CITY NEWS

Newsboys' Band at S. S.—The Journal Newsboys' band will play at the New Century Sunday school at Century hall Sunday, at 3 p. m.

Mme. Sarah Grand Is Here—Mme. Sarah Grand, the distinguished English author and lecturer, arrived in Minneapolis yesterday and is being entertained at the residence of Thomas Lowry. At Plymouth church, this evening, she will deliver the first of the new century lectures, her theme being, "Mere Man." A large and fashionable audience is assured.

Peter Selvalo Dies—Peter Selvalo of Cokato, Minn., died at the city hospital last night of delirium tremens. Last Friday Selvado engaged a room at the Nicollet Hotel and locked himself in, refusing to eat or to communicate with any one. Sunday he was taken out by force and removed to the city hospital, where he refused to talk. A brother, Isaac Selvalo of Cokato, has been notified of the death.

County Plumbing Bill Held Up—The plumbing bill of Wilkins & Co., of $770, on the final estimate for the plumbing at the poor farm has been protested by the Taxpayers' league, and the county attorney has appealed to the district court from the order of the county commissioners allowing it. The amount of the contract was $3,200, of which only $1,000 has been paid.

Burglars in a Drug Store—The drug store of Marchbank & Son, 1024 Hennepin avenue, was entered by burglars early yesterday morning. While the thieves were at work they were discovered by Mr. Maas, a caterer, whose place of business is next door, and ran, taking about $50 worth of goods but leaving other property valued at about $200 piled on a counter.

Call for $20,000 Bonds—The Twin City Rapid Transit company has issued a call for $20,000 of Minneapolis street railway first mortgage bonds, to be redeemed at $105, at the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, in New York. These are a part of the issue of 1880. The Twin City Rapid Transit company redeems $20,000 of the issue each year, the bonds being chosen by lot.

A Trip Through Palestine — Rev. Father Danehy, the new pastor of St. Stephen's church, Twenty-second and Clinton, will deliver his famous illustrated lecture at the church, Sunday evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Auxiliary Club, recently formed. The lecture is entitled, "A Trip Through the Holy Land." The proceeds will be turned into the building fund.

Water Dep't to Flood Rinks—Skating facilities are not furnished by the park board other than on the regular parks, and those who want vacant lots flooded should apply to the city waterworks. Water can be secured about once a month, providing the lots are not too close together and the flooding of the places will in no way interfere with the rights of residents.

Megaarden Com'rs Rested—No evidence was taken in the Sheriff Megaarden examination to-day. Commissioners Stratton and Salmon were on hand, but C. L. Smith, assistant county attorney, and Judge J. H. Steele, counsel for the sheriff, were not present. The commissioners sat around until noon, tinkering various items, when they adjourned until to-morrow morning.

New Name a Mascot — St. Anthony Falls' station has a far better record than Station A in the way of general business. Postmaster Lovejoy reports that since the name of the station was changed and the new office was opened there has been a remarkable increase in business. More stamps are sold, more mail sent through the office, more money orders sold, and, in fact, every branch of the business is on the boom. The East Siders have shown in a substantial manner their approval of the two changes.

A Chance for Some Girl—Some young girl familiar with the city may find profitable employment by applying to the Union mission, 229 Washington avenue S. One of the cases in which Superintendent C. M. Stocking is interested is that of a young lady who is blind and who is anxious to earn her own living. She has been experimenting as a canvasser for books and has met most encouraging success, but needs some one to guide her about the city. Superintendent Stocking wishes to find some girl to act as a guide and share in the profits from the book sales.

Who Released Briggs—It may come to pass that Superintendent of the Workhouse Al McDonald will be compelled to do a little explaining. Some one may want to know on what authority he allowed Fred Briggs to go down town last Monday to get his teeth fixed. Some one at the workhouse reported that Judge Elliott made an order to the effect that Briggs should be permitted to go down town. Judge Elliott denies that he ever made such an order and inquiry to Clerk Royce, of the criminal court, shows that no such order has been made. On the contrary, Superintendent McDonald applied to Judge McGee for such an order and was promptly turned down.

THE ZIER FUNERAL

Services Held at the Residence on Fourth Avenue South.

Funeral services for the late Dr. E. B. Zier were held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday at the residence, 815 Fourth avenue S. A brief funeral sermon was given by Rev. S. D. Hutsinpiller, pastor of the Hennepin Avenue Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member. There was a large company of friends and relatives present, many fellow-members of the church and representatives of the civic orders to which Dr. Zier belonged, although the latter did not attend in a body.

The floral contributions were numerous and very beautiful. The local lodge of Elks, of which Dr. Zier was a prominent member and at one time exalted ruler, offered a beautiful emblem of the order in white roses, with the figures "44," the number of the lodge, in purple, making a handsome combination of the colors of the order. The Knights of Pythias and the Masons, of which deceased was a member, also sent floral designs, while the contributions of personal friends of Dr. Zier were almost numberless.

After the brief services at the residence, the remains were taken to Lakewood cemetery for interment.

MRS. MARY E. WERTZ, aged 65 years, mother of George Wertz, clerk at the Nicollet Hotel, died early yesterday at the St. Mary's hospital. Mrs. Wertz has lived with a daughter, at Dodge Center, Minn., for several years, but since last August had visited at the home of her son, 1708 First avenue S. She had been ailing for several weeks and a short time ago was taken to the hospital, where she underwent an operation yesterday. The remains were taken to Dodge Center last night.

P. J. THOMPSON, age 36 years, who has been ill of typhoid fever at the city hospital since Nov. 28, died last night. He had requested that relatives at Hancock, Iowa, be notified. Deceased was an Odd Fellow and members of the order in Minneapolis will care for the body until arrangements are made for burial.

MARIE EVERSON, daughter of E. M. and Sarah Everson, died Wednesday morning, of tuberculosis, at her home, 5600 Prairie avenue, Chicago. Funeral services were held at the residence to-day at 2 p. m.

MRS. ALEX McLEAN, aged 42 years, died suddenly, Tuesday, Dec. 10, at her home, 2016 Oakland avenue. Funeral this morning. Interment at Calvary cemetery, St. Paul.

JOHN B. HEFFERN, aged 60, died Dec. 10, at his home, 1110 Third avenue S. Funeral from the residence to-day at 2:30 p. m. Interment at Black River Falls, Wis.

AN ANNOYING JOKE

J. C. Eliel Says He's Not a Candidate for Mayor.

"It is a poor joke, but none the less a most annoying one," answered J. C. Eliel this morning when asked regarding the announcement of his candidacy for mayor as reported by a morning paper to-day. "There is absolutely nothing in it," Mr. Eliel declared. He said:

There has been about enough of this sort of talk. When I get ready to announce my candidacy for any office it will be made over my own signature and not through the medium of outsiders who don't know what they are talking about.

It will be remembered that Mr. Eliel was approached before the last campaign and asked to become a candidate. His reply was that if he could be assured of a unanimous nomination and election and a salary of $20,000 a year he would consider the matter.

REHEARING DENIED

In Case Involving the Lake Minnetonka Assessments.

A motion for a rehearing of the case of J. F. McGee against the county commissioners of Hennepin county, argued before the supreme court by Judge W. A. Lancaster, has been denied and the stay of proceedings vacated. This is the action to set aside the assessments on Lake Minnetonka property to pay for the expense of the famous dam.

TO ENTERTAIN N. E A.

Work of Raising a Convention Fund Will Soon Begin.

ABOUT $10,000 WILL BE NEEDED

The Work Will Be in Charge of the Commercial Club Finance Committee.

It is estimated that the entertainment of the National Educational association next July will cost Minneapolis about $10,000, and the finance committee of the Commercial Club will soon begin work raising that amount. As a business proposition, the National Educational association convention is the best of any of the national gatherings. Compared to other conventions from which the city or business men realize but a small portion of the benefit they will from this gathering, the expense connected with it is small. Every effort is to be made to secure a big attendance. It is believed that the high water mark reached by the Los Angeles convention, over 13,000, will be equalled here.

The convention committee has decided to locate the numerous exhibits of the book publishing concerns at the Exposition building, rather than at the West Hotel, as at first planned. All of the available hotel room will be required by the delegates. Some reservations have already been made. The Wisconsin delegation has booked quarters at the West.

The Commercial Club now has a waiting list of eighty members. This is an increase of thirty in two months. Thirty visitors from various sections of the country registered at the club yesterday.

The headquarters of the public affairs committee will probably be changed from the fifth to the seventh floor of the Andrus building.

TEN SWIFT BOATS

To Be Built for Racing at Minnetonka Next Summer.

ALL WILL BE EXACTLY ALIKE

Owners Will Sail Series of Ten Races to See Who Is Best Skipper.

Yachting will be given a great impetus at Minnetonka next summer by the addition of ten fast cat boats. Ten well-known lake dwellers have placed their orders with R. C. Moore, the Wayzata builder, for the construction of cat boats along identical lines. The yachts will be of exactly the same model, size and finish, and are to be completed May 1. They will then be put in the water at Minnetonka, where the ten owners will pick their boats by lot.

It will be a unique departure on record at the lake, and should result in an infusion of that old-time racing spirit which in years past has made the Minnetonka Yacht Club famous among inland yachting associations. It will be the man, not the boat, who will be depended upon to carry off the honors.

The men who have placed orders with Moore are: Russell M. Bennett, A. M. Robertson, Charles Gluek, E. L. Carpenter, Roy Thompson, E. S. Hicks, A. C. Paul, W. K. Morison, C. S. Hulbert and one other.

Instead of vying with each other to see who can secure the fastest racing machine, it will be entirely a contest of seamanship between the ten enthusiasts. All other things being equal, they will see who among them is the cleverest skipper and who knows best how to take advantage of the wind and wave.

The plan now is to sail ten races on ten successive Saturdays. Each owner will sail his own boat in the first race. In succeeding races will alternate with the other boats. The boats will cost $265 each.

The keels will be of selected white oak, properly sided, moulded and rabbitted to receive planking. The stem and stern posts will be of clear oak, all securely bolted together. The ribs will be of white oak. The frame will be handsomely finished with an idea to comfort and convenience without too great a sacrifice of speed.

The dimensions of the boats will be: Length over all, 26 feet; beam, 7 feet 6 inches; length of water line, 20 feet; draught, center board down, 4 feet; sail area, 450 square feet.

THE FOOTBALL DINNER

IT WILL BE GIVEN DECEMBER 18

Among Speakers Will Be President Northrop, Dr. Burton, Dr. Williams and Prof. Jones.

Minnesota's football heroes, who upheld the state "U.'s" prestige on the gridiron in the hard schedule of 1901, will gather around the banquet board at the West hotel, Thursday evening, Dec. 19, for the annual "football dinner," to be given in their honor by the board of athletic control of the university. A committee consisting of George K. Belden, Professor H. F. Nachtrieb and John Flynn have the matter in charge. The list of speakers has not been definitely decided upon, but it will include President Northrop, Dr. H. S. Williams, Professor F. S. Jones, Dr. Richard Burton and prominent alumni and students. Plates have been placed at $2. A number of invitations have been issued by the committee, but arrangements have also been made whereby football enthusiasts who wish to attend may do so by handing in their names to the committee. One of the announcements of great interest to be made at the time of the banquet is that of the choice of a captain for 1902. For this position there are several candidates, among them John Flynn, Charles Fee and Gilmore Dobie. The diners in years past have been very pleasant affairs and that of 1901 promises to be no exception.

MIEX HAS GROWN WISE

Couldn't Be Persuaded to Indorse Draft to Big Mitt Men.

Roman Miex, who lost $775 to "big mit" men, has been interviewed by a lawyer for the gamblers, who, by coaxing, strong argument and, finally, threats, tried to get him to sign over the draft to the possessor. The person now holding the draft, the lawyer said, was an honest person, and if payment was refused he would bring suit against the American bank on which the draft is drawn. Miex was offered $385 if he would allow the draft to be honored. The victim of the "big mitt" men had received some sage counsel and turned down all the offers of settlement. He has gone to his home in Alpena, Mich.

MERCER RETIRES

Indian Agent at Leech Lake Complimented by the Indian Commissioner.

Mercer Retires at His Own Request, Desiring to Join His Regiment.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Captain W. A. Mercer, Eighth cavalry, will be relieved of his duties as Indian agent at Leech Lake, Minn., by Major George L. Scott, of the Sixth cavalry, about Jan. 1. He is directed to report to Adjutant General Corbin for orders. It is believed that he will be assigned to duty with his regiment, with possibly a short leave of absence. Captain Mercer has been relieved at his own request, according to war department officials. The latter are especially emphatic in declaring that this is the only reason for his going back to his regiment.

Secretary Hitchcock could not be seen, but in his office a statement was given out that there had been no friction between him and Captain Mercer. On the other hand it is said that their relations have been most cordial and that he has carried out the secretary's instructions to the letter, and the latter regrets exceedingly that he is forced to part with a most efficient subordinate.

Indian Commissioner Jones, with whom Captain Mercer has been more intimately associated in an official way than with the secretary, said:

Captain Mercer has been relieved at his own request. He is a young man in comparatively low rank in the service and felt it to be to his own interest to be with his own regiment. When an officer is on detail duty, as Captain Mercer has been, he loses touch and probably impairs his chances for promotion. Officers in active service are disposed to find fault because any one of their number is allowed to stay away from his command. There was a disposition to do this in Captain Mercer's case. This criticism is unjust, however.

When the Spanish war broke out Captain Mercer filed a request to be relieved from detail and sent back to his regiment. He had just gone to Leech Lake, where he was sent from Nebraska to carry out a definite policy of this office. On my advice, therefore, Secretary Bliss specially urged that Captain Mercer be allowed to remain in Minnesota, and his application was denied. Several times since then he has asked to be relieved, the last time about three months ago. He was then winding up his investigation of dead-and-down operations and no action was taken because Secretary Hitchcock asked the secretary of war to allow Captain Mercer to remain in the Indian service until that investigation had been concluded and the controversy with the lumbermen settled. That has just been done, and no other objection was made to his leaving service.

Captain Mercer has made a good agent. He has administered the law strictly and without favor to any one. We regret losing him, but realize that it is to his interest to go back to active service.

Was Between Two Fires.

The foregoing is the first reason for Captain Mercer's relief. A secondary consideration, however, is the fact that he found himself between the upper and nether millstones toward the latter part of the dead-and-down operations. He was being ground by the Indians on top and the lumbermen on the bottom. At the conclusion of the dead-and-down operations last spring the Indians declared that the lumbermen had cut a large amount of green timber. They declared Captain Mercer was permitting the fraud and passed resolutions condemning his administration. He made an investigation and found the Indians' allegations as to green timber were true. Then he got after the contractors. He found out by special investigation that they had cut millions of feet of green timber. He demanded payment for this and forced nearly all of the contractors to pay for the illegal cut.

This made him unpopular with him and certain of them have, it is said, attempted to circulate stories reflecting on his administration. Officers of the department say that these stories were investigated before consent was given for his transfer and found to be untrue. Between these two forces Captain Mercer has had an unpleasant time lately, and was all the more anxious to get away on that account. Captain Mercer is thoroughly disgusted at the way in which his attempts to reach an honest and fair settlement of the timber question have been received in Minnesota, and will be glad to shake the dust of Minnesota off his feet.

Major George L. Scott, his successor, is familiar with logging operations. He was agent at La Pointe for some time and was sent from there to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, about four years ago.

Knox's Knomination.

It is said to-day that Senator Hoar consented to the holding up of the appointment of Attorney General Knox because Jones, Tillman and other democratic senators insisted that the anti-trust people should be given a chance to present their charges. If this chance were not given, the democratic leaders said they would feel justified in trying to prevent confirmation. They will probably vote against it, in any event, but it is understood that they will not resort to unfair tactics should the charge of the antitrust people prove weak.

—W. W. Jermane.

BROWN SEEKS LICENSE

The "Captain" of Theater Comique Fame Will Run Saloon.

Captain W. W. Brown of Theater Comique fame, more recently manager of the notorious Columbia theater, and Sodini's right-hand man, has filed an application with the city clerk for license to conduct a saloon at 206 Washington avenue S, next door to the Columbia, and his accompanying affidavit declares that he intends to superintend the business personally and carry it on for himself and not as the agent of any other person. He also swears that the rooms in which he will carry on the business is not adjacent to any building wherein theatrical or variety entertainments of any kind are now being conducted.

Captain Brown's application will come before the license committee to-morrow morning and will probably be refused, or at least held up for investigation. This will hardly worry him, as applications for liquor licenses are quite unnecessary in doubtful cases. It is the practice of the mayor to furnish those who are turned down by the council with so-called transferred licenses. Only the few in closest touch with the administration have any idea how many saloons are now running under these transferred licenses. Sodini's Columbia joint is one. His license expired in July and he has since been doing business under the protection of a license issued to his friend Scatena for 109 Nicollet avenue.

Honest Sweeper Finds a Gem

A. G. Shattuck, who represents the wholesale grocery firm of Anthony Kelly & Co., does not believe that virtue should always be "its own reward." When notified Monday that Harry Anderson, employed at the Union station, Milwaukee, had found a valuable diamond pin, lost by the former during the Elks convention in the Wisconsin city, Mr. Shattuck very promptly mailed the car cleaner $25.

Mr. Shattuck, who is a member of the Minneapolis lodge of Elks, accompanied the Minneapolis delegation to Milwaukee during the recent convention. In some unaccountable way he lost the pin on a Wisconsin Central car while en route. He promptly notified the company's officials of his loss and a systematic search was commenced.

No trace of the diamond was found until a week ago when Anderson found the pin at Milwaukee in a pile of sweepings and rubbish that had been removed from sleeping cars. The pin was forwarded to Mr. Shattuck, who at once showed his appreciation of Anderson's honesty in substantial fashion.

A BIG 'PHONE DEAL

Bell Interests About to Acquire the Erie Properties.

OLD COLONY TRUST CO. AT WORK

It Is Soon to Issue a Circular Giving Details of Plans for Acquisition.

Much credence is given the report of the absorption of the Erie Telegraph and Telephone company by the American Telegraph and Telephone company, better known as the Bell company, in eastern financial circles. These reports have been in circulation since January of last year, but it is believed that the Bell company has finally made a definite move in that direction. It is said that a circular announcing the terms of the deal will soon be issued.

The Erie company will thus be taken out of the field of independents. This company owns 74 per cent of the Cleveland Telephone company, 84 per cent of the Northwestern Telephone Exchange company and 82 per cent of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company, operating in Ohio, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Texas and Arkansas.

It is said the Bell company will acquire a controlling interest in the stock of the subsidiary company and pay off the Erie indebtedness. The capital stock of the Erie company is a little more than $10,000,000. Another $5,000,000 of stock was offered to the public, but it was not taken up to any great extent, and the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable company was unable to take its half. Only a very small amount of the new issue was taken up by the stockholders at par.

Old Colony Trust Co. Interested.

The Erie people found themselves burdened with a debt of $7,000,000 and efforts were made to finance the company at Philadelphia. These were unsuccessful, and the company went back to Boston for assistance. The Old Colony Trust company, one of the strongest financial concerns in the country, the chairman of whose board of directors was a director of the Bell Telephone company, and one of whose vice-presidents was from the Erie board, undertook the task in order to prevent any friction in the internal affairs of the company. Two syndicates were formed by Boston capitalists. One of these loaned the Erie company $7,500,000, holding $10,000,000 worth of stock in the subcompanies as collateral at the rate of about 6¼ per cent.

The other syndicate purchased about 20,000 shares of Erie stock from the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable Company of America for $100 per share. These shares, together with 21,000 shares held by the Cable company, were put into a voting trust to control the property in accordance with the wishes of the gentlemen who had advanced the money. This trust is to continue for a period of two years from Jan. 1, 1901, the voting trustees being Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., Charles E. Cotting and George P. Gardner.

Erie Interests Acquired.

At the first meeting of the corporation after the formation of the voting trust nine of the old directors retired and the Boston interests were placed in control. Last April the Erie dividend was passed, pending an investigation of affairs of the company. The report of the experts made last May stated that the cost of reproducing the property exclusive of the franchises and rights of way would be $26,300,000. Since then the company has paid no dividend. The general office has been moved from Lowell, Mass., to Boston in order, as generally understood, to suit the convenience of the Boston syndicate managing the company.

Several of the directors in the new board of the Eric company are stockholders in the American Telephone and Telegraph company. Although the bankers' syndicate as such was not in any way interested in the stock purchase at the time of the change in the directorate, it was expected that the American Telephone and Telegraph company would take over the Erie property. While no definite announcment has been made, it is the general belief in Boston business circles that this step is now to be taken, making the Erie an integral part of the greater company. This is to be accomplished, it is believed, by assessing of Erie stockholders to pay up the Erie indebtedness and taking over the securities now held by the syndicate.

The new Erie directors in January authorized an issue of 5 per cent one year notes to the amount of $7,500,000, to be secured by the stock and notes of the subsidiary companies owned by the Erie. These were not all issued, however, but from time to time there have been such isting floating debt and make provisions isteing floating debt and make provisions for needed expenses. The reorganization will be effected by the Old Colony Trust company, upon terms to be announced in a circular soon to be issued.

MIXED FLOUR

Senator Mason Shows How Admirably the Law Works.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington.

Washington, Dec. 13.—While Senator Mason was explaining to the senate to-day how it happened that certain manufacturers of champagne were franking his campaign speech of last year to all parts of the country as an "ad," he made some important allusions to results following the enforcement of the mixed flour law. This law was Congressman Tawney's creation, and his energy got it through congress. Senator Mason said that American flour exports for the past year had grown 80 per cent, as the direct result. This law is a certificate to a European country that American flour is not adulterated.

Mason read letters from flour dealers in twelve large cities of Europe, and every letter said that the mixed flour law would do more to increase the demand for the American product than every other cause for ten years combined. Nearly all the mixed flour manufacturers, Mason said, had been forced to close their doors since the law went into effect and the total output was now so small as to give the legitimate trade no cause for worry.

Russell Not Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Sol Smith Russell is greatly annoyed because of recent newspaper reports regarding her husband's physical condition and is anxious to have them denied. She says he is not suffering with locomotor ataxia and has no symptoms of it. Nearly every day he goes out for a long walk and his general condition is much improved since the family returned to Washington early in the fall.

To-day when I called to see her at Hotel Richmond, Mr. Russell was in the barber shop being shaved. He sees no callers and has seen none for a year, but this is no indication of any new turn for the worse. Mr. Russell, she says, is suffering with nervous prostration and his case is aggravated, but she is very hopeful, and says there was no justification for the present newspaper articles.

—W. W. Jermane.

"DEKES" IN SESSION.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Delta Kappa Upsilon fraternity held its annual convention here to-day. The morning session was devoted to temporary organization. A delegation called on President Roosevelt and Secretary Long, both of whom are fellow members. They received the delegation cordially. Mark H. Dunnell, who was in the party, was one of Secretary Long's instructors at the naval academy. Permanent organization was effected this afternoon.

NICKEL PLATE

307 NICOLLET AVENUE.

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS

Come and See the Largest Assortment in the West

Handsome new leathers including, monkey skin, elephant, walrus, seal goat, morocco, alligator and natural calfskin, tanned with hair on. We have some beautiful patterns never before shown.

Men's tan goat, hand turned opera and Everett slippers..... **$1.00**
Men's fine tan and black vici kid hand turned slippers—full kid lined..... **$1.50**
Men's red goat, hand turned slippers—kid lined..... **$2.00**
Men's finest seal goat hand turned slippers—extra quality..... **$2.50**
Men's beautiful brown and olive green alligator slippers, hand made.... **$3.00**
See our new Monkey-skin slippers, Red and Tan; finest slipper made **$3.50**
Something new — Calfskin tanned with the hair on. If you want something different, see these **$3.00**
Men's tan and black hand-turned Romeos—solid comfort..... **$1.50**
Men's fine red goat and tan vice kid Romeos, hand-made—beauty and comfort **$2.50**

Ladies' beautiful fur trimmed satin juliets in red, blue and black.... ..... **$1.50**
Ladies' hand sewed felt slippers in black and wine colors..... **$1.00**
Ladies' fur trimmed felt juliets, hand sewed soles, black, red and green **$1.50**
Ladies' brown and black fur trimmed felt juliets.. **98c**
Child's red and tan goat slippers. Made like gentlemen's **90c**
Boys' red and tan goat opera slippers, hand turned **$1.25**
Misses' red and black felt juliets, fur trimmed, hand turned..... **98c**
Child's red, black and green felt juliets, fur trimmed..... **85c**
Infants' quilted satin juliets, in red and black, fur trimmed, **75c**
Men's "Fausts" a new pattern, high cut without goring, full kid lined, hand sewed..... **$3.00**

Men's wine Russia calf opera, hand turned soles, for **$1.75**
Men's fine tan and black vici kid slippers, hand turned soles, kid lined **$2.00**
Men's black dongola opera and Everett, hand turned soles, only..... **$1.00**
Men's wine color, fine seal goat opera, full kid lined; beauties at..... **$2.00**
Men's blue and brown elephant skin slippers, a new leather. See them .. **$2.50**
Another new leather, walrus, hide, in a beautiful shade of tan; hand made..... **$3.00**
Men's finest patent vici kid slippers, all hand made, black beauties, at..... **$3.00**
Men's fine vici kid romeos, in black and wine Nessia calf; hand turned, at..... **$2.00**
Men's finest patent vici romeos; if you want the finest slippers, see these.... **$3.50**

A BATTLE OF WELLS

When One Was Pumped the Other Lost Water.

THE BORES HALF A MILE APART

Conditions Throw Some Light on the Possibility of an Artesian City Supply.

The University of Minnesota has temporarily gone back to the use of city water, and incidentally Professor N. H. Winchell's long cherished theory of an inexhaustible supply of water stored in the sandstone strata underneath the city has seemingly received a bad jolt.

About a year ago the university authorities, after failing to convince the water committee of the council of the injustice of its new scheme of charging the university for water, decided to try to get a supply from an artesian well, and the regents appropriated $3,500 for the purpose of sinking a well and putting in the necessary pumping equipment. One well was drilled to the depth of 820 feet and an apparently abundant supply of water obtained. The water came within about twenty feet of the surface.

Now, a little while before this, a well of about the same depth was sunk at the new Christian mill, a half a mile or so from the university. Here, also, the drillers struck an abundant flow. The pipe connecting the pump was put down about three feet below the surface of the water, and there was no apparent diminution of the supply after some weeks of operation. But soon after the university pump began business, the water at the mill well dropped down below the level of the pipe and the well went out of commission pending the addition of another three feet to the pipe. The pump was then put vigorously to work to make up for lost time, and then, strange to relate, the university people found themselves without water.

It thus became evident that there was an intimate connection betwene the two wells and that a heavy draft on the one was bound to affect the other. Nevertheless, the university authorities decided to meet the issue in the same manner as had the millers, and the work of extending the intake pipe another few feet downward is now in progress.

Prof. Hall's Theory.

Whether the see-saw will continue or not, none of the university savants can tell. In the opinion of Professor C. W. Hall, mineralogist of the university, there is no such unlimited supply of water beneath the city as Professor Winchell believes and he would not be surprised if the two wells kept up their game of see-saw indefinitely until one party or the other, tired of the rivalry, sinks another well. It is a most exceptional case, he says, and he is at a loss to understand it.

The will diggers are equally at a loss to account for the circumstance. They say that they have never met with such a condition in their operations in Minneapolis. There are about fifteen other wells of this same size and depth in Minneapolis and all of them furnish an abundant supply of water, apparently no less than at the start. The original capacity of the university and Christian wells was 200 gallons a minute.

LABOR AND SOCIALISM

USUAL CLASH APPARENTLY NEAR

Trade Unionists and Socialists of the Federation of Labor May Have a Conflict.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 13.—At to-day's session of the American Federation of Labor the report of the committee to which the president's report was referred indorsed nearly all of President Gompers' recommendations. In regard to the general defense fund the committee suggested that such a fund should be collected by local and national unions rather than by the federation, as suggested by Mr. Gompers. The report of the committee was adopted.

The looked-for conflict between the trade unionists and the socialists in the convention was almost precipitated by a motion to incorporate in the minutes a list of decisions handed down by the federation and state supreme courts against organized labor which was read by Max Hayes in his speech. President Gompers said that if the list was incorporated in the minutes there also should be a list of the victories of the unions printed along with it. He denounced the "attempt to stamp unionism as a failure an outrage." The motion was laid aside. Among the resolutions adopted were these:

That unions in the several states urge the passage of laws to compel constructors of machinery to cover all dangerous parts in such a way as to protect employes working around macinery, and calling on government officials to indorse the eight-hour law on government work in private shipyards.

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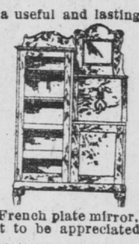

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State Capitol News

TO HELP BREAK GROUND

GOV. VAN SANT MAY VISIT ST. LOUIS

First Ceremony in Connection With 1903 Expo—Visit to Charleston Talked.

Governor Van Sant may go to St. Louis next week to represent the state at the formal breaking of ground for the Louisiana Purchase fair of 1903. A special invitation has been sent the governors of Louisiana Purchase states and unless something intervenes, Governor Van Sant will be in attendance.

The governor may also go to Charleston this winter, with other state officials. The exposition officials are arranging for a Minnesota Day, and in default of a regular exhibit, the governor may conclude to do what he can to advertise the state by his presence. He will confer with other state officials, and if they will join him, he will make the trip. There will be individual exhibits from Minnesota at Charleston, but there is no fund for a proper presentation of the state there. there.

ARMORY DEDICATION

Governor and Staff Will Attend That at Red Wing.

Red Wing's new armory is to be dedicated this evening with great ceremony. Governor Van Sant and staff, with several twin city officers of the National Guard, will go down in a special car to-morrow afternoon to take part in the ceremonies. The new armory cost $21,000, and was built entirely by the efforts of Company G. It is a handsome brick structure, 69x120 feet.

WITHDREW LETTER

Insurance Companies Respect Commissioners Dearth's Orders.

The insurance companies appear to have a wholesome respect for Minnesota's anti-trust law. Insurance Commissioner Dearth heard to-day from the two companies that tried to force Basford & Frost of Winona to cancel insurance on the Winona courthouse. The firm had written insurance at less than board rates, and the two companies wrote them to cancel the policies and join the board on penalty of losing their agencies.

Basford & Frost complained to the state insurance department, and Mr. Dearth wrote the companies, ordering them to withdraw the threatening letter. They have done so, and so informed him to-day. They write that they had no intention of violating the laws of Minnesota, and will not offend in the future.

The State an Heir.

The state has fallen heir to all the worldly goods of John Kelly of Hastings. Kelly was a peculiar character, a sort of hermit. He died intestate, and without any known relatives. He left a little personal property and a house and lot. The house rents for $2.50 a month. The state auditor received $97.35 today from the probate judge of Dakota county, the proceeds of Kelly's estate.

Katz Case Continued.

Hearing in the extradition case of Charles E. Katz, held in St. Paul and wanted in Omaha for forgery, has been postponed by mutual consent until Monday. It is probable that Katz will be held in Minnesota. There are several cases against him in the twin cities, and the police of each town are anxious to bring him to trial.

Normal Board Meeting.

The state normal school board will meet in Duluth Dec. 18 to arrange for the opening of the Duluth school Jan. 1, and to transact business in connection with the other normal schools of the state.

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