HENNEPIN IS MUM

FIFTH DISTRICT DELEGATION DECLINES TO DECLARE FOR JONES FOR SPEAKER.

JUDGE HICKS IS NOT URGED

AS A CANDIDATE BY THE MEMBERS OF HIS OWN DISTRICT.

COMBINE FOLK ARE HOPEFUL.

They Find Great Encouragement in Yesterday's Doings—Jones Men Claim 64 Votes.

The event of yesterday in the legislative contests was the caucus of the Fifth district delegation, which was held in Temple Court, Minneapolis, yesterday afternoon. The speakership was the chief subject discussed, and while it was the general expectation that the delegation would push Judge Hicks forward at least for a complimentary vote, the caucus decided to keep him out of the race, at his own suggestion. It was unanimously decided, however, not to declare the caucus in favor of Jones. It was announced to the press at the close of the session "that the delegation was not tied to any one, and would throw its strength for whichever man should be deemed best for the position."

W. T. Coe, the aggressive young Tenth warder, who made his grand march into political prominence through the presidency of the University Republican club, had the temerity to introduce a motion for the indorsement of Jones by the delegation, but he was sat down upon. John Dahl stated that he would not be bound by the vote of the delegation upon this point, but that he would go into the Republican caucus Monday night and vote according to his own sense of right. He intimated, if he did not state, that he might vote for Mr. Underleak. Mr. Dale followed Mr. Dahl, taking about the same position. While the Coe motion was pending, it was so apparent that nothing could be done that a motion to adjourn was made and carried. There the whole matter dropped.

Of the fourteen votes cast, two, Lellman and Foell, are Democrats and will not be permitted to take part in the Republican caucus.

During the afternoon the matter of the endorsement of some Hennepin county candidates came up. Frank W. Farnham was endorsed for sergeant-at-arms of the house. The candidacy of Rev. C. M. Heard, for chaplain of the house was discussed and in the informal vote he received about half of the votes. It is claimed that his candidacy will injure Farnham's chances and so prevent Minneapolis getting any place.

The list motion was that the Hennepin delegation support a Hennepin county man for speaker. This meant Judge Hicks. The judge, who was present during the early part of the discussion, had excused himself and left his proxy with his friend and supporter, Mr. Cray. The motion was put and lost. The vote was either 4 to 10 or 5 to 9, there was some difference about the figures.

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Hopeful is not the word to describe the emotion of the Underleak party. They were hopeful before. Now they are proud in the consciousness that their strength is beginning to affect some of the Jones people, who are farthest from the center of enthusiasm. They claim that the action of the delegation in refusing to declare for either of the candidates for the speakership was in reality their victory, and that it means that they will come out of Hennepin with as many votes as Jones, if not more.

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The Jones' leaders, on the other hand, insist that the action of the delegation stands for just what it is, and has no hidden significance. They hold that the fact that the members were not willing to go on record for Jones at this stage does not at all signify that they are averse to him. On the other hand, they insist that they have assurances from a number of the members of the delegation that they will vote for Jones, and they do not ask that the district declare in favor of the unit rule. "We can afford to be magnanimous," said one of them last night. "We have more than enough votes to elect now assured."

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They now claim sixty-four votes, absolutely. While the failure of the Hennepin delegation to indorse him was a disappointment to some of the supporters of the Long Prairie man, the managers of his campaign insist that they had not asked the united support of the Hennepin delegation, because they did not need it. They hold, too, that it would not have been courteous to the Democratic members who were present at yesterday's caucus to force a Jones resolution down their throats. They argue that there are so few Democrats that the Republicans can afford to give them all the latitude they desire, and divide not on party lines, but on lines marking the friends or enemies of the common weal.

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Ramsey, however, was claimed last night for Jones. They claim that the one member of the delegation who, they say, was determined to bolt any Jones caucus has been prevailed upon to acquiesce in the decision of the delegation.

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One of the latest legislative arrivals is J. H. Manchester, of Lake Benton, who came in last night. Mr. Manchester insisted that he had not mingled with the leading factors in the speakership fight at all, and had not the remotest idea what the members from the Second congressional district would do when they got together tomorrow morning, but he was confident that they would be governed entirely by the judgment of the majority as to the qualifications of the two candidates for the position involved. The Second district, he thought, had no political debts to pay.

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August Anderson, of Chisago county, the chairman of the Fourth district delegation, has called a caucus for noon tomorrow.

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The senate caucus will be held Monday night.

Ed H. Folsom, of Taylor's Falls, would like to secure from the incoming house the same position that he enjoyed in 1893.

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Some of the friends of Daniel Shell take exception to the statement in yesterday's Globe that he desires to be secretary of state two years hence. They insist that the Worthington man does not want anything, and claim that if he wished he could have been speaker of the house for the session of 1897. Mr. Shell is expected in the city tomorrow to attend the Second district caucus, and until then the Globe will not commit him any farther.

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That Second district caucus, by the way, promises to be much in the nature of a band wagon climb. If it appears to the shrewd politicians from the Second that Mr. Underleak is in the lead, they will no doubt go for the First district man, but if, on the other hand, it appears that Jones is in the lead, or even comparatively close, the Second will probably go for Jones by reason of personal relations between Mr. Jones and some of the old members from that district.

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Col. W. H. Robinson, of Mayville, N. D., the national committeeman from the northerly of the Western twins, was at the Ryan yesterday en route home from a visit to Mark Hanna in company with Henry C. Payne, the Milwaukee millionaire politician. While Col. Robinson has been the subject of a great deal of remark in line with possible senatorial ambitions, he denies absolutely that he has any inclination to accept any such position, even were he to be elected. The fact, however, that Col. Robinson has been in conference with Mr. Hanna is taken by a great many of the leaders in the North Dakota political fight to indicate that the administration which will come into power March 4 will be better pleased if it greets Mr. Hansbrough as an outgoing rather than an incoming member of the smaller house of the national legislature. Col. Robinson, while he finds much time to dabble in politics, is a prosperous lumberman of Mayville, and does not need the position. In fact, it is probable that if he should let his political ambition interfere with his business it would be a great financial sacrifice. In spite of that fact it has been openly charged that Col. Robinson has been behind a number of the numerous candidates for the Hansbrough toga, in the hope that in the consequent deadlock he would be seized upon as the knife which would cut the Gordian knot. Emphatic as have been his avowals of absolute disinterestedness, Col Robinson has not been quite able to convince the Hansbrough promoters of his sincerity, and the fact that he has been down with Mr. Hanna will, no doubt, revive the antagonisms which have been inspired by suspicion as to the colonel's motives.

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Incidental to the present senatorial campaign in that state is one of the most unique family mixtures of public record. The matrimonial bonds had united privately three of the most distinguished North Dakota politicians. Jud La Moure, the only, and Dr. Montague, of the state insane hospital, married sisters. Mrs. Montague No. 1 was Alex McGillivray's sister. But while La Moure is staunch and true on one side of the fence, his relative McGillivray is as positive in his advocacy of the other.

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It has been reported that Mr. Hanna was willing to spend $50,000 if necessary in the election of a United States senator, but gossip among the North Dakotans in the hotel corridors yesterday was to the effect that this was untrue, and, on the other hand, that Mr. Hanna assumes that there is no necessity of the national committee spending money in states which are safely Republican. The committee, from that standpoint, will not spend any money in the protection of one candidate in strictly local fights, but where the interests of the party are in danger it is willing to give up. That is the Hanna idea of the campaign fund.

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It looks as though Senator Hansbrough would have a lively time in the next few weeks. It is reported that his enemies have discovered that he is a shareholder, or a least has a property right, in a British Columbia silver mine, and this will be used to show his reasons for favoring the silver side of the monetary question in the national campaign just closed.

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Norman county's probate judgeship row is stirring up a lively time. Hawkins, Republican, and Brattlan, Populist, were the candidates. The vote outside of the Indian reservation was in favor of Brattlan by a small majority, but the vote from the reservation changed this to a majority of about thirty for Hawkins. The contest was taken before Judge Ives, the Populist judge of the Fourteenth district, and he decided that the votes from the reservation could not be counted. Mr. Hawkins immediately took an appeal to the supreme court. If that court sustains Judge Ives on this point it will put a stop to voting on the reservations of this state and do away with a custom that has been in vogue here since Minnesota became a state, for the whites on the reservation and the Indians who have adopted the civilized customs and become citizens have alwas been allowed to vote.

Norman county political circles are all ripped up the back, and O. H. Myron, member of the Republican state central committee from that county, was at the capitol yesterday morning to ascertain if there was any truth in the report that the court had decided in Brattlan's favor.

FOURTH HOSPITAL TANGLE.

What the Minority of the Commission Says.

The report of the minority in the Fourth hospital matter is that it most emphatically dissents from the majority report of the commission, for the reason that the site selected is wholly inadequate and unsuitable as a site for the proposed institution.

In the opinion of the minority, there are several sites superior to the one selected. They think the latter the worst that could have been taken, with one or two exceptions. They claim that the hospital was once unanimously decided to be located at Hastings, and no satisfactory reason has ever been given, or pretended to be given, for the change of base.

The minority claims it is its duty to conserve the wishes and best interests of the people, and petitions the legislature to investigate, either by the appointment of a large committee or as it thinks best. They claim they would be slow to make the request had not the commission once decided upon Hastings as the site. That choice was made after personal visits to the various sites, and was treated as a final determination after discussion.

At the meeting held in Minneapolis Dec. 22, Commissioner Smith moved to transfer the minutes of the commission to the legislature, but it was defeated by a vote of four to three. Those voting in the negative were: Messrs. Eastman, Block, Merriam and Hoper.

The minority declares that it is making no appeal for Hastings, for the question has passed beyond local interest. They believe that the site selected is a most undesirable one, and if the members of the legislature will see to it that the site is even casually glanced at, it will refuse to permit any money to be expended on the property.

Konant's Examination Saturday.

William B. Conant, of 106 East George street, who is charged with two cases of assault and battery and a like number of cases of disorderly conduct, will have a jury trial in the police court Saturday. The complaints are made by Bertha Foersdal, who claims to be Mrs. Conant No. 1. In default of bail Conant is in the county jail.

Goes on Wagener's Staff.

Edward Dahl, clerk in the office of the board of public works, tendered his resignation yesterday. He will be appointed a deputy sheriff by John Wagener.

We call the attention of our readers to the special notice of our State Savings Bank under announcements.

Treat for the Newsies.

The New Market theater will be open to the news boys of the city of St. Paul this afternoon to witness the production of "American Born," free of all charge.

One Hundred Miles of Sheet Music.

If "the band played on" for a month it couldn't catch up with the Globe's great music offer. Since arrangements were made with the publishers to supply the Globe's readers through our music department with six pieces of sheet music for 15 cents there have been printed and sold 225,000 copies of the various songs and instrumental selections on our list. Some idea of the enormous amount of music contained in this great aggregate may be obtained by considering the fact that, placed side by side, the sheets on which the music is printed would make a paper ribbon 101 miles long. If you want to obtain a desirable strip of the next mile that is printed send the Globe fifteen cents with your name, address and numbers of the six pieces wanted, in accordance with our remarkable music offer on page 5.

SELBY AVENUE LINE

ALD. SHEPARD'S ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE TO ELECTRIC

DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE.

MERRIAM PARK CITIZENS DEMAND A CONTINUOUS LINE FROM THIS CITY.

THE USE OF SUMMIT AVENUE

Opposed by Those Whose Property Would Be Injured by the Improvement.

An audience of half a hundred persons, three-fourths of those present being from the Midway district, met with the aldermanic committee on streets at the council chamber yesterday afternoon. The seven members of the committee and a number of the members of the assembly listened to the discussion, which was on the ordinance of Ald. Shepard, relative to the changing of the cable to an electric line and to running of the cars on Third street and Summit avenue. Ald. Shepard said the ordinance contemplated the running of a continuous line from Broadway to Merriam Park. As to the objection to running on Third street and Summit avenue on account of the grade on the streets, Mr. Shepard said electric lines were run in Stillwater on a grade of 9.85 per cent. At Tacoma there were two hills each one-half a mile, on which the grade was over 10 per cent. At Sioux City one grade on which electric cars were operated was 12 per cent. As to turning at the end of Summit avenue the ground at that point was level. By carrying the line to the west side of Summit avenue the objection of injury to the driveway on the avenue was done away with. By doing this a clear driveway of forty feet can be given outside of the car tracks. Robert street and Seventh street have only a forty-foot driveway, and there were other business streets that wehe just as narrow.

S. L. Howell said the Midway district was well represented and greatly interested in the ordinance. The street railway company agreed to build a cable line provided the citizens would raise a bonus of $100,000, and construct a sewer to Faiview avenue. Not a resident was able to use the sewer as it has no outlet. The taxpayers also spent $90,000 for a bridge over the Milwaukee tracks. The company agreed to run the line for five years, but violated the contract, trusting that there would be no concerted action, which turned out as anticipated. Cars were run from fifteen to thirty minutes apart and the residents have been promised for the past four years that as soon as a device could be secured on the line the matter of tranportation would be properly attended to. The city council had the power to make the railway company make the change and give the Midway residents proper facilities.

The popular demand was for the change. He had a petition signed by 800 persons, not all residents of the Midway district, but including a couple of hundred patrons of the line living in the hill district asking for the change. As to the practicability of the proposed plan, he said there was no question about it. All citizens were opposed to running on Summit avenue and spoiling that handsome street. But if the public interest demanded that the cars run over one block of the street it should be allowed. The placing of the line on the avenue would still leave a driveway of forty feet available, which was about the same as other streets in the city. The people in the midway district were not particular as to what route be taken, but they wanted through service from the city to Merriam Park. The grades on which cars were operated in Stillwater, Sioux City, Lawrence, Mass.; Haverhill, Mass.; Tacoma, Seattle were much steeper than the proposed grade on Third street and Summit avenue.

Another objection was that the turn on Third street from Summit avenue was such that in case a car became disabled or got out of the control of the motorman there would be a bad accident. There was no danger except such as might happen on a perfectly level track and not near the danger there was on the present Selby avenue hill route now used.

The Merriam Park people were loyal to St. Paul, but, unless the council took some interest in their means of transportation, they would have to go to some place where they could get better treatment. They had elected an alderman, Mr. Shepard, on the distinct understanding that the street railway company would be forced to carry out the plan of a continuous line to Merriam Park.

F. W. M. Cutcheon, representing the Kittson property, now in the hands of the Title Insurance and Trust Company of New York, said the tracks on Summit avenue, as proposed, were on the west side of that avenue. The proposition was to take a part of the west boulevard and directly against the boulevard. The proposed line shut off all means of reaching this property and would spoil the frontage of the same. He admitted the inconvenience to the midway district people, but it was not just to destroy the value of the property he represented. It was not possible to do it legally, and if attempted in this case an appeal would be taken to the court. If attempted it would result in a long litigation, which would involve the street railway company, the city and property owners.

A forty-foot roadway was not adequate for Summit avenue. It was not a question solely of the convenience of the residents, but Summit avenue was the artery by which all the driving from and to the hill was done. With cars every two or three minutes it would not be convenient to citizens or to property owners such as he represented.

He suggested that the line run up Third street and on Summit place to Nelson avenue. Another route that had been proposed was on Fort, Tenth, Rice, Summit and Nelson avenue. This is the one told about in the Globe yesterday. He saw no reason why the street car company should not be required to operate another line to the midway district, and thought it might be advisable to let the cable line alone and run another line out Rondo or Iglehart street to Merriam Park.

Mr. Shepard said it was not necessary that the tracks be placed on the west side of Summit avenue. He simply had this plan sketched out to do away with the objection that the street would not be wide enough to drive on.

C. D. O'Brien suggested the condemning of a twenty-foot strip of the Kittson property.

D. M. Robbins said it was practicable to have a device which would take the cars up the Selby hill and down with absolute safety. This could be done at very little expense with an endless chain. He had never heard about the street railway advertising for a device, in fact it had always appeared to him as though the company was satisfied with the present state of things.

D. C. Shepard was in favor of going up the present hill. If they should go up Third street, and it would be impossible to take up more than one car, he was in favor of no change being made.

Ald. Shepard said if the proposed ordinance was put through it was the intention of the company to put on cars such as are used on the interurban line.

F. W. Root said public improvements were sometimes an inconvenience to the few, but a convenience to the many. He was in favor of the proposed change on Summit and Third street. The street railway lines were no detriment, he thought, to a street, and if they were the best interests of the entire city should be taken into account.

Mr. Howell thought the matter of sentiment about Summit avenue should not interfere with the public interests. He was not in favor of going into the courts, and he thought the objections raised by Mr. Cutcheon could be obviated by running on another part of Summit avenue. All that he was interested in was to have some arrangements made which would give the midway residents better street car facilities.

Capt. Bell was in favor of running up Third street, to Nelson, and over Farrington avenue to Selby avenue. His idea was to run on Summit place, and if necessary, cut off a corner of Summit park. Ald. Kenny thought the plan presented by Ald. Shepard was a street railway plan. This was denied by Ald. Shepard, who said the company had nothing to do with and had never seen the plans nor had no knowledge of the facts presented today.

Ald. Shepard moved that the ordinance be recommended to pass. Ald. Kenny said he would have to vote against the ordinance until he heard from the Duluth people as to how steep the grade was in that city.

S. H. Hedges, a bridge engineer, said the grade spoken about in Duluth was an 8 per cent grade.

Ald. Bell was in favor of giving the Midway district people justice and rights, but thought it advisable to confer with the street car company. For this reason, he moved it be laid over until the next regular meeting of the committee, on Jan. 21. This was agreed to, and the session adjourned.

Ald. Shepard, seen last evening, said considerable headway had been made, in fact, he was pleased at the outlook. Competent engineers had informed him that there would be less danger on an electric line via Third street and Summit avenue than there was by cable up and down the Selby hill.

ELKS WATCHED IT IN.

Social Session Marks the End of the Year.

The local lodge of Elks assembled last night, and having asked a number of their friends to join with them, saw out the old year, and ushered in the new with fitting ceremony. The affair took on the nature of a social session, the entertainment having been arranged by the committee made up of Joseph Bartles, Wilbur Tibbils and Ed Whitaker. Hiler Horton opened the evening by introducing the master of ceremonies, Judge J. J. McCafferty, who, flanked by Exalted Ruler A. M. Knox and Ed Whitaker, ably assisted by Col. Flournoy and Sam Plechner, as policemen, dispensed justice, administered fines and imposed penalties on the various members of the order. The judge proved a capital master, and the fines, songs, recitations and speeches followed each other in rapid succession. The magnificent lodge room was filled to the utmost, and there was no lack of refreshment.

Just as the midnight hour approached, Judge Samuel Morrison briefly welcomed those who sat about him, and the new year was ushered in with the hope of increased prosperity, better thoughts and resolutions, etc. The fun was contributed for the most part by Elks, and was well received. Among the list were Herschal Mayall, Percy Churchill, Maj. Cooley, A. J. Johnson, Paul Quesnel, M. J. Dowling, Judge Schoonmaker, Tenny and Wolf, and several members of the "McSorley's Twins" company.

MADE THE APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Doran Named John Wolterstorff, as Anticipated.

Mayor Doran yesterday made out commissions for R. B. C. Bement and John Wolterstorff as members of the board of water commissioners. As announced in the Globe yesterday, Mr. Wolterstorff takes the place made vacant by the retirement of A. H. Lindeke, who requested that he be not reappointed. It is understood that the mayor did not want to reappoint Mr. Bement, although he is a Republican, and had another active Republican slated for the place. So much pressure was brought to bear on the mayor in favor of Mr. Bement that his honor yielded and made out the commission. Both members are appointed for four years.

Kenneth Clark was also appointed as a member of the board of fire commissioners for a term of three years.

WHITE BEAR BOULEVARD.

County Surveyor Johnson Submits Plans to the Board.

County Surveyor Johnson submitted to the board of county commissioners yesterday a plan for the proposed White Bear boulevard, in accordance with a resolution of the board.

The drawing shows a roadway 150 feet in width, starting at the city limits, this side of Wakefield Lake, and following the route of the present White Bear road, which is 66 feet wide. The plan contemplates the following division of the boulevard:

Carriage drive, 25 feet; a wagon road 25 feet wide, separated therefrom by a grass plot; a right of way for a double-track electric railway 17½ feet in width; a bicycle path, 15 feet wide; 3 grass plots, each 10 feet in width, and 2 8¾ feet in width each; and 2 10-foot sidewalks.

No formal estimate of the cost of such a boulevard has been made. Ex-Assemblyman W. A. Van Slyke is of the opinion that the right of way necessary to the widening of the road from 66 feet to 150 feet can be obtained for nothing.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Miss Birdena Farwell returned to Chicago last night.

Albert and Gustave Salehow were fined $5 each in the police court yesterday for violating the fish and game law by fishing through the ice at Phalen lake.

Joseph Schultz and Dominick Janetto, two youths, were arrested yesterday afternoon charged with stealing brass from the Great Western round house on the West side.

Edward A. Murray, of Merriam Park, who was examined in the probate court Wednesday afternoon on information of inebriety filed by his father, was committed yesterday to the Rochester inebriate asylum.

Secretary Hart, of the state board of corrections and charities, has received and will accept an invitation to appear in Madison early in February, before the prison work session of the Wisconsin conference of charities and corrections, when he will deliver an address on "Delinquent Children."

When Patrolman Gaul was taken before the mayor to answer to the charge of having pushed Maurice Moriarity from the steps in front of the Wabasha street entrance to the court house in a precipitous manner, the mayor told the officer to be more careful in the future, and, with that, let him go.

Detectives Werrick and Wells yesterday arrested "Big" Cleveland and "Tug" Wilson, a couple of able confidence men who recently came to the city from East Grand Forks. Cleveland is well known to the police, but Wilson is a stranger. They will be arraigned in the police court, charged with vagrancy, this morning.

The A. E. Johnson company was incorporated yesterday in the office of the secretary of state, with a capitalization of $50,000. The company is made up of A. E. Johnson, the wellknown land and steamship agent of New York, and the following named of this city: Olaf O. Searle, Andrew E. Johnson, Conrad O. Searle and Olaf J. Hall. The company will engage in a land and real estate business with headquarters in this city.

Preparing for Redmond.

A number of prominent Irish-Americans met at the office of Dr. McNamara in the Odd Fellows' block, last evening, to make arrangements for the reception of Hon. John Redmond, who will lecture in St. Paul next week. A list of citizens was selected, but as all of the gentlemen have not yet signified their intention to serve, the list can not yet be published.

Dentist's Office Raided.

The dentist office of S. How, in the Grand block, was broken into Tuesday night and dental tools valued at $75 carried off. The police claim the work was done by kids, and that the door of the office was left unlocked.

Saturday, Jan. 2 (the 3d being Sunday), is the last day permissible for banks doing business under the letter and spirit of our savings bank law to take deposits on which 6 mos. interest is allowed July 1, 1897. The State Savings Bank will be open from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. and from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m.

DORAN "IN THE AIR"

ACTION OF THE ASSEMBLY PLACES THE ADMINISTRATION IN A HOLE.

SALOONS MUST CLOSE TODAY,

OR THE MAYOR'S OFFICERS MUST IGNORE THE DECISION'S RULINGS.

WHICH ARE THEY GOING TO DO?

List of the Places Which Craig, Thompson, Reardon and Kirke Say Must Close.

The assembly, at the meeting Tuesday night, refused to pass upon a batch of applications for saloon licenses, on the ground that the time for receiving objections against the granting of the licenses had not expired. Messrs. Craig, Thompson, Reardon and Kirke took the ground that it would be illegal to pass on applications until after Jan. 9, which was the date set for the hearing. Other members of the assembly called the attention of the quartette to the meeting held in the mayor's office some weeks ago, at which it was decided that there would be no thirty days' grace allowed saloonkeepers this year and that those whose license expired Jan. 1, 1897, would have to have the license issued to them on time, or close up until they were issued. No arguments would go, however, and the applications were rejected, but finally referred back to the license committee.

The list of saloons where the applications were not passed upon included the following:

Robinson & Rowe, 26 East Fourth street; W. S. Twombley, 328 Wabasha street; Herman L. Schade, 965 West Seventh street; Carl Schollenberg, 388 Rice street; Louis D. Phillips, 282 Sibley street; Noyes Bros. & Cutler, 400 Sibley street; W. W. Lorrimer, 201 East Fourth street; Peter J. Hoffett, 90 South Wabasha street; P. J. Esch & Co., 13 East Sixth street; Cronstedt Bros., 279 East Third street; W. G. Carling, 349 Robert street; Jefferson Carson, Merchants' hotel; Frank G. Brady, 345 Wabasha street; John Berwanger, 491 Wabasha street; C. F. Eggert, 484 Robert street.

An effort was made yesterday to find out what action the authorities would take regarding the closing of the saloons mentioned, owing to the licenses, which expired last night, not having been issued. At the city clerk's office it was stated that nothing was known about the matter.

Mayor Doran was also averse to talking on the subject for publication, but it is known that when he was acquainted with the action of the assembly, or, rather, the four members of that body, he was excited. In the language of the sport, he was "up in the air," and not in the least pleased at the action of the assemblymen. During the last campaign the saloon element stood by the mayor almost to a man, and some of those prominently identified with the liquor traffic made no bones about doing everything they could to secure his election. Of course, being a representative of the reform element, the mayor could not publicly come out and announce that he was in favor of allowing the saloonkeepers any particular privilege, but he had, until Tuesday night, been under the impression that the members of the assembly understood that, while the administration was to pose in favor of a strict enforcement of the laws relating to the liquor traffic and other reforms, there was no intention when it came to cases, to work any hardship.

License Inspector Maloney, seen about the closing up of the saloons owing to their having no license issued to them, said he had been informed some weeks ago that licenses due on Jan. 1 must be taken out on or before that date, or the saloonkeepers would be liable to arrest and punishment. He had heard nothing to the contrary, but would see his superior officers regarding the matter. Chief Goss said he had received no orders from the mayor relative to the matter, and was inclined to think that no precipitate action would be taken regarding the saloon men.

LINDAHL STUNNED THEM.

City Wouldn't Buy Coal [illegible] the Cheapest Dealer.

Ald. Lindahl, one of the members of the committee on claims, astonished his colleagues yesterday afternoon by announcing that he was surprised. The First ward statesman had in his hand at the time bills sent in by the Lehigh Valley Coal company for coal furnished to the police department, amounting to $90. It was not the amount of the bill that caused the alderman to be surprised, but the fact that the coal was billed at $8.35 per ton.

"It is a very funny thing," said the alderman, "that the police department should persist in buying coal at $8.35 per ton, when it can be purchased for less.

"I know a firm," he continued, "that notified the chief of police and also the comptroller that they would furnish coal to the police department for $7.75 per ton. And do you know, gentlemen," said the alderman, shaking his head, "that the firm that made this offer has never been called on to furnish a single ton of coal to the police department."

There was a brief silence in the committee room, and on motion of Ald. Lindahl the bill was recommended not to pass.

The claim of the dozen special constables for services rendered on election day was also held up, the committee being of the opinion that the men had no legal claim against the city.

WAS IT ONLY A BLUFF?

Aronsin May Not Appoint the Dix Committee:

The resolution introduced by Assemblyman Dix directing the appointment of a joint council committee to investigate the alleged friction between the police and legal departments was passed by a unanimous vote in the assembly Tuesday night. President Arosin, however, did not announce the assembly end of the committee and it was reported yesterday that it was very probable that he would neglect this matter.

The willingness of the officials connected with the city attorney's office to have a full investigation and the statements of City Prosecutor Oppenheim that it would be productive of much good has set some of the Republican members of the council to thinking whether the investigation would be a good thing or not. On the surface the resolution seemed to be aimed at the legal department, and, of course, was considered a good thing by the assemblymen and pushed along accordingly.

Some of the council now realize that the investigation might reflect in some manner on the administration, and, if there is one thing more than another which is to be guarded against, at least in the eyes of the reformers, it is to keep the skirts of the administration clear from all suspicion. The present officials of the legal department will, without doubt, retire in March, and it was suggested yesterday by one of the reform councilmen that, under the circumstances, it would be better to let the proposed investigation drop, rather than take a chance of putting the administration in a bad light.

GOLDEN RULE.
75 TO 101 EAST SEVENTH ST. ST. PAUL MINN.
SEND US YOUR MAIL ORDER. MONEY WORTH OR MONEY BACK.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

TO OUR MANY PATRONS

Among the many good resolutions which you make today, let one be that you will continue to trade at the GOLDEN RULE, the People's Store. It will save you time and money, and always give you entire satisfaction. We shall raise the standard and lower the price of everything we sell for 1897. The after-holiday period gives scope for grand bargains and special offerings. Our January store news will be brighter and breezier than ever. We feel highly gratified for the very liberal patronage extended to us during the year 1896, for which you have our heartfelt thanks. Our wish to all is

Health and Prosperity
Your lives to cheer,
With every blessing
For the Happy New Year.

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HAD A JOLLY TIME

MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB AND GUESTS AT A BOHEMIAN SUPPER.

AN INNOVATION AT THE CLUB.

H. P. HALL PRESIDED WITH A GONG AND A STAGE THUNDERER.

EVERYBODY EXPECTED TO TALK,

But Only a Few of Them Able to Find Quiet Enough to Do So.

What proved to be a thoroughly unique affair was the "Bohemian supper" given last night at the Commercial club, when perhaps 100 men, mostly members of the club, sat down to a thoroughly informal dinner spread in the reading and lounging rooms of the club. If one gathered from the cards of admission that formality was dispensed with, his notion was confirmed by the subsequent proceedings for all conventionality was left in the cloak room with the hats and coats. H. P. Hall, with the aid of several trusty colleagues, arranged the affair, and as if to see that the original plan did not miscarry, presided, assisted by a huge fire gong, and a sonorous stage thundermaker.

The menu was substantial, if not elaborate, and the diners lost sight of the absence of finger bowls, with the aid of clay pipes and the nectar which is said to have made some town in Wisconsin famous. The usual order of things was quite reversed. The various speakers—limited to five minutes—vowed contrary to custom that they had been asked and expected to speak, and when once started, were frequently interrupted by gongs, and thunder and witty sallies from various parts of the house. There was no lack of versatility. President Gregg briefly presented Toastmaster Hall, who called upon McSorley's Twins trio for some vocal numbers, which proved most enjoyable.

Judge J. J. McCafferty spoke in a humorous vein on "The Ethics of the Law," and never once mentioned his subject, but was so witty about other things that he was forgiven. Capt. Castle, after having been jocosely referred to as a relic of the paleozoic age, spoke of the time he came here and found some of his fellow banqueters in middle life. Messrs. Tenny and Wolf upheld the local reputation for vocal ability in several duets, most of them of a funny variety, and Herschal Mayall gave an interesting little story of steamboating on the Mississippi. A. M. Knox, on behalf of the Elks, invited all those present to aid in ushering in the New Year with the Elks at their social session.

It remained for W. J. Footner, one of the club's past presidents, to express the hope that there might be more such gatherings in the club, which he thought would be the gainer if there were frequently opportunities for social rather than exclusively business contact among the members. The toastmaster read some Cuban poetry, which is attributed to E. A. Jaggard, who responded wittily enough. There were other short speeches from Col. Flournoy, M. J. Dowling, E. S. Durment, Maj. Cooley and Charles Fairchild. The session, which terminated shortly after 8 o'clock, was all the jollier for its easy-going character, and those who bent their knees beneath the board will look forward pleasantly to a successor. Among those present were:

Mayor Doran,	C. C. Whitney,
L. W. Rundlett,	G. E. Hallberg,
Dr. A. J. Stone,	E. S. Durment,
R. A. Smith,	F. P. Dufresne,
Albert Scheffer,	M. A. Rudd,
J. J. McCafferty,	Dr. L. W. Lyon,
R. H. Seng,	S. B. Shotwell,
W. B. Boone,	E. A. Jaggard,
E. W. Bazille,	W. W. Cooley,
M. A. Beckman,	E. J. Hodgson,
A. M. Sullivan,	Tim Doherty,
M. E. Nichols,	J. H. Whitaker,
G. M. Hillman,	A. V. Williams,
Matt Jensen,	J. S. Macdonald,
W. H. S. Wright,	C. D. O'Brien,
A. H. Pilcher,	C. L. Horst,
E. L. Poole,	M. J. Costello,
H. A. Clifford,	Dr. W. D. Kelly,
F. A. Bostwick,	D. M. Campbell,
F. I. Whitney,	A. G. Briggs,
C. R. Groff,	John King,
Joseph McKibbin,	M. A. Beckman,
J. W. Taylor,	Bronson Strain,
R. C. Dunn,	Jesse A. Gregg,
J. J. Lomen,	C. B. Bowlby,
D. C. Lightbourne,	H. P. Hall,
W. H. Merrick,	A. M. Knox,
Ambrose Tighe,	E. A. Paradis,
Judge Sam Morrison,	C. P. Stine,
E. S. Tuttle,	D. A. Montfort,
J. W. Owens,	F. S. Monfort,
C. W. Hall,	W. W. Pease,
W. A. Potter,	C. G. Hartin,
S. Conday,	H. E. Huntington,
M. N. Goss,	S. P. Crosby,
E. G. Rogers,	T. D. O'Brien,
Capt. W. H. Harris,	Dr. Alex Donald,
G. W. Hardacre,	E. H. Kerwin,
William Bickel,	H. M. Nelson,
R. E. Noyes,	Dr. H. W. Davis,
Judge Willrich,	Dr. G. M. Coon,
F. E. Allman,	M. L. Countryman,
E. B. Olmstead,	Charles Thompson,
C. B. Nibinger,	W. J. Footner,
G. B. Hillman,	M. J. Dowling,
W. O. Hillman,	Herschel J. Mayall,
G. H. MacRae,	Col. R. T. Flournoy,
Isaac Seddon,	F. H. Tenny,
W. C. Winter,	Henry Dellafield,
C. W. Johnson,	Judge G. M. Nelson,
A. L. Cunningham,	Dawson Moreland,
William Faulkner,	Capt. H. A. Castle.
H. A. Merrill,	

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