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Marrowfat Peas, can, doz. 95c

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Ball's Baking Powder, 1/2 can 25c

Domestic Macaroni, 1/2 pkg. 7c

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Five Coked Mackerel, each 50c

Dilled Sardines, Extra large tins, each 45c

Olympia Salmon, flat tins, each 12c

Olives, 1/2 bottle 10c

Jarwalda, 2/3 bottle 20c

Wanta Blue Starch, 10c pkg. 6c

Electric Starch, 10c pkg. 6c

Good Rice, 1/2 cwt. 5c

Fine Rice, 1/2 cwt. 7c

Fancy Rice, 1/2 cwt. 9c

Choice Porterhouse Steak 15c

Choice Sirloin Steak 11c

Choice Round Steak 10c

Choice Shoulder Steak 9c

Choice Pot Roast 6-7-8c

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Choice Pork Sausages 8c

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DREW MANY MEN

Stuart Meeting Yesterday Largest Ever Held at Y. M. C. A.

The George R. Stuart men's meeting yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. was in point of attendance the best ever held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Every seat was taken and practically all the standing room. Mr. Stuart's talk was very effective, although lacking in the tricks of sentiment by which evangelists frequently seek to sway their audiences. "The Stuff That Men Are Made Of" was the subject. Mr. Stuart's particular hobby is good, strong men. The apparent results of the meeting were over a hundred, who expressed an interest in the Christian life. Edward McKenzie, the Tennessee singer, sang and the Shelby orchestra played.

So successful was the meeting that a place to hold another big one next Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. is being looked up. Mr. Stuart's subject will be "The Stump Puller."

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CITY NEWS.

TOWN TALK

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The Fifth Ward Republican club will meet in the municipal courtroom at the courthouse to-morrow at 8 p. m. to elect officers.

The Ninth Ward Republican club will hold a meeting to-morrow night at G. A. R. hall, Twenty-fourth and Central avenues N.E.

A special meeting of the Carpenters' union, No. 7, will be held this evening to act on the new bylaws of the union. All members are requested to be present.

Burglars in an aggravated form of insanity. The theft policies sold by Fred L. Gray company, Guaranty Building, are warranted to give instant relief. (Both 'phones.)

A mass meeting will be held to-morrow evening at Kistler's hall, Sixth and Lytle avenues N. in the interest of Judge L. W. Collins' candidacy for governor. There will be good speakers, good music and good cigars.

The Minnesota commandery of the Local Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting and dinner at the West hotel on Tuesday, March 3. The board of officers will meet at 8 o'clock and dinner is set for 7:30. After dinner Commander George H. Daggett will read a paper entitled "The Inspiration of the Lines."

Robbers entered the home of W. H. Marsh in the Kensington flats, Nicollet avenue and Fourteenth street last night, while the family was away and secured about \$100 worth of silverware and \$10 in cash. No one saw the robbers come or go away. The work was evidently done by experienced men and they covered their tracks well. The police have no clue.

The reorganization meeting of the Eleventh Ward Republican club will be held this evening instead of on Tuesday, as previously stated. The meeting will be held in the club's former headquarters in the Berglund block, Franklin and Seventh streets, at 8 o'clock.

As Thomas Hutchinson are being spoken of as desirable men for the presidency of the club.

The Redwood Revelle has in its issue this week a record of the second annual banquet of the Redwood Falls Commercial club Monday night at the close of the first year of existence. The principal guests were J. L. Leslie, president of the Minneapolis Commercial club, and Henry Deutsch, chairman of the entertainment committee. Mr. Deutsch's speech was given considerable space.

FAST WEATHER TIME

It's an Hour Ahead—Furnishes Amusements for Clerks.

For departmental purposes, the clock in the offices of the local weather bureau is kept at Washington time, about an hour faster than that recorded by the clock in the city hall tower. This causes some amusing incidents to the clerks who mix the snow, the rain and the clouds.

Visitors who glance at the clock and rush out to catch trains or keep appointments, wondering at their loss of time. Some will pull watches, swear at them for their losing time and gravely set the hands to correspond with the clock.

The man with the reliable timepiece is not shaken by the showing of the clock, but solemnly advises Section Director Ostrum that he has better set his clock.

The clerks defend the timepiece by saying that if it does deceive it does so in the least harmful way, as no one will miss a train or an engagement by going to the proper place an hour in advance.

29 CHICKEN HEADS

Circumstantial Evidence Found in Room Sends Occupants to Workhouse.

George Williams, colored, and Charles Banks, the men who were arrested at 25 Main street SE Saturday night on charge of chicken stealing, were committed to the workhouse this morning for sixty days.

Williams pleaded guilty and Banks stood trial, but was found to be equally guilty. Twenty-nine chicken heads were found in their room. Several persons on the street who have been identified by the police were called in to identify the heads of their birds. One chicken had been roasted for the evening meal when the police arrived, and the others were dressed for market.

PETRA STILL IMPROVES

Italian Victim of Would-Be Assassin is Likely to Recover.

Petra, the wounded Italian at the city hospital, continues to improve slowly, and there is a strong possibility that he will recover. His temperature is about normal and he is not suffering much pain. He remains silent regarding the tragedy.

Nothing has been learned of Vergata, the alleged would-be assassin, and the police are now positive that he is out of the city. His picture and description have been sent to every police department in the country. No communications have been received from out of the city regarding any man answering his description.

A PEEPING TOM FINED

Young Cecil Lukin Climbed a Tree and Was Caught.

Cecil Lukin, 15 years old, was fined \$5 in police court this morning for climbing a tree in order to get a glimpse of forbidden scenes behind a chamber window at Portland avenue and Thirty-second street. Detectives Fox and Bezanen came along on their rounds, saw the boy, and told them the cat had escaped and he had gone up the tree after it. The cat, however, could not be found and the boy was locked up. The occupants of the house say that the boy has been there before and he himself admitted it.

MR. LOWRY RETURNS

Intimates That Things Will Be Doing on NE. Tract.

Thomas Lowry returned yesterday morning from a trip to New York and Boston and was glad to get back to the mild climate. The sixty-mile winds and the higher temperature in the coast states felt colder to him than the weather he finds in Minneapolis. Mr. Lowry is presumed to know nothing of the plans for the forty-acre tract in Northeast Minneapolis which has been drilled and found to possess valuable stone and freight facilities. Besides seeing F. G. James, his agent, soon, and then something might happen. In returning to Minneapolis Mr. Lowry finds that the papers have already been filed with the city in regard to the street railway and Soo line finances, leaving him nothing to give out in an interview.

STATE FAIR BUSINESS

Important Matters to Come Up at Wednesday's Meeting.

Several subjects of particular importance will come before next Wednesday's meeting of the board of state fair managers, which will be held at 10 a. m. at the Merchants' hotel, St. Paul. Among these matters will be the approval of plans for the new manufacturers' building, the subject of gas supply for the fair grounds and new terminals for the handling of passengers and freight.

Besides these questions there will be much miscellaneous business to transact and it is expected that the meeting will last all day.

NEW STORE SHIFTS STOCKS

An Important Change Which Makes Trading Easier for Patrons.

A change in the location of certain stocks will come before next Wednesday's meeting, which has just been made by The New Store. The place formerly occupied by the stocks has been turned over to the linens, domestics and white goods, and the latter stocks have been transferred to the room held by the stocks. The change is beneficial to both parties. The change inasmuch as it places the white goods lines an aisle nearer the silks and dress goods counters (the store's largest section) has also placed the linens and vellings section, as well as giving needed additional room for the stock. The men's furnishings department on the other hand, has now a complete section to itself, thus facilitating the transaction of business done there.

YEAR'S FAILURES

WERE NUMEROUS

TOUCHED THE HIGHEST POINT LAST YEAR SINCE 1896.

Year 1903 Also Marked Passing of \$400,000,000 Mark in the Assets of a Single Life Insurance Company—A Growth of \$327,554,000 Since 1875.

According to R. G. Dun & Co. there were last year in the United States 12,069 failures, the liabilities amounting to \$155,444,185, an increase over 1902 of 454 failures and \$37,967,416 in liabilities.

This was chiefly in the manufacturing class, where it amounted to almost 50 per cent. Banks and fiduciary institutions suspended to the number of 121, with an indebtedness of \$25,557,766.

Failures for more than \$100,000 each were numerous in manufacturing, 156 concerns supplying almost two-thirds of the total liabilities.

Last year was the worst since 1896, when the liabilities reached \$236,026,334. The number of failures each year since 1875, the amount of liabilities each year, where it amounted to liabilities, are given below:

Year	No.	Liabilities, \$	Assets, \$
1875	12,069	\$155,444,185	\$12,069
1880	12,069	\$155,444,185	\$12,069
1885	12,069	\$155,444,185	\$12,069
1890	12,069	\$155,444,185	\$12,069
1895	12,069	\$155,444,185	\$12,069
1900	12,069	\$155,444,185	\$12,069
1901	12,069	\$155,444,185	\$12,069
1902	12,069	\$155,444,185	\$12,069
1903	12,069	\$155,444,185	\$12,069

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BRAINERD HAS

THE BEST OF IT

CONVICTED BANKER CAN LAUGH AT BANKRUPTCY OFFICERS.

He Has Filed No Schedule of Assets and in Case He Doesn't Wish to Do So the Information Will Be Hard to Get.

O. C. Merriman, referee in bankruptcy, is face to face with a perplexing situation in the case of George Brainerd, the banker who has recently been sentenced to prison for five years for receiving deposits for his bank after he was aware that he was insolvent.

Several weeks ago Brainerd was brought from jail to Minneapolis to testify in the bankruptcy proceedings. His attorney objected to the financier answering "leading questions" on the ground that it might have a bad effect in the criminal action which was then pending against him at Le Sueur. Brainerd has never filed a schedule of his assets and the receiver has been compelled to find Brainerd's belongings as best he could.

Brainerd was already in jail, so Referee Merriman could not force him to answer questions. The hearing was continued until after the close of the criminal action. Brainerd is now under sentence of five years and can laugh at the court when asked questions, as an imprisonment for contempt would matter little to him. If he comes to Minneapolis at that date set for the continuation of the hearing he will be necessary to bring him by means of a writ of habeas corpus, and this may not suit the dignity of the retired banker. Should he grow ugly and refuse to answer questions, the receiver appointed by Referee Merriman will probably have a hard time in enforcing contempt through the financial moves of the bankrupt.

It is possible that Brainerd will take an appeal from his conviction and be released on bail if the appeal is granted. He might then be persuaded to come to Minneapolis and give information about his property and transactions.

BADGERS GET TOGETHER

Local Alumni of Wisconsin "U" Hold Their Annual Reunion.

Nearly fifty members of the Twin City Alumni Association of the University of Wisconsin attended the fourteenth annual association banquet at the Commercial club Saturday night. The Finnish room was appropriately decorated in cardinal, the university color, and Dr. Richard T. Doyle, professor of zoology at the university, was the guest of honor.

Dr. Ely, in the address of the evening, spoke enthusiastically of the promise of the institution and its progress to the present stage of development. The plan of the golden jubilee or semi-centennial celebration, which will be held at Madison during the month of June 5, was briefly outlined, and promise given that it would be the greatest event of the decade in educational circles.

Among the other speakers were Alfred H. Wright, Charles N. Akers and Judge O. Lewis of St. Paul, and Judge David M. Simpson, Fred N. Hendrix, John T. Jones, Miss Florence Cornelius and Mrs. David M. Simpson.

The Wisconsin "U-Rah-Rah" was given at the close of the evening and the cardinal ribbons cut into short pieces to be worn by the members of the university football game.

"U" ENTRANCE EXAMS

High School and University Professors Try to Reach Agreement.

A joint committee composed of three representatives of the Minnesota Educational association and three members of the university faculty is in session at the university to-day trying to discover some system of entrance requirements which is satisfactory both to the high schools and to the university. The conference is the result of a suggestion made at the midwinter convention of the Minnesota Educational association by President Northrop of the university. The committee does not propose to make its plans public until the report is complete.

The members from the Minnesota Educational association are Professors Kuno of Red Wing, Kennedy of Fairbault and Crevens of Lake City. The university is represented by Professors Moore, Nachtrieb and West.</