MILL CITY MATTERS.

Tim Barrett Will Hear His Fate in the District Court This Morning.

Jacques Kruger's Title and Money Poked Fun at by a New York Paper.

Attempt to Remove the Roof From a Man's Home in Sub-Zero Weather.

Annual Meeting of the White Cross Society--Keene in Richard III.

THE FATE OF TIM.

What Will Be the Sentence to Be Pronounced To-Day.

At 9 a. m. to-day Judge Lochren will sentence Timothy Barrett, who was convicted of the murder of Thomas Tollefson, the street car driver. There has been considerable discussion among the legal fraternity as to whether the penalty imposed will be death by hanging or imprisonment for life. The law leaves this whole matter to the judgment and discretion of the judge. If there were anything in the evidence at the trial that in his judgment should be favorable to the prisoner, the sentence will be imprisonment for life; but if there are no mitigating circumstances the sentence will be death by hanging. In an interview with Mr. Donahue, one of the lawyers who defended Barrett, he said: "This man Tim Barrett does not realize his danger. He does not seem to comprehend that he has been convicted of murder and that the penalty is death. When I was talking with yesterday he said: 'Oh, I'll come out of this all right yet. The truth will come out some time.' He does not seem to realize that he may hang before that time. Why Lou Murray, who occupy the next cell to him, says that he is an idiot, and that he laughs and jokes and does not seem to realize that he is liable to be hung. A motion for a new trial will be made soon; how soon I can't say at present. We expect to base our argument on certain exceptions made by the defense at the late trial, and which were overruled, and on new evidence now in our possession. Peter Barrett may be tried before we make our argument for a new trial for Tim. The fact that we knew nothing about the evidence of the state at Tim's trial, until it was introduced day by day, badly crippled our case, as we had then no time to combat it. Then there was another thing. There were those who could have given evidence for the defense, but dared not do so through fear of 'Reddy' Barrett's vengeance in the hereafter; but since Tim's conviction a number of them have come to the front and told us what knew about it. This man, 'Reddy' Barrett, has led a life of crime almost from his cradle, but he has been shrewd enough to always let some one else bear the consequences of his villainy. 'Reddy' proved himself an excellent witness for the state, and well he might, for the witness stand is no new place for him to be. The officers in the municipal court have told me that they considered him almost the best witness that ever appeared in that court. The jury must have accepted his story for the truth, as there was absolutely no corroboration except that two witnesses saw three men near the scene of the murder, but even they could not describe the men or identity them."

The county attorney and his assistant are very confident that the death penalty will be imposed, and that Peter will also be convicted. Most of the legal fraternity seem to think that the penalty will be imprisonment, as one prominent member of the bar said: "The law should not allow the death penalty to be imposed where a man was convicted on the testimony of one witness."

"COUNT" JACQUES KRUGER.

How a Soft Minneapolis Reporter Was Cleverly Hoaxed.

A previous young reporter on an afternoon paper, who haunts hotel corridors for the precious privilege of conversing and being seen with actors, was cleverly hoaxed by Jacques Kruger, of the "Gypsy Baron" company. The accomplished Kruger accommodatingly loaded the youth to the muzzle with a wad of "good stuff" about himself which filled a column in the paper, and was afterwards telegraphed east as a sensational item. The New York Morning Journal says, concerning the reception of the news of Kruger's good luck at Gotham:

The Rialto was in a hubbub of excitement yesterday over the story which was telegraphed from Minneapolis that Jacques Kruger, the basso in "The Gypsy Baron" company, which is traveling through the West under the management of Herr Conreid, formerly of the Casino, had fallen heir to an estate worth $1,000,000 in Brussels, and that a cash deposit of $30,000 had been placed at his disposal by Achille Dubarre, the Parisian lawyer for Mr. Kruger. As if this were not enough good fortune to befall a poor actor in one day, the story went on to relate that a title goes with the property, and that Jacques Kruger's name in future will be billed as the Count de Cartier de la Bois. Everybody on the Rialto knows Kruger, and his friends were in ecstasies over the story. When in this city Jacques is one of the boys. He is a bosom friend of Bob Hilliard and Ed Aronson, and is known to every professional from the meek song and dance artist to the sonorous tragedian. Mr. Kruger made his first big hit at Tony Pastor's theater in a burlesque on the "Pirates of Penzance." He is a dashing comedian, and only De Wolf Hopper can compare with him in the length and dexterity of his legs. Lillian Russell was with Tony Pastor at the same time, and Kruger and Lilian sailed into popularity together. The news of Jacques's good luck came to the ears of his New York friends yesterday morning, and all sorts of schemes were soon under way to get a share of the immense estate in France, said to be 4,000 acres in extent. Ex-managers who have been patronizing free lunches for weeks braced up and smiled once more as they remarked, "Now we shall be all right. The Count de Cartier de la Bois will start us on the road and furnish all the cash we want." One sanguine individual went so far as to borrow a dollar from a charitable friend and used it in telegraphing his congratulations to the count. Kruger's old friend and manager, Tony Pastor, was seen by a morning Journal reporter and questioned about the truth of the story:

"I am pleased to hear of the count's good fortune," said Tony. "I always thought there was something romantic about the count and now I know it. He often told me that his grandfather was guillotined for treason to the Emperor Napoleon. I didn't doubt the guillotine part of the story, but I was a little scary on the cause of the grandfather's execution. Well, there is nobody who can spend $1,000,000 quicker than Jacques and I congratulate him."

ED ARONSON TELEGRAPHED HIS JOY to the count and invited him to visit New York at once, and Bob Hilliard looked more cheerful than he has done since the disastrous outcome of his tilt against Mrs. Langtry and Freddie Gebhard. The friends of the count will be pained to hear that there is a large doubt upon the Minneapolis tale. The dispatches stated that Mr. Kruger's lawyers in this city were Messrs. Ravel & Lafavre. There is no such firm in New York, but Ravel and Lafavre are prominent characters in "The Gypsy Baron," and it is feared that the extent of the count's acquaintance with the firm ends there.

Want's His Dividend.

Anthony Kelly has brought an action against the Scandia bank for $1,500. He claims to own fifty shares of stock of $100 each in said bank, and says that there is now due him three dividends of 10 per cent each on said stock, amounting to $1,500, but which said bank refuses to pay him.

A COOL PROCEEDING.

A Man's Roof Removed With the Mercury at 20 Deg. Below.

It was about 20 deg. below zero yesterday morning at 8 o'clock when R. L. Berglund and a gang of workmen appeared and proceeded to tear the roof off the building at 420 Hennepin avenue, which is occupied by a confectionery and fruit store owned by J. W. Fitzgerald. Remonstrances were in vain, so the police were appealed to and Berglund was taken to the municipal court, where he was charged with forcible entry and held to the grand jury in $300 bonds. It appears that the building stands upon ground owned by Elder Stewart, who leased it to a man named Leichleter, who in turn subleased to Fitzgerald. Leichleter then sold the lease to Bergland, and Fitzgerald refused to vacate, as his lease has two years longer to run. Mr. Fitzgerald in the afternoon applied to the district court for an injunction to restrain Berglund from tearing down the building, and has begun a suit to recover $1,000 damages for injury to his stock.

WHITE CROSS SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting Held at Centenary Church Last Evening.

There was a fairly large attendance at the annual meeting of the White Cross society at Centenary church last evening. Mrs. E. M. S. Marble gave an interesting account of the work done in Minneapolis since the society was organized, after which Mrs. George H. Miller reported that during the year there had been collected $165.50, and that a balance of $26.45 still remained on hand. The following officers were elected: President, S. P. Channell; first vice president, C. T. Leonard; second vice president, Mrs. M. C. Nind; secretary, Mrs. A. C. Morrow; treasurer, Mrs. George H. Miller; chaplain, Rev. J. J. Hall: executive committee, W. K. Smith, H. G. Darrow, Mrs. A. E. Russell, Mrs. E. M. S. Marble and W. H. Skemp. Mr. Channell, the president, being absent in California, Mr. Leonard, the first vice president, will fill the position. In accepting the office he made a short speech, saying he was glad to be given an opportunity of seeing how the White Cross society work was carried on. A. C. Harris submitted by-laws, which were adopted by the meeting.

AT THE PLAY.

Keene as Crook Richard---The Coming Great Attractions.

The largest audience of the week assembled at the Hennepin Avenue theater last night, and it was conceded by general consent, that "Richard III." is Keene's masterpiece. His strength was mainly developed in those passages which portray the deformed mind and fiendish passions of Gloster in their blackest colors. Where the incident was strongest, the tragedian was at his best, whether in the full play of dark passion or in the expression of malicious cunning. The opening monologue was an innovation, in style and stage business, but was acceptable and the actor was warmly received thereafter. The scene with Lady Anne was especially fine and the merit of the performance became more marked from act to act. The tent scene drew out a warm encore, and to the fall of the curtain interest was at its height. The support was the best yet given and there was an attention to details that always pleases the auditor and marks the artist. The bill to-night will be "Othello" with Keene as Iago.

The Grand will lay everything out in the cold next week with that great success, "Adonis," with Henry E. Dixey in the title role. It is hard for one impoverished in language to rate Harry Dixey as he should be. Perhaps the best compliment that can be paid him is to write that he is beyond doubt the prince of comedians. His work is so very clever and so remarkably free from anything approaching the vulgar that the most fastidious must credit him with a refinement that no comedian in this or any other country can possibly claim. He makes up exquisitely, is as handsome as a picture, very careful that nothing should occur in his work to detract from its merits, is always ready to bestow as much attention upon little things as upon great ones, is highly original in his specialties, and is the only man in America who could make of "Adonis" a character so strong that one would wish to see him night after night. This is certainly a remarkable circumstance, too, for he has appeared in nothing else since the summer of 1884, and when a piece has been played by one man more than 1,200 times, it should not be considered out of place for him to cut it upon some occasions. Dixey never does this—he is ever the bright, energetic, faithful and exquisite artist, whose work has broken down the cynical attacks of the English critics and compelled the American press to confess that he is king of his profession. "Adonis" will be seen for only four nights and one matinee at the Grand opera, commencing next Wednesday.

It is announced that Miss Maddern, on her return engagement at the Hennepin avenue theater next week—probably on Thursday—will give a matinee and evening performance for the benefit of L.P. Plummer Post Sons of Veterans. In that event the week's repertoire will be divided as follows: On Monday and Tuesday evenings, "Caprice;" on Wednesday evening, "In Spite of All;" on Thursday afternoon and evening, "Caprice," and on Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday matinee, "In Spite of All." Miss Maddern has quite a military leaning, and is delighted that the opportunity is presented to do a kind act for the boys. The full programme, if the arrangement is consummated, will be published in the Sunday morning papers.

The Gorman's Spectacular minstrels open at the Grand opera to-night with their wonderfully successful organization. The company is practically Haverly's old mastodons, and includes all the old favorites. The Gormans, E. M. Hall, Ned Harley, Le Moch, the Quaker City quartette and others are in the company. The engagement finishes out the week with Saturday matinee. A grand street parade will be given at 12 m. to-day.

The English comedy, the "Guv'nor," is playing to large audiences at the People's theater this week. A special matinee will be given Saturday at 2 p. m.

WATER AND TRADE.

Both Bad for the Millers---Flour Output Light.

The flour product last week was about the same, being only a few thousand barrels in excess of the previous week. There were made for the week 108,400 bbls--averaging 18,067 bbls—against 102,000 bbls the preceding week, and 116,600 bbls for the corresponding time in 1887. Two mills have dropped out of the operative list as a result of the increased shortage of water, thus cutting off about 1,200 barrels daily. This leaves fourteen running, six of which are using steam exclusively, while a seventh is employing water to drive one-half of its machinery. The water occasionally rises to a fair stage, when some of the mills standing in idleness for a lack of it start up and run until the head is drawn down again. This is the cause of uneven and not very satisfactory work, and some millowners prefer to remain idle altogether rather than to do it. The steam mills are kept in operation at full capacity, though the call for flour is less pressing than formerly. Local mills are getting pretty well caught up with orders, and their managers feel more at ease as to being able to please customers on shipments than for a long time. The flour market is reported very dull, the current sales of the mills in operation amounting to less than their product. Buyers seem to want cheaper prices, but the higher cost of wheat precludes their being granted, and so the two sides are at such variance that trade is restricted and slow. There were 36,300 bbls of flour directly exported by the mills last week, against 37,400 bbls the previous week.

THE NEWSBOYS' HOME.

The Annual Meeting Held Yesterday and Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of those interested in the Newsboys' home was held yesterday afternoon at the new home, No. 20 Sixth street north. There was not a large number present, however, owing to the cold weather. The building was subjected to a thorough inspection and found to be in excellent shape. There are thirteen rooms in the house and all are in use. The association elected the following directors for the ensuing year: A. J. Condit, S. S. Small, Mrs. A. Russell, Lowell Jepson, Mrs. S. P. Van Cleve, George H. Rust, N. F. Griswold, Miss Eva McIntyre and C. E. Wales. The association then adjourned and the directors went into session and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, N. F. Griswold; vice president, Mrs. Sarah Farr; second vice president, Mrs. W. D. Washburn; secretary, L. Jepson; treasurer, George H. Rust. The report of the treasurer showed the amount of cash received during the year $650.52. The expenses were $502.30, leaving a balance on hand of $148.22. Mrs. Farr reported that the average number of meals given each month was 950, and the average number of lodgings given, 370.

THE CITY POOR.

$8 a Month for the Support of a Helpless Family.

The board of supervisors of the poor spent considerable time yesterday afternoon discussing the aid to be granted certain of the city charges. The care of Thomas Mulvahill, who lost his eyes by a sewer explosion a year ago, seemed especially piteous. He is helpless and two members of his family are sick with consumption, while the extent of the aid the superintendent could grant was $8 per month for four persons. The amount was finally increased to $12 a month. A number of other cases of deserving poor were also disposed of.

Supt. Curtis submitted his report for December, showing:

Applications, 573; visits by superintendent, 128; relief granted in groceries, 246; orders for groceries, 261; total, $733.90; orders for wood, 222, amounting to $550.05; hospital expenses, $742; number of patients in hospitals, Dec. 1, 67; sent to hospitals during month, 81; now in hospitals, 82; inmates of poor house, Dec. 1, 47; sent during the month, 12; now in poor house, 55; expenses, $456; number of visits by city physician, 311; burials, 1; total expenses, $2,728.86.

BRAVED THE COLD.

Methodist Ladies Discuss Foreign Missions.

The Minneapolis branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church met at Centenary church yesterday morning with a fairly large number present, considering the cold weather, and held the first quarterly meeting. Mrs. Mary C. Nind gave the reports sent in by the auxiliaries in Dakota, Montana and Washington Territory. Some of the reports stated that the work was not progressing as well as it might, and others were more encouraging. The secretary reported that the receipts for the quarter were $1,315 and the disbursements $1,971.54. There is now a balance of $7,982.54 in the treasury. The financial report was encouraging and showed ha a hearty interest was being taken in the work by the young ladies of the various churches. A large number of encouraging letters from missionaries abroad were read. At the afternoon session Rev. R. N. McKaig led a praise meeting, after which "Our Mission Fields" were discussed by Mrs. F. F. Atkins and Mrs. H. S. Fairchild. The meeting closed with short talks on practical subjects.

THE DIRT BARONS.

Annual Meeting of the Real Estate Exchange--New Officers.

There was not a particularly large attendance at the annual meeting of the real estate exchange yesterday afternoon, but those present manifested considerable interest. The treasurer's report showed the receipts for the year to have been $6,103.25, and the disbursements $3,909.82, leaving a balance on hand of $2,193.43. The following directors were elected: S. C. Gale, A. J. Boardman and J. M. Bartlett. After this election J. N. Nind read an interesting paper upon the available pine timber tributary to Minneapolis. He went into statistics to show that Minneapolis was fast coming to the front as a lumber manufacturing center. The directors held a meeting after the adjournment of the exchange and elected the following officers:

President, E. S. Corser; first vice president, P. D. McMillan; second vice president, A. J. Boardman; treasurer, W. A. Barnes. Charles Harris, the former secretary, will resign and go back to the newspaper business.

CAUGHT IN COURT.

H. L. Gordan obtained a judgment against B. Freil for $503.27 for lumber sold.

William Keegan, one of the jurymen, was fined $4 yesterday for being absent from the court room when his name was called.

A motion for a new trial in the divorce case of Frank Wagner against Amelia Wagner was overruled by Judge Young.

The jury returned a verdict for $550 for the plaintiff in the case of Arthur N. Jordan vs. Lesser Franklin for $975, commission for selling a stock of goods.

The jury rendered a verdict for the defendant in the case of Carl Swenson against C. C. Winslow, to recover a sewing machine taken on a writ of replevin.

The following cases were dismissed yesterday: C. H. Thorpe vs. A. L. Jones. A. L. Jones vs. C. H. Thorpe, actions in replevin, and John L. Lund et al. vs. J. L. Beach et al., to recover $245 for labor performed.

The case of Fred Herold against P. P. Swenson was on trial yesterday before Judge Rea. The plaintiff claims to have been engaged in the grocery business at 1417 Washington avenue north, and that the defendant on the 26th of September seized his stock of goods on a writ of replevin, thereby ruining his business. He asks for $1,500 damages.

The Herzog Manufacturing company has brought an action against T. R. Beery et al. to have a mechanic's lien for $366 foreclosed.

The case of Lindquist, Anderson & Co. against Peter Klarquist et al. to have a mechanic's lien foreclosed was partially tried yesterday before Judge Young, who continued the case ten days to allow the plaintiff to amend pleading.

Lowell B. Sevy asks for a divorce from Alice S. Sevy, on the ground of desertion. He gives their ages as thirty-five and thirty-four, respectively, and says they were married at Bloomington, Wis., in 1882.

Another Fatal Accident.

John Knudson, a Norwegian, aged twenty-three years, while shoveling snow in the Milwaukee railroad yard yesterday morning stepped in front of a moving switch engine and was run over. The wheels of the engine passed over his thighs, injuring him so terribly that he died within two hours. He resided at 2006 Ninth street south, with his uncle. He was unmarried, but leaves a sister.

Got It Cheap.

The case of Thomas Lowry against Fred G. Mayo to determine the ownership of 160 acres of land in Anoka county, was on trial yesterday before Judge Hicks. This land is near Fridley Park and is valued at $80,000. Mr. Lowry claims possession by virtue of a foreclosed mortgaged for $2,000, which the defense holds was not legally done,

WEDDED IN WINTER.

The Brilliant Langdon-Brooks Nuptials at St. Mark's Church.

Another Swell Wedding Event on Portland Avenue Last Evening.

An East Side Ceremony--General Social and Personal News.

Yesterday was notable for its number of pleasant and brilliant wedding events. A charming and brilliant affair was the marriage of Miss Caroline B. Langdon, daughter of Col. R. B. Langdon, to William F. Brooks at St. Mark's church, last evening. Over 700 invitations were issued and there were comparatively few regrets received. The first guests began to arrive at 6:30 o'clock, and from that until 7:35, the time when the nuptial knot was tied, a constant succession of carriages discharged their occupants at the entrance of the brilliantly lighted edifice. The church was artistically decorated with evergreens and beautiful flowers. The altar was especially handsome in the way of floweral decorations. In the front pews were the immediate families concerned, including Mr. and Mrs. Langdon, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Truesdell, who have been married only a few months. The bridesmaids were Miss Hersey, of St. Paul, and Miss Wilson, Miss Brooks and Miss Hardenburgh, of this city. The best man was Cavour S. Langdon, a brother of the bride. The groomsmen were William B. Palmer, I. R. D. Halliwell and William Halliwell, of Minneapolis, and George Bigelow, of St. Paul. Master of ceremonies, Charles Eustis. The ushers were David Chute, Stephen Hart, Charles Velie and Fred Hardenburgh. During the time the guests were entering the soft music of the organ was allowed to float through the church. At 7:30 the bridal procession marched up the aisle to the music of the wedding march, from "Lohengrin." It was headed by the best man followed by the ushers and bridesmaid. The bride appeared on the arm of her father, R. B. Langdon, and was attired in a beautiful white satin, with a magnificent court train, with ornaments of diamonds. At the altar she was met by the groom, who appeared in full evening dress. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. B. Wells, pastor of the church. During the continuance of the ceremonial sacrament, the sweet music of the harp was discoursed in delicious strains. After the ceremony the newly married couple and a number of invited guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents, at the corner of Tenth street and Mary place, where a reception was held from 8 until 10 p. m. The main drawing room of the house was beautifully adorned with graceful asparagus vine in clusters, every vantage point set off with brilliant roses and other flowers. The chief floral attraction in the room was a great horn of plants overflowing and blossoming with natural flowers. Above the fireplace in the dining room was a great bank of fragrant flowers, which made a most beautiful appearance, interwoven with the asparagus and latticework, which formed a handsome ornament. From a beautifully appointed table in the center of the room an excellent wedding supper was served by May & Son, the caterers. After the reception the happy couple left the house for the depot to take a train for an extended wedding tour through the East and South. As they left the house the soft wax lights were used to throw their pure gleam upon the newly-married pair, so that the guests gathered to gaze upon them might have the best possible opportunity of witnessing the departure, which was made amid a shower of good wishes.

The bride is the younger daughter of Senator Langdon, and one of the most intelligent and attractive of a social circle of which she has been an adornment. Mr. Brooks is a member of the lumber firm of Nelson, Tenney & Co., and is a promising young business man.

PORTLAND AVENUE WEDDING.

The wedding of Miss Medora E. Elliot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, of 1401 Portland avenue, to Edward P. Adams, was solemnized last evening at 7 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents. The usual ceremony was performed by the Rev. Marion D. Shutter, of the Church of the Redeemer, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom. The ceremony took place in the main parlor, which had been beautifully and artistically decorated with chrysanthemums and roses for the occasion, and presented a charming appearance. The dining room was tastefully decked with flowers of brilliant colors. From the admirably arranged table in the center of the room an elaborate wedding supper was served by May, the caterer, at 9:30, consisting of all the delicacies and fruits of the season. There were no bridesmaids nor groomsmen. The costume of the bride was a very rich, white faille, en traine, with point lace and ornaments of diamonds. The happy couple will leave for Boston to-day, their future home. They will visit friends and relatives in Chicago, St. Louis and Washington.

GENERAL SOCIAL.

The Hawthorn Whist club meets tomorrow evening with Miss Frey at her home, 1810 Hawthorne avenue.

A pleasant party was given at the residence of Mrs. George Cantley, 83 South Eighth street, last evening. Some thirty-five were present, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening in playing cards, etc. Refreshments were served by May & Son.

The Faust club give the third of a series of dances at Malcolm's to-night.

The New York association gave a musical entertainment at Curtis' hall last evening.

A very pleasant wedding event occurred yesterday afternoon at the house of Mrs. Stoneman, 506 Fifteenth avenue southeast, the principals being Miss Kate Stoneman and F. P. Rundell. The bride is a teacher in the Winthrop school and a very popular young lady.

The social given at the residence of J. O. Potter, 814 Seventeenth street south, last evening was a very pleasant event. It was attended by a large number, and was under the auspices of the ladies auxiliary of the railroad department of the Y. M. C. A.

The St. Anthony club will give a social entertainment on Friday evening at their hall on Fourteenth avenue southeast.

A large company of California excursionists left over the Albert Lea and Missouri Pacific Tuesday evening. Among the party are these: F. M. Parcher and wife, Miss Parcher, Elliott Parcher, William Parcher, William Chandler, Miss Bacon, C. C. Peck and family, H. R. Boynton and wife, Judge W. S. Best and family, W. A. Mealey, W. M. Tanner and family, James King and wife, Mrs. Williams and E. C. Avery and family, of Minneapolis, and Judge J. F. Hoyt, Hon. Lorenzo Hoyt, Mrs. and Miss Roberts, Mrs. Hugh McAfee and family, H. J. Brainerd and wife and Col. W. G. Hendrickson and family, of St. Paul.

CURRENT COMMENT.

There is little comfort in thermometers during these days when breezes from the St. Paul ice palace sweep over the state and send the blood chilled back to the heart. When a man is so cold his cigar freezes to his teeth, it is a great consolation to find the mercury lower than he expected, but it is a consolation never given. Those thermometers on public corners, in which such reliance is placed, are always ten degrees out of the way. For instance, none of them got lower than minus 26 deg. yesterday at daylight. Other instruments showed all the way from 35 to 40 below, and they were general favorites. A milkman near First avenue and Thirty-eighth street, found his spirit tube marking 40° at 4:30 yesterday morning, with a variance of only 2 degrees in the entire neighborhood. It was 39° at Calhoun at the same time and 37° at the junction. Those were popular places of reference all day and the sniffling, freezing public scorned the standard, down-town thermometers that could only get to 27°.

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It has escaped the newspapers that the boss masons of the city have formed an organization and mean business. The principal idea is to boycott the plan of having contracting carpenters get the contract of an entire building and sublet the various pieces. A mason said, yesterday: "We organized Tuesday and for that express purpose. These carpenters have an organization, so we followed suit. Their plan is to get the entire building by obtaining estimates and then adding 10 per cent. The result is that they grind down the sub-contractors and make all the money, without giving a cent to the builder. They stand in with the architects, too, who get a commission on the entire cost."

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The principal objection now entertained to the street railway service is its provoking slowness. People who come here from larger cities are surprised at the average gait at which the horses plod along. Distances are great, but the gait is slow, and it is a common saying that if a man is in a hurry he will walk. An observer says he is confident the average is not over four miles an hour, which any ordinary walker can out do. People take the cars to save time as well as their legs, and a palpable hit could be made by the management by radically increasing the speed. When the Stevens avenue line was in use, and the motor ran every twenty minutes, it was the general expression in the Eighth ward that a man could miss a motor and take the next and still beat a horse car down town.

"Winter cholera," as it is called, is an epidemic which seems to have afflicted at least a fourth of the population of the city. Mayor Ames said yesterday that if it was summer he believed there would be a scourge of genuine cholera. While he believes it results in a measure from a typhoid condition of the system yet he thinks there is an atmospheric influence that has something to do with making the complaint so general.

All Got Clear.

Charles Green and the bar tender at the Gold Mine saloon were yesterday examined in the municipal court upon the charge of assaulting Peter Johnson. The evidence made it appear that the three indulged in a free fight, in which one was about as much to blame as the other, so the case was dismissed.

Ole Oleson, the young Brooklyn farmer, arrested for stealing $31 from Peter Johnson, was discharged.

John Hobbs and Nettie Kettle, arrested for indecent conduct in East Minneapolis, were discharged.

Free Trade Agitation.

The Political Science club is desirous of securing addresses from Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto; Hon. Erastus Wyman, of New York, and Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, of New York, who have recently been invited to speak upon the subject of a commercial union with Canada in the cities of Buffalo, Detroit, St. Paul, Wipnipeg, etc. The board of trade and the chamber of commerce have been asked to extend the formal invitation.

A Water Famine Averted.

The closing up by the St. Anthony Water Power company recently threatened to result in shutting off the city's supply of water, as the entrance had became so filled with ice that the pumps could not work. Yesterday the city engineer, and Col. R. C. Benton, representing the company, came to an understanding, by which the gate is to remain open until Feb. 1. In the meantime the company expects that the city will begin such action in the courts as will determine its rights.

MEN OF MINNEAPOLIS.

It will be a comfort to know that if Charlie Harris is to go on the Journal his wise sayings will not be daily credited to him.

The latter-day glory that plays over Artist Connor's face is not from any great and recent artistic success, but is because Ned Harley is in town.

Ed A. Stevens is hard to please, but even he must be satisfied with the full and humble apology a morning paper makes.

Judge L. M. Rand did not seem to be king bee, to any extent, at the recent Scandinavian meeting. That was because the judge is not a candidate for anything.

George Wallihan swears he will form a little press club of his own. It is because his family is in California.

Now that W. E. Burwell has declined to continue as an assistant cashier, it would be safe to run him for mayor. One could be certain his declination would decline.

MINNEAPOLIS GLOBULES.

Bank clearances yesterday, $510,819.77.

The body of Donald Harvey, who died recently, has been sent to Calais, Me., for burial.

A night school is now conducted at the Newsboys' home, with Lowell Jepson as teacher.

The Flour City Toboggan club goes to St. Paul this evening to attend the laying of the corner stone of the ice palace.

Thomas H. Lucas, acting state organizer of the United Labor party, has gone to Mound City to organize a Land and Labor club.

The annual promenade concert for the benefit of the Newsboys' home will be given at the residence of Mrs. W. D. Washburn Feb. 1.

The burning of a chimney at the residence of C. H. Pettit, corner of Second avenue and Tenth street, occasioned a fire alarm last evening.

Parties interested in the opening of Second avenue north are requested to meet the commissioners at the city hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The restaurant of George B. Jones in the basement of 407 Nicollet avenue has been closed by C. E. Drewing and T. C. Huyck, to satisfy a chattle mortgage for $300.

A permit was yesterday issued to Ole Dahl for a three-story stone and brick store building, to cost $20,000, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-fourth street south.

In making a speech last evening a gentleman well known in religious circles raised a quiet laugh by saying: "With God's help and the help of others on the committee I will endeavor to do my duty in this office."

The Scandinavian Democratic club will hold a meeting next Monday evening at the Swedish Brothers' hall, corner of Fourth street and Eighth avenue south, when the committee appointed on constitution and by-laws will make a report.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to David Fichman and Jessie Fligelman, Charles V. R. Clark and Jessie E. Roberts, Richard Crosby and Mary Tighe, Forrest P. Rundell and Kate Stoneman, Michael Kocisko and Juzi Zipai, Josheph H. Doremus and Fannie F. Mason.

A fire at the "White Lily" restaurant, 24 Second street north, yesterday morning did damage to the amount of $500. Mrs. G. W. Boyler, wife of the proprietor of the restaurant, claims to have lost a pocketbook containing $150 and her entire wardrobe. Two waiter girls also lost their clothing.

The work and plans of the associated charities seem to commend themselves to this community as attested by a generous contribution of $250 to charity just received from the firm of Morison, Anderson & Butchart, bag manufacturers of this city, at the hands of J. P. Thompson, general manager. This fund will make it possible to secure the perfect co-operation of a Central Relief association, and one will probably be formed.

MINNEAPOLIS PERSONALS.

W. W. Edginton, sheriff of Black Hawk county, is at the Clark.

C. E. Oakley, a prominent business man of Buffalo, Minn., is in the city.

George B. Shaw, one of the leading business men of Eau Claire, Wis., is at the West.

Hon. Andrew Nelson, who formerly represented Meeker county in the senate, is registered at the Nicollet.

Editor Dunn, of Princeton, is stopping at the Nicollet. He tells wonderful stories of the growth of Princeton since it has become a railroad town.

MINNEAPOLIS REAL ESTATE.

Deeds were yesterday filed as follows:

John N Barber and wife to William Hamilton, lt 5, blk 1, Montgomery Park add	$625
Wiley Tindolph and wife to A G Markley, lts 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20, blk 1, Cedar Avenue Park	4,800
Sarah A Penfield to George H Rust, lt 4, blk 2, Butter & Kalkhoff's subd of blks 22 and 23, Murphy's add	100
Effie M Flynn and husband to Alfred B Trombly, lts 14 and 15, Blood's add	750
Finley McNeil and wife to John C Smith and wife, lts 3 and 4, blk 29, Calhoun add	1,450
Charles W Hughes to Edward Hughes, part of sec 19, town 118, range 22	275
William Miller and wife to Charles G Horlen, part of lt 8, blk 5, Lakeview add	900
John S Warnock and wife to John G Hicks, lts 154, 155 and 156, Winship's subd of Spring Park add	1,350
Marshall L Dunham and wife to Frank H Peavey, part of sec 36, town 27, range 24	7,365
Frank W Lauderdale and wife to Joseph Naumann, lt 8, Frank W Lauderdale's subd of blk 10, Morrison's add	900
Peter M Mark and wife to Ole Wigen, lt 4, blk 3, Marlsville, Minnetonka	400
Joseph Naumann and wife to Frank W Lauderdale, lt 26, blk 19, Forest Heights	2,500
Jothan S Mallon and wife to Charles T Griffith, lt 1, Mallon's Crystal Lake Park add	600
The Doty Investment Company to Minerva J Agnew, lts 20 and 21, blk 2, Glencoe add	1,000
Jennie A Whitcombe et al to Brede N Hatter, lt 13, blk 38, Whitcomb's subd of blk 2 of Murphy's add	1,300
Robert R Harvey and wife to Bertha A Rathbun, lts 22 and 23, blk 7, Menage's subd to East Side add	1,650
Two minor deeds	51
Total, 18 deeds	$22,016

GRAND PEACE FESTIVAL.

The Occasion of the Dedication of the Texas State House to Be Made One of Fraternity.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 11.—Preliminary preparations are in progress for a grand military and civic celebration in this city on the occasion of the dedication of the new state house, now nearing completion. The military feature of the celebration will be under the auspices of regular army officers, and will be interstate in character. May 14 to 19 inclusive is the time fixed for the encampment. The prizes to be offered to competing organizations will be announced soon. They will exceed the awards of all previous interstate drills. Gov. Ross is sending out formal invitations to all governors in Mexico and the United States to attend the celebration as guests of the state of Texas. The state capitol is second only in size to the national capitol at Washington, and cost 3,000,000 acres of land, representing a money value of nearly $7,000,000. An effort will be made through the Texas congressional delegation to secure the attendance of the President and Mrs. Cleveland to meet President Diaz and his wife, and to commemorate the occasion with a grand peace festival. Gen. Diaz has unofficially acquiesced in such a programme.

The Woman's Missions.

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—The twentieth anniversary of the Woman's Board of missions was held here to-day with 170 delegates in attendance from various parts of the country. The annual report shows the society has 112 missionaries with mission schools in large numbers in various parts of the world, and the finances are in better condition than usual. The receipts were $123,220, with expenditure of $120,835. A large number of reports from delegates were read, giving encouraging information as to the work of the society.

Typhoid Fever at Will.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 11.—At the meeting of the state board of health yesterday Prof. Vaughn reported a successful experiment of production in a cat of a disease similar to typhoid fever in the human family by the use of the germs found in the water used by the 300 victims of the scourge at Iron Mountain, Mich. It is believed to be the first discovery of this nature in the world.

LOCAL MENTION.

Admission 25 cents to the Battle of Atlanta until the change of pictures.

20 Per Cent Discount

On gold, gilt, bronze and hardwood picture frames, for thirty days only, Muchmore Publishing company, 307 Nicollet avenue, Minneap lis; Bridge Square, St. Paul.

Why Drag Out

A miserable existence, when a few bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla would certainly give the strength and energy you need? Thousands are proving its virtues daily. So may you. Mrs. Alice West, of Jefferson, W. Va., writes: "I was all run down before I began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, but am now gaining in strength every day."

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MINNEAPOLIS WANTS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive bids for the purchase, in one lot, of the entire stock of merchandise and store fixtures now in his possession as receiver of the insolvent estate of E. E. Burson, all bids to be in writing and for cash in hand, to be filed with the undersigned by 12 o'clock, noon, of Thursday, Jan. 19, 1888, and each to be accompanied with the name and address of the bidder. All bids subject to be rejected by the Hennepin District Court at a special term thereof to be held at the court house in the city of Minneapolis, Minn., Saturday, Jan. 21, 1888, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. of said day. Said merchandise and fixtures can now be seen and inspected at No. 312 Hennepin av., Minneapolis, Minn. W. W. Townsend, receiver, 312 Hennepin av., Minneapolis, Minn. Jan. 7, 1888. 8-14

INSURE your horses and cattle in the Sterling Live Stock Insurance company, 509 Lumber exchange, Minneapolis. Agents wanted. 4-17

THE CHEAPEST double corner in the city; a good investment; a great bargain, in the Eighth ward. Call or address F. D. Dibble, 445 Temple Court. 10-15

AMUSEMENTS.

PEOPLE'S THEATER.

Washington Avenue, near Hennepin.

THE JOLLIEST SUCCESS OF ALL!

Matinees Tuesday and Saturday. To-night will be presented, for the first time in this city, the great Wallack Theater comedy success, entitled,

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Hundreds turned away before 8 o'clock! The funniest farcical comedy ever written! Full of bright, witty sayings and ludicrous situations. Prices still remain 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents.

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