

City News

THE WEATHER

The Predictions. Minnesota—Probably snow tonight and Wednesday; variable winds.

Upper Michigan—Snow tonight and Wednesday; warmer in west tonight; fresh easterly winds.

Wisconsin—Rain or snow tonight and Wednesday; warmer in north and west portions tonight; fresh easterly winds.

Iowa—Rain or snow tonight and Wednesday.

North Dakota—Part cloudy tonight and Wednesday with possibly snow flurries in east portion.

South Dakota—Threatening with possibly snow flurries tonight and in east portion Wednesday.

Montana—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder in north and west portions tonight.

Weather Conditions. The pressure is low this morning from the northern portions of Alberta and Saskatchewan to western Minnesota.

Weather Now and Then. Today, maximum 22, minimum 12 degrees; a year ago, maximum 33, minimum 7 degrees.

AROUND THE TOWN

Public Installation.—Clan Gordon and its ladies' auxiliary will hold a joint open installation Thursday evening, Jan. 4, at McElroy hall, Nicollet avenue and Eighth street.

James Not a Candidate.—F. G. James positively declines to accept nomination by the Minneapolis Real Estate board for its presidency.

All Re-elected.—At the annual meeting held today, the county commissioners re-elected J. B. Johnson, chairman, and Andrew Smith, vice chairman of the board.

Held to Grand Jury.—John R. Martin, arrested in Chicago last Thursday on a charge of embezzling \$1,000 from the Minneapolis Milk company while acting as a collector, was arraigned in police court today.

Elison Denies Guilt.—Martin Elison, indicted on the charge of assault in the first degree, alleged to have been committed upon the Southtown meat dealer, Charles S. Johnson, yesterday and pleaded not guilty before Judge H. D. Dickinson today.

Shooting Mystery.—O. G. Peterson of 2122 Ninth avenue S., has given the police a mystery to solve. While visiting with friends at Lake Minnetonka for a few days someone shot through the front window of his house.

Goes Up This Time.—Joseph Carry, alias John Jacobson, was sentenced to the workhouse for 10 days this morning on a charge of vagrancy and petty larceny.

To Install Officers.—John A. Rawlins post, G. A. R., will hold a 6 o'clock tonight in the Masonic Temple to install officers.

Both Convicted.—Father and son who fought policeman are punished.

Nils Peterson and his son William, who were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct yesterday, were tried in court today and found guilty.

W. D. Kirk Dead.—The sudden death of William D. Kirk, president of the Capital City bank of St. Paul, occurred this morning.

Back in School.—Forty thousand pupils resume work after the holiday vacation.

Charged with Larceny.—Dave Gullickson, well known to the police, was arraigned in police court today charged with grand larceny.

New Incorporations.—Fidelity Realty company, St. Paul; capital stock, \$50,000; R. A. Kirk, president; C. H. Hirsch, vice president; Frank B. Platt, secretary and treasurer.

Too Late to Classify.—Two neatly furnished rooms for light housekeeping, in modern brick house, walking distance, in noon or evening.

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BRIDE WASHES ON WEDDING EVE

MISS ANNA McNAUGHTON ABDUCTED, IT IS THOUGHT.

Wedding Was to Have Taken Place Last Night, but Bride Has Not Been Seen Since Last Sunday.—The Bride-elect's Relatives Opposed the Match.

Friends of Miss Anna McNaughton, and particularly her affianced husband, Edwin Marks, are worried over her disappearance and openly charge that she has been abducted. Her relatives opposed her marriage to Mr. Marks. The wedding was to have taken place last evening at the paragon of the Prosbyterian church at twenty-fourth avenue and NE. Miss McNaughton has not been seen by her distracted lover or her friends since last Sunday.

Giving Away! Free (15c) Collars. Bring your Laundry Bundles to us. Collars 1c, Cuffs 1c, Hirts 10c. Underwear 1c, Socks 1c, new Hoffman's (3) Stores and Laundry.

WILL WORK FOR A NEW COUNTY JAIL

An active campaign for a new and modern county jail has been begun. The move is backed by the members of the county commission.

The present county jail is a disgrace, said County Auditor Hugh R. Scott, who is chairman of the Municipal Building commission. "We recently looked over the present jail with the view of putting in a new tile floor. We found the construction of the jail so far below what it should be that it could not be put in the proper shape except by an entire new construction."

WOULD SIGN PLEDGE

Seven "Drunks" in Police Court, in Repentant Mood. Police court drunks were repentant this morning and of the thirteen men in the bullpen, seven told the court officers that they would pledge themselves to a new year "swear-off."

The first man to face the court for too much celebrating was William Rooney, who pled before, but determined to try his luck.

"If you'll let me go, I won't bother you again until next New Year's Day," he said.

"I think \$10 or ten days will do you more good," said the court.

Ten days. That's a nice New Year's present for a man that wants to reform," replied Rooney, as he picked up his hat and started for the "Black Maria."

Six more reformers bothered the court officers trying to get someone to give them the pledge. Captain Martin Burfening was pointed out as a minister, and after the close of the session he couldn't keep the sorry ones quiet.

The others were indifferent, but were willing to reform if they could escape the fine or the workhouse.

BOTH CONVICTED

Father and son who fought policeman are punished. Nils Peterson and his son William, who were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct yesterday, were tried in court today and found guilty.

William Peterson became too noisy on the street and Patrolman Munger of the south station arrested him. The father, seeing his son's predicament, tried to take him away from the officer.

The young man was given a straight sentence in the workhouse and the father, because of his age, was let off with a fine of \$10.

W. D. KIRK DEAD

President of Capital City Bank, St. Paul, Passes Away. The sudden death of William D. Kirk, president of the Capital City bank of St. Paul, occurred this morning.

Mr. Kirk, who had been in good health up to last Thursday, when he took a slight cold, died at an early hour today of heart trouble at his home, 650 Summit avenue.

Mr. Kirk had been engaged in the banking business in St. Paul for over twenty-five years and became president of the Capital City bank upon the retirement of L. E. Reed about twelve years ago.

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BAD BAKER MURDERER IS UNDER ARREST

POLICE SAID TO HAVE ONE OF MEN WANTED.

No One Knows Where Prisoner Is, and Police Deny All Knowledge of His Arrest.—Man Who Heard Bandits Plotting Informs Detectives, Who Find Murderer in Concealment.

One of the two murderers who shot and killed Charles O. Baker while trying to hold up his barroom at 416 Second street last night has been arrested by the police, according to the story of a well-known attorney.

If this story is true, there is no doubt as to the identity of the man now locked up, and the only thing is to get the other man, who is believed to be in hiding somewhere in the city.

According to the attorney who affirms the rumor, the man now locked up is well known by one of the attorney's clients, whom he has engaged to defend against an action in the district court.

This client knew the men who committed the crime and heard them talking of it. The large reward offered by the city and state looked good to him, and he gave to one of the detectives the names of the men.

They went as directed and arrested one of the men and locked him up at one of the stations.

Police officers seen today professed to know nothing of the arrest, but admitting that they might have been made without their knowledge.

The name of the man suspected is not in the list of names of the suspects, and it is not known whether it is the tall or the short man that has been taken into custody.

The attorney, however, says that there is no doubt as to the truth of the story, and that there is no doubt that the other man will be arrested.

"My client will get the \$1,200 reward all right," he said, "no matter where they have the suspect planted."

TO CONTINUE MILK WAR

DR. HALL DECLARES CRUSADE FOR PURE MILK WILL BE KEPT UP.

"There will be no letup in the crusade against the shippers of milk who refuse to have their cattle inspected," said Dr. P. M. Hall, commissioner of the health department.

"I am not a believer in the occult art, but I believe in the power of the law," he said, "and I will continue to strengthen the bridge that weakens it."

A Dire Picture. It was a most dire picture that Mrs. Syverson depicted when interviewed by a Journal reporter at her home, 305 Cedar avenue, today.

She had seen the vision several times during the past three or four weeks and twice in the past week, but last night the catastrophe was so vividly portrayed that she became genuinely alarmed.

She stated that her husband reported the matter to the proper authorities.

That Mrs. Syverson has seen a most realistic vision there can be no question, as the woman is plainly sincere and is greatly wrought up over the matter.

She is very familiar with the bridge and the scene thereabout, and would recognize it in a moment. While not a professional, Mrs. Syverson says she has been a medium since she was a child and her friends have the greatest faith in her predictions.

ICE IN SLABS

The fine Italian weather which has brought joy to the forerists and boosted the price of gum shoes, has been anything but kind to the ice-cutting apparatus.

The ice-cutting season usually opens about the middle of December, but this winter has been an exception, and few, if any, of the companies are cutting and storing.

If the weather does not get colder it will be necessary to put up a quantity of thin ice and next summer slabs instead of blocks will be the prevailing style.

NECROLOGIC

MRS. J. E. HUBERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garret Durys, died today after a lingering illness of several months. Funeral from the residence of her parents, 2529 Polk street NE, Friday, at 2 p. m. St. Cloud papers please copy.

CLARA JOHNSON, aged 15 years, died yesterday at the family home, 3428 Longfellow avenue. Funeral Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the residence; interment at Lakewood.

MRS. MARY E. HAWLEY, aged 64 years, died Sunday. Funeral Wednesday at 1 p. m. from the residence, 2301 Seventh street S; interment at Layman's cemetery.

DREAM DISASTER IS LAUGHED AT

SOUTH SIDE SEEBERS PREDICTS COLLAPSE OF BRIDGE.

She Had a Vision Which Impressed Her So Strongly that She Sent Her Husband to Warn the City Engineer.—Bridge Declared to Be Safer Than Ever.

"You want to look out for the Washington avenue bridge," said an excited individual to Bridge Engineer Kristian Ostad, as he hurried up to the latter's desk in the city engineer's office today.

"Why what's the matter?" asked Mr. Ostad, alarmed by his visitor's strange warning and his earnest manner.

"It's going to fall down in a few days and several people will be killed," declared the man impressively.

"Oh, is that all? When is it to happen?" asked Mr. Ostad, his fears vanishing in a moment.

"In a very few days. This week, perhaps," he said.

The man, who is a stonemason named Chris Syverson, then related that his wife, who is a spirit medium, went into a trance last evening and saw the bridge collapse and fall into the river with several people who were crossing at the time.

She even described the people and gave their names. You had better have that bridge inspected and closed," advised Mr. Syverson, who was much disturbed and anxious.

"You believe it, then?" "Most assuredly I do. My wife has frequently foretold important events, which have come to pass, but I never before have seen her so strong as she was last night. She gave the details so clearly that I am absolutely convinced that the bridge will collapse."

Mr. Syverson refused to be laughed out of his anxiety and left with the admonition that the city engineer should take precautions to make the structure safe.

The story was repeated to City Engineer Andrew Rinker, who simply smiled and remarked that the story was interesting, "I have no apprehensions whatever on that score," he said, "as I am not a believer in the occult art, but I believe in the power of the law."

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CONSIDER RATES ON MERCHANDISE

TRAFFIC MEN CITED TO MEET WITH STATE COMMISSION.

Reduction of Rate Schedules Will Be Suggested by Tables the Commissioners Have Prepared, Comparing This State with Illinois and Iowa.—Railroads Will Defend Present Schedule.

Facts interesting to shippers will be brought out in a general meeting of Minnesota railroad traffic men with the state railroad commission Jan. 16.

The purpose is to secure a substantial reduction in the existing merchandise rates, in accordance with a resolution passed by the last legislature directing the commission to take up the work of securing a readjustment of existing freight rates and a more uniform system throughout the state.

The roads will likely take the stand that the present rates seem justifiable according to natural laws of transportation. In the northwestern part of the state, where the population is not dense, the higher rates prevailing seem justifiable to the traffic men.

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TREASURER BLOCK FILES HIS REPORT

REPEATS ARGUMENT FOR SALE OF VIRGINIA BONDS.

State Treasurer Julius H. Block today transmitted his annual report to Governor Johnson, covering the fiscal year ending July 31. In the report he goes on record again in favor of the sale of Virginia bonds in order to purchase all bonds offered by Minnesota municipalities and school districts.

A comparison with former reports shows that the financial transactions of the state increase in volume year by year. This is true not only of the receipts and disbursements of the current funds, but also in greater measure of the increase in the amount and holdings of the permanent trust funds.

A significant feature of this is the amount of loans from the permanent school fund to our municipalities—school districts, townships and counties—for the building of schoolhouses and other public buildings, for drainage, and for making other needed improvements.

At the close of the fiscal year these loans aggregated \$1,543,018.32; while, as appears by the present report, these loans have nearly doubled in the last four years, reaching a total of \$2,890,198.27.

This class of securities is very desirable and is eagerly sought by bond brokers and investors, who usually charge 5 or 6 per cent interest, while the state makes it at 4 per cent. In his opinion no better investment could be made of these permanent trust funds than by loaning them to our own municipalities.

In addition to this class of securities, the permanent school fund holds nearly \$5,500,000 in bonds of other states, many of which double the rate of interest.

Block believes that the best interests of our own people demand that the state dispose of some of these outside bonds. In quantities sufficient to meet the demands for loans from our own municipalities, at a better rate of interest.

A precedent for such action is found in the sale by the state board of investment of Alabama bonds, aggregating some \$494,000, for the purpose of buying capitol commission certificates.

During the greater part of the fiscal year ending July 31, 1905, the demand for local municipalities for loans from available permanent funds was far in excess of the receipts accruing to said funds.

Experience leads us to believe that if our own municipalities were reasonably certain of being able to secure state money when they desire to borrow, the volume of applications for loans would be materially increased.

In the past four years the proportion of loans to Minnesota municipalities to the moneys received into these funds has greatly increased over any previous corresponding period.

The law authorizing a greater latitude for investments no doubt accounts in a measure for part of this increase, but nevertheless the fact that these municipalities are obtaining palities at a lower rate of interest than

they can secure from outside investors, creates an element of competition for this business, and tends to a general reduction of interest.

For the first time in many years the fiscal year closes with a deficit in the revenue fund, amounting to \$44,625.25. This deficit is a measure in due to appropriations made by the last legislature, which became available immediately, and for which no provision has been made. These extraordinary appropriations aggregated approximately \$60,000, of which \$431,866.47 was paid out before the close of the fiscal year.

SALESMEN TO CONFER ON PURE FOOD LAWS

Traveling salesmen for wholesale grocery houses covering Minnesota territory will hold an informal conference next Saturday in St. Paul with E. K. Slater, state dairy and food commissioner, and the staff of his department.

The meeting will convene at 10 a. m. in the senate chamber of the old capitol, and is expected to last all day. It will be informal, but some short papers will be prepared to be read.

The meaning of the food laws will be discussed, and methods of enforcement. Commissioner Slater will answer questions and explain the construction of the law that is taken by the department, and especially the change made in the new code which takes effect March 1.

MAY LOSE LICENSE

O. J. Hawkins' Violation of Sunday Closing Law Up to the Mayor.

O. J. Hawkins, arrested Sunday night on charges of keeping his saloon open on Sunday and of conducting a "blind pig" at Excelsior, was arraigned in police court today on both charges.

The charge of keeping the saloon open on Sunday was dismissed on motion of City Prosecutor Al Finney, and the other case was continued until Tuesday.

The county attorney's office will try the charge of selling liquor without a license. James O'Connor, who was arrested with Hawkins in connection with the Excelsior case, pleaded guilty and sentence will be imposed when the other case is tried.

The case in which Hawkins is charged with opening his saloon on Sunday will be handled solely by Mayor D. P. Jones and Superintendent of Police J. G. Doyle.

Mayor Jones said at the time of his Sunday closing law that the licenses would be revoked if the law was not obeyed.

As Hawkins freely admits his guilt, he will probably be forced out of the saloon business. His license is in the hands of the Birkhofer Brewing company, and for some time his business has been on the decline. His fate will probably be decided before tomorrow.

MATSON WRESTLES TONIGHT

Leo Pardo, with Miner's Bohemians at the heavy center, will meet Frank Matson, the local wrestler, tonight after the regular performance. Andy Gardner, in the leading role of Pansy, is the chief funmaker, and Will H. Ward as Leopold Wurtz is a class second.

A Bohemian Beauty is an extravaganza in two acts, is bright and catchy.

E. E. Atkinson & Co. Hats—Final Cut. Our Semi-Annual Clearance Sale Gathers Momentum TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). Fresh offerings—Furs, Coats, Suits, Costumes, Waists, Millinery—all must go! THE most searching comparison will only the more emphasize that this sale has no peer or parallel for values given—remember the high standard of "Atkinson garments" and that "quality and style" count two-thirds—"price" but one-third of a bargain.

PIANOS! "Snaps" in Our Bargain Room. 2 Uprights. \$110-\$120. 1 Haines Bros. Piano. \$150. 1 McPhail Piano. \$290. 1 New England Piano. \$190. 2 Knabe Pianos. \$240-\$375. Easy Terms of \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$10 per month. Representatives for the Knabe-Engelmann Piano. FOSTER & WALDO 36 Fifth St. So., Cor. Nicollet Av.