MINNEAPOLIS NEWS.

An Investigation Being Made Into the Troubles Which Led to Dr. Huchin's Resignation.

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TROUBLES OF PLYMOUTH.

"A Mighty Tree Being Wrenched by the Fierce Winds of Dissention."

The Congregational dismissing council met at the Plymouth church lecture room yesterday afternoon to investigate into the causes which led to the resignation of Dr. R. G. Hutchins, pastor of the Plymouth church, the facts of which have been hitherto recorded in these colums.

Dr. Dana of St. Paul, who was chosen moderator, stated that he would much prefer to install pastors than to sit in a council of dismissal, and during his remarks he regretted that this was the second time he had been called to this church for the purpose of dismissing a pastor. Dr. Dana offered prayer, which was followed by a season of silent prayer, at the suggestion of Rev. E. S. Williams.

H. J. Fletcher, clerk of Plymouth church, read the records of the meeting of the prudential committee which had been appointed to consider Dr. Hutchins' letter of resignation, and he also read the letter itself, together with the resolutions drafted by A. B. Nettleton, refusing to accept the resignation and earnestly requesting the pastor to reconsider the step.

Dr. Hutchins stated that for eight months he had kept the secrets of the dissension inviolate. He had not even imparted them to his own relatives. He referred to the church as a mighty tree, rooted deep into ground, which is now being wrenched by powerful winds, and said that parties who had turned loose the winds should be made known. He averred that, despite the travail incident to the dissensions which had induced his resignation, in his heart no rancor could be found. He had sturdily maintained an attitude of dignity. He had passed beyond that position where he should exert every energy in guarding against a damaged name, and he invited the most searching investigation, and declared that he had absolutely nothing to conceal.

D. C. Bell, in answer to a call by Dr. Dana for a presentation of the church's case, said that the prudential committee had nothing more than the records contained to say.

A. B. Nettleton then addressed the council at considerable length from memoranda data, but his remarks were so guarded that Dr. Krum was induced to remark that without a more explicit explanation of the dissensions, the council could have no information upon which to base an opinion.

Even Dr. Hutchins was surprised that such steadfast reserve had been maintained. He feared no publicity, and stated that he should have some statements to make and if a secret session were held he should present his side of the unpleasantness without the slightest reserve. A motion being made that the council go into executive session, Mr. Boreg stated that he represented the minority who aimed to accept the resignation. His faction had held no secret meetings, were opposed to secret meetings, and not having held any conferences, had nothing whatever to present. They had taken it for granted that if Dr. Hutchins meant anything he meant what he said in his letter of resignation, and he had therefore supposed that nothing more was to be done. However, the motion prevailed and the council withdrew to the private committee rooms.

The executive session continued for some time, and in the evening another protracted meeting was held, but no conclusion was arrived at. It was understood that a decision would be arrived at this morning, however.

ATHENÆUM LIBRARY.

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders--Reports, Election of Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Manufacterers' Athenaeum association held at the library last evening, the treasurer submitted his annual report, sfiowing that there had been expended for current expenses $3,162.06, and that books had been purchased amounting to $963.59.

The librarian's report contained many points of interest, as follows:

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Number of volumes in library Feb. 2, 1885	13,349
Accessions during the year:	
By gift	51
By purchase	240
By periodicals bound	113
	13,758
Less worn out during the year	17
Volumes in library Feb. 2, 1886	13,741

CIRCULATION.

Volumes issued:	
Fiction	10,838
Juveniles	2,288
Travels	1,090
General literature	7,000
Total volumes issued	22,216

Of this number the fictions and juveniles form 63 per cent.

SUBSCRIBERS.

Shares—Outstanding, clear of taxes, Feb. 2, 1885	409
Resold during the year	8
	417
Resalable for delinquent taxes, Feb. 2, 1886	36
Active shares Feb. 2, 1885	381
Certificates—Outstanding Feb. 2, 1885	262
Sold during the year	6
	268
Resalable for delinquent taxes	27
	241
Depositors Feb. 2, 1886	208
Total number memberships Feb. 2, 1886	830

The circulation the previous year was about 1,800 and bears a fair proportion to the number of volumes in the library. The librarian stated that there were on an average from 150 to 200 per day who call at the library for the purpose of reading. Samuel Hill, as a committee on sale of the Athenæum building, reported that several meetings had been held, and bids for the sale of the building were received, but not as many as were expected, and the highest amount offered was a little over $20,000, which sum was unsatisfactory. It was expected that $25,000 could be obtained. The committee presented a resolution authorizing the committee to dispose of the property in question for a sum not less than $25,000. After adopting a resolution to the effect that the Athenæum shall have a representative to inspect the plans for the new library building, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—J. E. Bell.
Vice President—Samuel Hill.
Secretary—Herbert Putnam.
Treasurer—Charles McC. Reeve.
Directors—T. B. Walker, A. C. Fairbairn, Rev. James McGolrick.

The assessment on shares for the ensuing year was fixed at $1.50 each.

THE JOLLY JOBBERS.

Second Annual Banquet of the Minneapolis Association.

Gathered in the ordinary of the West hotel at 9 o'clock, last evening, were about seventy-five gentlemen representing the jobbing interests of the city. They were the members of the Minneapolis Jobbers' Association, with their friends, assembled to celebrate the end of a year's good trade by a banquet—the second annual observance of this time. It was a gay, genial and utterly informal company and enjoyed itself in the most unstudied style. Those present were as follows:

Mayor George A. Pillsbury, George L. Dale, W. H. Truesdale, S. W. Alvord, E. A. Wright, Oliver F. Briggs, John I. Black, Henry Winecke, J. G. Robb, J. B. Bushnell, J. B. Wheelock, W. G. Byron, P. H. Bettman, P. J. Kennedy, A. J. Blethen, C. B. Heffelfinger, George Gregory, Winona; George H. Partridge, J. C. Eliel, F. W. Lyman, J. Crays, Hugh Harrison, H. H. Eliel, F. J. Murton, F. C. Bale, R. H. Patterson, W. K. Smith, A. M. Clerihew, Anthony Kelly, A. Demond, William Hengrel, J. C. Barnes, D. M. Gilmare, A. G Kennedy, F. H. Barnard, H. F. Converse, George S. Warks, A. M. Pratt, William Hooker, M. F. Kalembach, E. E. Bromelow, S. P. Farrington, D. H. Murray, C. F. Warner, George A. McDougall, S. D Works, W. W. Manley, C. H. Fowler J. T. Wyman, C. S. Bushnell, George T. Huey, F. H. Anson, H. K. McClellan, M. McDonald, H. M. Hill, M. L. Hallowell, F. B. Semple, J. S. Bradstreet, Harry P. Robinson, H. W. Wagner, T. B. Janny, G. W. McClellan, Frank Daley, William Lothman, Phillip Herzog, Charles D. Boyce, A. W. Paris, J. H. Rains, J. F. R. Foss, D. Blakely.

When the company had fraternized in the parlors and strangers had become acquainted the doors of the dining-hall were thrown open and eighty gentlemen, a purely "stag party," placed their feet beneath the mahogany. A tempting collation of twelve courses was served, without liquid refreshments, and ending with cigars. When the feast was concluded, J. T. Wyman, chairman of the committee, briefly welcomed the company and introduced A. W. Clerihew to respond to the toast, The Minneapolis Jobbers, Trade, Past and Present. His address was filled with congratulations and good advice. Mayor Pillsbury responded to the toast, The Flour Industry, giving a lot of interesting statistics showing the increase of the milling business and its co-ordinate branch the cooper's trade. A. J. Blethen, in response to the "The Press" showed the relation between the jobbing trade and the news journal and gave an interesting resume of the conduct of a newspaper.

CHILCOTT'S PECULATIONS.

Another Detective Gone Wrong—Wholesale Forgery Business.

The integrity of private detective agencies has received a severe blow lately by the arrests of two of the principal private detectives—one for blackmailing, and one for forgery. The latter arrest occurred yesterday. The prisoner is one Charles C. Chilcott, who has rejoiced in the title of "Chief of the National Secret Detective Service."

It transpires that four forged checks, aggregating the snug sum of $326, have been cashed at the Commercial bank on the East Side, the respective checks having been drawn on that institution, and they all bore the name of Priscilla Libby, who lives near Hamline university. They were dated the 7th, 9th, 25th and 28th of January respectively. The crookedness was discovered by Mrs. Libby on Monday night, when her bank book at the Commercial was shown her and the circumstances explained by the cashier. Early yesterday morning steps were taken to catch the crook. All the banks were notified of the circumstances and soon after Chilcutt presented a check for $100, which he left on deposit. The teller requested him to call in later, as the cashier desired an interview. He called and was arrested by Officer Allen. At the first precinct station he confessed his guilt. He said he had begun by inducing Mrs. Libby, with whom he had once lived, to give him a note for $40. This he raised to $140. By depositing the sum he obtained a bank credit and had no difficulty in getting the forged checks cashed. The prisoner's wife, to whom he has only been married a few weeks, called soon after the arrest. She was emphatic in protesting her belief in her husband's innocence, and claims that it is a job put up by Mrs. Libby's daughter to get Chilcutt into trouble on account of jealousy. Mrs. C. claims that Miss Libby is enamored of Mr. C., etc.

The prisoner will be arraigned this afternoon.

WAR WITH SNOW

Which the Motor Wins--Important New Trains Running.

Harrison, Farrington & Co., corner Fifth avenue south and Second street, do not want the motor to enjoy its privilege of running to Bridge square, and a snow-battle resulted yesterday afternoon. As rapidly as a squad of motor hands threw off the heavy snow-clods from the track, the grocery force threw them back. Finally the electric motor came out and did patrol duty, whizzing up and down the track and holding the grocery force at bay. At sundown the motor people were masters of the field.

During the carnival a motor train will leave Washington avenue every evening at midnight to benefit passengers on the last trains from St. Paul. If the train is patronized it will be made a regular one.

An additional train has been put on, leaving Washington avenue at 5:45 in the evening. It carries a large crowd and relieves the pressure on the regular supper trains.

It is a little hard on S. C. Gale and E. A. Harmon that the motor begins to switch where they do. It is also inconvenient to passengers. A switch should be put in at the Union depot, and the motor company should get the right and do it at once.

The Week's Amusements.

At the Grand opera J. P. Polk, a comedian whose methods are novel as well as exceedingly funny, supported by a very capable company, concludes his engagement this evening. "Mixed Pickles" is a satirical comedy, much like "The Strategists," in which Mr. Polk appeared when last here. The satire is leveled at the modern minister, and Mr. Polk's clever impersonation reminds his audiences forcibly of a well-known local divine.

The Andrews Opera company is giving the "Chimes of Normandy" at the Pence opera house to appreciative audiences, with Marie Roe as the star.

Ida Siddon's burlesque opera extravaganza at the Theater Comique is attracting large crowds.

Betrayed and Deserted.

Yesterday a citizen called upon Chief West and made complaint against one Julius Lindseer, a Polish nobleman, who had arrived in Minneapolis yesterday morning. The gentleman explained that Lindseer had brought with him direct from his native land a young girl named Valeria Rekafski, whom he had promised to make his bride immediately upon his arriving in the United States. The girl had been a domestic, employed in the Lindseer mansion, and while thus engaged was betrayed by the young nobleman. Arriving at Minneapolis quarters were secured at Charles Wein's hotel, No. 101 South First street, where the deceived girl was deserted. Later in the day she was eserte d. Later in the day she was provided helter at Bethany home.

Caledonian Election.

The Caledonian society held its annual meeting last evening at Curtis hall. William Stevenson made his report as treasurer, showing a balance of $273.73 in the treasury. Hector Baxter, as secretary, reported eighty-seven members in good standing. A. M. Clerihew was enthusiastically re-elected chieftain by a rising vote. Other officers were elected as follows: First assistant chieftain, Alex Miller; second assistant, J. S. McCleary; secretary, Hector Baxter; treasurer, Adam Hannon; medical adviser, Dr. Hammon; chaplain, D. D. McLourin; executive committee, Byron Southerland, C. L. Simpson, J. M. Morrison.

Masonic Aid Association.

At the annual meeting of the Masonic Mutual Aid association the following officials were elected:

President—J. H. Thompson.
Vice President—R. W. Cummings.
Treasurer—J. M. Williamson.
Secretary—B. L. Perry.
Medical Director—Dr. D. M. Goodwin.

A. L. Strait was appointed general manager.

POLICE GATHERINGS.

On Thursday evening Chief West will detail the following officers to protect Minneapolis people who attend the ice carnival: Sergts. Hill and Kelly, Officers Krumweide, Forskow, Nelson, Mausso, Maline, Douglas, Norman, Lawrence, Kennedy and Kelly.

Thomas Mulligan and John Hay es, the two men who brutally assaulted Lewis Sawyer, breaking his arm, were yesterday held to await an investigation by the grand jury, and in default of bail they were committed.

As was expected, the motion in the municipal court to quash the case against H. A. Potter, charged with selling mortgaged property, was yesterday granted.

James Houston, charged with assault and battery, was found guilty, but sentence was suspended owing to the circumstances attending the affair.

Edward Mason, the man arrested upon suspicion that he broke into A. Skatve's store and stole a watch and some cigars, was discharged yesterday.

Burglars stole a lot of cigars from the store at No. 535 Cedar avenue on Monday night.

Officer Gowdy, who was suspended fo shooting M. G. Peterson while the latter was drunk, has been reinstated.

Ed Young waived an examination on a charge of stealing a lap robe from a dwelling.

For stealing a turkey and a chicken, C. Goldstein was sent down for five days.

Detective Quinlan arrested a brace of coat thieves yesterday.

Albert Shields, the forger, will be examined Feb. 16.

MINNEAPOLIS SPORTS.

Albert Schock will accept W. M. Woodside's challenge to ride for the championship of America and $300 a side. He leaves for Chicago this evening, and will be accompanied by Eck.

Last evening Tom Gallagher and John Rooney, (no relation to Pat), had a collar-and-elbow wrestling match in a room. Gallagher won the match, the best three in five falls, but Rooney being dissatisfied, it was again contested. Gallagher won the first fall easily and in the second fall Rooney's leg was broken by a full grapevine lock. It is a bad break. Rooney will be laid up the balance of the winter.

Albert Schock is a veritable sporting man. He is good in all the different styles. Last night he had a match with Belford, the champion ten pin bowler, and won. The first style was ten pins. Belford two out of five games. In nine pins he also won by a similar score, as he did in cocked hat. But in five hock Schock won three straight games. He also won the four hock style, winning the match and stakes.

The third annual exhibition given by the Minneapolis Athletic club last evening was a highly creditable affair. The horizontal bar acts, heavy dumb bell lifting, feats of strength, Indian club swinging, wrestling, sparring and the feats on the bars, trapeze, and the ground and lofty tumbling by the members of Prof. Duplessis' classes were excellent. The attendance was large enough to indicate that lively interest is felt in the institution.

Some Personal Tips.

Officer Gowdy, who was suspended for reck less shooting, has resumed duty and vigilan- watchfulness over the cows in North Minneapolis.

Chauncey W. Curtiss, the driver of the patrol wagon, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of congestion of the lungs.

Roger Vail is once more back in the treasurer's office as an assistant.

Ed A. Stevens has formed a partnership for the practice of law with Judge Hollins.

E. A. O'Brien of the West hotel brought back with him two Star toboggans, of the most improved pattern, and will enter at the ice carnival race.

It is likely that the Rev. A. J. Graham's resignation as pastor of the Holy Trinity church will be recalled, as he has decided to refer it to the vestry of the church.

E. A. Bassett, the ex-police clerk, has gone to New York with the avowed intention of sailing for Europe to look after his interest as one of the heirs of the Chase estate, which i said to aggregate $90,000,000.

Jerry Murphy, the champion light-weight pugilist of the Northwest, has appeared in a new role. He sang a duet in good style at the Land league entertainment Sunday night.

Rev. J. L. Scudder is making arrangements to have the Minneapolis toboggan slide thrown open to poor children next Monday.

Clarence Whistler Ryder has had himself photographed as referee of the bicycle six-days' match, and has forwarded the picture to the Police Gazette. Efforts to suppress the sale of the paper will now be redoubled.

MINNEAPOLIS GLOBULES.

The Loyal Legion will meet at the West this evening.

The library board failed to meet yesterday. A special meeting will soon be held.

The council committees on ways and means and railroads will meet this afternoon.

Twenty-six deeds were filed yesterday with the register of deeds, amounting to $45,891.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Harmonia society will be celebrated Sunday evening at Harmonia hall by a banquet.

Four freight trains a day are regularly being run by the Minneapolis & St. Louis over the new Northern Pacific short line.

The usual 10:50 p. m. train from Washington avenue will be held until after arrival of the 11 o'clock Manitoba train during the carnival season at St. Paul.

Meetings will be held this evening of the council, the Massachusetts' association, the East Side league, the Carpenters' union and the Bricklayers' union.

The trial of the Bingham divorce suit before Judge Lochren was the only matter of interest in the district court yesterday. The case will be argued to-day.

The Master Plumbers' association held a special meeting yesterday afternoon at the Builders' exchange to decide upon prices for certain sanitary appliances.

Frank Lindstrom was yesterday admitted to bail in $500 in the district court. Lindstrom is one of the young men accused of burglarizing Kenedy Bros.' gun store.

The John Dillon branch of the Irish National League will meet this evening and hereafter at Germania hall, instead of at Odd Fellows hall, East Minneapolis.

There was a small attendance of the Head Millers' association last evening. With the exception of the election of Jacob Stickney of Brainerd as a member, only routine business was transacted.

The will of John E. Booth was yesterday filed in the probate court. The testator bequeaths his saloon property at 253 Hennepin avenue, and household effects to his wife Emma, and the balance of the property to three children. The estate amounts to about $10,000.

It is reported that H. C. Laren intends to erect a six-story hotel building at the corner of Third street and Second avenue, to cost $40,000. If the project is carried out the old sash and blind factory will not distress the public and neighboring property owners much longer.

His friends looked upon Freeman P. Lane yesterday with admiration. He is the sire of a thirteen and one-half pound scion. Freeman P., Jr., is already pledged to make a lifelong fight against Charley Johnson's caucus system, and, by way of diversion, the gamester's first demand was for an Oak Lake toboggan uniform. Of course he will get it.

The "Jumbo" club, recently organized, has 175 members, and arrangements are being made for a grand turnout Minneapolis day at the St. Paul ice carnival. Al Schaefer has been elected captain, Joseph Montoure standard bearer. A meeting will be held this evening at which all members, and others deriring to join the club, are requested to be present.

The two-story frame building at No. 718 Hennepin avenue, owned by T. A. Harrison, was destroyed by fire at about 5 o'clock yesterday morning. It had just been leased by A. S. Miller, who had begun to move his furniture into the building. There had been no fire in the building and the origin is a mystery. Mr. Harrison's loss was $4,000 and he held $3,000 insurance. Mr. Miller lost $600 on furniture, etc., which was covered by a $1,000 insurance policy.

At the meeting of the State Architectural association at the rooms of the Northwestern Permanent Exhibit and Builders' exchange the resignation of Architect Sims of St. Paul was tendered and referred to a committee. The principal part of the meeting was taken up in a discussion of the report of the board of management, which recommended that the resignation of a certain member be asked, on the ground of unprofessional conduct. No definite action was taken.

Minneapolis Real Estate.

Deeds were yesterday filed with the register of deeds as follows:

Lts 11 to 14, blk —; lts 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 and 12, blk 2, Nicollett Avenue add; Amelia A Cam, executrix, to E W Davis	$5,000
Part of lts 4 and 5, blk 11, Morrison's add; Robt Jamison to A R Chestnut	1,150
Lts 1 and 2, blk 40 Highland Park add; T M Follansbee to A R Chestnut and J W Stone	1,500
Lts 4, 5 and 6, blk 4; lts 4, 5 and 6, blk 6; lts 28, 29 and 30, blk 11; lts 16, 17, 18, 28, 29 and 36, blk 12, Park add; T S King to Sarah C Whitman	10,500
Lt 3, blk 7, Carson's add; M B Lee to C M Jepson	1,500
Lt 2, blk 14, Lake of the Isle's add; C A J Marsh to J M Williams	2,000
Lts 11, 12, 13 and 14, blk 1; lts 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 and 12, blk 2, Nicollet Avenue add; Amelia A Camp to E W Davis	5,000
Lt 8, blk 1, Bellevue add; Llewellyn Groff to J D C Knapp	6,700
Lts 8 and 9, blk 14, Baker's add; D E R ice to Anton Miksche	1,200
Lts 4, 5, 6, blk 4; lts 5 and 6, blk 6; lts 28, 29 and 30, blk 1; lts 16, 17, 18, 28, 29 and 30, blk 12, Park add; Sarah C Whitman to L H Selden	450
Part of lt 10, blk 2, Griswold's 3d add; Ella H Griswold to Elizabeth A Fogarty	1,000
S ½ of nw ¼ of sec 21, town 119, range 22; A L P Abell to Michael Wilme	1,200
Sixteen miscellaneous deeds, the consideration of which is less than $1,000	5,241
Total number of deeds, 28	$45,891

San Francisco G. A. R. Encampment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Commander-in-Chief Burdett of the G. A. R. telegraphed this evening to Commander R. H. Warfield of San Francisco that the national encampment of the G. A. R. will be held in San Francisco Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1886.

A BILLIARD CHALLENGE.

Schaefer Signifies His Willingness to Play Any Man Living.

Tom Warren and John Murphy to Fight at Louisville.

Schaefer's Open Challenge.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Jacob Schaefer, the billiard expert, to-day issued the following:

New York, Feb. 2, 1886: Mr. Maurice Vignaux's backer, Mr. John Dowling, having declined to make good his challenge to me to play Maurice Vignaux a return match after such challenge had been duly accepted by me and my backer, Mr. Richard Roche of St. Louis, I hereby announce my willingness to play Mr. Vignaux or any other man in the world at a match game of 3,000 points at fourteen-inch balk-line for $5,000 a side, under the express condition that the winner shall take all the receipts and the loser pay the expenses incident to the match. I prefer Mr. Vignaux as an opponent, and should he or his backers be unable to secure $5,000 stake money to wager, I am willing to play for $1,000, with the same binding condition that the winner take all receipts and the loser pay all expenses. JACOB SCHAEFER.

Warren and Murphy to Fight.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 2.—John Murphy of New York has arrived here and signed with Tom Warren of this city for a fifteen-round small glove contest, Marquis of Queensberry rules, in this city on next Friday, the winner to receive 75 per cent. and the loser the remainder of the gate receipts. Both the light weights are in good trim. Murphy is the taller and weighs three pounds more than Warren, but the bets are strongly favoring the latter. Warren complains that he cannot get Charles McCoy of New York to meet him; that he has sent the latter three challenges, and although McCoy has promised to meet and sign, he has never toed the mark. Warren wants to meet him for any sum up to $500 a side.

A COKE FAMINE PROBABLE.

Many Thousands Affected by the Great Coke Drawer's Strike.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 2.—The great strike in the coke region is likely to cause a coke famine. It has been estimated that the supply on hand to-day, both by operator and consumer, will not last at the most ten days, and at the expiration of that time, unless the strike is broken and the men resume work, furnaces will have to be banked, rolling mills stopped, and thousands of men all over the country be thrown out of employment. The magnitude of the strike, of the number of men whom it affects, and of the hundreds of thousands of dollars that will be lost to workingmen, cannot be estimated. In the region here are between five and six thousand of the class of people who are termed slaves by H. C. Frick. This embraces both men, women and children, although two-thirds of them are men and a very large proportion of them single. It is not thought that they realize what they are going to do when put

OUT OF THEIR HOUSES.

Very few of them have begun to make any plans for the future. Probably 5 per cent. of them will go back to their native country. About thirty bought tickets to Hungary yesterday. To an interpreter one of the leaders said that they were disgusted with this country and would never come back to America. A few are talking of going to the Southwest, where there are coal works, and the remainer will probably go to the already overcrowded Hocking valley. The action of the strikers in refusing to dig coal for the engines is acting as a boomerang, the operators having retaliated by refusing to allow the strikers to take any coal from the bins, and in a few days there will not be a hundred families in the whole region who will have coal enough to keep one fire burning. Coke cannot be burned, and there is no wood to speak of in this region, so with millions of tons of coal in the pits waiting to be dug out, the operatives will have to freeze and go without food or give in and break the strike.

STRICKEN BLIND.

The Peculiar Affliction Affecting Ladies of Evansville.

Special to the Globe.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 2.—Several weeks ago Miss Knickerbocker, a young lady attending the high school, met with a very peculiar affliction. While pursuing her studies she became totally blind, remaining in that condition several days. The young lady has been near-sighted since her birth, and the cause of the sudden blindness was attributed to straining her eyes at study. The young lady has improved and resumed her studies. To-day another case similar to Miss Knickerbocker's, though of a more peculiar nature, was made known. It appears that on last Tuesday Mrs. Reuben D. Wright and her sister-in-law spent the day with friends in the lower portions of the city, and returning home in the evening, and before taking off her wraps, Mrs. Wright was sitting before the fire in her residence at No. 934 Walnut street, when she suddenly put her hand to her eyes and screamed: "I'm blind." For some days she was totally blind, but to-day can distinguish a large object between her and the light. Mrs. Wright and her friends are at a loss to know the cause of this sudden affliction, as she has never been troubled with near-sightedness or weak eyes.

The "Naked Truth."

New York Correspondence.

Society is very much aroused over the appearance of a certain well-known lady at her box in the Metropolitan opera house the other night. She wore her dress very low in the neck, and with simple straps across the shoulders, and the color of her waist material she got as near a flesh tint as could be found, so that at a little distance it was impossible to see any dividing line. As she sat in her box the effect was startling, and every opera glass in the house was leveled at her, while the men in the audience who knew her hastened, between the acts, as a committee of investigation to see what it was that she had on, or had off. The effect produced by her dressing was exactly what she wanted, and yet she is a young woman, a married woman, a mother, and not an immodest woman. If a man should accidentally see her with the waist of her dress off, though she wore a high-necked underwaist she would be ready to faint; and yet she would sit in her box at the opera showing as much of her flesh as she dared, and with the avowed intention of looking as though she was undressed. I do not know what it is that makes women do these things, unless it is the love for social notoriety. They seem to want to do something to break the monotony of ordinary social life, and rack their poor brains for some novelty in dress, or some eccentricity that will make them more talked about than their friends.

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of Board of Public Works.

Regular Meeting.

Jan. 11, 1886.

Board met at 2 p. m.

Present: Messrs. Becker, Hoyt, Koch, Peters, Quinby and Mr. President.

Reading of the minutes of the 4th and 6th insts. dispensed with.

A communication was received from J. E. Atherton in the matter of the assessment for grading Reaney street. Considered and placed on file.

P. W. Hudner, Allan Black and James Prendergast made applications and submitted bonds for plumbers' licenses, which applications were granted in accordance with the rules and ordinances and bonds approved.

Hans Hanson, Samuel White and Walter Adams and John Warne made applications for license to tap and connect with city sewers for the year 1886, which applications were granted and bonds approved.

H. J. DeBruyn, representing the Northwestern Vinegar company, appeared before the Board and offered to take $4,000 in full for all damages to lots 4 and 5, block 9, Morrison's addition to West St. Paul and to the improvements thereon occasioned by the change of grade on State street, from Susan street to a point half way between Wright and Champlain streets, and further agreed to release the city from all charge for damages to said property when said State street is graded to the grade as established by said change of grade, which proposition was accepted.

J. J. McDonald appeared before the board, claiming that he had not been awarded damages for the change of grade on Acker street in front of lots 13, 14, 16, 17 and 21, block 5, Edmund Rice's Second addition. Referred to the Engineer for report as to the extent of the cut in front of said property.

The matter of the change of grade on Sixth street, from Maria Avenue to Arcade street, was referred to the Committee on Assessments and the Clerk was directed to procure abstract of owners' names and description of property.

The Council having returned not approved the award of the Board of Public Works to John C. McCarthy for grading Drake street, from Randolph street to Lee Avenue, the action of the board in said matter was reconsidered, and on motion, all bids for said improvement were rejected, and the Clerk was directed to readvertise for bids for said grading.

Order of Council to Board for formal report on opening and extending Robertson street, sixty (60) feet wide, from Oregon street to State street; also on the opening, widening and extension of Minnehaha street, from Earl street to Frank street, and Terry street, from Beech street to Margaret street. Referred to Engineer for plan of land to be taken.

Order of Council to Board for formal report on the opening of an alley not less than eighteen feet wide through block seventeen (17), St. Paul proper, between Fourth and Fifth streets, the easterly line of said alley to be 100 feet from the west line of Jackson street. Referred to Engineer for plan of land to be taken.

Order of Council to Board for formal report on a change of grade on University Avenue, from Western Avenue to Farrington Avenue, and on Farrington Avenue, from Aurora Avenue to Ellen street; also on Virginia Avenue, from Aurora Avenue to Ellen street. Referred to whole Board to view premises.

Order of Council to Board for formal report on change of grade on Burr street, from Whitall street to Case street. Referred to Engineer for profile.

Order of Council to Board for formal report on grading Buffalo street, from Acker street to Granite street; Pennsylvania Avenue, from Jackson street to L'Orient street; also on grading and surfacing Jessamine street, from Edgerton street to Mississippi street. Referred to Engineer for plan and estimate of cost.

Order of Council to Board for formal report on the construction of a sewer on Stillwater street, from Olmsted street to Williams street. Referred to Engineer for plan and estimate of cost.

Order of Council to Board to condemn land and assess benefits and damages for the opening and extension of an alley through block 7, Whitney & Smith's Addition to St. Paul. Referred to Clerk to procure abstract and Committee to make assessment.

Order of Council to Board for formal report on grading Phalen Avenue, from Seventh street northerly to the Stillwater and White Bear Lake road. Laid over until street is opened.

The following resolution was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Common Council be asked to make an appropriation of $25 for the purchase of postal cards for use in office of the Board of Public Works in giving notice of assessments.

In the matter of grading Van Buren street, from Como Avenue to Victoria street, the warrant was recalled from the Treasurer and all assessment notices were annulled, the same being erroneous, and the Clerk was directed to give a new first assessment notice.

In the matter of the openiug, widening and extension of Minnehaha street, from Western Avenue to Griggs street, the confirmation notice of the assessment for said improvement, dated Jan. 6, 1886, was annulled, the same being erroneous, and the Clerk was directed to give a new confirmation notice.

Pursuant to due notice the matter of condemning for a public park lots 13, 14 and 15, block 68, Dayton & Irvine's Addition, was taken up and considered, and after hearing all persons present interested, the same was adjourned for further consideration to Feb. 8, 1886, at 2 p. m.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournments thereunder, the matter of making and completing the assessment for the opening and extension of Mohawk Avenue, between Page street and Cherokee Avenue, came up and the same was adjourned to the 25th inst. at 2 p. m.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournments thereunder, the matter of making and completing the assessment for the opening, widening and extension of Josette street, from Martin street to Fuller street, came up and the same was adjourned to Feb. 8, 1886, at 2 p. m.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournment thereunder, the matter of making and completing the assessment for widening Ravoux street, from Fuller street to Martin street, came up and the same was adjourned to the 28th inst. at 2 p. m.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournment thereunder, the matter of making and completing the assessment for the condemnation and taking for a public park "Madison Place," so called, came up, and the same was adjourned to Feb. 8, 1886, at 2 p. m.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournment thereunder the matter of making and completing the assessment for a change of grade on Jackson street, from Ninth (9th) street to Pearl street, came up and the same was duly completed and the clerk directed to give the confirmation notice.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournment thereunder the matter of making and completing the assessment for a change of grade on Hoffman avenue, from McLean street to edge of bluff, came up and the same was duly completed and the clerk directed to give confirmation notice.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournment thereunder the matter of making and completing the assessment for grading and guttering Western Avenue, from Como Avenue to Maryland street, came up and the same was duly completed and the Clerk directed to give the confirmation notice.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournment thereunder the matter of making and completing the assessment for a change of grade on Olmsted street, from Stillwater street to DeBow street, came up and the same was duly completed and the Clerk was directed to give the confirmation notice.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournments thereunder the matter of the confirmation of the assessment for the opening, widening and extension of Hoffman Avenue from Short street to Lizzie street, came up and the same was adjourned to the 25th inst at 2 p. m.

The following bills were examined and allowed, to-wit:

Bill of Mathew Craig of $25, estimating cost of raising house, etc., in line of proposed change of grade on Fairfield Avenue.

Bill of G. M. Merrill of $36, estimating cost of raising houses on Fairfield Avenue in line of proposed change of grade.

Bill of People's Ice company of $10, ice from June 1 to Nov. 1, 1885.

Adjourned to meet on the 14th inst at 7 p. m.

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