

LOCAL NEWS

May Have Two V. P.'s—An amendment to the articles of incorporation of the Twin City Telephone company creating the offices of first and second vice presidents, has been filed with the register of deeds.

Sent to Quarantine—E. H. Wier, a Minneapolis traveling salesman, who is afflicted with typhoid fever, was sent to the quarantine hospital.

W. K. Hicks Injures His Knee—W. K. Hicks of the board of education is laid up from an injury to his knee, received while inspecting the board's new quarters at the city hall yesterday. He stumbled and in falling struck his knee against a protruding spike in the floor.

Habeas Corpus for O'Toole—The attorney for J. O'Toole, the young St. Paul man arrested Monday for forgery, will begin habeas corpus proceedings to secure his release. O'Toole's attorney, J. J. Kelly, was court yesterday, but he was not arraigned, no complaint having been sworn out.

Would Not Plead Guilty—Richard Welch and Carl Olson, in the municipal court this morning, refused to plead guilty to charges of drunkenness. They say the officers who arrested them told them they were to be arraigned for stealing a mail bag set at \$25, and they will be tried to-morrow.

Will Return Mail—Postmaster Lovejoy has been instructed to return the mail addressed to the Tontine Savings Association and the Northwestern Agricultural Loan company to the senders. The mail of the investors' syndicate has been delivered to the association, as they will wind up its affairs.

Came to Hear—Wilson—Governor and Mrs. Charles N. Herold of South Dakota, were guests at the Nicollet Hotel Monday. They came to Minneapolis to attend the meeting of the National Education Association, and especially to hear Mrs. Genevieve Clark Wilson, whom the governor knew as a schoolgirl, but whom he had not met for twenty years.

Savings Bank Property—The number of open accounts in Minnesota savings banks has increased from 53,288 on Nov. 30, 1900, to 59,173 at the same date this year. The total deposits in the eleven banks in the state have increased from \$10,330,000 to \$11,599,482.42. St. Paul deposits grew from \$1,226,312.13 to \$1,463,541.53.

Boy Musicians—The Journal Newsboys' Band and the boys' choir of Gettsenburgh will give a concert at the Nicollet Hotel, Thursday evening. The entertainment in advance is attracting much attention and is expected to bring out a large crowd—more than the hall will hold. The time to get tickets is now. They can be had at the J. N. counter for 25 cents.

Phoenix Building Addition—F. R. Marston, trustee, has contracted with the H. N. Leighton company for an addition to the Phoenix building, to cost \$1,300. The addition will be situated on the east side of the building, and will be made of tile, gas pipe and iron. It will contain six offices in suite, which will satisfy a small part of the demand for additional room. A barber shop has been opened in the basement, one-half of the bicycle room being used for the purpose.

Krusick Bound Over—George Krusick was held in the municipal court this morning charged with assault in the second degree on S. A. Walker. Trouble started in a Washington avenue saloon, where Krusick was charged with stealing some goods. Krusick, falling to prove his claims, Walker slapped the defendant's face, where the latter refused to have stabbed him with a large pocket knife. Krusick had no evidence to offer and was held to the next trial.

New Fiber Company—Articles of incorporation of the Minnesota Fiber company, which has headquarters at Heron Lake, have been filed with the register of deeds in Hennepin county, indicating that the company intends to do more than to produce paper. The company has a capital of \$25,000, and is to manufacture wool and other products from raw wool. The directors are J. T. Smith and Wiley P. St. John of Heron Lake, Eric Swanson, Windom, and M. N. Dickson, Fulda, Minn.

Press Club Reorganization—Committee on membership reorganization reported progress at an adjourned organization meeting of the Press Club at Barge's Monday. The committee desired their canvass of the situation more complete and will submit supplementary reports at another meeting at the same place on Wednesday. Monday. The reports indicated, at a conservative estimate, that at least seventy of the active newspaper men in Minneapolis were heartily in favor of reorganization. About thirty old members and prospective initiates were present in the hall Monday. The reports indicated, at a conservative estimate, that at least seventy of the active newspaper men in Minneapolis were heartily in favor of reorganization. About thirty old members and prospective initiates were present in the hall Monday.

NECROLOGICAL

ALBERT H. MERRICK, cashier for Finch, Van Slyck, Young & Co., St. Paul, died suddenly in his office Monday at 4 p. m., of apoplexy. Mr. Merrick had lived in St. Paul since 1855. He was in the employ of the above company for thirty-five years. He is survived by a wife and two children, William H. Merrick and Mrs. T. H. Jacobs. Funeral services were held at the residence, 21 Selby avenue, to-day at 2 p. m. The interment was at Oakland cemetery.

MRS. FAY BURKLEY, wife of F. E. Burkley of the St. Paul Foundry company, 21 North Chatawa street, St. Paul, died suddenly early last evening at 10 o'clock. She was 62 years of age. She had been ill for several days. She is survived by her husband and two children, William H. Merrick and Mrs. T. H. Jacobs. Funeral services were held at the residence, 21 Selby avenue, to-day at 2 p. m. The interment was at Oakland cemetery.

OLIVE MAUDE ALLEN, teacher in the Motley school, died at her home, 719 E. Sixteenth street the afternoon of Dec. 9, after a brief illness. The funeral will be held from the residence of Mrs. Thomas W. W. Darling, Ninth avenue S., at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon. Interment at Lakewood. All friends of the family are invited to attend. She resided in Minneapolis for a period of seven or eight years, most of which time she was a teacher in the public schools.

MRS. PAULINE MILLER, colored, aged 27 years, died at her home, 2904 Minnehaha avenue, Tuesday. The coroner will hold a post mortem examination.

NEW GARBAGE SYSTEM

Ready to Go Into Effect With the New Year.

The new system devised for the collection of garbage by the health department is now ready for practical application. The board of tax levy allowed \$30,000 to meet the expense of collecting and destruction, and yesterday the board of health recommended the adoption of an ordinance formally giving the health commissioner the power to proceed with the work after Jan. 1.

A proviso is attached whereby the health commissioner may, in his discretion, require the owners and proprietors of hotels, restaurants, boarding-houses, markets and commission-houses to remove their garbage to the crematory at their own expense or otherwise dispose of it in a manner to be approved by the commissioner of health.

No action was taken concerning Dr. Hall's recommendation that an ordinance be passed requiring all dogs running at large to be muzzled, in view of the fact that under an old ordinance the mayor is empowered to issue such an order.

TO DOUBLE FLOOR SPACE

Board of Education Wants More Office Room.

Members of the board of education have suggested a plan which will give the board just double the floor space allotted to it in the city side of the city and county building. The room assigned the board has ceiling 20 feet high. It is proposed to cut the room in two horizontally, making two rooms with ceilings about 10 feet high, leaving the lower room for the use of board meetings and the office of the clerk and the upper room to be divided into offices for the heads of the departments of music, drawing and other branches. The matter has been referred to the architects.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST-GOLD NOSE GLASSES, OR OTHER, or crossing street from car to Donaldson's. Return for reward to 152 Park av.

APPROPRIATE USES FOR SATIN-SKIN Cream is daintiest, most agreeable to food made. Nourishes away wrinkles. 50c.

MINNESOTA

M. C.'S IN LUCK

They Land Five Chairmanships and Other Important Places.

This Shows the Advantage of Keeping the Same Men at Washington.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Wash., Dec. 11.—Another strong argument in favor of retaining congressmen in office term after term was made to-day by Speaker Henderson's announcement of the standing committee of the Fifty-seventh congress. In the last congress Minnesota had three chairmanships, Heatwole, printing; McCleary, library; and Tawney, industrial arts and exhibitions. In this congress the state has five chairmanships, in addition to the three just mentioned. Fletcher gets Gamble's old committee on expenditures on public buildings, and Eddy gets mines and mining. Only two members of the delegation, Stevens and Morris, are without chairmanships, but their assignments are of the first importance so far as the interests of Minnesota are concerned.

Morris is on the committee on rivers and harbors and Stevens is on the committees of military affairs and on merchant marine and fisheries. Tawney holds the places he had in the last congress. So do Stevens, Heatwole, Morris and McCleary. Fletcher drops the committee on territories for the committee on levees and improvements of the Mississippi river, which brings him into closer touch with the work on lock and dam No. 2. Eddy holds his old committee assignments, going to the chairmanship of mines and mining by reason of the death of the old chairman, Crump, of Michigan. Eddy is second man on public lands and third man on Indian affairs, which places carry sub-chairmanships of the highest importance to Minnesota.

Marshall of North Dakota gets placed on Pacific railroads and private claims. Martin of South Dakota gets two important assignments—public lands and public buildings and grounds. As member of the latter he will be in position to do something for Deadwood's public building. Burke of South Dakota takes Gamble's place on mines and mining. He drops public lands, which is secured by Martin, and gets Indian affairs number three. In other respects his assignments are as they were in the last congress. The state is well taken care of, every one of its important interests being covered by the Bureau and Martin appointments. Fletcher's chairmanship is not of great public importance, but it means he will have a comfortable committee room in the capitol, which he has been after for years.

THE CHAIRMANSHIPS

Speaker Henderson Gives Out His List of Plums.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Speaker Henderson to-day announced a list of house committees in addition to those heretofore given out. Following are the chairmen: Interstate and Foreign Commerce—Hebburn, Iowa. Public Buildings and Grounds—Finley, South Carolina. Irrigation of Arid Lands—Tongue, Oregon. Census—Hopkins, Illinois. Coinage, Weights and Measures—Southard, Ohio. Invalid Pensions—Sulloway, New Hampshire. Penitentiaries—Loudenslager, New Jersey. Elections—Craw, Pennsylvania. Labor—Gardner, New Jersey. Militia—Dick, Ohio. Patents—Reeves, Illinois. Claims—Griff, Illinois. War Claims—Mahon, Pennsylvania. District of Columbia—Babcock, Wisconsin. Reform in the Civil Service—Gillett, Massachusetts. Manufactories—Steele, Indiana. Mines and Mining—Eddy, Minnesota. Library—McCleary, Minnesota. Printing—Heatwole, Minnesota. Select Committee on Examination and Disposition of Documents—Roberts, Massachusetts. Select Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions—Tawney, Minnesota. Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress—Corliss, Michigan. Elections Committee No. 1—Taylor, Ohio. Elections Committee No. 2—Olmstead, Pennsylvania. Elections Committee No. 3—Weeks, Michigan. Pacific Railroads—W. A. Smith, Michigan. Railways and Canals—Davidson, Wisconsin. Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River—Barthold, Missouri. Expenses of the Laws—Warner, Illinois. Private Land Claims—G. W. Smith, Illinois. Alcoholic Liquor Traffic—Sperry, Connecticut. Entailment and Acquisitions—Bishop, Michigan. Expenditures in the State Department—Ketcham, New York. Expenditures in the Treasury Department—Cozins, Iowa. Expenditures in the War Department—Russell, Connecticut. Expenditures in the Navy Department—Stewart, New Jersey. Expenditures in the Postoffice Department—Wagner, Pennsylvania. Expenditures in the Interior Department—Curtis, Kansas. Expenditures in the Department of Justice—Overstreet, Indiana. Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture—Giblet, New York. Expenditures on Public Buildings—Fletcher, Minnesota. Accounts—Bull, Rhode Island.

INTEREST ANTICIPATED

The Government Will Mail Lots of Checks Next Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The treasury officials have decided to anticipate the interest due on Jan. 1 and on Saturday United States Treasury Robert's will mail checks covering interest amounting to \$4,665,742.

WAKEMAN OUT

New Appraiser of Merchandise for the Port of New York.

Washington, Dec. 11.—George T. Whitehead, collector of customs for Porto Rico, has been offered the position of appraiser of merchandise at the port of New York in place of Wilbur F. Wakeman, who has been requested to resign.

ESTRANGED BY AMES

By Abuse, the Mayor Loses Control of C. and C. Board.

WOODARD FLOCKS WITH THE DEMS REQUEST FOR DELAY IS DENIED

Hereafter Ames and Russell Will Be a Hopeless and Ignored Minority.

City Physician Nelson will hereafter take his orders relating to the management of the city hospital from the hospital committee of the board of corrections and charities, instead of from Mayor Ames. The mayor will presumably retain his hold on the board, but he will be the whole thing in the affairs of the city hospital. The hospital committee are Messrs. Woodard and Rinehart, both the mayor's appointees, but from now on his bitter enemies personally and active opponents in the management of board affairs.

Insulting, Indecent Language.

This change of front in the board was announced by Commissioner Woodard last night at a meeting of the extraordinary session of the board. Mayor Ames came to the meeting in a shocking condition, insulted Messrs. Woodard and Rinehart outrageously, assailed them with a furious tirade of abuse crowded with oaths and indecencies, declared them to be "traitors" and "wolves," and ended up by rising from his chair and offering to "lick" them both.

Both men sat unmoved during the fusillade. Dr. Woodard hid a very red face behind a book which he appeared to be reading intently. Commissioner Rinehart smiled provokingly into the mayor's face and suggested to him that he had heard him express just such sentiments of divers people during one of his rages in his twenty-year's acquaintance with him.

Cause of the Outbreak.

The mayor found his inspiration for this disgraceful official outbreak of abuse in the action of the board at the last meeting, when in his absence the board elected Mrs. McMillan auditor and held up some of the hospital bills for investigation. Both men, he declared, had been favored by him with appointments and then they turned around and worked against him. He then asked for some of the vilest epithets and oburgations in the English language.

Following the doctor's outburst the full board acted on the report, and passed up about \$400 more of city hospital bills for investigation and then adjourned.

After adjournment, Dr. Woodard, turning to City Physician Nelson, informed him that heretofore the hospital committee would oversee city hospital affairs, and that he need not take orders from the mayor any longer.

THE BEARS HAVE A TURN

PUT MAY WHEAT DOWN A BIT

Man Starts With \$10 and Makes \$5,500 on Bull Movement—Sequel to Come.

The bears had a chance to take a fall out of wheat to-day and they improved the opportunity. In consequence, those who were frank yesterday for May, when on the curb yesterday after the close at 80 1/2, saw their favorite cereal sell at 77 1/2 at the close to-day. The thing came about through the failure of the foreign market to follow the United States on the late advance. This morning it was confidently expected that Liverpool would stir up, but Liverpool refused to be jarred by the advance in this country and opened its market a bare fraction higher. When they closed up shop for the day they were lower than on Monday, and this in the face of the American advance.

The bears saw in this condition a vital point of attack and when the market opened wheat was offered nearly as cent of yesterday's close. Following this sharp fluctuation the market was what might be called a "herce" market. At one time the price was worked back up close under 80c, but here it turned for another sharp decline. The market broke over a cent and a half on the nerves of the average small trader. Still there is this advantage, that a trader can get "quick action" if that is what he is after.

In connection with the bull market incident comes to light this morning of a man who started a week ago with \$10 and now has \$5,500. The man is a resident of a local commission house. Last Saturday this man bought ten calls—and came down town on Monday to find the market higher. He carried the calls to the close and sold it on the curb at a profit. This gave him some capital to work on and his career since then has been the most remarkable of "herce" headed luck known in many a day. All his trades have turned him profits. He has been an uncompromising bull and having now a satisfactory credit in lots of 100,000 bushels. His friends here are all betting that he says he will sell at a bushel and he proposes to be around at that time. Even the broker who is trading for him has advised conservatism, but he says conservatism is a good word for women and children, and he knows his business.

WELL KNOWN HERE

Julia Tostevin the Girl Who Was Shot at Austin, Mont.

Julia Tostevin, daughter of J. B. Tostevin, who is postmaster of Austin, Mont., the girl who was shot by Charles Lindquist in a fit of jealousy, Nov. 25, formerly resided here, where she had many friends. Her father was for a long time a prominent contractor here. She was Tostevin's daughter and was getting along nicely and it is said that she will undoubtedly recover.

Lindquist, the man who did the shooting, is the brother of one of the leading merchants of Austin, and was to marry Miss Tostevin. Thanksgiving week he returned from Wyoming where he had been looking after ranching. Upon his arrival he went into the postoffice where Miss Tostevin was at work.

"Julia, are you going to the Thanksgiving ball with me?" asked Lindquist. The girl replied in the negative. This angered the man and, pulling his pistol, he fired twice, one bullet taking effect in the girl's left breast and the other in her right. Then he turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting a wound from which he died in three hours.

The girl had had time to cut out her affections to a mining man of wealth.

FINE ARTS OFFICERS

Directors of the Society Elect—The Braun Photographs.

The directors of the Society of Fine Arts met yesterday afternoon and completed the organization of the new board by the election of the following officers: President, J. R. Vanderlip; vice president, E. C. Gale; secretary, Mrs. E. L. Carpenter; treasurer, Mrs. Fredrick Payne. The finance, auditing and school committees were appointed. It is probable the annual exhibition will be postponed until next fall, as that is believed to be a more suitable for securing important pictures. The fine collection of Braun photographs at the library will remain for a week or ten days longer and the gallery will be lighted from 4 to 6 in order that the works may be seen to advantage. The exhibition is free to all, the only profit to the art society being from the commissions on orders for duplicates.

TO FORM VAN SANT

The Governors' Commissioners Begin Megard Investigation.

REQUEST FOR DELAY IS DENIED

Point Made That the Governor Can't Recognize Acts Committed Under Lind's Administration.

The Megard investigation, set on foot by Governor Van Sant, opened yesterday before Commissioners Thomas H. Salmon and Robert Stratton, despite the fact that Mr. Megard's attorney, Judge John H. Steele, asked for a further delay. Judge Steele explained that his partner, Mr. Merrill, had familiarized himself with the case to come before the commissioners while he himself had devoted his attention to the criminal cases and the hearing before the supreme court, yesterday. Mr. Merrill, he said, was engaged in the trial of a case in the district court and could not be present. He then asked that the matter be continued three days.

Assistant County Attorney C. L. Smith stated that he had a number of witnesses to produce outside the city, and asked for the matter to be taken up immediately. He called attention to the fact that the county would be under an expense of about \$100 a day while evidence was taken or not, and said he did not believe the hearing should be needlessly prolonged at public expense.

Bills Placed in Evidence.

After considerable wrangling back and forth between the attorneys, the commissioners decided to begin work; and the remainder of the morning session was devoted to the identifying and placing in evidence Megard's bills during the years 1899 and 1900. These bills were received subject to the objection of Judge Steele, who contended that the governor had no power to remove an official for misdeeds committed during a previous term of office, and that the bills were consequently irrelevant and immaterial.

Mrs. McMillan's right to pass on this question, gentlemen," said Commissioner Stratton; "but if we did I am inclined to think Mr. Salmon and I would agree with Judge Steele."

"If you ruled that way you would be wrong," retorted Mr. Smith. "I have prepared a lengthy brief on that point, but don't want to take the time to present it."

"Possibly we would," replied Mr. Stratton. "We all make mistakes. The bills will be received, subject to the objection of the attorneys present."

The outside witnesses present, none of whom were called this morning, were treasurers and auditors of counties other than Hennepin, who had been subpoenaed to give evidence in the Megard case. Money which, it is claimed, Mr. Megard neglected to turn over to Hennepin county, was required by law. They will be heard later.

An Expensive Hearing.

Before it is concluded the investigation begun this morning will cost Hennepin county several thousand dollars. This fact has given rise to considerable criticism. It is pointed out that the governor would be justified in removing Mr. Megard from office in the event of his conviction on a criminal charge; and that the present investigation can scarcely be expected to attract district court cases by more than a few days. Thus, in the event of Mr. Megard's conviction on any one of the several charges made against him, the investigation itself would be unnecessary.

Superintendent Merrill Called.

At the opening of the afternoon session, Judge Steele asked to have stricken from the record all parts of the bills introduced except those items alleged to be incorrect. Mr. Smith replied that it was necessary to get the specifications clearly before referring to the totals. An exception was taken.

Sheriff Megard's bill against the county is the subject of the bill during the present year, and during his present term in office, were introduced, subject to objection on the part of the respondent, as the sheriff is known in this proceeding.

G. A. Merrill, superintendent of the state school at Owatonna, was the first witness called whose testimony was other than preparatory to the proceedings. Mr. Merrill produced a copy made from the school records, showing the name, age and date of reception of each child received at the school from Hennepin county since January 1st and was sworn to by the respondent.

After the names of Bill Nye, the reading of which caused a ripple of laughter to run around the room.

FRUIT DOESN'T FREEZE

Commission Men in Doubt About Long Season.

The commission men do not know whether to feel elated over the long season this year or not. They say that if the weather were colder it would help all business and that what helps one helps all. It is pleasant to handle perishable stuff at this time of the year without fear of its being bitten by the cold. For several years past winter has begun in earnest during November. Now nearly a month later it is still possible to leave a box of fruit on the sidewalk two hours without fear if its being frozen. The crop of oranges is the best in many years, and at the weather office every day and as long as he reports mild weather in sight they are not anxious. Wintry weather does freeze a lot of small firms, thus leaving the business for the big houses.

"MY YOUNG MAN"

Subject of Dr. Bristol's Lecture in Y. M. C. A. Course.

A week from to-night Dr. Frank Bristol will lecture in the Y. M. C. A. course at Association hall on "My Young Man." This lecture will be the first of a series of lectures in this fine course. Dr. Bristol is one of the most accomplished speakers in the country. But first and foremost he is earnest and his lectures are so interesting that he will persuade him to give more than a certain limited time to the lecture platform. For three years now he has been pastor of a great church in Washington, and he owes to it being arduous and exacting. Dr. Bristol is a simple, earnest, straightforward speaker who makes a profound impression. His lectures are heavily laden with matter; they are solid and yet fascinating.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Salvation Army Prepares for Its Annual "Spread."

Following the custom of the Salvation Army, Lieutenant Colonel Margetta, who is in charge of the work in this province, purposes with the help of the good people of Minneapolis, to give a dinner to the poor of the city. The colonel asks the co-operation of the citizens. The Salvation Army has had much experience in the past in this kind of work, and is thoroughly capable of distributing such dinners in the most practical manner. Colonel Margetta expects to feed 2,750 persons on Christmas Day. In addition to the dinner at headquarters several hundred baskets of food will be sent to poor families of the city. Each basket is to contain provision for five.

The commanding officer announces that donations of food, money, clothing, or anything that can be utilized to help the needy will be gratefully received. Remittances should be sent to Lieutenant Colonel J. E. Margetta, 622 Bank of Minneapolis building. Food, supplies, coal, etc., should be taken to 218 Hennepin avenue, the Salvation Army hall.

NEW BANKING IDEA

An Imposing Financial Plan Is Now Being Perfected.

ALL BANKERS TO CO-OPERATE

Among Other Things the New Company Will Undertake Inspection of Commercial Paper.

A project big with possibilities for Minneapolis and the northwest is now being weighed and put in shape in the minds of several Minneapolis bankers. Prominent men of New York and Chicago are also interested.

Nothing is definitely decided on yet, and the men interested therefore decline to give out any details, but in general terms the idea may be called a "bankers' investment company." It will be a federation of city and country banks for mutual safety. It will have no interest in a banking trust, with an autocratic head; neither will it be a clearing house. When it begins work, which will be about Jan. 1, it may not seem to do many things, but the ultimate result is a new company to protect banks against doubtful commercial paper. In the course of business, as it is now run, banks have to accept collateral merely on the word of some other bank, or of a customer. The new company will supply its constituent banks with all the necessary information, and will see to it that they have none but absolutely safe collateral. It will minimize the risks of banking.

Again, it will be a guarantee for all banks which it is connected. In time of commercial stringency all banks have to call in their deposits and their loans. There is a general liquidation, fraught with loss and inconvenience. The new company would stand behind each bank. It would know the weak spots and reinforce them, without any general upheaval.

From these points for a beginning the idea may work out in many directions. Without doubt, it will make Minneapolis in a positive sense more than ever the commercial center of the northwest. It will enlist both city and country banks, and everything will begin and end at Minneapolis.

There has been much preliminary correspondence and one meeting. At a later meeting details will be decided. That something will be done those interested feel assured.

One thing is certain, that if the company is formed its executive head will be R. S. Flynn, now president of the Second National bank of St. Paul. Mr. Flynn is conducting the preliminary operations. S. R. Flynn, now president of the Second National Jan. 1. He declined to discuss the venture this morning, saying that things were in too indefinite a shape to make the new institution a bank, and it is not the central bank advocated by A. B. Stickney. It does, however, aim to accomplish some of the things Mr. Stickney has in mind.

A FUND IS STARTED

Money Already Coming In for the McKinley Memorial.

POSTMASTERS GOING TO WORK Big Contributions Are Not Solicited—Promoters Want the Masses Represented.

The Minnesota State auxiliary of the McKinley Memorial association has received contributions aggregating \$140 to be applied to the monument to be erected in memory of the late martyred president, Thomas A. McKinley, of Minneapolis. The list with \$100. Other contributions are: Chief Justice Strat, St. Paul, \$10; George Whitney, of the G. A. R., Spring Valley, Minn., \$5; M. E. C. Dalley, Garfield Circle, G. A. R., Duluth, \$5; E. R. Johnstone, of the Times, Minneapolis, \$5; Postmaster S. B. Lovejoy, \$5. The officers of the association have addressed letters to every postmaster in Minnesota, requesting them to co-operate in the project, and to make a list of names and addresses of persons in their communities who would be apt to subscribe and possibly circulate a subscription paper among their friends. Such a list being prepared, the names of the county chairmen and by him to the headquarters at Minneapolis. The national trustees purpose furnishing to every contributor a seal.

CLAIMS OF THE STATE

Proffered Compromises to Be Considered by a Commission.

Governor Van Sant has named Charles M. Start, chief justice of the supreme court, and Calvin R. Brown, associate justice, to sit with Attorney General Douglas as a commission to consider three compromise propositions.

The first proposition is the sureties of Joseph Bobleter, former state treasurer, who offer to pay \$22,000 toward settling his shortage, which will be reduced by the sale of assets now in the state's hands to somewhat less than \$30,000.

The second proposition is from Colonel Bobleter himself. He offers to pay \$5,000 on the shortage, which will about wipe it out. He is unable to do more, but will settle at the end of three years, with interest.

Last is the offer of the sureties on the bond of the Marine National bank of Duluth, which failed in October, 1899, with \$5,140.80 in its hands. Dividends have reduced this amount to \$1,771. Most of the assets are intact, and the others not in a condition to pay much. J. E. Johnson, on behalf of himself and A. E. Wolvin, D. S. Scott and T. E. Searle, offer to pay for \$88,778. Attorney General Douglas recommends acceptance of this offer, as he did the other two.

Under the law, the commission named by the governor has full power to investigate and accept or reject the offers on behalf of the state.

CHRISTMAS TREE CROP

Supply Is Light, but There Will Be Enough.

The crop of Christmas trees is lighter this time of the year than usual. Although the layman there are apparently huge stocks of trees on the sidewalks packed for shipment to the towns and villages in the public square. The trees are light. It is all because the Wisconsin swamps are not frozen and it is very hard for the tamarack farmer to get about among the trees. When there should be at least twenty-five car loads of evergreens on hand only nine have been received. A good part of this is the material packed for shipment to the prairie lands where a tree is seen only at Yule tide. Minneapolis will use at least thirty cars of Christmas trees this year. A carload averages nearly 3,000 trees.

ARID LANDS

Hansbrough-Newlands Bills Made a Basis of Action.

Washington, Dec. 11.—At a conference of the senators and representatives interested in the legislation for the irrigation of arid lands it was decided to make the Hansbrough-Newlands bill the basis of action. This measure is now being perfected for united support. It provides that the proceeds of the sales of public lands shall be set aside as a fund for arid lands reclamation and irrigation.

AN UNMATCHED LAW AND AN UNEQUALLED RECORD.

The most prominent features of the famous Massachusetts insurance law are that it guarantees policy holders their proper equity every year and that it limits expenses by prohibiting Tontine speculation.

The practical results are illustrated by the record of one of the oldest policies in the United States, a \$5,000 life policy issued by THE STATE MUTUAL OF WORCESTER, MASS., to the late Charles A. Dana, who died in 1897. He paid the company fifty premiums aggregating \$2,307.48, and his estate received \$5,945—insurance for fifty years and \$2.27 returned for each dollar received, the dividends averaging 56 per cent through the fifty years.

That these dividends were not from forfeitures, but that Mr. Dana's equity and that of every other policy holder was legally guarded every year, makes the record absolutely unique. Your age and address to either of the undersigned will secure a specimen policy with full particulars.

C. W. VAN TUYL, GENERAL AGENT, 505-9 Lumber Exchange. SPECIAL AGENTS: AUGUSTUS WARREN, GEORGE B. GRAVES, GEO. A. AINSWORTH, ALLEN R. BEACH, JOHN E. CALHOUN, GEO. L. NICHOLS, Fergus Falls, Minn.

90 BOYS YOU WILL ENJOY THE 90 BOYS

"Boys' Concert"

Thursday Evening at Century Hall.

90 Boys will Play and Sing

A splendid musical program by "nearly a century of clever youngsters," including