

ST. PAUL NEWS.

TRANSPORTATION NOTES.

The Weather.

The railroads were still suffering from the effects of the cold weather, notwithstanding the cold was a good deal moderated.

Chicago, St. Paul and Omaha road, clear and cold from St. Paul to Omaha, with 10 degrees below. On the northern division from 5 to 18 below, all along.

On the east division the mercury showed 15 below at Merrill, 30 at Baldwin, 29 at Eau Claire and 24 at Black River Falls.

On the Nebraska division cloudy and from 2 to 4 below. Snow on the whole division, probably about two inches.

On the St. Paul & Sioux City division from Sheldon to Sioux City, cloudy and snowing. At LeMars and Sioux City east of Sheldon, and on the northern division, clear and frosty.

St. James 24 below, Mankato 19, Le Sueur 3, St. Paul 24, New Richmond 19, Cumberland 18, Ashland 3.

Northern Pacific—clear and cold all around. Little Falls 42 below, Morris 20, Brainerd 29, Sank Center 35, Sterling 20, Fargo 22, Valley City 40, Jamestown 30, Crystal Springs 19.

The weather on the St. Paul & Manitoba road continues clear and cold, but the trains are running on time.

Neither the Illinois Central, Burlington, or Rock Island will return the proposed St. Paul scheme.

[Chicago Tribune, 6th.]

President James C. Clark and Traffic Manager J. E. Tucker, of the Illinois Central, returned from Springfield yesterday morning.

A dispatch from the Tribune states upon their return that the facts regarding the reports that the ordinance recently introduced in the St. Paul common council for the acquisition of depot grounds and rights of way in that city was backed by the Illinois Central, and that this road intended to build a line to St. Paul either from Dubuque or from Mpls. or some other point on its Iowa line.

Both officials disclaimed all knowledge of such a scheme, and claimed to have first learned of it through the newspapers.

President Clark states emphatically that the Illinois Central has nothing to do with the alleged scheme, and that his road has no idea of building an extension to St. Paul or anywhere else in the Northwest.

Mr. Tucker says that, as far as he knows, there is nothing in the reports and that he thought the St. Paul ordinance had no other backer except some local company which is working a scheme of its own.

General Manager Foster, of the Burlington, was also seen regarding the matter and disclaimed the report that his company was backing the alleged scheme.

He says the Burlington may sooner or later build to St. Paul, but it has nothing to do with the proposed line from Dubuque to St. Paul.

The question now arises: In whose interest is the line recently surveyed from Dubuque to St. Paul to be built? It is the general opinion that either the Burlington or Illinois Central had the work done.

It may be the work, however, of some local company which expects to find an outlet to the Burlington or Illinois Central to the St. Paul from Dubuque, or to sell out the road or franchise to either one or the other of these roads.

The Rock Island in this regard is already a line to Minneapolis and St. Paul, via the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern and Minneapolis & St. Louis; yet it may desire to make a short cut to St. Paul from some point on its Minneapolis & St. Louis line, and needs the grounds and right of way sought to be obtained by the ordinance above referred to for that purpose.

The Rates Out.

Railroad officials in St. Paul received intelligence that Commissioner Fink had ordered a reduction on east bound rail freights from the basis of thirty to twenty cents per 100 pounds for grain and flour.

A report to this effect was floating around as a rumor on Saturday, and yesterday it was confirmed. It is supposed that this action was taken by the commissioner on account of the discovery of cutting by some of the pool lines, and it is also believed an effort will be made on the 10th, at the board meeting in New York, to restore the old rates.

Rail Notes.

W. H. Dixon goes to Chicago to-day. A. S. Maxwell, ticket agent, of Portland, is in town.

The Northern Pacific train was five hours late yesterday. Maquis de Mores was visiting the railroad offices yesterday.

A tariff rate on the Manitoba and Northwestern is being prepared. Bridgeman station, on the St. Clair & Hinckley line, of the St. Paul & Manitoba road, has been made a regular station.

H. H. Marshall has been appointed superintendent and traffic manager of the Boston, Barre & Gardner Railroad company.

Application has been made at the Pennsylvania state department for a charter to the Pittsburgh & Allegheny Central Railway company; capital stock, \$1,200,000.

Messrs. Muir, Hannaford and Poe, of the Northern Pacific road, left for Chicago last night to attend the meeting of the Trans continental association on the 9th instant.

Mr. Boone, superintendent of motive power of the Chicago & Northwestern, is reported to have tendered his resignation in order to accept a similar position on the West Shore road.

A. B. Leet having resigned his position as general freight and passenger agent of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad company, C. E. Gill has been appointed acting general freight agent, and C. L. Lockwood acting general passenger agent.

Chicago Tribune, Jan. 6: Commissioner Pierson, of the eastern passenger pool, has not yet answered the joint dispatch of General Passenger Agent Charlton, of the Alton, and General Passenger Agent St. John, of the Rock Island, regarding their proposition to pay agreed maximum commissions in eastern territory on business to western points if the sale of tickets over their roads is restored by the trunk lines.

The Alton and Rock Island intend to give Mr. Pierson until to-morrow to answer their proposition, and if they have not heard from him then they will take it for granted that he does not intend to make peace with them, and they propose then to open hostilities by making a reduction in passenger rates between Chicago and Missouri river points.

The Duties of Common Carriers.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 7.—In the suit of Sherman, Tesig & Co. to enjoin the Lake Shore road from discriminating in rates of shipment of oil, Judge Blandin to-day granted an injunction, saying the defendant as a common carrier is bound to serve

THE COURTS.

U. S. Circuit Court. [Before Judge Nelson.] Ann and Wm. Main vs. Geo. and Anna Giles; leave granted to file supplemental bill. Cases No. 263, 248, 291, 290, 268 and 247; continued.

Supreme Court. At yesterday's session of the supreme court all the justices except Chief Justice Gilfillan were present, and the following business was transacted: Wm. S. Harlow, respondent, vs. the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad company, appellant; submitted on briefs, with no appearance on the part of respondent. Adjudged to-day at 9:30 a. m.

Samuel O. Kipp, appellant, vs. Peter J. Johnson, respondent. Syllabus.—The rule that a cause of action once barred by the statute of limitations is not revived by the repeal of the statute, is founded upon the principle that a person cannot be divested of his vested rights of property by mere legislative enactment. Hence, it only appears where the statute entirely relinquishes the right and vests perfect title in the adverse holder, and not to statutes which merely bar certain remedies or forms of action, but leave the rights of property unaffected and capable of being tested in other forms of action.

Courts Martial. The following extracts from special orders, department of Dakota, explain themselves: A general court martial is hereby appointed to meet at Fort Keogh, M. T., at 10 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 1884, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of such persons as may be brought before it by authority from these headquarters.

DETAILS FOR THE COURT. 1. Lieutenant Colonel M. A. Cochran, 5th Infantry. 2. Major James S. Brisson, 2d Cavalry. 3. Major Simon Snyder, 5th Infantry. 4. Captain James S. Casey, 5th Infantry. 5. Captain Samuel Overhine, 5th Infantry. 6. Captain Robert McDonald, 5th Infantry. 7. 1st Lieutenant Edward L. Randall, 5th Infantry. 8. 1st Lieutenant James E. Allison, 3d Cavalry. 9. 1st Lieutenant Charles E. Hargens, 5th Infantry. 10. 1st Lieutenant Hunter Liggett, 5th Infantry. 11. 2d Lieutenant Edward S. Avis, 5th Infantry. 12. 2d Lieutenant Frederick Perkins, 5th Infantry. 13. 1st Lieutenant John C. F. Tillson, 5th Infantry, Judge Advocate.

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The regular meeting for January was held last evening at which President Ramsey and directors, Otis, Robertson, Carver, Upham, O'Brien, Wright, Bond and Auerbach were present.

The library committee reported a list of books purchased since the last meeting. The building committee reported additional insurance for the present year on books and fixtures.

The by-laws committee proposed amendments to change the time of meeting to 5 p. m., and to make the financial year of the board to end with the last day of February.

The librarian's report for November and December was as follows: Books issued for home use, history and biography..... 997 Voyages and travels..... 440 Science and arts..... 258 Poetry and drama..... 235 Miscellaneous..... 235 Fiction and juveniles..... 7,745 For use in reading room on week days..... 563 For use in reading room on Sundays..... 60 For use in reading room on Thanksgiving..... 11

Average number of Sunday visitors..... 89 Visitors on Thanksgiving..... 49

Book borrowers registered, males..... 187 Book borrowers registered, females..... 137 Previously reported..... 2,296 Total..... 4,033 Received from delinquents..... \$84.56 Base val for lost and damaged books..... 7.55 Donation from John J. Knox. Report of the comptroller of the currency, 1883. A valuable donation of 105 volumes was received from Rev. Wm. C. Gannett, and the secretary was directed to acknowledge the same by special letter.

Mail Matter. The following is the comparative showing of the number of pieces of mail handled and errors made by the employees of the railway mail service in the Sixth division and the mailing division of the St. Paul postoffice: Employees of railroad mail service—Number of employees, 788; total number of pieces of mail handled, 799,059,350; number of pieces handled by each employee, 1,006,420; errors made in distribution, 191,813; number of pieces of mail handled for each error made, 4,145.

St. Paul Office—Number of employees, 10; total number of pieces of mail handled, 15,354,198; number of pieces handled by each employee, 1,535,419; errors made in distribution, 9,827; number of pieces of mail handled for each error made, 4,012.

Difference in favor of the St. Paul office—Number of pieces of mail handled, 758,939; number of pieces of mail handled for each error made, 133.

Impounding of the Grand Jury. Judge Wilkin will open the January term of the district court, on 10 o'clock this morning, to impanel a grand jury to sit on the new criminal cases on the calendar in search of indictments, who will be sworn by Clerk Bell, and charged by the judge, after having been selected from the following, who have been served with summons by Sheriff O'Gorman and his deputies: James H. Wood, Daniel H. Bacon, Terrence Kennedy, J. R. Frougahugh, Wm. Lindbeck, J. G. Freeman, Geo. E. Skinner, Gustav Williams, E. A. Waller, Clarence H. McLean, D. B. Noyes, Jr., Wm. M. McLain, Thos. Crosby, Herman Grovo, John J. Lomon, Geo. H. Wood, Geo. B. Finch, Geo. L. Dodge.

St. Paul's Chess and Checker Players. The third tourney of the St. Paul Chess and Checker club will be held at their rooms 190 East Seventh street, at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening. There will be an exciting struggle for the victory. The greens were having the advantage, scoring eleven games to white's eight, writes say they will outgeneral the greens to-morrow evening.

ing and make them laugh with dismay. Next week, on Wednesday evening, at the same hour, there will be a tonney held, in which many first class players are expected to participate. All interested in these games are invited to attend.

"HUBBARD'S JOB LOT." The Governor's Salary for 1884, Which Includes His Distinguished Democratic Champion in the Late Campaign. In keeping with the provisions of the new constitutional amendment that all terms of officers appointed by the chief executive of the state, shall expire on the first Monday of January of the year in which their term may end, either for one, two, three or five years, Gov. L. H. Hubbard made the following appointments after taking his oath of office yesterday: Public Examiner—Henry M. Knox. Adjutant General—C. M. McCarthy. Military Storekeeper—Joseph Berger. Regents of the University of Minnesota—John S. Pillsbury, of Minneapolis, and Knute Nelson, of Alexandria. Members of the State Board of Corrections and Charities—M. M. C. G. Dana, of St. Paul, and G. M. Barry, of Winona. Member of Board of Directors of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum—H. A. Wilson, of Faribault. Member of the Board of Managers of the State Reform School—C. H. Pettit, of Minneapolis. Members of the board of trustees of the hospital for the insane—H. B. Strait, of Shakopee, Burr Duld, of Quincy, and A. Barbo, of Sank Center. Inspector of the state prison—John F. Norah, of Hastings. Members of the state board of health—D. W. Hand, of St. Paul; C. N. Hewatt, of Red Wing; V. Smith, of Duluth; C. Griswold, of Vasa; E. I. Davis, of Mankato. Members of the state board of equalization—First district, E. S. Christensen, of Rush City; Third, James G. Lawrence, of Wabasha; Fifth, Z. B. Page, of Mansfield; Seventh, James Campion, of Fergus Falls; Ninth, Wm. Rich, of Marshall; Eleventh, Charles E. Fischer, of St. Paul; D. Cameron, of La Crosse; M. W. Sweeney, of Red Wing. Inspectors of boilers—M. W. Glenn, of Minneapolis; Charles E. Yeager, of St. Paul; David Swain, of Stillwater. Board of Auditors of State Agricultural Society—N. P. Clark, of St. Cloud; John Byers, of Hastings; L. Cowdies, of Rochester.

One who quits a number of offices is the gift of the inventor which do not expire until next January. Of the more important appointments made as above, that of the state examiner is for three years and that of the adjutant general for two years.

THE CHRONICLES. A Veracious Record of the Disposition of the Bannock Yesterday. And in these days there came into the sanctity city of St. Paul, in which none but the clear of eye dwell, a measly verger yclept Klein, surnamed Francis, who had traveled aloft, the walking at this time being smooth and easy from the camp of the wicked Minneapolisites, which lay three leagues and a furlong up the river, which is called the Father of Waters.

Now this Klein was young in years, but he had a bad eye and a handy way of using his fingers. And when he had come into the city he passed in front of a store where they sold hand-me-downs, and his eye which was a sinister eye, espied hanging at the portcullis a great coat which was long and hairy like unto the skin of the songstress of the wilderness, the wild cat.

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