

SAINT PAUL.

MATURING TAX CERTIFICATES. County Auditors Notified That Only One Notice Is Required.

The state auditor, who has recently received a number of inquiries from different county auditors regarding the expiration of maturing tax certificates, yesterday mailed the following letter, covering the point, to the auditor of Otter Tail county:

Replying to your inquiry of the 26th inst., I have the honor to inform you that in an opinion given on Dec. 2, 1895, the attorney general held that the publication of the notice of expiration under chapter 194, General Laws of 1885, is no longer required; that this law is in accordance with the views of the supreme court in Konason vs. Great Northern Railway Company, 60 N. W. Reporter, p. 312.

The difficulty has arisen through a seeming conflict in the General Laws of 1885 and those of 1889, chapter 194, General Laws of 1889, requiring a publication notice of expiration of the only general hold that the publication of the notice of expiration under chapter 194, General Laws of 1885, is no longer required; that this law is in accordance with the views of the supreme court in Konason vs. Great Northern Railway Company, 60 N. W. Reporter, p. 312.

The through Pullman service on the Wisconsin Central Line to Ashland leaves St. Paul every night at 7:40 p. m. City ticket office, 272 Robert street.

Action Against the City. John R. Harnamgren has begun suit against the city to recover \$5,000 damages for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by falling on Burr street between Jessamine and Geranium streets in August last. He alleges that there was a hole in the sidewalk into which he stepped, with the result that he was thrown against a fence on the side of the walk and sustained a fracture of one rib, besides receiving other injuries internally.

Christmas Entertainment. The Mission Sunday school, Forest and Case streets, gave a very enjoyable Christmas entertainment Thursday evening. A very elaborate programme was rendered by the members of the school and quartette. A few of the most important selections were two selections by the orchestra.

Retail Clerks' Meeting. An interesting service will be held at the Baptist church, Ninth and Wacouta streets, this evening. Rev. J. W. Conley, the pastor, will talk for the retail clerks' association, and has consented to allow the president of the association, Sam Grant, and James Morrow, of the national association, to present their subjects. All retail clerks, male and female, in the city, have not only been invited, but urged to attend.

SCHOCH NEW YEAR! Finest Dry Picked (Not Frozen) Young TURKEYS Per Pound, 12 1/2 CENTS. Apples, per barrel, \$1.50. New York Baldwins, Greenings and Spies, per barrel, \$2.50. Good mixed candy, per pound, 5 CENTS. 3 pounds 200 Mixed Nuts for 25 CENTS. Best Mixed Nuts, per pound, 12 1/2 CENTS. Solid Meat Oysters. (no water) per quart, 40 CENTS. Fine Yellow Bananas, Per Dozen, 15 CENTS. Fresh Eggs, per dozen, 17 CENTS. Valencia Oranges, per dozen, 30 and 35 CENTS. Russian Caviar, per can, 30 CENTS. Schoch's XXXX Patent Flour, per sack, \$1.65. Best Potatoes, per bushel, 12 1/2 CENTS. Best French Mixed Candy, per pound, 18 CENTS. Why pay more? 10-lb. package Best Buckwheat, 25c. 5 quarts Navy Beans, 25c. 5 and 10-lb. jars Peas, 15c. Hickory Nuts, per quart, 12c. 3-lb. can No. 1 Trilby Peaches, 12c. 2-lb. can Sugar Corn, 5c. 3-lb. can Tomatoes, 7c. 5 quarts Yellow Peas, 25c. 5 quarts Green Peas, 25c. Sweet Cider, per gallon, 20c. 10-lb. Pop Corn, 25c. Java and Mocha Coffee, 25c. Best Java and Mocha Coffee (35c lb.) 3 lbs. for \$1.00. Schoch's Private Growth Java and Mocha Coffee, per lb., 40c. Fresh Eggs, per dozen, 17c. BUTTER DEPARTMENT. 5-lb. jars Creamery, \$1.10. 5 and 10-lb. jars, 10c. Fresh Roll and Print, per lb., 10c. Full Cream Cheese, per lb., 10c. Swiss Cheese, per lb., 12c and Sugar-Cured Hams, per lb., 8c. Sugar-Cured Bacon, per lb., 9c. English Breakfast Bacon, box, 10c. Grated Cheese, per lb., 15c. Fancy Crisp Celery, large Head Lettuce, Leaf Lettuce, Spinach, Cauliflower, Tomatoes, Red Apples, Water Cress, Parsley, Cucumbers, Green Onions, Young Plant, New Best.

CUT OF 10 PER CENT

DECIDED UPON FOR ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS EXCEPT TWO OF THEM.

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S NEEDS

WERE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

ESTIMATE IS REDUCED \$15,000.

Amount Provided for the Building of an Iron Bridge Over Raymond Avenue.

The conference committee made little progress with the tax estimate yesterday afternoon. It acted upon the estimate for the fire department fund, reducing the amount to be raised for the support of this department for the year 1896 from \$215,000 to \$200,000, and recommended that the sum of \$10,000 be inserted in the tax estimate as a special fund to be raised for the payment of the cost of an iron bridge on Raymond avenue across the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Minnesota Transfer Railway company's tracks.

The committee also adopted a resolution providing that a reduction of 10 per cent be made in the salaries paid in all the city departments with the exception of the school department and the city comptroller's office.

At the opening of the session yesterday, President Abbott, of the school board, called the attention of the committee to the action of the day previous in reducing the salary of the school fund from \$245,000 to \$150,000. Dr. Abbott thought that Comptroller McCarty was mistaken when he informed the committee the day before that under this reduction the school fund would surely receive \$475,000 during the year 1896.

Dr. Abbott also pointed out a provision of the charter which says that the common council shall not allow less than two mills, as the rate of city tax for its schools. Upon an assessed valuation of \$123,000 this would mean an estimate of \$246,000, which is the amount recommended in the tax estimate.

This view did not meet with the indorsement of the committee. The prevailing sentiment was that the reduction did not mean to compel the council to fix a given rate of taxation for the benefit of any fund, when there was a sufficient balance on hand in that fund to permit of a reduction of the rate. If that were the case the yearly balance would never be used if the surplus continued and the people would therefore be taxed to create the surplus.

After some discussion the committee decided not to change its previous recommendation, which, according to the comptroller, will not, if adopted, reduce the operating expenses of the school department, as it allows \$475,000 for the entire year 1896. Next December another estimate will be made.

The conference committee then considered the estimate of \$26,000 for the support of the fire department, of which amount the sum of \$35,000 is paid out of the general fund, leaving a net tax estimate for the fire department of \$18,000. President Freeman, of the board of fire commissioners, informed the committee that the board had duly considered the recommendations of the Parker retrenchment committee, and as a result had decided to divide the city into three districts. By so doing the board had found a way, by reduction of salaries, to save \$3,900. That is, they could run the fire department in 1896 for \$5,000 less than it was conducted in 1885.

ALL THEY NEEDED. The actual amount expended by the department in 1895 was \$193,900, so Comptroller McCarty informed the committee. Deducting from this sum the \$38,900 which Mr. Freeman said could be saved, left \$155,000, which, according to Mr. Freeman, would be all that would be needed next year. Mr. McCarty also said that the fire department had on hand in the fire department fund of \$19,163.

"The thing to be determined is how much shall be allowed this department for 1896," said the comptroller. President Bement, of the water board, thereupon proposed certain reductions in the estimate, which led to considerable confusion. The comptroller finally straightened out matters with the following proposition:

"As \$185,000 is all that the fire department proposes to expend next year, in making up our estimate we must first deduct from this sum the balance on hand, amounting to \$19,000. This would leave \$166,000. From this sum we should deduct \$35,000, which is paid from the general fund, and that will leave \$131,000. Our duty then is to provide in the estimate such sum as will surely yield \$131,000 on the sale of the 80 per cent certificates. Therefore, \$165,000 should be placed in the estimate in place of the \$180,000."

Mr. McCarty explained how this amount should insure the raising of \$136,000. The fire department would receive three times in 1896—80 per cent of \$165,000, which amounts to \$132,000, the balance on hand of \$19,000 and the \$35,000 from the general fund. Mr. McCarty then moved that the total amount provided in the estimate for the support of the fire department be reduced from \$215,000 to \$200,000.

Ald. Markham moved as an amendment that the amount be reduced to \$195,000, on the ground that sufficient delinquent taxes would be collected to make up the \$5,000 difference. The motion was lost by a vote of 6 to 5, and the original motion of the comptroller prevailed.

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MEANS A BIG FIGHT.

HASTINGS INTENDS TO TEST THE LEGALITY OF THE COMMISSIONS ACTION.

WILL NOT STAND FOR ANOKA.

PRESIDENT MERRIAM AND SECRETARY EASTMAN CALL ON STATE AUDITOR DUNN.

THEY OFFICIALLY NOTIFY HIM THAT HE IS TO RIVER TOWN IS SELECTED—Protect From T. S. G. Smith—How Matters Stand.

The first official notification of the location of a site for the fourth state hospital for the insane was filed with the state auditor yesterday by Messrs. Merriman and Eastman, the president and secretary of the commission on location.

The filing of the notice, however, does not mean that Anoka is to rest undisturbed in her new possession. Close upon the heels of the notice of the commission naming the site, the state auditor received a written protest from Commissioner S. G. Smith against his issuing any vouchers, receipts, etc., consequent upon Friday's action, upon the grounds that the commission was not a unit upon the question of the site.

Mr. Smith's protest was accompanied by a letter changing the site from Hastings to Anoka. While these things were transpiring in the auditor's office, a delegation from the city of Anoka, headed by Attorney General Childs, discussing the necessary steps to be taken in injunction proceedings against the commission to restrain it from proceeding to change the site from Hastings to Anoka.

The delegation consisted of Mayor George Parker, Hon. John F. Norris, Senator Hon. A. H. C. Smith, Hon. J. H. Smith, John Beyers and E. A. Whitford. As the gentlemen left the attorney general's office the face of each wore a determined look with foreboding and a determined look with foreboding and a determined look with foreboding.

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FIELD, MAHLER & CO.

BEFORE INVENTORY.

Only two business days left in the old year. Only days before our dissolution of partnership. But in these days thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise is to be converted into cash.

You may be sure that many lines of goods will be offered at prices in which cost is not considered. No other store offers such qualities as we are showing. No other store sell at such low prices.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS. The busy days of the past six weeks have left us with quantities of Remnants in the Dress Goods stock.

These Remnants are all pieces of strictly first-class all-wool materials—of a higher quality than any other Dress Goods in the city.

Without going into any detailed price quotations, we only say that we propose to clean them out in the next two days at less than cost of importation or manufacture.

Buying these Remnants will be like buying dollars for sixty cents. Remnants for full dresses. Remnants for skirts. Remnants for waists. Remnants for children's dresses.

There will be hundreds and hundreds of these short lengths, and we may be pardoned for saying they're a handsome lot.

And you will say with us that the prices are the lowest ever quoted in St. Paul.

BLACK GOODS. Two very special lots for Monday. Heavy All-Wool Black Storm Serges, full 48 inches wide, for 57 Cents.

a yard tomorrow. The lowest price during our Dissolution Sale was 85 cents, and the ordinary retail price was \$1.00.

At our Monday's price of 57 cents we consider this a wonderful bargain.

We will also sell a lot of All-Wool Black French Serges, full 46 inches wide, at 42 Cents.

a yard tomorrow. This is lighter in weight than the first number, but finer in finish, and equally good value.

GOOD SILKS. You could buy Silks blindfolded here and you would be absolutely sure of getting a good quality.

There's a total absence of trashy Silks in this store. Not a yard of Silk that we are ashamed of. Not a yard of Silk that needs any apology.

At the same time our prices are at all times the lowest. We are never undersold—never will be. We buy cheapest and can therefore sell cheapest.

PRICE WONDERS. Three lines of high-class Novelty Silks for Fancy Waists, worth 85c and \$1, for 48 Cents.

a yard tomorrow. They consist of—Black Brocaded Satins. Black Taffetas with colored satin stripes. Changeable Figured Taffetas. At 48 cents they're the cheapest Silks ever sold in the United States.

CLOAK ROOM.

You are in luck if you haven't bought your winter jacket. But there's no and no economy in delay still further.

Our entire Cloak Stock is now marked at January prices.

Three illustrations: High Grade Tailor-Made Jackets, not six weeks of the workrooms, made of imported Meltons, Kerseys a Boucles, lined throughout with Best Satin or Fancy Taffeta choice for \$18.50.

tomorrow; they were \$30.00, \$32.50 and \$35.00. Less Than Half-Price. A small lot of Cloth and Plush Capes, handsomely trimmed or trimmed with choice for \$5.00.

tomorrow. When we tell you that these formerly sold for \$10.50, \$12.50 and \$13.50 may be sure there's a lot of money lost on them, even the lot is small.

Handsome House Wrappers, thoroughly well made four yards wide at bottom, each tomorrow; worth \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00. Finest comers will naturally pick the best.

LAST CALL. We have been selling quantities of holiday goods ever since Christmas. Our annual inventory will be taken Tuesday night, and the remainder of the stock will be closed out regardless of cost.

That means something when we say it.

Leather Goods, Tortoise Shell Goods, Paris Fans, Vienna Fans, Opera Glasses, Silver Novelties, Triplicate Mirrors, Bric-a-Brac.

All of our Black Silk Gu pure and hand-run Spanish Fichus will be closed out in the same manner.

CORSET ROOM. In preparation for our Annual Sale of Muslin Underwear we are closing out all soiled and mused garment at much less than cost.

These few lots should crowd the Corset Room tomorrow. Slightly soiled Cambric and Muslin Drawers for 75 cents formerly \$1 and \$1.25.

Fine Cambric, Lawn and Nainsook Drawers, trimmed with lace and embroidery—slightly soiled. \$1.50 kinds for \$1.00. \$2.00 kinds for \$1.00. \$3.00 kinds for \$1.50.

That's very much less than actual cost of bare materials. \$8.50 Skirts for \$5.40. \$10.00 Skirts for \$6.50.

Slightly soiled Cambric Corsets, trimmed with lace and finest embroidery, 47 cents for \$1.93.

UNDERWEAR. Ladies' heavy all-wool, black ribbed Tights, knee lengths, open or closed, only 90 CENTS tomorrow; marked down from \$1.50. The entire lot should be closed out in a few hours. Don't come late for these.

FOR MEN. We are sole agents in St. Paul for "Musser's" fine wool socks—the best wearing wool socks ever made. Price 50 cents a pair.

A new lot of Men's Double Fleece Outing Flannel Night Shirts, made in the best possible manner, only 60 cents each. The standard price is \$1.00. They're first-class in every respect.

Hood's Grand Hood's Sarsaparilla. Results follow the faithful use of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It does expel every trace of scrofula, cures rheumatism, neuralgia and catarrh, creates an appetite and makes the weak strong. I was run down so it was all I could do to do my own work. I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and the first bottle helped me wonderfully. I have taken four bottles, and I feel better than I have for many years. Mrs. H. E. AMAL, Lyonsville, Massachusetts.