, and that the receipts next year will be sufficient to meet the full appropriation, which will be good news to frontier members generally, who, as a rule, are voted failures as legislators by their constituents if they fail from any cause to secure at least one bridge appropriation.

The bitter struggle between the Duluth & Iron Range Railroad company and the Duluth & Winnipeg company for the swamp grant first made to the first-named company, so far as the legislature and Gov. Hubbard are concerned, was ended about four o'clock yesterday afternoon by the governor affixing his signature to the bill. When it is stated that the grant in controversy embraces something over 2,000,000 acres, large portions of which are said to be quite valuable, the bitter fight made for the legislative and state endorsement of ownership is not at all surprising. But when the Iron Range company has received this endorsement, it is by no means probable that the contest for possession will now stop. On the contrary Mr. Billson, attorney for the Duluth & Winnipeg company, said to a GLOBE reporter, upon being told the matter would now be carried into the courts and fought out, while the advocates of the Iron Range in discussions in committee and upon the floor of the legislature stated they expected such a result if their right to the grant was confirmed by the state, and that they were ready for the issue. In answer to a query by the reporter Mr. Billson declined to express any opinion as to whether the Duluth & Winnipeg company would go on with the construction of their line, but his manner was otherwise than hopeful of such a result, at least in the immediate future. The Iron Range people were naturally in good spirits, and asserted that their line to their rich iron ore district would now be opened as fast as an abundance of capital and energy could do it, suits or no suits.

Providing for a state examining board with authority to grant certificates to teach in the schools of the state.

Regulating the practice of medicine in the state of Minnesota.

Creating a new judicial district, to be known as the Thirteenth judicial district, and provide for the election of a judge thereof.

Authorizing the city of St. Paul to issue bonds to replenish the local improvement fund of said city.

Amending section 224, chapter 10, general laws of 1878, relating to villages.

To prevent recovery of promissory notes obtained by fraud.

Amending section 108, chapter 1, of general laws of 1878.

Amending section 178, chapter 9, of general laws of 1878, relating to registers of deeds.

To aid the townships of Shell Rock and Freeman, in Freeborn county, in constructing a bridge across Shell Rock river.

Repealing chapter 100, special laws of 1881, and to amend section 11, chapter 5, special laws of 1878, being an act entitled

the general statutes of 1878, relating to sales of lands by guardians.

An act to repeal chapter 82 of general laws of 1881, extra session, relating to licensing of dogs and for the protection of sheep, and other domestic animals.

To amend section 19, chapter 65, of the general statutes, excepting certain claims proven in the probate court, from the statutes of limitations.

To authorize the town of Barnstow, in the county of Brown, to issue bonds to aid in the erection of a flouring mill.

To amend section 4, of chapter 39, of the general statutes of 1878, relating to chattel mortgages.

Joint resolution asking an immediate adjustment of indemnity, and other land grants to railroads, be had.

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To amend chapter 53 of the general laws of 1876.

An act proposing an amendment to article 4 of the constitution of the state, for building any county, city, town, township or other municipality or subdivision of the state, to subscribe to the capital stock of any railroad company, or of any private corporation, or to make any donation to, or to loan its credit in favor of any such corporation.

To provide for the taxation of lands held, or which may have been held by railroad companies in the state, and for the taxation of certain interests, rights and estates in such lands.

Relating to change of county seats.

To provide any county, city or town, township or other municipality or subdivision of the state to subscribe to the capital stock of any railroad company, or of any private corporation, or to make any donation to, or to loan its credit to such corporation.

To provide for the partition of real estate and for laying the same off into lots, outlots, streets and alleys, and for the sale thereof.

Relating to chattel mortgages on grain.

For the preservation of health of female employees.

To change the name of a certain person.

To provide means of escape from hotels in case of fire.

To amend section 1, chapter 52, of the general statutes of 1878, relating to the estates of deceased persons.

Authorizing the district courts of this state to incorporate villages.

The change the time for attendance of petit jurors at terms of the district court.

To amend sections 204 and 212, of chapter 10, of the general laws of 1878, relating to the adjustment of certain lost Minnesota state railroad bonds.

To amend section 12, of chapter 80, statutes of 1878, relating to writs of mandamus.

To repeal chapter 100, special laws of 1881, and to amend section 14, chapter 5, special laws of 1878, being an act to incorporate the village of Worthington, Nobles county, Minnesota.

To make penal the sale, removal or disposition of mortgaged personal property, with intent to defraud.

To amend an act authorizing the city school district of Stillwater to issue bonds.

To amend section 172, of chapter 8, of the general statutes of 1878.

To amend section 216, chapter 10, general statutes of 1878, relating to villages.

To appropriate money to reimburse the county of Scott for extraordinary expenses incurred in suppressing small-pox in said county.

To amend section 21, chapter 10, of the general laws enacted at the regular session of the year 1881, relating to the refunding of the amount paid on tax certificates, together with the interest thereon and subsequent taxes.

To amend section 309, chapter 66, general statutes of 1878.

To amend section 75, chapter 36 of general statutes of 1878, relating to school districts.

To authorize the board of county commissioners of the county of Houston, to issue bonds for the purpose of building a court house in said county.

To amend chapter 1 of general laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 10, general laws of 1881, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes.

To appropriate money to aid in the construction of a bridge across the Red river in the county of Scott for extraordinary expenses incurred in suppressing small-pox in said county.

To amend section 15 of chapter 18 of the general statutes of 1878, relating to the collection of taxes.

To amend section 9 of chapter 57 of the general laws of 1877, the same being section 9 of chapter 20 of the general laws of 1878, relating to catching of fish.

To appropriate money to reimburse the town of Montgomery for expenses incurred in suppressing small-pox in said township.

To amend section 2 of chapter 5, section 1 of chapter 6, and thirty-third subdivision of section 3 of chapter 4, and of chapter 28, the special laws of Minnesota for 1881, the same being an act to incorporate the city of Moorhead, Clay county, Minnesota.