Pulpit and Pew

IT IS A BAD CUSTOM

Edward Bok Scores Pulpit Reading of Secular Notices.

A CIRCULAR IS MUCH PREFERABLE

Mr. Bok Thinks That the Churches Cannot Abolish the Old Practice Too Soon.

If there are any Minneapolis churchgoers who are afflicted weekly with an impromptu lecture in connection with the giving out of church notices they will appreciate what Edward Bok has to say editorially in the last number of the Ladies' Home Journal on "The Pulpit as a Bill Board." As a rule the churches of this city where the organization can afford it have the weekly calendar printed so that the attendants will have a directory for the week to refer to and also that the time which was formerly used by the pulpit in dilating upon the affairs of the coming week may be put to better uses. The article follows:

The custom of reading secular notices from the pulpit is happily being abolished by a number of churches. As a substitute, either a leaflet, circular or some printed form of announcement containing all the notices of week day meetings and celebrations of the church or of neighborhood work, is placed in each pew. In some churches a regular weekly paper of four small pages is issued. The substitution of the new method for the old is a decided improvement. And it is because the new method is so superior that one wonders why there should still remain churches which cling to the old and objectionable mode of verbal declarations from the pulpit.

The reading of secular notices from the pulpit is a jar to the services; is exceedingly objectionable to a large number of people. These folk rightly feel that secular matters should be kept as far removed from the Sabbath services as possible. And they are perfectly justified in taking that position. It is a bit disturbing when a minister announces that a fair will be held on such or such a day, or that a strawberry festival has been arranged for a certain evening; and then, with an added jocose remark—and the jocosity of the pulpit to some minds always seems ghastly and witless—the pastor urges the congregation's presence. Picnics are announced, notices are given of secular lectures, events of the neighborhood and in other churches, until some clear minded people wonder whether their minister is not being "used" for advertising purposes. One thing is certain, notices of this character are not calculated to concentrate the mind on spiritual matters. Nor do they prepare one any better for the sermon that follows. It is not meeting the case to say that these notices are confined to the general working of the church.

The fact is that all our churches cannot abolish pulpit announcements too soon. They have never had a place there; they are not in keeping with the dignity of the pulpit. Of course, where a church is absolutely too limited in its finances to have the most modest sort of a leaflet printed there is some reason for the continuance of the method. But whenever it is possible the pastors of our churches should be allowed to adopt the circular plan. The pastor's verbal urging is not a whit more effective in inducing us to be present than the printed announcement. If the occasion merits patronage it will receive it without an advertisement from the pulpit. The minister should not be turned into an advertising medium under any pretext whatever. Nor should the pulpit be dragged from its high place and its lofty purpose. It is not a bulletin board.

Y. M. C. A. CLASSES CLOSE

The Work of the School Has Been Successful.

The evening classes at the Y. M. C. A. close their season's work the latter part of this month. The work of the school during the last year has been most successful in every way. In point of registration and enrollment, it has never been surpassed in association history.

Last Thursday evening the instructors and the educational committee met to discuss the problems that have been coming up during the last two terms' work and to talk over any necessary changes or improved methods. Much interest was taken and without doubt many new and valuable courses will be added at the opening of the next term with the idea in view of making the work more practical and useful than ever before.

The last week of this month will be taken up with the international examinations which will be given to all those students who desire to take them. These lists of questions are gotten out by an international board of examiners at New York, composed of such men as Frederick B. Pratt, president of Pratt Institute, Hamilton Mabie of the Outlook, George Gunton of Social Economics fame, and many others from Columbia, John Hopkins and other leading school of the country. Printed lists of questions are sent to each student desiring to try for certificates, the same questions being sent to every Y. M. C. A. Evening School throughout the country. These examinations are taken under the supervision of the local instructor, marked by him and if satisfactory marks are obtained the papers are forwarded to the international board of examiners who also mark them and if a grade of 75 per cent is obtained certificates are awarded to those who have been successful.

These certificates are accredited by over 108 leading universities and colleges of the country.

Already about fifty men in the local association have entered for the examinations and many more will probably enter before the time has expired. The closing exercises of the night school will be held in the auditorium Friday evening, March 29.

The membership contest which has been on for the last six months ended March 1, H. A. Chase winning the first prize with eighteen new men to his credit. Five other prizes were up and will be awarded next Tuesday evening when a complimentary entertainment, consisting of moving pictures and illustrated songs, will be given.

CATHOLIC CHURCH STATISTICS

There Are 8,977 Secular Priests in the United States.

The Catholic directory for 1901 which has been issued recently gives the statistics for the church in the United States. They are as follows:

One cardinal; 13 archbishops, 80 bishops; 8,977 secular priests, 3,010 priests of religious orders, 6,127 churches, with resident priests; 6,518 missions, with churches; 1,774 chapels; 8 universities; 76 seminaries, with 3,995 students; 188 colleges for boys; 677 academies for girls; 3,812 parishes, with schools, and 903,980 children attending; 147 orphan asylums, with 350,849 orphans; 885 charitable institutions; 1,065,832 children in Catholic institutions; 10,774,980 as the total Catholic population.

The interesting feature about the directory is the statement of the statistics of the Catholic church in the Philippines.

The dioceses in the archipelago are as follows: Manila (archdiocese), Cebu, Jaro, Vigan and Camarines. The Catholic population is as follows: Manila, 1,811,445; Cebu, 1,748,872; Jaro, 1,310,775; Vigan, 997,699; Camarines, 697,298; total, 6,565,998.

Of the 675 priests in the islands 150 are secular and the remainder belong to the following orders: Augustinians, Recolette, Franciscan, Capuchin and Jesuit.

Pulpit and Pew.

Consul Booth Tucker, the leading woman among American Salvationists, is expected to arrive in Minneapolis the latter part of March. In addition to conducting a spiritual campaign, Mrs. Booth Tucker will give her celebrated lecture, entitled, "Love and Sorrow."

At the Bloomington Avenue M. E. church, Sunday evening, Mrs. Elise M. Tower, of St. Paul, will sing as an offertory, "Jerusalem."

An especially attractive service is arranged for Hennepin Avenue church, Sunday night. Dr. Mitchell will speak on the subject, "How to Be Insignificant." Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Dr. Charles Bayard Mitchell delivers his lecture on "Why I Am a Total Abstainer," at the Keeley Institute.

Revival services will begin in Forest Heights M. E. church, Sunday, March 10. Rev. George Satterlee, nephew of the late W. W. Satterlee, will assist the pastor. Services will begin at 7:30, with a song service, led by a large chorus choir, interspersed with solos by Mrs. J. B. Leach, Mrs. Hoag, Harry Van Norman, Miss Olmstead, Miss Thompson and others. "The Spirit and the Bride Say Come."

Rev. Theodore Sedgwick, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, St. Paul, will occupy the pulpit at St. John's church Sunday morning.

At Wesley Methodist church, Sunday evening, a special song service will be given by the quartet choir, assisted by other local talent. Following is the program: Prelude, Adagio, Beethoven; quartet, "The Desert Shall Rejoice," Whiting; solo, "A Voice That Bids Me Come," Mrs. Park; solo, "O, for a Close Walk," (Foster) Mrs. Jones and quartet; solo, "O, Jesus, Thou Art Standing," (Geibel) Dr. Muckey; trio, "Ye Fields of Light" (Miller), Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Park and Dr. Muckey; quartet, "Abide With Me" (Wagner-Schnecker), Mrs. Jones and quartet; solo, "To the Angels" (Zardo), Crosby Hopps; solo, "Till We Meet Again" (Henricks), Mrs. Park and quartet; postlude, Sonate (in E flat) first movement (Buck), W. S. Marshall.

The fifth sermon of the course that is being given by Rev. Thomas W. MacLean, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, will be delivered on Sunday evening. It is entitled, "The Church and the State."

The meetings at the First Baptist church have been so largely attended that the audience has overflowed into the side rooms, where a few people may sit and hear Rev. Rowland Edwards preach. At the close of the services the interest of the people is evinced by a number of publicly professing their faith in Christ and others requesting a prayer. Mr. Edwards' subject last night was "Blind Eyes Opened." Mrs. Maud Ulmer Jones sang before the sermon "The Man of Galilee," and after it the gospel solo, "I Will."

The holy communion of the Fremont Avenue Congregational church will be held Sunday morning, March 24, instead of March 3.

Rev. E. S. Dunham, D. D., of Delaware, Ohio, assisted by Rev. L. H. Baker, will conduct a Pentecostal convention in St. Anthony Park M. E. church from March 12 to 17 inclusive, preaching at 2:30 and 7:30 each day. An all-day meeting on Friday, the 15th.

The first business meeting and election of officers of the Berean Choral union was held at Berean branch, 2318 Central avenue, Wednesday evening. The officers are Miss Marietta Morris, president; Miss Susie Shields, vice president; Miss Scott, secretary; M. B. Burt, treasurer. The union starts with a membership of twenty and a committee was appointed by the president to invite others musically inclined to join. On next Sunday evening the union will sing "Saved By Grace" and "The Comforter Has Come" as special numbers. The leader, Charles J. Miller, will sing "The Ninety and Nine."

The pastors of the East Side churches are arranging for a series of lectures by Rev. J. B. Koeline, D. D., on "The Nazarene," or "The Reasonableness of Christianity," to begin in the First Congregational church Sunday evening, March 17. There will be five lectures, topics as follows: "The Preparation for Christianity Through the Gentile Religions," "The Preparation Through Judaism," "The Apostolic Age." "The Reformation," "Ecce Homo, a Reply to Modern Skepticism." Dr. Koeline is a speaker of remarkable brilliancy, eloquence and scholarship. These lectures will be free to the public.

Owing to the Methodist revival services held in January, the Minneapolis District Epworth League did not hold its regular bimonthly meeting, but this omission will be more than compensated for by the excellent program to be presented at its March meeting at Foss M. E. church next Tuesday evening. Dr. C. B. Mitchell will deliver his lecture on "The Loyal Leaguer," Foss Epworth League to provide the music. This lecture has recently been delivered in Chicago, where it was most cordially received, but Dr. Mitchell needs no indorsement here, and because of his popularity as well as the interest attaching to this subject a good attendance is looked for. There will be no charge for admittance.

The series of sermons on "John Smith, the Average Man," will be concluded at the Sunday evening service at Park Avenue Congregational church to-morrow, with the theme "John Smith: the Average Man and His God."

The text for the Lenten services to-morrow in the English Lutheran churches is Luke xi., 14-28, "Kingdoms in Conflict." In the evening, the subject is, "An Anxious Inquiry." The theme for the midweek service, on Wednesday, is, "The Goat for the Sin Offering." Rev. Mr. Trabert will occupy the pulpit of St. John's church in the evening and Rev. Mr. Ramsey will preach at Salem church.

The Open Door Congregational church gives its annual dinner Friday evening, March 15, from 6 to 8 p. m., at the church. This closes the entertainment course.

Rev. W. M. Pickard, pastor of Lake Street M. E. church, will close the series of addresses on "Some Famous Modern Preachers and Their Times," next Sunday evening. The subject will be, "Henry Ward Beecher, the Child of Genius."

At the First Presbyterian church, Rev. J. B. Helwig is preaching a series of monthly sermons on the relation of Christ to some of the social questions of the day. The subject for to-morrow morning will be, "The Relation of Christ to the Poor, and This Gospel for the City."

The services at the Welsh Presbyterian church, Franklin and Seventeenth avenues S, to-morrow, are as follows: 10:30 a. m., preaching, "How to Study the Bible"; 12 o'clock, Sunday school; 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor Society meeting; 7:30 o'clock, a memorial sermon to the late Mrs. Daniel T. Williams will be preacher by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Williams.

The revival meetings in Thirteenth Avenue M. E. church, under the leadership of Evangelist J. L. Glascock, opened well. Two came forward the first evening. These meetings will continue all this coming week.

Rev. A. D. Harmon of St. Paul will occupy the pulpit of the Portland Avenue Church of Christ both morning and evening to-morrow.

J. W. Lucas, of Des Moines, state superintendent of the Christian Endeavor societies of the Disciples of Christ of Iowa, will lead the Endeavor meeting of the Portland Avenue Church of Christ to-morrow at 6:30 p. m. Mr. Lucas took a large delegation to the London convention and will speak on "The London Convention and Religious Observations Abroad."

CHURCH SERVICES TO-MORROW

Methodist.

Trinity—Morning, Rev. C. F. Sharpe, "Saved"; evening, Rev. Wm. Fielder, presiding elder, evangelistic service.

Twenty-fourth Street—Morning, Rev. R. H. Battey; evening, Rev. T. E. Archer, "God's Masterpiece."

Thirteenth Avenue—Evangelist Glascock, morning and evening.

Simpson—Dr. R. N. McKaig; morning, "Ourselves and Our Doctrine"; evening, "The Nobleman and His Son."

First—Rev. Wm. Love, Ph.D.; morning, "Men on the Mountain and Men in the Valley"; evening, "On the Wrong Train."

Broadway—Rev. Donald McKenzie; morning, "The True Spirit of Service"; evening, "Some Pioneers of Methodism in America."

Wesley—Rev. Wm. Fielder, morning and evening. Evening, song service.

Lake Street—Rev. W. M. Pickard, morning and evening; evening, "Henry Ward Beecher, the Child of Genius," last in series on "Some Famous Modern Preachers and Their Times."

North—Rev. W. A. Shannon; morning, "Bearing One Another's Burden"; evening, "Self Conquest."

St. Louis Park—Rev. Wm. Burns; morning, "Parable of the Leaven"; evening, "Paul and the Slave Girl," fourth of series.

Fowler—Rev. A. R. Lambert; morning, "Life's Perfect Adjustment"; evening, "Jesus in the Pulpit."

Foss—Rev. J. H. Dewart; morning, "A Very Good Man in Very Bad Company"; evening, "A Wonderful Cure Without Medicine."

Western Avenue—Morning, Rev. T. W. Stout, "The Inconspicuous Place"; evening, George Callahan, converted Catholic, will speak.

Hennepin Avenue—Rev. Charles Bayard Mitchell, D. D.; morning, "The Soul's Greatest Boon"; evening, "How to Be Insignificant."

Franklin Avenue—Rev. J. G. Morrison; morning, "A Result of Pentecost"; evening, "The Midnight Alarm."

Forest Heights—Rev. George R. Geer; morning, "Wise Work That Wins"; evening, "A Happy Family"; special musical program.

Bloomington Avenue—Rev. Charles Fox Davis; morning, "A Man's Prejudice"; evening, "Unchangeable."

Richfield—Morning, Rev. Wm. Burns, "Two Aspects of Christ's Kingdom, Part I." Evening, Rev. Walter Haight.

Central—Rev. C. L. Lehnert; morning, "The Midnight Watch"; evening, "A Message to the Young People."

Congregational.

Como Avenue—Rev. J. M. Hulbert—Morning, "I Believe"; evening, "March of the Kingdom."

Bethany—Morning, Rev. George R. Merrill, D. D.; evening, gospel meeting, conducted by the pastor, M. B. Morris.

Park Avenue—Clarence F. Swift, D. D. Morning, "The Victory Under Constantine"; evening, "John Smith, the Average Man and His God."

Thirty-eighth Street—Rev. William A. Wilkinson. Morning, "Sacrifice and Reward"; evening, "The Christian in Christ."

Open Door.—Rev. Ernest E. Day. Morning, "Religion as Strength"; evening, "The Men Who Fail."

Lyndale—Rev. C. E. Burton. Morning, "I Thirst," fifth word from the cross; evening, "Little Things."

First—Rev. Ernest W. Shurtleff, morning and evening. Morning, the University Y. M. C. A., preceded by sermon to children.

St. Louis Park—Rev. D. D. Davies. Morning, "Clear Views of God Correcting Errors"; evening, "The Alpha and Omega."

Fifth Avenue—Rev. J. E. Smith. Morning, "Defective Water Supply"; evening, "The Supreme Thing."

Lowry Hill—Morning, Rev. Henry Holmes, "Life's Reality Outstripping Man's Faith"; no evening service.

Fremont Avenue—Rev. Richard Brown, pastor. Morning, "Shall We Know Each Other in Heaven?" memorial sermon for Mrs. Lucian H. Waldo; evening, an illustrated sermon, "In His Steps," or, "What Would Jesus Do?" This is Dr. Charles M. Sheldon's famous story.

Plymouth—Leavitt H. Hallock, D. D. Morning, "Wait Patiently"; evening, Gounod musical service.

Baptist.

Olivet—Rev. Frank H. Cooper. Morning, "Obedient to the Visions"; evening, "Names."

First Swedish—Morning, Rev. V. Hedberg; evening, Rev. Frank Peterson.

Chicago Avenue—Rev. G. L. Morrill. Morning, "Protestantism"; evening, "Strange Scripture."

Norwegian Danish—Morning, Rev. F. A. Scarbie, "Christian Sympathy"; evening, Rev. H. A. Sather, "Confessing Christ," baptism.

Central—Rev. W. W. Dawley, D. D. Morning, "Pleasing Our Neighbors"; evening, "Without a Wedding Garment."

Fourth Baptist—Rev. S. E. Wilcox. Morning, "God's Purpose in Man's Salvation"; evening, "False Confidences."

Calvary—Morning, Rev. Frank Peterson; evening, Rev. E. R. Pope.

Free Baptist—Morning, Rev. E. H. Willisford of Winnebago City; communion and reception of new members; evening, the young people will provide a program of music and addresses by Rev. J. D. Batson, Rev. E. H. Willisford and Miss Mary Ward.

Immanuel—Morning and evening; morning, "The Peril and Portent of the Commercial Spirit Now Dominating the World."

First—Rev. Rowland Edwards of London, England, morning and evening.

Berean Branch of the First Baptist (2318 Central avenue NE)—Evening, Mrs. A. E. Peterson, "Following Jesus."

Emerson Avenue Mission of the First Baptist (910 Emerson avenue N)—Evening, Rev. Wm. Francis, "How to Grow Spiritually."

Presbyterian.

Hope Chapel—Evening, E. Winslow Brown, "Behold the Man!"

First—Rev. J. B. Helwig. Morning, "The Gospel of Christ for the City"; evening, "The Reason for the Believer's Hope in Christ."

Shiloh—Rev. Willard S. Ward. Morning, sacrament of Lord's supper and reception of new members; evening, "Education; the Part It Has in the Making of a Man," third in series.

Bethany—Rev. Robert Brown. Morning, "Christianity at Work in the World"; evening, "A Christian Greeting," Miss Girard will sing.

Westminster—Rev. John E. Bushnell, D. D. Morning, "Thrones" evening, "Showers of Blessing."

Stewart Memorial—Rev. R. K. Porter. Morning, "The Man Who Sat Down Among Them"; evening, "The Man Who Sold His Birthright."

Oliver—Rev. M. Presly. Morning, "God's Method"; evening, "The Great Invitation and Promise."

Universalist.

Church of the Redeemer—Rev. Marion D. Shutter; morning, "Facing the Cross"; evening, "Origin and Development of the Idea of Immortality."

Tuttle—Rev. R. H. Aldrich; morning, "Masculine and Feminine Christianity"; evening, "What to Do and How to Do It."

All Souls—Morning, A. N. Alcott, "The Guest of the Holy Grail."

Unitarian.

First—Morning, Rev. H. M. Simmons, "Morris' New History of Colonization."

Nazareth—Morning, A. E. Norman, "The Spiritual Optic Nerve and the Personal Equation in Religious Knowledge."

Swedish Unitarian Society (Labor Temple)—Morning, Rev. August Dellgren, pastor, "Darwinism and Religion," second of a series.

Episcopal.

St. Paul's—Rev. F. T. Webb; morning, "Some Difficulties of Unbelief"; evening, "Christian Science—Pain."

St. Mark's—Morning, Rev. Theo. Sedgwick, of St. Paul; evening, Rev. Thomas W. MacLean, rector, "The State and the Church"; plain choral service.

All Saints—Rev. G. H. Thomas, morning and evening.

Holy Innocents—Morning, Rev. Isaac Houlgate, "Trust in God"; 4 p. m., a special service of thanksgiving, Rev. J. J. Faude, D. D., preacher.

Lutheran.

Salem English—Morning, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., "Kingdoms in Conflict"; evening, Rev. A. Ramsey, of St. John's church, "An Anxious Inquiry."

St. John's English—Morning, Rev. Alfred Ramsey, "Kingdoms in Conflict"; evening, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., "An Anxious Inquiry."

Immanuel German—Louis H. Achenbach; morning, "Falling from Grace"; evening, "Christ Before Caiaphas."

Catholic.

St. Charles—Rev. J. M. Cleary. Morning, "With Christ or Against Him"; evening, "Jesus Our Teacher."

Peoples's.

People's (Masonic Temple)—Evening, Rev. S. W. Sample, "Beauty."

Adventist.

Advent Christian—O. M. Owen. Morning, "Biblical Significance of Soul"; evening, "Gospel Excellency."

Christian Science.

First Church of Christ, Scientist (Fifteenth street, near Park avenue)—Morning, "Substance"; evening, "Substance."

Second Church of Christ, Scientist (Lyceum theater)—Morning, "Substance."

Liberal Christian Science (Masonic Temple)—Morning, Rev. George E. Burnell, "Exalting the Disposition."

Theosophy.

Universal Brotherhood (207 Sykes block)—Evening, "Reincarnation in the Bible, in Literature and in Daily Life."

Spiritualist.

Progressive Spiritual Society (723 Nicollet avenue)—Evening, Mrs. A. R. Coursen, "From Darkness into Light." Tests.

Light of Truth (309 Nicollet avenue)—3 p. m., Mrs. Manewell, conference and tests.

Meeting at 10 Eleventh Street S—Evening, address by Mrs. Nelson. Tests.

State Spiritualists' Association (First Unitarian church)—Evening, Rev. H. M. Simmons, address.

Scandinavian Spiritualists' Band of Peace (229 Central avenue)—Evening, Mrs. S. M. Lowell.

Miscellaneous.

Crossley-Hunter Mission (Swedish Temple)—4 p. m., Rev. A. W. Benson, "God's Power in Man's Weakness."

The Salvation Army (223 First Avenue S)—10:30 a. m., holiness meeting; 2 p. m., young people's meeting; 3 p. m., union praise meeting; 8 p. m., evening service.

Hall at 309 Nicollet Avenue—Evening, Evangelist G. H. Ekins, "How Can a Man Know He Has Eternal Life?"

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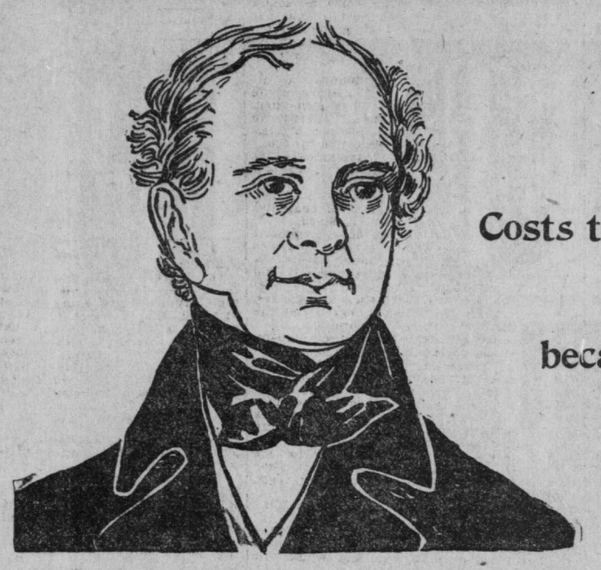

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In Labor's Field

LABOR OPPOSES IT

Doesn't Like Daugherty's Railroad Policemen Bill.

A GOOD THING FOR RAILROADS

In Case of a Strike They Could Make All Their "Scabs" Special Policemen.

Labor lobbyists at the capitol have an eye single these days to the bill recently introduced by Senator Daugherty of Duluth, making all railroad employes special policemen.

The labor leaders see in this bill another covert body blow at organized labor and they will fight the measure tooth and nail in order to defeat it. Should the bill be enacted it would be a powerful weapon for the railroads in case of strikes or other disturbances. It would give them a special police force, with plenary powers.

With such a force continually on watch the friends of organized labor see how in case of a lock-out a "scab" force could be substituted and strongly bolstered in its position. Backed up thus by the strong arm of the law, they say a railroad corporation could go to the limit of intimidation if need be in order to freeze out men who might be fighting for a just cause.

Philip Carlin, secretary of the Building Trades council, unsparingly denounced the bill. With so many farmers in the legislature he could not see how there was any chance for a bit of legislation so obviously adverse to their interests to get on the statutes. He realized, however, that bad laws often slipped through, owing to lack of vigilance, and he believed labor's watchdogs should be constantly on the look-out to head off the bill when it comes up for passage. He said:

The scab phase of the question is the most serious one to my mind. As I view it that is doubtless the underlying motive of the railroads back of the bill. It would give them a purchase on the situation with which organization would be almost powerless to grapple. Of course, all union employes who would belong to the police force ordinarily would probably promptly walk out in event of a strike. That is just what their employers would wish under the circumstances. Then they would swear in the scabs and the union men would be out in the cold. The fellows with the stars would have back of them the authority of the state of Minnesota to club and even shoot strikers who might be keeping entirely within the bounds of the law and yet seek to prevent substitutes from going to work.

All other questions aside, granting that the measure is intended simply to protect railroad property from the lawless element, I greatly question the wisdom of arming and starring railroad men as a rule. Brakemen are notoriously a hard set of men to deal with. If they are armed with clubs and pistols and given to understand that it will be entirely in the line of their duties to "let go" at the slightest provocation then we are about to turn a dark and bloody page in the history of railroads in this state. Such a bill, any way you look at it, cannot fail to foment strife and discord. It will be better for the interests of all concerned if it is cut off in its bud. The state legislature will make a very serious mistake should this bill slip through.

Louis Hansel, the organizer of the Building Trades council, takes the same view of the proposed law. If it passes he declares the railroads will have a stranglehold on their employes.

LABEL LEAGUE MEETING

Fact Is Developed That Workhouse Brooms Are Being Sold.

At the last meeting of the Label League, J. E. Murdock, Brookmakers, No. 33, and H. B. Carver, International Brass Workers, No. 116, filed credentials. All delegates reported a growing demand for their respective labels. It was reported that St. Paul workhouse brooms were being unloaded on the Minneapolis market. Regret was generally expressed that Minneapolis dealers would insist on buying the St. Paul product in preference to home and union-made brooms.

The organizers reported that local unions of soda water bottlers, colored hotel waiters and a Woman's Label League would soon be formed. Another laundry has accepted the union label.

Eastern cigars made by child labor were condemned as unfit for consumption.

No Jobs at Seattle.

O. M. Moore, of Seattle, secretary of the Puget Sound Bureau of Information, has written The Journal a letter denying the report which has recently been circulated in this city and in other eastern centers that there is a great demand for labor in the coast city. He says: "Word comes to Seattle occasionally that certain eastern cities are giving out that there is a great demand for common laborers here, and that big wages are being paid for the same. This is a pernicious statement, and cannot emanate from any good source."

Coopers' Troubles.

Trouble is still brewing in the Coopers' union over the determination of certain members to engage in the co-operative barrel manufacturing business as the "Cataract Barrel company." The new company is objected to on the grounds that there is no room here for another concern, and that it will disturb the relations with the employers, the conditions under which the existing scale of wages was secured being that the business of certain mills should be divided among the respective shops. The members of the co-operative company say they will not be dictated to. The new company is said to have secured a contract for the business of the Northwestern Consolidated company.

Labor Laconics.

Members of the Building Trades Council say the Master Tinners' association is not in a position to enforce its demand that the Amalgamated Sheet Iron Workers' union detach itself from the Building Trades Council. The sole object of the demand, they say, was to force the sheet iron workers to a compromise on the working agreement which they had submitted, asking for an increase of 5 cents an hour in wages and an eight-hour day.

The initiation fee was raised from $20 to $25 at the meeting of the Painters' union Tuesday evening. The membership has been greatly increased while the reduced fee was in effect. The Master Painters wish the union to renew the discussion of the terms of the working agreement now in dispute. The masters were informed that the matter had been referred to the proper committee, with full discretionary powers to settle the difficulty.

Minneapolis Mailers' union, No. 4, has joined the procession and has "got its hammer out" for the county commissioners. At their last meeting the Mailers adopted a resolution condemning the action of the commissioners in not requiring the label of the Allied Printing Trades Council upon the county printing. The members of the board who opposed the award were complimented on their stand in behalf of organized labor.

Twenty-five new members were admitted at the last meeting of the Minneapolis Musicians' association. Many other applications were referred to the examination board for its approval. The association is about to establish a permanent headquarters, the need of which is constantly growing. The location will be a central one of convenient access to the members of the association.

John O'Donnell, labor commissioner, has just returned from a trip to the head of the lakes, where he inquired into the needs of labor. He found the situation at Duluth very encouraging and expressed himself in an interview as being convinced that, with his able corps of assistants, the department ought to make a record this year.

The executive board of the Building Trades Council has decided to make Alexander's hall, 36 Sixth street S, the permanent headquarters of the council. The hall is centrally located and is also the headquarters of the Trades and Labor Assembly.

The Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers will give a smoke social at their quarters, 36 Washington avenue S, Monday evening. Speakers will be present from St. Paul and Duluth. The situation in the sister cities will be discussed.

There are many forms of nervous debility in men that yield to the use of Carter's Iron Pills. Those who are troubled with nervous weakness, night sweats, etc., should try them.

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INCOME IN 1900.

Premiums other than perpetuals	$437,588.28
Rents and interest	19,400.07
Profits on ledger assets over book values	1,733.76
From all other sources	69,696.88
Total income	$528,418.99

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1900.

Amounts paid for losses	$403,583.69
Amount returned to home office	15,667.68
Commissions, brokerage, salaries and allowances to agents	113,359.63
Salaries of officers and employes	23,186.42
Taxes and fees	15,363.27
All other disbursements, including deposit premiums returned and payments to scripholders, and rents	21,810.41
Total disbursements	$592,971.10
Excess of disbursements over income	64,552.11

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1900.

Mortgage loans	$55,000.00
Bonds and stocks owned	371,266.25
Cash in office and in bank	92,943.73
Accrued interest and rents	2,080.43
Premiums in course of collection	65,274.51
All other admitted assets	3,086.52
Total admitted assets	$589,651.44

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and unadjusted	$18,030.05
Losses resisted and disputed	19,900.00
Reinsurance reserve	287,544.43
All other liabilities	18,772.75
Total liabilities	$344,247.23
Net surplus, including deposit capital	245,404.21

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1900 BUSINESS.

Fire risks written during the year	$53,045,619.00
Premiums received thereon	669,902.85

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1900.

Fire risks written	$1,187,883.00
Fire premiums received	20,697.00
Fire losses paid	12,172.00
Fire losses incurred	13,573.00
Amount at risk (fire)	1,561,485.00

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
Department of Insurance,
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 27, 1901.

Whereas, the North German Fire Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Germany, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of this state, relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies of its class.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby empower and authorize the said above named company to transact its appropriate business of fire insurance in the State of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the 31st day of January, A. D. 1902, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at St. Paul, this 27th day of February, A. D. 1901.

ELMER H. DEARTH,
Insurance Commissioner.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. Principal office, 876 Elm street, Manchester, N. H. (Organized in 1870.) A. C. Crosby, President. Frank E. Martin, Secretary. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota, Insurance Commissioner. Cash capital, $1,000,000.

INCOME IN 1900.

Premiums other than perpetuals	$1,304,125.78
Rents and interest	152,831.83
Profit on ledger assets over book values	10,550.12
From all other sources	2,473.14
Total income	$1,469,980.87

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1900.

Amount paid for losses	$828,894.06
Dividends and interest	100,000.00
Commissions, brokerage, salaries and allowances to agents	305,609.63
Salaries of officers and employes	65,143.78
Taxes and fees	60,698.65
All other disbursements	110,948.35
Total disbursements	$1,471,294.47
Excess of disbursements over income	1,313.60

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1900.

Value of real estate owned	$156,417.83
Mortgage loans	585,374.00
Collateral loans	52,755.00
Bonds and stocks owned	2,171,930.00
Cash in office and in bank	248,979.39
Accrued interest and rents	7,888.45
Premiums in course of collection	143,681.60
Total admitted assets	$3,367,026.27

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and unadjusted	$164,266.04
Losses resisted and disputed	16,520.00
Reinsurance reserve	1,177,182.78
All other liabilities	5,802.42
Capital stock paid up	1,000,000.00
Total liabilities, including capital	$2,363,771.24

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1900 BUSINESS.

Fire risks written during the year	$151,157,717.00
Premiums received thereon	1,741,658.38
Net amount in force at end of the year	197,697,818.00

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1900.

Fire risks written	$3,953,167.00
Fire premiums received	44,716.12
Fire losses paid	41,462.96
Fire losses incurred	51,981.66
Amount at risk, fire	6,207,711.00

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
Department of Insurance,
St. Paul, Feb. 25, 1901.

Whereas, the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company, a corporation organized under the laws of New Hampshire, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of this state, relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies of its class,

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, insurance commissioner, do hereby empower and authorize the said above-named company to transact its appropriate business of fire insurance in the state of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the 31st day of January, A. D. 1902, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at St. Paul, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1901.

ELMER H. DEARTH,
Insurance Commissioner.

LUMBERMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY.—Principal office, Philadelphia, Pa. (Organized in 1873.) Lewis Davis, president; Oliver H. Hill, secretary. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota, Insurance Commissioner. Cash capital, $250,000.

INCOME IN 1900.

Premiums other than perpetuals	$164,329.39
Premiums on perpetual risks	12,601.99
Rents and interest	61,907.96
From all other sources	552.49
Total income	$239,391.83

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1900.

Amount paid for losses	$108,238.59
Dividends and interest	25,000.00
Commissions, brokerage, salaries and allowances to agents	43,320.42
Salaries of officers and employes	12,445.00
Taxes and fees	12,346.61
All other disbursements	26,802.25
Total disbursements	$228,152.87
Excess of income over disbursements	$11,238.96

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1900.

Value of real estate owned	$147,000.