ST. PAUL NEWS.

SEVENTH ST. ASSESSMENT.

Discussion Before the Board of Public Works Last Evening.

Messrs. Humphrey and Willius Argue Against the Pending Assessment.

The board of public works held an adjourned meeting last evening to hear Messrs. J. K. Humphrey and Ferdinand Willius in regard to the assessment for the Seventh street improvement, which is laid on the property owners of the street from Jackson street over Dayton bluff to the easterly limits of the city.

MR. HUMPHREY

said that the laying of 12 per cent. on valuation of property on a single street to the amount of between two and three hundred thousand dollars was a very unusual proceeding. This was the second time the Seventh street property owners had been called upon to bridge Phalen creek, and to make the Seventh street fill. The first time it was a local improvement and its cost was borne by the property benefited, but when completed it became a great artery for the St. Croix valley travel and commerce to reach the city and practically commerce absorbed it. Now commerce, not the property owners, demand this improvement, but that the property owners shall pay the bill, which, as the improvement was a general one, like the Wabashaw street bridge, he claimed should be paid for with city bonds instead of from the purses of that street alone. If the present improvement should stop, the howl that would go up would not be from Seventh street, but from the Seven corners, and every part of the city. The only way was, now that the improvement was a local benefit, but it was a general benefit to the whole city, commerce and the whole city should pay the bill.

MR. WILLIUS

said he appeared on the part of a limited number of property owners on Dayton bluff, against the unjust and unfair distribution of assessments for this improvement. He said that the legislature had five years ago passed an act to relieve the people from this very assessment in opening this great avenue but that by previous legislative manipulation the law had been changed and the money which would have relieved poor tax-payers had been given to the railroad companies in a contract between them and the city when improvements crossed their tracks.

He said the present work should not be hindered but that the assessment should be at once purged of its inequality, showing that the proportion was now one-fourth on the property between Jackson street and the bridge and three-fourths east of the bridge on Dayton's bluff.

He cited the assessment as the same on a lot on the corner of Jackson and Seventh street, $25, as on a similar lot way out in the Highland addition. Also, he compared similar lots on the corner of Seventh and Sibley and on the corner of Maple and Seventh, the latter being two miles distant on the hill. The Sibley street lot was assessed, haviag a block on it bringing a high rental, at $60, while the Maple street lot was assessed twice the amount or $125. The lot and block on Sibley street was worth $40,000 and that on Maple street $2,500. He could not see from this how the board based their rule for assessment. He further proceeded to show in explaining the higher benefit accruing on the property by the improvement on the west side of the viaduct over that of the east side, that if the work should be discontinued now that the Sibley corner property would be lessened in value $8,000, while the Maple corner would depreciate but $500.

The gist of the figures and comparisons he stated was to show that the business part of the property on the street was that greatly benefitted by the improvement and not the Dayton bluff portion, and that the board had made the mistake of assessing the former too low and the latter too high. Besides he claimed that the improvement of Seventh street was almost as equally advantageous to property owners on Jackson, Sibley, Wacouta, and other business streets running southerly as far as Fourth street, and even to Third, and, as to the property owners on Seventh, as this improvement brought up values thereon to $500 a front foot, the assessment should be lightened on the Bluff and placed on property according to its benefit, not only west of the viaduct to Jackson street, and on side streets, but up to the Seven corners.

He then proceeded to read a big bundle of letters gathered from business men on Seventh street, between the viaduct and Jackson, and on the business streets in the vicinity, showing a heavy falling off in business since the bridge was torn down, to prove that this was the portion of the city to be most benefitted by the work in question by its easy access from the territory eastward. He did not appear before the board with any intention of retarding this great and needed work so vital to the trade and prosperity of the whole city, but thinking the board had made a wrong basis of assessments, and had labored under misapprehension as to benefits, to see if they found they had made an error to have them correct it as far as possible, which he had every reliance that they would do.

He did not appear to kick against his own assessments, for he was willing to pay them as they stood, although benefits would be twice levied upon the same property for the same thing, which, as far as Dayton bluff was concerned, according to the advantages derived, would be a great wrong. But Dayton bluff people did not want the work delayed, but only asked the relief of equal assessments for benefits derived, and would under this pay its just tax and be happy in so doing.

In conclusion Mr. Willius thanked the board for the consideraiion paid him at the hearing, and the board in return thanked him for the facts and points he had given them, and stated that as far as possible they should profit by them. They had never given the care, time and consideration to any improvement that they had to this, owing not only to its magnitude but to the multitude of interests involved, and knew that with all their caution that they were human and therefore liable to err in some particulars. They invited the gentlemen and all others interested to be present at the meetings of the board relative to this work and assured them that they should be respectfully heard and their suggestions taken under careful consideration.

The time alloted to Contractor O'Brien to complete the Seventh street viaduct masonry expiring on Thursday the board concluded to let the matter of the unfinished contract go over to Thursday evening for consideration and adjudication. It is safe to say however that the importance of opening this thoroughfare at the first possible moment to greatly impeded travel is of so much importance that if the contractor does not spry up the city will take the contract into its own hands to execute at his expense. Adjourned to Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Yesterday's Court Cases.

The trial, by jury, of the suit of Ex-Gov. C. K. Davis against C. P. Chateau and one Moffat, of St. Louis, consumed the greater part of the day yesterday, before Judge Brill, and was most especially interesting to the legal profession it being a suit for $3,000 legal fees. The suit in which Gov. Davis was employed was brought by one of the heirs of a former partner in the Northwestern Fur Company, against C. P. Chateau & Co., the successors of that company for $150,000. This case Gov. Davis attended to for Chateau & Co. through the United States circuit court, and it being appealed to the United States supreme court, prepared the brief and was to argue it when he was abruptly informed by letter by Chateau that his services would not be needed and Roscoe Conkling was substituted. Gordon E. Cole and Mr. Squires, of Bigelow, Flandrau & Squires, apeared as counsel yesterday for Davis and John M. Gilman for Chateau. Among the legal expert witnesses as to the worth of the labor done by the plaintiff were Messrs. Clough, Brisbin, Galusha, Mayor O'Brien, etc. The jury retired at 5:45 p. m. Verdict $2,600 for plaintiff.

Geo. W. Fertig, adminis trator, et. al. recovered $6.60 without costs of August Hahn in a court case trial before Judge Simons yesterday. The suit was for $300, but the defendant produced receipts for moneys paid to whittle down the verdict to its small proportions.

The jury case of W. T. Bell vs. Wm. Severn was called by Judge Brill at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Ford & Eaton appearing as counsel for Bell and W. C. Goforth for Severn. Severn had Bell arrested for collecting his moneys and not turning the same over to him, and Bell now sues Severn for false imprisonment and lays his damages at $3,560.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Meeting Last Evening, Report of the Chief, New Machine Coming.

The board of fire commissioners held a meeting and transacted the following business last evening:

DEATH OF GEO. WELLS.

Chief Engineer Black sent in a communication announcing the death of George Wells, driver of No. 1 engine, and suggesting that his widow be allowed the amount of his salary from the time of the death until the 30th of June. This was referred to the council with a favorable recommendation.

REPORT OF CHIEF BLACK.

The chief reported that Joseph Deggendorf, pipeman of engine No. 1, and John Hanley, lieut. of engine No. 2, had resigned; that John Taber, truckman of H. & L. Co. No. 1, had been removed by instructions from the board; that Charles Donnovan, pipeman of chemical No. 1, having served two months and proving unsuitable, was removed.

The chief also reported that he had appointed Owen Sullivan on May 1st; Emmet Roche on the 2d of May; James Baldwin on the 3d of May; Henry Nunemacher on the 8th of May; also that he had appointed in place of George Wells, deceased, David Nocton to taker effect May 13th; also that he had promoted fom pipeman to lieutenant of Engine Company No. 2 James Sullivan. He also recommended that the time of probation of Jacob Minnea be extended one month, and the various matters recommended were all confirmed.

A NEW MEMBER.

A communication from the city clerk notifying the board of the appointment of Reuben Warner as a member of the board was received and filed.

HE WANTS DAMAGES.

John E. O'Brien sent in a communication setting forth that while the firemen were extinguishing a fire in Giesen's building, they overflowed a stone building erected in the rear of the GLOBE office by him, which injured nim to the amount of $419, and the same was referred to the president and chief to consult with the council.

THE NEW MACHINE.

The president gave notice that the new Amoskeag machine recently purchased by the city had been shipped.

HE GOT OFF CHEAP.

The Man Who Turned His Wife and Children out of Doors.

"Be so kind 'cuse me, hic, don't know how came to be full, judge, please 'cuse me, hic," remarked John Keeger, a little old man with a couple of scars on his forehead and a crocodile tear in his eye, to Judge Hall yesterday. He was fined $5 or five days and he wept like a baby.

"Take off your hat," said Officer Brosseau to John Ryan as the latter leaned up in the bull pen," "I don't have to," was the reply and he kept the storm shed on his bald and shiny head until his honor took his seat on the prech. Ryan is a gay old blade who has been on a toot for several days, and during that time he has been run in twice." He is a philosopher in his way and when the court gave him thirty days he smole a dry smile and never said a word.

Louis Channing is big, and burly and brutal, and his assumption of surprise and *sang froid* in the court room yesterday ill became him. He was up for chasing his wife and children out of doors in the night time and making them shift for themselves as best they might His wife said that when drunk she could do nothing with him, and he was fined $10.

John Baglopole, a degenerate Roman rag picker, was up for stealing an empty barrel from Noyes Bros. & Cutler. He said he wanted it for fire wood and that he didn't think there was any harm in taking it. The court thought different and a fine of $10 was imposed. He shelled out the shekels.

John McGinly and Frank Siehel had engaged in a fight, and the latter must have been knocked out in the first round, for he had a terrible sore looking head. It was a draw between them as to which was the most pugnacious at the start, and they were fined $25 each.

The case of Thos. Larkin, the smart young man who went home drunk and tried to whip his mother, was continued to the 23d inst.

The cases of the three saloon keepers charged with keeping their joints open on election day, were dismissed on motion of the city attorney, and the cases of the hackmen charged with violating the ordinance, were disposed of in the same manner.

Not His Funeral.

Mayor O'Brien returned to the city on Monday night and he was questioned yesterday by a GLOBE reporter concerning the march stolen on him by Col. Allen during his absence in the partial closing of the saloons on Sunday.

"I have just returned to the city," he said answering the inquiry, "and I haven't given the subject any thought; I hear that certain officials have committed sundry acts during my absence and that is all I know about the matter. I am only responsible for my own actions and I do not consider this business as having anything to do with me."

"Do you intend taking any action in the premises?"

"I haven't got anything to say about it; it is not my affair and I don't regard it as my business; I am only responsible for my own acts; that is all."

"Ta ta."

"Good day, sir."

The St. Peter Street Paving.

The referring of the matter of the paving with cedar blocks of St Peter street from Third to Martin street, in the Board of Public Works on Monday afternoon to the city engineer, for plan and estimate of cost, in response to the petition of some of the wealthier property owners on said street, threw other property owners on said street, of smaller means, into a big flurry yesterday morning, who made the gravel fly in securing signers to a petition against this improvement the present year. They admit the paving will have to be done sometime, but plead that after the recent sewerage assessment the paving assessment will be a little too much for the camel's back at this time.

The British Censure Debate.

LONDON, May 13.—The debate upon the motion of censure was resumed in the commons this afternoon. Randolph Churchill, conservative, made a bitter attack upon the government's policy. He believed all England would say aye to the question whether Gen. Gordon should be rescued. Gladstone would either have to submit to this demand or resign. Mr. Forster, lately chief secretary for Ireland, made a vehement speech, attacking the policy of the government. He was frequently interrupted by vociferous cheers on the part of the conservatives. In this instance he said, I cannot support the government. Hartington, secretary of state for war, made a strong speech in defence of the government. He said the government fully recognize their responsibility for General Gordon's safety, and they had no desire to avoid this responsibility. He defended the government's course in sending troops to Suakim and not to Berber, and pointed out the risk and suffering to be incurred in dispatching forces to the latter place. He denied the government were neglecting to take steps to secure the safety of General Gordon, but said an expedition to crush Mahdi was beyond the responsibility of the government. The house was crowded. Forster's speech created a sensation.

COUNTY LEGISLATION.

The Usual Variety of Petitions Received by the Commissioners Yesterday.

The County Attorney Rules That a Majority Vote is Only of the Whole Board, Not a Quorum.

The board of county commissioners met yesterday morning, Mayor O'Brien in the chair, and present commissioners Ames, Hardenbergh, Hazzard, Espy.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Several communications were read relating to abatement of taxes and appropriately referred.

A communication from the Harvester Works company, asking a reduction of $97,000 on their assessment was referred to the committee on taxes.

From the board of education asking leave to remove certain small trees from the court house square. Referred.

From the auditor relating to a note for $10,000 due the German American bank. The auditor was authorized to draw on the revenue fund.

From the school for imbecile children at Faribault, asking the county to pay for the keeping of a little girl. Referred to committee on claims.

From Wm. Devin and others asking for $350 to improve Snelling avenue reserve township. Retered to the committee on roads and bridges.

A petition for a a new road in reserve, and a petition for $500 to improve a road in Rosetown were referred to the same committee.

The same order was made with regard to a petition from the freeholders of Mound's view.

From a number of citizens asking that a school district in Washington county be annexed to Ramsey county. Sent to the committee on education.

The bond of deputy coroner Horst in the sum of $500 was approved.

Commissioner Hardenbergh responded as to the matter of insurance on county property. He reported an insurance of $13,000 on the court house and additions, $1,000 on the furniture, $15,000 on the jail. $2,000 on the hospital and $8,000 on the alms house. It was decided to let the insurance stand, and the committee was authorized to make certain changes in the policies.

A big batch of bills were examined and allowed. A bill for short hand work on an inquest was referred back to the committee.

The committee on roads and bridges submitted a lengthy report regarding the condition of roads and bridges in Ramsey county. The committee reported haying examined the claims of a number of petitions for appropriations and in most instances a reduction was recommended.

With regard to the Ft. Snelling bridge a communication was read from Sherwood & Co., who recommended a new floor for the bridge and also that the piers be rip-rapped. Refeared to the committee on bridges with power to act,

Several liquor licenses were granted to country saloon keepers. Bonds were submitted for saloon licenses from F. J. Emored, G. Hanes, F. H. Smith, C. Menton, Mr. Charsey, C. Demons, Mr. Davis, Nels Nelson, R, J. Diamond.

The following were granted licenses: Wm. Leip, Frank Gansen, R. A. Kiefer, Louis Nachola.

A communication was read from County Attorney Egan to whom was referred the bond of the GLOBE Printing company, and the resolution of the board designating the Daily GLOBE as the paper to publish the tax list of 1883. The opinion of Mr. Egan was given at great length. He first referred to the meeting at which the resolution was passed, at which there were 5 members, three of whom voted in favor of the resolution. In passing his opinion, the writer quoted from the law relating to legislative bodies, and extended reference was made to the constitution reducing therefrom the opinion that in the enactments of legislative bodies the law requires not a majority of a quorum, but a majority of all the members elect. He held that the action of the board was erroneous and that the proceedings were therefore invalid.

On motion the bond was rejected and the report of the county attorney adopted.

The directors of the alms house and hospital reported expenses for April as being $2,991.

The report of the county treasurer showing the amount of funds on hand, as hitherto published, was placed on file.

The committee on public buildings were authorized to advertise for bids for fuel for the ensuing year.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS.

The reports of county officials were submitted, as follows:

ABSTRACT CLERK.

Work done in April	$1,002
Paid to treasurer	955

CLERK OF THE COURT.

Cash	$235 80
Back charges	519 15
Uncollected	306 95
Paid out	290 00
Balance	861 90

During April the receipts at the register of deeds office were $1,204.61.

The reporters were invited to take a walk at this point in the proceedings, and the board went into executive session. The matters considered were the increase in the salary of the assessor, and the calling of a meeting of the court house commission. It was decided to call an early joint session of the commission and the special committee appointed by the board, when the meeting adjourned.

Real Estate and Building.

Fifteen transfers were recorded in the office of the register of deeds yesterday, aggregating $13,080, as follows:

Anton Hansen to J Christensen, lot 27, block 1, Syndicate addition, $775.

Wm T Underwood to Peter Zelch, west ½ of lot 14, Reserve park garden lots, $1,050.

Albert Scheffer and Mary Metz, lot 1, block 110, Lyman Dayton's addition, $385.

Same to Henry Sohneuer, lot 2, block 110, Lyman Dayton's addition, $400.

John Shierman to F. L. Gersting, lot 3, block 5, Peterson's addition, $3,500.

Albert Sheffer to H E Driese, lot 11, block 110, Lyman Dayton's addition, $275.

Same to Bernhardt Zahn, lot 10, block 109, Lyman Dayton's addition, $295.

F Wheeler to M F Bagley, lots 29 and 30, block 1, Bryant's addition, $1,425.

C Anna Bryant to M. F. Bagley, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 1, Byrant's addition, $2,000.

Same to H. B. Burnside, lot 14, block 3, Bryant's addition, $1,000.

T S Capron to Joseph M. Pottgieser, lots 27 and 28, block 3, Pottgieser's subdivision, $325.

Robt P Lewis to O W Sundblad, lot 19, block 15, Lewis' second addition, $300.

Robt P Lewis to Leonard Johnson, lot 18, block 15, Lewis' second addition, $300.

J S C Guiteau to J N Rogers, south ½ of south west ¼ lot 13, town 29, range 22, 80 acres, $300.

W S Monroe to T A Kent, lots 1 and 2, block 16, Summit park addition, $1,750.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Building Inspector Johnson issued the following permits to build yesterday:

John Prazak, one story frame house and kitchen on the north side of McBoal, between Leech and Forbes $250.

Fred Mueller, one story frame stable on east side of Winnifred street, between Ada and Hancock, $30.

John Hanzalik, one and a half story frame addition on north side of Randolph, between Toronto and Warsaw, $800.

The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, five and a half story brick and stone business block, 49 feet front by 130 feet deep, on the southwest corner of Sixth and Robert, $89,000.

Martin Volkman, one story frame kitchen on north side of Edmund, between Kent and Mackubin, $100.

Peter Burch, repairing snd remodeling shop front on west side of Washington, between Fifth and Sixth, $25.

F. R. Delano, two story frame dwelling, southwest corner of Tenth and Waconta, $4,500.

Martin Ward, one a half story frame dwelling on south side of Alabama, between Metonka and Chester, $225.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court.

At yesterday's session all the justices were present but Dickinson, and the following business was transacted:

Esther Hutchinson, by James Campton, guardian *ad litem*, respondent, vs. the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway company, appellant; argued and submitted.

Martin Mower, appellant, vs. Isaac Staples, W. G. Bronson, Jacob Bean, James S. Anderson et al., respondents; argued and submitted.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-day.

District Court.

COURT CASES.

[Before Judge Simons.]

Geo. W. Fertig, administrator, et al., vs. August Hohn; tried and judgment ordered for plaintiff of $6.60 without costs; claim sued for, $300.

Adjourned to 10 a. m. to-day.

JURY CASES.

[Before Judge Brill.]

Cushman K. Davis vs. C. P. Chouteau, et al.; given to the jury at 5 p. m.; verdict $2,600 for plaintiff.

W. S. Bell vs. Wm. Searn; on trial.

Adjourned to 10 a. m. to-day.

Probate Court.

[Before Judge McGrorty.]

Estate of Nathaniel R. Morton, deceased; petition for letters of administration filed; hearing June 5, at 10 a. m.

Estate of Mary Scott, deceased; same.

Estate of Mary Ormand, deceased; will admitted to probate; bond of D. R. Noyes filed and approved; letters issued and notice given to creditors.

Guardianship of Nathaniel Tibbetts; petion for letters of guardianship filed and hearing set for May 31, at 10 a m.

Insanity of John Gill; examined and committed.

Municipal Court.

(Before Judge Hall.)

H. Fox and G. C. Foster, drunkenness; fines of $5 paid.

J. McGinley, disorderly; sentence suspended two weeks.

F. Siebel, same; fine of $25 paid.

J. W. Webster and W. R. Keith, vagrancy; sentence suspended.

Thos. Larkin, drunk and disorderly; continued to the 23d inst.

J. Baglopoll; larceny; fine of $10 paid.

L. Charming, disorderly; same.

J. Steinkamp, J. Brennan and F. Kranz, keeping saloon open on election day; dismissed.

J. Lynch, W. McKing and W. Howard; violating hack ordinance; sentence suspended.

John Ryan, drunkenness; committed for thirty days.

John Keeger, committed for five days.

What Our Neighbor Thinks of Us.

That the eyes of the world are upon us, and that we get pretty well talked about and talked about in a most flattering manner is shown by the report of the commissioner of railways of the province of Quebec, just issued under the authority of the legislature, by the "queen's printer." This blue book of some 130 pages is largely taken up by a strong and able endeavor to show that the shortest and most advantageous route from St. Paul to Liverpool is through Quebec, and to demonstrate the importance of securing the carrying trade of our city and the immense field of which it is the center. The report quotes many passages from the report of our chamber of commerce lately issued, and in speaking of the great northwest and its center, St Paul, the report says: "When we consider that the regions destined to benefit by this shortening of distances, Nebraska, Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and Michigan—produce sufficient cereals to export 60,000,000 bushels, the shortening assumes a serious importance and the future of our railways becomes most brilliant. If we could succeed in attracting to our ports even one half of this enormous traffic, what an impetus would be given to the trade of our magnificent ports of Montreal and Quebec. Unless we can suppose the farmers of the west to be entirely blind to their dearest interests, it is hardly possible to doubt that these probabilities will become accomplished fact, for to the agricultural population of the west it implies profits which may be calculated by millions. The traffic cannot but be considerably increased by the development of agriculture in Minnesota and Nebraska where the population increases rapidly and where more than 60 per cent. of the arable lands have yet to be settled. Some idea of the progress of these regions may be formed by considering that of St. Paul, the commercial centre. This "town" is perceptibly growing and its commerce is increasing to a surprising degree as shown by the following facts published in the report of the board of trade for the year ending on the 31st of December, 1882. This information is given by the president, a gentleman who contributes greatly to the progress which he points out." Then follow several extracts from the report and following this the writer states that, "these facts clearly show that the city of St. Paul is progressing with a rapidity worthy of Chicago and that before many years the capital of Minnesota will be the centre of an immense trade and the distributing point for the enormous quantities of agricultural produce which this region will yield for export."

Kidder (D. T.) Forger Caught.

Yesterday forenoon Chief of Police Clark received a telegram from the police authorities of Fargo, asking him to look out for one Edwin Burr, a description of whom was given, and who was supposed to have left that city on Monday night. The telegram was turned over to Detective Walsh, who arrested his man on board the eastern train as it was about to pull out of the depot. He was brought to city hall and allowed the freedom of the office until nightfall. as no information had been received up to that time of what charge he was wanted on. Last night a second telegram was received, saying that he was wanted on the charge of forging a note on the Kidder county bank at Steele, Dakota, for $3,000. On being searched the sum of $775 was found upon his person. When arrested he was badly rattled and for some time he refused to talk. He is a portly built man, about fifty years of age, quite solid in appearance, and possessing more than the average intelligence. The sheriff of Kidder county is expected to arrive to-day.

Incorporations.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state yesterday of the Lake Superior Land company for buying, selling, owning, improving and dealing in lands, tenements and hereditaments in Minnesota and elsewhere, with full power to subdivide and plat the same into blocks, lots and streets, etc. The corporation commences May 20, 1884, for a continuance of twenty years with a capital stock of $60,000, divided into 1,200 shares of $50 each, with a highest amount of indebtedness limited to $15,000. The incorporators are Thomas Cochran, Jr., and Reece M. Newport of St. Paul, Charles A. Darling, of Fargo, and Owen Ferguson, of Duluth, and the first board of directors are Benjamin Hagamon, Dmerson W. Peet, Charles W. Darling, Owen Ferguson and Reece M. Newport. The principal place of transaction of business is the city of Duluth.

Who Can Answer?

TO THE EDITOR.—The first of May has gone by, and nothing has been done in regard to the new court honse. Isn't it about time that some active measures were taken, or that the public be apprised of the reason for the delay. KICKER.

May 13, 1884.

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[Fargo Special Telegrams May 13th to the St. Paul Globe.

Fargo Notes.

It is extremely gratifying to this section that the Northern Pacific hes decided to restore the accommodation train from Fargo to Jamestown. It was put on Monday.

Col. Donan and Father Stephan reached Washington together Saturday, and are giving their attention to the organization of the Indian department in charge of the Rev. Father.

The county board is in session this week, arranging for the erection of the new court house, the foundations of which were laid last year. It will probably cost about $100,000.

Geo. C. Miln is drawing fair houses in Fargo this week with his standard plays. It is his first visit to Dakota and his company is pronounced one of the best that has ever rendered the standard dramas here.

The tendency to division of the big bonanza farms is seen in the case of the Dalrymples. S. C. Dalrymple states to this department that the statement that he has seeded 28,000 acres of wheat should have a cipher taken off. He has put in less than 3,000 acres. Recently he sold 480 acres at $17 an acre.

A gentleman in Massachusetts writes to know if there is more than one railroad at Fargo, and if there would be a chance for him to secure a townsite within twenty miles or thirty of the place and name it for himself. Col. Morton or any other real estate dealer will be glad to furnish him land for all the townsites he may want, and he can give them any name he chooses, He can build all the railroads he sees fit also.

The chamber of commerce of Fargo held a meeting Monday to outline some movement for improving the two principal business streets, Front and Broadway. It is proposed to plank them as the most available mode. They are in worse condition than usual, owing to being dug up for sewers, and an eye sore to visitors and a detriment to business. It is to be hoped that, for the credit and interest of the place, some effective steps will be taken in the matter. It is estimated to cost $8,000 for each street.

The Grafton *Times* says: "Capt. Egbert, of the Fargo *Broadaxe* finds political parties ungrateful. After starting a Democratic paper and depositing a nucleus around which the party could solidify, he finds that he is supplanted and denied a delegation from Cass county to the Democratic convention at Pierre." It is understood that the captain did not desire to go to Pierre. He is personally much of the mould of Thurlow Weed. He desires political influence to aid his friends, but is entirely indifferent about position for himself. His ambition is to build up and organize the party in north Dakota, and his efforts are appreciated.

The local impression that Major Maglone of the *Argus*, who is spending a season at St. Paul recreating and visiting, is the newspaper man of Fargo who is about to indulge in matrimony, is incorrect. He is like the poet and humorist, Thos. Bewsy Holmes, wedded to celibacy, and the wooing power of half a dozen venuses could not swerve them. As mentioned before, however, one of the most susceptible and massive browed celebrities of the local press has issued cards for his wedding, the party of the second part being one of the most radiant of the daughters of Wisconsin. The local brethern will celebrate the event in an appropriate way soon after the 20th.

Dakota Notes.

Ella Wheeler, the Wisconsin poetess, lately married, has a brother at Alexandria, Dak., a prominent business man, and doesn't write poetry.

The Scandinavians are very numerous in Sargent county, and will have a big celebration at Milnor, on their 4th of July, May 17th, ending with a grand ball.

At Carrington there is a furor among the ladies to become familiar with the use of the revolver. Some of them have become so expert that they can hit a barn at 20 feet.

Joseph Busher, of Canada, who has a claim in Steele county, while engaged at work on one of the steamers on Red river, near Fargo, last week, fell overboard and was drowned.

C. M. Cushman, the manager of ex-President Hayes' farm, near Bismarck, reports fine prospects for a crop this season. Mr. Hayes is expected to spend a part of the summer there.

Delegate Raymond has recently commenced sending home seeds and pub. docs. with an industry and numerousness that should bring in a harvest in voting time. His prospects are looking up.

Watertown voted 310 at the late hotly contested city election, which enables it to claim over 1,000 population. Like nearly all Dakota towns, it has residents who are making claims and consequently can't vote.

Additional indications of petroleum deposits have been found in the Mandan region; also in the Buttes crude specimens of ore that contain a large percentage of iron. Strong hopes are being built in these directions.

There will be big county seat fights in Roberts and Sargent counties this year. There are several competitors for the prize in each, and these contests make more trouble than a half dozen presidential elections.

The little town of Sims west, of the Missouri river, which is being lifted to fame by the enterprise of its citizens, has set out 4,500 large sized trees on its streets this season. Older towns can find a good pointer in this.

I. C. Woodward, the genial manipulator of the telephone exchange at Jamestown, took a short pleasure trip recently and among its incidents was the marrying of a charming young lady. Congratulations were sent him by telephone.

In Foster county the Democrats instructed their delegate to Pierre to vote for Dan. Maratta of Bismarck, as delegate to Chicago, and S. J. Tilden for President. Bismarck has a stock of statesmen sufficient to supply all parties in the territory.

The Alexandria *Herald*, whose editor, one Taylor, was non-suited at Huron, finds comfort in this thought: "The northmen and their organs are feeling very hilarious over the results of the Huron convention. It is a long road that has no turn."

A colony of 80 Russians arrived in Brown county the past week and reported that twice as many of their countrymen will soon follow. They are a well educated class of people, with means, and regarded as quite an acquisition to on of the best counties in the James river valley.

Hon. Mark Dunnell, lately of Minnesota, is arranging to put up an elegant residence for his family on Sanborn avenue, in New Rockford. Some anticipate that he may be a candidate for senator when north Dakota comes in as a state. He is putting out 700 box elders on his grounds,

The Steele *Herald* is disposed to be magnaminous: "And now, give us a rest on the Huron convention. We have met the enemy, and they are our'n. 'Tis not good to chastise, too much, a vanquished foe. Edwards, Plummer, Steele, and all the rest of the Huron heroes 'fought well' and gained the day. Let our wayward sisters alone!"

The Democratic convention in Kidder county passed a resolution naming Alex McKenzie as the choice of the Democrats of Dakota for governor. It is presumed they telegraphed the matter to President Arthur. The gentleman is not a Democrat at Washington just now. All parties at Bismarck would unite upon McKenzie if it would do any good.

The saloon keepers at Lisbon were so indignant at the city council for raising the license to $600 besides the government taxs that all but one of them closed up, but on discovering as they suppose that one of the alderman has a residence of a claim, they reopened, and propose to test the legality of the ordinance. It is not believed that the sentiment of the community is up to the $600 standard,

The coroner's jury, in the case of Capt. Jack Weith, who was shot not very far from Mandan, returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from wounds inflicted by certain balls discharged from fire arms in the hands of George Klein and Martin Ripper, on Sunday, the 4th day of May, 1884. These parties were arrested and lodged in jail at Mandan, but it is claimed that they will prove an alibi.

This is the way the Dakotan looks out upon his beautiful country: "The prairie begins to assume the appearance of a green velvet sheen, and soon the glorious summer, with all its animated life, will be upon us, its millions of beautiful flowers covering the prairie as with a cloak of many colors, and the beauty and grandeur of whose sunsets can only be appreciated by those who have witnessed them.

The first inquest ever held in Steele county was held last week over the body of Dr. J. P. Barrington, who, it will be remembered, was lost on the prairie in a storm Christmas eve on his way to visit his family on his claim. He was practicing medicine at Mayville, and going to his family to spend Christmas, but never reached there. The body was found about 15 miles from Hope in Steele county.

The Clark County *Review* says in regard to the delegate from that county to Pierre: "Mr. Watson is a good speaker, and in accepting he made a speech which shows that he will go to Pierre to work hard to secure a delegation in favor of Hon. R. P. Flower, of New York, for president. The Democrats of Dakota could do no better than to elect Mr. Watson a delegate to the national convention."

The Valley City *Times* sees amusement in this picture: Chris. Paetow has lost flesh during seeding. He was weighed the other day by S. J. Russell, of the Kindred farm, and only propelled the beam upward at 365 pounds—a loss of five or six pounds. What a funny sight it would be to see Major Edwards, of Fargo, and Paetow suspended in a pair of steelyards, held aloft by some giant. But it would takea Cardiff giant in the flesh to do it.

This from the Day *Reporter* is a sample of the way the new counties in the north are providing school houses: "The people of Day are decidedly in favor of having an abundance of educational facilities, hence, in every school township in the county they are moving in the matter of the erection of school buildings. Six in the Webster school township, and one or two in almost every other township in the county begins to look like people were calculating on the future."

The Sanborn *Enterprise* has this mention of one of the unmarried ladies of Dakato: Miss A. F. Hillman, a bonanza farmer, owning some 800 acres of Dakota dirt, near Odell, came in from Wisconsin—where she also has landed estates—last week. The lady is one of thos rare types of womanhood whose business capacity is equaled by that of few men, and withal a true lady. Her farms are under her personal supervision, and this spring she seeds 100 acres to the golden cereal and furnishes her tree claim.

Although Sheriff and Capital Commissioner McKenzie's Bismarck and home organ gives out that he is not just now posing as a Democrat, he is an active candidate for delegate to the Democratic national convention, and most of the delegates from north Dakota to the Pierre convention have been fixed for him. Nearly all of them were in Pierre Sunday, and McKenzie was there also. Capt. Egbert secured a proxy from one of the counties, not McHenry, and went along, but he stands no show in opposition to the great rustler.

The No. 1 hard, which is about the only wheat sown in north Dakota this year, is coming up in the best possible condition and there never has been such promise of a big crop. It is probable an extravagant estimate that the 18,000,000 mill-bushels of last year will be doubled, although some put the figures so high in view of the increased acreage and prospect for enormous yield. It is not a wild estimate, however, that Dakota will have a surplus of 30,000,000 bushels to sell which at seventy-five cents a bushel, will net $22,500,000, which is a neat sum to have.

One of the papers has this word of caution to new comers: "This is the season of the year when paper towns spring up—on paper, of course. Beware of them. They are generally represented on the map as spreading around over two or three counties, and as having six or seven proposed railroads running through them. Invest with caution. They have—on the plat—locations for proposed school houses, proposed churches, proposed capitol buildings and proposed gold mines. Steer clear of them. If you want to locate in a town, select one that has a local habitation as well as a name."

Montana Notes.

The Belknap trail was completed to Eagle City on Monday. Freight is now carried over this route at 8 and 10 cents, traffic men guaranteeing all freight to go through in two days. Passenger fare is $12."

Helena *Herald:* "James George (Yankee Jim) has began suit against the Northern Pacific Railroad company for $50,000 for damages sustained by his toll road by the construction of the National Park railroad.

The annual report of the superintendent of public instruction for Montana has just been issued and shows that there are in the territory 203 schools which employ 226 teachers, whose average compensation per month is, males $71.40, females $54.50. The number of children of school age (between four and twenty-one years) is 12,485, of whom 6,823 attend school.

Bismarck.

Every town in north Dakota boasts of its beautiful mirages, but Bismarck the capital, and consequently with the most exalted aspirations, claims to have on frequent duty for the special delectation of visitors, a mirage in which is depicted the mouth of the Mississippi river, with New Orleans and all its beautiful adjuncts. One seen last week by the vivid Adams of the *Tribune*, presented a picture of the entire city, with its spires, monuments, ships, and even creole dances, with northern statesmen participating, all inverted. Photographs were taken for use in the advertising literature of the capital.

Bismarck is about to erect a $20,000 Presbyterian church. It is to be on the corner of Second and Meigs streets, where views are had which the enthusiastic boomers think resemble the celestial city not made with hands.

The Bismarck *Tribune* is not confident that either of the proposed new railroad lines east will reach that point this year, but it is sure that the Rock Island is pointed that way on this route: "The route is to Pipestone, Minn., and to Watertown, D. T., seventy-five miles distant. All the preliminaries have been made by the engineers. They have gone over the line carefully, and exactly located one-half of it. All the contracts for the construction of the line have been made, and when the actual work is begun it will be rapidly pushed to completion."

The Dakota Midland.

A meeting was held at Ransom City, in Sargent county, last week, to promote the construction of the Dakota Midland railroad. This is a scheme for which a company was organized a year or so ago to build a line from Fort Yates, on the Missouri river, to Duluth, making a trunk line from east to west through one of the finest wheat regions of Dakota, to the great shipping point on the lake. In regard to the prospects of the project the Ransom City *Pilot* says:

"Financial aid sufficient to construct the road and equip the line is already guaranteed, and work will begin directly after the meeting of the directors, which occurs next Tuesday, when it will be definitely settled as to the exact points to be made between Ellendale and Campbell, where it is proposed to cross the Manitoba line, and which will be the eastern terminus for this year's work. Every effort will be made to complete the road from that point to Ellendale or west of there this season, and as the grading is light almost the entire distance, this can be accomplished before the crop of No. 1 hard is ready for shipment."

At the meeting referred to over $4,000 was subscribed in aid of the scheme.

Hope, Steele County.

Hope, in Steele county, is the locality where capitalists from Minneapolis have invested so largely recently, and is a very promising and attractive place. The local paper presents it in this light as a summer resort:

"Here we have a large and commodious hotel, fitted up in the most luxurious style, and under the direction of a noted caterer, where everything that can make life worth living for can be procured, while there are several other hostelries, which, though less pretentious, are prepared to furnish the best of accommodations. Here may be found fine drives in every direction, which are hardly surpassed even by the famed boulevards of Chicago. Those who delight in the sports of the field will find game in abundance, while to crown the whole we have a climate which for evenness and salubrity cannot be excelled, where those who have become enervated by labor or the miasma which is so prevalent further east, will soon recuperate, and be enfused with new life and energy. We hope our friends in the east will make a note of this."

One More Original View.

The Flandrau *Herald* is owned by F. W. Petigrew, a relative of the noted politician, and this view taken by it is interesting: "Since