

CITY NEWS

THE POWER TO THINK

How It Is Being Built Up in a Little St. Paul Boy.

His Brain Was of No Use to Him Till Treatment Began.

Born without thyroid glands, which play such an important part in the development of the brain, Willie Anderson, aged 13, was a mental wreck until undergoing a course of treatment recently at the St. Paul city hospital.

The disease from which the boy was a congenital sufferer is known in medicine as "cretinism." It is a disease most distinctive of Switzerland, and Willie Anderson is its only victim on record in Minnesota.

The boy first responded to the treatment through the development of his sense of taste. He was fed on a certain kind of cake for several days in succession, and was then deprived of it for one meal. He apparently missed something, and when the cake was replaced at supper time he embraced it like an old friend.

He is now learning to talk, though his knowledge of English is limited to "good" and "fine." Singing was apparently instinctive with Willie, but as all his notes are the harsh, guttural sounds peculiar to sufferers from the disease, the attendants do not think much of his vocal powers.

Another big stride toward intelligence was manifested when the boy broke into tears after a tray of dishes had been upset on his cot. It was his first exhibition of grief.

He will never reach the full physical stature of a man, say the attending physicians, but they believe he will be a good average brain worker in the years to come.

NEW ENGINE STARTED

It Will Supply the Deficiency of Street Car Power During the Rush Hours.

The new, tandem 1,500 horse power engine which is the largest of its kind of the additional power needed to operate the street cars of Minneapolis during the morning and evening rush hours, was placed in operation at the Third avenue power house Saturday.

The men working under Mr. Taylor, who will become chief engineer of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company Jan. 1, at a salary of \$5,000 a year, showed their appreciation of him by presenting him with a Walker watch, a gold watch last evening. In making the presentation speech, R. L. Costigan, general purchasing agent of the company, said that with the aid of the hopes of the men that he would be as successful in his new position as in the one he is about to leave.

HENNEPIN MEASURES

Will Be Considered at a Delegation Meeting To-morrow.

Senator George P. Wilson, chairman of the Hennepin county legislative delegation, has issued a call for a meeting of the newly elected members, to be held Tuesday evening in the municipal court rooms. The object is to hear from all who have ideas on legislation for Hennepin county or the city of Minneapolis.

The most important proposition to come up will be the legislation for the \$200,000 issue of school bonds and the \$500,000 permanent improvement revolving fund bonds, which fall in a territory of the regular vote at the last election. The delegation will be asked to introduce and support a bill of a general character, authorizing city council in the future to issue bonds to such an amount, in excess of the limit of indebtedness. This will require the concurrence of the members from St. Paul and Duluth.

California, via Tourist, Over the Rock Island Ry.

In selecting a route to California the altitude and climate of the country traversed should naturally be given consideration. The Rock Island system not only has the shortest route to the Pacific Coast, but also passes through a territory of the lowest altitude and a most genial temperature. Beginning Wednesday, and every Wednesday thereafter, the Rock Island Ry. will run a tourist car from Minneapolis to Los Angeles without change over the Rock-Island-El Paso route, leaving the city depot at 7:10 p. m. The car will be of the latest Pullman design and up-to-date in every respect, and you may be assured of a most comfortable journey. If you go this way, a double berth through costs but six dollars, and a nice way to California can not be gone over. Information and literature on California cars is had at the Rock Island Ticket Office, 222 Nicollet Ave.

A Popular Calendar.

The "Omaha" Road's Useful Calendar Now Ready for Distribution. The popular calendar issued every year by the "Omaha" Road is now ready for distribution. This is without doubt the most useful calendar issued and will be found in more business houses and homes than any other. It is ten by fifteen inches in size, has a nice silk cord for hanging, and runs a week to a page. The figures are two inches in height and can be easily seen the length of a large room. Copies of this very useful calendar may be had free on application at City Ticket offices to J. A. O'Brien, 400 Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, E. A. Whitaker, 323 Robert St., St. Paul, or a copy will be sent by mail to any address in the United States or Canada for 10 cents in stamps to cover postage, wrapping and handling charges. T. W. Teasdale, General Passenger Agent, The North-Western Line, St. Paul, Minn.

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Unprecedented Cut Prices!

End of Season—Clearance of odd lots, broken lots, short lots, novelties and extreme styles, discontinued lines, remnants and broken assortments.

High-Class hand-tailored, custom made Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats that have been excellent values and unparalleled bargains at \$24.00, \$22.00, \$18.00, \$16.00



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\$15.00 and \$12.00, cut down for choice to

There are all shapes, sizes, fabrics and colorings, fancy weaves as well as blacks and blues.

Beyond question of a doubt the most wonderful clothing bargain in the history of the clothing business. Of extraordinary importance; a sale the magnitude of which is astonishing and values unheard of.

Startling Sale of Men's Trousers

The entire surplus stock is affected, prices less than half actual wholesale valuation.

3,000 pairs of men's trousers, regular \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00 trousers in worsteds, cassimeres, wools, Thibets and cheviots, in all sizes and all manner of colorings, a most magnificent assortment sacrificed, choice of entire lot \$1.85 at

A splendid opportunity and the chief trouser sale of our existence.



Radical Cut Prices in Boys' Clothing.

The greatest bargain on record, an assortment much larger than any cut price sale ever known.

Reefers and overcoats, knee pants suits, 3-piece suits, vestee suits, sailor suits, and Norfolk suits, sizes 4 to 17, in dependable high-grades, values \$7.50, \$6.50, \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.00, and \$3.50 given you at choice regardless of their worth, for your own picking, sale price, at

\$2.50

Young men's suits and overcoats, sizes up to 21 in fancy and plain effects, all manner of suits and overcoats, single and double breasted, worth \$14.00, \$12.00, \$10.00 and \$8.00, an immense quantity, without exception the most radical reduction and most extraordinary bargain at, choice for

\$5.00



Final Climax of Tie Clearance.

\$1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c and 25c light dark colored, high grade Neckwear, magnificent qualities and rich, stylish stuffs, but slightly hurt from Christmas trading, offered to you at 10c choice to-morrow for 10c



Men's Kersey Caps.

Fur Lined Bands, blacks and blues, patent visors, the \$1.25 and \$1.50 caps for 69c



Men's Underwear

\$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00 odds and ends and short lots of men's underwear in fleeced and ribbed, shrunk, natural wool, cassimeres, camel's hair, worsted, medicated shirts, drawers and union suits, in all sizes, big, medium and small at choice of the entire lot to-morrow for 69c

SONS OF NORWAY BANQUET

Addresses by W. H. Grimshaw and James A. Peterson—Mr. Grimshaw on America's Navy.

At the banquet of the Sons of Norway last Saturday evening, W. H. Grimshaw and James A. Peterson made the principal addresses. The former descended on his favorite theme, "The American Navy." He spoke as follows: "When invited to address this assembly, I was requested to say something that would enthrall the audience and to avoid politics. I have therefore selected for my subject 'The American Navy.' "What can be said of the American navy? Better ask is there anything patriotic, fearless or sublime that cannot be said in whatever climate, under any sky, against unnumbered foes, standing aboard our nation's ships under the stars and stripes, can always be found the highest type of American manhood. "In peace or war, at home or abroad, in the arctic or tropics, in storm or calm, at Manila, Santiago or Venezuela, regardless of conditions, emergency or environment, the American warship is symbolic of national justice, integrity, honor and strength, and from the day our first vessel sailed on the blue Atlantic until this very hour our naval glories, triumphs and history remain as unshaken as the stars. "To the officers and sailors of our navy, surrender is obsolete, cowardice unknown, cruelty unheard of, courage predominant. When they strike they strike to conquer; when they shoot they shoot to destroy;

when they fight they fight to a finish; when they die they die victorious and the entire nation mourns. Greater than the Greek nobler than the Roman, they are not seekers after glory—that they have in abundance; they are not obliged to battle in order to vindicate their honor, or to assert their dignity; these together with their patriotism have been established, inherited and acknowledged. At Manila and Santiago they fought that justice might be perpetuated, treachery annihilated, and that Spanish tyranny might forever be banished from this hemisphere. "Go search the records of all history and you will find the victories of Dewey and Schley unparalleled in the world. These are the only great naval battles of the globe where the victors did not lose a man and the vanquished did not save a ship. At Manila they were ripped, wrecked and riddled. At Santiago they were battered, beached and burned. Were it not for our navy, instead of these glories for our patriots, the inhabitants of those islands would have been scourged and starved into submission, and this nation, instead of extending freedom to other people, would be to-day in the same predicament as Venezuela with the floating steel forts of the enemy all along our coasts. "My friends, the American navy has a record as follows: Disheartened by no defeat, discouraged by no obstacles, unperturbed by no danger, dismayed by no disaster, our navy always has, can now and forever will whip anything three times its size in any water of the globe. In our recent war the only reason the American navy did not sink one hundred Spanish boats every month was because Spain did not have the ships. "One great reason of our marvelous achievements upon the water is because our seamen are heterogeneous. The inventive genius of the Yankee, the brav-

ery of the Norwegian, the persistency of the German, the valor and chivalry of the Irish, all under American domination and guardianship, have made ours the greatest navy on the ocean. But allow me to mention another factor that makes our naval victories not altogether the effect of bravery. Thoroughness in drill, discipline and mechanism are great factors in all physical, mental and mechanical contests. The American commander is so proficient in naval construction that he can adjust anything from a propeller to a steam-engine. The American gunner is so expert that many of them can hit a gull upon the wing with a cannon ball. Where every officer is an engineer and every sailor a sharp-shooter, defeat must necessarily be an unknown quantity. When-ever the opportunity offers, a thousand men in our navy are ready and capable of duplicating the great achievements of Dewey and Schley. "But, my friends, not only their deeds but their words will live forever. Amidst the roar of conflict and the smoke of battle in wreck and disaster, with the deaf and dying surrounding him, when asked to surrender, the immortal John Paul Jones replied, 'The fighting has only just commenced, and I then proceeded to capture a better ship than the one sinking under him.' The gallant Perry from the battle of Lake Erie, after a victory over enormous odds, sent a message to headquarters that will forever electrify American hearts—'We have met the enemy and they are ours.' Winslow, after chasing a piratical English craft all over the high seas, sunk her almost inside of a foreign port and afterwards sent these consoling words to America: 'The Kearsarge is slightly damaged. The Alabama is at the bottom of the sea.' The immortal Paragore, whose very name shines with a lustre greater than either Alexander, Caesar or

Bonaparte, cheered the Union patriots by passing up the Mississippi through leaden rain, iron hail and bursting shells, sent the following message to White House: 'The Mississippi and New Orleans have passed from the control of Secession. It was the invincible Decatur who said, 'Our country always right, but right or wrong, I will support the Union.' Gentlemen: it was on account of the navy that Abraham Lincoln, the greatest of our mighty dead, was enabled to say: 'The Mississippi now flows unvexed to the sea.' "My friends, I close by emphasizing this thought: If we want eternal peace, which should be the object of all good men, then we should ever be prepared for war; if we wish to establish justice on every foot of this hemisphere, then an enlarged navy is the thing with which to accomplish it. Therefore, with gallantry apparent, energy conspicuous, courage unblemished, never unequalled, victories unnumbered, Long live the American Navy!"

ORPHEUS' CHRISTMAS A Tree and a Farewell to Society's Director and the Features of the Entertainment. Orpheus society held its annual Christmas entertainment at Fraternity hall yesterday afternoon and evening. About 150 persons were present. A large Christmas tree was the center of interest and many Swedish Christmas customs were remembered by the majority as they stood before the beautiful tree. The function was also a farewell to Charles Swenson, the musical director of the society, who leaves to-day for Oakland, Cal., to take up his permanent residence. Between Mr. Swenson and the singers there have always existed the most cordial relations and the parting was a tender one. The program included solos by Oscar Anderson, tenor; G. A. Phillips, baritone; Miss Edna Mattson, violin, and addresses by Dr. G. A. Fliesburg, Dr. Victor Nilsson and others.

GREAT PIANO SALE Will Last for Three Days Only. This is the day the great three-day piano sale opens at warehouses of the Kinball company, 727 Nicollet avenue. Think of new upright pianos in fancy wood cases of New York manufacture for \$125 each. Call or address the Rock Island ticket office, 222 Nicollet avenue, and get some elegant descriptive literature on Colorado, Arizona, Mexico and California. Telephone to WINNIPEG The Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co. now has direct connection from all its stations with Winnipeg and other Manitoba points. NORTHWESTERN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE COMPANY.