

CITY NEWS

NEW SYSTEM SUGGESTED

FOR CLERK DICKEY'S OFFICE

County Commissioners Receive the Public Examiner's Report of the Investigation.

Public Examiner S. T. Johnson submitted his report on the examination of the books and methods of the clerk of courts to the county commissioners this morning.

County Physician J. M. Kistler reported that he had quarantined forty-four cases of smallpox and one case of scarlet fever in April.

A gratifying report was received from Registrar of Deeds Merrill. There had been filed in April 2,043 papers, yielding a revenue of \$1,692.30.

At the request of W. G. Nye of the Commercial Club, permission was given to the National Educational Association to use the main courtroom July 7 to 11.

READY NEXT WEEK

Contagious Ward Will Be Finished None Too Soon.

It is now promised that the contagious ward at the city hospital will be prepared to receive patients not later than the first of next week.

BICYCLE THIEVERY

One Prisoner Pleads Guilty While Another Denies.

Edward Fennell, who pleaded guilty in the municipal court this morning to stealing a bicycle from Selden Johnson, was fined \$30 or 100 days in the workhouse.

PARK BOARD PLANS

They Contemplate Improvements About Minnehaha Park.

At the regular monthly meeting of the park board this afternoon a leave of absence was granted J. W. Raymon for six months, during which time he expects to be abroad.

WATER METERS READY

City Department Receives an Installation of One Hundred.

The city water department received an installment of 100 water meters this morning and is now prepared to fill orders.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY

St. Paul City Election Will Be Held Tomorrow.

St. Paul has her biennial city election tomorrow and the air of the usually quiet city is surcharged with politics.

THE PLOWING WELL DONE.

Rube—'Wen you goin' ter git at year spring plowin'?' Josh—'Don't calc'late to do none.' Rube—'You don't? Why?'

HAUPT MAY LOSE

He Is Not Yet Sure of the Minnesota District Attorneyship.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Office, Washington, May 5.—There are interesting rumors at the United States district attorneyship in Minnesota.

The story cannot be fully verified to-day but it is believed that there is something in it. It is said that on account of important litigation now pending in Minnesota federal courts, the department of justice is rather averse to the appointment of a new man as district attorney unless M. D. Purdy, the present incumbent, consents to remain as first assistant.

There is said to be a feeling on the part of Attorney General Knox that Purdy should have the appointment instead of C. C. Haupt, but in order to bring this about the president would have to go over Senator Clapp's head.

The matter is held up temporarily on account of the illness of Senator Nelson, who has been confined at home for a week with an ugly carbuncle.

Should the department of justice make an issue of the matter, Nelson's attitude will be important. Senator Clapp, seen this afternoon regarding the above story, said: "You may rest assured Haupt will be district attorney."

Further than this he declined to talk.

Washington Small Talk.

Postmasters appointed to-day: Minnesota—Medina, Stevens county, H. J. Northcutt.

Ex-State Senator W. A. Sperry of Owatonna and Albert Taylor of Kasson were today admitted to practice before the supreme court on motion of Senator Clapp.

JUNKETERS FROM READING

City Fathers Are Inspecting Minneapolis Garbage Crematory.

The Minneapolis garbage crematory entertained notable visitors this afternoon in the persons of nine city officials and others from Reading, Pa.

The party is headed by the newly elected mayor, Edward Yeager, and includes City Engineer Murdoch, J. Bourke, the garbage contractor, Aldermen Eichner, Beard, Goldsmith, Brown and Mersinger, and the city clerk.

Reading has both a reduction plant and a crematory and is still seeking light. The crematory is not a success and the reduction plant is recently declared by the city fathers to be a nuisance and now closed up.

A new health department then cast about for a new crematory system, and decided to investigate the merits of the Decarrie plant. The party arrived this morning and will be here two days as the guests of the W. S. Nutt company, manufacturers of the Decarrie crematory.

ASK GJERTSEN TO RUN

Many Republicans of 42d District Favor Him for Senator.

A number of representative republicans in the forty-second legislative district waited upon Henry J. Gjertsen at his home, 2503 Elliott avenue, last Saturday evening, to urge him to stand as a candidate for the senate.

BOOTHS SELL FAST

Space for Elks' Carnival Quickly Snapped Up by Exhibitors.

The Elks began the sale and assignment of space to exhibitors for their June fair and carnival this morning with such gratifying results that they hope to dispose of 274 booths marked on the diagram during this week.

WESTPHAL FOR ALDERMAN

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Buffalo, N. Y.—The Wells elevator burned at midnight. The loss on the building and its contents is estimated at \$25,000.

READY TO "SQUEAL"

Convicted "Big Mitt" Men Promise Some Startling Disclosures.

THE POLICE DEPT IMPLICATED

Evidence Regarding a Fiat Official Rate-Of-Ready for the Grand Jury.

Disclosures of the most startling nature concerning the practices of the police department will be made to the grand jury this week, by victims who are ready to testify that they have paid the public guardians for the privilege of robbing the unwary. The witnesses referred to are "Billy" Edwards and "Charley" Howard, recognized among the moguls of the so-called "big mitt" graft.

Both men have been convicted of swindling and are in jail awaiting sentence. There will naturally be a disposition to discredit anything that they may say before the grand jury and in court, but if their stories may not amount to legal evidence they will at least tend to confirm a suspicion which many developments have aroused.

It is said that Edwards and Howard paid over to certain persons connected with the police department several hundred dollars per week. In one month the sum paid for protection is reported to have been over \$700.

It is not the whole police force which will be reported to be contaminated in this wise, but simply a select coterie among the rascals recent whose names will be divulged, even if there should be no indictments.

The inquiry, it is understood, will go much further. While it will be practically impossible to follow all the ramifications of the spoils system, many of the names are known.

John Collins and John Anderson pleaded guilty to grand larceny. Collins admitted having been arrested before and was sentenced to the State workhouse for two years and six months.

Anderson either forgot or lied about a former arrest, but the law has a long memory and Anderson's forgetfulness cost him an additional six months, his term being fixed at three years.

OPEN MEGAARDEN CASE

SECOND TRIAL SET FOR MAY 19

State Will Press Same Indictment on Which Former Hearing Was Based.

A conference was held this morning between Judge Simpson, County Attorney Boardman and the attorneys of Phil T. Megardren concerning the next trial of the former sheriff.

Several dates were suggested, but it was finally decided to begin Monday, May 19. It is understood that the state will press the same indictment on which the first trial was based.

VARSITY WANTS THE BONES

Prof. Sarsden Interested in Mastodon's Remains Just Found.

W. F. Sarsden, professor of paleontology at the university, is interested in the excavation recent at Lake Crescent of a number of bones supposed to be those of a mastodon.

The university will inquire into the find, and endeavor to secure some of the bones for its collection. The mammoth and mastodon, it is known, inhabited North America immediately following the glacial age and remains of these animals have been found in different parts of the country from the Gulf of Mexico to Alaska.

SOO EARNINGS INCREASE

Gain of Over 40 Per Cent for Ten Months Ending April 1.

The auditor's report of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railway for April shows earnings of \$1,416,688. For the ten months ending April 1 the road earned \$5,699,972, which, compared with \$3,675,227 in the same period last year, showing a gain of \$1,444,835.

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WOMAN'S ODD NOTION

Elizabeth Rines Had Money Deposited in Many Places.

SHE ASSUMED VARIOUS NAMES

Facts Cited in the Executor's Inventory of the Dead Dressmaker's Estate.

The filing in the probate court this afternoon of an inventory of the estate of the late Elizabeth A. Rines, a dressmaker, developed the fact that the dead woman had deposited her money in half a dozen different fiduciary institutions and under as many names. She had \$131 deposited in the Germania bank to the credit of "Ella Pratt." Elizabeth A. Rines was the name on a passbook issued by the Germania Savings and Loan company, which showed that she had \$200 on deposit. Under the name of "Lizzie Chew" she had \$1,200 deposited in the Hennepin County Savings bank, and as "Lizzie A. Chew" deposited \$1,000 with the Minnesota Loan and Trust company. There is also a certificate of the last named company for \$100.

The reasons for Miss Rines' eccentric practice are unknown. She was of peculiar habits, and by some was said to be slightly unbalanced. However, she was a shrewd business woman, although rather fond of litigation and ready to go into court on the slightest pretext. She had \$2,599 in cash in a safety deposit vault.

SENTENCES PASSED

One Forger and Two Thieves Plead Guilty.

Clarence B. Smith, one of the asphalt paving gang who became involved in a forgery scrape, pleaded guilty this morning. Judge Simpson sentenced him to 180 days in the workhouse.

John Collins and John Anderson pleaded guilty to grand larceny. Collins admitted having been arrested before and was sentenced to the State workhouse for two years and six months. Anderson either forgot or lied about a former arrest, but the law has a long memory and Anderson's forgetfulness cost him an additional six months, his term being fixed at three years.

HAUSLADEN BOUND OVER

He Is Confined in Default of \$1,000 Bail.

John Hausladen arrested April 20 at the Soldiers' home for fraud in obtaining pension money under the name and service of his dead brother, George Hausladen a veteran, was bound over to the grand jury for prosecution at 10 o'clock this morning by Howard S. Abbott, United States commissioner. To-day was set for the examination, but meanwhile the prisoner was returned from a town inspection.

Charles R. Fowler, a trustee in bankruptcy for creditors of George W. Jenks, has brought suit against the North American Iron company to prove ownership of certain mining property in the northern part of the state. The suit is based on a contract which was legally transferred by Mr. Jenks to the North American company. He asks that the American Iron and Steel company be declared owner of the property. C. J. Rockwood and W. S. Dwinell represent the North American company.

PAID TO GET TIE AND SUE.

Judge Brooks and a jury are trying the law suit against the Ford Manufacturing company against the Minneapolis Gas Light company to recover \$36,625 damages. The suit is based on a contract to deliver its gas to the plant.

PETROSON WANTS DAMAGES.

Lars Peterson, whose foot was crushed in an accident at the Hazel Park granite plant, has brought suit against the American Grass Twine company to recover \$3,053 damages. Though only a common laborer, he was called upon to move a moulding press which weighed 600 pounds and alleged that two men—one of them familiar with the machine, should have been detailed for the job.

RIVER IS RISING

Good News for Street Railway and Boom Companies.

The recent heavy rains have had appreciable effect on the stage of water in the Mississippi and have greatly facilitated the movement of logs to the Minneapolis market.

Richard H. Chute, president of the boom company, says the level is now at least five inches higher than ten days ago.

The river situation is no longer a serious one, and we expect no further difficulty in getting logs to Minneapolis. The present stage is satisfactory and one more rainfall will give us all the water we want for the remainder of the sawing season.

JUDGE TORRANCE ILL

His Trip to Ohio Abandoned as a Result.

Commander Eli Torrance of the Grand Army of the Republic has been confined to his home for the past four days by a bad cold and bilious attack. The general had expected to leave for Lancaster, Ohio, last Saturday night to attend the Ohio state encampment, but has been compelled to give the trip up. However, he will attend the Indiana encampment, to be held next week. His condition is not in the least serious, but his physician ordered him to keep quiet for a while and forbade him traveling.

OPENING OF THE GREEN GOODS SEASON

MARKET GARDENERS OUT IN FORCE AT THE OPENING OF THE CENTRAL MARKET.



MUSIC FUND GROWS

Committee Receives \$141.50 to Pay for Melody in Parks.

CITIZENS RESPOND PROMPTLY

Rev. J. S. Montgomery Urges His Congregation to Lend Aid to the Work.

Contributions to the citizens' music fund already amount to \$141.50. W. L. Harris, of the New England Furniture & Carpet company, started off with \$100, and although subscription blanks were not sent out until Saturday afternoon, enough money was received this morning to bring the total to the amount already stated.

The committee are highly pleased at this showing, as they believe it indicates a willingness on the part of citizens generally to do their share to provide Minneapolis with free music in the parks for the summer season.

Among those whose names appear on the list of contributors are the Columbia Feed company, the H. B. Waite Lumber company, J. S. Gangelhoff, Albert Dellenmeyer, Thomas N. Taylor, Snyder & Gale, J. Bruce Howard & Co., and the Minneapolis Circular & Address Bureau.

Rev. J. S. Montgomery, at Wesley Methodist Episcopal church, last night, called the attention of his congregation to the plan, gave it his hearty endorsement and called upon his hearers to do their part. Said he:

A boy need not be thrashed to make him plow. He needs to be led. It comes natural to him. Music is as useful as plow. A beautiful picture is as useful as a steam engine. Beauty in iron and stone is as useful as the melody of every grove of Minneapolis is turned into a temple of music! Let all the people be given a festival of music!

MOVES TO MINNEAPOLIS

IOWA CENTRAL TRANSFERRED

Passenger Office and All the Records Brought From Marshalltown to This City.

A. B. Cutts, general passenger agent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis and Iowa Central roads, is moving the force in the passenger office of the latter road, together with all of the records, from Marshalltown, Ia., to Minneapolis to-day. The district passenger agent will continue to be headquartered at Marshalltown.

Within a short time the passenger schedules of the Iowa Central will be rearranged so as to perfect the connections between that system and the Minneapolis, St. Louis and to improve the through service over both lines. It is probable that the policy of running popular excursions in the summer months which has proved such a good money maker for the Minneapolis St. Louis, will be adopted on the Iowa Central. Mr. Cutts, who has just returned from a town inspection over the latter system, says:

One of the attractive features about the Iowa Central is the relatively large number of thriving towns above 2,500 in population which it serves. These are growing reasonably fast and the local traffic of the entire line is consequently increasing.

There is no system on the continent which runs through a finer farming country than the Iowa Central. It is not a very far cry from the cheap land of Minnesota to the high-priced soil of Iowa and Illinois. At Monmouth, Ill., a few days ago, 250 acres of land sold at \$250 per acre. Land values are now out on strike. But the weakest operations are generally threatened with labor troubles. The bricklayers and masons' union, one of the strongest organizations in the city, made a demand last week of 2 1/2 cents an hour increase and it was promptly granted.

FREIGHT CARS ROUNDED UP

City Assessor For's Men Increase Personal Tax Valuation.

There are between forty and fifty freight line and kindred companies operating in Minnesota, and they have hitherto succeeded in escaping personal tax on their equipment. They will probably not be so lucky this year. Acting on a tip given him by Public Examiner Johnson, City Assessor Fort has demanded an increase from 25 cents and 2 1/2 cents an hour to 35 cents. At that time thousands of harvesters were being imported from eastern Canada and the builders were not seriously inconvenienced as the labor market for a time was overcrowded. The strike proved a failure, but the men were never satisfied and now they are demanding an increase to 2 1/2 cents an hour.

BAKERS ON A STRIKE

Building Trades Are Not Confined to the Laboring Trades.

The Trades and Labor Council, which represents between 3,000 and 4,000 men, is in full sympathy with the strike and the bakers who hold out will undoubtedly lose much custom, while those who grant the men's demands will have an opportunity of largely extending their operations.

CANADIAN PACIFIC THREATENED

The Canadian Pacific Road is Seldom out of Trouble with one Department or Other

of its employees. This time the freight handlers are threatening to strike. The city freight agent, E. W. Warner, finding an agitation on foot for better pay among this class, discharged three of the principal agitators, who were said to be among the oldest and best employees at the sheds. This action has raised the ire of the railway employees' union, to which the freight handlers belong. George Estes, the international president of the brotherhood, was wired for and he is now on his way to Winnipeg. On his advice the action of the union depends. The pay of the freight handlers, the men say, runs from \$15 to \$35 a month, according to length of service.

The Canadian Northern conductors, engineers, firemen, trainmen, telegraphers and trackmen are forming brotherhoods similar to those existing on the Canadian Pacific road and will shortly submit schedules and demand recognition from the road.

LABOR GETS UNEASY

Carpenters and Joiners of Winnipeg Likely to Strike.

DR. TALMAGE AND THE DOVE. The late Rev. Dr. Talmage used to tell this story on himself with gusto. One summer day he was preaching. The windows of the church were down from the top. His text was: "And the spirit of the Lord descended upon him as a dove." Right in the midst of the sermon, at the most impressive point, just as the doctor had repeated the text, a dove flew in the window and settled on the pulpit. The effect was electrical, and Dr. Talmage made good use of the incident, we may be sure. The sermon created a sensation and was the talk of the city. So much so that he was requested to repeat it. He consented, but how to get another dove to fly into the church was his problem. Then the thought struck him of having the sexton carry a dove into the roof above the dome of the church and at the opportune moment let it loose.

"Mind, now, Michael," said the doctor, "when I come to the place in my sermons where I say 'and the spirit descended on him like a dove,' let the spirit descend on him like a dove."

The church was thronged. Dr. Talmage grew more and more eloquent as the sermon proceeded. At length he came to the critical passage. Drawing himself up, as was his wont, and dropping his hands to his side with a strutting bang, he boldly whispered: "And the spirit descended upon him like a dove."

So answer from Michael. Again the doctor said, this time loudly, looking toward the roof: "And the spirit descended upon him like a dove."

Then, from the dome, Mike was heard in a stage whisper: "Ver' rivenent, the cat's at up the dove."

AND HE CAN'T SAY A WORD. Hewitt—Wall, a dumb man has one advantage. He doesn't have to bite his lip to keep from speaking.

Hewitt—No, all I has to do is to put his hands in his pockets.

ONE TOO MANY. Sallie Raitus—How many languages do you speak, Polly? Polly—Eight. When I tackled the ninth, I saw my finch.

Sallie—What was it? Polly—Finch.

Special Hat Sale AT BARNABY'S 400-402-404 Nicollet Avenue. Half Price One Thousand Stiff and Soft HATS To Make Room for Straws.

GLORIA OXFORDS SAME AS GLORIA BOOTS Best in the land \$3.50 for Remember, We Are Sole Agents. 307 NICOLLET NICKEL PLATE 307 NICOLLET.

LABOR GETS UNEASY Carpenters and Joiners of Winnipeg Likely to Strike. BAKERS OF TOWN ALREADY OUT C. P. R. Freight Handlers Have a Grievance and Wire for International President.

Special to The Journal. Winnipeg, Man., May 5.—While building here is booming in every direction, as is usual at this time of the year, the operations are generally threatened with labor troubles. The bricklayers and masons' union, one of the strongest organizations in the city, made a demand last week of 2 1/2 cents an hour increase and it was promptly granted.

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