

# A STRONG P... ALL TOGETHER

## Commercial Club Reports Show How It Would Help the City in Many Ways.

## Despite the Heat, Representative Citizens Attend the Meeting in Large Numbers.

Minneapolis business men adopted a resolution at the meeting held in the rooms of the Commercial Club last night, declaring that railroads asking for favors from the city council should be held to a reciprocity agreement. The council, it was held, should refuse to grant such privileges unless the road seeking them is willing to do all in its power to aid in an adjustment of freight rates equitable to Minneapolis as a competitor with Chicago. The resolution also calls for a more equitable distribution of favors between Minneapolis and St. Paul, based on the value of the two cities as sources of revenue to the railroads.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Chicago & North-Western roads were severely criticized for their attitude toward Minneapolis. The North-Western was charged with determined opposition, and while none of the speakers advocated a policy of retaliation, they insisted that before granting privileges to the Omaha, which is a part of the North-Western system, the city council should ask for concessions from that road. Alderman Chaffed announced that the council's special committee having the ordinance in charge would meet Thursday to hear the representatives of the road and the club. The business men will have a delegation present to name the conditions on which the ordinance should be passed.

### Practical Work Reported.

In spite of the tall scoring of the thermometer about 200 representative business men gathered in the card room of the club to hear the report of the public affairs committee, which has been at work since February. President Best called the meeting to order. He said that the committee's report would show that there is much to be done in a public way for Minneapolis. The question was: Were the business men of the city willing to support the club. Minneapolis had been discriminated against for years in the matter of railroad rates, insurance rates and several other particulars. To obtain what she was entitled to she must fight.

Chairman Hall of the public affairs committee told of the organization of Minneapolis. The finance committee had begun the work of raising a fund of \$10,000. Up to date \$6,025 had been subscribed. The committee is confident that it can raise the balance.

The municipal affairs committee, James Gray chairman, has a plan for beautifying next spring, which it will put into operation next spring. It expects to interest the individual property owners in the care of lawns, and the general improvement of all residence property. The committee is also at work on a fund for a new building for the Augsburg seminary, an institution of much value to Minneapolis, and which must increase its capacity. The committee has also in charge the matter of municipal taxation and finance. It had worked for the passage of the paving and bridge bonds, and recommends that the proceeds be secured and applied as soon as possible.

The state and county committee had not been able to begin work until late, but had made some careful investigations along the line of the relations of Minneapolis with the state at large and also with the county of Hennepin. It commended the county officers for the assistance given the committee in its investigations.

The legislative committee had aided in procuring an appropriation for the water system on the state fair grounds and an

additional building on the state farm. It also recommended action by the business men to induce congress to give Minneapolis a new federal building. Since 1892, when the present building was begun, the receipts of the postoffice have increased from \$177,000 to \$663,000 in 1900. The postoffice requires double the present amount of room. Minneapolis is doing a larger postal business in the area than any other city of its class in the west. Mr. Hall read a letter from Assistant Postmaster Hughes to the effect that the addition of another story as contemplated in the present postoffice building might suffice for another seven years, but after that a new building would be necessary. Congressman Fletcher had said that with the most vigorous agitation an appropriation for a new building could not be secured inside of three years, and it would take six more to complete the building.

He explained that the jobbers, manufacturers, and mercantile committee had considered many and varied applications for assistance from various enterprises to mature rapidly, which, and among which is the addition of two new wholesale houses in lines much needed by Minneapolis.

### Lower Insurance Rates Desired.

Insurance rates were treated in the report of the insurance committee submitted by Frank Towle. It included a comparative table of losses for eight years showing premiums received and losses incurred in Minneapolis, St. Paul and the state at large. During the eight years Minneapolis paid \$9,500,000 in premiums, while the losses were \$2,250,000. St. Paul paid \$5,000,000 in premiums, while her losses were \$3,500,000. Minneapolis' per centage of loss to premiums paid is much less than that of St. Paul, and the committee considers that Minneapolis is entitled to a lower rate than she now pays. After an investigation the committee was also of the opinion that the same conditions in other cities were carried at a lower rate than in Minneapolis because of the competition of foreign companies which does not enter into the local here.

The real estate and investment committee, W. Y. Chute, chairman, is endeavoring to secure satisfactory locations in the city for several outside enterprises. The committee has taken up the investigation of the affairs and methods of the American Mining and Investment company, in which he was rendered valuable assistance by W. A. Frisbie of the Commercial Club, and the institution had been finally closed up by action brought by the attorney general.

### Value of Conventions.

Conventions and their value to the city had been thoroughly considered by the committee on conventions and public entertainments. The committee was not yet prepared to say whether big conventions were really profitable to the men who had to furnish the funds. The expense of securing and entertaining a large convention is great. There was no question but that the city in general would profit from the advertising received. There are hundreds of small conventions which the committee is certain would be profitable for the reason that the expense of securing and entertaining them is small. The committee will endeavor to secure the Railway Conductors' convention, the National Letter Carriers', the Drawing Teachers, and the Agricultural Implement men's gathering for next year. This committee is to be enlarged within a short time by the addition of business men to its membership who are directly interested in the business accruing from conventions, and an aggressive campaign in the interests of Minneapolis begun.

A souvenir descriptive of Minneapolis is being prepared by the publicity committee. This will be in such form that covers can be printed for any special occasion.

The committee's recommendations of the public health committee, read one of the most interesting reports of the evening. The committee recommended the addition of a McCullum pump at the Camden station, the addition of the new line of the circulation and remove dead ends, additional reservoirs for storage, and the abandonment or destruction of the lower station. The committee's recommendations were entirely along the line of perfecting the present system, and did not touch the question of future water supply. The committee was not certain as to the merit of filters and not ready to report on Mille Lacs or any other source of possible supply. It considered that Minneapolis is on the Mississippi river the most wholesome water in any city in the country, if its natural qualities are taken advantage of. The committee pointed out that the well water in the outlying districts is contaminated and also demonstrated that the water below the North Side station is contaminated by sewage. In answer to an inquiry from W. H. Eustis, Dr. McCullum said that the death rate of Minneapolis was the best of any of the cities of its class, but we had the conditions here to make it even better.

### Lively Railroad Discussion.

Ernest F. Smith, chairman of the committee on railroads, reported on the general work of that committee. It had endeavored to secure the extension of the Wells branch of the Milwaukee road to Minneapolis direct instead of via Farmington and St. Paul, but after a conference with President Earling, was reasonably certain that the refusal of the Milwaukee to do this was due to an understanding with the North-Western. President Earling had promised Minneapolis as the best passenger service over the new line as St. Paul. The committee hopes to secure a more favorable decision from the Interstate Commerce Commission. C. R. N. on its extension from Farmington to Minneapolis direct than President Ives would grant at the time of the conference with the committee.

George H. Partridge discussed the railroad situation in a general way. He said it was a question of fair treatment from the roads and self-preservation as a business point for Minneapolis. Mr. Lindsay, vice chairman of the railroad committee, discussed the question of railroad discrimination in detail. W. H. Eustis commented on the work of the committees and said that they were on the right track. He referred to the fact that stockyards in South St. Paul had been a success in an unnatural location because one railroad had aided the venture, while Minneapolis' attempt in that line with a natural location had been a failure simply because the railroads would not assist. Facts brought out at the meeting should sink deep into the conscience of every business man in Minneapolis. He moved a vote of thanks to the Commercial Club committee, which was passed immediately after the adoption of the following resolution introduced by Ernest F. Smith:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the future welfare and prosperity of

## Wash Goods

Zephyrs—Nice fine quality, pretty styles, sells at 10c everywhere. To close Thurs-  
day, yard ..... **5c**  
Dimities—30-inch Batiste, L'Aiglon, Fancies, Zamora Corals, the choicest of hot weather fabrics, dainty and cool; every yard worth 15c, Thursday **8 1/2c** special, yard.....  
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Turkish Bath Towels—Size 22x45 inches, extra heavy double twisted, worth 25c, each .... **12 1/2c**  
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## Corsets, Undermuslins

Great Sale Thursday.  
100 dozen fine drawers and corset covers, lace and embroidery trimmed, 39c values, choice **25c** Thursday.....  
50 dozen gowns, skirts, chemises, drawers and corset covers, sanitary made, fine lace and embroidery trimmed, two extra lots, worth **69c and 49c** to \$1.00.....  
Corset Sale—Silk Emb. and Pique, new straight fronts and girdles, G. D. J. B. R. & G. and American Lady, worth to \$2.00, choice **98c and 69c** Thursday.....  
Petticoats—Two special lots. Glass silk and Mercerized, all colors and black plaiting and ruffles, val. **\$1.25** to \$2. Thursday....

## Dress Goods

Tailor Suitings—50-in. strictly all wool English Suitings; very suitable for unlined skirts, in a nice line of stylish mixtures, our \$1.00 qualities, **49c** Thursday only, yard.....  
Black Goods—56-in. Black Suitings for unlined skirts, worth \$1.25, yard **75c** Thursday only, yard.....

## Trimmings

Liberty Silk Jubj Ruchings, the popular Summer trimmings; **10c** yard

## Umbrellas and Parasols

All the latest novelties in Fancy Parasols at lowest prices.  
Special—26-inch best Twilled Corolla Sun Umbrellas, a splendid line of up-to-date handles; values up to **98c** each.....

## Summer Gloves

Keyser's Silk Gloves, with the patent three-finger tips, guarantee ticket with each pair; black, white, mode, grey; prices per pair..... **\$1.00, 75c and 50c**

## Ladies' Neckwear

White Mull Ties, automobile style, each **25c, 15c and 10c**  
Grenadine Windsor Ties, worth 25c, pink, blue, cream, lavender, each..... **10c**  
Pique stock, latest styles, with lawn ties, each **59c, 35c and 25c**

Minneapolis depends upon the development of a greater interest on the part of its citizens in the general question pertaining to a city's growth.

Our city council and others in authority are urged to grant privileges or concessions to railroads which are not willing to do everything in their power to reciprocate such favors and show their commercial character by assisting us in every way in their power to obtain an adjustment of freight rates both in and out of this city which will give us the rights in competition with Chicago to which our geographical position entitles us, and also, so far as possible, adjust the running of passenger trains and the expense of management as to apportion the same fairly between Minneapolis and St. Paul on the basis of the relative value of the two cities as sources of revenue to said roads.

### Mr. Lindsay's Idea.

F. F. Lindsay prefaced his remarks on railroad discrimination against Minneapolis by reading letters from various Minneapolis jobbers, stating that due to such discrimination they were at a decided disadvantage south and west of the city. Every line of business doing any shipping of consequence is affected. He gave the following illustrations:  
Rushford, Minn.: Our distance is 50 per cent of the Chicago distance; our rates over 30 per cent of Chicago rates; earning on our first-class freight, 6.29 cents per ton per mile; Chicago earnings, 3.44 cents per ton per mile.  
Montevideo, Minn.: 134 miles away, or 24 per cent of the Chicago distance of 548 miles; our merchandise rates average over 50 per cent of the Chicago rates to Montevideo. On Minneapolis first-class freight earnings per ton per mile are 6.57 cents; Chicago freight, 3.14 cents.  
Rushford, Minn.: Our distance is 50 per cent of the Chicago distance; our rates over 30 per cent of Chicago rates; earning on our first-class freight, 6.29 cents per ton per mile; Chicago earnings, 3.44 cents per ton per mile.

These illustrations show conditions as they exist on all railroads at practically all stations to the northeast, east, south and southwest, or in other words—stations in northwest and western Wisconsin, southern Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota, within a radius of from 100 to 200 miles from Minneapolis and of from 300 to 700 miles from Chicago. As bad as is this present state of rates, it is the best, I believe, that we have ever had. There have been many times—in fact, during the most of the years of our history thus far—conditions have been more unfavorable in the territory mentioned. A great deal of time and money has been spent by our shippers and roads friendly to us in this matter in the endeavor to have these rates readjusted, and considerable has been accomplished. The opposing railroads in the territory in question seem, however, to have gone as far as they voluntarily in the matter of concessions to us. It is impossible to understand it, at the point where it is, being the only thing we can do—to inquire, what are we going to do about it? It is generally conceded that we could get the co-operation of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Chicago & North-Western systems in our behalf, the matter could be

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Shoes and Oxfords, For women. See them, For women all leather, **\$2.50 and \$3** **\$2.50** **\$2.00**

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Couch Drapes—50 narrow oriental stripes, 50 inches wide, 3 yards long end and fringed, each..... **\$1.00**  
Door Draperies—100 pairs 36-inch tapestry portieres, 6 yds. to the pair, ends fringed, pair **\$1.35**  
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Men's Fancy Silk Ties, in Tecks, four-in-hand and string ties, including our faultless shielded bows; 25c **10c** goods.....  
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Ladies' Full Seamless Black Cotton Hose, ribbed tops, 19c quality..... **12c**

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Ryno Developer..... **15c**  
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Carbolic Salve; regular price 25c; a great healing agent. Special..... **17c**

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24-inch Satin Foulards, Printed Japanese and India Silks, worth to \$1.00, yard..... **49c**  
Wash Silks in cords and checks white and colors, worth 50c..... **39c**

## Summer Suits

Ladies' Wash Shirt Waist Suits, tailor made in linen—blue, red, Oxford and lavender, worth, to \$10.50..... **\$3.98**  
Ladies' Fine Sheered Lawn Plain White Shirt Waist Suits, with embroidered trimmed waist, worth \$9.00..... **\$5.00**

## Shirt Waists

Ladies' Percalé Laundered Shirt Waists, worth 50c..... **25c**

## Ribbons

Good quality White Taffeta Ribbons, 3 1/2 inches wide, yard, **15c**

## Basement

Oil stoves, one-burner, 4-inch wick, worth 35c. Special..... **35c**  
2-Burner Oil Stoves, like our \$1.00, only..... **98c**  
4-Burner Oil Stoves, for cooking with 2 vessels, worth \$3.00, only..... **\$1.98**

8-qt. Arctic or Blizzard Ice Cream Freezers, best family size, worth \$2.50, special..... **\$1.48**  
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Lamp Chimneys, Nos. 1 and 2, Climax, Top, Sun, Electric, Rochester and B. and H. Chimneys, all first quality, lay supply as they come in at these prices. Each..... **5c**

Burners—Nos. 1 and 2, 3-cup burners, only..... **5c**  
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Under our jurisdiction, why should not this city be the headquarters of all the express companies, the Pullman company, the transfer station for through baggage and passengers? Why should not the name Minneapolis instead of St. Paul appear all through tickets? Why should not Minneapolis be made the transfer station for all through mail?

I believe that from now on we should demand all we can fairly and reasonably ask from the railroads, and, if necessary, adopt the methods we have at hand to obtain them. In the case now under consideration, the question for the North-Western road is a question of fair treatment. The question of merited recognition of our value as a source of revenue, a question of doing all that is possible to advance the interests of that station which furnishes by far the larger share of their west-bound business and practically all of the freight to fill their east-bound and lake-bound cars—a much greater tonnage than all of their twin city west-bound business. With us it is a question far greater than the per foot value of the streets they have vacated. I would place no money consideration in the balance. It is the question of our obtaining the privileges and rates our location and business warrant, and thus advertise to the world our advantages as a business port—in fact, the question of self-preservation.

## CZAR MAGNANIMOUS

Frees All Newspapers From Interdictions and Punishments.

St. Petersburg, June 26.—The czar has freed all newspapers and other periodicals from all warnings, interdictions and punishments in the future. It is the such warnings and interdictions expire, hereafter within definite periods.



## Wholesome Advice

For People Whose Stomachs Are Weak and Digestion Poor.  
Dr. Harlandson, whose opinion in disease is worthy of attention, says when a man or woman comes to me complaining of indigestion, loss of appetite, sour stomach, belching, sour watery rising, headaches, sleeplessness, lack of ambition and a general run down nervous condition, I advise them to take after each meal one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, allowing the tablet to dissolve in the mouth, and thus mingle with the food eaten. The result is that the food is speedily digested before it has time to sour and ferment. These tablets will digest the food anyway, whether the stomach wants to or not, because they contain harmless digestive principles, vegetable essences, pepsin and Golden Seal, which supply just what the weak stomach lacks.

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