SAINT PAUL.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

A meeting of the Bimetallic union will be held tomorrow night at 448 Wabasha street.

Mary Lofgren was examined in the probate court yesterday and committed to the Rochester asylum.

Do you know what I need better than I do? This is a fair question to ask the salesman who tries to sell you one thing when you ask for another.

J. M. Carlson secured a permit yesterday to erect a $5,000 frame dwelling on the north side of Dayton avenue, between Arundel and Mackubin streets.

Don't hurry. Take time to examine the labels and trademarks of goods you buy, and you will protect yourself from cheap and worthless substitutes.

J. M. Carlson yesterday took out a building permit to erect a two-story frame dwelling on the north side of Dayton avenue, between Arundel and Mackubin, the estimated cost being $5,000.

B. J. Munn, employed by the St. Paul Lake Ice Company, had his pocket picked in front of the Ryan hotel yesterday evening. The wallet contained $20 in cash and two checks, one for $14 and the other for $11. Mr. Munn reported his loss to the police.

Dr. and Mrs. Ogden, of Holly avenue, entertained their immediate relatives last evening, the company being a family reunion. The members of the family from out of the city were: Mr. and Mrs. John Ogden, of Fernbank, Ohio; and Rev. and Mrs. W. Bates, of Winnebago City.

Mayor Doran has received a circular notice that the convention, called in the interest of the improvement of Western waterways, will be held in Davenport, Io., Oct. 5 and 6. The call is issued by B. D. Wood, of New Orleans, chairman of the executive committee.

James Moran and Henry Peltier, charged with vagrancy, will have a hearing in the police court Tuesday. Moran has been hanging about the city for several weeks, and claims to have a home in St. Louis. Peltier has a home in Lower town, but the police say prefers to sleep in sheds and vacant buildings rather than at home.

A meeting of the executive council of the State Historical society will be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Hon. J. V. Brower will speak of his exploration during the past summer relative to the history and archaeology of Minnesota and the country west of the source of the Missouri river, and the secretary will speak briefly of libraries and museums visited in Europe.

The feast of Peter the Claver will be celebrated today by the colored Catholics of St. Paul. Papal colors will grace the sanctuary, and other decorations will be made. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. Father Andrews. Rev. Father Doyle, of St. Thomas college, will preach the sermon. The choir has prepared an excellent programme of special music for the occasion.

ON THE BRINK

Of a Lost Opportunity Is a Serious Position.

But it is just where intending purchasers of pianos stand today. It will be but little trouble for you to call at the salesroom, 410 First avenue south, Minneapolis, and learn for yourself whether or not the instruments offered are genuine bargains, and bear in mind that a bona fide assignee sale presents the greatest possible advantage to the conservative buyer, for it is the one occasion in this business world when the seller is not obliged to demand a profit on his goods that the closer buyer takes advantage of all the favorable conditions.

This piano question is one that must be decided now. Don't put off for future consideration and recall it when it is too late, as many a sad experience has shown that tomorrow was lost what so easily could have been done today, so it may be in this case. These ruinous prices on first-class instruments are nervy, its limit and all opportunities forever gone.

H. O. Peterson, Assignee.
Century Piano Co.
410 First Avenue South, Minneapolis.

LATE SOCIAL NEWS.

Arthur Mathe's is visiting in Columbus, O.

J. C. Roth, Skagua, Alaska, is visiting his parents in this city.

Miss Alice Mathews, of Duluth, is visiting the Misses Brady, of 184 Western avenue.

Miss Val Bramnell and Miss Lydia Cox have returned from a visit in Milwaukee, Wis.

Capt. and Mrs. Matheson, of Evansville, are the guests of Mrs. E. E. Parks, of Dayton avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Musser, of Tracy, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamm, of University avenue.

L. L. Davis, dean of the Northwestern college of D. S., Chicago, was a guest of Dr. Davern, of Marshall avenue, this week.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Marie Louise Le Due to Zotique Beaudin. The marriage will occur on Sept. 28 at St. Louis church. Mr. and Mrs. Beaudin will be at home at 342 Martin street after October 10.

FONDA'S VERDICT STANDS.

Judge Willis Denies the Defendant a New Trial.

The St. Paul City Railway company asked Judge Willis at special term yesterday, to order a new trial of the personal injury suit which James M. Fonda brought against the company, and in which he secured a verdict for $17,500. Mr. Fonda was run over by a street car on West Seventh street in August, 1895, and suffered the loss of both feet. The case was called for trial twice. On the first trial, the plaintiff's attorney after surveying the jury, dismissed the case. On the last trial the jury returned a verdict for $17,500 in favor of the plaintiff.

Judge Willis denied the motion for a new trial.

THEY ARE EXCITED

RELATIVES OF WILLIAM KEDDELL, WHO USED SOME WOOD ALCOHOL INTERNALLY,

AND DIED SOON AFTERWARD.

THEY BLAME THE DRUGGIST WHO SOLD HIM THE WRONG KIND.

REPORT TO HEALTH OFFICE,

However, Is That Death Was Due to Old Age and the Excessive Heat.

The funeral of William Keddell, who died Wednesday night as a a result of what his relatives claim was the mistake of a drug clerk, occurred yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son-in-law, A. O. Linscott, at 378 Walnut street. Keddell was seventy-five years of age, and despite his years, was an active and well-preserved man. Tuesday morning he went to the drug store of S. H. Reeves, at West Third and Seventh streets, and purchased a dime's worth of alcohol. Mrs. Linscott, his daughter, waited until her father had made his purchase, he being advised by his physician to take a stimulant whenever he felt the need of one. The alcohol was put in an eight-ounce bottle, which Keddell had taken from the house, and on returning home the vial was filled with water. During the day Keddell took a couple of doses of the liquid, using water and sugar with the portion from the bottle. He complained of the taste of the stuff and inquired from his daughter if there could have been any other medicine in the bottle, as it made him feel very queer. Tuesday night he was quite ill, and Wednesday morning was not any better. His grandchild was going to Princeton, Minn., and Keddell went to the depot to see her off. He did not return until nearly noon and then informed his daughter that he was very sick and could hardly get home. He said it must have been the liquor that had made him sick and Mrs. Linscott went up stairs to examine the bottle. The label read "wood alcohol," and a physician was at once called in. The nearest one was Dr. Birch, who is connected with the staff of St. Luke's hospital, and on being informed of the facts at once said that Keddell had been poisoned by the alcohol. The doctor left a prescription which Mrs. Linscott had filled at the same drug store where Keddell had purchased the alcohol. Keddell failed fast and Wednesday evening death followed. Shortly before his death, Dr. Birch called to see him and at the same time stated that Keddell's illness was due to old age, overexertion and the excessive heat. The death certificate signed by Coroner Nelson gave the cause of death as heart disease and excessive heat.

The relatives of Keddell claim that his death was undoubtedly due to his having taken three or four draughts of the wood alchohol, and insist that the clerk in the drug store made a mistake and gave wood alchohol which is only used for external uses, in place of the ordinary kind. A. O. Linscott, son-in-law of the deceased, stated last evening that he intended placing the matter in the hands of an attorney.

Dr. Birch, who attended Keddell, did not desire to have his name mentioned in connection with the case, but said Keddell's death was not due to the taking of the wood alchohol, as he had not taken enough to cause death.

J. J. McMahon, the clerk who sold Keddell the alchohol, said he knew nothing about the case except that he had sold a man ten cents worth of wood alchohol, and he understood the man had since died. He did not know the name of the person to whom he had sold the alchohol and for further information referred to his employer. Mr. Reeves could not been seen last evening to get his version of the sale, but one of the clerks in the store said the attending physician had made the statement that the alchohol had nothing to do with the death of the man.

GAVE UP HIS GOODS.

A Wisconsin Man Wouldn't Be Bothered With Trouble.

Joseph Roucher, a butcher from Amery, Wis., was arrested yesterday noon by Detectives Murnane and Olberg at his home at Marion and Front streets. The arrest was made at the request of A. J. Jerke, of Osceola, who had a warrant charging Roucher with having taken mortgaged property out of the state of Wisconsin. Roucher denied that the articles were mortgaged, but the matter was settled yesterday afternoon by Roucher turning the team, wagon and other property over to the officer from Osceola. The deputy was evidently a very kind-hearted individual, for, after the case had been settled, two silver dollars were given Roucher by the deputy, as he expressed it, "just for luck."

THEIR ACTION LEGAL

SAID THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL CHILDS WILL SO ADVISE CAPITOL COMMISSIONERS.

HE IS STILL CONSIDERING,

AND HAS NOT AS YET SUBMITTED HIS FINAL OPINION.

MR. LAMBERTON'S POSITION.

Winona Member of the Board Thinks It Will Do as Mr. Child's Suggests.

Attorney General Childs has not as yet written the supplementary opinion which he has intimated he will send to the governor, as to the capitol marble matter, but it is expected that he will do so either tomorrow or next day.

It was learned by the Globe yesterday at the capitol, on good authority, that this opinion would undoubtedly be that the action of the commission is legal. The act of 1893, under which the commission was created, gave it full power to act. This was a special law. The act of 1895 was a general law, applying to buildings generally in the state, and it is understood that the attorney general will rule that this could not by implication, at least, repeal the former special act or limit the curtail the powers of the board. This view of the law would sustain the action of the commission perfectly.

Commissioner H. W. Lamberton, asked yesterday in Winona in regard to whether or not he had received the letter which it is reported was sent to each one of the capitol commission:

"I have not as yet received any letter," he stated, "and have no opinion to express further than I did when I voted."

"What opinion have you in regard to this law of '95, as quoted?"

"When the commission acted I was fully acquainted with chapter 397, Laws of 1895, referred to did not then think I was violating the law in voting as I did, nor do I think so now. But the attorney general is the legal adviser of the commission, and his opinion in the matter will doubtless govern the future action of the board."

"What do you think of the discussion of this matter as made in the Twin City papers?"

"The discussion in the Twin City papers," was the reply, "are a good deal like country theater sheet iron thunder and gunpowder lightning, created behind the scenes to win the applause from the galleries."

"What would be your choice in case the marble had had to be rejected after all?"

"As to my action in such a case, I will cross that bridge when I come to it."

The Improvement Bulletin, discussing the agitation, Georgia Marble vs. Home Stone for the Capitol Building, says:

Certain parties directly interested in Minnesota stone quarries are making a desperate fight to prevent the carrying out of the programme, decided upon by the commission, for the use of Georgia marble, for facing a portion of the walls of the building. Other people, and some of the editors, infatuated with the local trade idea, are urging them on. Injunctions and all sorts of horrible things are threatened. It is claimed that the proposed use of material from another state violates a clause in the legislation authorizing the construction of the building. That is a matter of law, which the lawyers and courts will have to struggle over long and loud, if the parties persist in their opposition. In the meantime, everything must be brought to a standstill, all contracts and sub-contracts be hung up, the many men who have been figuring on employment this winter, will have to whistle a while longer, and in general, it will seriously inconvenience a large number of people and interests. It will be a nice thing for a few lawyers. It is a very unfortunate state of things.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion among architects and others, whose judgment is good and unclouded by local or other prejudice, that the idea of the architect and the decision of the commission were wise, and would give Minnesota the finest state structure, cost considered, in the country. It is a mistake to assume that Minnesota stone is "given a black eye" by this plan. Minnesota stone will be largely and conspicuously used in the structure. Its excellence for general building purposes is too well known, anyway, to be very seriously effected, if there did not a block of it appear. Minnesota quarries have been furnishing stone for important structures in a large number of states of the Union. Their proprietors expect to find a continued and growing market outside the Minnesota state lines. Isn't it a little dangerous doctrine for these owners and their friends to preach that the people of a state ought to confine their purchases to concerns located within its boundaries?

This home trade idea is a pretty one, if only it did not work both ways. There are others—other homes, other trades, other states, other cities. Suppose everybody adopts the local trade idea. There are concerns in Minnesota that do business in almost every state in the Union. Let all or many of the states shut out all outsiders, and these concerns will have to close down at least three-quarters of their plants, discharge that portion of their men, and come down to a hand-to-hand fight with the rest for what business can be scared up in Minnesota. If this is not the logical sequence of the policy advocated by the extreme home-traders, why not?

There is another phase of this many-faced matter. The Improvement Bulletin is informed on good authority that, should Minnesota granite have been decided on for use throughout the building, there are not anywhere near enough skilled stone cutters in Minnesota to do the work. The result would be that stone cutters would have to be imported (?) from a foreign (?) state. What a picture that makes to scare the home trade fiend out of eleven years' growth!

MAY LOSE HIS HAND.

Fight Results More Serious Probably Than Was Anticipated.

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning Patrolman Newcomb had his attention called to the sound of breaking glass at Seventh and Minnesota streets. Reaching the place he found J. S. McCune and S. S. Mumford engaged in a fight. McCune, during the one round, had thrown Mumford, who lives at 51 Tenth street, through the front window of S. Weiss & Co.'s millinery store. In going through the glass Mumford had his hands badly lacerated and was taken to St. Joseph's hospital. McCune was arrested on a charge of assault and battery and his case continued in the police court yesterday to Tuesday. He put up $25 bail for his appearance at that time. Mumford, the doctors say, had the tendons of his right hand badly cut, and may, perhaps, lose that member.

TEMPERANCE FORCES JOIN.

Federation and Citizenship League May Co-Operate.

The Christian Temperance Federation of the city, will meet tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building. Among important matters to be considered is the question of assisting the Christian Citizenship league in its fight against the transfer of licenses. At a meeting of the executive committee of the federation last Friday night, it was decided that a report should be made at tomorrow night's meeting in favor of rendering the league assistance in the fight.

WILL HAVE MORE CARRIERS.

St. Paul's Force to Be Increased Ten Shortly.

The postmaster general has authorized the appointment of four additional carriers at St. Paul on Oct. 1, and six additional carriers on Nov. 1. A Washington special says: Postmaster Smith has also been authorized to look into the question of placing street car letter boxes on the street cars with a view to the more rapid collection of mail."

Postmaster Smith said yesterday, when shown the foregoing, that he had not yet received any official notice that the force of carriers was to be increased, but he expected such notice daily.

WHO GETS THE WHEEL?

Forfeited as Bail and Legally Goes to the Treasurer.

Duff Hamilton, arrested Thursday night for riding a wheel without having a lighted lamp attached, did not appear in court yesterday. As a result of his non-appearance, the tab showed that his bike, which he had left as bail, had been declared forfeited. Just how the bail in the shape of a bicycle will be turned over to the city treasurer by the clerk of the court is a question. The police say that Hamilton will probably call for his wheel, and, if he does, $2 will be collected before it is delivered.

LET SAMPSKEY GO.

Judge Orr Wouldn't Fine a Man for an Accident.

The case against Joseph Sampskey, who fell over the bluff at South Wabasha and Colorado streets Thursday night and was afterward arrested for drunkenness, came before Judge Orr yesterday. The prisoner thought he had been punished sufficiently without being fined for the accident, and the court took the same view of the case.

The New England to Go.

Although the New England Furniture & Carpet Company has not yet disposed of its lease, Mr. Harris, president of the company, says, and it is so announced in the New England's advertisement of today on page six, that he has positively decided to close the St. Paul store on Thursday, the 30th inst. It is to be hoped that the mantle of the New England may fall on the shoulders of some one who will continue the same reputable and high grade, as well as aggressive, merchandising methods which have characterized the New England in its four years' direct connection with the housekeepers of St. Paul.

Hurt by a Street Car.

A. S. Kirchbaum, living at 863 East Minnehaha street, while biking down Seventh street last evening, was struck by an East Seventh street car. Kirchbaum and his wheel were both slightly injured.

STILLWATER NEWS.

Death of Hon. Edmund G. Butts, One of Stillwater's Oldest Settlers.

Hon. Edmund G. Butts of this city, who had been ill with consumption for many years, died early yesterday morning at the family residence on North Second street. He was surrounded by members of his family when the final summons came, and sank into that sweet sleep which knows no awakening on this side of the grave. Deceased was an estimable gentleman, and was well known in this community, having lived in Stillwater since 1865. During his long life here he made a host of friends, and although his death was expected, it will be keenly felt. He had been a sufferer with consumption for almost twenty years, but during most of the time was able to attend to his business duties. During the past month or two he grew weak rapidly, and on the last day of August was compelled to take to his bed. He realized that he would never again be able to get up, and made final preparations for the end.

REEDER ARRESTED.

More Trouble for the Late Secretary of State.

EASTON, Pa., Sept. 11.—Gen. Frank Reeder, late secretary of state of the commonwealth, who was forced by Gov. Hastings to resign this week, and Hon. Webster C. Weiss, Republican member of the legislature from this county, were arrested in the former's office in this city late this afternoon on very serious charges preferred by the adherents of John Wanamaker. Morris C. Luckenbach, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Bethlehem, is accused with Reeder and Weiss. The information declares that Reeder, Weiss and Luckenbach conspired together to defame the good name of John Wanamaker by having him offer a bribe to Weiss to secure Weiss' vote in the legislature for Wanamaker for United States senator. Reeder and Weiss waived a hearing and gave $2,000 bail each for their appearance at court.

Leading Him Astray.

Brown—I wish I could remember what it was my wife wanted me to bring home.

Smith—I've found that it's less trouble, in the long run to forget those things.—Puck.