

MINNEAPOLIS MENTION

The Complicated Problem of the City's Legislative Needs Discussed in Conference.

A Board of Public Works Agreed Upon, but the Police Commission in Disfavor.

Coopers in Trouble—The Water Board's Long Session—Car Drivers Deny Alleged Abuse.

Gayety of Society, Victims of Death, Courts and Crimes and Other Elements of City Life.

SOME TALL FIGURING To Provide for the Wants of the City.

The meeting called by Mayor Ames of the finance committee of the different boards of the city government and the means committee of the council was held last evening at the council chamber, and was attended by Mayor Ames, Comptroller Holbrook, A. C. Austin, W. D. Hale, from the school board; S. C. Gale, E. A. Merrill, T. B. Jamney, A. J. Blenheim, A. B. Barton, George Huhn, from the Extension board of directors; Commissioners Foote, Andrews, Farnsworth, Glenn, from the water board; Ald. Haugan, Johnson and Eichhorn, from the council committee on ways and means, and Mayor Ames and E. M. Johnson, from the school board.

Mayor Ames, in calling the meeting to order, said he had noticed that the boards of the city have each a project, and the board of trade as well. The city could not issue bonds to supply one-half these demands which will be met upon the expiration of the legislature and keep within the 5 per cent. limit. He had, therefore, thought it best to call a meeting and hold a conference by which an equitable division could be arranged. Without concerted action he feared that some department of the city would suffer sadly at the expense of others. The meeting elected his honor chairman and Ald. Eichhorn secretary. The comptroller stated the amount expended by the city during the twelve months ending December 31, 1886, was \$534,788.22. Mayor Ames said that the council has ordered 36 1/2 miles of water main, costing \$424,000, and will only receive \$200,000 back by special assessments. Ald. Johnson, from the finance committee on legislation, gave some estimates as follows: For sewers, \$200,000 of which \$100,000 is needed for the North Minneapolis sewer, and \$100,000 for the Northeast Minneapolis; \$50,000 for sewers in the Second and Sixth wards; workhouse additions, \$30,000; fire police salaries, \$80,000. For the city's portion of the permanent improvements for 1887, \$300,000; for the same purpose in 1888, \$100,000. There are funds amounting to \$210,000 for the Franklin avenue and Twentieth avenue bridges, which have been appropriated but not issued. The committee had also decided upon a revolving fund to advance the deferred payments on paving, curbs, gutters and sewers, to be payable in five annual installments, with 5 per cent on deferred payments. There is assessed for the present year for these three improvements \$375,000. If this plan for a revolving fund is adopted \$75,000 will be paid June 1 and the balance by the \$300,000 bonds of this year's issue. Next year \$225,000 will be necessary to meet the deferred payments.

Maj. Hale stated that the school board would need at least \$100,000, and should have five new school houses. The water board needs \$424,000 to do the work the council has ordered for 1887, but would like to get along with \$500,000 for the two years. The library board, it was stated, would ask for help from the city, and one was present from the park commission, but the comptroller stated that it has yet \$120,000 in bonds to its credit. E. A. Merrill, from the Extension, asked that authority should be procured for help from the city, and one was present from the park commission, but the comptroller stated that it has yet \$120,000 in bonds to its credit. E. A. Merrill, from the Extension, asked that authority should be procured for help from the city, and one was present from the park commission, but the comptroller stated that it has yet \$120,000 in bonds to its credit.

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necessity of having bonds for each piece of work done and having outstanding a large quantity of short time bonds bearing a high rate of interest and not possessing the same commercial value that long time Minneapolis city bonds would.

The committee has also decided to ask for the creation of a board of public works to take charge of all improvements and expenditures, the board to consist of two Democrats and two Republicans, to be named in the bill, their successors to be elected on the expiration of two years. This board is to take charge of street improvements, instead of a general street commissioner, as recommended by the board of trade. The committee was unable to agree as to the police commission, although the Republicans were unanimously in favor of the plan most favored was to have the commission consist of two Democrats, two Republicans, with the mayor as a member ex officio, the term of office of one Democrat and one Republican to expire each year. The commission is to be elective, but the first commission to be named in the bill.

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BARREL BUSINESS. Minneapolis Cooperator in an Unsanitary Condition. There seems to be a constantly unsettled condition of things existing in the cooper trade. The men and the makers have a mutual distrust of each other, and this feeling, together with a surplus of stock, it may be, has caused dissatisfaction all round. The Hardwood Storage company shut down last Saturday, throwing 140 coopers out of work. The company expects to begin operations as soon as it has disposed of the barrels on hand, which now crowd its storehouses; this will probably necessitate a month's idleness; and this, in turn, brings up a question among the men themselves, as to whether they are entitled to benefits from the cooper's assembly while not working. As the firm say the shut-down was in no sense a lock-out, the opinion is, therefore, prevalent that the assembly cannot be asked for the same. There is trouble between Robert Parr and his men, who are at present, but a committee of the assembly is endeavoring to adjust their differences. The journeymen are preparing to buy out any one in the business as fast as such a business presents themselves. Cooperation has attained a great degree of success among the coopers.

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taxes and assessments must be levied upon estimates and in advance of the use of the money for which they are levied. These estimates, because of the fallibility of human judgment, or of changes in cost of labor and material, are almost certain to vary somewhat from the actual expenditures. But if the estimates are honestly and fairly made, and the kind of work planned because of such probable variation between estimates and actual cost. And the charter provisions are just and ample to protect against any injustice. In this particular case the objection is purely theoretical, as it is not shown that the kind of sidewalk ordered by the city council would cost just the amount of the special assessment, \$143.51. And the admitted fact that the city authorities would have been satisfied had the lot owner himself put down a concrete sidewalk at a cost of \$74 seems irrelevant, showing nothing but a laxity on the part of the city authorities. \* \* \* The defendant claims that as his property may be sold for the collection of this assessment which was levied without giving him an opportunity to be heard, it amounts to taking his property without due process of law, and therefore contravenes art. 1, sec. 7, of the constitution of this state, and art. 1, sec. 7, of the constitution of the United States. The question of what constitutes due process of law, though much discussed in judicial decisions, remains but loosely defined. \* \* \* Now, these special assessments, with the other taxes of the city, are levied by the county auditor and entered with all other taxes. The provisions of chapter 11 of the general statutes control respecting their payment and collection. Under those provisions the owner's property can only be taken by sale pursuant to judgment of a court, and notice and opportunity to the owner to appear and by answer set forth his defense or objection to the tax, and judgment is to be given on the merits, disregarding forms and technicalities. The defendant, therefore, has his day in court, and opportunity to be heard in every case of defense or objection against this assessment, and is now in court on the "day" provided, not being as yet deprived of his property. This provision of the city charter, therefore, substantially as at present since 1878, and has been copied into charters of other cities of this state. All special assessments have since been made in the manner indicated, and this objection is now for the first time raised.

DAUGHTERS IN DANGER. An Alleged Attempt to Procure the Ruin of Two Girls. Wednesday morning a Mrs. Leroy applied at police headquarters for aid to recover her daughter, fourteen years old, whom she had not seen since Monday, but supposed was in a house of ill-repute kept by Lou Felter, at 253 First street south. Mrs. Leroy was accompanied by a Mrs. Goodman, who stated that her daughter had also been decoyed to the same house, but had returned home. Officer Grace, who was detailed to the case, found the Leroy child at the house of Mrs. Dillon, a sister of Lou Felter, on Eighth avenue south, in the rear of Osbourne's machine shop. The child said that she had remained at Felter's place over Tuesday night and had then gone away. She had wanted to go home, but the woman had refused to give up her clothes, and she was forced to remain. She also claimed that Mrs. Dillon had attempted to induce her to occupy a bed with her husband. The presence of a woman named Goodman, who was dressed, elderly man with mustache, who made indecent proposals and offers of money for submission to his wishes. The girl, however, managed to escape from the room, and getting to the street, she went to the house of her home. This occurred Dec. 1, she claims. Upon the strength of her assertions a warrant was sworn out for Mrs. Dillon, charging her with attempting to induce the girl to lead a life of prostitution. She was arrested yesterday, but denies that she has been instrumental in accomplishing the girl's ruin, who, she says, although young, has already become experienced in the ways of wickedness. She further claims that the Leroy child came to her home, and that she took her out of kindness, as she had no place to go. Both girls claim that they have not been ruined, but their mothers, poor but respectable women, who live in an alley way near First avenue south, between Eighth and Ninth streets, are anxious to have the case prosecuted. An investigation will be made by the police, and the business men who figure in the affair will probably be arrested.

W. C. T. U. Regular Monthly Meeting of the Central Union. The various temperance unions of the city were represented at the monthly meeting yesterday, and a great deal of routine business was transacted. Twelve reports were read from as many committees, showing a general progress in the work. New names are being added to the membership daily. Christian temperance meetings have been held almost every evening in the month at the Central rooms, 220 Hennepin avenue, and several conversions have been reported. A report shows a healthy financial condition. A collection was taken for the temperance hospital at Chicago. Mrs. Beach read an interesting account of the work and results achieved at the "Young Men's Second" in a series of parlor meetings will be inaugurated this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Bishop Foss, which will be conducted by Mrs. Clara H. Smith. Hereafter there will be weekly parlor meetings conducted by the several unions of the city.

Episcopal Convocation. At the second day's session of the Central deacons yesterday, Bishop Gilbert was present, and addressed the assembly in the morning. The bishop has been in the city at Wadon the last two days by the snow blockade. The chief feature of the session yesterday morning was the ordination, by the bishop, of Joseph Watkinson as deacon of the Episcopal church of St. Paul. Joseph is a full-blooded Winnipegger, and comes from the reservation of his people in the region of Leech lake. He is a protege of Rev. Gilliland, of the White Earth parish, who was deservedly proud of the excellent examination which his pupil passed in Bible learning. At noon the deacons adjourned, after a convocation of unusual interest, to meet on the 18th of next January, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Paul.

AMUSEMENTS. GRAND OPERA, MINNEAPOLIS. TO-NIGHT: SATURDAY MATINEE! Engagement of the CONRID ENGLISH OPERA CO. Presenting "The Gypsy Baron." Largest Company Co. traveling; 75 people. Prices, \$1.25, \$1.00, 50c, 25c. Matinee prices reduced.

GRAND OPERA. JAN. 21, 1887. GRAND BENEFIT CONCERT TO MISS AGNES HUNTINGTON, Late of the Boston Ideal Opera company, Assisted by local talent. Tickets on sale Friday. Prices regular. EVENING OPERA HOUSE. Performance begins 8:15. Matinees at 2:30. Week of Jan. 17. The Stirring Sensational drama, KIT; or, Life in the Sierras! Matinee Wednesday and Saturday. Admission only 10, 20, 30 cents.

BATTLE OF ATLANTA THE GREAT WAR PANORAMA, Fifth street, near Nicollet, Minneapolis. Open daily from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. Renowned by contemporary critics the most vivid, realistic and grandest War Panorama yet produced. Admission—Adults, 50 cents; children under fifteen, 25 cents.

FURNITURE! FURNITURE! All Kinds at 52 Fifth St. S. Hat Racks, Easy Chairs, Bookers of all kinds, Chamber Sets, Parlor Suits, Center Tables, Rattan Chairs, Extension Tables, Book Cases, Chiffoniers, By B. BEVERIDGE.

FRANK A. STEVENS STOVES & TINWARE 312 HENNEPIN AV. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

MINNEAPOLIS GLOBULES. Bank clearings yesterday amounted to \$21,182.91. Hon. C. K. Davis will address the Union league one week from to-night. An execution was named given by a man arrested yesterday afternoon for the theft of clothing from 1006 Washington avenue south. William Donnelly got sixty days in the county jail yesterday for giving his wife; also a good lecture from indignation Judge Bailey. Frank W. Laudertale and wife yesterday filed a complaint of Laudertale's subdivision in block 10, Morrison's addition to North Minneapolis. The following named persons obtained licenses to sell beer and wine, in the city of Minneapolis, under the license law of the state, at the meeting of the Minnesota Congregational club in St. Paul, Monday evening, Dec. 13. G. E. Merrill, of this city, will speak on "The Preaching We Need." Calhoun Lodge No. 92, A. O. U. W., give an entertainment this evening at the hall corner of Twenty-sixth street and Washington avenue. The lodge will give a ball on the evening of Feb. 1. Andrew Olson, while walking along Washington avenue, yesterday afternoon, fell in front of 609, breaking one of his legs. He was taken to his home, 214 Fifteenth avenue, and is expected to recover. The railroad committee of the city council and the aldermen of the Seventh and Eighth wards meet this afternoon to consider the proposed lowering of tracks of the Hastings & Dakota division of the Milwaukee road. John H. Elliott, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has issued a neat calendar for all meetings, which gives the dates of all meetings of the Y. M. C. A., and the object of the organization. Copies may be had

at the secretary's office in the Syndicate block. There will be a meeting at Menage's hall Saturday evening of the residents within the territory bounded by Lyndale, Western, Twenty-fourth street and Sixth avenue south to organize an improvement association. A young man was brought into police headquarters last evening suffering from a slight attack of delirium tremens. His home, he said, was in Chicago, and he had come up to see the ice palace. He had pawned his fur overcoat and handsome gold watch for two drinks of whisky. He was cared for at the lock-up. There will be a meeting of Democrats at the Algonquin club rooms on Saturday evening, to consider the revolutionary measures now being urged upon the legislature, such as redistributing the city, abolishing street commissioners and the organization of a police commission. All are invited. The First National bank will loan the board of education the \$30,000 it desires to borrow at 8 per cent.; Security bank, 8 per cent.; Union and Nicolet National banks, 7 per cent.; and First National Bank of Boston, 6 1/2 per cent. The finance committee received the officers yesterday and will probably accept the list of officers. At the meeting of Scandia Lodge No. 6, K. of P., last evening the following officers were installed: P. C., John Peterson; C. C., A. G. Green; N. C., Ernest Dean; prelate, P. N. Wingard; W. M., J. H. Johnson; S. W., M. O. E. Gilbert; J. W., M. F. A. Seiderstrom; M. A., M. M. Faudell; Q. O., O. P. Miller; G. O., J. Brissman. William Williams, a South Minneapolis horse trainer, was yesterday arraigned in the municipal court for assaulting Frank Bateze with a dangerous weapon. Bateze, who was employed as a driver, had demanded when he saw the wages Parker struck him in the face with a hatchet. Parker was held for examination to-day in \$300.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL. Items of Interest Regarding People and Events in the Flour City. Joseph Nelson is dangerously sick. Thirty-three of the "Gypsy Baron" people are at the Clark Hotel, Minneapolis. Dr. E. K. Blair, of Waverly, Ill., is visiting relations in the Twin Cities. Miss Jennie Jones went to Chicago last night for a two weeks' visit. At the Clark Hotel, William Jones, L. H. Whitener, Markato; Emil Diendome, Janesville; J. S. White, East City. Mrs. M. Gierlesman, A. Jacob and B. F. Miller, with two ladies, and children, all of Chippewa Falls, are at the West. B. J. Tutthill and wife, Laura Bellina, Helen Vanderhoff and Miss O'Neil, of the Gypsy Baron company, are at the West. At the St. James; Mrs. L. Cronn and sisters Bau Claire; A. C. Weber, Annon; G. H. Dresbach and wife, Dresbach, Minn. At the National; Joseph Smith, Dan Evans, Farn D. C. Upton, F. L. Dickinson, Cassette; Wood Harrington, F. B. Dean, Glencoe. At the Nicollet; A. E. Broker, Wadena; J. H. Murphy, Stevens Point; A. L. Ely and wife; Pipestone; H. C. Crawford, Worthington. The marriage of Miss Anna Downs and Mr. A. Peterson was solemnized Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Henry Downs. W. H. Laudertale was taken with a congestive chill yesterday which, with the lung fever, from which he is suffering, has given his friends much alarm. The rotunda of the West was brightened by the presence of a hundred braves of the Grand Army of the Republic last night at about 7 o'clock, bound for St. Paul. The young people of St. Mark's parish thoroughly enjoyed their social at the residence of C. J. Peterson last evening. There was a good attendance, and the attractive home, with the charming hospitality of Mrs. Hardenburg and her family, made the evening pass quickly and happily to all present. At the West; W. A. Lancaster and wife, Augusta, Me.; J. P. Horland, Albert Lea; G. H. Shultz, St. Paul; G. C. Foster and wife, Columbia, Dak.; A. T. Hall, Northfield. Miss Mary Beach returned to St. Mary's school, at Faribault, yesterday afternoon, after a pleasant home visit, during which, in company with several school friends from St. Paul, she took in the ice palace, and saw his majesty, the King. Eighty friends had been invited to witness the marriage of Miss Nettie Jolley and Mr. E. H. Davenport, at the bride's home last night, and many of them were present. The young people are favorites in their circle and received many congratulations and beautiful presents. A very pleasant dancing party was given at Malcolm's hall last night, Misses Gertrude Dewey and Rose Flannigan being the hostesses. About forty couples were present and a program of music and dancing furnished hours of happiness. Danz orchestra furnished the music.

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