

City News

THE WEATHER

The Predictions. Minnesota—Rain tonight and Sunday brisk northeast winds.

Weather Conditions.

The low pressure area central near Dodge City, Kan., yesterday has moved northeastward to eastern Nebraska during the past twenty-four hours.

Weather Now and Then.

Today, maximum 54, minimum 44 degrees; a year ago, maximum 54, minimum 44 degrees.

AROUND THE TOWN

Miss Bolting's Lecture.—Miss Alice Bolting, representative of the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical society, of which Katherine Tingley is leader and official head, will give her next lecture Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Unitarian church.

Hodge Jury Disagrees.—For the second time a jury has failed to agree upon a verdict in the \$12,000 suit brought by Thomas Marshall against Henry F. Hodge for the alleged alienation of Mrs. Marshall's affections.

Cunningham Gets Five Years.—Judge F. C. Brooks today sentenced James Cunningham to five years in the penitentiary for the theft of a silver watch, valued at \$10, from the residence of G. W. Kinney.

Ousted from Chamber.—Secretary L. T. Jamme of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce posted a notice of censure today announcing the expulsion of G. W. Gardner from membership.

Accused of Cruelty.—John Keys and James Alfred were arraigned in police court today charged with cruelty to animals. A complaint was sworn out by the Humane society, charging them with shooting a dog and allowing him to run about without putting an end to his misery.

Derelict Wheels Sold.—Thirty unclaimed bicycles, collected by the police in the last year, were sold at auction at police headquarters today, netting the department \$97.50.

Odd Fellows Celebrate.—The eightieth anniversary of the independent Order of Odd Fellows will be celebrated in the St. Anthony lodge rooms, Central avenue and Fourth street SE, tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

NECROLOGIC

EDDY SVENSRUD, 10-year-old son of Ole S. Svensrud, died yesterday at the family residence, 609 Twenty-sixth avenue S. Funeral Monday at 2 p.m. from the rest home, and at 2:30 p.m. from All Souls' church, Fourteenth avenue and Seventh street S. Interment at Layman's.

INSURANCE COMPANIES

ASKED FOR STATEMENT

T. D. O'Brien, state insurance commissioner, sent out a circular letter today to all fire insurance companies doing business in the state, asking for a statement of their condition on May 10. This statement, it is expected, will show all the California losses, and is asked in order to assure the department of the companies' ability to meet all their losses and continue on a sound basis.

GOOD DRIVING WEATHER

Plenty of water and favorable winds for St. Croix owners. Special to the Journal. Stillwater, Minn., April 23.—Log drives on the St. Croix and its tributaries are moving at a satisfactory rate, and the indications are there will be plenty of material for the boom to work upon by the 1st of June, although the date for its opening has heretofore been set at June 15. The Tozer drive, which started on McDermott's brook, is now in the St. Croix. The Musser-Sanitary drive in the St. Croix has been favored with good water and helpful winds and is making fine progress.

Steamboat owners are put out because of the non-arrival here of the government inspectors from Duluth. The boats are tied up and down-river mills are waiting for logs in consequence.

MYSTERY AROUND WOMAN'S SUICIDE

CROWD SEES MRS. HOWARD DRINK CARBOLIC ACID.

Taken to a Hospital, the Woman Dies, Her Motives Unrevealed and Her Mother in the Dark as to the Influence Which Impelled Her to Take Her Life.

Mrs. E. E. Howard, 1415 Stevens avenue, died at the city hospital early this morning, three hours after she had swallowed an ounce of carbolic acid in the presence of several persons at Hennepin avenue and Sixth street.

The woman was carried into a nearby drug store and Dr. J. W. Doyle was called to attend her. After an antidote was given she was removed to the city hospital, where she died a few hours later.

Coroner Kistler was notified of the woman's death and is investigating to learn what led up to the suicide. Mrs. Howard lived with her mother, and no explanation has been offered by any of her relatives.

The woman was 21 years old and had been married about two years. She had one child and for several months has been working in a downtown candy store. She often worked until 12 o'clock at night and she had just started for home when she drank the acid. Her husband is in Temple, Texas, and a telegram was sent today informing him of his wife's death.

COLEMAN IS ARRESTED

PRIVATE DETECTIVE IS ACCUSED OF EXTORTION BASED ON ALLEGED PRICE OF HIS SILENCE.

Thomas J. Coleman, for years a well-known local private detective, was arrested at noon today on a warrant issued by County Attorney Al J. Smith, charging the prisoner with extortion. He was held pending an investigation by the grand jury.

The complaint charges Coleman with extorting \$700 from William D. Pencil of Rochester, Minn., the money to be paid as a bribe to the detective's silence in regard to a compromising position in which he is said to have found Pencil, who is the complainant in the present action.

It is alleged that Coleman entered into a conspiracy with Louise Oelkers, also of Rochester, to extort the money from Pencil, whose wife is suing him for divorce. Coleman is said to have been employed by the plaintiff's lawyer to secure evidence against the husband. The detective is said to have arranged a scene in Minneapolis between Pencil and Miss Oelkers, and was paid as a bribe to the detective's silence in regard to the matter.

DEBATE PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR ARRANGED

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Minnesota State High School Debating League yesterday, the constitution was amended in two particulars that will be of interest to the schools. Article V was amended by adding section 3, as follows: "Section 3. Whenever any school shall come to the final, having debated both one side of the question, its opponent shall have choice of sides."

The question for next year's series of debates was adopted as follows: "Resolved, That the policy of substantially enlarging the American navy is preferable to the policy of maintaining it at its present strength and efficiency."

WAINWRIGHT IS READY

Will Probably Be Sentenced for Plunkit Robbery Monday.

Thomas J. Wainwright, who admits stealing a large number of valuables from the residence of Dr. J. N. Plunkit, will plead guilty and will probably be sentenced by Judge F. C. Brooks next Monday. The prisoner has stated that he is ready to plead, and he would have been allowed to do so yesterday had not his counsel asked for a few days additional time.

BRAKEMAN IS KILLED; HIS SKULL CRUSHED

Patrick R. Branley, a brakeman on the Great Northern railroad, was struck by a train and killed at Clearwater Junction at noon today, and his body is now at the county morgue awaiting the arrival of relatives.

Branley was superintending the switching of freight cars and paid no attention to an approaching train on another track. The engine struck him from behind and crushed his skull. He was immediately placed on an engine and brought to the city, but he died before he could be removed from the hospital. Coroner Kistler decided that a post-mortem was not necessary.

HUGE WAREHOUSE WILL BE RUSHED

PLANS ORDERED FOR BIG WHOLESALE SALE HOUSE OF BUTLER BROS.

Building Will Be the Largest of Its Kind West of Chicago, and Will Be Planned by Harry W. Jones—Site Is to Be Cleared at Once.

Harry W. Jones was given a commission today to prepare plans for the warehouse which T. B. Walker will build for Butler Brothers, the local case, the defendant's counsel declares. Bechtel's statement to O'Brien consisted of the defendant's sworn statements made before Insurance Commissioner O'Brien a year ago last winter at the time of the first investigation.

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Members of the grand jury state, moreover, that there was no evidence introduced before the grand jury concerning what the defendant told the insurance commissioner regarding the alleged theft of the \$3,500 nor concerning the alleged offering of a bribe to O'Brien.

The arguments on the motion will be heard next week and the outcome will be awaited with unusual interest, as it may have the most important bearing not only on the Bechtel cases, but upon those of the former insurance commissioner.

Seldom has a more formidable array of legal talent been interested in the defense of any set of Hennepin county cases than those who are appearing in support of this motion. Among the counsel interested are: Belden, Jamison & Shearer, Welsh & Hubacher, Koon, Whelan & Bennett, former Governor John Lind, Charles W. Somerby, former assistant attorney general; Keith, Evans & Fairchild, and Pierce Butler of St. Paul.

MISTAKE IN DATE DELAYS BOND SALE

CONTROLLED BROWN MUST RE-ADVERTISE ISSUE.

Council Corrects Error and Delivery of Securities May Be Made on June 30—Eastern Banks Expected to Bid Unlucky Insurance Companies Are Hard Pressed.

The Minneapolis school bond issue of \$200,000 is still beset with difficulties. The latest hindrance to the sale is due to an error which Controller Dan C. Brown found in the contract authorizing the sale of the bonds.

Last night the council passed a resolution correcting the mistake, but the charge will necessitate another advertisement of the bonds. If this resolution is held pending the published council proceedings on Tuesday, the controller will be able to begin the required three weeks' advertisement May 3, which will meet the opening of bids for May 24, one week later than the time set in the last advertisement.

Inasmuch as the first interest will be due upon delivery of the bonds, it is probable that only twenty-nine coupons will be attached instead of thirty. These bonds have had serious setbacks. The first purchasers refused them, on legal advice. When the legislature had passed a relief measure, the council advertised them again. Owing to the low rate of interest no bids were received, and the council passed another resolution raising the interest to 4 per cent. The bonds had just been re-advertised when Mr. Brown discovered the error which would have invalidated the issue again, and now the fourth advertisement of these same bonds is being issued.

Some compensation for these difficulties is conveyed in a letter received by the controller from an eastern financial paper, stating that in all probability New York savings banks will be able to bid on these bonds. Through some oversight in a law passed last year by the New York assembly, Minnesota became one of the six states where bonds, state or municipal, could not be invested in by savings banks. Through action of the controller's office, the assembly has passed a resolution amending the savings bank laws so far as it relates to investment in bonds of the excluded cities.

"This ought to make a difference in the bids received for the bonds," said Controller Brown, "and will undoubtedly do so, unless the insurance companies begin to bid. The market securities they hold, to meet the losses at San Francisco."

THE EDWARDS-WOOD CO. SELLS ITS BUSINESS

With the close of business today, the well-known grain and commission firm, the Edwards-Wood company, retires, to be succeeded by the Wisconsin Grain & Stock company. All the offices, with privileges and goodwill of the older company have been transferred to the Wisconsin corporation, which is capitalized at an amount which will enable it even to enlarge the scope of the company's business. From 50 to 200 branch offices at strategic points in the northwest are covered by the deal, including the handsome main offices at St. Paul.

A unique feature of the sale lies in the fact that it marks the retirement from active business of the three brothers Wood. They have always been most aggressive in business, and despite obstacles have built up and maintained a large and profitable patronage. The two older brothers, L. A., of St. Paul, and F. B., of Minneapolis, are now touring Japan and China. Of late the business has been in charge of G. W. Wood, with headquarters at St. Paul. His retirement is especially notable when it is considered that the oldest of the three is only 38 years of age and the youngest is 25.

"It is some satisfaction in retiring to know that our old patrons all over the northwest are our best friends," said G. W. Wood today. "It is true that we have had our troubles, but inasmuch as we could attribute them to the influences of arms or exchanges to whom the magnitude of our business was an annoyance, we have never let them worry us. As to any effect upon us, we are all able to retire with a comfortable competence."

Some rubbers last a day—some a season. "Others" and Foot-Schuze Glove. Minneapolis Automobile Manufacturing company, capital \$100,000. President: Thomas A. Bennett, vice president: James M. Crozier, secretary and treasurer: William M. Crozier. Capital stock increased to \$100,000.00. C. A. Case, president; H. B. Chamberlain, vice president; J. A. Lane, secretary and treasurer. Albert Lea Light & Power company; capital stock increased to \$400,000.00. Sour stomach, indigestion, belching, gas, flatulence after eating relieved by Kodol for Dyspepsia. Sweetens the breath, aids digestion.

IMMUNITY BATH, BECHTEL'S PLEA

FORMER INSURANCE PRESIDENT SETS UP A PLEA.

Quashing of Indictments Against Him Is Sought on Ground that They Were Based on His Sworn Statements Before the State Insurance Commissioner.

William F. Bechtel, the former insurance president, who is now under several indictments charging grand larceny and bribery, claims immunity from prosecution on grounds similar to those upon which the defendants in the famous Chicago packers' cases were allowed to go untried.

In a motion made today in the district court Mr. Bechtel asks that the indictments against him be quashed. The motion is based upon the allegation that the evidence used before the Hennepin county grand jury returning the indictments was illegal because it consisted of the defendant's sworn statements made before Insurance Commissioner O'Brien a year ago last winter at the time of the first investigation.

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DR. ROBERT FORBES TO PREACH TWO SERMONS

Who Will Preach at Lake Street M. E. Church.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN'S GIFTS MAKE \$4,000

JUVENILE MINNEAPOLIS BOOSTS EARTHQUAKE FUND.

Pupils Sacrifice Piano and Library Collections for This Year and Help the California Unfortunates—Grand Total Expected to Reach \$65,000 by Monday Night.

At noon today W. K. Hicks of the school board turned over to Treasurer E. J. Becker, the earthquake relief committee a check for \$4,000, representing the contributions of the 35,000 children of the city schools. When the contribution was reported to the executive committee of the relief fund it was received with a round of applause.

The school children's fund represents more than the actual money. In raising it the children advised themselves something they are all interested in and something they want. The piano and picture funds of the various schools for the present school year are turned over to the relief fund, and this year's work on the funds will be lost to the children themselves. These piano and school funds are raised in all the city schools, the total amount secured in two years being about \$3,400, or less than was raised for the relief fund.

This year's receipts have not been turned over to the board and will not be, but will go to the California relief fund. One school alone had over \$600 in its fund and added it to the relief subscription. The largest contributors among the schools are the Emerson, which leads with \$190, and the Central high, which has \$175. The little Laurel school with but eighty pupils had \$15.

Complete returns from the benefit at the Metropolitan theater yesterday afternoon are not in, as the firemen and some others selling tickets will not report until Monday. The money actually in hand is \$1,405.67, which is from the sale of seats, \$411 from the sale of programs, and \$103.67 from the cherry auction.

More Flour Forwarded. Ten more cars of flour were authorized by the executive committee yesterday afternoon, and are being loaded today. This makes a total of fifty-five cars of flour from Minneapolis. The total amount of flour is 11,000 barrels, its value in round numbers at the low price at which it was bought being \$41,500. The milling companies have responded liberally, making a cost price on the flour and giving the business the preference over regular business. Special praise is also due the railroads, which have carried these heavy shipments freight-free making a saving to the committee of about \$16,000. The cost of two cars of crackers also furnished by the committee will add \$1,000 to the disbursements of the committee.

All work of collection will cease Monday night and after that time no more subscriptions will be received. It is probable that the balance of the fund will be held over to await further advice from Mr. Chute and the Red Cross authorities, the more flour may be bought this afternoon or Monday. No subscriptions are being solicited now, as the fund should be paid to persons representing themselves as solicitors.

Much Yet to Do. Relief in various forms will be needed for some time yet, and the entire fund will be carefully disbursed. The high standing and ability of the representative men on the committee guarantee careful systematic relief work with Minneapolis' generous aid. There has been no expense connected with the distribution of the fund. Mr. Chute, who represents the committee in San Francisco, is working at no cost to the committee, and is paying all of his expenses from his personal means.

The money actually in the hands of the treasurer at noon today amounted to \$5,943.99. The retail fuel dealers of the city turned in today a subscription of \$138, to be added to the general fund. The subscriptions received since noon yesterday are as follows:

Mrs. J. R. McFadden \$1.00
Link Belt Supply 1.00
F. H. Mitter 5.00
Minneapolis 5.00
A. L. Seiler 10.00
People's church (St. A. O. U. W.) 25.00
Minneapolis Transfer 25.00
Auditorium 25.00
Retail Fuel Dealers 138.00
Nicksel & Smith 50.00
B. Bolton 10.00
Samuel Hunter 5.00
H. P. Smart 5.00
H. Anderson 25.00
A. V. Merrill 10.00
Singer 2.00
L. Layman 2.00
Minneapolis Bedding Co. 50.00
Mrs. C. Arons 10.00
W. H. Curran & Co. 10.00
Nicollet Council No. 11, Mod. Samaritan 2.00
Fourth Baptist church 40.12
Angus McLeod Co. 10.00
Menzel & Jeffrey 25.00
S. C. Bennett 5.00
Cash 5.00
Cash 1.00
Cash 50.00
Cash 5.00
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran S. S. 1.35
W. F. Truant 1.00
Minneapolis 5.00
Wendell Hertig 25.00
O. H. Johnson 5.00
E. Loman 1.00
Linden Hill Congregational church 48.00
Boston Co. 25.00
H. J. Fletcher 5.00
Oliver Fresh 2.00
Farmer 2.00
H. J. Fletcher 2.00
Minneapolis Gas Fixture Co. 10.00
Boston Co. 5.00
Backus-Brooks 150.00
School children of Minneapolis 4,000.00
Total of previous lists 53,238.00
Grand total \$58,843.99

Chicago Great Western Railway Account Mystic Shrine Convention, Los Angeles, May 7th to 10th. Tickets on sale April 25th to May 5th, inclusive. Final return limit, July 31st. Stop-over privileges granted, \$7.40 going via a direct route and returning via Portland, or the reverse. For full information, apply to E. H. Heard, G. A., Nicollet avenue and 5th street, Minneapolis, Minn.

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PROPOSALS FOR SIDEWALKS—OFFICE CONTRACTING Quartermaster, St. Paul, Minn., April 23, 1906.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 11 a. m., May 1, 1906, and opened then, for repairs and construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs and crossings, at Fort Snelling, Minn. Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals with full instructions, at the office of the Quartermaster. U. S. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof.—Amos W. Kinball, captain and Q. M., U. S. A.

First Mortgages

Improved City and Farm Property

- No. 9563—Minneapolis, \$21,000, at 5 1/2 per cent.
No. 10652—Minneapolis, \$2,250, at 5 per cent.
No. 10642—Minneapolis, \$2,500, at 5 1/2 per cent.
No. 10634—Minneapolis, \$3,500, at 5 per cent.
No. 10651—St. Paul, \$5,500, at 5 per cent.
No. 10533—St. Paul, \$2,000, at 5 1/2 per cent.
No. 10643—Lac qui Parle County, Minn., \$2,000, at 5 per cent.
No. 10671—Hennepin County, Minn., \$2,200, at 5 per cent.
No. 10676—Stevens County, Minn., \$4,500, at 5 per cent.
No. 10616—Towner County, N. D., \$3,500, at 5 1/2 per cent.
No. 10675—Cass County, N. D., \$2,000, at 5 per cent.
No. 10669—Cass County, N. D., \$11,000, at 5 per cent.
No. 10563—Grant County, S. D., \$3,500, at 5 per cent.
No. 10625—Lake County, S. D., \$5,000, at 5 per cent.

Mortgage Department The Minnesota Loan and Trust Co., Loan & Trust Building, 311-313 NICOLLET AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES TOO HIGH?

STATE FIRE MARSHAL THINKS MINNESOTA PAYS TOO MUCH. Comparison With the Average Rate Collected in Other States Shows Minnesota to Be Paying an Average of 50 Cents a Hundred More—Legislature May Act.

Is Minnesota discriminated against by the board fire insurance companies? Edward Peterson, state fire marshal, is collecting tables of rates, comparing Minnesota with other states, and while his work is not complete, he is convinced that rates in Minnesota are much higher than the average. The Minnesota average, as he figures it, amounts to 50 cents a hundred higher than the average for the country at large.

A complete report will be made before long to Insurance Commissioner O'Brien, and may be the basis of legislation next winter to reduce rates in the state. Mr. Peterson estimates that the excess paid by Minnesota over the average rate has amounted to \$500,000 in the past ten years, taken from the pockets of Minnesota policyholders.

The office of fire marshal is an outgrowth of the agitation at the session of 1905, for lower insurance rates. A special committee of the house investigated insurance matters, especially to decide whether board insurance rates were excessive. The committee appeared and asked for a fire marshal law, expressing the belief that a fire marshal would reduce losses and make a reduction in rates possible. The law as framed, gave the marshal power to investigate rates as to discriminations in rates. This feature of the work has not been handled to a great extent so far, but the investigation now in progress is carrying out the intention of the legislative inquiry.

ALL OF FIN HOOSIERDOM. Indianapolis, April 23.—The Indianapolis Indian association management announced today that there will be no more Sunday baseball games here, as it is the apparent tendency to enforce the law against Sunday playing.

California and Return, \$59.90. The Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad has been selected as the official route from Minnesota for the Mystic Shrine convention, Los Angeles, May 7-10. Special train of Pullman sleepers will run through without change via the famous "Scenic Route," stopping one day at Colorado Springs and Salt Lake City. Tickets on sale from April 25 to May 5, limited to July 31 for return trip, and good via any direct route, or will be routed one way via Portland at rate of \$72.40. Stopover privileges granted. For further particulars call on J. G. Brien, City Ticket Agent, 24 Nicollet avenue.

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THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS ALUMINUM PAINT BRIGHT AS SILVER Gives a bright silver finish to gas, steam, and water pipes, radiators, gaskets, hot water boilers, etc. Has no rusting action; doesn't discolor; maintains color; high temperature and extreme cold; won't blister, scale or crack; has large covering capacity; works easily; doesn't grow dull. Keep a can in the house to retouch the little things that need brightening. Very economical. Always full measure. For gilding and decorating chairs, table picture frames, etc., use THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS EMPRESS GOLD PAINT, or THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS IMPERIAL GOLD ENAMEL. Have no bad odor. Easily applied. Wear well. Put upon neat packages.

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