

City News

THE WEATHER

The Predictions.

Minnesota and Iowa—Fair and warm tonight and Sunday. Upper Michigan—Fair tonight, cooler in east portion; Sunday, fair and warmer. Wisconsin—Fair tonight and Sunday; warmer Sunday and in west portion tonight. North and South Dakota and Montana—Fair tonight and Sunday, warmer tonight.

Weather Conditions.

The low pressure noted over Lake Superior yesterday morning now overlies the lower lake region, and in conjunction with the high pressure area which has moved to western Virginia, has caused showers over the greater portion of the country east of the Mississippi river and Texas during the past twenty-four hours. The western high pressure area has settled further south, carrying much cooler weather into the western gulf states, while the increased pressure over the upper Mississippi valley has caused further cooling in that region and the upper lakes. Frosts occurred in the upper Mississippi valley. Falling pressure in the Canadian provinces is being accompanied by higher temperatures in that region and the upper Missouri valley, and it will be fair and warmer in this vicinity tonight and Sunday. —Charles A. Hyle, Observer, Temporally in Charge.

Weather Now and Then.

Today, maximum 55, minimum 36 degrees; a year ago, maximum 75, minimum 58 degrees.

AROUND THE TOWN

Dr. Boswell to Preach.—Dr. Charles M. Boswell, secretary of the General Methodist Board of Church Extension, will preach Sunday morning in First Baptist church.

Takes His Medicine.—Judge Andrew Holt today sentenced Frank Harrison to the reformatory. The defendant was convicted of grand larceny in the second degree and when he appeared in court today had nothing to say as to why he should not be sentenced.

Railway Transfer Sued.—Andrew P. Weel, deputy state weighmaster, has begun a suit in the district court to recover \$5,000 damages from the Railway Transfer company. He claims to have been permanently injured by coming upon the tracks of the defendant company.

Jack Frost Arrives.—Jack Frost, king of the arctic circle and beyond, landed in and on Minneapolis last night, as was predicted by T. S. Outram, the official weather seer, but he failed to make a killing. The thermometer dropped fairly well, but stuck at 36 degrees. Oct. 8 is the average date of the first killing frosts of the last sixteen years.

Oil Company in Court.—Mark B. Smith has begun an action in district court against the United Crude Oil company and C. H. Burdick to restrain the defendants from selling certain shares of stock belonging to him on the ground that the officers of the company have made illegal transfers of stock and that they now seek to reimburse themselves therefor.

Rhodes Scholar Departs.—Harry S. Mitchell, Minnesota Rhodes scholar at Oxford university, left Minneapolis last night on his way to England. He has finished one year and will spend two months at Oxford under the provisions of the Rhodes will. Mr. Mitchell has been spending the summer with his mother in Minneapolis, and expects to return to the city for his vacation next year.

Bardwell Thinks It Over.—W. W. Bardwell is still considering the invitation to come out as an independent candidate for alderman in the thirteenth ward. Whenever the persons who are behind the movement can show Mr. Bardwell that he is certain of 900 votes he will give the matter attention, not before. The first step is to secure a petition from 150 legal voters who do not participate in the primaries. The petitions are now in circulation.

NEUROLOGIC

CHARLES H. HOWARD died at his home Friday evening of tuberculosis. Mr. Howard was born in Danby, Vt., in 1860. He came west in early youth and formerly lived at Muscatine, Iowa. In 1888 he came to Minneapolis and immediately engaged in the practice of law. He married in 1891 Miss Hattie Plummer, daughter of J. C. Plummer, an old resident of Minneapolis. Mr. Howard had been a sufferer from asthma for a number of years, and last May contracted typhoid fever, which so unaccountably his system that tuberculosis developed. He was married to his wife and one son, 13 years of age. He was a member of Minneapolis lodge, No. 19, A. F. and A. M., and of Harmony chapter, No. 8, O. E. S. He was also allied with North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F. Funeral from the residence, 4500 Vincent avenue S., at 2:30 p.m. Monday. Minneapolis lodge, No. 19, A. F. and A. M., will have charge of the services.

JULIETTE, wife of J. F. Doherty, died today at the residence, 2421 Aldrich avenue S. Funeral from residence at 9:30 a.m. Monday; services at 10 a.m. at the church of the Immaculate Conception.

OLE GUNDERSON, formerly of Minneapolis, died at his home in Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 1. He is survived by a widow and three children.

A Beautiful Cemetery. Scenic surroundings, parklike, peaceful, secluded in every way in Crystal Lake cemetery. Lots sold on small payments.

FORM LAY CONFERENCE

Preliminary Meeting of Methodists Results in Temporary Organization. Responding to a call for a meeting to consider the advisability of establishing a lay conference for the Northern Minnesota conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, ten prominent Methodists met at the corner of C. A. building last evening and selected a committee to begin the work of preparing for such an organization. The following committee were chosen, representing the four districts: B. Moore; Minneapolis district, J. B. Bradshaw; Crookston district, G. S. Ulland; Litchfield district, F. O. Gold. The other members of the committee are Charles B. Ellis, treasurer. The committee were instructed to place the matter before the district conference boards and to urge the appointment of delegates to represent the boards at a meeting to be held in the near future.

BISMARCK, N. D.—About two weeks ago Peter Grim, a resident of Flasher, N. D., suffered from a boil which appeared on one of his limbs. He said he had been on his feet several days, but finally blood poisoning set in and the entire body swelled to enormous size. Grim was brought to the hospital, where his leg was amputated in hope of saving his life. He is still in a critical condition.

SAID-EYED WIDOW AT MURDER TRIAL

YOUNG SHURBA SHIFTS GAZE AS WOMAN TESTIFIES.

Mrs. Hamornik, Whose Husband Was Shot Dead in the Shurba Saloon, Tells of Her Farewell on the Day of the Tragedy for Which Shurba Is on Trial.

A quiet, slender little woman dressed in deep mourning was the first witness called by the state yesterday afternoon in the Stephen Shurba murder trial. She spoke with a sob, and it was Mrs. Anna Hamornik, widow of the man Shurba is accused of murdering in cold blood. The interest of the crowd that filled the courtroom was riveted upon the witness as she tearfully told of the last time she had seen her husband alive when he left her and their baby on the morning of July 4. When shown the clothes worn by the murdered man she could not restrain her tears, and the sympathetic listeners caught their breaths as she bravely mastered her grief and identified the clothing. Young Shurba for the first time showed real feeling and during the telling of the widow's story he hung his head and would not meet the said-eyed glances she turned upon him from time to time.

Peter Morton, the county morgue keeper, was next called to the stand to swear to the identification of the body of John Hamornik by the relatives. W. E. Stoops, county surveyor, was called and produced a chart of the Shurba saloon premises at 1814 Washington avenue S. where the crime is alleged to have been committed. This was introduced in evidence and will be used to show the jury how and where the killing was done. Michael Ruchka was the next witness. He was in the saloon at the time of the tragedy and he told, thru an interpreter, the details. He said that he and his father, Andrew Shurba, engaged in a fight because of the elder Shurba's refusal to give his son any more money. He asserted that Hamornik interfered, separated the combatants, and set Stephen down on his back. According to the witness the boy then got up, went into the toilet room, returned and coming up behind Hamornik deliberately shot him in the back. He said the boy fired two more shots and Hamornik fell to the floor. Ruchka will be cross-examined Monday by Charles Dalby, counsel for young Shurba, who believes he will show some inconsistencies in his story of the shooting.

SCHOOL CONTRACTS LET

COSTS MONEY TO CHANGE LOCATION OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL, EVEN THIRTEEN FEET.

Contracts were awarded by the school board yesterday for the erection of the William Penn school on Penn avenue N., and the foundation of the fifth high school at Hennepin avenue and Twenty-first street. The contract for the William Penn school is for \$3,207. G. Davis at \$43,416, which was the lowest bid. The contract for the foundation of the new high school was given to A. A. DeWitt, who bid \$10,000. A delegation of citizens from that section of the city appeared before the board to urge that the building be set back twenty-five feet, as proposed. After some debate it was decided to change the plans so as to put the building back thirty-eight feet, although this would cost \$5,000 additional. The citizens were not pleased over the compromise and insisted that their request should be granted, but the board refused to concede any more as it would take the building over its original ground and increase the expense from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

A. W. Rankin, assistant professor of pedagogy at the state normal, submitted to the board a proposition to employ some of his students in helping out the backward pupils in the public schools. Such a plan would be of benefit to the pupils and the prospective teachers.

It was decided to appoint two assistant kindergarten teachers at the Blaine and Franklin schools.

ALDERMEN ON A TOUR

Official Inspection of the Police Stations of Minneapolis. An official inspection of the police stations of the city was made this afternoon by the council committee on police consisting of Aldermen A. J. Anderson, J. C. Johnson, G. J. Johnson, John Ryan and Wilhelm Peterson. Secretary Ralph W. Wheelock accompanied the party as the representative of the administration. The itinerary included a visit to the site for the new police station for the East Side, which is to be erected on First avenue SE between Fourth and Fifth streets. In the levy for 1907 is a small item for this building, which will cost \$10,000 available from this year's appropriation, which will be sufficient to complete the station according to the prepared plans.

HARriet MATTER RESTS

Park Board Undecided Just What Work to Undertake. Nothing will be done by the park board at Lake Harriet right away. The various projects of moving the pavilion, dredging out the lake in order to put the pavilion on dry land, filling the low meadow between the lake and Lakewood cemetery, and the making of a bathing beach—all require large outlays. Some of the commissioners are in favor of going ahead with some definite purpose and concentrating the improvements at various points in turn, so as to have something completed. Others are of the opinion that sufficient money has been expended at Lake Harriet for some time to come. Both parties have consented to let the subject rest. The board will meet at the location of the pavilion near the car line and order to remove the building off park property.

TO LOCATE IN STILLWATER

Order of World Plans to Open Headquarters There. Stillwater, Oct. 6.—A delegation of grand lodge officers of the Order of the World from Minneapolis visited Stillwater last evening and proposed to establish headquarters of the order here on condition that a lodge of at least 300 members be organized. The "Committee of Thirty-five" is considering the proposition. C. N. Jordan, a Duluth prisoner who finished a sentence of three years and six months for assault today, has been adjudged insane and was removed to the Rochester hospital.

FIREMEN HURT IN A LAUNDRY FIRE

BODY OF CAT FOUND, EXPLAINING TALE OF LOST LIFE.

Hennepin Steam Laundry on First Avenue N Is Gutted by Flames, Causing Loss of \$25,000, Covered by Insurance—Other Property Menaced.

Five men were injured and property valued at \$25,000 was destroyed by a fire, which was in the building occupied by the Hennepin steam laundry, 120 First avenue N. The building occupied by the laundry is a three-story structure, and the flames started in the rear, probably from crossed wires or a defective fuse. From the rear of the first floor the flames rapidly spread to the top floors and then, fanned by a good breeze, they leaped to the front of the building. Before the watchmen were aware of it, the fire had spread to all parts of the building, and when the firemen arrived they saw they were in for a hard fight. A second alarm was turned in and nearly all of the apparatus in the city was hurried to the place, to prevent a spread to the other buildings. Shortly after the hose lines were in working order the flames leaped to the building occupied by the Minneapolis Pattern company. As there were many more firemen on hand than could possibly work on the burning laundry building, a large force was detailed to save the surrounding property. The flames that were already in the factory were speedily extinguished, and the fire was soon under perfect control.

In Peril of Death. Jensch Krag and Julius Johnson, a watchman at the laundry, were roaming on the third floor and did not awake until their room was filled with smoke. Their escape was already cut off by the fire and they appeared at the windows and yelled for help. One of them, Krag, noticed a man seated in the escape, and they slid down to the first floor and then jumped into a net. They were slightly burned about the hands and face when they passed the windows from which the flames were leaping.

Shortly after the men escaped, the floors of the building gave way, and crashed thru the basement, creating sparks high into the air and creating a new danger. The sparks and floating firebrands, however, did no damage. As the building fell, several of the firemen declare, there was a scream. This started the rumor that a woman had lost her life, but no definite information could be obtained until today.

Body of Cat Found. Early today firemen found the dead body of a cat in the ruins and as the search failed to reveal a human body, they are satisfied that no lives were lost.

Three of the firemen were injured while fighting the flames. Lieutenant Charles Lunt fell from a ladder and was badly bruised and shaken up. He was taken to his home and a physician summoned. E. Benjamin fell from a shed at the rear of the building and strained his neck, but the injury is not serious. Otto Wirtensohn, who is known as "Thunderbolt" Smith, the colored fireman, fell into a pile of broken glass and cut an artery in his wrist. Detective Otto Wirtensohn, who was with the fire, was taken to the city hospital. Fourteen horses were in the barn in the rear when the fire started, but were rescued. Several of the delivery wagons were destroyed.

The fire started shortly after 11 o'clock, and it was 2 o'clock before the fighting force was diminished. A small force was kept at the building nearly all night. W. M. Lawrence, proprietor of the laundry, says all his patrons will be cared for without a hitch. Other laundries have agreed to accept his plan to collect the articles as usual and the plant will be reconstructed as soon as possible. The building was fully insured. Assistant Fire Marshal Wilson says the total loss will amount to about \$25,000.

OMAHA CUTS LAKE RATES

TARIFF ON COAL AND OTHER FREIGHT MADE TO MEET THAT OF GREAT NORTHERN.

The Omaha road today filed a new tariff with the state railroad and warehouse commission on coal rates from Duluth, Ashland, Washburn, Itasca and Superior to points in this state, the changes being cut to meet those of the Great Northern competing lines in the southwestern portion of the state. The large decreases are all at competitive points, and the other changes are such as are necessary to adjust the rates along the line at neighboring points. Points where material changes in the rate are made have coal rates altered by the new tariff compared with the old, as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Station, Old Rate, New Rate, Soft Coal. Rows include Duluth, Washburn, Ashland, Superior, etc.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN DESERTS HER BABY

A two-months-old boy was left by his mother yesterday at the lodging house of Mrs. David Leslie, 204 East Seventh street. The mother is a woman of about 24 years of age engaged a room, having the baby with her. She was well dressed and said she lived in South St. Paul. She paid her rental for a few days in advance and her name was not required by the proprietor. Yesterday noon she left the house, saying she was going down town, but failed to return. Mrs. Leslie called the police, who took charge of the infant, later turning him over to the Salvation Army, which has promised to look after the little fellow. The baby was well clad, and a bottle of milk was left with his clothes. The mother, however, explained that she was out of money, with no means to support the child. The note closed with the sentence, "The note closed with the sentence, 'The baby's name is Laurence Comfort.'"

KLAUSER SAYS SHE'S SUPERMAN

LITCHFIELD MAN PUTS UP BERNARD SHAW DEFENSE.

Sued for \$10,000 Damages for Alleged Breach of Promise, He Alleges that His Former Bookkeeper, the Plaintiff, Was the Aggressor and He the Quarry.

"Man and Superman" is being acted before Judge William Lochren of the United States circuit court today, with Miss Cora E. Kasson of Oswego Springs, N. Y., in the role of the "superman" Henry Klauser of Litchfield, Minn., posing as the hunted victim. The stories told by the principals to this \$10,000 breach of promise suit from a witness standpoint lack the artful construction and sparkling diction of Bernard Shaw's brilliant, but somewhat salacious, play, it covers the central theme with startling accuracy. Up to the stand in his own defense, Mr. Klauser admitted that there was a foundation of fact for the story of wrong-doing told by Miss Kasson yesterday afternoon, but maintained stoutly that she, not he, was the aggressor. While not denying that there had been much that was ultra affectionate in their relations, he ascribed it to the temptations set in his path by the woman who is now suing him for \$10,000 damages for the injury she has sustained thru the non-performance of his alleged promise to marry her.

Opposed this statement by Mr. Klauser is the testimony of Miss Kasson, who alleged that he took advantage of her confidence in him and imposed upon her by his cunningness and inexperience. At times the testimony of both principals was such that the judge looked over the crowd in the courtroom with care to see that no mirrors were present.

Clara, according to her testimony, began their romance by mail. Miss Kasson wrote to Mr. Klauser some time early in 1905 applying for a position as bookkeeper in his woolen mill at Litchfield. He replied and, in June, sent her \$40 to cover her expenses coming west. She said he promised to greet her in St. Paul "with a kiss." This latter part of the contract was not fulfilled, but she went to St. Paul, where she met Klauser and became the recipient of marked attentions from him. She remained in Litchfield till December, when she returned to her home in Oswego Springs. She stated that she met Klauser in the spring of 1906 and marry her. Instead he married another woman last June. The present suit is the result. Klauser is a fragile woman of the meek, but determined type, and admitted on the stand that she was 28 years old when she met Klauser in the summer of 1905. Klauser is a man of 45 years and reputed to be one of the best men in the city. He has a wife and four children, two grown daughters and two young sons.

GUARD TO OCCUPY ARMORY MONDAY

MILITIA COMPANIES WON'T WAIT FOR COMPLETION.

Homeless for a Year, the Guardsmen Will Have a Drill Floor and Company Rooms at Last—Renewed Activities for Athletics and Social Features.

Members of the Minneapolis national guard companies are looking forward to Monday, when the new armory at Hennepin and Twenty-first streets is to be opened. The not completed, the new building is in such shape that it can be used for drill and other necessary work. Not all the company rooms are ready, and some complete work will be done to double up while finishing is in progress. After almost a year of wandering with no home, the guardsmen are eagerly looking forward to occupying the new building. The honor of first using the new drill floor will fall to B company, which will have its regular drill Tuesday night. Company property will be moved in Monday.

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MR. ROOSEVELT

Charles Wagner. My impression of Mr. Roosevelt was the same first and last, whether I looked upon him with my own eyes or felt his influence abroad in his country. The people love their president. There is not a royal house, even among the oldest and those most worthy of the affection of their subjects, which receives so deep and general sympathy as that of the president of the United States and his family. He is respected by all ages and all classes; you might think that he was the chief friend of every household. His words have an unprecedented effect throughout the country, nor is this the effect of a showy and superficial popularity, but of a calm and legitimate ascendancy. In the last presidential campaign every effort made against him turned to the benefit of his enemies, and since his triumphant election the justice of his judgment and his freedom from all political rancor have won even his opponents. Everybody knows that he stands for the best of America, that he has something better than a political policy, that he has an ideal, and that this ideal conforms to the noblest traditions of the republic as well as to its most weighty future interests. The country's destinies are in good hands.

Local Men Interested. The Minneapolis, Red Lake & Manitoba line is another Minneapolis link to the northern part of the state. It runs from Bemidji to Red Lake and is supposed to be destined for Soo control, or for the Northern Pacific to use in its line from Detroit to International Falls. The road is backed by John Lind, C. A. Smith, Judge Ueland and others, and is authorized to build from Lower Red Lake to a connection with the M. & I. in Beltrami county. More distant in operations, yet eventually to be connected with Minneapolis, is the Sioux Falls, Pierre & North-Western line. The capital is \$1,000,000. S. L. E. M. Thompson and G. N. Borden of Minneapolis and Phil Lawrence and Marion Hoke of Huron, are back of this undertaking. Part of the way the route will traverse the Dakota Midland territory, thru

PAPER RAILROADS FAVOR MILL CITY

MINNEAPOLIS IS GOAL OF MANY NEW ENTERPRISES.

Transportation Lines with Strange Names and Stranger Routes, but All with Designs on Rich Traffic to and from Minneapolis, Projected by Ambitious Capitalists.

The Iowa & Northwestern railroad has been incorporated with \$10,000,000 capital to build a railroad from Waterloo to Minneapolis. Papers were filed Saturday at Waterloo showing the proposed line to be an extension of a line from Stanwood, on the North-Western road, thru Jones county to Waterloo and thence to Minneapolis. The officers of the company are: President, Stephen Howard; vice president, Edward M. Rice; secretary, Edward Glueh. All are of New York and associated with the Hanover National bank. This line is supposed to be hooked up with the Anamosa & Northern, which also is being promoted to build from Waterloo to Minneapolis.

Minneapolis the Center. Purchase of land for railroad purposes in Minneapolis, survey work going on around the city, formation of railroad companies in which Minneapolis men are serving as directors, all go to show that the city is in a stage of development that will make it a center of a tremendous expansion for it as a railroad center.

It will be found in examining the plans of the different corporations that Minneapolis is the Mecca of nearly all the lines, although their field of operation in a few cases will be at first remote from the city. The lines, for the most part, are being promoted by growing centers with Minneapolis. They are to be the connecting link from Des Moines, International Falls, Duluth and other points. Both electric and steam lines are being promoted.

Some New Roads. Among the lines which are headed for Minneapolis, or which have been formed with a purpose of ultimately reaching Minneapolis, and are in various stages of promoting on construction, are the St. Joseph, Albany & Des Moines, San Antonio, Iowa, Iowa Falls & Northern, the Des Moines & Northern Iowa, the Sioux Falls, Pierre & Northwestern, Minnesota Central, Minneapolis, Superior & Winnipeg, San Francisco, Minneapolis & Grand Trunk Pacific, Minneapolis, Red Lake & Manitoba, Itasca Lumber company line, Duluth, St. Cloud, Glenocoe & Mankato.

In addition to these new lines may be mentioned the late Illinois Central-Union Pacific alliance, which is expected to result in a new transcontinental connection for Minneapolis, the Great Western & Colorado & Eastern, the Short Line route, affording still another transcontinental connection; the Northern Pacific-Minnesota International extension to International Falls, affording another outlet from the Canadian points to Minneapolis; the Canadian Northern-Gunflint approach to Minneapolis; the Soo-Duluth extension, the Soo-Canadian Pacific passenger traffic arrangement for thru transcontinental trains, the Grand Trunk Pacific-Wisconsin Central alliance, giving the Grand Trunk a second Chicago entrance, by way of Minneapolis from Duluth or Winnipeg.

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WORSE THAN WAR

Some of the Experiences of New Governor of Philippines. "General Smith, the new governor general of the Philippines, remarked an officer of the war department, 'has had some tough experiences during the past few months. He was in the Palace hotel in San Francisco during the earthquake and fire and was considerably of his baggage in addition to being badly shaken up. He had just arrived in that city on his way home for a short vacation. As the that was not enough, he hardly got started on his way back to the Philippines when he was shipwrecked on one of the Hawaiian islands. He was a passenger on the steamer that was run on a reef and had to abandon the ship and trust his chances of getting to Manila on the next army transport passing that way. He bears his misfortunes cheerfully, however, and says he will come thru all right.'

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ANOTHER JOHNSON GOES ON BALLOT

DEMOCRATS ANGRY OVER FILING OF JOHN W. JOHNSON.

Socialist Labor Party Puts In a Petition for Minneapolis Man with Name Similar to the Governor, and He Will Probably Draw Some Votes Intended for John A. Johnson.

John W. Johnson, 3232 Irving avenue S. Minneapolis, has filed for the state ballot as the socialist labor candidate for governor. His petition was filed today with the secretary of state, carrying 2,309 signatures, while only 2,000 are required. He paid the \$50 filing fee was paid by Martin Carlson, a Minneapolis socialist, who is running for mayor on the same ticket. Governor Johnson's friend are angered over the filing, and insist that it is a put-up job to deprive A. Johnson of votes. Without doubt some voters intending to vote for John A. Johnson will mark their cross opposite John W. Johnson. Such a mistake may run into the thousands.

Mr. Carlson and Henry Edwards, who took the petition to the office of the secretary of state, were confronted there by Harvey S. Grimmer, Governor Johnson's executive clerk, who declared that they were possibly robbing the present executive of a re-election. "I don't question your motives," he said, "but there is no need of your petition. It will do. He will get thousands of votes that are intended for John A. Johnson. When Tom Lucas ran for governor as a social democrat, there were 17,000 men who lost their votes by marking John Lind and Lucas both, because they saw the label 'democrat.' That cost Lind his re-election, and your man Johnson is liable to do the same thing for the governor."

Marcus Lauritsen of Tyler, a republican member of the last house, was standing by, joined in and said: "This is how you really feel. You don't like it. I am a republican, and I am for Cole, but I want to see fair play."

Messrs. Carlson and Edwards declared that they had no intention of desire of taking votes away from Governor Johnson. The democrat think they will, however, and Frank A. Day, chairman of the democratic state committee, cut loose with the following statement: "I have not the slightest doubt but that this is an attempt of some one to defraud Governor John A. Johnson out of re-election for governor, as John Lind was so defrauded in 1900. Undoubtedly Governor Johnson will lose votes if this scheme is permitted to go thru. But the inherent love of fair play of the voters will see to it that they offset any losses he may sustain. The state democratic committee will consider what action to take, if any is desirable, at a meeting Monday evening."

Of the 2,309 signatures on the petition, about 1,200 were secured in Minneapolis, 550 in St. Paul, 200 at Duluth, 250 in Winona, and the remainder in Red Wing, Faribault and other smaller cities. Anderson, socialist labor candidate for governor in 1904, got 2,249 votes. Cole Condemns It. Dr. A. B. Cole, chairman of the republican state committee, was told of the Johnson filing this afternoon, and immediately expressed strong disapproval. "I heartily condemn that kind of politics," declared Dr. Cole, "and I am glad to see that the republican party is not being charged in any way to be a republican party. I hope every republican newspaper will join in calling attention to this confusion of names, so that the voters will be thoroughly posted and Governor Johnson will not lose any votes that are intended for him."

STATE'S VALUATIONS WILL REACH \$900,000,000. Samuel G. Iverson, state auditor, estimates that the total taxable valuation of real and personal property through the state, excluding exemptions, as set by the state board of equalization will be slightly in excess of \$900,000,000. Last year it was \$854,000,000. Of the \$900,000,000 assessment, probably \$145,000,000 is personal property, and \$755,000,000 is real estate. For some years that assessed valuation of property in Minnesota has annually shown a tremendous increase. The state's taxable valuation up to 1906, beginning with 1900, is shown as follows: 1900, \$588,000,000; 1901, \$600,000,000; 1902, \$617,000,000; 1903, \$638,899,000; 1904, \$658,897,000; 1905, \$683,033,000; 1906, \$900,000,000. It will probably be two weeks before the state board of equalization can be figured out, and the county totals prepared, from which to get exact figures on the entire state's taxed valuation.

POSTOFFICE OFFICIAL HAS EXTRA \$10 BILL. W. E. Brown, superintendent of the Riverside postoffice substitution at 390 Central avenue, enjoys the distinction of having a \$10 bill that he doesn't want