

CITY NEWS.

THE WEATHER Forecast. Minnesota.—Showers and thunderstorms tonight and possibly in the east portion Saturday; cooler; winds shifting to northerly.

Wisconsin and Iowa.—Showers and thunderstorms tonight and Saturday, not so warm, variable winds. Upper Mich.—Showers and thunderstorms tonight and Saturday, cooler in west portion; variable winds.

North Dakota.—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; variable winds. South Dakota.—Showers tonight with cooler in east portion; Saturday partly cloudy, northerly winds.

Montana.—Generally fair tonight and Saturday, light frost west portion, bright; warmer Saturday, variable winds.

Weather Conditions. Showers have been general during the past twenty-four hours in the Lake region, upper Mississippi valley, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Minnesota and much of the northern and middle Rocky Mountain region, and rain was falling this morning at Detroit, St. Louis, Dodge City, Omaha, Winnepeg and Helena. No heavy rains are reported. Clear weather is general along the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf states. It is warmer than it was yesterday morning in the Lake region and Ohio valley, and cooler in Manitoba and North Dakota. A low pressure area extends from eastern South Dakota southward to northern Mexico.

Weather Now and Then. Today, max. 82, min. 64 degrees, a year ago, max. 74, min. 54 degrees.

AROUND THE TOWN Eighth Avenue Service Interrupted.—The 10 o'clock car will be the last one tonight on the Eighth avenue line on account of a house which must be moved across the tracks.

Rev. Thomas McCleary's Lecture.—Rev. Thomas McCleary, pastor of the First Methodist church, will lecture tonight at the Western avenue church on "The Evolution of the Social Nature."

Baths Are Popular.—Over 150 city work residents of Minneapolis solaced themselves yesterday by a visit to the Calhoun bath houses. The baths were opened this week and have established their popularity for the season.

Renewing Licenses.—Liquor licenses expire all over the State on June 20, and any dispenser of alcoholic beverages who fails to pay up by July, will be subject to fine and prosecution. Many have put in their checks for renewal and revenue office but there are others who are perhaps careless, and who have failed to do so.

Tomorrow's River Trip.—Plenty of tickets for the "daylighter" excursion, leaving soldiers' home tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and returning at 6:30 p.m., and for the "nighter" leaving at "home" at 7 p.m. and returning to St. Paul at 11. Tickets on sale at boat landing. "Daylighter" tickets 75 cents, "Moonlighter," 50 cents. First-class music and accommodations.

TROUSSEAU LOST BY A FOND PAPA

LAVENDER SCENTED THINGS FOR WEDDING TRIP STRAYED.

The Tragedy That Marred the Happy Marriage Day Is Here Written Up, Telling of Father's Absentmindedness, the Bride's Predicament and Mother's Improvisation.

"The Absent Minded Father" or "How the Juno Bride and Her Trousseau," might be a proper title of a little tragedy in real life which was the only incident to mar the otherwise perfect appointments of one of this week's pretty weddings. The sad story will be handed down in history as follows.

During the activity of some of her strenuous friends, the fair young bride decided that discretion was the better part of valor and the day before the wedding she carefully packed a big grip full of dainty lingerie and the lavender scented necessities for her wedding trip. The precious parcel was given to her father on the morning of the wedding with instructions to deliver it into the prospective bridegroom's charge when he should arrive up town.

The father, already loaded with many responsibilities, took the grip, hurried into the city and proceeded to attend to all the many errands on his list. About 4 in the afternoon he met his son-in-law-to-be, whose first question was "Where is my lady's grip?"

"I don't know," was the inspiring reply, as the father gazed helplessly at his questioner. "I don't know," he had left it somewhere during the day's travels, but where or when or how he could not answer. Help was called, and a search party was sent out. But the searchers returned empty handed.

The rest of the lady's trousseau had been packed in her trunk and sent on ahead and there was consternation when the news of the loss finally was made known at home and during the ceremony and the reception which followed. The bride's eyes were turned to the young bride's eyes which seemed to say, "Where are my wandering clothes to-night?"

Mother was good at improvisation and everything went off according to schedule—at least as far as the public is informed—but the mystery of who is wearing the wedding clothes still remains unsolved.

KEEP STILL ON GOOD, FAT LEASE WAS HANDED OUT

How Valuable Iron Lands Were Leased Before State Secured Patent.

Great credit is claimed by Mr. Dunn and his press agents, for his action in claiming the celebrated "fation" mineral tract near Virginia as swamp land.

The question has now been raised, whether the state or certain private individuals close to Mr. Dunn, will make the largest profit out of the mineral rights to this tract. As far as the swamp land selection goes, that was the merest routine proceeding by Mr. Dunn. All surveys are filed with the auditor, and it is his duty, and the practice of the office, to put in claims for all tracts shown by the survey to be swamp. That was what Mr. Dunn had to do with respect to the swamp land selection.

This lease is held by Mabel Evans of Princeton. Miss Evans is a sister of Isaac Patterson, who was assistant land clerk in the auditor's office until the close of Mr. Dunn's administration, and is now in the land office. Mr. Patterson was head land clerk during the same period. Mr. Finn is acting as Miss Evans' attorney.

Public Had No Chance. The original lease was issued Dec. 30, 1902, or about three days before Mr. Dunn's term of office expired. The tract had then been claimed as swamp by the state, but had not been patented. No patent has been received yet, but under the terms of the lease a contract was made for the next year, which is now supposed to be in force. The general public did not know the tract was open for a state lease until the "fation" lease was advertised, there would no doubt have been rival claimants for the lease, it would have been sold at auction, and no one knows how high it would have been bid.

Action of Dubious Legality. The fact is, however, that the lease and contract are issued contrary to express provisions of law as interpreted by the supreme court of Minnesota. The auditor has no right to issue a mineral lease for lands not absolutely belonging to the state.

Section 4076, General Statutes of 1894, provides that the commissioner of the land office of the state of Minnesota is hereby authorized to execute leases and contracts for the mining and shipping of lands of the United States which belong to the state, or from any lands to which the state may hereafter acquire title, subject to the considerations hereinafter provided.

In the case of Baker vs. Jamison, 54 Minn., 17, of 55 N. W. Rep. 749, the supreme court says: "This act is applicable only to land belonging to the state, and not to public lands of the United States which have been merely selected by the state to supply deficiencies in the school land, which selections have not been approved by the secretary of the interior. The auditor has no authority to issue a mineral lease for lands not absolutely belonging to the state."

KNOW OF FRAUDS BUT LET THEM GO

DUNN'S INACTION FOLLOWED PROMISE TO "DO THINGS."

When He Went into Office He Was Fully Apprised of Certain Illegal Logging Permits, Yet He Never Canceled Them and the Timber Was Taken.

Did Robert C. Dunn keep the promises on which he was elected to office? Did he carry out the policy he announced after assuming the office of state auditor in 1895? These questions are raised by a brief glance backward to incidents, interviews and newspaper articles of 1894 and 1895.

Mr. Dunn defeated Adolph Bierman for auditor on the issue of strict construction of the law and reform in the loose methods of selling or giving away timber lands. His campaign was made on that slogan and on that he was nominated and elected.

When he went into office he had before him the work of the pine land investigating committee, which proved the existence of gross frauds in the timber administration. His own cruelties brought in reports of the most startling character. In The Journal of March 8, 1895, two months after he assumed office, appeared an interview with Mr. Dunn. He said that from investigation he had found seventy-five permits outstanding, covering 408 sections and embracing no less than 300,000,000 feet. He was satisfied that this had been sold without examination or else by fraud, and that it was held for speculation. According to his cruelties reports, much of it had been sold in direct violation of the old law, which provided that "No such timber shall be sold or disposed of unless the same is liable to waste."

What He Promised to Do. When asked what he would do in the situation, Mr. Dunn said to The Journal: "Cancel each and every permit issued contrary to law. This is a very serious matter, and I shall make haste slowly, not taking any action until after a careful examination and due deliberation. Each case will be thoroughly examined into and decided on its merits, and when I am satisfied that the whole facts of any one case have been ascertained by the state's overseers, I will act, promptly and decisively, upon it."

"It does not seem right to me, and I think every citizen will agree with me, that over 300,000,000 feet of the state's pine should be held and controlled by the lumber barons and pine land speculators of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, on which they have not paid one cent, or in which they have not a dollar invested. He went on to point out the discrimination which required a 15 per cent cash payment from farmers buying state land, and 5 per cent interest.

So much for the promises. How about the performance? A close examination of the records does not discover a single one of these pine permits canceled. A few permits issued to cut hardwood, which the law gave no warrant for selling, were canceled. These were mere bagatelles compared with the vast area of heavy pine land held under the old permits. According to reports of his cruelties, cited by Mr. Dunn, some of the permits inquired into had been upon fine green timber, in no danger from fire, and in no way coming under the provisions of the law authorizing sale. Yet these permits were not canceled, but allowed to run for years. All this time the "lumber barons" held the timber or cut it at their pleasure. Careful search of the records also shows that while Mr. Dunn allowed these illegally issued permits to run, and the timber to be taken off of the land, in a great many of the cases there was no attempt to find out how much timber was taken, or to collect any money therefor.

SMALL BOYS SCORN IDEA OF SOLICITOUS GROWNUPS.

"If the Coppers Think Dey Can Stop Us Makin' a Noise, Let 'em Try It." Says One Youngster—Other Little Fellows Say They'll Have Big Crackers Regardless of Consequences.

A "gumshoe" Fourth of July may satisfy the grownups, but not the small boys. Prospective lockjaw, loss of sight, or maiming of limbs have no terrors for the youngster. All he can see is the big red firecracker with its noisy pop and its leaden, and he is as ready as a disastrous result to his elders.

"Course we'll have a reg-ler Fourth of July, with the bang and crack, man, a little newboy residing at 442 Nineteenth avenue NE, puts it. "If de coppers tink dey can stop us makin' a noise, let 'em try it. We're 'dey' to 'em."

"They just can't shut us off, dat's all der is to it," says little Richard Dudley, 2615 University avenue, a professional "shine 'em up" youngster. "We want crackers and all kinds of stuff de Fourth, and you kin bet we'll have it, too."

Henry Sweeper, a small boy residing at 1410 Twenty-second avenue NE, isn't even a year old, but he has a lot to say. "I'm goin' to have one o' them dynamite canes what makes such a big racket," he says. "Naw, I ain't feared of my fingers, and no copper need try to stop me neither."

Clarence Worrell of 2117 Fourteenth avenue S, a juvenile ballplayer, is afraid the "gum shoe" authorities will try to suppress the baseball Fourth, as well as of pyrotechnics. "I want to see the Bloomingtons play the Bloomingtons," he says. "I'll be a great game and I'll give up crackers if the police 'let 'em play."

Howard Thompson, a small boy of 409 E. Twenty-second street, insists on being allowed to celebrate in true small-boy style. "If I get hurt it's myself what's hurt and not the police," he says. "I'll risk gettin' hurt if they'll only let me have the things—and I'll have 'em anyway."

They Come Back and Buy More. Shirts, Hoffman's Toggery Shop. BURGLARS' CALL WAS ANSWERED. MRS. HASBROOK AND DAUGHTER HAVE EXCITING EXPERIENCE. They Shove Two Men out of the House, Then Lock the Door—The Robbers Had Laid Their Plans Carefully, But Woman's Nerve Surprised Them.

Willow Rockers. For Saturday we shall place on sale all our Willow Rockers at specially reduced prices. The stock includes several different styles and sizes. These rockers are very desirable indeed far more comfortable than those regularly sold for that purpose, nor very much higher at these prices: Some worth \$2.50 for .... \$1.95 Some worth \$3.50 for .... \$2.98 Some worth \$4.00 for .... \$3.45 Some worth \$4.75 for .... \$3.98 Some worth \$5.50 for .... \$4.75 Some worth \$6.50 for .... \$5.40 Some worth \$7.50 for .... \$5.85 THE BRANCH. MORRIS J. TREVOR, Prop. Cor. Wash. and 2d Avs. S.

WHITNEY'S ICE CREAM, ICES, ETC. 71 Western Avenue. SPECIAL FOR SUNDAY Vanilla, Pislachie and Strawberry, per quart ..... 40c Special attention given to Weddings, and Private Parties, also Church Socials, Picnics, etc. To those that appreciate a real, fine, pure article, we would say, please give us a trial order.

KERR'S DEPARTMENT STORE. Nicollet Ave. and Seventh St. Trade Makers for Saturday. Suits and Jackets. At HALF PRICE All Day Saturday. Too much Stock in the Cloak Department. We must reduce it. The backward season makes this sacrifice a necessity. So for Saturday you can take any Suit, any Jacket, at HALF-PRICE. \$20.00 Suits, \$10.00; \$15.00 Suits, \$7.50; \$10.00 Suits, \$5.00, and so on through the entire stock of Suits, Jackets.

8c Soap, 5 kinds of Toilet Soap, including tar, oatmeal, glycerine, the regular 15c soap, Saturday, box of 3 8c. 8c White Canvas Belts and Black Buster Brown Belts; regular 15c and 19c kind; Saturday ..... 8c. 8c Side and Back Combs, the regular 25c kind, Saturday ..... 8c. 8c Full box Hooks and Eyes, all sizes, black and white, sell regularly 3c card; box, 6 cards, Saturday ..... 8c.

June Clearance Sale of Fine Millinery. For Ladies and Children. Saturday you can pick and choose to your heart's content in our Millinery Department at a saving of a full half of prices quoted early in season. The stock to choose from is immense, the styles the best in dress and shirt waist hats. \$5.00 hats, \$7.00 hats, \$10 hats all now at HALF PRICE, one day.

Special Sale Hosiery and Underwear. For Ladies and Children. Ladies' fine Jersey Vests, high neck, and long sleeves and pants, knee lengths, tight fitting, the 69c quality, 35c for the garment. Ladies' fine Gauze Vests, regular 10c and 15c quality, Saturday ..... 9c. Girls' Gauze and Jersey Vests, low neck, no sleeves, 19c and 15c kind, ..... 10c. Balbsiggan Shirts and Drawers for boys, 25c, 35c and 39c values, all sizes, Saturday ..... 19c. Fast black Lisle Thread Lace Hose for ladies and girls, 25c and 35c values, all sizes, ..... 19c. Ladies' fine Lisle Vests, in 5 styles; regular 25c and 35c quality, 19c and ..... 22c. We have about 5 dozen American Lady, Kabo and W. B. Corsets, the regular \$3 and \$3.50 corsets. We place the lot on sale Saturday—one to a customer—choice ..... \$1.49. In the Corset Section Special Sale High Price Corsets at a Low Price. Read. We have about 5 dozen American Lady, Kabo and W. B. Corsets, the regular \$3 and \$3.50 corsets. We place the lot on sale Saturday—one to a customer—choice ..... \$1.49. In this lot are plain white, fancy brocades and plain pink and blue, in medium and short styles.