

CITY NEWS

MORRILL FOR MAYOR

PREACHER IS IN THE FIELD
Wants Republican Nomination, and Promises Administration That Will Satisfy All Classes.

Rev. G. L. Morrill announces himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for mayor and promises to have his nomination papers in the possession of the county auditor in short order.

It is understood, however, that Mr. Morrill is now past the heading-off stage. If nominated and elected, Mr. Morrill promises to give the city an administration that will satisfy all elements.

I shall stand for a golden mean in municipal rule. I shall not shut up the saloon or all the gambling-houses, or demand the impossible and the impractical in reference to the control of the social evil.

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NEW SORORITY IN FIELD

GAMMA PHI BETA AT UNIVERSITY
Exclusive Woman's Organization Grants a Charter to Petitioners at Minnesota.

Gamma Phi Beta, one of the most exclusive of college Greek letter sororities, has granted a charter to Minnesota.

Gamma Phi Beta will thus become the sixth sorority to be organized at the University of Minnesota.

The petitioners for the charter were members of a university organization known as the Kappa Iota club.

Gamma Phi Beta is one of the few organizations in the Greek letter world that has no dormant chapters.

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Members of the new chapter will be expected to attend the University of Minnesota.

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IT'S UP TO THE UNION

Labor Interests Can Deprive East Side of Its Library.

THE GRIEVANCE IS IN VERMONT
Continuation of Troubles Here Means Permanent Abandonment of a Benevolent Project.

It is up to organized labor of Minneapolis to see whether or not the plans made by the late John S. Pillsbury for the erection of a handsome library building on the East Side shall ever be carried out.

The bricklayers and stone setters on the building cut work last week on the report that the marble was being furnished by an "unfair" firm and matters have since been in statu quo.

Mr. Morrill has already made a number of dates for speeches. He has promised to address a big gathering of the Foresters this month, and early in June he is billed to make the chief address at the big open meeting of Easters, which will be held at the Bijou theater during their national convention.

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COULD BE DRAINED

Prof. C. W. Hall Favors Plan to Dry Up Lake Traverse.

Well Known Geologist Says Great Benefits Would Result to Surrounding Region.

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Professor Hall has given the matter considerable attention. The bill as introduced in the legislature is expected to be passed.

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MINORITY PLEASED

Expresses Satisfaction at Decision in First Baptist Church Case.

COUNCIL'S FINDINGS REVIEWED
Report is Considered as a Vindication of Their Course by the Minority.

The committee which, in behalf of the minority membership of the First Baptist church, called the exparte council just organized, gives the following official estimate of that decision:

Taking the report as a whole, it is all that we expected. We strongly expect and believe that a mutual council will be held in the near future and we believe also that the minority will do its utmost to carry out the recommendation of the council.

Regarding the first paragraph of its findings, the council states that there have been presented for consideration a number of questions of vital importance to our denomination which as an ex parte council "we conclude that we cannot properly consider."

This not only implies but positively admits that there are many questions of vital importance to the denomination involved in the controversy, and that the members of the council do not hope that a mutual council will be held in the near future, they certainly have expressed their opinions on these points.

In the second paragraph the council recognizes a fact always underestimated and misrepresented by the majority, that there is a very large and influential membership of the church, the members of which are in the present condition of things and implies very strongly that about this following withdrawal of the majority from the council, the members of the denomination would not only be impaired, but possibly be destroyed.

In the third paragraph the council states that the officers of the church refuse to forward the efforts of the council to bring about a reconciliation, or a mutual council, and it greatly regrets that the council has declined such a mutual council, and also regrets that the officers refused this ex parte council the church parlors for its deliberations.

In the fourth paragraph the council states that the majority, and it is to be regretted that the right of mutual council according to the usage of our denomination certainly belongs to the majority, and it is to be regretted that judgment that no case could more imperatively demand such a council than does this one.

In conclusion, it is unanimously and in the strongest language possible recommends the minority not to abandon the church, this in itself being a strong vindication of the minority's position during the past four years.

The members of the council were very desirous of settling this difficulty while here, and before reporting to the majority, and for an interview with some of the majority members in whom the committee had confidence.

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MAY MEAN FUEL OIL

Texas Oil Operators Vitrally Interested in Pending Coal Strike.

"CINCH" OF COAL TRUST MENACED
Protracted Labor Troubles Would Undoubtedly Force Consumers to Use Oil as Fuel.

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BABYLONIA BANKING

Records of Thousands of Years Ago Being Deciphered.

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Result of the Researches of Dr. Albert T. Clay of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Albert T. Clay, assistant to Professor Herman V. Hilprecht, the leading authority on Babylonian antiquities, has been at work for several months in the museums of the University of Pennsylvania deciphering and copying the records of the banking firm of Murashu, Sons, which was the leading house of the city of Nippur, in Babylonia; these records are to appear in connection with Professor Hilprecht's series of publications.

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