SAINT PAUL.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Gov. Clough has issued a commission to Robert A. Grant as second lieutenant of Company A, Second regiment.

A lamp explosion in the apartments of Mrs. P. H. Daudle, 321 West Seventh street, shortly after 9 o'clock last evening, damaged the furnishing of the room to the extent of $25.

The board of public works has decided to request the city council to place in next year's tax budget a sufficient amount to pay for the grading of East Third street, from Clarence street to White Bear avenue.

Superintendent W. W. Pendergast, of the state department of public instruction, will lecture at the assembly hall of the Humboldt high school this evening at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "Travels Through the Sunny South," based upon a personal visit.

Charles York, a carpenter at Forest Lake, was brought to the city yesterday on a train from Taylor's Falls and taken to the city hospital. He is threatened with lockjaw, the result of stepping on a nail that penetrated his foot.

Detective Hallowell yesterday recovered $25 worth of carpenter's tools which were stolen from T. L. Lamay at Mendota last Sunday. The tools were found in different lots at three second-hand stores, where they had been sold by the thief.

Mrs. Christina Berg, living at 884 Beech street, fell to the asphalt pavement while alighting from a Selby avenue cable car at Seven Corners last evening and sustained painful injuries about the face. She was carried unconscious into Reeves' drug store, where Dr. Christeson examined her and pronounced her not seriously hurt. The right cheek was badly contused. The woman was taken home.

A branch of the St. Paul Public School union was organized Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Charles R. Groff; vice president, Mrs. Bullard; treasurer, Miss E. Witt; corresponding secretary, Rev. Mr. Pringle; recording secretary, Miss Maude Clum. There is to be a meeting at the Jefferson school this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. It is earnestly requested that all parents in the Jefferson district be present.

Dr. E. F. Stroeter, formerly of this city, but now occupied in mission work in New York, has been for several days giving a series of talks at the German Methodist church. Dr. Stroeter is engaged in the work among the Jews of New York city, conducting there a very remarkable and successful mission work. He speaks this evening (Friday) at the Gospel tabernacle, Market street, opposite Rice park, at 8 o'clock. Dr. Stroeter is a powerful and interesting speaker.

Owen Qualley, a young man living at 233 West Seventh street, fell out of a second story window shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning, and was found in an unconscious condition on the sidewalk below by Officer Markie, of the central station. Qualley was sent to the city hospital under the supposition that he was serious injured, but left the institution yesterday afternoon, not much the worse for his trouble.

Justice of the Peace Johnson yesterday rendered a decision in the breach of contract case of Robert Cotton against Moses Ryder, an account of which appeared in the Globe of two weeks ago, finding for the defendant. Cotton sued Ryder for $59 which he alleged had been agreed upon between himself and the defendant for his service in arranging a marriage between Ryder and his deceased brother's widow, Mrs. Mary Ryder. At the trial Ryder denied having entered into any agreement whatever with Cotton.

367 pairs ladies' Web Slippers only 10 cents a pair, Friday and Saturday. Home Trade Shoe Co., 31 E. 7th st.

PAINTING OF THELMA.

Another Production From the Brush of A. D. M. Cooper.

Astley D. M. Cooper's beautiful painting, "Thelma," has been placed on exhibition at 416 Wabasha street, and the numerous art lovers in St. Paul will no doubt be glad of the opportunity to inspect and admire the latest production from the brush of this famous American artist. Last summer "Trilby," the work of the same hand, was exhibited in this city, and was visited by a large number of people, who were enthusiastic in its praise. While it was admitted that the artist's counterfeit of Du Maurier's heroine was a superb production, it is stated that Mr. Cooper has even eclipsed his former effort in this last canvas of "Thelma."

The name is taken from the subject of Marie Corelli's novel, and the painting is entirely different from anything shown in St. Paul of its kind. The pose is graceful and extremely natural, the modeling is almost perfect, while the light and shade effects are so deftly handled as to make the beautiful figure seem embodied with pulsing life.

The picture will be shown here for a week or two.

St. Mark's Church Entertainment.

St. Mark's parish has been in a state of anticipation for two weeks past over the announcement of a dramatic entertainment, which was given last night at the Columbian hall, corner Prior and University avenues, by the St. Joseph's Dramatic club. Music was furnished by Prof. Youngren's orchestra, who gave a number of selections during the evening. When the curtain went up every seat in the large hall was taken, while people stood up in the aisles and around the sides of the room. For the first part of the programme an interesting little play, "A Perplexing Situation," was given and the second part another play, "The Great Catastrophe." Both furnished excellent enjoyment.

BURNED BY GASOLINE.

Mrs. William Codden Receives Injuries in an Explosion.

Mrs. William Codden, living at 694 East Sixth street, was painfully burned about the left arm by a gasoline explosion at 7:30 o'clock last evening. Mrs. Codden was preparing supper when the explosion occurred, scattering some of the burning oil upon her clothing. The fire about her person was quickly extinguished, but not before her arm had been badly blistered and her cheek slightly burned. The room was damaged to the extent of $25.

Will Simply Repair It.

The property owners on Laurel avenue, between Nina avenue and Dale street, appeared before the committee on streets of the assembly yesterday to discuss the proposed paving of that avenue. The objectors were decidedly in the majority, and, on the ground that the owners could not afford to pay the assessment, the paving will be postponed until next year. The city engineer will make repairs to the amount of $400, where most needed, the expense to be paid from the street and sewer fund.

Money for Lighting.

The board of public works has at its disposal about $3,000, which can be distributed in various sections of the city in gas and gasoline lamps and electric lights. A conference will be held this evening by members of the council to split up the necessary number of lamps so as to diminish the surplus.

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Elgin Creamery Store,
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We sell them all. Read the list. The prices are very small to meet careful buying.

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By glass or gallon.
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We Give Out Cash Coupons.

PUSHED THEM ALONG

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE ALDERMEN ABOUT THE STREET RAILWAY

GO THROUGH THE ASSEMBLY.

THOMPSON THE ONLY MAN TO FIGHT THEM FROM START TO FINISH.

BICYCLE ORDINANCE PASSED.

Mr. Shepard Gets the Upper Body to Pass His Ordinance for Cement Sidewalks.

The plan adopted by the council to force the street railway company to time as regards certain changes and improvements desired by the city is progressing finely. The resolutions passed by the board of aldermen Tuesday night directing the company forthwith to relay with standard granite blocks between their tracks on Fourth and West Third street went through the assembly last night. The Broadway loop ordinance was also carried, as was the resolution ordering the company to boulevard their tracks on University avenue, from Victoria street to the west city limits. The resolutions and ordinance will be submitted to the mayor for his signature today, and the members of the council, as well as others interested, will await with feverish anxiety the result of this style of making the street car company come to the center. The bicycle ordinance, as prepared by the aldermen, also passed the assembly, but notice was given that amendments would be made at the next meeting to suit the ideas of several of the assemblymen.

The ordinance introduced in the board of aldermen by Mr. Kenny and passed under a suspension of the rules, providing for the running of the Interurban and Como cars on Fifth, Broadway and Seventh streets, caused considerable discussion. Before the clerk had finished the ordinance, Mr. Albrecht was on his feet and moved a suspension of the rules and the passage of the ordinance. President Arosin held that the ordinance would have to be read first. This formality having been gone through with, Mr. Kirke moved that the ordinance be laid on the table and that it be taken up later in an executive session. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Mr. Albrecht made a strong talk for the immediate passage of the ordinance. The time had come, he said, for action and the ordinance should be acted on at once. The assembly had been chosen to carry out the wishes of the people. Mr. Daly said he had been under the impression that the assembly was elected to carry out the wishes of the Rev. David Morgan. He moved the ordinance be referred to the council committee so that "Rev. David" could be heard. Mr. Thompson thought if it was laid over for a time and the matter discussed it would be much better. Mr. Daly said he would rather see the ordinance passed at once than to have it go back "to the kindergarten appendage to the common council." The motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its passage was lost by a tie vote, Messrs. Albrecht, Daly Dix and Mabon favoring the motion, and Messrs. Arosin, Readon, Thompson and Kirke opposing it.

The ordinance was then taken up for discussion on the suggestion of Mr. Arosin, who claimed he wanted to hear from the property owners. A. H. Lindeke was given the privilege of the floor, but stated that he had nothing to say. Mr. Thompson wanted the interurban and Como cars to turn on Robert and Seventh and go via Eighth street to Wabasha. Mr. Albrecht favored the ordinance for the reason that it would give the council a hold on the street car company. Mr. Arosin said it was a queer thing that all the councilmen who favored the Broadway loop were opposed to any depot loop ordinance. The depot connection loop was of as much if not more importance than the Broadway loop.

Edward H. Schurmeier denied that those who favored the Broadway loop were opposed to a depot connection. He said a number of large business houses on Seventh street between Robert and Wabasha streets favored the operation of the cars on Seventh rather than Eighth street.

Mr. Thompson wanted a promise that if the Broadway loop was ordered those interested would withdraw objection to a depot connection or loop. There was no response, although Mr. Schurmeier said he never opposed the depot loop. Mr. Dix said he was not in favor of cars running on Seventh street, but rather than have the ordinance defeated, he would vote for it. Mr. Mabon again called for a vote on the suspension of the rules. This time all the members of the body present voted in favor of the rules being suspended. The ordinance was then passed by a unanimous vote.

The board of aldermen passed resolutions directing the street railway company to pave Fourth street and West Third street from Broadway to Pleasant avenue with granite blocks. When the assembly took up the resolutions last night, Mr. Thompson opposed the adoption of the resolutions. A. H. Lindeke did not think granite blocks should be used to repave between the tracks. In his opinion the company should be treated no better than property owners. Mr. Albrecht said the city could not force the company to pave the street under the contract with anything but granite. This the corporation attorney stated was correct. Both resolutions were passed by a vote of six to two, Messrs. Daly and Thompson voting in the negative.

The resolution passed by the board of aldermen requiring the street railway company to boulevard their tracks on University avenue from Victoria street west to the city limits was passed by a vote of seven to one, Assemblyman Thompson being the only one to vote against it.

The bicycle ordinance passed by the aldermen was referred to the committee on streets, President Arosin stating that it should be considered before passage. A few moments later Mr. Albrecht asked that the ordinance be recalled, and this was done. The assemblyman from the Third ward said it was important to the public and also to the wheelmen that the ordinance be passed at once. He suggested that amendments desired by members of the assembly could be made at future meetings. Mr. Daly said he was in favor of having the ordinance referred to the committee on streets as a large number of his constituents wanted to be heard. Mr. Arosin wanted the section as to lighted lamps changed. It was an outrage, he said, to make bicyclists have lighted lamps on the wheels when not riding on the sidewalks. A wheelman would, under the ordinance, be required to have a lamp attached to the wheel at all times, or in case the rider was out in the country during the day and reached the city after sunset without a lamp he would be required to dismount and wheel his bike, as he would not be allowed to ride either on the streets or sidewalks. He wanted the ordinance amended so as to not make it necessary to have a lighted lamp unless the wheels were ridden on the sidewalks.

Mr. Dix did not agree with the president and said it was just as necessary to have lighted lamps on wheels ridden on the street as on the sidewalks. On the suspension of the rules the vote stood 6 to 2, Messrs. Arosin and Reardon voting no. The ordinance was passed by a like vote, Mr. Arosin explaining that he would not vote for the ordinance which required lighted lamps to be carried on wheels ridden on the streets. Mr. Reardon voted "no" for the reason that he was opposed to wheelmen being allowed to ride on any sidewalk in the city. The ordinance will go to the mayor today for his signature and after its publication will be in force.

The objection of the Christian Citizenship league to the approval of the application of A. Weinholzer for a saloon was read by the clerk. The objectors alleged that the applicant kept his saloon open after 11 o'clock at night and on Sundays during the past year. That during the past two months he had sold liquor in rooms in the building adjoining the building at 448 Wabasha street, for which place he had a license. That since May 1 he had been engaged in selling liquor at the saloon without any license, the same having expired on that date. That for several months past the place had been maintained in connection with a concert hall and that the hall and adjoining premises had been the resort of disreputable females. Further that the applicant was an unfit person to conduct a saloon.

Mr. Reardon moved that the application be referred back to the committee on license, together with the protest and the matter be investigated. "And if," said Mr. Reardon, "the protest is well founded the thing is pretty hard on the police department." Mr. Doty, attorney for the league, explained that he had been at considerable expense to secure the attendance of witness and it was no more than fair that they be heard at this time. Mr. Kirke thought it would be waste of time, and as there was a deal of business to be transacted the committee on license could be directed to hear the evidence and report to the assembly at the next meeting. The motion was carried as was also a similar one to have the protest against the application of A. Swanberg for a saloon license at 890 Payne avenue. Mr. Doty explained there was no evidence to be heard in this case. Swanberg had been fined $25 in the police court for allowing minors to visit his saloon. Under the law this was sufficient to prevent the applicant from having a license. Mr. Reardon said the applicant desired to be heard and the committee could report at the same time as it did on the Weinholzer case.

The city engineer was directed to repair Dale street from Summit to Como avenues. This action was taken in defference to the wishes of the bicyclists.

The adverse report of the board of public works on the paving of Seventh street from the railroad bridge and Hope street, and on the paving of Laurel avenue from Nina avenue to Dale street was concurred in. The city engineer, however, was directed to repair Laurel avenue at an expense not to exceed $400, the amount to be paid from the street and sewer fund.

The final order for the Gaultier street sewer was passed.

The ordinance reducing the fees of the sealer of weights from five to two cents for each weight or measure, was reported for passage by the committee on ways and means. Mr. Mabon objected and said the job paid little enough now at five cents. Mr. Thompson thought the office should be abolished as it was simply taking so much out of the pockets of merchants of the city. Mr. Daly sealed the controversy by having the ordinance referred back to the committee. As the duties of the sealer of weights and measures expires for this year June 1, it makes but little difference as to the passage of the ordinance.

The bond of the Merchants' National bank in the sum of $150,000 was approved.

The amendment to the dog ordinance passed by the board of aldermen, went to the committee on streets.

The resolution was passed directing the board of public works to contract for two arc lights in Summit, Rice, Irvine and Lafayette parks on the all night service.

The ordinance giving the market master charge of the Third street market was passed.

The ordinance reducing the license for bill poster from $50 to $5 was referred to the committee on streets.

An ordinance introduced by Ald. Shepard and passed by the board, prohibiting the laying of any wooden sidewalks in Merriam and Union Parks was passed after an explanation by the Eleventh ward alderman. Mr. Shepard said the district in which the laying of wooden walks was prohibited in the ordinance included only the most thickly settled portion of the Midway district. The boundaries are University, Fairview, Selby and Cleveland avenues. Violations of the ordinance are punishable by a fine of not less than $10 nor more than $50.

Some of the assemblymen thought the ordinance was an unwise one, but Ald. Shepard assured them that all the property owners in the prohibited district were unanimous for it and with this assurance it was passed.

REACH NEW YORK TODAY.

State's Sugar Beet Cargo Is Due This Morning.

This morning, barring accidents, the steamship Columbia will land in New York from Hamburg, having on board the consignment of 25,000 pounds of sugar beet seed for the farmers of Minnesota, and, unless there is unusual delay in the metropolis, the seed will be transferred to a fast freight line, which will dispatch the stuff to the West tonight, or, at the latest, tomorrow morning.

This will make the seed reach here by Wednesday night or Thursday morning. It will be delivered to the Minneapolis firm of Northrup, King & Co., who will ship it to the farmers upon the order of the state treasurer, to whom has been entrusted the task of selling the consignment. The seed will be sold in small packages at the cost price to the state, viz., 12½ cents a pound.

All orders or applications for seed must be presented to the state treasurer, and it is expected that the end of next week will see a lot of eager farmers at the capitol.

STAFF OF DOG CATCHERS.

Mayor Doran Selects the Men for That Work.

Mayor Doran yesterday appointed four of the six dog catchers and five men with teams and wagons to assist in the capture of unlicensed canines. The men appointed at $50 per month were A. W. Germain, 59 Winnipeg street; W. Montbriand, 349 North Smith avenue; J. L. Solum, 937 Woodbridge street; John Melrose, 332 East Jessamine. The men with teams at $3 per day are G. W. Johnson, 1148 Bradley street; J. W. Cooley, 561 Broadway; J. P. Bowlin, 750 Jackson street; Joseph Miller, 166 East Fairfield, Charles Carton, 442 Robert street.

It was the intention of the mayor to appoint six dog catchers, but he ran out of applications, and so only four were named. The crew will be put to work as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for cages and locks. New men will be appointed by the mayor each month during the season.

Thirty Days of Excitement.

Thursday morning began a sale of dry goods that promises to become very exciting. Habighorst & Co., corner of Seventh and Wacouta streets, are experimenting with the times.

They have put the prices below cost in many cases, and throughout their store everything will be reduced. If housekeepers appreciate the cut that has been made, there will be a rush for the bargains during this month that will make Habighorst's corner one of the busiest in the city.

AS BAD AS THE HILL

OPPOSITION TO THE SUMMIT AVENUE CAR LINE SEEMS INSURMOUNTABLE.

PROPERTY OWNERS WROTH.

NOT ONLY THOSE ON THE STREETS PROPOSED TO BE USED,

BUT THOSE OF SEVEN CORNERS.

Assembly Committee on Streets Finally Defers the Whole Matter for Two Weeks.

The ordinance introduced at the last meeting of the assembly by Mr. Kirke relative to the changing of the cable to an electric line, has met with decided opposition. It was stated at the time the ordinance was handed in that it would solve the problem of a through line to Merriam park and at the same time do away with the danger attending the operation of cars on the Selby avenue hill. The ordinance provided for electric cars being operated on Fourth, Wabasha, Tenth and Rice streets, Summit, Nelson and Farrington avenues to Selby avenue. Mr. Kirke had explained that there was practically no opposition to his ordinance and as nothing to the contrary developed at the meeting of the committee on streets of the assembly Monday, the ordinance was recommended to pass.

There was developed considerable opposition to the passage of the ordinance at an adjourned meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon, and the result was that the measure was laid over for two weeks.

Fred Ingersoll, who acted as chairman of a meeting of property owners on Summit and Nelson avenues from Rice street to Farrington avenue, held earlier in the afternoon, headed a delegation of twenty-five who appeared before the committee. Another score of business men, representing property in the vicinity of the Seven Corners, protested against the discontinuance of the line on West Third and Fourth streets, on the ground that it would be detrimental to business and property interests in that section. Mr. Ingessoll informed the committee that he represented owners who had about 2,400 feet of property on Summit and Nelson avenues between Rice street and Farrington avenue. Mr. Ingersoll said the property owners on Summit and Nelson avenues desired to protest against the so-called Kirke ordinance. The line would do great damage to the street, particularly Nelson avenue. The street was now only thirty-two feet wide and if a double line of tracks was put down, but sixteen feet would be left for travel. The property owners had paid for boulevarding and paving the street and had also erected a number of handsome residences on the theory that no street car lines would be operated there. The people in business near the Seven corners also objected to being left without street car service. Mr. Ingersoll asked how the people on the hill were to get to the various churches except by going a roundabout way on Tenth, Rice and Wabasha streets. In reply to a question Mr. Ingersoll said to his personal view the sentiment of the Seventh ward residents was in favor of the present line and a device on the hill such as was being used in other cities. He thought up Third street to Dayton avenue and on Dayton avenue, and then through the Day property to Selby avenue would be a good route. This was simply his personal opinion, however, and not that of the gentlemen he represented.

Capt. Berkey's best judgment was that no change was necessary. There had been but one accident, and he could not conceive why there should be a desire to change. The trick to secure a device was not a hard one. The present rout, in the judgment of nine-tenths of the people on the hill, was the correct one. He said there were a lot of people living in St. Paul, he was sorry to say, who were kickers and would keep on kicking at every opportunity. In his opinion there was no need of a change.

T. D. O'Brien spoke for property owners on Nelson and Summit avenues. When the cable was put in it was understood and the ordinance was changed so that the company waived the right to lay tracks on Summit, Nelson and other avenues. Since that time a number of fine residences had been built and the street narrowed by putting in a boulevard down to thirty-two feet. This had been done, owing to the agreement that the street railway company had waived the rights to put tracks on the street. It was the duty of the street car company to solve the problem and carry out their system so as to furnish proper accommodations to the citizens. People's improvements and property should be left alone, and, after a line had been constructed on any street, it should not be changed, as it would decrease the value of property, and in this view any change should be seriously considered by the council. Messrs. Moore and Defiel said that, if the change was made, they would lose more than it would cost the city railway company to put in a device on the hill which would make travel safe.

B. Zimmermann said the people on Third, Fourth and Seventh streets protested against the removal of the tracks. The change would simply rob the owners of improved property, as blocks had been put up, owing to the street car lines being operated as now.

Mr. Kirke suggested that a route which would go over Fort street from Seven corners and then on Rice, Summit, Nelson and on Farrington to Selby would do away with the objections of the property owners at the Seven corners. He said it didn't make any difference to him which of the two routes was taken. Either one would do away with the danger from the Selby avenue hill. There were only two routes to get up the hill without a device. The line, he thought, would never be changed so long as the company had to put in a device. He thought the main objection came from the property owners, and not from the general public, who were interested in seeing a good service to Merriram Park, and avoiding the danger of the Selby avenue hill. The hour of 6 having arrived, Mr. Kirke said he had no objection to the ordinance being laid over two weeks, in order to give those opposed a chance to be heard, and this was done.

STRIKE OF THE COOPERS.

Interested Parties Attend a Conference in Minneapolis.

The Minneapolis end of the coopers' difficulties was given an airing at a conference held there yesterday afternoon, in which the boss brewers, boss coopers, representatives of the two coopers' unions and of the central labor bodies of both cities participated. The boss brewers agreed to concede an increase of five cents per packet as asked for by the men, provided the latter received it. When this was made known the boss coopers declared that if the five-cent raise was agreed to for the men they would demand a raise of ten cents additional for themselves. What the result of this demand will be is not known, but everything will probably be adjusted so far as Minneapolis is concerned next Monday afternoon when the boss coopers and the journeymen will hold a joint meeting to sign the new agreement.

A conference will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in this city, when the local trouble will be considered by representatives of the boss brewers, boss coopers and of the coopers' union and the trades and labor assembly.

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A special meeting of the trades and labor assembly will be held this evening to receive the report of the committee and dispose of the base ball grounds trouble. The assembly committee of six has made a thorough investigation and it is expected the matter will be disposed of this evening.

PLAYED WITH POWDER.

Still Albert Meyers Lives to Celebrate Another Birthday.

Albert Meyers, living with his parents at 59 East Seventh street, was nine years old yesterday. The fact that his natal day transpired in the natural order of events was not unusual to Albert's tender experience, but a circumstance which came very near incapacitating him for the enjoyment of future birthdays will doubtless make the ninth anniversary of his advent into this vale of tears memorable to him as a story to be told to his children's children.

A boy of nine years is nearly a man in these progressive times, and, realizing his responsibility, Albert yesterday undertook to accomplish a deed of renown. He succeeded in his purpose, but what some people would call Providence and others "bull-headed luck" is alone responsible for his being around to tell about it. In the exuberance of youth Albert was playing in the alley in the rear of William Burkhard's gun store, 61 East Seventh street, about 3:30 in the afternoon, when in a manner peculiar to boys of his years he became possessed of something with which he had no business. It was a five-pound powder can, half full of the powerful explosive. Albert says he found the can in the alley, but Mr. Burkhard thinks he obtained it from a rear room of the store where shells are loaded. However this may be matters little relative to subsequent events. Albert had a can of powder. He touched it off and those who heard the explosion are still wondering how the youth escaped going in shattered particles to join the airship.

Secure in the possession of the powder can Albert sought a secluded corner of the alley, where he dug a hole in the ground and buried the can to the edge. A man, he says, showed him the day before how to light powder, so Albert struck a match after the peculiar manner of the genus homo and dropped it into the powder. Albert does not remember how many somersaults he turned when a blinding flame leaped from the can followed by an explosion which was heard by Officer Morse at Seventh and Robert streets, but when he came back to Mother Earth he was some thirty feet from the can, where he remained for a moment, stunned. He was bleeding from a cut across the nose, while his face was blackened from dirt and powder, but the lad surprised those who were first to reach the scene of the explosion, by gaining his feet and running up stairs to his mother's apartments. Almost miraculously the boy had escaped being blown to pieces and when examined later by a physician, his most painful hurt was found to be the cut on his nose and a badly contused cheek. His eyes were full of dirt, but he had not been burned by the powder. The explosion attracted a large crowd from Seventh street, where rumors of the boy's death were current, and many were at a loss to understand how he had escaped the penalty of his folly when viewing the hole torn in the ground by the exploding powder. Only the fact that the explosive was not compact in the can is thought to have averted a catastrophe.

RUN DOWN BY A SCORCHER.

Delia Bieber Badly Hurt on East Seventh Street.

Delia Bieber, a thirteen-year-old girl, living with her parents at 561 Jackson street, was run down and painfully injured by a bicycle at Seventh and Cedar streets, yesterday afternoon. The girl was carried into Yerxa's grocery store, where she fainted from the shock of the accident. After being revived she started to her home, but had scarcely reached the street when the severe pain again caused her to become unconscious. She was then taken to her home in a carriage, where Dr. Denny attended her. It is the opinion of the physician that, though badly shaken up and suffering severe pain at present, that the young girl is not seriously injured.

The bicycle was ridden by James Dillings, a colored man living at 178 East Tenth street. He was coming down the hill between Wabasha and Cedar streets, some witnesses of the accident say, at a scorching pace, and struck the girl full in the side as she was crossing the street. Dillings himself says he was riding as slowly as possible coming down the hill and that he blew his whistle a number of times when he saw the girl, and endeavored to avoid her. He offered to do everything in his power for the girl, and as he gave his name and address to Officer Ben Morse, was not taken into custody.

LOYAL LEGION OFFICERS.

Names Selected by the Committee on Nominations.

The committee on the nomination of officers for the Minnesota Commandery of the Loyal Legion, appointed at the stated meeting of the commandery held in April, have unanamously agreed upon the following nominations for officers of the commandery for the ensuing year:

Commander—Bvt. Brig. Gen. Robert N. Adams, Minneapolis, colonel Eighty-first Ohio infantry.

Senior Vice Comander—Bvt. Maj. Gen. C. C. Andrews, U. S. V., St. Paul.

Junior Vice Commander—Capt. W. R. Bourne, U. S. A., retired, Shell Lake, Wis.

Recorder—Bvt. Brig. Gen. E. C. Mason, U. S. A., retired, St. Paul.

Registrar—Capt. C. G. Higbee, St. Paul.

Treasurer—Lieut. Albert Scheffer, St. Paul.

Chancellor—Brig Gen. William Smith, U. S. A., retired, St. Paul.

Chaplain, John Ireland, chaplain, U. S. V., St. Paul.

Council—Lieut. Col. William B. McCord, Minneapolis; Lieut. A. T. Bigelow, St. Paul; Lieut. Edwin Dunn, Eyota, Minn.; Capt. B. M. Hicks, Minneapolis; Maj. Charles H. Whipple, U. S. A.

FONDA DAMAGE SUIT.

Second Trial Begins, One Juror Being Secured.

The second trial of the $50,000 personal injury suit of James M. Fonda against the St. Paul City Railway company began yesterday before Judge Willis and a jury. Mr. Fonda is the man who, a year ago last August, was run over by a street car on West Seventh street, near Walnut, and suffered the loss of his left leg and his right foot in consequence. The case was brought to trial last November and resulted in a disagreement of the jury. It was then placed on the December calendar, but stricken therefrom on motion of the plaintiff's attorney, who did not like the looks of the struck jury.

The trial opened in the afternoon, and when court adjourned at 5 p. m. only one juror had been secured.

A Popular Resort.

Lake Park Hotel at Lake Minnetonka is the most popular tourist resort in Minnesota. It is only a half hour's ride from Minneapolis, and reached by frequent trains. The accommodations are in every way of the best, and prices extremely reasonable. Good fishing, boating, yachting and bathing. Hotel will open for the season of 1897 on June 24th. For further particulars, and a beautifully illustrated pamphlet, address

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INSTRUCTS THE JURORS TO MAKE CAREFUL INVESTIGATION INTO AFFAIRS.

REFERENCE TO SUNDAY CLOSING.

Attention Called to the Report That the State Liquor Law Is Being Violated.

The May grand jury appeared before Judge Lewis in Court Room No. 1, at 10 a. m. yesterday. After the members had been duly sworn, Judge Lewis delivered his charge and the grand jury at once retired to Court Room No. 6 and began the special task on hand—the investigation of the bank cases. The grand jury remained in session from 10:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m., adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 2:30, remained in session until 4:30, when an adjournment was taken until 2:15 p. m. today. The four hours were practically all devoted to investigating the affairs of the Minnesota Savings bank.

Only 21 of the 23 jurors drawn put in an appearance, as Charles J. Schott and J. Johnson Rogers could not be found. Of the 21, two were excused, Eugene Villaume, because he has not taken out his second citizenship papers, and Archibald Doolittle on account of illness. The 19 jurors sworn in are:

A. J. Bell, George S. Heron, Nicholas Hardy, Cyrus H. Kellogg, John F. Krieger, John P. Larkin, James C. Nolan, John Sandell, H. T. Quinlan, Sears E. Brace, William H. Burns, Charles Henry Clark, Charles Dougan, Amos S. English, Arthur W. Guttridge, John Lindquist, William R. Merriam and John McCullough and Matthew J. Dooley.

The bank cases being the special object of the grand jury's attention, Judge Lewis dwelt chiefly upon this subject in his charge, which was couched in forcible and unambiguous language. In relation to the banks Judge Lewis said:

It is common knowledge that during the past few months a number of the banks in this city have suspended payment and passed into the hands of receivers and assignees, entailing upon depositors wide-spread and heavy losses.

Schedules of assets and liabilities of these institutions disclose conditions which few had reason to suspect. These failures, affecting as they do numerous and varied interests, have brought upon the management of some of these institutions harsh and severe criticism, even to the extent of criminal accusations.

And I charge you, gentlemen of the grand jury, that public welfare and the safety of our institutions demand that you fearlessly and without favor or discrimination inquire into the conditions existng, and methods obtaining in those several banks at the time of their suspension, and determine by careful scrutiny and searching inquiry if the respective officers of these banks are blameless under the law. And in the event that complaints or evidence against these institutions are not presented to you, or, for any reason, are withheld from your consideration, the court instructs you that by virtue of the authority vested in you as grand jurors you may direct the county attorney to issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence to aid in your investigation.

And having examined witnesses and considered all the evidence in a deliberate and impartial manner, your duty will direct you to a conclusion which will protect the innocent, and permit no person to go unpunished through fear or favor.

Relative to the frequent violations of the laws regulating the sale of liquors Judge Lewis said:

It is a common report that the state laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors are openly violated, especially in matters pertaining to Sunday closing and the sale of liquors to minors, and it is your duty to inquire into all infractions of liquor laws as well as others of which you may have notice.

Judge Lewis pointed out the importance of a strict observance of the law forbidding the sale of liquor to minors, inasmuch as the young were often debauched by the use of intoxicants. In conclusion the court cautioned the members of the grand jury to strictly observe their oath not to reveal or in any way disclose what transpires in the jury room.

That the affairs of the Minnesota Savings bank were undergoing investigation yesterday was quite apparent after taking a look at some of the witnesses in the vicinity of the grand jury room. T. D. Sheehan, one of the receivers, and Ed Heinlein, the cashier of the Minnesota Savings bank, were noticed and later in the afternoon Receiver Frank A. Seymour, of the Bank of Minnesota was sent for by County Attorney Anderson, though the grand jury had adjourned before Mr. Seymour reached the court house. Two gentlemen from Rochester, Minn., were also in waiting.

During the session of the present grand jury the witnesses, instead of being permitted to sit out in the corridor where they can be the observed of all observers and be questioned by reporters, are conducted to a private room at the end of the hall, adjoining the grand jury room.

MUST PAY WATER FRONTAGE.

Judge Kelly Rules That Churches Are Not Exempt.

Judge Kelly has decided that church property is not exempt from special or local assessments under the law exempting such property from general taxation.

The matter came before the court on an application for judgment against the Baptist union for a water frontage tax or assessment amounting to $4. The Baptist union opposed the entry of judgment on the ground that its property being used exclusively for church purposes was exempt from taxation.

Judge Kelly ordered that judgment be entered, and in the accompanying memorandum says:

The charter of the city of St. Paul, section 334, Municipal Code 1893, provides: "In addition to all other powers conferred upon said board (water commissioners), they are authorized to and shall assess upon each and every lot in the city of St. Paul in front of which water pipes are laid, an annual tax or assessment of ten cents per lineal foot of the frontage of such lot or lots, and which shall be a lien upon such lot or lots and shall be collected as hereinafter provided." The following section requires a detailed statement of such assessment to be certified to the county auditor "as delinquent taxes for collection."

The question arises should this water front assessment be regarded as an ordinary tax on real property such as is referred to in section 3, article 9, constitution of Minnesota, and in section 1512, Statutes of Minnesota, 1894. The constitution cited requires laws to be passed taxing "all real and personal property according to its true value in money; but all churches, church property used for religious purposes and houses of worship * * * shall * * * by general laws be exempt from taxation." The statute cited, section 1512, reads: "All property described in this section to the extent limited herein shall be exempt from taxation; first * * * all houses used exclusively for public worship, and the lot or parts of lots upon which such houses are erected."

In State ex rel. Oakland Cemetery Association vs City of St. Paul, it was held that under General Statutes, chapter 34, section 259, providing that "the cemetery lands * * * are exempt from all public taxes and assessments," such lands were not subject to a local assessment for a sidewalk, the court construing the word "assessment" in the exemption when used in contradistinction to the word "taxes," to mean assessment for local improvements.

In First Division St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company vs. St. Paul, the court construing the meaning of local assessments, says: "Though the levying of such assessments must rest for its authority upon the taxing power, they are held not to be necessarily included in or covered by the words "taxes" or "taxation," these words being generally held to refer only to those burdens which are imposed for the general purposes of government.

So also in City of St. Paul vs. St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad Company the rule is stated that the words "taxes" and "taxation" are to be construed to refer "solely to general or ordinary taxes and not to special or local assessments," when used in statutes granting immunity from taxation, such as exempt school houses, churches and the like.

I conclude, therefore, that this church, while exempt from taxation for the ordinary purposes of government, remains subject to the burdens imposed by the so-called water front assessment, that being an assessment special and local in its character.

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HER SISTER'S CHILDREN.

Testimony Heard in the Application of Mrs. Wright.

The hearing of the application of Mrs. C. Wright to be appointed guardian of her two little nieces, Mary and Della Masterson, was resumed in the probate court yesterday before Judge Willrich. At present the children, aged five and six years, are in the custody of Joseph M. Dumes, who adopted Della, the elder child, before the death of her father. Mrs. Masterson, the mother of the children, is an inmate of the Rochester asylum. Mrs. Wright, who resides in Chicago, is her sister.

Testimony to the effect that Mrs. Wright is a fit person to have the custody of the children was heard, but the attorney for Mr. Dumes, the respondent, declined to put his client on the stand to testify as to his fitness.

The court, however, compelled Mr. Dumes to testify. Judge Willrich announced that he would reserve his decision and continue the case for one week to give the attorneys an opportunity to submit more evidence if they could procure it.

In the Divorce Court.

The divorce suit of Mary Heller against George Heller was partially tried before Judge Otis yesterday. The defendant made no appearance. This is the case of the youthful pair who were wedded last November and whose troubles began ere their honeymoon had had a fair chance to wane. Mrs. Heller is 21 years of age and her husband, whom she charges with cruel and inhuman treatment, is two years her junior.

Judge Bunn granted a divorce to Mrs. Friederke Keil from Charles Keil on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Court Calls Today.

Jury—Judges Brill, Willis, Lewis; 23, 57.
Court—Judges Otis, Bunn; 89, 107, 111.
Chambers—Judge Kelly.
Probate Court—Judge Willrich, chambers.
Supreme Court; 65, 75, 235.

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CAR AND WAGON CRASH.

D. P. Haggerty Is Caught in a Collision.

The wagon of the Little Sisters of the Poor, driven by D. P. Haggerty, was struck by a Grand Avenue car at Seventh and Franklin streets yesterday morning. Haggerty was thrown violently to the pavement and slightly cut about the face, while a rear wheel of the wagon was broken off. Dr. Ancker is of the opinion that Haggerty is not seriously hurt, although he was able to walk only with difficulty and was sent to the home in the central patrol wagon. He was the only occupant of the vehicle. The street car was in charge of Conductor Kelly and Motorman Johnson.

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