City News

THE WEATHER

Minnesota—Threatening and colder tonight, with rain in east portion, turning to snow; Tuesday, fair, brisk northwest winds.

Wisconsin—Rain, turning to snow tonight, followed by fair Tuesday; colder; high southerly shifting to north winds.

Upper Michigan—Rain tonight, turning to snow and colder Tuesday; winds becoming high northwest.

Iowa—Threatening and colder tonight, with rain in east portion, turning to snow; Tuesday, fair, with colder in east portion.

North and South Dakota—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight, warmer Tuesday afternoon.

Montana—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, except probably rain in west portion Tuesday; warmer Tuesday.

Weather Conditions.

A large low-pressure area extends from southern Minnesota to Oklahoma, attended by cloudy and unsettled weather over much of the United States and the Canadian northwest. Rain has fallen during the past twenty-four hours in the upper lake region, the upper and middle Mississippi valley, eastern and central South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, northern New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California, and rain was still falling this morning in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, eastern Missouri, South Dakota, Arizona and southern California. The rains in Wisconsin, northern Michigan and southern California were heavy, 1.40 inches being reported at Green Bay, 1.52 at La Crosse, 1.30 at Escanaba, and 1.08 at Los Angeles. This morning's temperatures are above 30 degrees, except in northern Minnesota, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and they are above 60 degrees in the middle and west gulf states. The precipitation will continue in this vicinity today, probably turning to snow tonight with the falling temperature due to a small "high" over northern Saskatchewan; Tuesday will be fair.

—T. S. Outram, Section Director.

Weather Now and Then.

Today, maximum 35, minimum 33 degrees; a year ago, maximum 67, minimum 37 degrees.

AROUND THE TOWN

Longyear Contract Let.—The contract for the new E. J. Longyear cottage on the upper lake was let to Pike & Cook for $20,000. The Keith company drew the plans.

Cousins in Town.—Brigadier J. W. Cousins of the Salvation Army returned today from Winona, where he has been conducting a series of meetings since his return from the officers' congress at Chicago last Monday.

Upson Improves.—Arthur Upson, instructor in English at the university, is improving at St. Barnabas hospital and his physicians say he will soon be able to leave. He will probably take a vacation on account of his nervous condition.

Engineers Return.—City Engineer Andrew Rinker returned today from Philadelphia, where he went to attend the funeral of his mother. Assistant City Engineer E. R. Dutton is also back from a short trip to Springfield, Mo.

Garfield Club Meeting.—An important meeting of the Garfield Republican club will be held tomorrow evening in Morgan post hall, Nicollet avenue and Third street. Several "live" topics will be up for discussion and a large attendance of members is desired.

Record of the Postoffice.—The February cancellation report of the Minneapolis postoffice shows that the average number of pieces handled each day, Sundays and holidays excluded, was 215,320. Of this 140,372 pieces went thru the cancelling machine, 59,442 pieces were precancelled and 15,526 pieces were paid in money.

Baker Goes to Iowa.—Sheriff Kelliher of Pocahontas, Iowa, arrived in the city today to take Charles Baker to the Iowa town where he will be tried on a charge of grand larceny. Baker is alleged to have stolen several sets of harness and a typewriter from business men and farmers of Fonda, Iowa. He agreed to accompany the sheriff without fighting extradition.

Smoke Men to Meet.—John Fairgrieve, smoke inspector of Detroit, has asked Smoke Inspector J. W. Allen to join in the movement for holding a national conference of smoke inspectors. Mr. Allen is in favor of the plan for the work of these officials is still so new that there is a great deal to be learned in conference. It is likely that the convention will be held at Detroit.

School Site Meetings.—Three meetings will be held in the eighth ward tonight to discuss the question of the most advantageous site for the location of the fifth high school. These meetings will be held at the Lyndale Congregational church, Lake street and Aldrich avenue; at the engine-house, Forty-second street and Lyndale, and at 2932 Second avenue S.

"Royal Road to Truth."—According to Miss Alice Bolting, representative of the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical society, the royal road to truth and happiness is in every person and must be sought in oneself. This follows the teaching of theosophy that the soul is ever present in every body and waiting for recognition. Miss Bolting addressed the local branch of the society last night.

FIND FUGITIVE IN JAIL

Search for Edward Pollard Ends at the Workhouse.

Word was received by the Humane society today that Edward Pollard, wanted by the police for the alleged maltreatment of horses in a Hopkins livery barn Friday, is at present an inmate of the city workhouse. It is said that he was arrested in Minneapolis Friday night on a charge of drunkenness and sent up under an assumed name.

ASKS CHAPERONES FOR ALL BAD BOYS

PROBATION OFFICER WOULD IMPROVE JUVENILE-COURT PLAN.

Mr. Chamberlain Appeals to Ministers to Secure 250 Voluntary Workers Who Will Take Personal Interest in Each Juvenile Prisoner—Assistance Pledged by Pastors.

Two hundred and fifty chaperones, to play the big brother to lads who have come within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, could be used to advantage in dealing with the juvenile delinquents of Minneapolis, according to H. B. Chamberlain, legal adviser of the probation office. At a meeting of the Ministers' alliance today, Mr. Chamberlain appealed to the pastors to recommend this work to the young people, and particularly the young men, of their churches. The task of these chaperones would be to become intimately acquainted with the boys assigned to them and lead the lads into a proper course of conduct by example.

Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that the difficulty with the juvenile court as now organized is that it is next to impossible to keep in personal touch with the boys who come before it. A staff of voluntary workers who would assume personal responsibility for the boys assigned to them would do away with this weakness. It would be no part of the scheme to have the volunteer worker act as either a guardian or a teacher. His work would be entirely that of winning the friendship of his young charge and leading his tastes into wholesome channels.

Pastors Pledge Aid.

This suggestion was well received by the assembled ministers, who signified their willingness to recommend this work to their young men. Some of them suggested that the work might be conducted thru the Christian Endeavor societies.

In addition to making a plea for volunteer workers, Mr. Chamberlain explained the working of the court and urged the necessity of having one judge permanently assigned to the work instead of allowing the regular district court judges to attend to it in rotation. He also described the proposed detention home at considerable length and outlined the campaign which will be conducted by the new juvenile court committee. There was nothing formal about this talk, and the frequent questions which interrupted the speaker evidenced the keen interest of his auditors.

At the suggestion of Mr. Chamberlain no resolutions were passed and no formal action was taken, but each minister present was requested to lay the matter before his own church. Preceding Mr. Chamberlain's talk, O. W. Stewart, the prohibition organizer, was introduced. His remarks were confined to a greeting to the alliance. He made no reference to the question of prohibition.

DEFIES BULLETS TO FLEE FROM SNELLING

Mark E. Christensen, a general prisoner at Fort Snelling, escaped Sunday morning while working with two other prisoners near the river bank.

"Goodby, boys; I'm going!" he shouted to the guards, who immediately began firing at him, but without effect.

Christensen disappeared in the direction of Minnehaha park. The escaped prisoner was serving a two-year sentence for desertion from the Twenty-seventh infantry at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont.

Detachments were immediately dispatched in the direction of Minnehaha park and Minneapolis, but the fugitive has not been captured.

GUTTERSON DECIDES TO OPPOSE McCLEARY

Gilbert Gutterson of Lake Crystal, who has intentions hostile to Congressman J. T. McCleary, called at the office of the secretary of state today and interviewed J. J. Lomen, the assistant secretary, but did not file his affidavit as a candidate. To friends about the capitol, however, he admitted his intention to run. He declared that when he did file for the nomination he would resign as rural-route inspector, which is a civil-service position.

Announcement of his candidacy for the second district nomination is expected this week.

ORDERS STATION

Milwaukee Must Provide Proper Accommodations at Isinours.

The railroad commission today ordered the Milwaukee road to build and establish a suitable station at Isinours, the junction of the Reno-Preston line with the Southern Minnesota, within sixty days. The order is a result of complaints made by the United Commercial Travelers. It is recommended that the building be placed closer to the junction than the present structure, which is condemned.

VIEW IS UNCHANGED

President Cyrus Northrop Writes Football Views for Eastern Magazine.

In the current issue of Illustrated Outdoor News of New York, President Cyrus Northrop of the University of Minnesota reiterates his well-known opinion upon football reform. The gopher president holds that football is too good a game to lose, and believes that most of the abuses in the play can be eliminated by competent officials.

MAKE RAILROADS BOOST THE CITY

E. G. POTTER RETURNS FROM WEST WITH VALUABLE IDEAS.

Points to Manner in Which Roads Load Tourists with Boosts for California and Urges that Minneapolis Demand Similar Assistance—Finds Southern California Rents a Holdup.

E. G. Potter, baseball magnate, at least for this season, and one of the business and best Minneapolis boosters in the business, returned from an extensive California and western trip today, and in spite of the brand of weather found on tap, announces that "Minneapolis is there" and "good enough for anybody."

"Business certainly is booming on the coast," said the senator, "and there is not a business man there who is not making all the hay he can while the sun is shining. They never overlook bets there any more than we do here. The prices they are getting for their real estate along the southern California coast are something awful. So are the rents.

"In talking with real estate and business men I asked them what basis they had for the enormous values they place on their real estate and other property, and if they used a comparison of values with other cities. They frankly admitted that they no comparison or basis other than the rents that the property can be made to produce. Anybody who has been there knows what rent conditions are in southern California. It's like hiring a cab in New York city—it's cheaper to buy. In February or March it is almost impossible to secure good accommodations at any price unless reservations have been made.

Booms Everywhere.

"Conditions are all the same. Every place I visited, and I made them all from Coronado Beach to San Francisco, all the Montes, Dels, and Santas— is enjoying a boom. There is one thing tho that many lose sight of, even those who are there, and that is that the southern California coast is enjoying the cream of the prosperity that is general all over the country. They have their pick on free money from every part of the United States. A financial crisis tho, such as we had ten or twelve years ago, would give them a serious setback. As soon as times get hard the flood of outside money and tourists is cut off, and values will surely tumble, and tumble a long way.

"That country has a beautiful climate when ours is generally the worst, but for all that I'm for Minneapolis. Their tourist business now lasts the entire year. In the winter they get the people from the north and east and in the summer they get the southerners who want to escape the dry heat of the south and enjoy the ocean.

"Right here in Minneapolis, and all about us we have as great an opportunity for creating an asset of equal value. As far as natural conditions are concerned we are in it with them all. The railroads should be brought into line to do the advertising for us that they do for California. As soon as one leaves Minneapolis he is flooded with folders printed by railroads extolling California resorts. Some judicious advertising of a similar sort telling of Minneapolis, Minnetonka, and the other Minnesota resorts would bring business, if distributed thru the south, and would start thousands of visitors to Minnesota, where there is something real."

FAT GIRL SECURES A JOB

CIRCUS MANAGER WILL HEFT HER AS A PROSPECTIVE "FAT LADY."

Addie Boyd, the young woman who has been a patient at the city hospital because she is too fat to perform any kind of work, is no longer to be a dependent on charity.

A good salary and a chance to see the world have been offered by a western circus manager who says he is unable to find a fat lady for the side show. For some time the Associated Charities and the poor department have been trying to find some way in which she can make a living. While they have been planning the woman has been at the hospital taking treatment to lessen her weight.

Now she can make a good living without so much as turning her hand, providing she is fat enough, and the manager is soon to come to Minneapolis to see if she can pass the examination.

FINE COUPE BURNS IN DRIVER'S ABSENCE

Without betraying a semblance of fear or concern, a flea-bitten team of horses, hitched to a hack, stood immobile while the carriage was destroyed by fire at Fourth street and Seventh avenue S, about 11 p.m. Sunday.

Passersby saw the flames and turned in an alarm, but before the department responded the absent driver had returned and taken his fiery chariot away. It is said that the hack, valued at from $800 to $1,200, was practically ruined. The owner is unknown.

SWITCHMAN IS KILLED

Charles Peterson Falls in Front of Engine, Receiving Fatal Hurt.

Charles Peterson, a switchman for the Northern Pacific road, was killed while at work in the yards in Northeast Minneapolis yesterday.

He was crossing the tracks, and in attempting to get out of the way of an approaching engine, slipped on the glare of ice and fell. The engine ran into him, mangling his body. He was taken to Asbury hospital, where he died a few minutes later.

Peterson was a widower about 50 years old. His wife died two months ago and he was boarding at 927 Washington avenue N. He had one son, Charles Peterson, who will make the funeral arrangements.

LEADING WOMAN LEAVES

Miss Margaret Illington Leaves "The Lion and the Mouse."

Margaret Illington, who played the part of the mouse in "The Lion and the Mouse" last week at the Metropolitan theater, left Sunday morning for New York city. Miss Illington, who is known in private life as Mrs. Daniel Frohman, is related to the Carpenter family of Minneapolis and was entertained while here by Mrs. S. M. Yale, 2702 Portland avenue.

WANT SLATER IN FEDERAL SERVICE

STATE COMMISSIONER REFUSES FLATTERING OFFER.

Was Asked to Take Hold of New Inspection Bureau at New York, but Declined in Order to Stay by Department Here—Will Recommend Another Minnesotan.

The United States department of agriculture has been trying to steal E. K. Slater, state dairy and food commissioner, from the Minnesota service, but Mr. Slater stated today that he had declined the position offered, and would "stick to the ship."

The department under Secretary Wilson is about to install an inspection and grading bureau at New York for butter received there. The idea is to grade butter if desired by the trade, and to conduct an educational bureau, noting the faults in butter received, and notifying the shipper how to correct them. Mr. Slater was wanted as the head of this new service, and the position was tendered by E. W. Webster, chief of the dairy division. No salary was named, except to say that the salary would be made an inducement.

Mr. Slater believes that a Minnesota man will be selected for the place. Since turning down the offer he has been asked by Mr. Webster to recommend some competent butter man for the place. "We have plenty of them in Minnesota," said Mr. Slater today, "and I hope some one from this state will be selected. Mr. Webster has sent word that he will be here to see me Wednesday."

The offer is highly appreciated as a compliment to Minnesota butter makers and the Minnesota dairy inspection service.

FLORENCE WALTON AGAIN GETS DOG LICENSE NO. 1

Dog licenses were placed on sale today by City Clerk L. A. Lydiard; bicycle tags may be secured next Wednesday and the office will be prepared to issue automobile licenses. This is a matter of some importance to owners of new machines as they have been warned by policemen for not having displayed their license numbers.

The officers have not been inclined to accept the excuse that licenses were not obtainable, but such is the fact, nevertheless.

There are five dog licenses which are not available. Miss Florence Walton already has secured the promise of No. 1, Emil Ferrant No. 2, while Aldermen A. C. Vaughan, Peter McCoy and G. A. Westphal have secured numbers 7, 9 and 11, respectively.

The dog-catcher will start out on May 1 and will pursue different tactics this year. It was discovered that many owners kept their dogs tied up in the early part of the summer until the dog-catchers had been retired, and the result was a large number of unlicensed dogs. This year the officer will be on duty until September.

SEATS FOR MOTORMEN

Rest for Weary Car Drivers Beginning Next Wednesday.

Motormen of the Twin City Rapid Transit company's system of street-cars are to have seats after Wednesday and thereafter will not be compelled to stand up all the time while on duty. Some years ago the motormen had stools and were allowed to sit down during the hours when business was lightest. The custom is to be resumed and when drivers have long runs with few stops they will be allowed to sit.

NECROLOGIC

SANFORD W. DEVORE, a well-known resident of this city for the past twelve years, died yesterday at Kansas City. The funeral will be held there tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Devore was a native of Ohio, and was a veteran of the civil war. Previous to coming to Minneapolis he lived at Kansas City, where his children still reside. He was about 65 years old.

CARL F. MORTENSEN of Albert Lea, Minn., died Sunday morning at the Swedish hospital of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Mortensen was 32 years old, and was born in Copenhagen, Denmark. Funeral from Amor's undertaking establishment Tuesday afternoon. Interment at Layman's cemetery.

MRS. JOHN A. BERKEY, who was born on the day Minnesota was admitted to the union and was christened Minnesota De Graff, died at her home on Dayton avenue, St. Paul, yesterday morning. Mrs. Berkey was born in Dayton, Ohio, but came to St. Paul when she was 12 years old.

MRS. ANNA BROWN, wife of Barnabas Brown, died this morning at the family residence, 1923 Washington avenue S, aged 43 years. Funeral Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., from the residence and at 9 a.m., from St. Charles church. Interment at St. Mary's cemetery.

H. A. FIELD, a resident of Minneapolis for twenty-three years, died at his residence, 1519 Elliot avenue, aged 75 years. Funeral Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. from Our Savior's Lutheran church, Seventh street and Fourteenth avenue S. Interment at Lakewood.

MARGARET LOUISE NORTON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton, 63 Lyndale avenue N, died Sunday afternoon, aged 11 months and 20 days. The body will be taken to Manchester, Iowa, for burial.

MRS. MARY STODIECK died Sunday at her home, 1824 Quincy street NE, aged 62 years. Funeral Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. from residence and at 8:30 from St. Clement's church. Interment at Hillside cemetery.

WILLIAM DUNN, aged 74 years, died at his residence, 630 Main street NE, Sunday morning. The funeral will take place from the Church of St. Anthony of Padua Tuesday at 9 a.m. Interment at St. Anthony cemetery.

PATRICK O'LAUGHLIN, who died Sunday morning, will be buried from the home of his sister, Mrs. J. J. Murphy, 2941 Tenth avenue S, Wednesday, at 2 p.m.

It is requested by interested residents that all persons interested in the location of the eighth ward high school meet at 2932 Second avenue S at 8 this evening.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends for the kindness and heartfelt sympathy shown to us in our recent bereavement.

—David M. Anderson and Family.

PLEDGE COMES IN FROM UNIQUE CLUB

GRAND ARMY FUND BOOSTED FROM UNEXPECTED QUARTER.

"First Generation" Members Discuss Civil War and Then Send $20 to Help Entertain Old Soldiers—Many Checks Sent by Private Men Who Wish to Help.

A new and pleasing feature of the Grand Army encampment fund collection has come into prominence. Pledges are coming in every day from people who were not on the general business lists drawn up by the committee. While many of those who were asked to assist in the raising of the fund have failed to respond, there are many who from patriotic motives are contributing voluntarily according to their means.

In a short time the committee will make a public announcement asking all those who were not reached and who may care to subscribe to do so. In the meantime, many of these voluntary pledges from private parties are coming in.

Club Sends Pledge.

The patriotism of the call does not confine itself wholly to those who are Americans by birth and descent. There has been no drawing of national lines and today an unsolicited pledge from a most unexpected source was received. The First Generation club of Northeast Minneapolis sent in a pledge of $20 for the fund.

This organization is unique and has never been heard from before. It is composed wholly of young men whose parents are foreigners but who are themselves native born. They discuss American history and politics and questions of good citizenship that they may become better and more intelligent Americans. The nationalities predominating in the club are Polish, Russian, Bohemian, Slavonic and Scandinavian. The approaching Grand Army encampment and the part played by the Grand Army in the history of the country were discussed at a recent meeting. The $20 was voted from the treasury. It was found that the treasury was somewhat "shy" the amount, so the balance was raised by passing the hat among the members.

Labor Unions Help Cause.

The Trades and Labor assembly, representing the labor organizations of the city, has notified Secretary W. G. Nye that these organizations will raise a fund as a reciprocation for the assistance offered by the Commercial club in the entertainment of labor conventions. A call will be made on each union and a public meeting to boost the cause will be held April 18.

The committee still urges greater promptness on the part of those who have been called upon. Pledges only are asked now, but it is important that they should be turned in without delay.

FROM FAR-OFF GERMANY SHE SEEKS LOVER HERE

Absence has made Emma Lissey's heart grow fonder, and altho she may be forgotten by her former sweetheart, she has sent from her home in Hamburg, Germany, to find out his Minneapolis address, and why he has ceased to write. The letter, written in German, was sent to the German consul in St. Paul, and was turned over to Sheriff J. W. Dreger, German correspondent for Hennepin county.

The young woman evidently is distraught about her "verlobter" and has no hesitancy in avowing her love and concern. She says that she has read of a big fire in a Minneapolis hotel and fears that her lover may have perished in the flames.

She says that the man she seeks came to Minneapolis last September and is working for a large local milling company. He promised to marry her before he left her in her home across the waters to seek a fortune in America, but, she says, since Dec. 1 she has had no word from him. Her letters have continued to be sent and have not been returned, altho there has been no reply. She implores the German consul to help her in her search, as it means everything to her and her happiness.

POLICE QUOTA FULL

By April 1 260 Men Will Be On Duty in City.

On April 1 the police force will have its quota of men for the first time since Mayor D. P. Jones took charge. The force will then number 260 men, of which forty-six are new appointments by Mayor Jones. Of the latter eight are 5 feet 10 inches; thirteen are 5 feet 11; nine are 6 feet; six are 6 feet 1 inch; six are 6 feet 2 inches and four are 6 feet 3 inches.

All the new men are under 40 years, twenty-one being 30 years. Twenty-six weigh between 170 and 200 pounds and the remainder weigh between 200 and 220 pounds.

It is announced from headquarters that discipline will be much stricter from now on than it has been heretofore.

UPHOLDS COMMISSION

Judge Crosby Holds the Elective Law Is Constitutional.

Judge Crosby of Hastings decided the Otisville sidetrack case at Stillwater Saturday, and incidentally disposed of the claim that the railroad and warehouse commission is an unconstitutional body.

The point was raised by attorneys for the Soo road. They claimed that as the constitution does not provide for election of the commissioners, but gives the appointing power in general to the governor, the act of 1899, making the commission elective, is unconstitutional. Judge Crosby overrules the point without comment. He upholds the order of the commission prohibiting the road from removing the sidetrack at Otisville.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Three Trips a Day to Be Made Between Stations D and F.

The contract for hauling the mail between Station D, Nicollet avenue and Thirty-first street, and Station F, Lyndale avenue and Fifty-fourth street, is to be relet. The service at present consists of two trips daily, but in order to improve the delivery service from Station F, the postoffice authorities have decided to increase the wagon trips to three a day.

Proposals for the service on the new schedule will be received at the postoffice until April 5. Pratt's express company is the present contractor.

REAL ESTATE FUND TO BE SPENT HERE

MINNEAPOLIS PEOPLE WILL HAVE THEIR EYES OPENED.

Value of Home Realty, Beauty of City, Glories of Climate and Every Other Good Feature Will Be Shown in Glowing Colors to Unappreciative Residents.

With $5,000 already subscribed and more coming, the executive committee of the Minneapolis Real Estate board has a tremendous fund in prospect to be used in advertising real estate.

The purpose of the committee is said to be to advertise Minneapolis real estate among Minneapolis people. To this end the fund will be used in judicious newspaper advertising and in other approved methods for putting real estate in a right light before the people.

The enthusiasm manifested at the special meeting Saturday night, when the fund was started, has not abated today by any means, and the topic of conversation is the outburst of local pride that was shown at that time.

The meeting Saturday night was almost as spontaneous as the subscriptions to the advertising fund. It was decided upon only three days before, and when President W. Y. Chute called the meeting to order only a few present were aware of the purpose of the call. For this reason the executive committee is not yet prepared to announce plans for the use of the fund, except in a general way.

HERMANN'S MAGIC SAVED DOCTOR FROM SWINDLER

Hermann III, this week at the Orpheum, claims to have saved a Detroit, Mich., physician from squandering his entire fortune on a so-called spiritualist.

"Some time ago," said Herrmann today, "this physician had lost his daughter, an only child. Someone told him that if he went to a certain Detroit spiritualist he could converse with the soul of his beloved child. The man visited the spiritualist and was so impressed with the manifestations and writings, presumably by the spirit of his child, that he visited the place almost daily and up to the time of my arrival in the city had spent $10,000, was neglecting his business and was on the road to ruin.

"Friends explained his case to me, and asked if I would be willing to visit the spiritualist with the physician, and later, if I could, expose it all as magic. I do not believe in trying to expose mediums, but because of the pathetic feature of this case I consented. I disguised myself and attended a seance. There were strange knockings, presumably from the spirit of the dead daughter, mysterious slate writings, and, finally, a ray of light illuminated a dark corner and there was a mystic picture of the departed.

"The physician returned to the hotel with me. There I was able to duplicate all he had seen. He knew that what I did was simply magic and sleight of hand, nothing spiritualistic about it.

"I am not a believer in spiritualism myself. There may be something to it; I am not saying there is not. But I have yet to see or hear of the seance performance where the strange things accredited there to spirits cannot be duplicated by myself by sleight of hand."

ELECTRICITY CHEAP HERE

Chicago's Fight for Lower Rate Opens Interesting Comparisons.

Chicago is in the midst of an electric light controversy in the hope of securing a cheaper rate. The council committee on lighting adopted a scale on Saturday to be proposed to the Chicago council tonight that cuts the maximum rate for small consumers from 20 cents to 14 cents net a kilowatt hour.

The Minneapolis council has still a cheaper light resolution before it, and a comparison shows that Minneapolis now is enjoying a cheaper light rate on the present schedule than Chicago will have under its new schedule if it passes. The present Minneapolis rate is 13½ cents net as against the 14-cent rate proposed for Chicago. The same is true of the power rates, the Minneapolis rate being slightly less per kilowatt hour than the proposed Chicago rate.

OLD GLORY NEGLECTED

Deference Enough Is Not Paid City Hall Flag.

Old soldiers and other patriotic citizens are glad to see the flag fly from such a dominant position as the top of the courthouse tower, but they stoutly declare that the treatment it receives is almost an insult. Instead of being hauled down at sunset, the flag is left out all night in wind and rain until it has been torn into shreds and now presents a ragged appearance.

They suggest that the flag should be hoisted every morning and when the wind is high a storm flag, which is much smaller in size than the regulation standard, should replace the regular flag. This is the correct army rule and should be observed here, say the critics.

FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE

Ill Health Causes Michigan Man to Shoot Himself.

Special to The Journal.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., March 26.—Because he was despondent over loss of health, Samuel Peterman, a farmer of Bruce township, placed a rifle to his mouth and blew out his brains. The bullet passed thru his head and thru the ceiling, finally lodging in a pillow under the head of a son who was asleep without arousing him. Peterman was 60 years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

14 BUILDINGS BURNED

Fire Destroys Business Section of North English, Iowa.

Special to The Journal.

Iowa City, Iowa, March 26.—Fire at North English, Iowa county, Sunday, destroyed the business portion of the town. The loss is $25,000; insurance about half. The origin of the fire is not known. It started in a building occupied by the postoffice. Fourteen buildings and stores were destroyed.

NEW INCORPORATION.

W. L. Perkins & Co., St. Paul, wholesale liquors, capital stock $130,000.

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