

ST. PAUL NEWS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Matter of Building the Robert Street Bridge Taken Up and Laid Over.

Some of the Members Present Being Inclined to Think it an Unnecessary Expense.

City Attorney Murray Requested to Furnish Figures of the Probable Indebtedness of the City.

When the board of directors of the chamber of commerce was called to order yesterday morning a communication was read from the New York board of trade in favor of a national bankrupt law, which was referred to the mercantile committee. The secretary also read a communication from J. A. Hanley, general freight agent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railway, asking that a committee be appointed to receive and entertain a party of excursionists from Watertown, D. T. On motion of Mr. Noyes, Averill, Moon, Lindbeck and Merrill were appointed to constitute such committee.

THE ROBERT STREET BRIDGE.

On the resolution being called up that was offered by Dr. Day, in opposition to the Robert street bridge, at a former meeting, Dr. stated his objections, which were that our taxes are now very heavy, and so are our assessments. We ought to go slow and stop all unnecessary expenses. He had no doubt whatever that the Wahabaw street bridge would accommodate all the travel we have across the river for some time to come. At Cincinnati one bridge answers to accommodate all the travel. As to the location it was the best that could be found. Mr. Oppenheim wanted to oppose Dr. Day's idea of hard times. From this time forward we will improve. We are at the foot of the hill, and will from this time forward go up and not down. If we are going to have a city we must go to work and build it. The bridge is very much needed. The Wahabaw street structure is inadequate.

Capt. Berkey opposed the building of the bridge at this time, and declared that our taxes and assessments were becoming enormous, and a very great deal larger than most people know of. He felt it necessary to caution all that the time had come when we should all go slow. He thought all the property in West St. Paul would be benefited, and that such as was specially benefited, ought to pay its just proportion by way of assessments for the cost of the bridge. To give the members of the board an idea of our municipal expenses the captain read the following statement showing the disbursements made by the city of St. Paul since January 1st, 1884, to November 15th. Construction of new water works, including payment of loans, \$833,252.99. City fire department, 65,357.93. City workhouse, 48,730.22. City library, 6,130.16. Interest coupons, 140,445.07. City bonds redeemed, 75,900.00. Miscellaneous, 255,004.00. Improvements, 542,720.44. Total, \$2,265,163.48.

The captain then proceeded to argue that we ought to commission to practice the most rigid economy. Besides the expenses above enumerated Captain Berkey said our schools will cost over \$300,000, and these expenses are simply the city expenses by way of taxation. In addition to the above are the county and state taxes, besides the vast amount of heavy assessments that fall directly upon the citizens, and are exceedingly burdensome.

Real Estate and Building.

The following transfers of real estate by warranty deed were yesterday filed in the register's office: G. Glading to Edwin Treasure, lots 19 and 20, block 24, Mackubin & Marshall's addition, \$1,300. James A. Tyler to Frank Kaurne, lot 16, block 7, Hastings's East Side addition to Minneapolis, \$250. O. L. Koch to Swan Johnson, lot 6, block 1, Cullisland's garden lots, \$300. P. C. Hastings to Rodney Smith, lots 5, 7 and 8, Mackubin & Marshall's addition, \$2,500. Martin Fisher to Eugene E. Randall, lot 6, block 3, Mackubin & Marshall's addition, \$1,400. L. M. H. Hastings to Rodney Smith, lots 5, 7 and 8, block 67, West St. Paul proper, \$1,900. James Stinson to Swan Peterson, lot 12, block 5, Catherine's Hill street addition, \$1,850. Catherine's Hill street addition, E 1/2 of S 1/2 of N 1/4 of S 1/2, section 17, town 29 range 22, \$8,000. John Warner to Christian Kastner, tract of land in section 20, town 29, range 22, \$300. James Stinson to H. Krinke, lot 24, block 13, Stinson's Hill street addition, \$400. P. C. Hastings to Rodney Smith, lot 11, block 13, Brooklyn addition, \$600. James Stinson to James King, lots 4-18, block 7, and lots 14, 16 and 18, block 6, Stinson's Hill street addition, \$2,000. E. P. Wiggins to H. T. Vayrhinger, lots 1 and 2, block 19, Morrison's addition, \$500. Henry Haake to G. J. Rohland, lots 31 and 32, block 13, Brooklyn addition, \$1,500. Nancy Spencer to Charles Fautie, lot 11, block 13, Brooklyn, \$475.

Building Permits.

The following permits to build were issued yesterday: A. T. Rosen, one and a half story frame dwelling, on the southeast side of Fillmore, between Bell and DeLoe, \$300. F. Steinhard, one story frame store and dwelling, on the west side of Taylor, between Louise and Elizabeth, \$700. Chas. S. Elle, one and a half story frame dwelling, on the south side of York, between Forest and Mendota, \$1,000. Henry Vayrhinger, one story frame woodshed, on the north side of Mt. Airy, between Lincoln and Warren, \$50. A. E. Kholer, one story frame woodshed, on the north side of Minnehaha, between Walsh and Wells, \$25. Axel Widling, one and a half story frame store and dwelling, on the west side of Payne, between Whitlani and Ross, \$800. C. Aesch, one story frame woodshed, on the north side of Fremont, between Mendota and Forest, \$50. T. J. Lindgren, one story frame addition to dwelling, on the north side of Mt. Ida, between Desoto and Hill, \$100. Fred Reller, one story frame dwelling, on the north side of Reany, between Cypress and Earl, \$350.

Disintegration in Base Ball Circles.

If we are to have a base ball club in St. Paul the coming season, some decisive steps must be taken in the next few days, else the nucleus of the organization cannot be formed from the players of 1884. The old team, almost without an exception, desired to remain in this city, but the indications now being good for a nine in 1885 and offers are being made to other cities, some of whom feel it their duty to "catch on" before it is too late. Hengle has signed with Buffalo, and Ganzel with Kansas City, and O'Brien has been offered a position in the latter city. It is perfectly plain that the remaining players will be completely shorn off unless they are positively engaged to contract for a pennant under the St. Paul colors.

A Victory for the Sports.

New York, Nov. 17.—Judge Barrett, of the supreme court, this afternoon ordered the discharge of John L. Sullivan and Alf. Greenfield, arrested on the charge of making arrangements for a prize fight. Judge Barrett decides there is nothing in the agreement that is illegal, and if the parties go beyond its terms and instructions, the police being present, can instantly interfere and arrest all who are engaged in the commission of this misdemeanor. The decision was applauded. Pat Sheedy, Sullivan's manager announced that owing to the lateness of the hour when the decision was announced, the arrangements for the contest to-night could not be completed, and postponed it until to-morrow night.

The Peniary Council.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 17.—At the session of the Peniary council to-day several committees presented reports which were accepted and acted upon. Much business was done. The week's work of the council will be in session with the object to do all work for which it was organized.

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