CITY NEWS

Commercial Club Opening—The formal opening of the Commercial Club will take place the evening of Jan. 30. The committee on entertainment has provided an elaborate program, which includes addresses by prominent members, music, both vocal and instrumental, recitations and dancing.

Fumigated the Station—Health Commissioner Hall and his corps of sanitary inspectors spent an hour at the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul station Saturday on the lookout for smallpox. The entire building was fumigated. There are only three cases of a very mild type in the quarantine hospital at the present time.

Seek Pay for Condemned Cows—The Minneapolis Dairymen's Association met Saturday evening to discuss the proposed bill compensating dairymen for cattle condemned for tuberculosis. A committee of five was appointed to work with similar committees from the other associations of the state. The committee consists of C. A. Nelson, Duke McCollum, J. F. Corbett, H. S. Miller and H. J. Christianson.

The Servant Girls' Union—The meeting for the organization of a servant girls' union, at Alexander's hall, yesterday, was not largely attended. There were about thirty girls present. The members of the Trades and Labor Council present devoted their energies to urging a good attendance for an open meeting, to be held Thursday evening, at the same hall. They are confident that they will be able to start the organization with a good membership.

Farewell for Mr. Trent—L. E. Trent was presented with a silver set and a handsome ring at a farewell dinner given in his honor by the employes of W. J. Dean & Co., Saturday evening, at the Hotel Nicollet. Mr. Trent has for several years been the firm's shipping clerk. He leaves to-day for Portland, Oregon, to take charge of the branch house of the Parlin & Orendorff company, manufacturers of flour, at Canton, Ill.

Funeral of Pliny H. Harris — The funeral of the late Pliny H. Harris was held yesterday afternoon from the residence, 2201 E Twenty-seventh street. The services were conducted by Rev. S. W. Sample, assisted by Rev. Dr. Shutter. There was a profuse display of flowers, among the set pieces being a floral wreath with the words, "Pro Patria." The pall bearers were E. S. Corser, Luth Jaeger, S. A. Stockwell, A. B. Choate, George S. Canfield and A. H. Hall. The interment was at Lakewood cemetery.

RAILROAD RUMBLES.

MAY ABSORB BIG FOUR

New York Central Said to Be Back of a Big Deal.

New York, Jan. 14.—The interests in control of the New York Central have under consideration a plan for merging the Big Four railroad into the New York Central system. The ownership of the Big Four is vested absolutely in the Vanderbilts. Upon just what basis the absorption will take place cannot be stated, but there is a report that the stockholders will be asked to exchange stock for a 3½ per cent New York Central bond.

Another step in line with the railroad mergers and consolidations now going on was taken Saturday, when control of the Cincinnati, Portsmouth & Virginia railroad passed to the Norfolk & Western. The Norfolk & Western is owned by the the New York Central-Pennsylvania combination. It is said that the present terminals of the property in Cincinnati will be greatly enlarged and improved, and that traffic from the west will be diverted to the Norfolk & Western. By this combination a clear line is secured for the New York Central and Pennsylvania combination from Chicago and St. Louis to tidewater at Norfolk.

BIG LAND SALE

Northern Pacific Sells 1,000,000 Acres in North Dakota.

Additional details of the sale of 1,000,000 acres of Northern Pacific land to capitalists of Mankato and the twin cities are at hand. Those most prominently identified with the purchase are Carlos Boynton, capitalist; William Hoerr, president of the National Citizens' bank, and L. Patterson, merchant, all of Mankato, and the L. S. Hackney Land company of St. Paul. Applications for several large tracts for colonization have already been received by the syndicate. The present sale includes all the lands contiguous to the company's right of way in the territory between Jamestown and Bismarck, N. D.

Rates for N. W. Merchants.

The Twin City and Northwestern Merchants' association has asked the railroads to make rates of one and one-fifth fare for the spring excursions to be run on the following dates: Feb. 18 to 23, March 11 to 16 and April 1 to 6. If the rates are secured tickets will be on sale Feb. 15 to 20, for the first meeting; March 8 to 13 for the second meeting, and March 28 to April 3 for the third meeting. The rate has always applied on the basis of a guaranteed attendance at each meeting of 200.

Handsome Station for Des Moines.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 14.—The new Rock Island station will be completed in a few weeks. The station will be one of the largest and finest on the Rock Island system. In respect to finish and coloring, as well as its general style, it is said to eclipse any other along the Rock Island line.

Railroad Notes.

Chicago lines are enjoying a fair coal traffic at present, owing to the shortage at the head of the lakes.

The Northern Pacific Railway company will let contracts Thursday for the construction of 400 cars. Most of the cars will be for carrying grain, but there will also be flat and ore cars, and, it is understood, a few coaches.

Private advices received in the twin cities yesterday told of the resignation of General Passenger Agent W. H. Hurlburt of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon. Mr. Hurlburt is quite well known in local railroad circles.

The announcement was made yesterday by P. H. Flinn, a New York railroad contractor, that he had formed a syndicate to build a railroad from Battle Creek, Mich., to Detroit, a distance of 145 miles. Among those associated with him are William A. Boland, ex-Senator John McCarty and Frederick C. Coche.

A DRESSMAKERS' UNION

First Steps Toward Organization Taken at St. Paul.

St. Paul dressmakers took the preliminary steps toward organization at a meeting held yesterday at the trades and labor assembly rooms, St. Paul. They were addressed by a representative of the assembly, who promised them that the wives and daughters of union men would patronize them exclusively if they banded together. The girls were agreed that customers who failed to make a distinction between the different grades of work on garments were chiefly to blame for the demoralization of prices. The union will organize next Sunday, when a scale of prices will be adopted.

NO GAME WITH MINNESOTA

Chicago University Baseball Schedule Is Announced.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The University of Chicago baseball schedule, which has just been announced, includes about twenty-five games, as against thirty-six last year. Pennsylvania and Chicago will not meet in baseball. The schedule is as follows: April 6, Physicians and surgeons, at Marshall field; April 10, Wheaton college, at Marshall field; April 16, Michigan, at Marshall field; April 20, Northwestern, at Evanston; April 27, Northwestern, at Marshall field; May 1, Illinois, at Marshall field; May 4, Notre Dame, at Marshall field; May 8, Illinois, at Marshall field; May 11, Wisconsin, at Madison; May 15, Michigan, at Ann Arbor; May 17, Illinois, at Champaign; May 18, Purdue, at Lafayette; May 22, Illinois, at Marshall field; May 25, Wisconsin, at Marshall field; May 29, Iowa, at Marshall field; June 1, Northwestern, at Evanston; June 3, Brown, at Providence; June 4, Harvard, at Cambridge; June 5, Holy Cross, at Worcester; June 8, Michigan, at Ann Arbor; June 15, Northwestern, at Marshall field; June 17, Michigan, at Marshall field.

A STATE OF SIEGE

A Stalwart North Side Woman Holds the Fort.

SHE FINALLY CAPITULATES

The Incident Grew Out of Replevin Proceedings Involving J. B. Probst's Fixtures.

The residence of John B. Probst, 512 Girard avenue N, was in a state of siege Friday night. Mrs. Probst, a stalwart German woman, was the garrison, and proved such an able defender that the minions of the law drew off their attacking forces, and were content to invest the house with a guard till morning. About noon she surrendered with all the honors of war to Frank Johnson, a deputy sheriff.

Probst, who formerly ran a saloon on Twentieth avenue N, opened a butcher shop about two months ago at 112 Western avenue. He bought shop fixtures to the value of $100 from Ornes, Esswein & Co., contracting to make monthly payments. He failed to make the meat business go, and about two weeks ago Dr. J. M. Kistler was called to the house to find Probst nearly dead from a dose of morphine. It took about half a day's work to pull the man through, and he is not well yet. The business went to the dogs, of course. Probst had not made a payment since getting the goods, and Friday afternoon the firm sent a wagon to get them back.

Their man found a wagon there ahead of him, in charge of a man hired by Probst to haul the fixtures away. Probst's man locked the shop door, and the firm's teamster was afraid to break it in, so went back to the office and reported.

John T. Jones, attorney, was called in. He got a writ of replevin, and with A. J. Wright, a court officer, and two of the firm's employes, went to the store last night after the goods. They broke the door in, but found only the meat racks. Two counters and a marble slab were gone. Bystanders said these had been taken to the Probst house, and the party went there in search of them.

Wright went to the door and Mrs. Probst let him in, but seeing who he was, told him Probst lived three doors beyond. He stepped out and she locked the door after him. The crowd that had gathered said Probst was inside.

It was decided to search the barn, but when Wright started for it Mrs. Probst made a sally. She picked up an ax and ordered Wright off the premises. Two or three young fellows joined her, and all demanded to see Wright's papers. He retired to consult with Jones, who told him to go ahead and enter the house. Wright didn't like the looks of the ax, and suggested waiting till morning. It was finally agreed, after much parleying and orders to vacate from Mrs. Probst, to leave a man to watch the premises, and not try to serve the writ till morning. One of the firm's employes remained on guard all night. This morning Mr. Jones took the writ to the sheriff's office, and Frank Johnson was sent out with it, accompanied by three men and a wagon. With the morning Mrs. Probst had gained discretion, and Johnson was admitted without a word. He found the counters and slab in the cellar, and they were removed to the wagon without further trouble.

Two other companies are said to have interests in the remaining fixtures, which they will have to recover by replevin, as the store has been stripped.

BIG Y. M. C. A. DELEGATION

TO GO TO THE STATE MEETING

Low Rates Have Been Secured and an Interesting Program Is Promised.

Edawrd W. Peck, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is at his headquarters in the Association building completing arrangements for the twenty-seventh annual state convention at Mankato from Feb. 14 to 17. Mr. Peck says that the largest delegation which has ever gone to a state convention from the twin cities and the five college associations will go to Mankato. One and one-third fare rates have been secured. In a few days the committee will send out a bulletin announcing the special features. A preliminary statement of the program is as follows:

Thursday Evening, Feb. 14.—Song service, welcome addresses, including a few words from Governor Van Sant. Opening address by President Cyrus Northrop.

Friday—Dr. E. I. Bosworth of Oberlin college, "Bible Study"; F. B. Smith, New York; G. S. Phelps, Wisconsin University; college, city, railroad and district conferences.

Friday Evening—College night. C. C. Michener, Chicago; F. B. Smith, New York.

Saturday—Program to be announced later.

Saturday Evening—Railroad night. From ten to twenty railroad men will be present; C. S. Ward in charge. L. S. Coffin of Iowa, the railroad man's friend, will speak; also Frank W. Ober.

Sunday—Closing religious meetings.

The "State Notes," to be issued to-morrow, will contain the annual report of the treasurer of the state association, R. H. Chute. It shows the total receipts to have been $4,403.10 including a balance one hand at the beginning of the year of $100.41. This amount has been disbursed through different channels with the exception of a balance on hand of $106.67 on Dec. 31, 1900.

BIG STORE MUSIC

A Large, Costly Orchestrion Will Entertain Patrons There.

General S. E. Olson of The Big Store has purchased at great expense an orchestrion which was formerly in the Powers Art Gallery at Buffalo, N. Y. Yesterday representatives of the press and a party of friends were entertained by General Olson with an exhibition of the powers of the beautiful instrument. The orchestrion is thirteen feet high, eight and a half feet wide, and four and a half feet deep. The cases are hand carved black walnut handsomely finished. It includes many instruments, among them the flute, viol, bassoon, violin, triangle, and horn. The motive power for the cylinders is clockwork. The instrument was designed and constructed by one man, a German musical genius, who made it his life work, constructing every part of the instrument and putting it together himself. He also constructed the cylinders by means of which the instrument plays the various selections. The inventor took pains to discard all those appurtenances that tend to give to the tone of a orchestrion a brass band effect. There are no drums or heavy brasses.

The expression of the sounds of the various instruments that combine to make a harmonious whole is perfect.

The orchestrion has been placed in the gallery overlooking the first floor of the arcade, and during the week will play for the delectation of the patrons of the big store.

SUP'T STOCKING AS HOST

He Will Entertain City Pastors at Union Mission.

W. W. Dawley of Central Baptist church addressed the Congregational ministers at Plymouth church this morning on "The Conditions Affecting the Permanency of the Pastorate." The Methodist ministers assembled at the Hennepin Avenue church to listen to a paper by Rev. Donald McKenzie, pastor of the Broadway church, on "The Religion of Carlyle." Superintendent C. M. Stocking of the Union Mission invited them to lunch Monday at 1 o'clock in the dining-room of the mission.

At the First Baptist church the ministers of the St. Paul churches met with the Minneapolis clergymen and listened to reports from the different churches. At the Presbyterian pastors' meeting in Westminster church the ministers gave synopses of the sermons which they preached in their various pulpits yesterday morning.

USE MORE METERS

The Desire of the Waterworks Department.

ECONOMY THE BOARD'S POLICY

The Use of Meters Would Aid in That Direction—Some Interesting Figures.

The new council committee on water works at its first meeting to-morrow will talk over the work of the year and acquaint the new members, Messrs. Nelson and Schoonmaker, with the details of the department. Presumably, the committee will delay action looking to changes in the personnel of department forces, although it is said Alderman Nelson is anxious to proceed immediately to "shake things up." Nelson, it is said, wants about six places for sixth ward workers. If his fellow members on the committee should set the same pace, a pretty general overhauling of the office would be necessary. Members of the former committee are in the majority, however, and it is probable that the conservative policy that has ruled during the past two years will be continued.

While there will be few changes, it is probable that a determined effort will be made to oust Supervisor McConnell and Street Foreman "Billy" Wintheiser. Both were on the ragged edge on two or three occasions during the last regime, but action was delayed owing to the improbability of the council's approving of such action. If Supervisor McConnell should go, his place will undoubtedly be filled by a hydraulic engineer, as called for in the charter.

The general policy of the department will be that of the last two years—to make at least a beginning on a new North Side pumping station and to work a reduction in water consumption through the increased use of meters. Minneapolis used in 1898 106 gallons of water per day for every person in the city. In 1899 the per capita consumption fell off to ninety-four gallons per day. Last year it was ninety-three gallons. Even this is twice the consumption there would be if there was absolutely no waste. The average for 82 cities of Massachusetts is but 49 gallons, and the experience of those cities that have the meter system uniformly shows a steady decrease in water consumption.

There are now in use in Minneapolis 5,200 water meters, of which 927 were added this last year. The receipts from metered water in 1900 were $104,258, against $104,172 for water used by the 16,000 other consumers. There are hundreds of ancient down-town buildings supplied with antiquated plumbing that ought to be metered at once in the interests of a decreased water consumption. The city has not the authority to compel owners of such buildings to put in meters, and manifestly the owners will not do so voluntarily as in order to save water expense they would have to put in new plumbing.

The metered water during the past years constituted about 22 per cent of the total water consumed. There was used for street sprinkling purposes 391,000,000 gallons, about 6½ per cent of the total consumption. No estimate has been made of the amount of water used for street and sewer flushing, fountains, engine houses and public buildings.

PROMINET Y. M. C. A. MEN

To Be the Guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Walker—A Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Walker have issued invitations for a reception at their home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in honor of Cyrus H. McCormick and James E. Eckles, of Chicago, Richard C. Morse of New York, and other representatives of the international committeee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The gentlemen named are all prominently identified with the interests of this organization as well as with the business interests of the country. Mr. McCormick, the head of the McCormick Harvesting Machinery company, and one of the leading business men of Chicago, has been a life-long member of the Chicago association, has assisted in securing its $2,000,000 of property, and is now a member of the international committee. Mr. Eckles, ex-controller of the currency, is also identified with the Chicago association, having recently become its president. Mr. Morse has been for thirty years general secretary of the international committeee, having been placed in that position by group of men who were his associates in the early history of the association, among whom were John Wanamaker, William E Dodge, Cephas Brainerd, J. Pierpont Morgan, J. V. Farwell, Cornelius Vanderbilt and Morris K. Jesup. Another prominent worker who will be present and assist in the presentation of the broad association movement, which is the object with which they come, is William B. Millar, who organized the work in the army and navy during the Spanish war and still directs the extensive work in that direction.

MOURNED BY MANY

Mrs. J. B. Wheeler of Faribault Who Died Here Yesterday.

This morning's train on the Milwaukee road bore to Faribault the remains of Mrs. J. B. Wheeler who died yesterday morning at Asbury hospital. She had been a resident of Faribault from 1856 and had many warm friends in Minneapolis, being a frequetn visitor here. Early last week Mrs. Wheeler came to this city for special treatment and her recovery seemed assured, but pneumonia supervened and the end came quickly. The funeral was held at Faribault this afternoon.

Mrs. Wheeler was 73 years of age and throughout her whole life her first thought was for the good of others. She was the mother of W. H. Wheeler, of Hampshire Arms, and is also survived by her husband and a daughter at Faribault.

BOARD OF TRADE REVIVAL

The New Plan to Be Announced on Thursday.

The Minneapolis Board of Trade is slowly but surely preparing itself for reorganization. A meeting has been called for Thursday at the West Hotel, when it is thought the new organization which will be known by a different name, will be fairly launched. Ryerson Ritchie, president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, who has been in consultation with the board with regard to the departure, is now in Cleveland. Mr. Ritchie is awaiting a summons from the board to return to Minneapolis and take active charge of the work. He will be here in a few days.

RAIDED A DOVE COTE

A Burglar Enters the Women's Boarding Home.

A daring burglar entered the Woman's Boarding Home, 409 Sixth street S, Thursday night. A small door in a storm window on the lower floor had been left open, and about half-past nine the burglar entered through it, raising the inside window. The occupant was out for the evening, and the burglar took about $10 worth of trinkets. He tried the door of a second room, where a young lady was lying sick, and when she called out "Who's there?" made a hasty retreat.

The case was reported to police headquarters Friday, but was not given out for publication. The department has a description of the articles stolen.

THE GOODNOW BANQUET

The Affair of February 1 Will Be a Notable One.

Consul General Goodnow will arrive in Minneapolis in ample time for his banquet and reception at the West Hotel Feb. 1. Dr. E. B. Zier, chairman of the local committee, has been advised that Mr. Goodnow will start for Minneapolis Jan. 27. The banquet will be a notable event, inasmuch as Mr. Goodnow will speak of affairs in the orient. Covers will be laid for 150 guests.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

The old State Mutual Life of Worcester, Mass., commenced on January 1st to issue 4 per cent gold bond policies. The contract is to pay at death or maturity either 110 per cent of the face of the policy in gold or to issue 4 per cent twenty-five year gold bonds to the amount of the face of the policy. The advantage of such a policy both for investment and protection is apparent. If, for instance, a man wishes to provide for the support of wife and children during his wife's life time and the minority of his children, and to provide a sum of money to start his children in business thereafter, a policy of this kind serves the purpose admirably. A policy for $10,000 provides an income of $400 a year for twenty-five years and then the full $10,000 is paid in one sum. A specimen policy and full particulars will be given upon inquiry at the State Mutual office, 505-9 Lumber Exchange. C. W. Van Tuyl, General Agent.

Mr. George B. Graves, well known among the life insurance men of this city, has signed a contract with the State Mutual and his office will hereafter be at 509 Lumber Exchange. Mr. Graves will be glad to receive his friends in his new office, and to insure them in one of the oldest, best known, and best life insurance companies which was ever organized.

POINTER FOR SCOTT

New Auditor Expected to Save the County's Money.

A GOOD PLACE TO BEGIN

Past Experience in That Particular Calls for a Change—Some Figures.

This week C. J. Minor ended, at least for the present, a long career as a public official of Hennepin county. His long service in the office of county auditor demand more than a passing notice, for his connection with it dates back to the early eighties, first as clerk and for the past four years as auditor in chief. At the close of a service of sixteen years in a well paid public office is certainly a fitting opportunity to look over the records of that office and see if there is anything to be gained for the guidance of his successor. In some respects Mr. Minor has been a good auditor, but in other directions he might have improved his opportunities, and in that way gained the regard of the taxpaying public. Those who put up the money for financiering the county have a right to demand that public office be administered as a public trust, and the public are showing adherence to that principle, by manifesting an unceasing watchfulness that is certainly commendable.

It seems to be quite the general impression that Mr. Minor did not rise to the occasion and show his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by the people, in the way of a guardian of the public treasury. He had a worthy example before him in the attitude of the city controller as to exceeding appropriations, and paying unjust claims. For as auditor the people naturally expected he would do just what the title of his office implied.

Mr. Minor had not only sixteen years' experience in the office, but also a very liberal remuneration, for the past four years, at the rate of $5,000 per year. A conservative estimate would place the total he received from the treasury of Hennepin county at $30,000, and for the greater part of that expenditure, the people had a right to expect he would show a commendable as well economical administration of affairs. No one questions but what the general work of the office has been well done, but the amount of money it cost has been a subject for criticism, as Mr. Minor kept an unprecedented number of men on the general pay roll of the office, much of the time double the number Mr. Cooley, his predecessor, required to run the office. Of course comparisons are frequently odious, and this may seem to be such an instance.

The general expenses of the auditor's office during the past four years has exceeded anything in the previous history of the county, as these figures from the public records will show. They are especially commended to the consideration of the new board of county commissioners, who are now figuring upon the appropriations for the coming year:

In 1897 the office cost	$17,924.33
In 1898 the office cost	22,847.75
In 1899 the office cost	21,381.52
In 1900 the office cost	22,087.36
Total cost for four years	$84,240.96

At that cost of services of employes, why should not the office be well conducted? Last April, it will be remembered, the county commissioners endeavored to retrench in county expenditures, by cutting down the number of employes, as well as the salaries. Notwithstanding that effort to check extravagance, Mr. Minor showed so many opportunities to use "extra help," as it appears on the records, that the actual cost for 1900 exceeded the estimates, as made by the county officials, by more than $3,000.

It is a well-known fact the county does not overwork its employes and the result is apparent in the running of all departments. Of course during the last year the forfeited tax sale involved extra work, but the county met the demand by putting in many extra men and they were paid out of the public funds, so it was no extra expense to the auditor.

The total cost for such items of "extra help" in the auditor's office alone, amounted in 1900 to over $3,000. The "salaries" account only shows something like $700 spent for that purpose, but that is accounted for by the peculiar style of bookkeeping, which permitted items of that character, expressly paid for salaries, although not of the regular force, to be charged to the "incidental account." The effect was, of course, to reduce the apparent cost of running the office, as the incidental account has been in its nature a sort of omnibus account, to which were thrown items from all offices and for many different purposes. Such bookkeeping methods should not be countenanced by the board of county commissioners.

To show his appreciation of what the people of this county have done for him in the past, Mr. Minor, just before he left the office, put in a claim for $1,100, as extra services during the year, and the expiring board of county commissioners allowed the claim. The people did not approve of such action and showed their disapproval by appealing the claim. The auditor then began an action against the county for $7,500 due him for extra services, in addition to the $5,000 he had received for services during the same period. To many this last official act, on the part of the passing auditor, was very much like ingratitude, or, to put it more plainly, like rubbing it into the people who pay the money into the public treasury and who have paid so much directly to Mr. Minor during the past decade or more.

The auditor has repeatedly claimed he saved the county many dollars by serving the notices, under the forfeited tax sale, by mail, rather than in the usual way through the sheriff's office. That may be true, yet those in a position to judge fear the experiment may prove expensive in the end, for lawyers are already claiming that in certain cases no service was made. On the other hand, the sheriff put in a bill for $1,002 44 and it was paid, yet the bill read "for services under the forfeited tax sale." Another small item was not overlooked, as one C. M. Hanson was paid $15 for acting "as notary public at the forfeited tax sale." So taken as a whole, the county has already paid very liberally for all extra services occasioned by the much discussed forfeited tax sale.

With the administration of Mr. Minor before him as an object lesson, the new county auditor, Mr. Scott, has the opportunity of his life to make a creditable record in the discharge of the duties pertaining to that office, one that will appeal to every taxpayer in the county. He should show his appreciation for what the people have already done for him in voting twice for the same object, by instituting a business administration, showing the public that his opportunity to administer a public trust will not be characterized by an effort to make places for extra help." The people are bound to hear of such tendency sooner or later, and they are likely to manifest their disapproval. Now is the time for a general housecleaning and the start should be made in the office of the auditor.

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A LIVING ART

Oratory Is Discussed by Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

Oratory is not dead, in the opinion of Thomas Wentworth Higginson, who lectured at the Lyceum Friday on "American Orators and Oratory." "As long as man can say that to others which he cannot say to himself alone," said the distinguished essayist, "there will be oratory. Literature in printed form is higher and more lasting, but books have been printed of which not a copy was ever sold, while oratory cannot exist without an audience."

It was the charm of Colonel Higginson's personality as much as what he said that held his audience in such close attention. Though a contemporary of the old school, he has none of their ornateness, but speaks directly, after the conversational manner, and with delicious touches of humor.

Comparing American and British oratory, he said the complaint against American legislators was that they spoke too easily. To understand this, one must hear a true born Englishman speak. He hems and haws, and assumes an apologetic air, begins haltingly, but soon surprises you by putting the subject in splendidly clear and concise shape. Then he sits down, and you are surprised again. The American starts right into the thick of his subject, handles it with ease, and soon puts it in equally clear and admirable style. But he is so pleased with his success, and the evident appreciation of the audience, that he keeps on. "We could have perfect oratory," said Colonel Higginson, "if we could always have an American to begin a speech and an Englishman to finish it."

The development of American oratory was divided into five periods. The first, or colonial period, was dominated by the ministers, and all oratory was sermons. The revolutionary period witnessed the rise of the lawyer, and Otis and Henry were its stars. Then with the rise of classical learning came the academical school of Everett, Webster and Choate, full of ornate periods and studied effects. Charming anecdotes of Everett were told, showing how he worked out his dramatic effects.

Wendell Phillips, a Boston patrician, the first man to be driven to Harvard in the family carriage, ushered in the new school of oratory, which the anti-slavery movement fostered. It was the simple, direct appeal. Then came the lyceum system, surviving in the lecture course of to-day, which disseminated culture and developed the oratory of to-day.

The finest examples of American oratory, Colonel Higginson declared, are the speech of John Brown on his conviction at Harper's Ferry, and Lincoln's Gettysburg speech.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Four of the County Board Hold an Informal Session.

The county commissioners, sans Commissioner Barney, met informally behind closed doors this morning, County Treasurer Bell and Register of Deeds Merrill being closeted with them for some time. Mr. Merrill intends to reduce his force. He thinks that several positions now alloted to his office can be consolidated without impairing the efficiency of the service. It is understood that the place of the cashier, now filled by W. A. Lovejoy, will be abolished, the work to be done by one of the deputies. It is also suggested that the position of mortgage list clerk may be given to one of the vault clerks. Mr. Bell wants some changes in his office, but no radical ones. An effort is being made to increase the salary of Miss Rockwood, cashier, to correspond with the responsibility which the position entails.

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GEN. JUMPER HERE

On His Way East to Testify Before Kyle Commission.

General S. H. Jumper, postmaster and for many years president of the First National bank at Aberdeen, S. D., is in the city, on his way to Washington, D. C., to appear before the Kyle industrial commission. Mrs. Jumper accompanies him. Mr. and Mrs. Jumper will remain in the capital a week or ten days. The general's testimony before the commission will pertain to the raising of wheat, methods of handling by elevators, cost of transportation, alleged elevator combine in the northwest, etc. The western country, he says, is having an open winter. Business is good in most lines and stock pursuits are thriving.

SENATOR DAVIS' CAREER

Reviewed by W. B. Chamberlain in the Michigan Alumnus.

The Michigan Alumnus, which represents the alumni of the University of Michigan, prints as its leading article in the January number an appreciative review of the career of Senator Cushman K. Davis, who was graduated from that institution in 1857. The article was written by W. B. Chamberlain, of The Journal staff, who was graduated there in 1884.

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WHEN OUR VISION

BEHOLDS THE SHADOW OF DEATH

WHEN the body grows weary of effort, when the mind can no longer **bear its burdens**, when **hope grows faint**, when life seems but a lean and meager thing * * * * * * when the fruits of our toil and hope cease to grafity and **home** and **kindred** appear drear and withered, when the voice of those whom we love and revere seems changed and no longer delights us * * * * * * when the music and prattle of childhood fall upon our ears as unwelcome sounds, when our appetites pall, when the tremor of weakness shakes our bodies and appalls our minds with their sad omens, when our **nervous systems are shattered**, when life is well nigh behind us, when memories of our youthful errors and betrayals and inadequacies of the past come upon us like a flood with **doubts** and **fears** of the **eternal future** * * when our widened vision beholds the **shadow of death** approaching, it is folly to longer neglect so plain a duty and add another violation that will prevent you from regaining your health and forever blast your future.

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