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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1413—Henry IV. of England died.
1516—Baptist Spagnoli, general of the Camaldules, died.
1549—Thomas Seymour, Lord High Admiral of England, beheaded.
1564—Bishop Thomas Morton born.
1643—John Kirckman, a learned German, died at Lubek.
1687—Rev. Samuel Parker died.
1727—Sir Isaac Newton, philosopher, died. Born, December 25, 1642.
1744—France declared war against England.
1750—Frederick Prince of Wales, father of George III., died, age 45.
1756—Gilbert West, classical scholar, died.
1776—Washington's triumphal entry into Boston.
1786—Pitt's sinking fund established.
1793—Lord Chief Justice, Earl of Mansfield, died.
1800—Battle of Heliopolis.
1804—Neal Dow, apostle of prohibition, born. Died, October 2, 1897.
1814—Battle of Tarbes.
1823—Abdication of Sturbridge.
1831—Insurrection of slaves in island of Antigua.
1839—Anti-Corn Law League formed.
1847—Mlle. Mars, celebrated French comic actress, died.
1854—Two earthquake shocks felt at Macon, Ga.
1867—Labor riots renewed in France.
1871—French assembly removed from Bordeaux to Versailles.
1873—Murder of Charles Goodrich in Brooklyn.
1875—Destructive tornado in Georgia.
1878—Paul Boynton swam the straits of Gibraltar in five hours and five minutes.
1885—Arabs defeated at Hasheen.
1889—Chief Justice Fuller's daughter eloped with Matt Aubrey.
1890—General Crook died in Chicago.
1891—Prince Napoleon buried at Turin.
1894—Louis Kossuth died.
1895—Sixty miners killed by explosion at Evanston, Wyo.
1905—Fifty-eight persons killed by boiler explosion at Brockton, Mass.

CITY TICKET

- Republican
For Mayor: John Dinnie
For Magistrate: J. R. Church
For City Justice: P. McLaughlin
For City Treasurer: T. J. Hagen
FOR ALDERMEN:
Second Ward—C. H. Howard
Third Ward—R. A. Sprague
Fourth Ward—O. Knudson
Fifth Ward—(Two years) W. A. Hill; (one year) Geo. W. Buck
Sixth Ward—M. C. Pepple

Sentiment to be inculcated.
"Let reverence of law be breathed by every mother to the lisping babe that prattles in her lap; let it be taught in the schools, seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from pulpits and proclaimed in legislative halls and enforced in courts of justice; in short, let it become the political religion of the nation."
—Abraham Lincoln.

THE GAS QUESTION.

In the news columns we publish correspondence between Mr. Corliss and the city attorney. Mr. Corliss needs no introduction to the people of our city nor does he need any encomiums from The Evening Times. He was the first chief justice of the state, and his opinions written while upon the bench were both brilliant and exhaustive. Judge Corliss' letter should be read by every citizen with care. It presents the matter from a standpoint not yet taken by any one concerning the matter as well as from the legal view point in which he fully sustains the opinion of the city attorney that the council is without power to enact an ordinance, regulating the price of gas to private consumers. Among other things Judge Corliss says: "Another consideration why it should not readily be presumed that there was a purpose to vest such a power in the governing body of a city is that such governing body is amenable to public sentiment, and, indeed, may be elected and placed in power upon the single issue of regulation of gas rates. The constituents who elect such a body are, as gas consumers, directly interested in the question of rate regulation. Therefore, the vesting of the power to regulate gas charges in the governing

body of a city is practically the same as vesting the power in the representatives of the citizens who, as gas consumers, are interested in a reduced rate."
This is strictly sound and will appear peculiarly to every sane and sober mind. It would, indeed, be an anomaly that one party to a contract should have power and authority to fix the price or rate of compensation to be paid the other party to such contract for the service performed or the products furnished under the terms thereof. Judge Corliss' observation that the council, which would fix the price, might be elected upon that single issue is peculiarly pertinent. These questions are, however, more for the legislature than for consideration here. It might be well, however, to call attention to the fact that in many of the states there is a commission provided, the members of which are selected from the state at large, which commission has authority to fix gas, water and electric light rates in all of the cities of the state. The members of the commission receive a salary from the state commensurate to the dignity and duties of the office, and they are presumed to be, and are, fair and impartial. They have authority to require the production of the books of the company and make any investigation deemed necessary to determine the actual cost of the manufacture and distribution of the products, the amount of capital employed and the compensation therefor to be allowed the stock holders in fixing the rates to be charged. Such for instance is the method adopted in New York. It must be taken for granted that the city of Grand Forks is without power to regulate rates. The legal department has also advised the council that the present franchise is invalid and reasonable minds should readily agree upon the procedure in behalf of the city with Mr. Dinnie who says that the present franchise should be cancelled, not for the purpose of destroying the value of the gas plant, but in order that a new franchise should be granted, which franchise should be limited in terms, providing for adequate compensation to the city for the use of the streets and reserving authority in the council to fix a reasonable price for the gas furnished.

KEEPING THE CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL.

As the season approaches for the beginning of spring work on the farm there is a tendency on the part of parents living in the rural school districts to take the children from school to assist in the work on the farm. This is one of the most serious things that can be done to the children. There is but one time in life in which to secure an education, and that is during childhood. It takes nine months of each year of the ten or eleven school years to secure the education that will be required in the everyday adult life of the children now in school. Taking from them a part of the opportunities thus offered is stunting them in that which makes their intellectual life in manhood and womanhood. This age is too far advanced to argue the proposition of whether or not the full advantages of the present school system are more than will be needed—whether the children when grown to maturity will have use for all the intellectual equipment that the present educational system can give them. The child who does not have the qualifications so afforded will not only be unable to hold his place intellectually with his more fortunate fellow, but will be sadly lacking in the mental training necessary to enable him to compete in the race of life. Every day taken from the school life, therefore, is just so much injury done to the educational work of the pupil. Practically it ruins more than the time so lost. The average child is ambitious and is possessed of a pride that is often more sensitive than that of an adult. When he drops out of school for a few weeks or months, his classmates proceed and when he returns at the beginning of the next term, he is behind his classmates, and must either lose a link in the chain and thus weaken his mental power—trying to do that for which no foundation has been laid—or he drops into the class behind, and the next year has the same experience finally becoming discouraged, his pride wounded, he quits school in disgust. The Evening Times does not believe that there is a serious call for more men and women in the professions. In fact there are men trying to practice now who should be welding iron, and perchance there are preachers who should be following the plow. But there will be in the next half century a demand for more and better educated men in the common walks of life. Civilization is going forward by leaps and bounds. Every year we are getting farther and farther away from the habits and customs of the savage. In fact, he has been civilized out of existence. The present pace is an intellectual one and those not intellectually qualified to maintain it must of necessity fall by the wayside. No parent desires to rob his child of that which will make his life less useful or less happy, but that is just what he is doing when he deprives him of the opportunities of an education by keeping him out of school to assist in a small way with the labor on the farm.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

The misconduct of three United States senators, which has been brought to light within the past few years, has been made the text for diatribes against the senate as a body. There is no more reason or justice in this than there would have been 1,900 years ago, in treating the perdition of Judas Iscariot as evidence of the bad character of the eleven other disciples. The senate consists of 90 members, and the fact that three of them have offended against the laws is no justification whatever for the torrent of obloquy which is being directed against the 87 other members of the body. It is the duty of the press to give publicity to official misconduct wherever found, but it is equally the duty of the press to treat the people's representatives with justice and to credit them with honest intentions unless the contrary can be shown. Label as well as "gratting" is a crime, and is equally injurious to the well-being of society. There is not a sinful side to every question which congress has to consider. On the contrary, very good men will be found on each side of nearly all measures. Considering the struggles through which representative governments have been established in the world, the tendency of flippant writers to speak disparagingly of congress and the state legislatures is an exhibition of petty-mindedness. There has never

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES.

The indications now are that several new wholesale establishments will be located at different points in the state within a reasonably short time. The Evening Times is glad to see those enterprises in any part of the state, and it congratulates the towns which have enterprise enough to go after such things. But at the same time it would be untrue to the city with which it has cast its lot did it not feel that Grand Forks should have a fair share of the wholesale business of the northwest. As has been repeatedly pointed out in these columns, no city of its size can offer such flattering inducements to wholesalers and jobbers. North Dakota is fast becoming filled with uniformly rich class of citizens who live in comfort if not in luxury. They constitute a buying public that make a large individual trade, and the fact that every acre of the area of North Dakota is profit producing, makes it possible to support a large number of these people in a comparatively small area. Then when the further fact is considered that there is every opportunity in the world for the location of a large manufacturing enterprises within the state, it can readily be seen that there will be double the opportunity offered in any other community. Nowhere else is it possible to support both a strong agricultural population as well as a strong industrial one. North Dakota can. Wholesale houses are located largely on the prospects of the future. One would not be located in a town from which the people were moving away because of lack of employment, nor in a territory in which the people would be less able to buy back in the succeeding year. Grand Forks will have a population of forty thousand in ten years. It must necessarily become the metropolis of the northwest, and will thus become to this territory what Winnipeg is to western Canada. It would therefore seem that the location of wholesale houses elsewhere to supply this territory is very much like locating one at Evanston to supply the Chicago trade.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Fargo has had a reunion. Brewer's appendix has been preserved in alcohol. After a man is named he finds there are things besides money that talk. A patent on an adjustable wedding ring would mean a fortune to the inventor. One trouble with marriage is that fire and gunpowder are often brought together. The man who promises to halve his last dollar with you, always keeps more than one. One advantage of getting drunk is that you can see two things where there is but one. Marriage often begins with Mendelssohn's wedding march and ends with the Dead March in Saul. The small boy who is required to take medicine is an easy convert to the faith cure. The best thing that every happened to some men was to have their individuality crushed. The average girl's get mad if you kiss her; also if you don't. Men admit your are most when you agree with them. A St. Louis physician says hand-

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PULSE OF THE PRESS

A Wise View of the Situation. [Lisbon Free Press.] It is doubtful whether the personal attacks upon Alex McKenzie by the insurgents, and upon ex-Congressman B. F. Spalding by what is known as the machine" subserve any useful purpose or will affect the political results to any appreciable extent. The American people love fair play and unless fraud and peulcation can be shown they will not take much stock in the bitter denunciations on either side, of the other's important leaders. The name boss or machine to sensible men has lost its terrors. A machine may be prostituted to improper uses and thus suffer defeat, but the electors are like the Missourian—they have to be shown. Simply the froth and fury of expression will not take the place of conviction and conclusive argument. The gentlemen named have been in the public eye for a long time and they have a right to indulge different views on public questions and the management of the republican party in the state, and to do political battle manfully for the cause each espouses—without having to be the subjects of bitter personal attacks—unless there is real genuine cause for the same, not indicated by any present revelations. Isn't it time to be sensible in our criticism of public men and eschew these bitter personal attacks?

A Capable Official.

The people of North Dakota have reason to feel pleased with the work of their commissioner of insurance, E. C. Cooper, and it is certain that they will wish to see him returned to his present responsible position for a second term. Mr. Cooper has had many year's experience in insurance business, which, with his well balanced executive ability, makes him a strong man for his present position. He has been able to keep companies of questionable responsibility from entering the state and in consequence there have been no insurance frauds perpetrated under cover of license during his term. Mr. Cooper is from Grand Forks and the people of his county have every reason to feel proud of his record, and it must be exceedingly gratifying to his home people to know that his work is looked upon with so much favor in all parts of the state and especially in western North Dakota.

Golden Days.

Oh, days of old, oh, days of old, Oh, days we used to know, When life was new and hearts were true, When streams were wont to flow With tinkling tunes and lulling croons, And laughing songs and gleeful glad, About our feet, and life was sweet To just a lass and lad. Oh, rounded stones and monotones Of streams we used to wade; Oh, rippling waves of other days, Oh, yellow sun that laid With tenderness on each gold tress, And kissed each tinted ear In days of old, the days of gold, The days of yesterday. You're twice as sweet as when your feet Glowed rosy in the tide; You grow more dear with every year Than I can find you by my side. But yet, but yet, I have felt the fret Of years that I have told; There was no truth in days of youth, When life was solid gold. —Houston Post.

Phenomenon Explained.

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chunk for the ice chest. He was just going out when Paddy hailed him. "Will ye have a drink?" he says, and I nearly fainted with surprise. "The iceman looked dazed for a moment, then lined up at the bar. Paddy handed out a slug of that 40-rod whiskey that would feaze an alderman and opened up a line of talk. Freely soon the iceman had three big hookers under his belt. "Wouldn't your driver like a drink?" says Paddy gently. "The horses will stand all right." "The iceman went to the door and called the driver. I was watching pretty close and just as the driver came in I saw Paddy throw a wink to the big nigger that plays the banjo in the back room at night. Well, when Faddy got through feeding that pair with booze the iceman had to be dumped in the back of his wagon, and the driver didn't know whether he had a brace of lines in his hands or a bag of peanuts. "While this was going on I took a peep out of the side door. Say, that nigger had opened the grating over the cellar and shot about a ton of ice down the steps. If the weather keeps cool Paddy will have enough ice to last him a month or two. Oh, Paddy's a slick one!"—New York Press.

Unbounded Admiration.

"Soon after the first linotype machine was installed in New Mexico," said former Delegate Rodey, "a friend and myself went over to the newspaper office where it was working and took a look at it. It is a wonderful machine as everybody knows. "My friend was much impressed. He walked around the machine and looked at it in awe and wonder and kept saying to himself: "Gee, whiz! That is an intelligent machine. Ain't that the derndest most intelligent you ever did see? It's plumb human." "Finally he was overcome by his admiration. He took off his hat and made a low bow to the machine and said: "We certainly would feel highly honored, Mr. Machine, if you all would consent to come out and take a drink with us."

Timely Rebuke.

It is a noticeable fact that the papers who think it too much trouble to get up the local news are generally the ones whose editors fill up the space, which should be devoted to the upbuilding of the state and community, with such rot as the "Looting of Alaska," or in venting their spleen on some individual over some petty grievance.

A Good Looker.

The Grand Forks news daily, The Evening Times, has secured the services of a cartoonist, giving the paper quite a metropolitan appearance. The Times is one of the best appearing papers typographically that comes to our exchange table.

Then a Church Fair.

The pastor of a church in Virginia made an urgent appeal to his congregation for funds necessary to pay for repairs. The result of this appeal was disappointing, for not more than half the money needed was given. The next day at a meeting of the vestrymen the pastor referred to the discouraging returns and asked advice in the matter of securing funds.

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B-659 \$2300
Eight room house on Walnut street. City water; hard wood floors down stairs. A very nice place.
B-649 \$1600
Good house and barn on a 50 foot lot located on North Fourth street. City water in barn.

"Well," said the vestryman, "we have failed to get the money honestly; so I suppose we'll now have to see what a church fair will do for us."
The Canny Scot.
New York Sun: President Wilson of Princeton told this story at dinner the other night. An Englishman met a Scot driving a cow to the annual fair. "How much do you expect to get for the cow?" asked the Englishman. "A wee matter of two pund." "Why don't you take her to London? You could get \$10 for her there." "Yes, and had I Loch Lomond in hell, could I not ket tu'pence the glass for it?"

Providing Home Comforts.
Why are all the sofas and chairs in the cloak rooms upholstered in leather?" asked Representative Tyndall, the Ozark mountain member, of Representative Champ Clark. "Dunno," answered Clark. "But I suppose it's fashionable and don't wear out like black hair cloth." "Oh, that's it, is it?" Representative Tyndall said. "Shartel told me it was so that we could sharpen our knives without hacking up our boots."
A Thoughtless Youth.
Little David had always been regarded by his father and mother as being particularly smart and clever for a child of tender years. One day, while he was playing in front of his home, a rough looking tramp appeared and asked very sharply where his father kept his money. He replied that it was all in his vest in the kitchen. A few minutes later the tramp came through the doorway in a hurry, very much battered up and looking sad, muttering: "Smart kid, that. Never said a word about his old man being in the vest."

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