

CITY NEWS

Increased Bank Clearings—This has been another week of increased bank clearings. Compared with the same week last year, the amount done is about 50 per cent larger. For the week the figures are \$14,277,310.85, compared with \$11,391,444.50 last year.

W. W. Eastman Better—W. W. Eastman, a resident of Atlanta, Ga., who has been in the city for some time, is notably better after a severe illness. Mr. Eastman has been an invalid for some years, and has been attended by the best medical skill in the city. He is now able to walk and is much improved.

A. J. Blethen in the City—Alden J. Blethen, proprietor of the Seattle Times, and formerly manager of the Minneapolis Tribune and Pacific Press, arrived in the city from the east, where he has been to attend a meeting of the Associated Press. Mr. Blethen is well, and says he never felt better in his life. He is somewhat heavier than he was in the days when his was a familiar figure along newspaper rows.

Work to be Resumed—Monday work will be resumed on the new Chamber of Commerce building with a full crew of men. Every effort will then be made to run the building to the top. It is estimated that under cover before the first snow flies. Six weeks ago the structure reached its present stage, where work was then suspended because it was impossible to get material owing to the steel strike.

Salmon Canning in Alaska—Joseph Kildall, president of the Pacific Coast and Norway Packing company, has returned from the company's cannery at Tonka, Wrangell Narrows, Alaska. The season has been a splendid one. There were 200,000 fish there more than could be handled and had the facilities been available, the cannery would have been doubled. Salmon packing is over, but the canneries will salt herring until the fall.

A Famous Golfer Here—Bernard Nichols, the crack eastern golfer, who is to play an exhibition game at the Milwaukee club Monday, and at Greenfield this afternoon. Mr. Nichols is called on by C. T. Jeffrey of the club to play the day on Tuesday. Mr. Nichols will go to Chicago, where he will play with the famous Chicago foursome at the Midlothian and Glenview clubs.

A Pomologist Wanted—The civil service commission desires to establish an eligible register for assistant pomologists, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture. A vacancy is open in Washington and other successful applicants will be assigned to various stations. The commission will furnish blanks and information as to the scope of the examination to occur in the delivery of the examination, upon request being made at Washington.

The McKinley Tablet—President Millburn of the Pan-American Exposition will be asked to add a fourth tablet to the famous South high school, which is to be placed to record its presence at the exposition when the president was assassinated. The tablet was made by the McKinley Tablet Association of the school for the national republican convention held that year in Minneapolis. Mr. Millburn is to be the subject of the tablet. In 1896 it was used for the same purpose when McKinley was nominated. In 1898 it was at the Philadelphia convention when the president was renominated. After being lost for a time it was returned to Minneapolis with three silver labels denoting its convention experiences.

AN OLD RESIDENT

Remains of Mrs. A. K. Hartwell Will Arrive To-day. The remains of Mrs. A. K. Hartwell, who died recently at Ashland, Ore., will arrive in Minneapolis to-day. At 10:30 to-morrow friends and relatives will meet at the residence of W. P. Northway, 215 W. Fifteenth street, and from there the body will be taken to Lakewood, where services will be conducted by Rev. S. J. Rogers in the absence of Dr. L. H. Hallock. The remains of Mrs. Hartwell were the wife of A. K. Hartwell, who many years ago pre-empted the land upon which now stand the Chamber of Commerce, the court house and the Milwaukee station. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell are well known to early settlers of Minneapolis. They were charter members and among the founders of Plymouth church. Mrs. Hartwell died at the age of 82. She was particularly kind to the older inhabitants of the city. The pall-bearers will be S. E. Gale, J. E. Bell, W. A. Newton and C. M. Cushman.

MARTIN G. YOST, youngest son of Jacob Yost, police telephone operator, died at Minneapolis, Minn., of typhoid fever, at the age of 24 years.

Yost was a traveling salesman and was taken ill about two weeks ago. He was a member of the Yost, went to Des Moines and was with him at the time of his death. Mr. Yost was well known in the city. He was born here and attended the local schools. His remains will be brought here for interment.

DEBATERS GET READY

University Literary Lights Prepare for Coming Contests. Interest in debate and oratory at the university is stronger this year than ever before, and Minnesota may be expected to make a good showing in the contest which consists of the members of the debating and oratorical teams are trained, has already organized, and its members are hard at work on the questions to be debated. In the semifinals of the Central Debating League, Minnesota met Chicago at Minneapolis, and Northwestern at Chicago with Michigan. The winners in the semifinals contest for the championship at a final debate held in Chicago in the early spring. The question for the Chicago-Minneapolis debate is:

Resolved: That the policy of the United States in extending the franchise to the Negro was hasty and ill-considered. The debate will be held at the University of Minnesota in January. The members of the "U" team will be selected from the winners in a series of debates and not from a single contest as in former years.

It is not probable that Minnesota will debate with Iowa this year, but negotiations are now pending for a debate with another prominent western university.

The oratorical contest of the Northern Oratorical League will take place at Chicago early in May and the Pillsbury contest at the University of Minnesota in March. Minnesota has withdrawn from the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association.

AFTER THEIR ALTAR PIECE

Trinity Norwegian Lutheran Church Makes Inquiry. At a congregational meeting of Trinity Norwegian Lutheran church, Wednesday evening, a member inquired about a certain altar piece, the funds for which friends in Norway had kindly contributed. The altar piece is still in Norway and the funds amounting to 1,018 kroner are somewhere else. The funds for which was shown by Rev. M. Paik Gjertsen a short time ago and if the Trinity church can obtain it the remainder of the money necessary to secure the painting will be raised.

Mr. Gjertsen left last Tuesday evening via San Francisco for Klamath Falls, Ore., fully equipped for a two months hunting and fishing trip.

Professor Sven Oftedal has been made chairman of a committee to take charge of the church work.

MISS DAVIS' VIEW

Her Side of the Story of Earley's Lost Watch. Miss Davis, who was reported yesterday to have had a part in the parting of John W. Earley and his watch, makes the following statement regarding the matter: To the Editor of the Journal:

I permit me to correct an article in your paper of yesterday.

It is not true that I asked Mr. Earley, the mate, for his watch, nor did I ask him to contribute \$10, or any sum, for Mr. Chapman to see clothes. He met Mr. Chapman at my place, and said if he preached he should have clothes, and he would give \$10 towards the purchase of them. He did so after a week's consideration of the subject, and then he brought the \$10 and I gave him his watch.

On leaving the house he said he would also leave the watch with the money.

I have lived here for eighteen years and always visited the mission, but no more now than before Mr. Chapman's advent. I have no association with Mr. Chapman except in his work as a missionary.

BUILDINGS MORE TRACK

The Omaha Prepares to Get Along Without Street Vacation.

EAST SIDE YARDS ENLARGED

They Will Handle Car Lot Business and Relieve North Side Terminals.

The Omaha road is increasing its yard facilities in southeast Minneapolis. Two big storage tracks are already completed, and it is said that two more are in contemplation.

As soon as the Omaha officials gauged the temper of the business men and the council on the street vacations desired by the road for its north side terminals, work was begun on these improvements in the East Side yards. The total work includes additional room for the handling of four big trains. This is estimated, will relieve the pinched condition of the Omaha yards and allow the officials to wait at least another year before pressing the road for its street vacation. Many things can happen in a year.

The property in north Minneapolis which has given rise to the controversy now before the council, has been needed by the Omaha mainly for extra switching room and the better handling of its merchandise business. The East Side yards have hitherto handled only wheat for four, but the intention is to put them to other uses if necessary. By increasing its facilities on the East Side so that the greater portion of its car-lot business can be handled there, the Omaha expects to care for its business without the enlarged facilities on the North Side. It is pointed out that the Omaha holdings on the East Side are roomy with no stub streets, but that the Omaha holdings on the North Side are loaded up with a big bunch of North Minneapolis property which it cannot use until it owns the stub streets, but which will always be valuable.

HIGH RATE EXCUSED

Some See Reasons for Higher Tax Rate in City's Growth.

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LOCAL DEALERS ARE PUZZLED

They Can See No Profit in Business at That Figure.

Although the cost of anthracite coal on dock at Duluth is \$6 a ton, and the freight rates between that city and Anoka and between Duluth and Minneapolis are exactly the same, coal is retailing in Granville Pease's town for \$7.75 and \$7.50, while Minneapolisians have to pay \$8.25 a ton or go without.

ANOKA'S COAL SNAP

Anthracite Sells for Less There Than in Minneapolis.

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RESERVATION LANDS AND TIMBER TIED

Up Pending Legislation.

CAPT. MERCER IS HERE TO-DAY

A FUND FOR STATE UNION

He Has Just Completed a Tour Through Minnesota With Senator Quarles.

Captain W. A. Mercer, in charge of the Leech Lake Indian agency, is at the West. Captain Mercer has just completed a trip with Senator Quarles of Wisconsin, Commissioner of Indian Affairs W. J. Jones, and Colonel Pratt, head of the Carlisle Indian school, through the reservations of northern Minnesota. Senator Quarles is chairman of the Senate subcommittee on Indian education and Colonel Pratt is a pioneer and an authority in the work.

Captain Mercer says that it is about as good as settled that no reservation timber of any kind will be cut or lands sold until the department committee on legislation on the subject. The whole matter including both lands and timber can be settled by one act. He believes that the visit of Commissioner Jones and Senator Quarles will result in expediting the legislation. The Indians are waiting patiently for congress to act. Captain Mercer favors selling the timber by bank note and is confident that the great majority of the Indians desire that plan.

The announcement is made by the captain that the last of the old, full blood Indians have been paid by the government as provided in the act. For a long time many of these held out, among them being "Old Bug" of Pillager uprising fame. "Bug" drew his past payments a few months ago.

Senator Quarles, Commissioner Jones and Colonel Pratt are now investigating the condition of the Indian schools of North Dakota.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

This evening will be devoted to the young people's work. Miss Rhona E. Moschke, national organizer, will deliver an address on "Young People and Temperance," there will be a presentation of banners and Loyalty League diplomas, and a march of the 100 for the day. The contest will be held, but there is no marked interest, as there will be few changes. The committee on appropriations will also report.

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There is absolutely no foundation for any such information. There is no more truth in this latest stretch of the imagination than there has been in any of the wild stories about the disposal of my place since the town began to grow up around it. There will be no Stewart memorial building "Zion Hill"—that's what they always called my place, you know—as long as I'm on deck, and I never will yield.

Does any one really suppose I'd be so foolish as to sell the old place now? I hope none of my friends who've known me as a fellow townsmen for so many years entertain any such idea. I've got a nice little country place right down town—a luxury that no one else in Minneapolis can boast. It's convenient to my office, which is right across the street, as you see, and it gives me a chance for exercise which I might not enjoy elsewhere. Why, a man came in here this morning and tried to tell me that he could close a deal for my property at \$500 per front foot. I told him to think again. He said: "What do you suppose I'd be thinking of to let it go at that figure, when the taxes on it alone amount to that much? No, sir; no figure on temple me."

DISCUSSING ITS LAWS

State W. C. T. U. Busy Making Over Its Constitution.

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