

CITY NEWS

Eight-Hour Police Shifts—The eight-hour shift on the police department yesterday...

Holt Reports for Duty—Becher Holt, the fireman that has been in the hospital for nearly three months with blood poisoning, returned to duty today.

G. E. French Returns—George E. French was back on 'change this morning after an absence of six weeks in the east, and at his old home in North Carolina.

Rev. Mr. Dewart Very Ill—The condition of Rev. J. H. Dewart of the First M. E. church, as the result of the formation of an abscess, is dangerous. He is at 1315 Carroll street, Merriam Park.

Stamp Sales Increase—The phenomenal gain in the sale of stamps at the post-office continued during January. Postage stamps were sold to the amount of \$1,742,210, last year to \$1,720,000.

M. Sweeney Arrives—M. Sweeney, the new general superintendent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis street cars, was here yesterday from St. Louis. He has engaged a suite at the Hotel Hyer. All telegraphic communications and mechanical departments will report to Mr. Sweeney hereafter.

Alleged 'Phone Robbers—George Carter and Garfield Hance, aged 17 and 19 respectively, who were arrested last night in Temple Court, charged with breaking into the telephone booth and paying station, were arraigned in the municipal court, charged with burglary in the third degree. Both waived examination and were bound over to the grand jury.

A Hospital Inventory—The experts appointed to take an inventory of the stock of drugs at the city hospital have finished their task and turned in the inventory to the hospital committee of the board of corrections and charities. They make no recommendations and draw no conclusions from the inventory, but merely submit the result of the inventory.

Has Walked 46,000 Miles—N. S. Doubay, a Russian Cossack, reached Minneapolis yesterday after a long journey of 46,000 miles, according to documents and affidavits which he carried. Doubay is not only walking around the globe, but is also making a book and corner of consequence in every country on the globe. He is an observant and informed traveler for a book of observations and impressions.

Additions to Westminster Church—At Westminster church communion service yesterday, twenty-two members were received, nine on profession and twelve by letter from other churches. Rev. Dr. Bushnell announced that \$2044 had been received for the year ending March 31, 1901, the amount was \$1,000. The congregation is expected to raise the amount for this year to \$1,000.

Stolen From the Car—The daring theft of a horse occurred yesterday at 3 o'clock. W. H. Herndon, driver of a hack, was driving a horse worth about \$150, in front of the Tribune building and had gone into the building to get some papers. His upstairs, he noticed that his horse and cutter were gone. An employe in the office said he had noticed the horse and cutter without removing the blanket. The horse was attached to a jump-cut car.

An Alleged Hold-up Artist—Patrick Lydon, arrested yesterday at Hennepin Lydon, in court this morning pleaded guilty and will be sentenced to the workhouse. He is charged that Lydon attempted to pass himself off as a detective. He stopped two judges of the Flour City Hotel, and took a bag of money and announced that he was a plain clothes man and that he wished to make a search for concealed weapons. He secured 15 cents.

Carried Off the Money—A colored man secured a bag of money at the West Hotel Thursday night by a clever ruse. Otto Huesner, proprietor of the West Hotel, barber shop, left the receipts of the day with the hotel clerk for deposit in the safe over night. Shortly after Mr. Huesner went out, a colored man, dressed in a black alpaca suit, walked up to the desk and asked the clerk to hand him a package there and that he wanted it returned. The clerk rather hesitantly handed over the package, which contained the money and the colored man walked off toward the barber shop door. He has not been seen since.

Not as a Labor Man—A delegation of labor representatives were received at the board of public safety Saturday in connection with the movement to pardon Fred Briggs on the ground that he had been a member of the labor interests. John O'Donnell, state labor commissioner, introduced the delegation to the board. Mr. O'Donnell explained the case of Briggs' connection with the bony-handed man. Mr. O'Donnell said he did not wish to have it understood that he was representing labor interests in words of Mr. Briggs. He says he simply happened to be at the court-house and, knowing the labor delegates, introduced them to Mr. Smith.

NECROLOGICAL. W. W. HARRISON, a pioneer resident of Minneapolis for many years, a prominent citizen here, died Sunday at Pasadena, Cal. Meningitis was the cause. He was 65 years of age. He was a wholesale grocery firm of Harrison & Kluge, but since that time has not been in active business. He was born in New York. First avenue S and Twelfth street. Mr. Harrison is survived by his wife and two children, a daughter, Grace, and a son, William. He was buried at the Central cemetery. The remains will be interred at Hinnabial, N. Y.

CHARLES ROCHE, well known to the printing fraternity of this city and in the east, died Sunday at the residence of his brother-in-law, F. F. Foy, at 1000 S. E. from Tubestreet. He leaves a mother and two sisters. The funeral took place Monday at 10 o'clock. The remains will be interred at Hinnabial, N. Y.

JAMES P. RYAN died yesterday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. G. C. Barry, 1025 Fifth street. He was a member of Division No. 1, A. O. H. Anoka county. Funeral will be held Wednesday at 10 o'clock. The remains will be interred at Hinnabial, N. Y.

MRS. JOHN S. SAMMIS, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died Friday. She was the mother of Mrs. Sammis, who had had many friends here. Her age was 56 years.

O. M. HAWKINS, 2001 Western avenue, died last night. Funeral from residence Wednesday afternoon.

PAINTINGS GO TO ST. PAUL. Fournier Exhibit Will Be Shown There Thursday. The exhibition of paintings by Alexis Fournier, which closed Saturday evening, will be taken to St. Paul at once, and the exhibit there will open Thursday. The arrangements have been made by a committee of women interested in the art development of St. Paul. It is probable that the pictures will be shown in the main courtroom of the Commercial club.

The exhibit of paintings from the Thuber gallery in Chicago being shown at Beard's under the direction of Edward S. Wentworth is attracting the attention which its importance merits. The exhibition will remain through Thursday and the opportunity of seeing excellent canvases by Mosday, Weeks, Israels, Slays, Termeulen, Swendsen and others, is one that all art lovers appreciate.

Mr. Wentworth and his wife are both artists, and Mrs. Wentworth is now in a temporary studio in St. Paul painting a portrait of Mrs. Frederick Weyerhaeuser. Mr. Wentworth exhibited a picture of Mrs. Weyerhaeuser at a good figure. It is a typical Dupre canvas, with a group of cats and sheep and a possible girl in attractive landscape.

GOOD MEETING EXPECTED. The Minnesota Y. M. C. A. convenes at Northfield Feb. 13. State Secretary E. W. Peck has issued the program for the twenty-eighth annual state convention of the Y. M. C. A. at Northfield, Feb. 13. The convention promises to be the largest of the twenty-eight. Sixty or more delegates will go from the Minneapolis association. Northfield citizens are making extensive preparations.

The railway meeting Saturday night will be especially interesting. The Great Northern railway men will be present. C. W. McClure, an engineer for the Santa Fe road, twenty-five years at the throttle, will make an address. Sunday evening, the general theme of the convention is the Associations Opportunity in the Twentieth Century.

THE DEFENSE OPENS

Megaerden Takes the Stand in His Own Behalf. The defense in the case of Megaerden opened its case this morning by placing Phil T. Megaerden himself on the stand. By way of establishing his identity he said that he was born in Sweden, had lived in Minneapolis about twenty years and had been sheriff for three years. He was called upon to testify regarding his duties as sheriff.

THE MARCH BILL IS DISOWNED. Tendency of the Sheriff's Testimony is to Shift Responsibility to His Subordinates. Without any special aid, the defense in the Megaerden case began its testimony this morning by placing Phil T. Megaerden himself on the stand. By way of establishing his identity he said that he was born in Sweden, had lived in Minneapolis about twenty years and had been sheriff for three years. He was called upon to testify regarding his duties as sheriff.

The general deputies were A. R. Woodcock, Jay W. Phillips, John Wall and C. W. Lundquist. The courtroom deputies, Dan O'Connell, Jacobus, John Allquist, Arthur, Gordon Bright, Charles Dade, Joe Schutta, Percy DeLaittre, George Brundage.

Mr. Megaerden said that Jay W. Phillips was the municipal court detail of the police force, while George Brundage, Joe Schutta and Percy DeLaittre were "plain clothes men." The bookkeeper was John R. Blichfeldt, who had complete charge of the books and making out the bills. The bills were a correct copy of the service book, the only item omitted being \$30,000 for the improvement fund.

Megaerden said that he attended personally to all business outside the city limits, and he summoned the city witnesses. He was on the go pretty much of the time. He spent nearly all of one month in Missouri. During the campaign he remained away as much to dodge the "leg pullers" as for any other reason.

Of course, he endeavored to be at the office as much as possible, but when there he was kept busy in consulting with attorneys about sales and other matters and in the entertainment of numerous callers. He took no hand in the detailed management of the office. The amount of money that passed through the office would run from \$10,000 to \$20,000 monthly, and frequently went as high as \$30,000.

Disowns the March Bill. He had no recollection concerning the bill for March, 1900, on which he had been indicted. He had not prepared it and had no hand in preparing it and had never presented it to the county commission. On that particular day, April 2, and the day before he had been in Grand Forks after Lizzie Smith, wanted as a witness in a murder case.

He could not recall whether carriages were used or not in connection with taking the children to Red Wing. It was unusual if carriages or hacks were not used. His liver bill would work out from \$15 to \$35 a month and in addition he kept a two-horse team and covered carriage.

First News of Overcharges. The witness admitted that he had been summoned before the county commission regarding charges for hack hire. He had explained that it was nearly three months from the station at Red Wing to the state training school and a hack was imperative. He said that he had been necessary to have carriages, especially with the insane patients. Neither Mr. Jolly nor any of the county commission-ers said a word about the charges at Oatton or Faribault and there was not even an intimation that he had charged for carriages which were never used.

First Intimation. The first intimation of overcharges was shortly before the opening of the September term of 1901. He and A. R. Woodcock were summoned to the board of public safety. He and Woodcock were Boardman and his assistant C. L. Smith. They first talked over a complaint by Mr. Boardman that Mr. Woodcock had been charged with overcharges around town on the county attorney's office.

The question of the sheriff charging for telegrams and various items of expense while traveling about the state was brought up. C. L. Smith then called attention to the fact that Mr. Holt, who was supposed to take children to Owatonna, had been charged with overcharges to do this work. The witness said this state of affairs was absolutely new to him. He represented that he had gone to the board of public safety and told them of the charges and had in each case been paid \$3.

The various matters discussed in this interview were, Mr. Megaerden said, all news to him, but he told Mr. Smith to go over the books with Mr. Blichfeldt, his bookkeeper, and if any overcharges or illegals were shown, he would be glad to give a check, as he did not want a dollar that did not belong to him.

Mr. Boardman said that the statement was made in the board of public safety. Says He May Sue. Megaerden said he had paid back every cent claimed, even when there was a question involved. Personally, he figured that the county owed him \$7,000 and he proposed to get it back by litigation if he was not to have it.

Mr. Megaerden stated positively several times that he was not aware that the county commission had taken any action being taken to Red Wing on different days, were really all taken down on the same day. All were committed from the municipal court and almost invariably taken to Red Wing the same day. He never saw them, though often receiving for them. The only child he could remember was Willie Brown, who got away.

CAT CASE ON TRIAL. Suit of Edwin Branch Against Mrs. Beeson is heard. Edwin Branch, suit against Charlotte Beeson is on trial before Judge Simpson. The first file was a commonplace document, alleging that the defendant owed the plaintiff \$200. Mrs. Beeson answered that she had rendered services for all the money paid her. Then she came back with a counter claim for \$25 per week for the care of a cat.

Assets Worth \$1,040. F. B. Wright, receiver of the Minnesota Mutual Life insurance company, filed his first report this morning, showing that the assets of the company were \$1,040,000, consisting of claims allowed, amounting to \$4,017, worth in stock \$1,000,000, and \$29,989. The rejected claims aggregated \$2,650.

No. G. J. Quorum. The grand jury will have met this morning to dispose of matters referred to it by the police court, but several members were away from the city and a quorum could not be obtained. The jury members present were, therefore, dismissed until to-morrow morning, when enough new material will be drawn to give a proper number.

He Had Another Wife. Hilda Carlson, alias John Hegwood, her marriage to him in September, 1899, was a formal one, but she had another wife living, to whom he had been married for several years.

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The Legislature May Be Appealed To at This Session. The advisability of such an appeal is being carefully weighed. With no money in sight for building purposes for next year, with the present accommodations for the legislature, and many pupils on half sessions, and facing the addition of another 7,500 pupils next year, some of the members of the legislature are looking for relief.

The only possible move seems to be an issue of bonds, either under the authority of the legislature at the special session or authorized by vote of the people at the next election, and this question is being discussed.

In October, 1900, the board of education formally acted on the proposition to submit to the people the question of issuing \$300,000 bonds for school building purposes. Only one member voted in favor of it. Before taking action the board members are to consider the matter of the issue with the ways and means committee of the city council, and the understanding was that no city department should be asked for another issue of bonds, the opinion being general that all departments had best rely on the tax levy and add no more to the city's bonded debt.

It was in conformity with this understanding that the board voted down the bond proposition. The board of tax levy, however, made no allowance for new buildings last fall. Then the council, disregarding the understanding, has asked in three different instances for special bond issues, one of \$150,000 for improvement fund purposes, one of \$250,000 for department extensions and improvements, and one of \$70,000 for park acquisition.

In view of the fact that the members of the board members feel that they are in no wise bound to keep the letter of the old understanding, but are free to ask for a bond issue if it seems desirable.

The board needs money for new buildings the worst way, and there is no way to get it before another year, at least, except by securing a special issue of bonds. If the present Lincoln school site could be sold, the situation would be improved somewhat, but there is no prospect of such a sale as can be spared from the maintenance fund.

There are but few basement or attic rooms left to fall back upon. The only recourse is to rent out the vacant space outside annexes to the already large number in use, or raise money by issuing bonds.

If the legislature is appealed to and gives the relief desired, it would be possible to have part of the new buildings needed ready for use next fall. If it seems best to do without troubling the people, it will be a year before the buildings can be completed.

The board would not like to see the city assume the responsibility in the matter, but to gain the precious year of time it may decide to ask the Hennepin delegation to urge a bond issue upon the legislature.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER

Three men, found asleep in the railway station at Detroit, Minn., early yesterday morning, are suspected of the murder of Patrolman Charles Mayer, in St. Paul, Saturday morning. Detective Michael Day, of St. Paul, and two other city officers, will bring the men back to St. Paul.

Desk Sergeant Joseph Schutta, at police headquarters, received a telephone message at 3 o'clock this morning from Detroit, informing him that there were three men asleep in the waiting-room, and asking for a detailed description of the men. Schutta immediately telephoned him and later the agent informed Schutta that the appearance of the loungers tallied closely with the description. Schutta instructed the agents to take the men arrested. Schutta then informed the St. Paul police.

The police have not ceased their search for the murderers in and about the twin cities. Nine representatives of the Minneapolis police department will attend the funeral of Charles Mayer at Detroit tomorrow afternoon. Chief Ames will appoint one man from each precinct, one from the mounted squad, two from the detective force and the heads of one Frank Carlson and of another man respectively. This being contrary to the statutes made and provided in such cases. Dahl entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$10. Eberg denied his guilt and will be tried next Wednesday.

OPPOSE LODGE BILL

German-Americans Desire Unrestricted European Immigration. A hundred members of the German-American Bund, in St. Paul, met yesterday and passed resolutions opposing the passage of the Lodge bill for the restriction of immigration to the United States. This action was in harmony with that of German-American societies of the Central Bund throughout the country. Minnesota senators and representatives in congress will be furnished with copies of the resolution. Prominent Germans who spoke yesterday cited statistics to show that a restriction of immigration at present would be detrimental to the best interests of the country, and that it would take a hundred years to settle the public lands of the country at large.

Among the speakers were former Mayor R. E. Kiefer, President H. J. Nienstedt, Professor B. W. Moensch, State Senator Schaller, Julius Moresch and others.

OBJECTORS MUST SPECIFY

Limit Set for Creditors in N. P. Clarke Bankruptcy Case. The creditors of the N. P. Clarke of St. Cloud are given until March 10 to file specifications in objection to the discharge of the bankrupt. The time for objection is set for Feb. 20 before Judge Merriman.

M. H. Boutelle and N. H. Chase appeared Saturday for A. S. Fisher of Oriskany Creek, Col., a creditor to the amount of \$60,000. Welch, Hubachek & Hayne defended the application for discharge.

Judge Lochren gave you money on the ground that he had another wife living, to whom he had been married for several years.

SMOOTH NICKELS TAKEN

Such a Case as That of Ruth of St. Louis Impossible Here. Judge Ryan's recent decision in St. Louis, by which John F. Ruth was awarded \$2,000 damages against the St. Louis Rapid Transit company for being ejected from a car less than a full-face value, might have been tendered a worn coin, has no terrors for the Twin City Rapid Transit company.

C. G. Goodrich, vice president of the company, said this morning that conductors on all of the twin city lines had instructions to accept anything that looked like money, so long as there were no reasonable grounds for doubt on that score. Said Mr. Goodrich:

"Our rule is that if it hasn't a hole in it or doesn't bear evidence of having been plugged. Of course, a great deal of the every-day circulation is pretty smooth and we handle a great many small coins that have been worn so smooth that they bear little resemblance to new ones. There is no special reason why such coins should not be accepted when tendered in payment for fare, and it must have been an ignorant conductor who refused to accept such a coin."

In passing judgment upon the case in St. Louis, Judge Ryan said that no such thing was assumed by the defendant as a nickel or less than a full-face value. A gold coin, he conceded, might be worth less than its full face value, because of its being a counterfeit. "The true value of a nickel is what it is," said he, "that if it ejects a passenger who tenders a good coin in payment, it does so at its peril."

T. R. BROWN WAS WROTH

During Mayor Ames' recent illness, his secretary, Thomas R. Brown, Jr., transacted routine business of the mayor's office, and this, city hall attaches fear, has resulted in Mr. Brown's usurpation of many of the mayor's duties. City officials have clashed with Mr. Brown because of some question of authority.

Joshua Rogers, city controller, called Mr. Brown's conduct in the matter of Ames had revoked an ordinary liquor license in the ordinary way, but instead of sending the notice of the revocation to the controller, Mr. Brown had shifted that duty to the shoulders of Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown whorled the notice and, as has been the custom for more than a year, he refused to sign official documents and for this reason the controller when he received the notice signed by the secretary, meeting was circulated for signatures, but it was not until this morning that the opposing sentiment began to crystallize.

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The limiting of the clearing membership to 100, it is asserted, will make it impossible for members to get in without buying out some holder at a premium. The November has been at Butte, Mont., and had had trouble with a hackman. The hackman "had made a pass at him" and had told him other things in advance. The hackman, March wired back to the chief of police when he left Butte telling where he could be found if wanted.

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Nothing but a Bad Cold. A report has been sent to the twin cities to the effect that Judge Fisk is seriously ill with a cold. It is reported that he has a bad cold, but is in court as usual today.

OBJECTS TO SNOWBALLS

East Indian Will Leave Chicago Medical College. Chicago, Feb. 4.—Rude students snowballed Indian Princess Sophie Bamba Duplee Singh, where she is studying.

On her daily trips between her home, at 48 West Adams street, and the school, the daughter of the Maharajah of Lahore was pelted with lumps of snow.

"Such a thing would not be permitted in England," she said, "and never encountered such rude young people as these who insult and leave Chicago and continue my studies in the Woman's Medical College of Toronto, where I have a number of friends. I like democracy, but I dislike rudeness."

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

A concert will be given Wednesday evening, Feb. 19, for the benefit of the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess hospital in Augsburg Seminary. Miss Wisnes, who has recently arrived from Norway, will give several vocal numbers, and John W. Arneson will recite. A chorus will give a number under the direction of Miss Wisnes and the solo parts will be taken by Mrs. Jensen-Stoep and Mrs. Heberg.

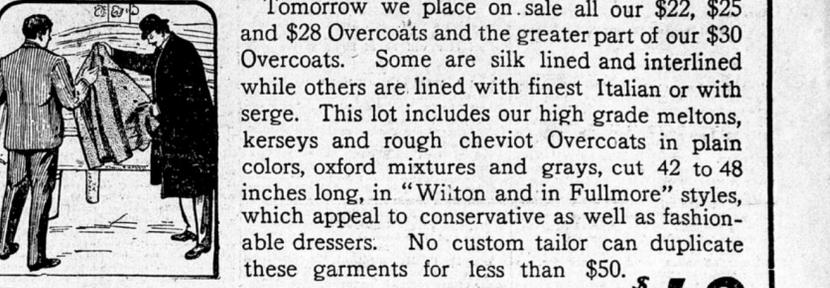
HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF

How a French Acrobat Managed to Get His Letters. Paris Messenger. Strangers frequently had difficulty in providing their identity to French officials at post-offices and other places. Applicants for letters, etc., often go empty away for want of some means of proving that they are what they pretend to be. The difficulty was, however, surmounted the other day by a gentleman in the circus business, who called at the Thibault postoffice for letters addressed to M. X, an acrobat. The postoffice clerk was X satisfied with the applicant's profile of identity and refused to hand over the letters, saying: "How do I know that you are the man?" After a moment's reflection the applicant said: "All right, I will give you proofs," and, slipping off his coat, he proceeded to make the dull little postoffice lively with some acrobatic contortions and circus business generally.

ATTENTION LAIDERS

Our factory sent us 300 pairs Dr. Reed Cushion Shoes which were made for samples. Small sizes 2 1/2 to 5-A wide; 2 1/2 to 4-B, C and D wide. We are closing them out at \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 discount from regular price. Its our first and will be the last chance to get these shoes at these celebrated prices. N. V. Fourth street, Kasota, Black.

The Plymouth. A Great Sale of Fine Merchandise. \$25. and \$30. Suits and Overcoats \$18.



Tomorrow we place on sale all our \$22, \$25 and \$28 Overcoats and the greater part of our \$30 Overcoats. Some are silk lined and interlined while others are lined with finest Italian or with serge. This lot includes our high grade meltons, kerseys and rough cheviot Overcoats in plain colors, oxford mixtures and grays, cut 42 to 48 inches long, in "Wilton and in Fullmore" styles, which appeal to conservative as well as fashionable dressers. No custom tailor can duplicate these garments for less than \$50.

This is the finest merchandise that The Plymouth now offers at this unusually low price. Former prices \$25 to \$30. Reduction Sale Price \$18.

\$28 and \$25 Men's Suits \$18. This lot includes all our broken lines of \$28 and \$25 suits and many full lines of \$22 and \$25 Suits. These garments are the very fashionable unfinished worsteds in pastels, olives and golden brown shagings. The tailoring, style and fit of these garments we guarantee. The woollens used are fine importations. No tailor will duplicate these suits at less than \$40. Reduction Sale Price \$18.

\$7 to \$9 Fine Trousers, \$5. This lot is entirely made up of fine imported Worsteds and Scotchies. Most all are of the celebrated "Paragon" make, which denotes the highest art in pant making. In style and tailoring these trousers give perfect satisfaction to the most fastidious. No tailor can better and only the best can equal this celebrated make. In fit especially these Trousers excel. A grand opportunity for well-dressed men to buy the finest Trousers at half-price. Price only \$5.

Bargain Basement. \$12, \$10 MEN'S ULSTERS \$4. A large line of well made, serge lined Chinchilla and Irish Frieze Ulsters in blue, black and oxford. All sizes. Bargain Basement Price \$4. \$3 MEN'S PANTS \$2. A large line of well made, wool pants in cassimeres, chevots and worsteds. All sizes in regular \$3 pant. Price \$2. \$14 OVERCOATS \$7.50. A small line of about 25 Overcoats, selected from our best \$12 and \$14 Wilton Overcoats. Dark shades only. Price \$7.50.

GRAIN MEN STIRRED UP

OVER CLEARING HOUSE PLAN. They Desert the Pit to Discuss the Proposed Reorganization—Opposition Strong. The Chamber of Commerce has not been so stirred up for a long time, as over the proposition to reorganize the clearing house. If the clearing house plan proposed this morning is a safe guide, the proposition will be overwhelmingly defeated. Its originators declare their intention to carry the plan through despite the opposition, but pressure is being brought to bear upon them to abandon the idea, and withdraw the whole scheme, as it is believed that the new plan would militate in friction that will be against the best interests of the chamber.

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EVIDENCE GOES IN

Witnesses Testify as to Reputation Borne by March. HE HAD HAD MANY QUARRELS. And Was Not Averse to Talking of Them—Judge's Ruling for Defense. Special to The Journal. Grand Jurors, N. D., Feb. 4.—A stir was caused in court this morning when, after the attorneys had gathered, the judge announced his decision to admit the testimony having reference to the reputation of Harry March. Harry March, the defendant, recalled, related the same story told by Shelburne as to the occurrences at the Prescott on the night of the shooting. He said that March was a quarrelsome, vindictive man, and was so known to him and many others. He had heard of many of his escapades at one time or another. A. Norden, one of the clerks at the Ontario here, also testified as to the reputation of March, and of what he knew had occurred at the Prescott in connection with the case on several occasions.

"Looking for Trouble." J. J. Marr, a traveling man, who with his wife had resided at the Prescott for about a year, told several stories of March having beaten people to insensibility. Marr had told him that early in November he had been at Butte, Mont., and had had trouble with a hackman. The hackman "had made a pass at him" and had told him other things in advance. The hackman, March wired back to the chief of police when he left Butte telling where he could be found if wanted.

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MEMORY AND HABIT

Prof. Woodbridge's Second Lecture at Stanley Hall. Next Friday night at 8 o'clock Mr. Woodbridge will deliver the second lecture in his course on psychology at Stanley Hall. The subject will be "Memory and Habit." The subject will be "Memory and Habit." The subject will be "Memory and Habit."

WANTS A REFRIGERATOR. Coroner U. G. Williams Report to the County Commissioners. The board of county commissioners this morning received the report of Coroner U. G. Williams for the fiscal year ending Jan. 7. The coroner expresses his determination to appeal to the legislature for a new law placing the coroner's office on a salary basis.

THE MOON AND THE WEATHER

Attempts to Base Weather Predictions Upon Lunar Influences. New York Evening Sun. Some persons still believe that the weather is controlled to an important extent by the influence of the motion of the moon. The range weather predictions based upon this supposed influence are published, apparently making a considerable number of believers or it would not of this sort is now being tried in Russia.

"No, it wasn't. That is, it wasn't! I began to insist upon mushrooms with his steak. Then we just threw up our hands and quit."

ALL OVER AGAIN. Chicago Tribune. "Here are half a dozen prescriptions I would like to have you fill as soon as you can," remarked Rivers. "I can see they are all for the cure of a cold," wheezed the druggist, looking them over.

"It's this way," explained Rivers. "When I had the other cold I tried all these. One of 'em sure enough, but I can't remember now, so I thought I'd try 'em all. I've just confounded it, which one it was!"

LOADED. Philadelphia Press. Mrs. Gargen—Hope you liked the cigars I gave you, dear. You'll be glad to know anyway that I paid cash for them; they weren't charged. My husband—Really? I thought they were, but I didn't know what with."

EXPRESSING IT DELICATELY. Brooklyn Eagle. Fair Shopper (indignantly)—What, you can't take that corner? Clerk at Department Store Silver Counter—No, no—you see, miss, it isn't sterling.