CITY NEWS.

WEATHER NOW AND THEN

Maximum Temperature To-day 50 Degrees; a Year Ago 57 Degrees.

Large Reward for the Coal—The fuel and feed office of Pitts Brothers, 3013 Hennepin avenue, was broken into last night. All that was stolen were 500 rubber binders and a wheelbarrow load of coal.

Park Avenue Residents to Meet—A meeting of residents of Park avenue will be held at Park Avenue Congregational church this evening to consider the advisability of narrowing the paved roadway of the avenue from 56 to 36 feet.

Art Students' Exhibition.—The eighteenth annual exhibition of students' work of the Minneapolis School of Fine Arts will be held in the school rooms and art gallery in the public library building Saturday evening. The exhibition will be open to the public May 17 to May 22. The program Saturday evening will include music, addresses and the announcement of the awards.

Retires From the Pulpit.—The Rev. Israel Bergstrom, formerly of Minneapolis, has again resigned from the ministry to engage in matters of personal interest. Since he retired from politics, Mr. Bergstrom has been pastor of the Baptist church at Hudson, Wis., and has achieved considerable success, bringing the congregation out of debt and having the church building repaired and beautified. He has also done considerable missionary work among the Scandinavians.

NUMBER 236

Total Residences canvassed from August 26 to date	**4749**
Journals taken	**3959**
Eve. Tribunes	901
Morn. Tribunes	665
No. Flat Bldgs	70
Journals taken	**1154**
Eve. Tribunes	156
Morn. Tribunes	169

Any advertiser can prove these figures

To-day's Canvass

Portland Ave. (Franklin Ave. to 5th Ave. S.)	Chicago Ave. (E. Lake St. to E. 26th St.)
21 residences.	16 residences.
16 Journals.	11 Journals.
4 E. Trib.	6 Eve. Tribs.
[illegible] M. Trib.	0 M. Tribs.

NECROLOGICAL

DEATH OF MRS. TRUESDALE

Mother of W. H. Truesdale and Mrs. Jos. Gaskell Passes Away Here.

Mrs. Charlotte M. Truesdale died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Gaskell, 1414 Linden avenue, after an illness of almost a year. Mrs. Truesdale was 76 years of age and was the widow of Dr. Calvin Truesdale, for many years a prominent physician of Rock Island, Ill. After the death of her husband, nine years ago, Mrs. Truesdale came to Minneapolis to make her home with her daughter. She belonged to a well-known Ohio family and resided in Poland, Ohio, until her marriage. She was a woman who found her greatest happiness in her home life and she was known to the people of Rock Island as the friend of the poor and unfortunate. She leaves three children—Mrs. Gaskell, Charles Truesdale of Rock Island and W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Truesdale were with their mother at the time of her death.

A service was held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gaskell, and this evening the body will be taken to Rock Island in Mr. Truesdale's private car, to be placed beside that of Dr. Truesdale. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gaskell and Mrs. H. C. Truesdale will go down to Rock Island with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Truesdale to be present at the service to-morrow.

EDWARD D. HAMILL—The funeral of the late Edward D. Hamill will be held at the residence of his wife's mother, Mrs. H. T. Chamberlain, 3100 First avenue S, on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Hamill died at San Jose, Cal., on May 5. For several years past he had been a sufferer from consumption, and had spent the greater part of his time in Colorado, New Mexico and California, in a vain search for health. He was born in Newburgh, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1862, and received his education in that city. He came to Minneapolis in 1886, and for some time thereafter was connected with the Dun and Bradstreet commercial agencies. Later he became manager of the Boyd Transfer company and served in that capacity until compelled to abandon work by reason of failing health. He was married in 1888 to Harriet T. Chamberlain, who with two of their four children survive him. He was well and favorably known in business circles, and also in the First Baptist church, of which he has been a member since he first came to the city.

MRS. MINERVA SIMSON, aged 70 years, died May 10 at her home, 3120 Fifth avenue S. Funeral from residence Thursday at 2:30; interment at Lakewood.

TIME TO PAY TAXES

June 1 Penalty Is Added to Real Estate Taxes.

May 31 is the last day for the payment of real estate taxes for the first half of 1902. On the first day of June a penalty of 10 per cent will be added. As a result of the near approach of the time limit, the treasurer's office is a busy place these days. The annual tax sale is on in the auditor's office and will probably continue to-morrow and next day. The list of property for sale on account of delinquent taxes is much smaller than for years, showing a condition of prosperity.

DIPHTHERIA IN JAIL

Another Case Discovered—Patient Taken to the Hospital.

Another case of diptheria was discovered in the county jail this afternoon and the jail was promptly quarantined. The patient, whose name is Ben Loski was taken to the city hospital. The jail will be thoroly fumigated.

UNIONS ACCEPT CHALLENGE.

Yonkers, N. Y., May 12.—The challenge recently made by John C. Havemeyer to the labor unions of the city, in which he offered to propound various questions for labor union speakers to answer at a public meeting, the expense to be borne by him, has been officially accepted by the local branch of the federated union. The vote to accept the challenge was unanimous. There were delegates present from twelve of the locals. It was at first deemed expedient to confine the speakers to Yonkers men, but the point was raised that Mr. Havemeyer would in all probability have the support of a great many wealthy men of the country and for that reason the ablest labor speakers in the country are to be obtained to answer him.

JOHNSON IS GUILTY

Sup't of City Poor Department Is Convicted of Misappropriating Public Funds.

The Jury Retired Last Evening and Reported Its Verdict This Morning.

William H. Johnson, secretary of the board of charities and corrections, has been convicted of misappropriating $150 of the funds in his care.

After being out since 4 o'clock last evening the Johnson jury filed into Judge Elliott's court room this morning at 10 o'clock. The defendant, a number of friends, the attorneys and the court were in their accustomed places and awaited silently the reading of the verdict.

"We find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment."

The blow had fallen. William H. Johnson stood convicted by a jury of his peers of the misappropriation of $150 of the city's funds.

It was like a bolt from a clear sky, almost if not entirely unexpected. Thruout the trial the defendant and his attorney, Judge Steele, have expressed the utmost confidence as to the outcome. They have in fact treated the charge as being almost of a trifling nature and those who have heard the evidence, including the county attorneys, have never expressed any strong belief that a conviction would result.

Judge Steele asked for a stay and the continuance of his client's bond and the request was granted. The defendant was released until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, when sentence will be passed.

The case will be appealed and Judge Steele's statement as to his hope for the future is "That verdict can never stand."

The case again Johnson was simple and the evidence adduced was brief and to the point. The charge was of misappropriating the sum of $150 belonging to the city and which as secretary of the board of charities and corrections he had in charge.

The defense was that the money was laid aside by the defendant with the full knowledge and consent of the members of the board for the purpose of paying small items of expense—as a sort of contingent fund in other words.

The penalty for the crime of which Johnson is convicted is imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a period not to exceed five years.

HIS OFFICIAL STATUS

Does Johnson's Conviction End His Term in Office?

Much perturbation was caused among the members of the board of charities and corrections by the conviction of W. H. Johnson on the charge of misappropriating public funds. Mr. Johnson as secretary of the board and superintendent of the poor department, is the executive officer of the board and an important individual.

The commissioners have withheld criticism of Mr. Johnson in the face of the indictment and despite the charges frequently made that he had bought his appointment from the then mayor, Albert Alonzo Ames, but naturally cannot overlook the conviction.

The situation is rather embarrassing as Mr. Johnson has control of some of the funds of the board, but presumably cannot remain an officer, in view of the fact that he has been convicted of a crime. The question is whether the appeal to the supreme court stays the matter.

Mayor Haynes and Commissioners Orville Rinehart and John Crosby are learned in the law, but all decline to pass judgment on this point. It's up to City Attorney Frank Healy to decide whether Mr. Johnson still holds office in the case of an appeal, they argue. A special meeting of the board will be held this evening or to-morrow morning to consider the situation and the city atttorney will be invited.

TO TAKE UP COAL RATES

State Officials Will Hear Municipal and Commercial League Case To-Morrow.

An important conference was held this forenoon at the Merchants' hotel, St. Paul, by the executive and the railroad committees of the Municipal and Commercial league. The object was to prepare for the coal rate hearing to-morrow before the railroad and warehouse commission. The state will be represented by Attorney General Douglas and the league will send a delegation. t is likely that T. D. O'Brien of St. Paul will also be employed as counsel for the league.

The railroad rates committee of the league consists of C. W. Gress of Cannon Falls, C. E. Wright of Fergus Falls, J. H. Esbjornsen of Litchfield, Cass D. Hindes of Shakopee and Ferdinand Crone of New Ulm.

The executive committee consists of President L. A. Rosing of Cannon Falls, Vice President Joseph A. Eickstein, New Ulm; Treasurer Esbjornsen of Litchfield, Mr. Gress of Cannon Falls, J. G. Armsen of Stillwater, C. M. Andrews of Mankato, Carlos Avery of Hutchinson, Dr. C. O. Cooley of Madelia, D. C. Armstrong of Albert Lea and W. C. Webber of Rochester.

MADE HIS OWN COFFIN

But Henry Loverin's Family Preferred Not to Use It.

Henry A. Loverin, the pioneer carpenter who died Saturday at his home 2824 Lyndale avenue S, is not resting in the coffin that he made for himself. Four or five years ago, says friends of the old resident, he constructed, for his own future use, a substantial coffin of quarter-sawed oak. He said that he had taken accurate measurements and felt assured that the coffin would be satisfactory. Then he put it away to season in a corner of his workshop.

But Mr. Loverin's family were not wholly in accord with his usual ambition. They ordered a casket from a local undertaker.

FIFTY YEARS IN ST. PAUL

Friends of Mayor Robert A. Smith Celebrate the Anniversary of His Arrival.

Mayor Robert A. Smith had an unusual number of callers yesterday; in fact, he held a continuous reception during the time he was at the city hall. It was the fiftieth anniversary of the day when the good steamer Nominee bumped into the shore at St. Paul and discharged Robert A. Smith, secretary to Governor Gorman. Mr. Smith has held various official positions since then and is now acting as mayor of St. Paul for the fifth time.

YOUNG EVANS RETURNS.

Charles L. Evans, the 18-year-old son of Rev. Thomas M. Evans of Des Moines, Iowa, who ran away from his home last week and came to the twin cities by riding a brake beam while clad in a full dress suit, was found yesterday afternoon at Seventh and Jackson streets in St. Paul and turned over to his father, who had come to the cities in search of him. He consented to return home without protest.

IS HE "BILL RUSSELL"

"A Man Named Russell, From Minneapolis" Makes a Stir in Louisiana.

He Introduces Bonanza Farm Methods and Overcomes Scarcity of Labor.

Is "our own" Bill Russell—the same who suddenly left town to dodge an indictment—down in Dixie, showing southern planters how to till the soil?

That is a question which friends of the genial Bill are asking themselves, in view of a clipping from the Daily States of New Orleans, announcing that a "man named Russell, who came from Minneapolis," is solving the problem of scarce labor in the rice country by the introduction of steam plows. The article goes on to relate that Mr. Russell, "who has had much experience in wheat-raising in the far northwest," bought the first steam plow to be used in the rice country and is now operating it on his rice farm of 1,000 acres, located five miles from Houston, Tex., on the Southern Pacific road.

He is now said to be plowing his land at the rate of forty acres a day, his steam plow doing the work of thirty mules and eight negroes.

A friend of the late "Coffee John" Fitchette informed him just after Dr. Ames went to Louisville, that Russell, who was then in New York city, had left for the south, and at divers times since, rumor has located him in different southern states. Russell still owns considerable property in Minneapolis, and is supposed to have been well fixed when he left the city. Tenants who lease a store building from Russell on Washington avenue N and pay the rent to an agent, were unable to say where their landlord could be found. They admitted that he might be in the south.

The fact that no other Russel is known to have gone to Texas from Minneapolis lends color to the belief that it is really the late member of the board of charities and corrections.

IDAHO'S GOV. HERE

The Man to Whom Roosevelt Gave a Sandwich Visits in Minneapolis.

He Is on His Way Home to the Coming "Greatest State."

John T. Morrison, governor of Idaho, spent yesterday in inspecting Minneapolis. He came up from Chicago to visit his former classmate at Wooster and Cornell, R. E. Esterly.

The governor is returning from St. Louis, where with his staff, he represented Idaho at the dedication of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition buildings. Mr. Morrison was the fortunate one to whom President Roosevelthanded the famous sandwich at lunch. It was the governor with his staff who, in despair of getting transportation, seized a cab and made off with it, and of whom one of the directors said: "That man must be from the west and knows how to take care of himself."

Governor Morrison was much pleased with the succession of entertaining events in which the official guests at St. Louis participated. He was much pleased, also, with Minneapolis on his first trip, altho it rained hard. He spent some time going over the various public buildings. Governor Van Sant he had met at St. Louis.

"Idaho offers the most and the greatest opportunities for young men of any of the states," said the governor. He is very enthusiastic over the prospects of his commonwealth, which is larger than Minnesota, but has less population than Minneapolis. The lumber, mining, fruit and agricultural interest are being developed rapidly, he says. Idaho has the only body of white pine left. There is enough for thirty years' cutting. The Weyerhauser interests have purchased immense quantities of the stumpage. The lumbermen are under contract with the state to remove the timber within twenty years, but feel that they have too large a proposition. The governor says that the government has made several forest reserves of timber, and that Minnesotans are coming to the state and are aiding in the development of its resources. Idaho, as seen thru the governor's eyes, is to become one of the great states of the union. It has the resources and all it needs is development.

Governor Morrison is hard at work systematizing affairs in his office. He is a lawyer by profession and lives at Caldwell. He is a young man, and is credited with being one of the political powers which put the republican party in power in his state. He is the first republican governor since 1894. In 1896 he ran for congress and received 6,000 votes, not enough. In 1900 he was again defeated, but was elected governor in 1902 with a greater majority than his total vote for congress in 1896. It is understood that he preferred the opportunity to have a hand in the affairs of the state during its development rather than a higher national office which was in his line of succession.

IT STANDS FOR A CLASS

Peavey Elevator Company of Kansas City in Proposed Investigation by the I. C. C.

It is understood at the Peavey & Co. offices in this city that in the impending Union Pacific investigation by the interstate commerce commission, the name of Peavey & Co. of Kansas City and Council Bluffs is simply used as that of a typical company.

The investigation is to determine whether payments or allowances made by the Union Pacific to the Peavey company for grain elevator facilities or service, and the grain rates made to the company, are in violation of the law. The road must make full answer by May 25.

The commission says the rebates appear to be not only on the grain of Peavey & Co., but on the grain of all other shippers passing thru the Peavey elevators, and that the allowances may subject other shippers to unjust discrimination and to unjust transportation charges, enabling the shippers thru the Peavey elevators to obtain net rates less than the regular tariff.

"QUO VADIS" DELAYED

It Will Be Week After Next, Not Next Week.

The announcement of the Ferris Stock company at the Lyceum that the company would produce the grand scenic spectacle "Quo Vadis," next week, created no little comment, and orders for seats are coming in very rapidly. Dick Ferris upon returning from Omaha, where he has just opened the Boyd theater for the summer season, noticed the progress of the production and decided that the play could not be put on in the proper manner in so short a time, he therefore ordered the piece held over one week and substituted the sensational comedy drama "Home and Honor."

LIKELY TO DO TIME

Hardly Probable That the Court Will Release Ames With a Fine.

The Former Mayor Due to Appear for Sentence To-morrow Afternoon.

Former Mayor A. A. Ames will be sentenced to-morrow. The hour is not determined as yet but it will probably be at 2 p. m.

This statement was given out by Frank Nye, chief counsel for the convicted man, and the program will undoubtedly be carried out. The bail bond for the defendant's release pending an appeal has been arranged for and everything is now in readiness for the last scene of the Ames trial drama.

Judge Elliott maintains a sphinx-like silence as to the sentence, but apparently has his mind made up and will not be moved by any outside force. Ames' friends are trying to bring influences to bear which will persuade the court to make a fine the only penalty, but it is not believed that their arguments will be considered. A petition asking the court to exercise mercy has been suggested, altho it will probably not materialize, as it would doubtless harm rather than help the defendant's chances.

A few communications have been addressed to Judge Elliott, one from a prominent citizen, suggesting that if the expense incurred by the state should be figured up and the doctor fined in that amount, the ends of justice would be met. Altho the judge would not discuss the letter, he intimated that the law of the district court was not one of reimbursement and that there were many higher motives as well as judicial principles which must be considered in arriving at a decision as to the punishment to be given the convicted doctor.

There seems to be a general impression that a penitentiary term of something over five years will be thought best to subserve all the ends of right and justice.

TEAM MAY STRIKE

Track Athletes at the University Request That No Meets Be Held.

Adverse Comments on the Unbusinesslike Methods of Minnesota's Management.

Athletics at the university have reached a crisis, if reliance may be placed on reports of the meeting of the board of control yesterday afternoon. The board met to consider the matter of a dual track meet with Nebraska. Just before the meeting the members of the team sent a communication to the board requesting that no meet be held this year. They said proper effort had not been made to secure a meet for them and the team had taken little interest in the work and were unfit to contest with a first-class college.

All of the teams in the conference seem to belittle Minnesota and when a request is made for a meet of any kind the foreign teams assume the right to dictate terms. The manager of one of the conference teams says that this condition of affairs has been brought about by the unbusinesslike methods of the Minnesota management. He says that Minnesota canceled her football date with Illinois to take on Wisconsin and that she must now expect to take just what she can get in other branches of athletics. The managers of Iowa, of Chicago and of Wisconsin have alluded to Minnesota's actions in the conference in not very flattering terms.

Thus far during the present season Minnesota has been unable to arrange a meet with teams outside of the conference. The universities of North and South Dakotaand Drake of Iowa have applied for dates and unless Nebraska accepts the offer of Minnesota she will be classed with these colleges for the present.

At the football conference in Chicago last fall a prominent manager said that of Minnesota continued to do business under the present conditions, she would soon be forced into a class by herself.

At the meeting yesterday the board voted to offer Nebraska $350 to come to Minneapolis on May 23. The action was reconsidered and annulled and finally approved a second time. If this offer is not speedily accepted there is every indication that the track team will go on a strike and disband for the remainder of the season. The members are not at all enthusiastic over the matter and as Captain Bockman is laid up with a sprained ankle they have few hopes of success either in a dual meet or at the conference.

BIG HAUL OF TRAMPS

Six Wanderers Will No Longer Disturb Kenwood Residents.

Officers from the fifth precinct police station made a raid upon a gang of tramps that were camped out in a box car in the Minneapolis & St. Louis yards near Superior boulevard last night and as a result ten of the gang were arraigned in police court this morning. K. T. McLlellan, Thomas Howard, Wallace Gardner, Jacob Blakely, Ed Adams and John Smith pleaded guilty and received a ten-day sentence each, while Norton Weed, Samuel Robinson, Frank Becklean and Fred Wright pleaded not guilty and convinced Judge Dickinson that they had entered the car to get out of the rain. They were dismissed.

Complaints have been received daily at police headquarters that a gang of tramps were hanging around the yards and bothering residents of Kenwood by begging. The matter was reported to the Fifth precinct station and a raid planned for last night. The patrol wagon from central police station was sent to the scene and the men hustled into the rig and brought to the city. The arrests were made by Sergeant Bean and Patrolmen Mattieson, Cunningham and Solomon.

$8 FOR WOLFSKINS

A Hasson Resident Gets Bounty For Family of Wolves He Destroyed.

That the wolf pest is still in existence was shown this morning by Fred Hazel, a resident of the town of Hasson, this county, who appeared at the auditor's office with the skins of eight wolf cubs. He asserted that he had found the family stowed away in a hollow log. He drew down $8 for his find.

RECOVERED THE MONEY.

Philadelphia, May 12.—Detectives have recovered all but $200 of the $20,000 in currency stolen from the safe of the United States Express company in transit from Pottsville, Pa., to Philadelphia. William J. Murphy, an express messenger in the employ of the company, who was arrested Saturday on suspicion, is said by the police to have made a confession which led to the recovery of the money.

FAIR CHAFFEUR ARRESTED.

New York, May 12.—Miss Norma L. Munro, who was in Jefferson Market court yesterday charged with speeding an automobile faster than the legal limit, was held in $300 for the court of special sessions and will be the first woman to answer that charge in a court of record. Miss Munro is the daughter of the late Norman L. Munro, publisher. She has been an enthusiastic automobilist, and once before she was stopped by a policeman, who accused her of exceeding the speed limit.

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$18.33

HE GAINED NO TIME

Kidwell, Who Broke Out of the Hospital, Gets Three Years in Stillwater.

Max Zastrow, His Partner in Crime, Is Given a Reformatory Sentence.

Sterling Kidwell has probably had his last chance to escape for some time to come. This man, who made such a sensational get-away from the city hospital a short time ago and was only recaptured after much trouble by the authorities, was sentenced this morning by Judge Pond to a term of three years and six months in the penitentiary. He will be taken to Stillwater as soon as commitment papers can be made out.

Max Zastrow, Kidwell's pal, was given a reformatory sentence.

Kidwell and Zastrow were indicted last February for breaking into a house at 1618 Clinton avenue. March 2 they pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second degree and were remanded for sentence until they could be called to testify against Litinski, indicted for receiving the property stolen by them. Kidwell took the diphtheria while in jail and was taken to the city hospital. He escaped from his room there, making a rope of his bedclothes. He was recaptured. His attempted escape accounts for the severity of his sentence.

Peter M. Moline withdrew a plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to burglary in the third degree. He was sentenced to the state reformatory. His offense was committed in St. Louis Park. A second indictment against him for grand larceny in the second degree was nolled.

The case against John Peterson, who was indicted and convicted of receiving stolen property from Margie Williams and afterward given a new trial, was nolled to-day on motion of Assistant County Attorney Leary. The evidence in the case cannot now be collected and the man has already served a considerable term in jail.

The legal contest growing out of the case against Timothy M. Scanlon, accused of the theft of some rebate vouchers from the Minneapolis & St. Louis office, has been decided by the supreme court in favor of the state and is now set for trial May 18. The supreme court held the vouchers susceptible of larceny.

ARROWSMITH PLEADS GUILTY

A Famous Case From Pipestone County Is Ended.

John Arrowsmith of Holland, Pipestone county, this morning pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second degree and was sentenced by Judge Elliott to four months in the workhouse.

The defendant's case has been pending in the Hennepin county courts for three terms, and previous to that he had been indicted in Pipestone county. Early in 1899 Arrowsmith had placed in his name property worth about $10,000, and upon this showing of credit he secured $15,000 worth of farm machinery on credit from Minneapolis implement houses. Later he had the property transferred to some relative and the Minneapolis concerns had nothing to secure them against loss. Arrowsmith went into bankruptcy in 1899 and only about $3,000 assets were found.

Indictments were returned against Arrowsmith in Pipestone county, but were afterwards nolled. Then the defendant sued the Minneapolis companies for false imprisonment. New indictments were brought against him in Hennepin county, to one of which he pleaded guilty this morning. The other three were nolled on motion of Assistant County Attorney Leary. C. S. Cairns appeared in the case for the implement jobbers.

Bill of Particulars Denied.

Judge Harrison has denied a motion made by W. P. McDonald and M. Lulu Brain, charged with embezzlement, asking that the state be compelled to furnish a bill of particulars. The case will not be tried this term.

KOLB IS LOCATED.

San Francisco, May 12.—George A. Kolb, business manager of the Marine Engineers' Association, who so mysteriously disappeared from New York a week ago, was located to-day in San Francisco. Kolb reached San Francisco in the early morning, having come from the east by way of El Paso. The first person he called upon was Coroner Leland, who had known him for some time. To the coroner he said he remembered nothing from the time he left New York until he reached El Paso on the westward journey. Then he came to himself and began to realize where he was. Acting upon Coroner Leland's advice, Kolb immediately telegraphed his wife at New York of his safety. He will return to his home to-day.

PROBLEMS OF SYNOD

Important Matters to Come Up at Forty-fifth Annual Conference in Minneapolis.

Removal of Gustavus Adolphus College One of Them—Conference Begins To-night.

More than 300 delegates to the forty-fifth annual session of the Minnesota conference of the Augustana Swedish Lutheran synod are in the city ready for work. The Minnesota conference is one of the eight principal divisions of the Augustana synod and is one of the largest and richest. It was organized in 1858 and now includes 350 congregations with a communicant membership of 41,396 and a total membership of 69,719. There are in the conference 285 churches and 126 parsonages, besides several schools, hospitals, and other charitable institutions such as Bethesda hospital in St. Paul, the orphan asylum at Vaso and a deaconess cottage in Minneapolis.

To-day's proceedings were given to ministerial delegates who discussed doctrinal themes.

The formal opening of the conference will be this evening. Special exercises will be held at the Augustana Swedish Lutheran church, Seventh street and Eleventh avenue S, where all the sessions will be held. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. A. Krantz and Rev. Dr. L. A. Johnston. Dr. John Fremling, the president will preach the annual conference sermon and Dr. C. J. Petri, pastor of the church, will welcome the delegates. A sporano solo, "My Redeemer and My Lord," will be given by Miss Esther Osborn.

The annual reports of the officers will be presented to-morrow morning. President Fremling is expected to call attention to the contemplated removal of Gustavus Adolphus college from St. Peter to Minneapolis, the proposed division of the conference and the question of withdrawing from the general council of the Lutheran church with which the Augustana synod has been affiliated for twenty-six years, and the manner of conducting the English work.

The program for the conference will be largely determined by the executive committee, consisting of Dr. Fremling, Rev. Dr. L. A. Johnston, St. Paul; Rev. L. G. Almen, Balaton, Minn.; Rev. G. Rast, Red Wing; G. Hultquist, Center City; C. P. Safe, Spring Garden, Minn., and Olof Hedman, St. Paul.

The distinct feature of the conference tho not a part of the regular proceedings will be a Swedish oratorical contest between representatives from the three colleges under the control of the synod. The contestants and their subjects are as follows:

"The Nation's Development," R. E. Walters, Gustavus Adolphus college, St. Peter, Minn.; "The Glory of Mankind," Joel Olsenius, Augustana college, Rock Island, Ill.; "The Last Cavalian," Adolphe Anderson, Bethany college, Kansas.

The judges are as follows: Thought, Dr. S. M. Hill, Wahoo, Neb.; Dr. J. Bonggren, Chicago, Ill.; Pastor M. J. Englund, East Greenwich, R. I. Delivery, C. A. Smith, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. H. Hegstrom, Jewel, Iowa; the Rev. C. B. L. Boman, Stockholm, Minn.

MACHINE IS A SUCCESS.

San Francisco, May 12.—The Stellar Azimuth machine, invented and patented by Captain R. T. Lawless, of the Oceanic Steamship company, has been given the test of practical use and has proved a most valuable addition to the mariners' aid in navigation. One of these machines was used on board the flagship New York during the just-ended cruise of the Pacific squadron, and, according to the navigating officer of the New York, the machine is an advanced step in the direction of a mechanical navigator which will solve the problems of position and courses with absolute accuracy, the factor of mental miscalculations being entirely eliminated.

RAINS AND CROPS

Grain Men Consider Results—The Rains Have Been Very Unevenly Distributed.

Advance in Price of Flax Is Expected to Cause Increase in Acreage.

Now that there is a prediction of clearing weather, the grain men are sizing up the results. It is conceded that the rainfall has been beneficial to a wide extent of country and has in great measure increased the favorable prospect for the northwestern crops. There is now the assurance of abundant moisture for some time to come. The rains have not been so beneficial, however, as might be supposed from local observation only, or from a superficial reading of the weather reports. The distribution of the rainfall has been irregular and uneven. Some localities where there was no immediate need of rain were soaked. Other localities were scarcely touched. The precipitation west of the Red River valley was not heavy, and while Minneapolis, Grand Meadow, New Ulm, Winnebago City and Worthington were soaked, points in the northern part of the valley and in northern and north central North Dakota had scarcely any rain.

It is dry north of the boundary line, and while everything is favorable, there has been no rain for some time and a good wetting down of the top soil is greatly to be desired. Winnipeg reported no rain to this morning, and light, dry winds.

The following table shows the irregularity of the recent rain distribution, the density of precipitation at some points and the comparatively unimportant pre-

Rainfall for four days:
cipitation at other points.

	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	Total.
Minneapolis	.28	.27	.96	.55	2.06
St. Paul	.40	.24	.96	.74	2.34
Alexandria	.42	....	....	.40	.82
Campbell	.84	....	....	.07	.91
Crookston	.85	....	....	....	.85
Grand Meadow	....	.48	.53	1.80	2.81
Moorhead	.14	....	....	....	.14
Montevideo	.05	.56	....	1.24	1.85
New Ulm	.23	.92	1.32	.45	2.92
Winnebago City	.10	.17	1.38	.71	2.36
Worthington	.13	1.80	1.68	....	3.61
Devils Lake	.03	....	....	....	.03
Langdon	.08	....	....	....	.08
Larimore	.22	....	....	....	.22
Lisbon	.13	....	....	....	.13
Pembina	.05	....	....	....	.05

When the rains began it was thought probably the result might be some increase in the flax acreage over what had previously been figured upon, because the rains would delay the seeding of wheat and other grains and because farmers would then put in flax. But after noting the distribution of the rains grain men are inclined to dismiss this belief.

A more important factor affecting flax seeding is the advance in prices. Minneapolis cash flax having advanced from $1.07 to $1.15 in about ten days. This removes the old bugaboo that flax was shortly to sell under $1 and will no doubt have some effect in influencing farmers who have not yet completed their seeding to put in flax.

HE EMPLOYED BOYS

A Contractor Fined for Violating Child Labor Law.

M. Walpole, employed by an eastern firm in erecting a steel tank for the Minneapolis Gas Light company, was arraigned in municipal court this morning charged with violating the factory law by employing two boys under 16 years of age. He pleaded guilty and Judge Dickinson fined him $20 in each case.

It Had No Equal

In the Spectator Publication, "Dividends in Life Insurance," for 1903, the old State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester, Mass., has a unique position. Its surplus earnings during 1902 were 23.06 per cent of the total premium receipts. This is a very high ratio absolutely and is relatively the highest ratio reached by any company in the United States reported by the Spectator. The nearest approach to the State Mutual figure was attained by an excellent Pennsylvania company with a ratio of 21.25 per cent, while the average attained by the twenty-seven companies reported was 13.83 per cent.

The most significant feature about this unparalleled State Mutual record is the fact that the State Mutual operates under the famous Massachusetts insurance law which prevents forfeitures, so that the large surplus earnings of the State Mutual are due entirely to economy and successful management.

Those who want State Mutual dividends must carry State Mutual policies. Your age and address to any of the undersigned will secure a specimen policy with full particulars.

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