CITY NEWS

Sent to the Reformatory—E. Schroer, a lad of 17 years, who tried to pass a forged check, pleaded guilty to the charge this morning and was sentenced to the state reformatory at St. Cloud.

A Neighborhood Quarrel—Fred Bovee is charged with having knocked down his uncle, F. O. Bovee, in a neighborhood quarrel. Ed Dermody is said to have been mixed up in the same trouble. The whole matter will be investigated in the police court tomorrow.

The Handy Auto—Guy Gould of Chicago, in the allowance and salaries division of the postal department, was in the city yesterday. He stated to Mr. Lovejoy that he had made no mistake in endeavoring to have automobiles introduced in the service. The problem of transporting carriers in Chicago from the office to points from which they were to work had been solved by the discovery that the automobile was the best vehicle of transportation for the purposes desired.

Suicidal Attempt Failed — Probably because the peaceful state of domesticity had been disturbed by numerous quarrels with her husband, Rose Hofkes, wife of William Hofkes, proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel, 315 First avenue S, tried to end her life last night by drinking carbolic acid. The night clerk, who discovered her soon after she had swallowed the drug, summoned a physician and the life was saved. While the physician was attending her Mrs. Hofkes threatened to use a revolver next time and prevent the possibility of failure.

Holmes Paid the Money—George W. Holmes very nicely escaped prosecution on the charge of retaining $24 belonging to John Hadell, who had Holmes arrested. When Holmes was placed on the stand this morning he admitted having $24 of Hadell's money, but explained that he had always been willing to return it, but had had no chance. To show that he was in earnest he pulled the money out and handed it to the complaining witness. The case was dismissed for after the complainant had his money he did not care to prosecute.

Prisoners Packed Her Trunk—The trunk belonging to Mrs. Clara Douglas, formerly matron at the city workhouse, was searched yesterday upon a warrant, and six towels and one waterbag were found. These, Superintendent McDonald says, are the property of the city. Mrs. Douglas says that the trunk was packed two weeks ago upon McDonald's orders by two prisoners and that she did not know what they put in it. Since then the superintendent has held the trunk and she had no opportunity to inspect the packing. On Saturday Mrs. Douglas commenced suit against the superintendent for the recovery of her property and damages for its detention.

NECROLOGICAL

MRS. S. M. CAMPBELL—The funeral of Mrs. S. M. Campbell, who died yesterday, will be held from the First Presbyterian church to-morrow at 2 p. m. Interment at Lakewood.

ANNA BAILEY, died Oct. 1 of typhoid fever, at 730 Marshall street NE. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at 9 from the Church of St. Anthony of Padua. Interment at St. Lawrence cemetery.

PROF. PHELPS DENIES

Says He Never Offered the Resolution Imputed to Him.

To the Editor of The Journal.

My attention has been called to the following in your paper of the 28th:

State officials are wondering where the money is to come from to pay contractors for work on the Duluth normal school.

At a meeting of the normal board, June 15, Professor Phelps introduced a resolution, which was passed, directing that work proceed on the school, to be paid for when the $10,000 subscribed by citizens should be turned into the state treasury.

Not a cent of this donation has turned up at the capital, but contracts are being let at Duluth. There will probably be trouble when the day of reckoning comes.

In reply will you kindly allow me to state that I never introduced any such resolution as is imputed to me at the June meeting or any other meeting of the normal board; that no attempt has ever been made to raise $10,000 or any other sum by the citizens of Duluth; that all the money that has been turned into the state treasury is the sum of $40,000 saved for the state by the judicious insurance placed by me upon the building that was partially destroyed in February last, much of which is withheld by the state authorities, although the contractors are legally entitled to it under the terms of their contracts; that the "donation" referred to in the paragraph exists only in imagination; that not a contract has been let at Duluth save and excepting those that bear the signatures of the building committee under the authority of the normal board.

From this statement it will readily be seen why not a cent of this magnificent donation of wind "has turned up at the capital." —W. J. Phelps.

Duluth, Oct. 1.

WANTS FIGURES "O. K'D"

Minneapolis Trust Company as Receiver Bobs Up Again.

In the supreme court yesterday the case of the Minneapolis Trust company, as receiver for the Northwestern Guaranty Loan company, against Louis F. Menage, the La Salle National bank and others was brought up on motion of the trust company as respondent, to have the order of the lower court allowing its accounts as receiver affirmed.

The defendant's appeal from the order of the district court and argument were heard this morning. The record in the case covers 1,522 printed pages.

The motion was taken under advisement.

Afraid of Her Life.

The divorce suit of Alice G. Griffith against Wm. W. Griffith was called yesterday. The general charge was cruel and inhuman treatment, but it was made to appear that the defendant kept guns about the house and terrorized his wife to such an extent that she often remained awake all night for fear he would carry out some of his threats. Judge Brooks also heard the case of Bernard M. Storch against Blanche Helliwell Storch, in which desertion is alleged, and that of Mattie Newton against Charles D. Newton, in which cruelty is alleged.

NEW LOGGING ROAD

The M. & N. W. Railway Company Has Ten Miles of Track.

The Minnesota & Northern Wisconsin Railway company made known its existence yesterday by filing a report with te railway and warehouse commission. It is a logging road ten miles long from Pocket Lake to Nickerson, and is operated under a ten-year lease, at an annual rental of $480. Gross earnings last year were $17,211 and operating expenses $12,548.80.

The net income was $1,722.91. The road is owned by the Scanlon-Gipson Lumber company.

TWO NEW STATIONS

New Mail Facilities in the Eighth Ward and at 'Haha.

An order was issued at the postoffice department at Washington to-day for the establishment of substation No. 20 of the Minneapolis postoffice at 3001 Hennepin avenue, and No. 21 at Minnehaha park, to take effect Oct. 15.

105 WANT HELP TO-DAY

The 105 advertisements for help published in to-day's Journal on pages 14 and 15 are as follows:

2 Tailors, 4 Office Help,
4 Seamstresses, 3 Carpenters,
2 Stenographers, 3 Clerks,
70 Miscellaneous, 17 Housework,
16 Agents, Salesmen, Solicitors.

BRING THEIR MONEY

Land Seekers Coming Into Northwest Prepared to Buy.

OCTOBER MOVEMENT IS LARGE

All of the Roads From the East and South Participate in the Business.

The October movement of land seekers is already taking on big proportions. The number of arrivals yesterday and to-day was large. The Minneapolis & St. Louis this morning brought the largest delegation of actual land buyers in its history, to Minneapolis. They are bound for northern Minnesota and Dakota points. Other railway lines report a big business with the prospect that the movement will be surprisingly large now that the low rates will be continued through October.

The North-Western, Milwaukee and Wisconsin Central brought heavily loaded trains to-day from Chicago. The movement through Chicago yesterday for the northwest reached into the thousands. The homeseekers' movement over the Great Western was also very large. Many of the new arrivals were bound for points along the transcontinental lines. Railroad men say that the movement between now and January will largely favor the northwest.

The land departments of the roads say that it is no more a question of free land with the land hunter. He comes now willing to pay a reasonable price and that means a figure far in advance of the quotations of five years ago. It is believed that as a result of the movement this fall a very large percentage of the lands of northern Minnesota will be divided into small tracts and ready for cultivation next spring. Industrial Agent Cassiday of the Soo road predicts at least as large an immigration movement next spring as in the early months of this year. Many of the new comers are attracted to the grazing lands of the Dakotas.

THEIR HEARTS BAD

Brigands of the Turkish Border Are Desperate Characters.

A. GOLDBERG KNOWS THE BREED

He Says Miss Stone's Abductors Will Keep Their Word About Killing Her.

A. Goldberg, of 416 Boston block, who was born and bred in Roumania, and spent many years on the Bulgarian-Turkish frontier, where Miss Ellen Stone, the American missionary, is held captive by brigands, says the only way to save her life is to pay the ransom money. Mr. Goldberg was a government contractor for the Russian government during the Turko-Russian war in 1878, and he knows the country round about the Balkan mountains, in which the bandits have their fastness, like a book.

Said Mr. Goldberg to-day:

The bandits under Bous Sarafou are a lot of renegade ruffians recruited from Austria, Roumania, Bulgaria and possibly Russia. They are men without a country and they recognize no nationality. They are the offscouring of that part of Europe—a band of desperadoes who had forfeited all recognition from civilized society long before their misdeeds forced them to flee to the mountains to escape felons' cells. They have taken the oath, "all for one, and one for all," and once they have executed such a bold undertaking as the abduction of Miss Stone, you may be sure they will show no weakness.

The mountainous frontier will make it well night impossible for the Turkish and Bulgarian troops, which, I notice, are in pursuit of the brigands, to capture them. Sarafou's men are at home in the mountains, and they undoubtedly have secret retreats in which they can subsist indefinitely, where it will be practically impossible for the troops to follow them, even should their location be discovered. If present conditions are anything like they were there twenty years ago, Sarafou probably has a little principality of his own in the mountains. I know the bandits used to have herds of cattle and sheep, and they are well supplied with ammunition. They could put up a stubborn resistance indefinitely. They hold the peaceable people of the valleys in such abject terror that the latter would hardly be instrumental in bringing them to justice for fear the bandits would be revenged upon them.

While the combined forces of the Turkish and Bulgarian governments might possibly bring the robbers to justice after a protracted siege, and I very much doubt the ability of the soldiers to run those wild fellows to cover—a declaration of war will mean the certain death of the missionary. If her friends want to save her life, their only recourse is to see that the demand of the bandits for $110,000 is satisfied, and that such amount be paid over to them as soon as possible.

Mr. Goldberg was born at Beresht and was for many years a resident of Baku, in Roumania.

AN UNFAIR ATTACK

Local Railroad Men So Regard New York Commercial's Article.

GOTHAM PAPER CRITICIZES "SOO"

It Charges Up the Decrease in Earnings to Cutting of Rates.

Railroad circles are commenting upon the charge recently made by the New York Commercial in an editorial that the Soo road's report for the last fiscal year shows the bad effect of rate cutting. The Commercial says:

Managers of the competing lines on this side of the Canadian border have long suspected the Soo of cutting established rates all around, and accusations to that effect have often been made openly. If, as charged, the figures at which the Soo has been hauling freight "leaves no margin of profit," the owners of the stock appear to have direct evidence of it in this report. The year's earnings from grain alone have fallen off $750,000—and yet there is said to have been no diminution in the aggregate of tons hauled. It is always the stockholders that suffer from that sort of a traffic policy. In this instance $613,000 of their money has been scattered into other channels where, presumably, it has done little practical good to anybody, and a precedent has thus been established that will continually come back to plague the Soo management.

Attack Regarded Unjust.

This is remarkable as one of the most vicious attacks that has been made against any of the western roads by any of the New York press. Railroad officials who are acquainted with the situation call it unjust.

In railroad circles the showing made by the Soo under the conditions which ruled last year is regarded as excellent. The tonnage of the road, as shown by the annual report, was decreased materially. The crop failure on the western division was responsible for a large decrease in high-class traffic, yet in spite of that condition the average rate per ton mile showed a very small decrease, and that is the real test. Had it not been for the grain shortage the rate per ton per mile would have shown a remarkable increase. The excellent showing made by the Soo last year under very adverse conditions and the general conditions along the line at the present time, convince the traffic experts that the Soo will show some remarkable results at the end of the present fiscal year.

Further than this, the attitude of the Commercial is explained by some on the ground that that paper may be subservient to the roads which have been hit by the Soo's independent course.

COMMON NAME, SURE

The Smith Family Numerously Represented on County Payrolls

RELATIVES CHECK EACH OTHER

Likewise They Feel Grateful to Brother and Uncle Andrew, the Commissioner.

The name of Smith has been very much in evidence on the pay rolls of Hennepin county since County Commissioner Andrew J. Smith came into office.

In addition to L. A. Smith, a son of County Commissioner A. J. Smith, whose road contracts were set forth in detail in The Journal yesterday, there are other road builders, notably George H. Smith, a brother of the county commissioner, and Jesse E. Smith, son of George H., and consequently a nephew of the commissioner. Both of these men have done work for the county; not under contract, but under the day labor system, the Smiths bossing the job, and receiving the money to pay for it. What's more both have acted as inspectors of road work, and have been paid at the rate of $3 a day for their services in that capacity.

These inspectors are hired to oversee the work done, and to make certain that no overcharge is allowed. In other words one Smith is paid to see that another Smith does his work properly, and they all belong to the same family. For repairing roads in Crystal Lake and Brooklyn townships G. H. Smith has been allowed $85.75 and Jesse E. Smith, $73,50; for their services as inspector the former received $72, and the latter $14.

Still another Smith—M. E. Smith—has been paid $99.50 for certain plastering done at the poor farm. In his bill he makes a charge of $5 per day for a plasterer.

OVER TWO THOUSAND

Dollars Pouring In for the Sewell Memorial Fund.

CONTRIBUTION FROM NASHUA, N.H.

Total Contributed in and About the Chamber of Commerce Will Reach $1,000.

The Sewell fund now amounts to $2,275, and it is growing constantly. This morning James Marshall, who has interested himself in collecting money for the fund, at the chamber of commerce, reported that he had already secured more than $900, and added that he expected to make it $1,000 before turning the money over. The amount has been raised through small contributions entirely, no attempt having been made to secure large donations.

One of the contributors whose name appears on to-day's list, resides in Nashua, N. H. In The Journal he saw the story of Dennis Sewell's heroism and immediately mailed a contribution to the fund, care of this office. The Security bank employes are also among to-day's contributors, and from a few boys who live along Bedford avenue $3 was received.

Never before have the people of Minneapolis responded so generally to such an appeal; never before has an humble citizen of this city been so honored. Sewell was a common laborer. He worked at log driving, and lost his life while attempting to save a child from drowning.

The fund appeals alike to the merchant, the professional man, the mechanic and the laborer; and all are sending their subscriptions to make it larger. It is to be devoted to educating the children of the dead man. The following subscriptions were received at The Journal office to-day:

Security Bank employes	$34.00
Lyman Brothers	25.00
Walter Dayton	10.00
William H. Eustis	10.00
Harriet Y. Pillsbury	10.00
William S. Hewitt	10.00
C. F. Welles	10.00
H. A. Tuttle	5.00
J. S. B.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Berkey	5.00
Wimer Glee Club	5.00
Bedford avenue boys	3.00
A friend	2.00
Postoffice employes, Station E	1.75
John E. Tappan	1.00
F. E. B., Glencoe, Minn	1.00
W. B. Walters	1.00
Harington Beard	1.00
H. N. O.	1.00
Mrs. D. D. Lester	1.00
S. E. Chandler	1.00
Cash	1.00
J. F. Wallerius	1.00
C. P. DeLaittre, Aitkin, Minn	1.00
J. G. Merriam, Nashua, N. H	1.00
W. S. Hughes	1.00
Tekip B. F	1.00
Previously reported (received by The Journal)	417.60
Previous reported (other sources)	809.15
Previously reported (Chamber of Commerce)	900.00
Total previously reported	$2,126.75
Received by Journal to-day	148.75
Total	$2,275.50

STATE SCHOOL FUNDS

Will Be Distributed to the Counties Next Monday.

Next Monday the state school funds now in the treasury will be distributed to the various counties on the basis of school population. Returns are not all in from the county superintendents for last year's attendance.

The total fund to be distributed approximates $650,000, about $2 per pupil. The October distribution last year amounted to $904,000, which was abnormally heavy, on account of lump payments on school land, which were very numerous.

Another reason for the falling off is that many are taking advantage of the new law permitting half the tax to be paid in November. This reduces the funds on hand in October, but will increase the March distribution.

The funds on hand consist of interest on the permanent school fund, and the standing state tax of 1 mill for school purposes.

P. O. IS GROWING

Astonishing Increase in September Stamp Sales.

The Minneapolis postoffice shows another astonishing gain in the stamp sales for September. Mr. Lovejoy, postmaster, reports as follows: Receipts for September, 1901, $65,309.43; September, 1900, $56,781.87; increase, $8,527.56. The gain for July was 13½ per cent, for August 23 per cent and September 15 per cent.

BRITISH LOSS

Two Officers and 31 Men Killed in a Boer Attack.

London, Oct. 3.—Lord Kitchener to-day reports that two officers and thirty-one men have been killed in an attack made on Colonel Kekewich's camp at Moedwill. The Boers, who were under Commandants Delarey and Kemp, had four officers and 114 men wounded after two hours' fighting, when the Boers were driven off. Colonel Kekewich was among the wounded.

A HUMBLE APOLOGY.

Chicago Tribune.

"We feel that an apology is due," explains the editor of the Spiketown Blizzard, "to the estimable young woman who teaches at the schoolhouse, in district No. 5. Through the wretched blunder of a worthless tramp printer whom we trusted with the setting up of an item just as we were closing the forms for our last week's edition, we were made to say that 'Miss Ruby McConnell, the handsome and popular teacher in the Riggs neighborhood, is the proud possessor of an elegant new black beard.' We wrote it 'blackboard.' "

HOW TO END CRIME

Clerk Allen Carries Ames' Argument to a Logical Conclusion.

PRUNING COMMITTEE AT WORK

On the First Round It Increases Several Items—Mayor's Emergency Fund Cut.

Ed Allen, clerk of the municipal court made his reputation as a logician and a wit before the council pruning committee yesterday. Mayor Ames in giving his reasons for cutting in two the fines imposed upon houses of ill repute said he had made the change because the former heavy fine had served to increase crime. In order to pay it, the keepers of low resorts, had to resort to force and drugs to rob their patrons. By lessening the fine, he decreased by 50 per cent the temptation to commit crime.

"Very well," said Clerk Allen, "remit the fine entirely and wipe out crime altogether."

Then the pruning committee members lay back in their chairs and roared with laughter.

During the morning the committee lopped off some $3,500 from the board's recommendations of allowances for the mayor's emergency fund and for elections, but increased the appropriations for other departments about $13,000 over the board's estimate of requirements. The principal additional allowances made by the committee were for the departments of health and building and for street opening expenses. The following table shows the work of the committee; the figures being tentative:

	Estimate.	Board of Tax levy.	Pruning com.
Fire	$348,500	$343,000	$348,500
Engineer	31,850	31,850	31,850
Health	69,550	60,000	66,000
Sealer of weights and measures	1,850	1,850	1,850
City weigher	770	770	770
Mayor and council	36,700	36,500	36,500
Treasurer	10,000	10,000	10,000
Clerk	8,880	8,880	8,880
Roads and bridges	2,560	2,560	2,560
City hall expenses	17,000	15,000	15,000
Legal departm't	10,525	10,000	10,525
Municipal court	16,400	16,000	16,400
Assessor's dept.	15,325	15,000	15,325
Building dept.	10,000	9,000	9,500
Board of armory commiss'rs	3,000	3,000	3,000
Elections	33,000	33,000	31,000
Specials—			
Mayor's emergency	$5,000	$2,000	$1,000
Street opening expenses	500	200	8,500
Bethany Home.	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total	$1,158,580	$998,610	.....

RESOURCES.

Taxation, valuation $102,694,989; rate 5.55 mills	$569,958.28
Estimate receipts from other sources than taxation	429,000.00
Amount to be appropriated	$998,957.28

The petitions for allowances for the smaller departments were run through with but little discussion, the following allowances being made:

Sealer of weights and measures, $1,850; city weigher, $770; treasurer, $10,000; clerk, $8,880; roads and bridges, $2,560; city hall expenses, $15,000; legal department, $10,525; municipal court, $16,400; assessor's department, $15,325; building department, $9,500; board of armory commissioners, $3,000; elections, $31,000; mayor's emergency fund, $1,000; street opening expenses, $500; Bethany Home, $3,000; engineer, $31,850.

All of the above were in accordance with the board of tax levy report save the appropriations for the legal department, which was raised $525; for the municipal court, which was raised, $400; for the assessor's department, raised, $325; for the building department, raised $500; and for street opening expenses, raised $300. The allowances of the board for $33,000 for elections and of $2,500 for the mayor's emergency und were cut.

Rand Pleads for Ames.

Alderman Rand came to the front for the mayor in the latter's request for $5,000 emergency fund. The alderman moved that the request of the mayor be granted, and this was immediately amended by Alderman S. E. Adams, making the allowance $1,000. City Attorney Healy explained that no mayor had ever been granted over $2,500 for this fund. Then Alderman Rand waxed warm in his eulogy of the present mayor's ability as a royal entertainer, and said that all visitors to the city should be properly taken care of, and that there never were two better entertainers than the mayor and the president of the council. This entertainment cost money, explained the alderman, and he urged the voting of $5,000 for the payment of these expenses. President Jones of the council, who was present, jumped to his feet and said that he was willing to do all in his power to make it pleasant for the city's guests but that he would not need a cent of money from the city for the purpose. There was no second to Rand's motion and he made another that the fund be made $2,500. There was no second to this.

The mayor was given $1,000 for his emergency fund.

In urging the granting of an increase of $4,825 over last year's allowance for the city assessor, which is $325 more than recommended by the board of tax levy, President Jones said that the force in the assessor's office is wholly inadequate for its business. With considerable asperity he said that there is $20,000,000 worth of personal property in Minneapolis not assessed to-day that should be paying a revenue to the city simply because the assesor is not given sufficient money to conduct the work. There was no opposition to the increase and $15,325 was granted that department.

The item for the health department was taken up just before the noon recess. The original estimate of expense for the maintenance of the department during the coming year was $69,550, and the board of tax levy cut this down to $60,000. Upon motion the appropriation for the health department was made $66,000, $3,550 less than asked for, but $6,000 more than recommended by the board. This provides for removal of garbage by the city.

The fire department was granted $348,500 the amount asked. The board had recommended $343,000. The street lighting fund was made $171,920, the amount asked. The controller was allowed $8,000. The city council contingent fund was made $2,500; $10,000 was asked for this fund and the board of tax levy voted to recommend $1,500. The $900 asked by the Humane Society, which was stricken out by the board, was granted by the committee.

Ames Defends His Politics.

Mayor Ames appeared before the pruning committee to defend his politics. He said the clerk of the municipal court had questioned his republicanism before the committee and the mayor defied anybody to show that he was not a republican, so elected and so serving. Several members of the committee said they had heard Clerk Allen make no such statement, to which the mayor replied that his secretary had taken it in shorthand. He declined to have the notes read.

MAY READVERTISE

Capitol Commission Confused by Bids for Equipment.

The state capitol commission appears to be deadlocked over the bids for mechanical equipment. A two hours' executive session this morning resulted in no action, and secret consultation was resumed at 2 o'clock.

But six members are in attendance, and the adherents of Allan, Black & Co. are unable to get the four votes necessary to award the contract. Commissioner DeLaittre is not alone in maintaining that the bid of W. L. Gray & Co. is really the lower. Owing to the confusion the bids are in, it seems quite probable that the commission will reject them all and readvertise, as Mr. DeLaittre suggests.

Popular Music at Cut Prices

At Metropolitan Music Co., 41-43 6th st S.

SOME CROSS JUMPS

Secretary Baer of the Y. P. S. C. E. Has an Interesting Itinerary.

ACTIVITY IN ENDEAVOR WORK

Mr. Baer Will Speak to the Societies as a Preliminary to Christian Church Convention.

John Willis Baer, world's secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E., and secretary of the United Society in this country, was in the city this morning on his way from the state convention at Yankton, S. D., to the Illinois gathering at Danville. Mr. Baer has an itinerary for this month which surpasses anything in the way of cross jumps that he has met with in his travels. From Danville his duties call him to four points in Kentucky, beginning with Louisville, Oct. 7. After visiting Lebanon, Lexington and Covington he will return to Minneapolis to address the fall rally of the city unions of St. Paul and Minneapolis in connection with the young people's meeting of the Twentieth Century convention of the Christian church at the exposition building, Oct. 12. Mr. Baer will go to Buffalo for the meeting of the New York Presbyterian synod, following which he will return to Minnesota for the state Endeavor convention at Alexandria, Oct. 18-20. The Congregational American Missionary association at Oak Park, Ill., Oct. 23, makes the next claim on his time, after which he will return to his old home in Rochester, Minn., for a visit. Indianapolis, St. Louis and Denver, in turn, are the next cities to be visited in connection with the Endeavor work before Mr. Baer returns to his home in Boston, the headquarters of the United society.

Mrs. Baer and the three children will remain with her father, G. W. Van Dusen, in this city, until Mr. Baer returns on his way to Rochester.

As a preliminary to the convention which is to be held by the Christian denomination in this city, Mr. Baer in his Saturday night address before the delegates and the combined Endeavor societies of the two cities, will speak especially to young people. His address will be on the part young people should play in the missionary problems of the day.

MANDAMUS IS TRIED

A Last Resort to Execute Those Improvement Bonds.

MAYOR TO SHOW CAUSE FRIDAY

That Is the Last Date on Which the Bonds Can Be Issued.

Judge Elliott yesterday issued an alternative writ of mandamus directing Mayor Ames to show cause next Friday why he should not sign the permanent improvement bonds which Stoddard, Nye & Co. are anxious to purchase. The six months limit for the issue of the bonds expires on that date, and if Judge Elliott does not then make the writ peremptory, the bonds may be permanently hung up.

The bonds, which have a face value of $150,000, were issued by the city council in accordance with an act of the late legislature, which authorized cities of over 50,000 inhabitants to issue bonds for permanent improvements in excess of the limit of indebtedness fixed in their charter or otherwise. The law, while general in form, was intended for Minneapolis alone. Among some of the special provisions was one invalidating bonds not issued within six months of the passage of the act, which went into effect on April 4. It is expected that the matter may be disposed of on Oct. 4, the last day of grace.

The bonds have had a troublous time to date. There were many eager bidders and high premiums were offered when they were placed on the market, but when such eminent attorneys as Story & Thorndyke and Judge Dillon were somewhat dubious as to the legality of the issue, the eastern brokers pulled off. The bid of Stoddard, Nye & Co., who were not alarmed over the technical flaws raised by eastern attorneys, for $165,000 with accrued interest, was accepted. The money was tendered to Mayor Ames yesterday and was refused, his general position being that the bonds are illegally issued and are invalid.

OPENED YESTERDAY

The Malmstedt Company Begins Business on Nicollet Ave. and Fourth Street.

Yesterday the Malmstedt company, the new exclusive men's furnishing and hat store, opened the doors of its beautiful new store on the corner of Nicollet and Fourth street. While the store is now open to the public, the formal opening and housewarming will not take place until Saturday. In the meantime the public is invited to inspect one of the handsomest little stores in Minneapolis and to meet Messrs. Charles Malmstedt, the manager and head of the hat department, and Ed Creager, the furnishing manager, both of whom have been identified with the retail trade in Minneapolis for a number of years, Mr. Malmstedt having been in the hat business for nineteen years.

The store is most attractively finished. The color scheme is terra cotta and buff, with warm crimson carpets. All give the atmosphere of a high-grade and well-appointed store. The term parlor would be even more appropriate than store, for there is a pleasant relief from set counters and chairs. The stock carried will include the highest grade hats of all kinds and the finest neckwear and gentlemen's furnishings, which both European and domestic markets can furnish. Exclusive styles in hats most popular in the east will be specialties in the new stock, and the best neckwear makers will supply their latest creations. While the lines carried will be the choicest and best, the firm will not frighten away the customer who wishes style at a moderate price. The aim will be to study the best effects for each customer's dress and needs. In short, it will be strictly a high-grade furnishing store of the best type, and the new firm expects to be deserving of a liberal share of the patronage of the best dressers in the city and those who wish to dress according to fashion's latest dictates.

The members of the firm have been busy all afternoon receiving the congratulations of their friends.

A Famous Trade Mark.

Winecke & Doerr's Red Box trade-mark, stamped in red on the cigar box cover, indicates a good cigar. Over fifty different brands have it on their labels. Over fifty thousand smokers know what it is.

GAINSBOROUGHS TO WEAR

BEAUTIES AT OLSON'S BIG STORE

Some Rich Creations of Fur, Velvet and Lace—Fine Feathers Are Worn, Too.

The autumn styles in millinery have arrived and the feminine shoppers are reveling in the bewildering array displayed, for the masculine dispensers of checks seem to be ususually liberal this season, if one may judge by the charming creations being ordered home.

One of the most beautiful displays to be found in the city is that in the millinery department of the Olson Co.'s store, where elaborate decorations of autumn leaves have been arranged to set off the beauties of the fall models. The great, graceful Fainsboroughs in rich black velvet are to be found in bewildering variety. While the outlines of the hat made famous in the noted painting, are preserved, many modifications are arranged to suit the faces of the individual wearers. Soft crowns of velvet add to the graceful sweep of the long plume. Here and there a hat is shown in which a sash is twisted carelessly about the crown to fall in a graceful bow at the back or even end in drooping ties. Applique of black or white passementerie also modifies the Gainsborough and soft chiffons plaited under the sweeping brims appear now and then.

Fur is to be the mode this season, and the Olson models show some rich creations which should be becoming to any face. A rolling turban, faced with soft chinchilla fur with a crown of panne velvet on which lace is heavily appliqued, is one of the distinguished forms employed.

Fancy forms of feather arrangements vie with the furs this season, and a number of beautiful iridescent breasts are shown, as well as the golden bronze shades of the English pheasant. A handsome turban in the large flat style, so popular this season, shows a crown of mode felt, upon which is appliqued white satin floss in irregular strands, held in place by a maline. Pheasants' breasts curve about the brim while rich green panne velvet of the shade appearing in the breasts is used to line it and form a rich setting for the face. Black camel's hair felt braids stitched with bands of velvet and finished with a black bird on the crown are to be found among the new forms, while the silky beaver felt is reappearing in favor and falling gracefully into the prescribed lines. A tan-colored beaver with feathers of the same shade set off by rosettes of pale green satin makes a striking hat.

Pelican's feathers or quills appear prominently in the walking hats shown in the Olson novelties. Walking hats are indeed much more elaborate than those of former years and show a great many so-called "tailor-made" shapes in which felt, beaver and braids are stitched trimly into the desired shape, trimmed with drapings or rosettes of velvet and given a tone of smartness with the pelican's quills. These tailor-made hats appear in great variety and are to be found in great quantities in the "ready-to-trim" department, where a hat may be selected to suit any gown and then trimmed to wearer's taste. Near the "ready-to-trim" hats are the "ready-to-wear" turbans and walking hats, simple, dignified and ready to be put on at once. They reproduce the tailor and walking hat effects.

While black and white seem to be the prevailing favorites, a French green is shown which shades well with any other color, also a tone of blue showing in the vivid color adapted to many combinations. Castor still holds its place and some handsome hats show it combined with warm browns of panne velvet and lightened by a delicate facing of blue or rose. Chenille crowns, so like heavy straw in their wearing are to be found, and when combined with velvet and laces, make rich hats. A brown hat into which lacings of yellow chenille or velvet are woven through cuttings, makes a striking creation when finished of with a black bird; sea gulls and ravens being chosen to represent the somber shades in plumage.

The Olson department is particularly rich in hats for children among, among which are shown fleecy beavers, so becoming to childish faces, shirred silks and velvets with nodding plumes and many of the simpler styles suited for school wear.

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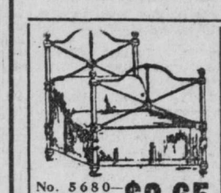

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A Judicial Estimate of the Value of Spindle Top, Placed at $400,000,000--Saratoga Well 970 Feet Deep--On the Cap Rock.

It is seldom that the actual valuation of a property like Spindle Top, the site of all the big Texas oil gushers now extant, is established by legal proceedings, such as is just reported. In an effort to drive off the saloons and Chinese boarding-houses which have been gathering on Spindle Top and near the oil wells, it has been necessary to go into the courts. In the pleadings in the case the valuation of Spindle Top Heights is stated in the following words: "Property there situated, whose value is estimated at $400,000,000."

It will be with some satisfaction that many of the people interested in Saratoga stock and other Texas oil stock will learn that the court directs the saloons and low boarding-houses to "move off."

In the very midst of this $400,000,000 worth of property lies that lot of the Saratoga company about which considerable has been said and which is about to come in a gusher. The well is reported 970 feet deep and down upon the cap rock. This is about the depth at which the oil was expected to be struck, as stated several times weeks ago. It is possible that the well may be drilled a little deeper than was estimated, but one of the nearest wells, the Palestine, which will be remembered as having caused the death of three men when it came in, is only 935 feet deep. About all that can be said with full assurance is that the Saratoga well is sure to get oil somewhere about the 1,000-feet depth. If you have any stock in it, you will be getting a good return on your money soon, and if you have no Saratoga stock, please remember that the opportunity to buy is about to pass. It is selling at 30 cents to-day; it will be worth par, $1, when the well comes in, and, we believe it will be worth many times par in less than a year. Saratoga Oil and Pipe Line Co., 728 Andrus Building, Minneapolis.

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