

CITY NEWS

Prince Henry's Regrets - Mayor Ames received a polite note from German Consul Webber of Chicago yesterday stating that from lack of time he could not be included in Prince Henry's itinerary.

His Foot Crushed - Eugene Brown, a switchman for the Minneapolis Transfer Railway company, slipped while at work in the railroad yards, the foreman fell on the tracks. His foot was crushed and was amputated at St. Barnabas hospital. Brown is married and lives at 350 E. 13th street.

Dr. Barton's Lecture Postponed - will prevent Dr. Richard Burton from delivering his lecture in his Stanley Hall lecture course this evening. This lecture will be given at 7:30 p. m. at the auditorium. Single tickets that have been sold will be good for admission to the lecture or to the postponed lecture when it is given.

Buys Storage Batteries - The Twin City Rapid Transit company has awarded the contract for three new storage batteries of 300 horse power to the Electric Storage Battery company of Philadelphia. The contract calls for the installation of the batteries within thirty days and the street railway officials say they will have abundant power at the expiration of that time.

Charles Frohman Coming - It is rumored at the state university that Charles Frohman, head of what is commonly termed the "theatrical trust," will be in Minneapolis Feb. 10 to attend the presentation of the "Mascot" and "The Romanians," to be given by the University Dramatic Club at the Lyceum theater. Frohman is expected to go to the Pacific coast to look after his business interests there. He has not been in Minneapolis for ten years.

Prof. F. K. Sanders' Visit - Professor Frank K. Sanders, for some time Woolsey professor of biblical literature at Yale university, now dean of Yale divinity school, is to visit Minneapolis next week. Mr. Sanders is making a tour of the west. He is visiting various educational institutions and is most particularly interested in the divinity school at Yale. Dr. Sanders is to speak at the students' conference at the university.

For Better Government - An adjourned meeting of the citizens committee for better city government will be held to-day at 6 p. m., at Dorset's cafe. The committee has been holding several meetings and has been signed by W. H. Wright, W. H. Wright, C. M. Stokking, chairman and Stanley D. Hubbard is secretary. The committee is the last meeting of this committee was such that the ultimate formation of a vigorous organization seems assured.

Will Celebrate C. E. Anniversary - Hennepin Avenue Methodist Episcopal church will celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the organization of the Christian Endeavor society next Sunday morning at 8:30. The officers of the church, trustees, stewards and class leaders, will assist the young people in a special service. A program of music will be given in the audience room, under the direction of the church choir. Mrs. W. H. Jones is the soloist. Dr. Huttschigger will make the address on the topic, "Who is Making the World Better?"

Installed by Ruler - The Naval Veterans, Port of St. Paul, installed officers as follows last evening: Captain, J. H. McCone; commander, J. H. McCone; lieutenant, J. J. Barber; ensign, John Volger; surgeon, H. Beckett; paymaster, J. H. McCone; quartermaster, A. C. Gammon; chaplain, John Carter; secretary, J. C. Greer; boatswain's mate, L. C. Quinn; master of ceremonies, J. H. McCone; signal quartermaster, H. R. Green; ship's corporal, Oliver Jones; drum major, J. H. McCone; will, gunner, K. Stroud; sailmaker, G. A. Burbank. Port Captain A. H. Ruge conducted the installation services.

Spent Money for Candy - Frank Hartley and Chester Chaffin, 14 and 15 years old, charged with bringing into the Lyndale school a week ago last Monday and stealing \$14 from the desk of Miss Stewart, the principal, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning. They said they spent the money for candy. The judge sentenced them to a severe lecture and sent them both to the reform school. The Hartley boy received the verdict with stolid indifference, but the Chaffin boy burst into tears and sobbed bitterly. He is a bright, nice-looking boy and, upon a promise to be good, the judge allowed him to go on probation.

NECROLOGICAL  
W. E. KELLY, 421 E. Thirty-third street, died at Northwestern hospital at 2 o'clock yesterday, after an operation for Bright's disease. He was 61 years old. He was appointed on the police force in January, 1901, and patrolled a beat at Hennepin avenue and Third street. He was discharged when he went off on sick leave. He was confined to his home until a week ago, when he was removed to a hospital. A wife and two children survive him.

ANDREW J. MENNELL - The funeral of the late Andrew J. Mennell took place from the residence, 318 E. Hennepin street, at 4:30 p. m. Internment will be at Fairbault, Minn.

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COAL MEN ARE MUM

They Guard the Secrets of the Big Combine.

MANAGER'S DIPLOMATIC TALK  
He Comments Merely on the Diverse Sources of Coal Supply.

Mum's the word with the coal men. As a class they are almost unapproachable on the subject of the northwestern coal merger described in The Journal a day yesterday. They are willing to talk only on the general proposition that the northwestern will not suffer because of any eastern combination. The story is, however, confirmed by those who stand near the coal interests. "Fondly is expressed that the facts as to the proposed combination were kept quite so long. It is said that active preparations were begun two years ago. Within the last few weeks the Fourth street office of the Pioneer Fuel company have been enlarged greatly and everything looks toward expansion at headquarters. Charles E. Walter, president of the Pioneer Fuel company, who is listed as northwestern manager of the combined interests said to-day: "The northwest has nothing to fear regarding a fuel supply, as the sources of supply are not confined to any particular locality. Eastern bituminous coal in competition with western coals can be marketed in this territory only at prices that will make it the most economical."

The Soft Coal Situation.  
The situation is explained thus: The soft coal business in the northwest is handled by three big companies, the Pittsburgh Coal company, the Fairmont Coal company and the St. Paul & Western Coal company. The last named handles the Hocking or domestic soft coal of Ohio. The other two handle steam coals. The most popular heretofore has been the Youghiogheny, sold by the Pittsburgh Coal company. Its chief competitor has been the Fairmont coal, handled by the company of that name. To get control of the situation the two companies selling the steam coal must get together and include the Pittsburgh & Western so as to have the domestic or fuel coal in hand.

"Community interest" requires this. It costs \$2.50 a ton to lay the coal on the docks at the head of the lakes. Competition last season forced the price down to \$2.50, and the fuel was being sold at a loss of 10 cents. This did not include the cost of the coal, which was being sold at \$2.70. To produce a profit, coal should be sold at the docks for \$2.80. This slashing of prices can be controlled only by combination of interests under one management. The coal men say it is for this purpose they are getting together and not to hoist prices. To maintain rates, they must force them up, is the purpose, they say.

TO BE READY MARCH 15  
NEW CONTAGIOUS WARD RUSHED

The Present City Hospital Contagious Ward More Crowded Than Ever.

March 15 is the date now set for the completion of the new contagious disease building on the city hospital grounds. This was announced to City Physician Nelson by Architect I. A. Lamoreaux last evening. There is now plenty of money available to complete the building and the inside finishing is being rushed with all possible speed. The workmen are now in the midst of the plastering. The building has been down and waiting for the 1920 appropriation.

City Physician Nelson has not been satisfied with the progress on the new building and has been disposed to place a share of the responsibility on the board of correction and charities. The contagious ward at the hospital, an old wooden unit, is a well-known place, has been crowded all winter. The inmates are mostly diphtheria patients. No others are encouraged to apply for admission, and the ward is a place of dread to the patients sent there suffering from any other contagious disease is pretty sure to catch diphtheria before he can get away. The ward is a place of dread to the patients sent there suffering from any other contagious disease is pretty sure to catch diphtheria before he can get away.

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The development a short time ago of three cases of smallpox in one of the Minneapolis financial institutions suggests the probability that the contagion was introduced by means of money. Health Commissioner P. M. Hall and other physicians in the department, however, are not convinced by this route that the disease found its way to the teller's office. "Filthy lucre, literally speaking," says Dr. Hall, "is a dangerous means for the spread of contagion." He would like to find some method whereby not only the coin of the realm but also checks could be disinfected. He believes that this precaution if taken thoroughly and systematically, would prevent in large degree the spread of dangerous diseases, particularly smallpox.

The use of a germless medium, however, asserts Dr. Hall, would be very difficult except in cases where large amounts are transported in bulk. The ordinary exchange of small sums of money, he says, could not be reached by any process of disinfection, so small a portion of it finding its way into the banks. Even if it were possible to disinfect the money at any particular place at any particular time and subject it to fumigation, the incessant circulation would make the most thorough disinfection of the money absolutely worthless in the end.

Problem is Difficult.  
Dr. W. H. Hanscomb, ever since his connection with the health office, has advised the fumigation of money and other paper used as a circulating medium, but has been unable to find any practical way of doing so. He is convinced that the handling of money is a prime cause for the spread of diseases. Neither in this city nor in any other, so far as other parts of the country are concerned, has any satisfactory solution of this perplexing problem been reached. In New York during the past two weeks two cases of smallpox have been traced directly to the handling of infected bills, and an Ohio board of health has begun a campaign for the disinfection of dirty money.

It is asserted that even though the danger from germs be small, the odor of dirty bills is enough to warrant a cleansing process. Minneapolis bankers would welcome any movement of this part of authorities to secure the disinfection of money. Every teller realizes the danger that confronts him whenever he receives bills from depositors, but in many cases he is unable to do so. He is unable to do so. He is unable to do so. He is unable to do so.

Bankers Fear Contagion.  
The cashier of one of the Minneapolis banks said this morning: "Bankers fear that contagious diseases are spread by means of money and checks, and every person who handles such bills realizes that there is some danger in it. But the greatest danger, I believe, lies in the use of pay checks. A very small portion of the money in circulation is in the form of pay checks. A very small portion of the money in circulation is in the form of pay checks. A very small portion of the money in circulation is in the form of pay checks."

CHIEF'S ANNUAL REPORT  
FIGURES OF POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Superintendent Ames Says There Are No Professional Crooks in Minneapolis.  
Superintendent of Police Fred W. Ames today turned over to City Clerk Lydiard his report for 1919. This shows that 5,292 arrests were made during the year, 2,874 of which were for misdemeanors. This is a total increase of 887 over 1918. The fines collected at the municipal court amounted to \$58,953.30, a decrease of \$1,447.07 from 1918. This is accounted for by the fact that the total amount of fines levied during the year was \$58,087, of which \$28,190 was recovered. There were 652 bicycles lost or stolen during the year, 222 of which were found or recovered by the inspectors.

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REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA LIBRARY COMMISSION'S SECRETARY

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THE EFFECT OF CUT IN FUNDS  
Library Work in Leading Towns of the State is Summarized.

The annual report of the secretary of the Minnesota Library Commission, G. A. Galt, expresses the disappointment of the commission at the cutting down of the annual appropriation of \$500,000 a year to \$300,000. He called to the fact that Wisconsin raised the appropriation for its commission to \$500,000. In consequence of this reduction, the report says, the new libraries that can be opened up, work cannot be pressed, isolated and out-of-the-way communities can not be looked up. But, meanwhile, the report says, the work already begun has increased and work already begun with flattering results. Concerning the popular traveling libraries, the report says:

During the winter of 1919 there were 100 libraries of 50 volumes each, and 45 libraries of 25 volumes each, in circulation. The total circulation was 41,845, or nearly seven times for each book. If a city library should circulate its books at the same rate the circulation would be considered phenomenal. The number of borrowers was 7,677. Two-thirds of a city library should be country libraries are country communities, who would otherwise have no library opportunities whatever. In the towns, the traveling library has many times as many borrowers as a permanent library. In the fall of 1919 other libraries were added, making a total of 125 libraries of 50 volumes each, and 65 libraries of 25 volumes. This means 185 libraries, containing 7,750 books now in circulation.

Where Gifts Would Count.  
Owing to limited funds the commission is unable to supply reference libraries but by means of gifts from clubs the commission is able to supply such libraries. Libraries which are lent to clubs in Newport, LeSueur, Benson, Windom, Park Rapids, Dodge Center, Glencoe and Fairmont. The report says that the fact that clubs would be organized in many towns now lacking them if the needed material for study could be obtained and reasonable persons to accompany the work as worthy of the gifts of the benevolent.

Agitation Throughout the State.  
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GOOD BUSINESS FOR ELEVATORS  
Prospects for Grain Handlers Better Than Usual at This Time of Year.  
From thirty to thirty-five per cent of the wheat raised in the northwest on last year's crop still remains in the hands of farmers. This is the estimate made by the Peavey company in this city, and it is based on reports from country offices and investigation by the company's agents. This is a little larger estimate than has been generally made, some of the wheat raised in the northwest on last year's crop still remains in the hands of farmers. This is the estimate made by the Peavey company in this city, and it is based on reports from country offices and investigation by the company's agents.

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What the Home Savings and Loan May Yield.  
A. A. Allen, who is the sole director and managing officer of the Home Savings and Loan association, now in process of liquidation, has filed his schedules with the district court. The assets are estimated at \$74,831, but on the books they are listed at \$124,842. Even this latter sum is quite inadequate for the liabilities of \$247,874. The schedules are summarized as follows:

ASSETS.  
Real estate in foreclosure ..... \$70,317.55  
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Mortgages receivable ..... 1,657.50  
Land contracts ..... 225.00  
Office furniture, etc ..... 254.00  
Cash ..... 467.77  
Total ..... \$74,831.93

LIABILITIES.  
Running stock, 200 shares ..... \$55,438.72  
Class "A" stock, 983 shares ..... 27,924.57  
Class "B" stock, 757 shares ..... 20,688.12  
Full-paid stock, 100 shares ..... 1,142.25  
Fractional stock, 30 shares ..... 87.30  
Mortgages payable ..... 41,250.00  
Debitore bonds ..... 3,810.50  
Sundry creditors ..... 427.50  
Total ..... \$247,874.11

FRESHMEN DIDN'T WORK  
A Goody Bunch of Them Suspended for Cause.  
Nearly a dozen freshmen at the university and themselves with "times to spare" as a result of the meeting of the faculty committee yesterday afternoon. The committee has charge of the cases of students who through insufficient preparation or lack of interest have failed in low grade. Half a dozen of these cases were disposed of by suspension. Several students had foreseen trouble and left school before action was taken.

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Real estate in foreclosure ..... \$70,317.55  
Real estate in foreclosure ..... 1,500.00  
Mortgages receivable ..... 1,657.50  
Land contracts ..... 225.00  
Office furniture, etc ..... 254.00  
Cash ..... 467.77  
Total ..... \$74,831.93

LIABILITIES.  
Running stock, 200 shares ..... \$55,438.72  
Class "A" stock, 983 shares ..... 27,924.57  
Class "B" stock, 757 shares ..... 20,688.12  
Full-paid stock, 100 shares ..... 1,142.25  
Fractional stock, 30 shares ..... 87.30  
Mortgages payable ..... 41,250.00  
Debitore bonds ..... 3,810.50  
Sundry creditors ..... 427.50  
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FRESHMEN DIDN'T WORK  
A Goody Bunch of Them Suspended for Cause.  
Nearly a dozen freshmen at the university and themselves with "times to spare" as a result of the meeting of the faculty committee yesterday afternoon. The committee has charge of the cases of students who through insufficient preparation or lack of interest have failed in low grade. Half a dozen of these cases were disposed of by suspension. Several students had foreseen trouble and left school before action was taken.

NO HACK WAS USED  
In Taking Pickard and Quigley Children to Owatonna.  
MR. HOLT'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT  
It Shows \$19.65, Whereas Mr. Meagan's Bill Calls for \$105.36.

WHEAT ON THE FARM  
Peavey Company Estimates It at 30 to 35 Per Cent.  
The November bill, not yet admitted in evidence purports to show that Joseph Quigley was taken to Owatonna on Nov. 8, his brother Willie on Nov. 9 and his other brother Harry on Nov. 10, that Lucy Picard was taken there on Nov. 11, her brother Eddie on Nov. 12 and Louis on Nov. 14. It is estimated the charges was \$17.56 or \$105.36 in all.

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FAILURE FOR LOW  
It Is Predicted by County Treasurer Bell.

HAS A LETTER FROM ROOSEVELT  
It Was Written When the President Was Police Commissioner in New York.

STORIES DO NOT JIBE  
Connolly of Elk Point May Have Been Hurt in a Fight.  
Special to The Journal.  
Elk Point, S. D., Jan. 31.—Suspicious of foul play in the injuries of Richard Connolly, in whose behalf an inquest ran three inches at his brother's home yesterday, are rife. The family tells conflicting stories and it is the theory of officers that Connolly was struck over the head with a chair in a family fight. He is still alive in spite of the fact that the stick pulled from his head was covered with brain matter, but he dies a coroner's inquest will be held.

DR. WEBB'S PURCHASE  
Duluth's Understanding of Purchase of Canada Atlantic Railway.  
Special to The Journal.  
Duluth, Minn., Jan. 31.—It is generally understood in the best informed lake transportation circles here that the purchase of the Canada Atlantic railway and steamship system by Dr. Seward Webb is not for the New