

CITY NEWS

THE WEATHER

Forecast.

Minnesota—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; warmer in south portion tonight; brisk southerly winds.

Weather Conditions.

Clear weather is general this morning, except in North Dakota and in south portion tonight; brisk southerly winds.

AROUND THE TOWN

Law Library to Move.—The law library of the Minneapolis Bar association, now in rooms on the third floor of the courthouse, will be moved to the ground floor rooms to be vacated by the municipal court.

Changes to Close Monday.—All the exchanges of the country, including the Minneapolis exchange, will be closed tomorrow, but there will be no session anywhere on Monday next.

R. A. Mabey Appointed.—R. A. Mabey has been appointed stenographer for the municipal court in place of Thomas Newlove, who goes to the district court as reporter for Judge Andrew Holt.

D. P. Jones to Resign.—David P. Jones will present his resignation as alderman of the fifth ward this evening. The city clerk will be instructed to issue a call for a special election to fill the vacancy on Jan. 17.

Court Bailiffs Assigned.—Sheriff J. W. Dreger announced this morning that he had assigned his bailiffs for the six district court judges. Louis Malchow will be with Judge H. D. Dickenson, Jacob Itell will be with Judge Andrew Holt's bailiff, while the other men will remain in the courtrooms they now occupy.

NECROLOGICAL

DEWEY SQUOYER.—The funeral of Dewey Squoyer, killed last Monday in a mine near Butte, Mont., will be held from the residence of his father, F. C. Squoyer, 2046 Third avenue S., Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

WILLIAM HARRISON JONES.—Funeral Saturday, Dec. 31, at 2:30 p.m., from the residence of W. H. Jones, 1216 Harmon place. Interment at Lakewood. Friends invited.

CHARLES J. JOHNSON died Dec. 27, at 2422 Chicago avenue. Funeral from residence today at 2 p.m. Interment at Lakewood.

EZRA LE CLAIR died yesterday at 105 Thirteenth street S. Funeral from residence Saturday at 2 p.m. Friends invited.

A. J. FINNEY, attorney and pioneer, died this morning at 1509 Third avenue S. Funeral notice later.

CUT HIS OWN THROAT

Expressman Found in an Open Field—Will Recover.

Peter Nelson, an expressman living at 1809 Sixth street S., made a desperate attempt to end his life by cutting his throat with a razor. He was found in an open field at Cedar avenue and Twenty-sixth street, shortly after 5 o'clock last evening, and indications were that he had been there for several hours.

It was taken to the city hospital, and it is said that he will recover, but would be handicapped.

His friends say he has been drinking heavily of late, and they think his mind was deranged. He is 35 years old and unmarried.

RIPE IN YEARS

Death Removes a Well-Known Figure from the City Hall.

J. M. Istrup, who has conducted the cigar stand in the city hall for two years, died this morning at the home of his son, Carl Istrup, 1217 Fourth avenue S.

Mr. Istrup was born in Norway in 1822 and was engaged in the shoe and leather business in New York. He came to America in 1881, after having lost nearly all his capital in a fire and thru indorsing notes for others.

He is survived by a wife and six children. The funeral will be held from the home of Carl Istrup Monday at 2 p.m.

NURSERY RHYMES UP-TO-DATE

Simple Simon met a Pieman going to the Fair: Said Simple Simon to the Pieman: "Let me taste your ware."

Said the Pieman to Simple Simon: "The sampling lists at Cedar avenue." A Journal Want Ad sells my wares, And that expense is ended."

EGAN, S. D.—Physicians are treating three or four cases of a mild form of smallpox. Several cases of scarlet fever are reported in various parts of the country, some at Grand and Colman and in the country.

FLESH BUILDER

The liver of the cod fish produces oil that is a wonderful flesh builder. No fat or oil can compare with it in that respect. To get the best out of it, it must be emulsified and made like cream. In Scott's Emulsion it is prepared in the best possible form to produce the best possible results. Thirty years have proven this.

We'll send you a sample free. SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl Street. New York.

JOET PROMISED FOR SOMEONE

METHODS OF STATE EQUALIZERS TO BE EXPOSED.

Minneapolis Business Men Will Join in Refusing to Pay the Increased Tax Ordered by the State Board—Startling Developments Assured in the Litigation that Will Follow.

Extensive, interesting and possibly sensational tax litigation is promised for Hennepin county next year. Local lumbermen and business men are agreed that they have been unjustly taxed. Taxes on goods and merchandise and on logs and lumber as assessed by the local officials were raised by the state board of equalization. This increase is declared to be unjust and unwarranted and local business men will stand together and fight it.

The 1904 tax becomes due Jan. 1, 1905. Shortly after that date the objectors will tender their taxes as originally fixed by the city assessor and pass upon by the local board of equalization.

This tender will, without doubt, be refused. It will then be up to the county to begin suits to collect. This will give the objectors the opening they are looking for. Answers will be made and these promises to contain some highly sensational allegations regarding the methods of the state board of equalization and the unjustness of the extra assessment.

"There ought to be some real fun when the cases get into court," said W. L. Harris today. "The lumbermen and nearly all of the merchants are interested in the matter now and will stand together. I think when we show our hands someone will be surprised."

"Values and Civil Treatment." Shoes, \$3, \$5. Hoff's Toggery Shops.

FIREMEN RECEIVED \$3,026

BENEFIT FOR RELIEF ASSOCIATION FUND BROUGHT UNEXPECTEDLY LARGE SUM.

The receipts from the benefit given by the management of the Metropolitan opera house for the firemen's relief fund, which closed Saturday night, exceeded the expectations of the members of the department. The addition to the fund was \$3,026.57. Conditions and circumstances did not preclude such an excellent result. There was the fatal Boutell block fire, which seriously handicapped the firemen in their efforts to save the opera house. Tickets and during Christmas week the attendance at the theaters usually is light.

Robert Scott and R. Norcross, managers of the Metropolitan, and the Eva Tanguay company, turned over to the committee \$308.50, and the percentage of receipts at the opera house amounted to \$2,718.07. Following is a list of donations:

- Various small donations, including those who did not wish their names published: Janney, Semple, Hill & Co., \$25.00; Washburn-Crosby company, \$25.00; Pillsbury-Crosby company, \$25.00; Northwestern Consolidated Milling company, \$100.00; G. R. Newell, \$100.00; R. and A. T. Lund, \$100.00; W. D. Washburn, \$100.00; J. B. Gilliland, \$100.00; J. B. Peterson, \$100.00; E. M. Patterson & Co., \$75.00; Lyman-Elle Drug company, \$50.00; Palace Clothing company, \$50.00; Michael B. Brown, \$50.00; Backus-Brooks Lumber company, \$50.00; W. S. Christian, \$25.00; W. S. Christian, \$25.00; Watson & Co., \$25.00; J. B. Gilliland, \$25.00; J. B. Peterson, \$25.00; Minneapolis General Electric company, \$25.00; Plymouth Clothing house, \$25.00; J. B. Gilliland, \$25.00; Bovey-DeLattre Lumber company, \$25.00; Young-Quinn company, \$25.00; Rock Food Company of America, \$10.00; J. B. Gilliland, \$10.00; Aaron Carlson, \$10.00; R. M. Mackeier, \$10.00; R. B. Hill, \$10.00.

The committee closes its report as follows: We desire to express our thanks to the members of the fire department for their efforts in the sale of tickets to the Cootey Lithographing company, who donated all the cards used; to the Minneapolis Journal, Tribune and News for gratuitous advertising given; to the officials of the street railway company for card space furnished us in the cars; to W. L. Harris and the members of the Retailers' association for courtesies extended in their advertising space; to all the citizens of the city for their generous and courteous treatment of our members when they were called on to purchase tickets.

WINSTON NON-COMMITTAL AS TO ASPIRATIONS

The fight for the Minneapolis survey generalship of logs has become so strenuous that it was said today that F. G. Winston, late candidate for lieutenant governor on the democratic ticket, would himself become a candidate.

The candidates now in the field are George Douglas, Elijah Barton, S. A. Stockwell, Michael Breslauer, Alderman James Dwyer, and Olyve Riesehart. Mr. Winston's friends have claimed that he should have the disposition of this particular bit of patronage.

However, the work of the other candidates has apparently begun to count with Governor-elect Johnson, and it is understood that Mr. Winston and his friends are not likely to be brought in to test his title to recognition Mr. Winston would ask for the place for himself.

Mr. Winston, seen at the Minneapolis club today, refused either to confirm or deny it.

CHANGE IN GRAIN FIRM

Name Is Now Loomis-Johnson-Lee Co.—Elevator Changes Hands.

Final arrangements were perfected this morning for the change in the Minneapolis grain house, Way-Johnson-Lee company, effective Jan. 1, by which the interests of Thomas A. Way of Mason City, Iowa, will pass to L. N. Loomis of Minneapolis.

The firm name will be changed to Loomis-Johnson-Lee company, and the capital increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Mr. Loomis formerly owned and operated a line of country elevators in the northwest, and is well known in the grain trade. Phillip S. Reed will remain as secretary of the company.

The Great Northern elevator, with capacity for storage of 2,000,000 bushels of grain, will change hands. The North-hart grain company will take the house on a long-time lease and use it principally for barley handling and storage. J. J. Donahue of the chamber will manage the house, taking charge Jan. 1.

HURON, S. D.—A happy holiday event was the celebration of the eightieth birthday of Mrs. S. S. Cook, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. S. Cook.

WILLIAMS LEADS FOR GOOD PLACE

LOCAL MAN MAY YET LAND THE LABOR COMMISSIONERSHIP.

Strong Representations of the Hearst Democrats in Hennepin Have Helped His Cause—No Change in Public Examiner's Office for Some Time—Elmer Adams Delays Resignation.

No appointments were announced from St. Peter today, but it is thought that a bunch of plums will be dispensed by Governor-elect Johnson tomorrow.

The race for labor commissioner has been a hot one, and it is not yet decided, but the strong feeling is that that went from Minneapolis to urge the claims of W. H. Williams made a case for him on the strength of which it is thought likely that he will receive the appointment.

No appointment has been made to the office of public examiner, and it is understood that none will be made for some time. S. T. Johnson will be permitted to remain in office, if he desires, until the present investigation into state offices is completed.

The new governor may have an appointment to make on the board of regents after all. Elmer E. Adams of Ferguson Falls, who must resign from the board before he can take his seat in the legislature, has not handed in his resignation in to Governor Van Sant. It is said that there is a hitch between them. Mr. Adams insists on the appointment of S. G. Comstock of Moorhead as his successor. Governor Van Sant has failed so far to promise to do as Mr. Adams wishes. Unless he agrees to name Comstock, the Ferguson Falls man may wait and present his resignation to Governor Johnson.

SAW MANY DOMES ON THE CAPITOL

MINNEAPOLIS MAN HAS AN EXCITING ADVENTURE.

Unable to Find His Way to the Auditor's Office, Frank Praena Wanders for an Hour in the Many Corridors of the New Marble Statehouse—Travelled in a Circle.

Had it not been for a special policeman, Frank Praena of Minneapolis, a Praca in the land department of the state auditor's office, might still be wandering about in the vastness of the new state capitol, lost.

Praena entered the marble statehouse yesterday at the opposite side from the auditor's rooms. He thought it a small matter to walk thru the big structure to his place of employment. He tripped down the corridor, bumping a Christmas hymn, and emerged into the rotunda. Then he turned into another corridor, where he was struck by a door opening on the sharp click-click of his boot heels on the marble floor. A few moments later he was in the rotunda.

"What a mess," he thought to himself, "two domes! Gee, thought there was only one. Where the deuce is my office?"

He looked about scrutinizingly and then started down another likely-looking corridor.

"Ah," he sighed, relieved, "here we are." He took a step forward, and then suddenly exclaimed, "Gad, I'm up against it." As he came to the abrupt ending of the passage, he turned and retraced his steps. He was over the rotunda again, leaning against the rail, looked aloft and soliloquized:

"Can this dome be the one that I be held before the judge, and yet—? He gazed about reflectively. "H-m-m, this is interesting. Now, let's see. I came in there now, by Jove, it wasn't either of these. I was in there in the first time, and just now I tried that passageway—or was it that one?"

Wonder where the auditor's office is—there's the auditor's office, I thought. He darted across the rotunda, but when he reached the opposite side the man in the uniform had disappeared.

Praena tried to learn which corridor had entered. He scratched his head and wrinkled his brows, and turned around like a white rabbit, and laughing at the ridiculousness of his recalling the schoolboy game at that time, sure and certain he returned to him out under another and different dome.

Praena pinched himself. Then, standing there a moment, he resumed his interesting tete-a-tete with himself.

"Now, if I was asleep, of course, I'd dream that I pinched myself and, feeling it, as I did now, would immediately arrive at the individual who was pinching me. So am I asleep or awake? Or has the capitol one dome or several domes? And how am I going to get to the office? I've looked at the map, but the boys laugh at me? There's that policeman again."

But the policeman disappeared, and a few moments later emerged from a corridor which seemed to Praena to be on the opposite side of the rotunda. There was no escaping this time.

"Was that the way to go in THERE and come out THERE a moment ago, or have you a twin brother on duty here? If it was you, and you can do a trick like that, be my Moses now and get me to the auditor's office. I'll give you \$100. I mean, I wasn't lost, of course—I mean—"

"Yes, you were lost," said the policeman. "I've been watching you for nearly an hour. At the auditor's office the policeman told 'the boys' about it, and they thought Praena was up and give them all the horrible details.

SOME POLICE CHANGES ARE NOW ASSURED

Among the police officers who have received dismissals from Mayor D. F. Jones are Captains Thomas Coskran of the central station, Captain W. W. Bosworth of the East station, and Jacob Hein of the North station. Captain John E. Ryan of the central station is probably also on the list. Others destined to the ax are Inspector James Howard, who has resigned; Arthur Johnson, a plain-clothes man, and inspectors Wilson and Dorian of the Central station.

It is understood that the lieutenants and sergeants will not only be retained, but promoted in many cases. Thus Lieutenant Pat Quayle is to be captain on the East Side; Lieutenant George Riviere at the Central station or in Southtown; George Sinclair will have charge of the station that Riviere does not get and Nick Smith is said to be picked for the captaincy of the North station.

Henry Getchell will remain at the fifth precinct, with Lieutenant Pay second in command. These appointments have not yet been officially promulgated.

CRYING NEED OF BETTER ENGLISH

IT IS DISCUSSED WITH EMPHASIS BY EDUCATORS.

The Annual Convention of the Minnesota Educational Association Closes with an Interesting Session Devoted to Language—Section Meetings and Elect Officers, Criticize Textbooks.

Yesterday's late proceedings of M. E. A. on page 12.

The Minnesota Educational association finished its convention work this afternoon. The final program was devoted to English. Professor Maria S. Engstrom reported on the last university entrance examinations in English to show existing conditions in English training. The aim of High-School English was discussed by Miss Ella Dorr of St. Paul, and Mrs. Alice W. Cooley of the University of North Dakota talked of 'The Selection and Use of Literature.'

In a similar vein was the program both yesterday and today of the elementary section. This morning Miss Jennie Hall of the Francis Parker school of Chicago made an attractive and convincing argument for the dramatic presentation of stories. Costumes and scenery are undesirable in the schoolrooms for children's imaginations, like the Elizabethans', need no such stimulus.

In the graded school section reading was considered in several papers by Alma D. Wagner of Mankato and Katherine J. Libby. Miss Libby found dramatic treatment of material a help over many difficulties in reading.

Odd Arithmetic Methods.

The other half of the graded school program took up arithmetic and current methods received some hard knocks. George E. Greaves attributed most present-day errors in arithmetic to carelessness in the pupils. C. R. Frazier of Winona defined the aim of instruction in arithmetic in elementary schools to be the performance of simple practical problems with accuracy, facility and accuracy. S. L. Weeter of Minneapolis, grammar school supervisor in his place of employment, urged teachers to correct errors in pupils; sit up days and avoid them. He urged teachers to insist on speed and accuracy, to use more short cuts and commonsense business methods.

High School Folk Elect.

The high school council elected C. A. Smith of Duluth president, and Conrad G. Selby, Harmony, secretary. A part of its program was a discussion on the subject of the high school, the subject being opened by C. A. Smith, who thought ethics could be taught in connection with the study of history and civics. Following this Miss Patterson of Minneapolis proposed a resolution condemning the use of tobacco by teachers, which was passed almost unanimously.

The new officers of the county superintendents are: President, Eric Erickson, Renville county; vice president, J. A. Wilson, Brainerd; secretary, M. Dell Forbes, Lyons county; members of reading circle board, G. M. Cesander, Martin; P. S. M. Quikley and Mrs. Mary A. Hanson, all of which was appointed to investigate systems for the training of rural teachers.

D. G. WILCOX DEAD

End Comes to Father of John F. Wilcox of This City in Buffalo.

News of the death of his son's hospital in Buffalo of David Gilbert Wilcox, well known in Minneapolis, was received yesterday afternoon. He was 73 years old. He came to Minneapolis in 1901 and made his home with his son, John F. Wilcox of this city. Last November he went to Buffalo to visit his property, but he returned to Minneapolis and was there taken ill. The funeral will be held in Minneapolis and notice of the arrangements will be given later.

GRAFTON, N. D.—Senator J. L. Cashel has given the school board a six weeks' option on his residence property lots adjoining those upon which the central school building stands, the price of the four lots to be \$2,200.

GRAFTON, N. D.—Samuel Rinde has passed away at Norfolk, Va., to enter upon four years' service in the United States marine hospital.

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Other Decisions.

Other decisions by the supreme court were as follows: William F. Hunt, as receiver of the Alleman bank of St. Paul, appellant, vs. Henry Ahmemann et al., respondents. Order affirmed. Douglas, J.

Center of the world respondents, vs. The Barber Asphalt Paving company, et al., defendants; The Barber Asphalt Paving company, appellant. Order affirmed. Douglas, J.

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The subject of contractors' bonds, to secure the performance of contracts with a city and the payment of laborers and material men, including the contents of the bonds and conditions and limitations to their enforcement, is germane to the subject of municipal legislation.

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JUDGE EXPLAINS SENTENCE

More Dollars Than Days Required to Settle This Case. King Harding and Frank Fisher were given sentences of 30 or thirty days each in police court this morning, for stealing a shotgun from C. P. Peterson. The relation of the days to the dollars is a peculiar one in the lower courts. Judge Waite said that both men seemed fairly well-to-do, and that the sentence would be very humiliating. As they would be only too glad to get the option of a fine, that fine, he held, should be made a punishment and not merely a statement of having trifled with another person's property.

LITCHFIELD'S MAYOR IS DEAD.

Special to The Journal. Dec. 30.—Henderson M. Angier, mayor of Litchfield, died here today.

GAMOSSI GLOVE BARGAINS. We have a large stock of Certain Lines of Gloves, and in order to reduce the quantities before inventory we have made very material reductions on these particular lines. WOMEN'S GLOVES. Fine quality Overseas Kid, regular \$1.25 value. \$4c Gamossi Pique Dipped Stock, regular price \$1.50. \$1.19 Castor Pique, silk lined, regular \$1.50 value. \$1.19 High Grade Golf Gloves, regular price 50c. \$39c Fine Quality Pure Wool, regular price 25c. \$20c

LAWSON IN GOTHAM; ROGERS IS NERVOUS. Special to The Journal. New York, Dec. 30.—Thomas W. Lawson of Boston is said to be in this city, but so far has not been located. H. H. Rogers is reported to be very nervous over Lawson's coming expose of his connection with the New York Commercial. D. O. Haynes, who is reported to have been forced out of the paper by Rogers, refuses to say a word, altho he is reported to have sunk nearly a million dollars in the publication. Wall street evidently believes Lawson will not be able to damage the paper further, as Amalgamated Copper is experiencing quite a little boom. ELEVENTH HOUR DELAY. Commercial Club Committee Requests Postponement of Franchise Action. Delay in the granting of a franchise to the Minneapolis Power & Traction company, which comes up before the council this evening for final passage, is asked by the public affairs committee of the Commercial club. The aldermen who have expressed their opposition to this request, which will be formally made this evening, are greatly surprised. What the aldermen will do is not known, but they expected to get together late this afternoon. In discussing the possibility of delay, W. L. Harris of the Retailers' association said today: "It is an erroneous idea that the new electric light ordinance was drafted hurriedly or that it is a haphazard affair. The special committee of the Retailers' association and its attorney, S. E. Hawley, have been in almost continuous touch with the special committee of the city council on this electric light franchise matter for over a year. The ordinance is intended to contain, and I believe does contain, every provision looking to the safeguarding of the city's interest. Naturally we are loathe to see the result of a hard year's work nullified by postponement unless some good reason can be shown. "I think it is up to those who wish postponement to indicate the deficiencies, if any, in the instrument in question. It is a fair ordinance, in my judgment. Our association has worked hard in this matter; and while, if any good reasons can be shown for delay we will not oppose it, we feel that it is a safe ordinance to pass, and a distinct advance over the present entirely unsatisfactory situation. LIVINGSTON, MONT.—The State Teachers' association, in session at Helena, has chosen Livingston as next year's place of meeting.

PEARCE'S Ladies' and Misses' Cloth. Jackets, sizes 32-40, worth \$15. \$3.75. Women's Outfitters 403-405 Nicollet Ave. Annual Clearance Sale of Coats, Suits, Skirts, Waists, Furs. Great Reductions on Fur Scarfs and Jackets. Fur Scarfs: French Coney, Near Seal and Opossum Scarfs; regular \$5.00 and \$7.50 values, for \$3.75. Sable and Isabella Fox Scarfs and Marten Scarfs; \$30.00 and \$35.00, for \$19.50. Women's Coats and Jackets: In Kersey and Novelty Mixtures, all Lengths and Sizes. \$12.50 Coats at \$7.50, \$25.00 Coats at \$14.50, \$15.00 Coats at \$9.75, \$30.00