

CITY NEWS.

THE WEATHER

Forecast. Minnesota—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, cooler in southeast portion to-night, westerly winds.

Wisconsin—Partly cloudy tonight with possibly local showers in east portion; cooler in northwest portion; Tuesday generally fair and slightly cooler, variable winds.

Iowa—Partly cloudy tonight with cooler in western portion Tuesday, generally fair and not so warm, light, variable winds.

North Dakota—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; variable winds in east portion; Tuesday, cooler in west portion tonight; northwest winds.

Montana—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler in south portion tonight; variable winds.

Weather Conditions.

Rain has fallen since yesterday morning from La Crosse, Wis., to Memphis, Tenn., and from eastern Arkansas to western North Carolina, on the middle Atlantic and New England coasts, and in Central Kentucky. The heaviest rain was 1.33 inches at La Crosse, Wis., and .92 at Knoxville, Tenn. Yesterday's temperatures were above 90 degrees in southwestern Minnesota, northern South Dakota, western North Dakota, Montana and the region between the middle and lower Mississippi to the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, and they were about 100 degrees in central and southern South Dakota.

T. S. Outram, Section Director.

Weather Now and Then.

Friday, maximum, 80, minimum 63 degrees; a year ago, maximum 73, minimum 61 degrees.

AROUND THE TOWN

Cruel to His Team.—William Franklin, a teamster, was fined \$10 in police court this morning for cruelty to the horses he was driving. Franklin was hauling a load of telephone poles large enough to give four horses hard work. They were stalled near Central police station and the young man proceeded to give them a terrific lashing.

Reunion of the Ninth.—There will be a reunion of the survivors of the Ninth regiment of the Minnesota Volunteers at the Metropolitan hotel, corner of Fourth and Washington streets, St. Paul, on Wednesday, Aug. 31. The time for assembling is 10 a. m., and a dinner will be served at noon. The date comes in full week and for this reason it is hoped that all the survivors will be present. It has been two years since a reunion was held and in order to correct the records survivors are asked to notify Secretary W. J. Dean of any deaths since the last gathering.

NECROLOGICAL

FRANK BUNNEL died at his residence, 435 Madison street, St. Paul, of Bright's disease. Mr. Bunnel was prominent in lodge circles, being a member of Nicollet lodge, No. 16, A. O. U. W.; St. Anthony Falls, No. 4, I. O. O. F.; Columbia, 499, M. E. A.; Bridal Veil, No. 10, D. of H. He was survived by a widow and four children. Funeral notice will be given later.

MRS. MARY CARLSON, 713 Twenty-sixth avenue S., died suddenly yesterday of heart disease. She leaves her husband and a baby six months old. Deputy Coroner W. R. Murphy was summoned and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

ROBERT STANLEY NORTON, aged eight years, died Sunday of appendicitis at his home, 2461 Lake of the Isles boulevard. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Norton. Funeral notice later.

ROSE MCCULLY—wife of Walter S. Crandall, formerly of Minneapolis, died July 13 at Winslow, Ariz. Interment at Milwaukee, Wis.

MRS. C. G. HILLMAN—died Saturday morning; funeral will be held from the residence, 88 Eleventh street S., Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Friends invited.

HAD TO WORK LIKE A MAN

MISS MARY FOUCHE, DESERTED BY HER MOTHER, FINALLY FLEES FROM HARD LIFE.

Deserted by her mother when she was but 3 years old and then left to the tender mercies of a cruel world—that was, in brief, the sad story told by Miss Mary Fouché at police headquarters yesterday.

"When I was 3 years old," said the girl, "I was placed in an orphanage and stayed there until I was old enough to do any work. I was then given to a family near Mankato and was made to do farm work. Day after day I worked on the farm, plowing, stacking wheat and doing all kinds of hard work usually done by men."

"At last the man who had taken me to raise died and his wife turned the farm over to her son. The son was very cruel to me. He made me work like a slave, and when I did anything that didn't suit him he beat me with a blacksnake. I still have marks on my back caused by that whip."

"I stood it just as long as I could and finally decided to run away. I made my way to Mankato and a lawyer there gave me enough money to bring me to Minneapolis. I want to find work, although I have never done any housework. I can drive a team with the best of them and can do all kinds of hard work. I don't want to go back to that cruel man and I won't."

Mrs. Schaeffer, the police matron, took charge of the girl and will try to find a home for her. The girl is 25 years old and good looking. Her hands, which are hard and calloused like a man's, testify the truth of her story.

SUICIDE BY ACID

Dead Body of Arthur Bolduc Found in His Room.

The body of Arthur Bolduc was found this morning in his room at the boardinghouse at 2633 Second street N. Life had been extinct several hours, and it was apparent that the young man, who was 22 years old, had committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid.

At the house it was said that Bolduc had been out of work for several weeks and had been ill.

TO HELP OUT EGAN

Voters of Plymouth Move School to Favor Saloon Man.

By a vote of 35 to 19, the voters of Plymouth town last Saturday decided to move a school house, which is a quarter of a mile from the center of the district, in order to allow John Egan to secure a saloon license for his place which is now too near the temple of learning.

An application for the license was made to the county commissioners this morning. There is some strong opposition and Judge Robert Jamison appeared in behalf of the objectors. No action was taken.

FRENZIED MOTHER CREATES A SCENE

DRAMATIC FINALE OF INQUEST IN BOROVSKY CASE.

Coroner's Jury Pronounces Thomas Levine Blameless for the Boy's Death, but the Mother Refuses to Accept the Findings and Becomes Hysterical.

"Let me at the murderer! He killed my baby boy!" shouted Mrs. Lazarus T. Borovsky, 821 Emerson avenue N., in the courtroom this morning as she tried to attack Thomas Levine, accused by the Borovsky family of being responsible for Joseph Borovsky's death.

"Let me get hold of the brute that beat my Joe!" shouted the frenzied woman, as she struggled vainly to break loose from her husband and the men.

Struggling desperately and screaming at the top of her voice, the mother of the dead boy was forced into the office of the county morgue, while the coroner's jury went to leave the morgue. Even then, friends of the dead boy followed Levine as far as the sidewalk and hurled anathemas upon him as he walked away.

The scene took place at the close of the inquest over the remains of Joseph Borovsky, the 13-year-old son of the mother who died at the Swedish hospital Friday afternoon. The boy had been beaten by Thomas Levine, July 22. When he developed a case of appendicitis, he died at the city hospital the next day, his friends believing his illness due to the beating and demanding an inquest.

Several witnesses were sworn who testified that they had seen Levine chase the Borovsky boy and throw him down. None of them had seen the boy being held by Levine, or whether Levine placed his knee on the boy's stomach. Drs. Charles M. Kistler, William B. Murphy and Frank E. Towler, who performed an autopsy, found that the death was due to septic peritonitis, caused by a rupture of the appendix, which in turn was caused by the formation of an entrolith or intestinal stone. Dr. Kistler said that the entrolith had been six months in forming and all agreed that any injuries that the boy might have received July 23 could not have caused or for this reason it is hoped that all the survivors will be present. It has been two years since a reunion was held and in order to correct the records survivors are asked to notify Secretary W. J. Dean of any deaths since the last gathering.

After hearing the evidence, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that death had resulted from peritonitis and specifically exonerated Levine from all blame.

ic. This Laundry Gets the Business.

Collars, 1c; Cuffs, 1c; Shirts, 10c. Hoffman's Toggery Laundry, 53 So. 4th St.

DIGS UP OLD AGREEMENT

NORTHERN PACIFIC ASKS COUNCIL EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS IN SUIT OVER BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

Embarrassing questions are asked by the Northern Pacific Railway company of the city of Minneapolis in a heart-to-heart talk over the suit which the city has brought to compel that railway and the Great Northern to rebuild the bridge over University and Twenty-ninth avenues NE, which was destroyed by fire last fall.

In a communication to the city council, Charles T. Charvat, special assistant counsel for the road, attention is called to an ordinance of June 14, 1900, by which the road is required to construct bridges over its tracks at Como avenue, Harvard street and Union street. One of the terms of this arrangement was that the road should be exempt from any further bridge construction for ten years.

Notwithstanding this agreement, the city has brought an action to compel the rebuilding of the bridge, which, although it was burned, was practically intact at the time the suit was filed. The company believes that it has several defenses to the suit, but before proceeding wishes to present to the city council the question whether or not its agreements are of any value.

MUSIC IN DEMAND

Park Board May Provide for More Concerts at Lake Harriet.

There will be no concert at Lake Harriet this evening, but there may be one tomorrow night and every night during remainder of August. The contract for the concert at Lake Harriet, which the park board expired last evening, having been extended a fortnight beyond the original contract.

It is only within the last four or five days that Minneapolis has had any real summer and the result has been shown in unusually large crowds at the concerts. As much as summer appears to have come for a stay of two or three weeks it is the opinion of many that the concerts should be maintained as long as the weather will permit. The matter can be easily arranged.

Emil Oberholfer, the founder and conductor of the organization, said today that the band could be kept together for another season if the board would extend the contract. The board will meet this evening and consider the matter and it is believed will arrange for concerts for the remainder of the season.

The board will also give some attention to the injunction suit brought by John Cogan to restrain the park board from lowering the water in the lakes by means of a connection between the lake and the Minneapolis sewer system. Superintendent W. M. Berry declares that the high stage of the water in the lake is ruining much valuable park property, which was obtained by large expenditures.

FOR INSULAR SERVICE

Recruiting Is Completed Here for the Twenty-first Infantry.

The United States army recruiting office in Minneapolis today sent the last of recruits to Fort Snelling to fill out the ranks of the Twenty-first regiment, preparatory to its leaving Fort Snelling Sept. 30 for two years' service in the Philippines. The Minneapolis recruiting office has enlisted seventy-five men in the eight companies of the Twenty-first at Snelling, twenty-five men in the two companies of the Twenty-first at Fort Keogh and twenty-five in the two companies at Fort Lincoln. All the twelve companies of the regiment will meet in San Francisco preparatory to sailing for the Philippines.

WOMAN'S FATAL FALL

Mother of Assemblyman J. J. Regan Tumbles from Window.

Mrs. Regan, mother of Assemblyman J. J. Regan, fell from the second story window of her son's home, 1004 Iglehart street, yesterday, receiving injuries from which she died.

It is supposed that she went to the window to call her grandchildren, became dizzy and fell out. She was 70 years old.

MANAGERS SAY MEETING IS SURE

DAN PATCH ARRIVES FOR TIME TRIAL.

If State Fair Track Is Denied Them, Promoters Will Use the Old Minnehaha Course or Spring a Surprise on the Public—Bigbubbles Here Ready to Break Records.

Dan Patch will surely be seen in Minneapolis in speed trials and the high horse auto races will be on Aug. 17 and 18 as advertised. Manager R. F. Jones and Secretary Davis have been hustling and announcing today that "everything will positively be shown as advertised."

Minnehaha track, believed to be a place of glorious memories, has been called into existence once more and the races may be held there. On the other hand all differences with the state fair officials may be adjusted. There are still other cards up the sleeves of the promoters which they will not produce until the showdown. What the latter are they decline to make public today.

Dan Patch arrived yesterday from Minneapolis, Ind. There was great activity at Minnehaha yesterday. Manager Jones had a crew getting the old course in shape. He says, if needed, the track could be gotten in shape by this evening. A big track engine is on the scene.

The big ninety-horse power automobile has arrived, and Driver Webb steered the machine down Minnehaha way yesterday afternoon. It is a most powerful car, and experts declare will do the mile in fifty seconds or better.

Messrs. Payne, Pence and several other members of the Minnehaha Automobile club at Minnehaha sent their machines around at a terrific clip, and are well pleased with the course. In the meantime, Messrs. Savage, Davis and Jones have laid plans which will insure the holding of the different events on Wednesday and Thursday, and it is expected every detail of the meet will have been completed by tonight.

STARKWEATHER DENIES

Alderman Says He Has Promised No Appointments.

Alderman Perry Starkweather of the fourth ward sends a statement to the Journal in which he denies the rumor that he is a candidate for the office of the Fourth Ward, in which he emphatically denies a persistent rumor that in event of his re-election he has promised to appoint E. P. Sweet street commissioner.

"I desire to state," writes Mr. Starkweather, "that I have never promised to appoint any other any appointment of any sort or kind whatever."

E. P. Sweet sends the Journal a communication in which he denies that he is aspiring to the position of street commissioner or has any promise of any appointment from Mr. Starkweather.

THREE MORE ASPIRANTS

Hohag, Young and McKenzie Enter the Political Arena.

Charles A. Hohag this morning filed his affidavit of candidacy for the republican nomination for county commissioner from the county. This will make a pretty fight with the south end of the county lined up against the north where Commissioner Andrew Smith is strong.

Howell W. Young has filed for the democratic nomination of county commissioner from the first district. Duncan C. McKenzie wants to be the republican nominee for county superintendent of schools. He filed this morning.

Fletcher His Own Manager.

Loren Fletcher will open headquarters for his anti-party campaign Aug. 18 at rooms 205-211 Boston block. These are the quarters formerly occupied by the Dunn campaign managers, and at present by the republican campaign committee, which will move across the street.

"I am not going to have any campaign manager," said Mr. Fletcher today. "I will manage my own campaign myself. Nor will I have a campaign committee, but I'll have my 'friends.'"

G. O. P. Getting Together.

Thomas Gilring, chairman of the republican county committee, requests that all republican clubs send announcements of meetings to the county committee headquarters in the Hennepin building and scheduled. He also asks for lists of the officers of all republican clubs.

Political Baseball.

The ball game between the fat and the lean candidates for office will take place this evening at Bloomington and Lake streets. The game will be called promptly at 8 o'clock, following which refreshments will be served on the neighboring lawn of Ben F. Ward. A political meeting will then take place in the Seventh Ward Republican hall.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Thirteenth precinct Republican club of the third ward will hold an open air meeting Thursday evening at Sixth and Humboldt. Various candidates will make addresses. The Thirteenth ward Republican club at the corner of Hennepin and Broadway streets will be a republican mass meeting at the club rooms of the East Side Viking club, 509 Third avenue NE, tomorrow evening. The speakers will be in attendance.

The First club will meet tonight at C. O. F. hall, Thirteenth avenue NE and Fourth street.

STIFF FIGURE NAMED

Abe Friedman Must Give Heavy Bail to Gain His Liberty.

Abe Friedman, the labor member of the Margulis gang of alleged thieves, was arrested in police court this morning. He was charged with complicity in the robbery of Gustav Simon's fur store, 414 Nicollet avenue, on June 31.

Friedman was the first man to fall into the hands of the police, but while they were trying to catch Bert Davis, another member, Friedman escaped. Davis, Margulis and Lewis Haskins were arrested, and now await trial. Harry Greener, another member, is charged with grand larceny in Crookston. Friedman ventured to return to the city yesterday and was promptly taken in. He waived extradition and was held to the grand jury in \$1,500 bail.

AGED WOMAN'S TRAMP

Mrs. Johanna Peterson Frightens Visitors to Hillside Cemetery.

Several visitors to Hillside cemetery yesterday were frightened by the appearance of an aged woman who wandered about reading the inscriptions on the stones and muttering strange things to herself. Fearing that the old lady might come to harm the police were notified and she was taken to Central station, where she remained all night in care of Matron Mrs. Schaeffer, who learned that her name was Mrs. Johanna Peterson and that her home is in Southeast Minneapolis. She has been demented for several years and wanders away from the home periodically, often walking far from the country. She was taken home this morning.

Is Enough to Pay Up.

A plea in bankruptcy, novel because the assets exceed the liabilities by more than \$2,000, has been filed in the United States court by Andrew Hanson, 3925 Dupont avenue N. The liabilities are given at \$1,266.09, and are largely for tea, coffee, butter and eggs. The assets are \$5,468.

MONTANA MINING MAN DEAD.

Special to The Journal.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 15.—John A. Keating, a well-known mining man here today from pneumonia, aged 65. He had large mining interests and is survived by his wife and two children.

DELEGATES TIRE OF LONG SESSION

FORESTERS OBSERVE FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Finance Committee Report on the Salaries of Officers Expected to Result in an Attempt at Retrenchment—Long Arguments Prove Expensive as Well as Time-consuming.

Today the Roman Catholic church celebrates the Feast of the Blessed Virgin and before they took up the thread of convention business the Foresters went to the Church of the Immaculate Conception where high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Schindler. There was no sermon and by 10 o'clock the delegates were seated in Plymouth church.

Miss Julia O'Brien, chairman of the committee on constitution, amendment and a candidate for the office of high secretary, presented the report of the committee and the reading occupied the morning until the time of adjournment at noon. The discussion of the measures occupied the afternoon and will give the convention work for tomorrow. No one expects that it will be adopted without much warm argument.

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LOOKS LIKE A MURDER

THE BODY OF A WELL-DRESSED MAN IS FOUND NEAR MENDOTA.

The body of an unidentified man was found lying by the roadside near Mendota yesterday with two bullet wounds in his head. A revolver lay nearby, but the coroner says the wounds were not self-inflicted. The pockets were empty and there was nothing about the body by which it could be identified.

The dead man was about 40 years of age, well dressed in a gray mixed suit and patent leather shoes. He measured 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed about 160 pounds.

Coroner Kramer of Dakota county had the body removed to Hastings and will hold an inquest.

GAME NORTH TO SWELTER

A Man from Mexico Makes Odious Comparisons of Climate.

"Those who keep away from southern Mexico because of the heat in summer are foolish," said Otto Land of Oaxaca, Mexico, today, at the Hotel Nicollet.

"In the last part of May the rainy season begins in southern Mexico, and we have the coolest period of the year. Contrary to general belief, it is warmer in my home district in the winter months than in summer. I feel the heat more in Minneapolis today than I have yet in Mexico, so it is not such a bad country after all. We Americans who are down there at Oaxaca, 5,000 feet above the sea level, enjoy the heat, and I really prefer the climate now to that of the states."

COLLECTED AFTER DARK

Seymour Weaver's Business Tactics Caused Him Some Trouble.

Seymour Weaver's novel way of collecting bills got him into trouble last Saturday, and he spent Sunday in Central station, where he is now being held for a man in North Minneapolis. He did not complete the work on account of the heat, but asked pay for what he had done. The man refused to pay until the work was done in summer. I feel the heat more in Minneapolis today than I have yet in Mexico, so it is not such a bad country after all. We Americans who are down there at Oaxaca, 5,000 feet above the sea level, enjoy the heat, and I really prefer the climate now to that of the states."

WOMAN PURSUES HAND KILLS BEAR

Shoots Down Bruin, Who Had Terrorized Towns-people.

Fresno, Cal., Aug. 15.—Accompanied only by her dogs, Mrs. J. S. Bradley of this city tracked a huge bear thru the hills of the Sierras in the vicinity of Mineral King, and ended the animal's life with a shot from her rifle.

Mrs. Bradley was camping with a party at Big Meadows, near Mount Whitney, and on Saturday last she set out by herself on a hunt. A few miles from camp she came upon the tracks of a bear. The people of Mineral King had been terrorized for some time by a bear, and several attempts had been made to kill it, but bruin was always elusive and could not be located.

Mrs. Bradley came upon the bear after following the tracks for about three miles. He was sitting on his haunches chewing a tuft of clover, but he promptly climbed a tree when he saw the dogs. Mrs. Bradley fired, and the big bear came tumbling down, slightly wounded.

Directly at the woman he charged. But Mrs. Bradley bravely stood her ground, and when the bear was within a few feet she fired another shot into his shoulder. Bruin fell over on the ground and Mrs. Bradley has brought the skin back to this city as a souvenir.

DIAMOND REEF DREGGED AWAY

SUBMERGED RIDGE REMOVED FROM MINNETONKA.

Has Been a Menace to Life of Sailors and Was Responsible for Many Queen Disasters—Contractors Have Much Work to Do in Channel Clearing.

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TALKED OF ESTIMATES

BOARD OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS INVESTIGATE WORKHOUSE, POOR DEPARTMENT AND CITY HOSPITAL NEEDS.

At a meeting of the board of charities and corrections held this afternoon, estimates for the expense of maintaining the city hospital, workhouse and poor department were considered. These departments are estimated to cost \$112,000 for maintenance during the present year, but the head of every department declares that he will show a surplus at the end of the present year, which means that the departments can be run for less. The board of tax levy allowed the hospital \$57,000, the workhouse \$19,000, and the poor department \$36,000.

The board will also look into the question of improvements. This year the board is building an emergency ward at the city hospital. The woman's ward at the workhouse at a cost of about \$55,000. The city hospital still needs a place for incurables and a modern ambulance service. The offer of W. H. Dwyer to donate land for a home for incurables is understood to be still good.

It has long been recognized that arrangements should be made so that the city hospital ambulance could be summoned as soon as the police patrol wagon and this matter was discussed this afternoon.

RECTANGLES-ANTHRAX BACILLI-BANANA LIKE SHAPES-TUBERCULOUS

Restraining the Nomads.

Each tube is plugged with some antiseptic cotton to keep any bacteria with roving dispositions from making an exit. As long, however, as the bacteria are supplied with any one of the above-mentioned foods, there is little danger of any attempt on their part to make an escape, even when the cotton is removed and some tempting-looking human face peers down to see what the minute menagerie is doing.

SARATOGA HAS BIG SENSATION

Murder and Arson a Feature of the Big Race Meeting.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, Aug. 15.—The great McCloskey is entered in the last event of the Saratoga Racing association's program for today, a dash of a mile. This will be "Big Mac's" second public appearance of the year. He made his initial bow in the Brooklyn handicap, which proved to be a lamentable failure. Since then he has shown signs of improvement under the watchful eye of Sam Hildreth. McCloskey during the three weeks that he has been here has shown some fast trials. He will not have to be at his very best, however, in order to win the race in which he is entered, for his opponents are a very poor lot.

Early yesterday morning fire broke out just outside of the track in a little shanty which was used as a luncheon room. When the flames were extinguished and the ruins were entered the remains of Michael Gallagher, an old steeplechase rider, and a boy named Tom Hagen, who made his name by exercising horses and selling tips, were found. The boy's body was discovered under the floor with his skull