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TODAY'S WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Forecast for Thursday: Fair; wind shifting to westerly and warmer.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, Dec. 4, 8:28 p. m. Local Time, 8 p. m. 7th Meridian Time.—Observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations.

TEMPERATURES.

Table with columns: Place, Temp., Place, Temp. Includes entries for St. Paul, Duluth, Minneapolis, etc.

DAILY MEANS.

Barometer, 30.2; thermometer, 9; relative humidity, 76; wind west; weather clear; maximum thermometer, 14; minimum thermometer, 4; daily range, 10; amount of rainfall or melted snow, in last twenty-four hours, 0.

P. F. LYONS, Observer.

A PLAIN ISSUE.

The financial issue is made so plain and the way so straight by Mr. Cleveland's message that the Republicans will be forced to meet it squarely. It was something of a sacrifice, no doubt, for Mr. Cleveland to drop out of his recommendations to congress the plan for a general system of bank note issues.

When the panic was at its height, he stood for the repeal of the panic-making act which bore the name of Senator Sherman. That was the first necessity, and all other questions of credit and note issue could wait.

THE QUESTION OF EXPENSE. It seems to us that we have not reached a point where the question of the desirability of supplying free text books in our public schools can be discussed on its merits.

There is a great big item we are asked to assume voluntarily, for the sake of a theory about which there is still much difference of opinion. Whatever may be said for or against free text books, we know approximately what it will cost to furnish them. The first and only question, then, that we have to consider at St. Paul, is whether or not the city of St. Paul is in a position at this time to

among their leaders men well enough versed in finance to appreciate the unanswerable logic of the argument against retaining the endless chain that draws gold from the treasury. If Senator Sherman had said the word that Mr. Cleveland has spoken, they would have flocked after him, and extolled him to the skies as a marvelous financier.

Yet it is the only one with which we have at present anything to do. It is not desirable to add, just now, so large a sum to the already excessive total of municipal expenditures? Is it not better, is it not merely just to the taxpayer, to wait before doing this until we have matured our system of public economy, and made the reductions in taxation which our people so generally demand, and which are so essential to the future prosperity of St. Paul?

It seems to us that, viewing the matter from the financial standpoint alone, the raising of the question of supplying free text books in the schools at this juncture is most inopportune.

A CHANCE FOR JOEL.

It was noted following the recent earthquake that the pressure on the natural gas mains in Indiana was very largely increased, and that springs that have long been dry began to flow. Here is a pointer for some member of the Fifty-fourth congress. During the last administration many thousands of dollars were spent in bombarding the skies to produce rainfall. To be sure, this congress is not as anxious to spend money as was the Fifty-first, but the extensive drought of the past season has entailed such a widespread loss in the agricultural regions that a very plausible argument for an appropriation to produce artificial earthquakes, thereby increasing the flow of water, can be made.

PARTISANSHIP KNOWS NO LAW.

The old saw "Necessity knows no law" can well be changed to express the fact that partisanship knows no law. Our contemporary, the Pioneer Press, furnishes a striking illustration of the truth of this in its editorial on the president's message. With a candor that is conspicuous amid the want of it among its contemporaries of the faith paternal, it repeats its admission during the crash of the panic that the cause of it was the vicious currency system inaugurated as a war necessity, confirmed by the act of 1878, stopping the further retirement of the greenbacks and decreeing their reissue, and accentuated by the plunge into flatism taken by the Allison act of '78 and the Sherman act of '90.

PERSONAL MENTION.

James A. Pugh, of Chicago, is at the Ryer. H. W. Brainerd, is at the Merchants. John Cooper, of St. Cloud, is at the Merchants. W. H. Patterson, of Superior, Wis., is at the Ryer. F. B. Dubach, of Eau Claire, Wis., is at the Ryer. J. W. Knox, of Aitkin, Minn., is at the Ryer. Joseph Goodman, of Sheldon, N. D., is at the Merchants. M. B. H. Johnson, of Union City, Tenn., is at the Metropolitan. A. Schoenfeld, of Milwaukee, is a guest at the Ryer. A. E. Spaulding, of Luverne, Minn., is at the Windsor. H. B. Berry, of Fairbault, is registered at the Windsor. F. E. Johnson, of John W. Hopp, of Plover, Minn., are guests at the Windsor. Among yesterday's arrivals at the Windsor was John J. Reichert, of Long Prairie. W. W. Russell, of Big Timber, Mont., arrived yesterday at the Clarendon. F. P. Marsh, of Grand Forks, is a guest at the Windsor. J. B. Ries, of Shakopee, Minn., is stopping at the Windsor. John Jackson, of Bismarck, is a guest at the Merchants. T. H. Moore, of St. Dennis, N. D., is a guest at the Merchants. J. C. Lawler, of Red Lake, Minn., is stopping at the Windsor, registered at the Metropolitan yesterday. H. O. Amundson, of Clear Lake, S. D., is registered at the Merchants.

assume this new, extraordinary and unnecessary expense. Is it in any way desirable or wise to take such action as will require the introduction into the next tax estimate of an item of from \$25,000 to \$35,000, which is not now included and will not be, unless we voluntarily so decide? The advocates of the system fight shy of the financial aspect of the question. Yet it is the only one with which we have at present anything to do.

Thus we see that under the policy adopted in 1890, of increasing income and augmenting outgo, before it could be checked, a surplus of income of over \$105,000,000 was turned into a deficit of nearly \$70,000,000. There is a steady gain from customs, and the only decrease of revenue is in the tax on spirits, over \$10,000,000 less than in 1892, caused by the anticipation of the distillation of the increased in the tax on whisky. It is well, when these teachers are thus instructing the uninformed, to give against the facts of the situation.

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AT THE THEATERS.

Emily Bancker and her company will appear at the Metropolitan opera house this evening in a farcical comedy entitled "Our Flat". Mrs. Musgrave is the author of the play, which was so successfully run in St. Paul last December, and which begins a week's engagement on Sunday night. The whole thing is one solid round of mirth, and the play is a masterpiece of comedy. A resolution was passed asking the city controller and the conference committee when they meet in January to appropriate \$700,000 for the expenses of the schools for the coming year.

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period of the McKinley act. This shows that taxation for protection decreases revenue, while taxation for revenue increases it. It also shows that any deficit must be due to something else than "the Democratic tariff."

Even so careless a financier as William McInaver discovered the result when expenditures increased and income diminished. The Fifty-first congress reduced income and increased outgo. A statement of the expenditures during the period covered by the preceding table of income shows how the candle was burned at both ends. The statistics abstract gives the following amounts, the second column showing the excess:

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RAISED A RUMPUS.

CASE OF DISCIPLINE COMES UP BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD.

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FROM VAN BUREN SCHOOL.

MISS REBECCA TAYLOR APPEARS TO DEMAND A RULING ON IT.

WANT \$500,000 FOR 1896.

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Miss Rebecca Taylor paid her semi-annual visit to the school board last night with a new protegee, and demanded that a case of discipline in a school in one of the outlying districts be adjusted at once, and according to her ideas of what was right in the matter. The case is one in which a misunderstanding arose between a teacher in the Van Buren school and a pupil named Fred Peterson, who, for being impertinent during school hours, was sent to another teacher's room instead of being sent to the principal, to "see if he could learn from the other children how to conduct himself," as the teacher informed him. The boy is a third grade pupil, and the room to which he was sent for the remainder of the session a second grade. The boy went home and informed his father of the matter, and as a matter of discipline, and his father immediately declared that his boy would not be allowed to go to school unless he was allowed to return to his own grade. He visited Mr. Gilbert in regard to the matter, and the superintendent in turn inquired of the school board, and as a matter of discipline, and his father immediately declared that his boy would not be allowed to go to school unless he was allowed to return to his own grade.

A resolution was adopted concurring in the resolution adopted by the Trades and Labor assembly urging the school board to establish the proposed system of free text books.

GUILTY OF NO CRIME.

James Rahilly Denies That He Forged a Check.

James Rahilly, aged thirty, charged with forgery, arrived in the city yesterday morning, and not Tuesday night, as was stated in a morning paper. He is brought in from Albert Lea by Sheriff Chapel, who left here Tuesday for that purpose. Rahilly is accused by Charles McDevitt, the saloonkeeper, of passing a check for \$50. The check purported to be signed by P. H. Rahilly, the prisoner's father, and who was formerly a senator from Washington county. Young Rahilly is alleged to have told at the saloon that he had been out in the Dakota harvest fields, where he had secured a number of dollars. He is half of his father, and that the latter was accustomed to allow his son to sign the paternal signature to checks issued in connection with his work. But the father repudiated the check. At Albert Lea Sheriff Chapel was told that Rahilly had been residing there since early in September, and that he had been most of the time in the employ of an insurance company. Whether he came to St. Paul in order to clear up the alleged forgery is not clear, yet he certainly made but a brief visit to the Saintly City.

IRON HALL ENTERTAINMENT.

National President Somerby Delivers an Address.

Assembly hall was well filled last night at the entertainment given jointly by the various local branches of the Iron Hall. The entertainment was given in honor of the national president, F. B. Somerby, president of the national association. The feature of the programme was the address of President Somerby. He said he did not represent any party, but the fraternal ties that bind together the co-operative and fraternal societies were the foundation of the free institutions of this country. The great mass of the community depended upon each other in the face of adverse circumstances. The speaker then described the formation of the fraternal organization with an insurance fund of twenty-six years ago. The Iron Hall was designed to protect the living in case of injury or sickness as well as the loved ones of the dead. The limit was fixed at \$1,000 benefits in seven years. The order never promised to pay anything, it did not have. It simply promised to pay what the income of the order would permit. The old system was, pay from childhood to old age and die to win, but the Iron Hall divided its surplus among those who paid it. Corporate insurance had resulted in the accumulation of nearly \$600,000,000 surplus for the benefit, not of those who paid it, but for the benefit of the stockholders of these institutions. The Iron Hall of the past was the mistake of not declaring that its reserve belonged to the members. This had been corrected in the formation of the new order, which is simply a reproduction of the old relieved of the dross. Aside from Mr. Somerby's address a programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered in a manner that highly pleased those present. The first number was a piano selection by Miss Ida Glesner, with a duet accompaniment by Miss Bettie Turner. Then followed a song by Louis Nash that won an encore. J. Arthur Goshorn amused the audience with his dancing, which was followed by a selection by the Ryder Mandolin orchestra. A piano duet by Miss Louise Glesner and Miss Bettie Turner, accompanied by Miss Bettie Turner, then followed a song by Louis Nash that won an encore. J. Arthur Goshorn amused the audience with his dancing, which was followed by a selection by the Ryder Mandolin orchestra. A piano duet by Miss Louise Glesner and Miss Bettie Turner, accompanied by Miss Bettie Turner, then followed a song by Louis Nash that won an encore.

JOHNSON'S JULY OUT.

Gets the Case in the Paid, but Do Not Agree.

At the hour of going to press this morning the indications are that Dr. Johnson will have to give another trial. The reason for this is that it is entirely probable the jury will disagree. The jury went out at 4:30 o'clock last evening, but had failed to reach an agreement up to an early hour this morning.

WANT A LIGHTNING CLAUSE.

Another Question Arises Over the New Insurance Law.

J. W. Lancaster, manager of the St. Paul Fire Insurance Inspection bureau, and Mr. Hughson, of the firm of Hughson & Hemenway, called on Dep. Ins. Commissioner Johnson yesterday morning to inquire what form of lightning clause could be attached to new insurance policies under the new law.

to fire insurance policies under the new law. The old clause provided that if the person carrying insurance against damage by lightning had other insurance, whether against lightning or not, the company issuing the policy against lightning could only be required to pay a pro rata share of the damage done by fire caused by lightning. In other words, if a man had policies in two companies, one providing against damage by lightning and the other not, in case of damage, he could collect only half the amount of the policy insuring him against lightning, notwithstanding the fact that he could collect nothing from the other policy.

Mr. Lighthouse informed them that this clause could not be attached to the new standard policy, and they could only prorate their insurance with another policy against lightning.

BOOKBINDERS' WAGES.

The Union to Submit a Proposition to the Typothetae.

The Bookbinders' union held a large meeting at Assembly hall last night that lasted until nearly midnight. The meeting was held for the purpose of the proposition of the Typothetae in response to the demand of the union for shorter hours without any reduction of pay. The outcome of the discussion was the adoption of a resolution to a committee to lay before the Typothetae a counter proposition of the union, which is, in some respects, a modification of the original demand. But just what these modifications are the officers of the union did not desire to make public. E. W. Westlake was elected president to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of T. J. Conlin. Mr. Westlake was also elected delegate to the state federation of labor, the meeting of which is to be held in Wisconsin at the near future. Peter Arth, P. E. Corcoran and F. Koepfle were elected delegates to the Allied Printing Trades council.

WEST SIDE TURNVEREIN.

Holds Its Semi-Annual Election of Officers.

A largely attended meeting of the West Side Turnverein was held at Martin's hall last night. Eleven new members were taken into the organization, and the semi-annual election of officers was held, which resulted as follows: First Speaker—Herrmann Koerner. Second Speaker—Henry J. Hadlich. First Turnverein—William Stoven. Second Turnverein—Paul Heisel. Recording Secretary—George Wagner. Corresponding Secretary—Hugo Helms. Financial Secretary—Will H. Kammer. Treasurer—Karl Hammerbacher. Custodian—Otto Flosser. Assisted by Custodian—William Stoven. It was also decided to give a gymnastic exhibition and a concert New Year's eve.

O'RELL'S FAREWELL SHOT.

His Appearance Friday to Be His Last in St. Paul.

The appearance of Max O'Rell in St. Paul on Friday evening will be his last. This is his final lecture tour in America, and his treatment of "American Society Up to Date" may be said to be a farewell shot at his American friends. He is to appear at the People's club on Friday evening. The lecture will be in the nature of a society event and will add a snug sum to the treasury of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The board of managers of the home have tickets for sale, and they may also be obtained at Howard, Farwell & Co.'s music store.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

F. A. Pike Goes to Owatonna for a Bride.

Miss Stella N. Sheldon, of Owatonna, and Frederick H. Pike, of Duluth, were married yesterday at the home of the bride, at Owatonna. The wedding was a very brilliant society event, Miss Sheldon being one of the most popular young ladies of the city. Mr. Pike is a well known attorney of this city and a very popular young man socially. Mr. and Mrs. Pike arrive in St. Paul this morning.

The Ladies' Aid Society of South Park will give a supper and sale of used and ornament articles at the reading room on Concord street tomorrow evening.

The Christmas sale of fancy articles at Dale street, by the ladies of St. Luke's church, closed last night.

Mrs. George Grant and family have located in Los Angeles for the winter.

Mrs. Simpson and Miss Simpson leave for Washington this week.

Mrs. L. Warren Rundlett, of Lincoln avenue, will entertain at progressive euchre this evening.

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The informal club will be entertained this evening by Col. W. P. Clough, of Duluth. The ladies of the club will give a talk on "Life in Montana in the Roaring Sixties." Mr. John H. Ames will follow with a sketch of "Southwestern Russia."

Mrs. Viltum gave a luncheon yesterday at her residence on Selby avenue in honor of Miss Mellett, the guest of Miss Monfort.

Mrs. C. B. Smith and Miss Katherine Smith, of Parkburg, W. Va., are the guests of Mrs. A. D. S. Johnston, of Ashland avenue.

Mrs. Wighton, of New York, is visiting at the residence of Mrs. W. E. Bramhall, on Iglehart street.

The ladies of the St. Luke's Aid Society of St. Paul church will hold their annual lunch and sale of work today and tomorrow at 233 Jackson street.

Mrs. H. R. Curtiss, of Arundel street, will give an afternoon tea today.

Mrs. G. H. Finn, of Grand avenue, has returned from Chicago, where she was called by the death of her sister.

The ladies of the Babies' home will hold a sale of dolls and fancy goods in the Lowry building, on Fourth street, Saturday, continuing all the following week.

Mrs. J. W. Merriam has become the honorary president of the Day Nursery at Parkburg, W. Va. Mr. Merriam is president. Mrs. Merriam is contemplating a Southern trip, and many other duties demand her attention, and she is obliged to resign the active presidency.

Mrs. and Miss Bennett, of Summit street, are the guests of the Town and Country club last night for Miss Hobbs, of Concord, N. H. Fitzhugh Burns led the cotillon.

LOVE AND POTATOES.

St. Paul Romance Warped by a Duluth Imagination.

The following special telegram to the Globe was received from Duluth last night: "Joseph Cosky, a well known politician of the West side, St. Paul, came here today to look up his truant wife, who ran away with one Alexander Koskela, a Duluth man, and who has been reported to have married a woman in Duluth. The couple were found, but as Cosky's wife accused him of ill-treatment and a lack of affection, she from home, expressing also a desire to

be divorced from him, she and her friend were released. Cosky's wife described her husband as a politician and a scoundrel.

There is something in the unsalted brains sweeping 'er Lake Superior which is similar with the ozone of Minnesota, manifestly spread upon the mental retina of the Duluthian a strange and marvelous imagery. Commemorative incidents, when viewed from the shore of the St. Louis, and a gory and unwholesome announcement—from Duluth.

RELIEF SOCIETY'S NEEDS.

Reliefs for Aid Have Not Met With General Response.

The Relief society is in need of assistance to meet the requests for aid which are constantly increasing as winter approaches. Some time ago the society sent out 3,000 circular letters asking for help in its work, but has not received the generous response which was expected. The treasury is almost without funds, and the demands for fuel, clothing and food are so numerous that the society finds itself unable to comply with many of them. All those who have subscribed to the relief fund are urged by the society to remit their subscriptions at once and to send in contributions of food, clothing and such other necessities as may be of use to the poor during the winter. All money should be sent to D. R. Noyes, the treasurer of the association, while contributions will receive the other contributions at the Relief hall, No. 141 East Ninth street.

ICE COMPANY ROW.

P. A. Lavallee and His Business Associates Fall Out.

The following announcement appeared in the Globe last night: "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—P. A. Lavallee is no longer secretary and treasurer of the St. Paul Lake Ice Company and is not authorized to collect any outstanding accounts due to the company." The announcement caused considerable comment, as Mr. Lavallee has been identified with the St. Paul Lake Ice company since its incorporation two years ago. The officers of the company are: President—H. H. Noyes; Vice President—Robert Seng, vice president, and up to last Saturday P. A. Lavallee, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Seng was seen yesterday with what the foregoing meant. He said: "Mr. Lavallee has been removed from his position. There are no charges against him, but his business methods have not met with the approval of the directors, and we consequently relieved him of his office. We do not intend to pursue any such course. We have no quarrel with our creditors have expressed a willingness to give us all the time we need to pay our debts, and we are going to pay them. It takes all our resources. No one shall come a cent through our company. Furthermore, continued Mr. Seng, "since his dismissal from our business, Mr. Lavallee has been to see many of our creditors and advised them to push their claims against us, thinking to get young Lavallee's money. He has talked with some of these gentlemen and upon my assurance that we would be able to meet our liabilities in full, they have gone away perfectly satisfied."

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

The seventeenth annual convention of the Minnesota National guard will be held in this city on Jan. 15.

Ramsay County, W. T. U. will hold their third quarterly meeting Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. W. Hamilton Gibson will lecture again this evening at the People's club on "The Mysteries of the Flowers."

Boys started a fire early yesterday afternoon at the corner of the settlement at West Seventh and Yankee streets. The damage was nominal.

The St. Paul Theological society at Room 57, Endicott building, this evening will give a talk on "The Mystery of Man's Slaughter of Animals."

Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, D. D., is to give his lecture on "The Mystery of Man's Slaughter of Animals" at the Young Women's Friendly association, Police Officer John W. Cowan, who held the office of police officer for the last evening, returned to duty last night. He suffered for a while from an internal hemorrhage, but is now fairly recovered.

Minneapolis camp, Modern Woodmen, will hold its annual meeting this evening at Fifth and Washburn, at which the officers will be elected. The year has been over 200, the total membership is 1,000.

A fire caused by a defective chimney caused a loss of \$50 at the residence of Mrs. H. E. Leach, on Leach street, S. E. corner of Grand and Washington streets, yesterday. The salvage corps afforded protection to Mrs. Leach's property.

George Buck and Otto Wunderlich, the boys injured last Sunday in a collision with a street car at the Town and Country club last night for Miss Hobbs, of Concord, N. H. Fitzhugh Burns led the cotillon.

Lady Somers set W. C. T. U. will give an experience social this evening at the home of Mrs. W. E. Rogers. A programme has been arranged, refreshments will be served, and a very pleasant evening is assured. The ladies have invited the members of other clubs as well as their friends and all friends of temperance.

The reception that is to be held this afternoon and evening at the settlement club, 105 East Fifth street, is for ladies as well as gentlemen, and all are invited to attend. The refreshments will be given, and the evening will be a very pleasant one. As Cosky's wife accused him of ill-treatment and a lack of affection, she from home, expressing also a desire to