CITY NEWS.

TOWN TALK

C. F. Wenham's office (C. P. R. Atlantic Lines) removed to 15 Third street S.

The N. W. Conservatory of Music opens Tuesday. All branches. 43 6th st. S.

Burglars are in the city again. Deposit your valuables in safety vaults of Minnesota Loan and Trust company, 313 Nicollet avenue.

Mr. C. C. Heintzman receives applications for piano and violin pupils from now on at his studio, 7½, 5, 6th street, (corner Hennepin.)

Subscribe for all magazines, papers, etc., and get your binding done at Century News Store, 6 Third street, near Hennepin avenue.

Trunks of every size, kind and price at Barnum's. If new ones are not cheap enough he can give you a good second-hand one at 715 Nicollet.

J. E. Morrisey of the local detective force, returned to work yesterday morning after a ten-day vacation spent at his old home near Bluffton, Iowa.

Mendenhall, the Florist, 37 Sixth street S, Minneapolis, continues to get up the finest funeral flowers. Also ships them to any part of the northwest.

Otto Peterson of the state hospital at St. Peter, has written Chief of Police Conroy for a position on the police force. His application will be handed to Mayor Haynes upon that official's return from the east.

Winding up their summer work, Minneapolis Lodge, No. 1, K. P., will confer the third rank upon a large class this evening in their castle hall, second floor Masonic Temple. The work will be elaborate and all Knights are welcomed.

The fourth annual festival of Ohaway Zion Gate of Minneapolis will be held Sunday evening at Century hall. Addresses will be made by Governor Van Sant, Dr. Samuel Deinard, M. S. Winthrop and Mr. Miller of Riga, Russia. The purchase of Palestine by the Zionists will be discussed.

As the bidders have apparently misunderstood what they were bidding on, the council committee on waterworks has decided to readvertise for bids for the installation of the vacuum system of water distribution at the pumping stations. Bids will be allowed on both the Webster and Paul systems.

Modin Tent, K. O. T. M., gave its annual watermelon and stag party last evening. More than 300 members and friends from the city and St. Paul were present. E. M. Sutherlain presided and, on behalf of the tent, presented a badge to the retiring commander, Harry Bunker, who responded and thanked the members for the present. An informal program of short talks and clever recitations was given. All members who attend the meeting Sept. 2 will be given a chance to have their six months' dues paid for them by the tent.

THE WEATHER PREDICTIONS

Minnesota—Unsettled, with showers to-night and possibly in northeast portion Saturday; cooler in southeast portion to-night; variable winds. Wisconsin—Threatening, with showers to-night and probably in east portion Saturday; cooler in west portion to-night; variable winds becoming northwest. Iowa—Partly cloudy to-night, Saturday generally fair, slightly cooler in east portion to-night, variable winds. North Dakota—Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday; slightly cooler to-night; northerly winds. South Dakota—Generally fair and cool to-night and Saturday; northerly winds prevailing. Montana—Fair to-night with slightly cooler in southeast portion, Saturday increasing cloudiness with probably showers and warmer north and west portions, variable winds.

MR. LOWRY REPLIES

Says Wall Street Journal Criticism of Soo Dividend Isn't Well Founded.

Road Expects to Pay Dividends and Fixed Charges—Bonds on Hand.

Thomas Lowry, president of the Soo line, gives out a strong statement this morning in reply to recent structures in the Wall Street Journal on the financial policy of the Soo road directors in voting dividends under existing conditions. Mr. Lowry first denied that the article was founded on fact and then said:

"At the end of the fiscal year we had $600,000 cash on hand; we have paid the dividends and the fixed charges to date, and have in the treasury $3,200,000 of bonds, the regular 4 per cent consolidated which we have been selling at par and a half and $1,500,000 of terminal bonds which we can use as needed. And we won't use these until needed and will earn enough in the meantime to pay dividends and fixed charges. We earned, from June 30, 1900, to June 30, 1903, over $4,200,000, beginning with a surplus of $600,000 at that date."

What the Paper Says.

The Wall Street Journal comments upon the recent Soo dividend in part as follows:

The announcement that dividends have been declared on the preferred and common stock of Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie has not been received with any particular enthusiasm in Wall street.

It is true that the twelve months' statement of the road shows net earnings of $3,517,342, and that this net represents, after charges, a surplus of 9.5 per cent on the common after the full 7 per cent on the preferred.

At first glance the objection of Wall street to the declaration of a dividend on the common does not appear well founded. A closer study of the figures discloses very excellent reasons why the action of the directors is criticized in the street.

The fiscal year 1902 was the first year in which the road really earned even its preferred dividend after fixed charges. In 1902 and 1903 the road made tremendous gains in earnings on account of the excellent wheat harvest in the Canadian northwest. The road has, in fact, advanced on the boom of the Canadian northwest. It is hardly considered in line with the strictest conservatism to place the common stock on a dividend basis after so short a period of prosperity, even tho the Canadian crop for the present season seems fairly well assured of moderate success.

If the financial objection were the only one, it would not have great weight, but it is an open secret amongst railroad men that the Soo line is *not by any means all it should be in the matter* of physical condition.

The report of the commissioner of railroads to the Governor of North Dakota contains matter of vital interest in this connection. The report was submitted at the beginning of the current year and covers conditions in the calendar year 1902. He points out that the property has been greatly improved, but that it is still in need of much improvement. The company has only $1,500,000 of bonds authorized for improvements, terminals, etc. It should be quite obvious that the Soo line has need for a good deal of money if it is ever to become anything but a local line.

CORPS NEARS 1,000 MARK

Number of Teachers for Schools This Year Will Be About 935.

The additional pupils sure to be present next week at the opening of the Minneapolis public schools will be accommodated not by new school buildings, but by thirty-nine additional rooms in five old buildings. Eight rooms each have been added this summer to the Franklin, Bryant, Hawthorne and Monroe schools and seven rooms to the Whittier school.

"The number of teachers all told, said," said Superintendent C. M. Jordan to-day, "will be about 935. Of these 130 were taking examinations yesterday at the Central high school. They had been appointed at different times the last twelve months "subject to future examination." In many cases the teachers were unable to take the examinations before the schools closed last June."

ROUNDING THEM UP

Many Dealers Convicted by State Authorities of Selling Impure Food Products.

An active crusade against all violators of the pure food laws has been begun by the state dairy and food commission, and reports received from various points yesterday show that twenty convictions have been secured within the past two or three days.

Convictions for various offenses were secured against James Kane of Lake City, Hanson & Rosmusser of Alden, F. C. Witzig and W. F. Schultz of Hutchinson, J. A. Karston and George Wolf of Glencoe, I. Troendler of Mapleton, Schaffert & Alvery of Winnebago City, William Belker and Frank Closterman of St. Paul and Krog & Dahl, Mrs. Mary Schrudder, C. Bray, Sylvester, Mercel & Co., Z. Giroux, Kindler & McIntyre, Fontaine & Auglin, J. R. Allen and Ed Marsefin of Crookston.

NEW STORE'S PARTY

The Birthday Week Has Been a Busy One at the Popular Store.

The New Store is celebrating its fifth birthday this week, and the gala time will undoubtedly extend into next week in order that state fair visitors may have an opportunity of viewing the splendid decorations.

In the five short years of existence the New Store has made wonderful advancements in every way and to-day has five times more frontage on Nicollet avenue than it had when the doors of this big store opened in 1898.

People have thronged the aisles of the store all week and there are bargains there well worth a visit. Minneapolis shoppers always look forward to New Store birthdays and this year was no exception.

The interior and exterior decorations are beautiful and appropriate. Great credit is due Mr. Hall, window trimmer and art decorator for the New Store for conceiving the idea of utilizing oak trees as a fitting symbol of the fifth or wooden anniversary and he has carried out his well laid plans admirably. The long aisles bordered by oak trees with glowing Japanese lanterns in the branches, give the store interior much the appearance of an immense lawn fete upon hardwood floors, so skillfully has the whole been arranged, and the opinion of one and all who viewed the scene was voiced by one little tot who exclaimed in childish rapture, "Oh, mama, look, ain't it pretty?"

Outside there are huge plaster of Paris arches and massive posts, thickly studded with colored electric lights, and there are huge urns brimming over with flowering plants and vines. The effect is dazzling at night and has already caused much favorable comment from strangers and town folk.

Temple Court.
A 10-cent Cigar for 5 cents.

WORD OF THEIR SISTER

St. Paul Brothers Hear of Relative Lost to Them for Twenty-five Years.

Edward P. Mullaney, 294 Harrison street, St. Paul, and his brother, James Mullaney, of 298 Harrison street, have received news of their sister, Mrs. Ellen Green, whom they have not seen for twenty-five years. The information was the result of the Mullaney brothers answering a newspaper advertisement.

JOURNAL "HUSTLERS"

The Legs and the Lungs of the Street Sales Department.

"DOODLE."

David Schwartz, the 13-year-old youth shown in the accompanying picture, isn't a regular attendant at Sunday school. It is even whispered that he sometimes uses words which no Sunday school boy should use, but notwithstanding these drawbacks "Doodle," as he has been nicknamed, is a amost successful hustler. He is 13 years old and for nearly two years now has been selling the Journal on the down town streets. In front of the Hyser hotel on Nicollet avenue has been chosen as this newsie's beat, and he claims to be so much the best sprinter in the alley that he is selling papers before his comrades get a real good start from the distribution point. "Doodle" is sometimes known to have slightly soiled hands, while semioccasionally his trousers bag at the knees, but it has never been said that he lost his voice or failed to sell a paper because he wasn't "Johnnie on the spot."

PRIVATE CAR TOURISTS

Courtesies of the Commercial Club To-day Shown to Illinois Party.

Several retired farmers from central Illinois with a party of friends are being entertained to-day by the Commercial club under the auspices of the public affairs committee. This morning a special street car was taken to St. Paul in charge of Vice President John Leslie, Dr. C. A. McCollom, A. B. Chamberlin and Secretary E. J. Westlake. Returning to Minneapolis the guests were taken in charge for a trolley ride by Secretary W. G. Nye of the public affairs committee. After an inspection of Harriet and other points of interest, luncheon was served at the club. This afternoon the flour mill district was visited. The guests will leave to-night over the Rock Island.

President A. C. Paul met the private car Ben-Macdhur on his western travels and advised a visit to Minneapolis. The party left Chicago Aug. 1 and had gone west thru Colorado, Utah and Lower California, to return by the Canadian route, which would bring them to Minneapolis, and the invitation was accepted.

The party:

Nashville, Tenn., C. N. Buford; Blue Island, Ill., Henry Biroth, Merrill Kyle, Miss Laura Fulton; Tinley Park, Ill., Albert Fulton, Henry Vogt, Jr.; Mokena, Ill., L. Zumstein; New Lenox, Ill., Harry Storm, Mrs. J. W. Gougar; Joliet, Ill., Dr. J. C. Flowers and wife, Miss Anna Smith, Miss Rosetta E. Gross, Miss Lucy Groth, Mrs. J. J. Gaskill, J. L. Servis and wife; Morris, Ill., Messrs. and Mesdames Henry Fey, Storey Mattison, Hendley Hoge, Dave Mathews, Eli Mattison, Oscar Collins, Mrs. M. B. Wilson, Mrs. H. Baum.

Temple Court.
A 10-cent Cigar for 5 cents.

BARS BIG NOISES

New St. Paul Ordinance Will Restrict Exuberant Patriotism on the Fourth.

The "quiet-Fourth" ordinance drawn by the corporation attorney of St. Paul and passed recently by the assembly was favorably reported yesterday by the committee on streets of the board of aldermen. This ordinance, which marks an advanced treatment of municipal patriotism, prohibits the firing of revolvers and pistols, whether loaded with blank or ball cartridges, or the explosion of chemical compounds, or the use of giant firecrackers over four inches long—in any residence district of the city. The regulation also forbids the sale of any of the prohibited articles or materials to minors at any time of the year, and to others for the thirty days preceding July 5 of each year. The penalty for violating the ordinance is a fine of not less than $5 or more than $100.

Temple Court.
A 10-cent Cigar for 5 cents.

SENDS A HURRY CALL

Letter From Marshall Indicates Somebody Wrong There.

Superintendent of Police Conroy received a letter to-day from a man who signs himself as Clarence Edward Tracy of Marshall, Minn., in which all the police of Minneapolis are summoned to Marshall to make several arrests. The letter is unintelligible, but the whole catalog of crimes is mentioned in it. The chief of police at Marshall has been asked to find the writer of the letter.

CHOIR BOYS ENTERTAINED

St. Mark's Choir Sings at Anoka Before a Large and Delighted Crowd.

St. Mark's church choir sang at a benefit concert in Anoka last evening. A large and appreciative audience was out in spite of the inclement weather. The choir boys were entertained before and after the concert by the Ladies' guild of Trinity church.

Temple Court.
A 10-cent Cigar for 5 cents.

AN END TO JUGGLING

Clarke Ordinance Will Prevent Such Tricks as Empoyed by P. Blar.

Licenses Will No Longer Be Transferred From One Place to Another.

At its meeting to-night, the city council will be asked to pass the Clarke ordinance, prohibiting the holder of a saloon license from transferring it to some other address while still keeping it in his own name.

The joint committee on licenses and ordinances discussed the ordinance this morning and recommended it for final passage, and there is small chance that the council will reject the recommendation.

The Clarke ordinance is one result of a little trick played upon the license committee by Peter Blar, proprietor of the Park theater on First avenue S. The theater has both a Nicollet avenue and a First street entrance, with a saloon adjoining each.

When Blar applied for a license for his First street place early in the year, the council refused it because of its character. Soon after this refusal Blar transferred his license for the Nicollet avenue place to the First street place and applied for another license for the Nicollet avenue establishment.

As there was no complaint filed against the Nicollet avenue saloon, his application was granted by the council committee on license, and both places have been running since early in June—all, year, in fact.

It is to guard against a repetition of this incident that the Clarke ordinance was prepared. It does not interfere with the right of a license holder to have his license annulled and to get a return of the pro rata balance for the remainder of the period for which the license was made out. Neither does it prevent such a man from taking out another license. It simply puts a stop to the transfer of licenses from one saloon to another, when the council desires to close up an objectionable place by refusing it a license.

NO DRINKS ON DUTY

Police Superintendent Conroy Expects Officers to Abstain from Use of Liquors.

Order to Go Into Effect Sept 1—Severe Punishment for Its Violation.

Police Superintendent Conroy will start a temperance movement among his patrolmen and hereafter all officers will be expected to be total abstainers, especially when on duty. This order goes into effect Sept. 1 and is backed by the determination of the chief to seek the dismissal of any officer found violating it.

It has been the custom of many patrolmen, and even those higher in authority, to visit saloons while on duty and indulge in a social glass. Indeed, there are several officers on the force who are known among their associates as "boozers."

Chief Conroy has decided to make a change in this and is ready to help the officers. Knowing that the best way to stop the evil is to prevent temptation, he has ordered the captains of the various beats within the saloon limits, to shift their patrolmen so that after Sept. 1 no officer will be on his old beat. In this way the officers will have a chance to begin over again and to avoid temptations. The order says that no officer will be permitted to visit a saloon except in the discharge of his official duty.

MEASURE NOT CHANGED

New Milk and Beer Standard Invalid Because It Conflicts With Federal Law.

If the milkmen of this city fear that the passage of the standard measure law by the last legislature will compel them to sell more milk in a quart than they formerly have, their fears will soon be found to be groundless.

At the time the law was on its way to passage, the local brewers fought it because it placed the standard quart at 70.5 cubic inches instead of 57.75, and it was estimated at that time that would cost the local breweries alone $75,000 the first year to change the size of their bottles and kegs in addition to the large quantity of beer they would have to sell.

It now appears that the state law is in conflict with the national law in the matter of the sizes used by the brewers and that it is therefore of no value so far as it affects the brewers, and of no value in any other respect, in consequence.

It is altogether probable, therefore, that the milkmen will not be disturbed in their present standards of selling milk and that they can go on selling a quart measuring 57.75 inches and can name any price they please so long as they stick together.

COURT NOTES

Otto Schagun has begun an action in the district court to recover $2,000 damages from the Backus-Brooks Lumber company. Plaintiff claims that he was injured in a molding machine thru the negligence of defendant company.

Minne Giese alleges that she fell into an improperly guarded excavation on Cedar avenue and Twenty-fourth street and was injured seriously and perhaps permanently. As a result, Mrs. Giese has sued the city for $3,000, and Mr. Giese, her husband, is plaintiff in an action for $2,000 more.

Abraham G. Forland, a mail carrier, has brought an action for $5,097 damages against the Minneapolis Street Railway company, claiming that thru the careless and unskilled handling of a Riverside avenue car his mail cart was run into and he was injured permanently.

Six months of married life was enough to satisfy Peter N. Carlson. After that length of time he deserted Phoebe E. Carlson and for the past three years has not been heard of, nor has he contributed to the support of his wife. Upon these allegations Mrs. Carlson has begun an action in the district court for a divorce. She asks the court to allow her the resume her maiden name of Phoebe E. Cochran.

An appeal has been taken from the order of Probate Judge Harvey allowing the final account of William Fryberger, administrator of the estate of the late Jane Robbins. Relatives object to this account on the ground that the administrator sold property by order of the court that should have remained in the possession of the husband of the deceased, Nathan J. Robbins, and also on account of alleged excessive attorney's fees.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

The following companies filed articles of incorporation yesterday with the secretary of state:

Union Roof Manufacturing company, St. Paul; capital, $50,000; incorporators, S. M. Ford, St. Paul; E. M. Goldsborough and F. H. George, Minneapolis.

Mesaba Cliffs Iron company, Duluth; capital, $300,000; incorporators, W. G. Crosby, E. G. Gridley and T. A. Gall.

Nott Fire Engine company, Minneapolis; capital, $100,000; incorporators, W. S. Nott, F. H. George and E. M. Goldsborough.

Blue Ore Mining company, Duluth; capital, $50,000; incorporators, H. B. Fryberger, H. C. Fulton and M. A. Armstrong.

McDonald Land company, Duluth; capital, $50,000; incorporators, H. B. Fryberger, H. Fulton and M. A. Armstrong.

Sayre Vapor Gas company, Minneapolis; capital $500,000; incorporators, A. W. Townsend, Minneapolis; J. W. Sayre, Hartley, Iowa; C. E. Sayre and C. W. Sayre, St. Paul.

Temple Court.
A 10-cent Cigar for 5 cents.

STRUCK BY STREET CARS

Two St. Paul Men Meet With Accidents—One, J. C. Leonard, May Die.

J. C. Leonard, 610 West Seventh street, St. Paul, was struck by a Seventh street car last night and received injuries which may prove fatal. He had just dismounted from one car and stepped directly in front of another going in an opposite direction.

Matt Kline, 1215 Gaultier street, St. Paul, was struck by a Rice street car while he was riding a bicycle. He was thrown to the ground and his left forearm fractured.

FUNERAL OF PATRICK FLEMMING.

Patrick Flemming, the St. Paul fireman who was killed by a collision between his truck and a street car Sunday, was buried yesterday with department honors. Fully 2,500 attended the services, which were conducted by Rev. Father J. J. Lawler of the Cathedral parish.

Temple Court.
A 10-cent cigar for 5 cents.