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WEBBER DIED SUDDENLY. Effect of a Moving Was Too Much for Him.

Christian Webber, an expressman living with his family at 554 Thomas street, died at his home yesterday morning from the effects of acute alcoholism. Coroner Nelson viewed the body and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Webber had been ill since Saturday night. Saturday afternoon, in company with another expressman named Charles Zacco, he was engaged in moving the effects of Frank Brown, a saloon keeper, from a building owned by Undertaker Adams, and the two men had been given permission to drink as much of the liquor as they desired. The task of moving the saloon fixtures was a protracted one lasting throughout the afternoon, and shortly after Webber went home he was taken with severe pains in the stomach. His condition grew rapidly worse and Dr. Wierzecki was called to attend him. The physician diagnosed the case as one of alcoholism and did everything in his power to relieve Webber, but the man's condition was such as to render futile all treatment, and after lingering in suffering until yesterday morning he died. Webber leaves a wife and five children, the eldest of whom is but six years of age, and the youngest a babe of one year. He was fifty-three years of age, having come to St. Paul about ten years ago from Cottage Grove, where he was engaged in farming. Since coming to the city he has been driving an express wagon.

PIANO CLUB RECITAL.

Pleasant Musical Event at Howard-Farwell Hall. The piano club, assisted by Miss Mamie Ivel, gave a recital at the music parlors of Howard, Farwell & Co., last evening, which was heard by an appreciative audience. The following programme was rendered under the direction of Prof. Titcomb: Vogelbein, Miss Mary Jewell; Sabotier-Wooden shoe dance, Mason; Contralto-"A Summer Night," Goring Thomas; Cachaña Capriccio, Miss Mamie Ivel; Rustic dance, Miss Mamie Ivel; Piano solo, Mrs. J. A. Deter; Contralto, "Sunset," Miss D. Buck; Nocturne Op. 27, No. 2, Chopin; Rhapsodie No. 11, Liszt; Valse Brillante, Moszkowski; Misses O'Brien, Schutte, Mabelle and Maude Davis.

LOOKING TO PROMOTIONS.

Army Examinations to Be Held Here Next Month. Brigadier General Grook has directed Col. John C. Bates, Second Infantry; Capt. Charles A. Dempsey, Second Infantry; Capt. George E. Bushnell, medical department; Capt. James E. Hickley, Eighth Cavalry; Capt. Henry A. Shaw, medical department; Second Lieutenant Peter Murray, Third Infantry, to assemble at St. Paul, Minn., on Tuesday, the 16th day of March, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as practicable to make a preliminary examination into the claims and qualifications of such soldiers as shall be ordered before it, with a view to determine their eligibility for entering the competitive examination for promotion to the grade of second lieutenant in the army. The following named soldiers having been recommended for promotion will appear for examination by the board: Second Lieutenant Company C, 3d Infantry, Fort Snelling, Minn.; Corporal Samuel C. Vestal, Company E, 2d Infantry, Fort Snelling, Minn.; Corporal Charles S. Linton, Company B, 2d Infantry, Fort Harrison, Mont.; Private Spotted Tail, Company C, 25th Infantry, Fort Assiniboine, Mont.

ARCHBISHOP IS WEAKER.

Most Rev. Fr. Grace in a Critical Condition. Archbishop Grace, who has been ill at St. Joseph's hospital for several weeks suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is still in a precarious condition. No immediate fear is entertained concerning his condition, though he does not rally from the effects of the disease as rapidly as his friends would desire. Two weeks ago the pneumonia itself had been overcome by the physicians attending the archbishop, and it was thought he would slowly regain his normal health. The improvement in his condition was so marked that he was at times able to sit up and converse with friends, but the shock to his enfeebled vitality has been more severe than was at first supposed, and he was yesterday reported to be much weaker.

GOSS' OFFICE NEXT.

Sneak Thieves Are as Bold as in Wright's Time. The residence of Emma Lee, 37 West Third street, but two doors above the central police station, was entered by burglars Monday night and \$4 in money and a worn sashkin stolen. The thieves secured an entrance to the house by forcing the catch of a back window while Miss Lee was absent between 6 and 7 o'clock. The theft was reported to the police.

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HISTORIC STAR FIRE

SUPREME COURT REVERSES THE DECISION IN THE ELEVATOR CASE.

CONROY MAY EXPLAIN

PROCEDURE OF THE COURT,

WITHDRAWING QUESTIONS FROM THE JURY AFTER SUBMISSION OF UNUSUAL AND ERRATIC.

AS TO LANDLORD AND TENANT.

Their Relations Are the Subject of a Learned Disquisition by the Court.

In two decisions of three filed yesterday by the supreme court, the order of the lower court is reversed. One of these bears upon the well-known and long-contested Star elevator insurance case, the proceedings in which form a "paper book" three inches in thickness. The case is one of a series against various insurance companies, whereby it was sought to recover upon insurance policies on the Star elevator at First street and Sixth avenue north, Minneapolis. In August, 1891, a portion of the north wall of the elevator fell, crushing beneath it a smaller building, which adjoined it and was then occupied as a feed mill by the Thompson Milling company. After the accident, it was found that the huge heap of debris was on fire and it continued to burn for some hours. The plaintiffs in this suit based their action upon the claim that the fire originated in the Thompson feed mill, and that the falling of the wall was due to the fact that it was weakened by the action of the heat, while the defendants contended that the fire did not start until after the falling of the wall and was then ignited by the coals in the furnaces of the feed mill which were coughed under the debris, and that the wall fell because it was improperly constructed. Upon this point of contention the case impinged as the insurance policy contained a clause which provided that should the insured building, or any part thereof, fall, except as the result of fire, all insurance by that policy should immediately cease. In the first trial the court in charging the jury, called attention to this clause, and at the request of the attorneys, presented two questions upon which the verdict should be based. The first of these questions was: "Was there any fire in Thompson's feed mill before the wall fell?" and the other, to be considered only in case of an affirmative answer to the first was: "Did such fire cause said elevator to fall?" After the jury had considered these questions for a day and a half, the court on his own motion and in the absence of the attorney for the defense, withdrew the special questions and permitted the jury to bring in a general verdict following are the syllabi in all of the cases: Charles H. Ernestraut and Charles H. Maxcey, respondents, vs. Providence Washington Insurance Company, of Providence, R. I. A jury was directed, in addition to returning a general verdict, to answer certain specific questions, to-wit: "Was there any fire in Thompson's feed mill before the wall fell?" and "Did such fire cause said elevator to fall?" After being out 36 hours without reaching an agreement upon the answers to these questions, the court, of its own motion and in the absence of defendant's attorneys, withdrew the special questions and permitted a general verdict by the jury and then received a general verdict against the defendant. The court thereupon ordered the withdrawing these questions, ordered reversed. Collins, J. P. N. Peterson, appellant, vs. Emil Kreuger et al., respondents. Trust Company of St. Paul, appellant, vs. Life Insurance Company et al., appellants. 1. An order, affecting a substantial right of a party defendant, was made in an action brought by the former under the forcible entry and detainer act, G. S. 1894, section 10,218, and the order was not subject to non-payment of rent. Order reversed. Collins, J. Hiram C. Truesdale, plaintiff, E. C. Langford et al., respondents, vs. Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, et al., appellants. 1. An order, affecting a substantial right of a party defendant, was made in an action brought by the former under the forcible entry and detainer act, G. S. 1894, section 10,218, and the order was not subject to non-payment of rent. Order reversed. Collins, J.

ARE BICYCLES EXEMPT?

Question is Raised in a Suit Against the Sheriff.

James E. Weirick has begun an action against Sheriff Wagener to recover a bicycle, which the sheriff levied upon to satisfy a judgment secured against the plaintiff in the municipal court. Mr. Weirick alleges that his bicycle is exempt from execution and final process under the general laws of 1878, and the statutes amendatory thereof.

GETS A HUSBAND AND 8100.

First Marriage in the New German Dowsy Society.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The first young woman to receive \$100 in gold from the German Dowry society was married at 8 o'clock last night in the Temple of Humankind to a red-haired young clerk. The founder of the society, Lazarus Morgenstern, who says that Abraham Lincoln, Moses and Martin Luther are his teachers, talked to the happy couple for more than an hour, and then John J. Jerolemon, president of the board of assistants, pronounced them man and wife. Bertha Horowitz, a working girl, of 224 Stanton street, was the bride, and the groom was Jacob Hoffman, of the same address. The dowry society is said to provide dowries for deserving young women who are orphans.

POOL IN PERIL.

Western Agreement May Be Broken by the Smaller Lines.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—There is great danger that the pool of the roads between Chicago and St. Paul will go to smash. The Chicago and North Western is dissatisfied over the manner in which they continually fall behind in their percentages and are threatening to pull out of the pool. They maintain that the amount of controllable business that is turned over to them is not enough to enable them to even up in their percentages. If they were to pull out of the pool, it would be necessary to revise the percentages all around, and give the small lines a share of the business. The Chicago and North Western is not prepared to do this. The smaller lines resent this and say that when they have received their share of business that is justly coming to them, it will be ample time to consider a revision of the percentages. They have practically declared that if they are not given what they desire, they will pull out of the pool. It is likely that a meeting of the Chicago and North Western will be held some time during the latter part of the week.

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Mrs. Edward Johnson, of Elgin, Ill., has asked the local police authorities to make inquiries as to the whereabouts of her husband, whom she says left his home about two weeks ago to come to St. Paul for the purpose of seeking employment at his trade, that of an iron molder. Mrs. Johnson had heard nothing from him since his departure, and is greatly worried as to his safety. Johnson is an Englishman about forty years of age, short and stout, with dark blue eyes. When he left Elgin he wore a black ulster and soft hat.

N. P. SALE CLOSED.

Final Order Made by Judge Jenkins at Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 15.—The sale of the Northern Pacific Railroad company's properties and the transfer to the Northern Pacific Railway company of the assets of the Northern Pacific and Eastern Railway companies, completed, Judge Jenkins having entered an order in the United States court confirming the actions of Master J. J. Hill, commissioner in charge of the property and sanctioning the disposition of the proceeds as made by the master. This is the last act in the disposition of the property, but will be years and years before it is done with the litigation and which bids fair to outlive Dickens' "celebrated case." The Northern Pacific Railway Company, versus Jarndyce, at least the court is so called. The order of the court is founded on the report of Master Cary. The three parcels, in which the property was sold, for \$1,052,290, and no one will ever know the exact amount that the company was and will be obliged to pay for the property, owing to the fact that the master was obliged to assume in complying with the conditions of the decree. Outside of this amount, the company, it appears, has paid \$1,052,290, and no one will ever know the exact amount that the company was and will be obliged to pay for the property, owing to the fact that the master was obliged to assume in complying with the conditions of the decree.

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