The World's Holiday.

Christmas is indeed the World's Holiday. For the festive occasion we've assembled many delightful, sensible gifts for Men and Boys. Presents bearing our name are of known worth and quality—always acceptable. Take Smoking Jackets. Elegant cloths of somber hue—rich, not gaudy—refined, not vulgar—entirely new. Others in grotesque overplaids and the new "India" check, are exclusive with us this season. P's and Q's—price and quality—are watched closely here, $5 to $15. Then Scarfs. Roman Stripes in bold designs—quaint figured Silks too new and odd to classify—Imperial Ascots in a congress of colors. 50c to $2. Then Fancy Shirts in eccentric stripes and weird designs, in fantastic color combinations. Others of immaculate white—as faultless in fit as the apocryphal "paper on the wall"—$1 to $2. Then Mufflers in the new "College" checks, so loud and gay they seem to say: Rah! Rah!! Rah!!! 50c to $5. Then little things for little boys at little prices, too. Take Reefers, warm, cosy Reefers with big storm collars; well-made, cut long—in blue Chinchilla or Irish Frieze; all ages, 3 to 16 years, $5. All these we have and many more at interesting prices, as

"We Have No Middleman."

Hats. Clothes. Furnishings. Satisfaction.

Browning, King & Co.,

ST. PAUL.

Open Evenings Next Week.

COL. KIEFER'S NOTE

ANOTHER PIECE OF MINNESOTA SAVINGS BANK PAPER THAT IS REPUDIATED.

EX-CONGRESSMAN'S DEFENSE.

SAYS HE SIGNED THE NOTE AS AN ACCOMMODATION AND GOT NOTHING.

EXPLANATION OF TRANSACTION

As Given by the Colonel in His Answer Filed in the District Court.

During the course of the Bickel trial, frequent mention was made of the "Kiefer note." But that was all the information that the spectators of the trial ever gleaned concerning that piece of paper, They did not learn that it was a promissory note for $500 signed by Col. A. R. Kiefer and William Bickel, dated May 29, 1896, and made payable to the Minnesota Savings bank four months from date. Neither did they know that there is a suit pending to recover the face of the note, in which Receivers Dickson and Sheehan, of the Minnesota Savings bank, are the plaintiffs, and A. R. Kiefer and William Bickel Sr., are the defendants. But such an action was begun by the receivers several months ago, the complaint being duly filed in the office of the clerk of courts. It was at once pigeon-holed, however, and the newspaper reporters did not see it.

The complaint alleges that on May 29, 1896, A. R. Kiefer and William Bickel executed and delivered to the Minnesota Savings bank their joint and several promissory note for $500, payable four months after date, and that on the maturity of the note, payment of it was demanded and refused by the defendants.

Col. Kiefer, through his attorney, E. P. Sanborn, answered the complaint, though the answer is not on file in the district court. Col. Kiefer admits that he signed the note set forth, but says he did so at the request of William Bickel and without any consideration whatever, and that thereafter, before the delivery of the note to the Minnesota Savings bank, "one William F. Bickel, under the name 'W. F. Bickel,' for the purpose of giving credit to the note," endorsed it. Thereupon the note was delivered to the bank.

The answer declares that the Minnesota Savings bank never paid to any one any consideration whatever for the note, and that neither the defendant Kiefer nor William Bickel Sr. ever received any consideration for the note in question.

Continuing, Col. Kiefer alleges that, on Jan. 18, 1897, before the assignment of the Minnesota Savings bank, the note in question was fully paid to the bank "in money or in paper," which the bank accepted as cash in payment of the note, and that the note was thereupon surrendered to W. F. Bickel, or his father, William Bickel. For Col. Kiefer further declares that William F. Bickel, in fact, paid the note.

According to Col. Kiefer's answer, it was worked in this way. On Jan. 18, 1897, the Minnesota Savings bank was indebted to William F. Bickel in an amount largely in excess of the face value of the $500 note, whereupon the bank issued to William F. Bickel its certificate of deposit for such amount, and delivered the same to William F. Bickel on or about Jan. 18, and before the assignment of the bank. Thereupon William F. Bickel delivered the certificate of deposit to the bank in payment of the note, and the bank accepted it, in full satisfaction thereof, surrendered the note and cancelled the certificate.

Holiday Special.

We are Wholesalers and Retailers. We buy liberally direct from wine-growers and distillers and give patrons wholesale prices. Look at this:

For $4 we will send 2 quarts Delicious Wine (any variety), two quarts Fine Brandy, two quarts Standard Whiskey.

Sweet and Dry Wines $1 to $3 per gallon. Straight Kentucky Whiskey, $3. Send orders at once.

COLUMBIA · WINE · HOUSE, BRENCK & KRENT, Props., 460, 462 and 464 Wabasha St., St. Paul, Minn.

A Piano for a Lifetime.

Most people, when buying a piano, expect it to give many years of service. How great, therefore, should be the judgment and care exercised by the purchaser when choosing it, and how diligent he should be in ascertaining not only that the instrument is all he desires at the time of purchase, but that it will remain so.

With such pianos as the Chickering and Fischer to select from, you can feel safe in making your purchase here.

Remember these instruments are only sold by us, and remember, too, these famous old makes are not found at closing out sales nor do you find them on the floors of those houses who are making such a hullabaloo because they have bought some pianos in carload lots for cash, and for that reason can sell cheap.

We have enough money to run our business and discount our bills; no house can say any more. Besides we are in a position to sell you the best pianos the world has ever produced.

We are making reductions of $50 to $100 on all our pianos, until Christmas, and we guarantee our prices to be the lowest in the city, quality considered.

Get the other fellows' prices, then come here and we'll convince you that this statement is correct.

Pianos at $125 upwards.

Terms cash, or $10 monthly.

Howard, Farwell & Co., 20, 22, 24 West Fifth street.

DITCHES IN GOOD SHAPE.

Commission Met Yesterday in the Governor's Office.

The commission appointed by the last legislature to supervise the management of the ditches constructed by the Red river valley drainage commission, and which consists of W. R. Hoag, of the state university, as engineer; E. D. Childs and George R. Roberts, met yesterday at the capitol and received the report of the secretary and engineer. Mr. Hoag reported the ditches in good shape, generally, and the recommendations that he had made for the betterment of conditions locally in a few cases had been generally complied with. Nearly all the counties in which ditches had been built were enthusiastic over the possibilities of benefit by ditch construction, and, while not all of them had gone ahead and constructed lateral ditches, supplementary of the state system, some had. Polk county, notably, had constructed not only lateral feeders, but one main ditch at a cost of $25,000.

The commission will make a preliminary report to the governor next month, its formal report being submitted to the legislature at its next session.

IN WALTON'S FOOTSTEPS.

Gov. Clough Appoints State Fisheries Delegates.

Gov. Clough yesterday appointed B. F. Schurmeier, of St. Paul, and John Coates, of St. Cloud, delegates to represent the state of Minnesota at the national fisheries congress, which will be held at Tampa, Fla., Jan. 19.

Tour of All Mexico.

Special vestibuled train of sleeping and dining cars with the new open No-Top Observation Car start from Chicago Jan. 18 and Feb. 23, under the management of the American Tourist Association. Tickets include all expenses. Apply to Agents Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y for programmes.

FUNERAL OF E. J. MUMM.

Services at St. Luke's Church Were Largely Attended.

The relatives, many friends and acquaintences of E. J. Mumm, assembled in sorrow about his remains yesterday morning to pay their last tribute of affection and respect. He whom they loved had been snatched from their midst by the dreadful elevator accident of last Wednesday. The funeral procession moved from his late residence, 750 Holly avenue, to St. Luke's Catholic church, where the pastor, Rev. Father McNulty, celebrated requiem high mass; and during the services preached a touching sermon, dwelling on the noble qualities of the deceased, asking those who crowded the church to remember him in holy prayer.

The choir, composed of John Gehan, Mrs. McNamee, Miss Coghlin and Miss Millie Potgeiser, with Miss Gertrude Sans Souci at the organ, contributed to the solemnity of the services. The remains, surrounded by many beautiful floral offerings, gave no signs of the dreadful accident, as they rested in a seeming calm and quiet sleep. After the services the remains were taken to Calvary cemetery, where they were placed in the vault. The pall bearers were Messrs. A. G. Gallasch, J. D. Riley, Charles Wanzer, H. M. Temple, George Walker, J. Newell Smith and Herbert Charles. His late employers, Mr. Straus and Mr. Ritzinger, with their employes, attended the funeral in a body.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Soo Line make the low rate of one fare and a third for round trip to New York, N. Y., and points in New England. Good leaving December 20th to 24th, with return limit to January 11th. For further information apply Soo Line Ticket Office, 398 Robert street.

WHY ARE WOMEN BARRED

From Membership in the Old Settlers' Association?

To the Editor—Having recently read Gen. Reminiscences," in which I find that only males are eligible for membership in the Old Settlers' association, I desire to know why is this thus? Were there no pioneer women in Minnesota?

In South Dakota, women as well as men are enrolled in the Old Settlers' association. Minnesota ought not to be behind either of the Dakotas in progress. If the time to admit members to the said society is, or can be changed, would not the standard of having been in Minnesota before it became a state, be a desirable one? Minnesota was admitted into the Union in 1858. It seems to me that so recent a date as 1870 for such a standard, would be absurd.

I am proud and glad that the people of St. Paul are agitating the idea of erecting a soldiers' monument in the city. If anyone should be given a more honorable place on it than another, in my estimation, it would be very fitting to be that of Capt. John Jones, one of the saviours of Fort Ridgely when besieged by the Indians in 1862. He died in St. Paul. —Margaret King Hern.

Real Estate Transfers.

R J Young and wife to H E Jung, l 12 and w 5 ft l 13, b 19, Arlington Hills add	$2,100
R J Young and wife to H E Jung, l 5, b 1, Clark & Wilgus' add	300
S Greve to W P Westfall, lts 13 and 14, b 5, Dawson's add	5,000
S Greve to W P Westfall, l 5, b 2, Oxford add	500
Louisa Garcelon to Grace A Williams, lts 19, 20, 21 and 22, b 2, Garcelon's add	200
Reserve Loan, Inv and Imp Co, to P H Sims, l 7, b 11, Merriam Park 3d add	1,000
A E Meyers to L Meyers, l 33, b 3, J R Weide's 2d add	1
Gertie E Meeker to J Nelson, lts 16, 17 and 18, b 3, St. Anthony Park add	600
P S Rose and wife to Adele M Rossman, part l 17, b 19, College Place, w div	500
E R Irmischer and wife to Eva R Crisler, l 19, Lawton re, b 15, Woodbury & Case's add	1,200
M Rychlicki and wife to M Pawlak, l 9, b 3, Humphrey's add	900
M Pawlak to Pelagia Rychlicki, l 9, b 3, Humphrey's add	900
O Savard, adm, to P G Kloman, s 50 ft, l 2, b 172, Robertson's add to West St. Paul	900
P G Kloman and wife to William J Lemp Brewing Co., s 50 ft, l 2, b 172, Robertson's add to West St. Paul	1,375
Mary J. Heatherington and hus to Edith M Heatherington, l 1, b 11, Robertson & Van Etten's add	100
M G Craig and wife to Taylor Craig Co, l 18, b 2, Pfleneger's add	1
C T Stoehr Jr, to T Wolff, part lts 8, 9 and 10, b 96, West St. Paul prop	425
S A Young and wife to Hannah Anderson, lts 15 and 14, b 2, Phillip's add	2,000
Virginia H Garrard and hus to E Hadley et al., l 6, b 3, E Dean's 2d add	550
Total, nineteen deeds	$18,552

Lady's boss filled Watch, Elgin movement, guaranteed for 20 years, only $15.00, at Harm's, 16 West Sixth.

NOT WITH HIS DUST

WAS THE GOOD WORK OF MGR. CAILLET LAID AWAY FOR ALL TIME.

HIS WILL CONTINUES PART

OF THE GREAT PURPOSES FOR WHICH HE SPENT A LIFE IN STRIVING.

BUSINESS CLASS FOR BOYS

Is Endowed by the Late Rector of St. Paul's Seminary in His Will.

The will of Monsignor Caillet was filed in the probate court yesterday by Rev. Thomas Gibbons, of St. Mary's church, who is named as the executor. The will is dated July 3, 1896, and was witnessed by Louis and Charles P. Chemidlin.

The monsignor has bequeathed his library to St. Paul's seminary, of which he was the rector. All church articles such as vestments, chalices, etc., are given to the Church of St. Mary, of which Monsignor Caillet was once the pastor. The will bequeathes the painting of the "Madonna" of Max Gabriel, that was presented to the monsignor by James J. Hill, to Miss Annabel McQuillan, as a token of esteem for her and of friendship to her parents. The monsignor's gold watch, presented to him by T. F. McQuillan, is given to Phillip McQuillan, and the sum of $2,000 is bequeathed to Auguste Chemidlin.

The residue and remainder of the estate, which is valued at about $10,000, is given to Rev. Thomas Gibbons, pastor of St. Mary's church, of St. Paul, "to assist in the maintenance of a business class for boys not less than twelve nor more than sixteen years old, to be taught by a male teacher according to the selection of the pastor of St. Mary's church. This course should not extend over three years. Those beginning at twelve should graduate at fifteen years, and those at thirteen should graduate at sixteen, after which work might be provided for them."

The will proceeds: "It is my desire, if possible, that I should be buried from St. Mary's church, the church I have loved so well and will love to the last. Let my funeral be simple as my life has been. I beg that at my funeral prayers instead of eulagy should be said. The former are the only things I need; as for the latter, God alone is the judge. I have made no provisions for masses trusting to those in whose behalf bequests have been made to pray and have prayers offered for him who is in need of them and who trusted their friendship, and also those whom he has endeavored to aid in life."

FOUND THE TILL.

Donohue & Co.'s Cash Drawer Is Discovered.

The "mysterious" prisoners who were locked up at the central station for several days without being tabbed, were brought forth yesterday and arraigned in the municipal court. They are Jack Scott and Thomas McDonald and are charged with burglary. The young men are alleged to have been the burglars who stole $10 in money and $16 worth of cigars from the grocery store of Donohue & Co., 854 Selby avenue, last Sunday night. The police claim to have a strong case against the prisoners. With McDonald as a guide, Detective Murnane tramped to a point near Minneapolis yesterday and recovered the grocery store money till, which had been buried in the snow. The case was continued until Tuesday.

O. K., R. A. SMITH, P. M.

These Mystic Characters Adorn the Hamline Folks' Petition.

The citizens of Hamline want the postal authorities to establish a substation in that suburb, and make three deliveries of mail a day. They feel that they are entitled to as much recognition in respect to the delivery of the United States mail as is Merriam Park, which has the substation from which the mail is distributed to Hamline and St. Anthony park.

With this end in view, the Hamline citizens have prepared a petition for the establishment of a substation there, and yesterday it was submitted to Postmaster Smith. Mr. Smith assured the delegation of citizens that he would forward the petition to Washington, D. C., accompanied by his own recommendation that it be granted.

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

AFTER THE BUILDING.

Trust Company May Foreclose on Chamber of Commerce.

The St. Paul Trust company has begun an action against the St. Paul chamber of commerce to foreclose a trust deed for $75,000. The deed was executed and delivered to the St. Paul Trust company July 1, 1894, to secure, so the complaint alleges, the payment of 150 thirty-year bonds worth $500 each, issued by the chamber of commerce company. The interest was payable semi-annually. The complaint alleges that default was made in the payment of the semi-annual installment due July 1, 1897, and hence the action to foreclose.

The deed covers the chamber of commerce building and property.

Fine diamonds, good watches; half price; open evenings. Advance Loan Co., 27 East Seventh street.

Mail orders promptly attended to. Give color, shape and you will get just what you want at Mrs. M. Cross', 209 East Seventh street, two doors below Sibley street.

DES MOINES MAY ADOPT

The St. Paul Plan of Certificates of Indebtedness.

City Treasurer Horst received a letter from City Treasurer A. B. Elliott, of Des Moines, yesterday asking for information concerning the system in vogue of issuing certificates of indebtedness in anticipation of the yearly revenue. The plan has met with such favor in Des Moines that it is likely to be adopted.

The only bank in St. Paul exclusively for savings is The State Savings Bank, Germania Life Bdg. To all those who contemplate opening a savings account we recommend this institution.

LET ARBES OFF.

He Need Only Pay a Fine If He Will.

The board of pardons had a special meeting yesterday to consider the case of Joseph Arbes, the druggist of Claremont, Dodge county, who was sentenced to ninety days and a heavy fine for selling a bottle of malt whisky, which he claims he considered a proprietary medicine. The man was indicted, convicted, and, on appeal to the supreme court, the sentence was sustained. The board, however, commutes it to the payment of the fine alone, or, in default thereof, to the service of sixty days in the county jail.

LOCK-UP AT ANOKA.

Secretary Hart Says It Is Not a Fit Prison.

Secretary H. H. Hart, of the state board of corrections and charities, yesterday visited the lock-up at Anoka, which is also used as a jail for the county, which pays $72 a year rent. Mr. Hart condemns the building as very poorly adapted to the purposes for which it is used. The cell room is 16 by 32 feet in size and 14 feet high, poorly lighted and without facilities for ventilation. When Mr. Hart visited the jail, the floors were dirty, and the one prisoner had blankets on his bunk, but no mattress or pillow. The bed had iron slats, and was apparently cold and uncomfortable. There is no provision for the separation of different classes of prisoners, nor any cell for women, children, or insane persons. Mr Hart will recommend to the county commissioners that they have their prisoners kept in custody in the Hennepin county jail at Minneapolis.

Mr. Hart also inspected the poor farm, which is now rented. The board had considered the advisability of purchasing the property and remodeling the building on it for use as a poorhouse. Mr. Hart, however, suggested that no endeavor be made to rearrange the old building, but, if any work was done, to make it of a permanent character.

Senator John Peterson, of St. Peter, who has just been appointed collector of customs was the author of a bill, which passed the legislature at its last session, providing for the return to the counties of such inmates of the state insane hospitals as an examination migh. show to not be insane.

Under the operation of this law there have been returned to the counties: From the St. Peter state hospital, 29 patients; from the Rochester hospital, 5 patients, and from the Fergus Falls hospital, 14 patients; making a total of 48 patients. Of these forty-eight patients only two have been recommitted.

In addition to these patients thus discharged there have been recommended for discharge: From the St. Peter hospital, 29 patitnts; from the Rochester hospital, 12 patients, and from the Fergus Falls hospital, about 10 patients; making a total of additional patients recommended for discharge of 51.

Most of the patients discharged thus far under this act have been in the hospital for some time. Out of the 200 patients committed to the Fergus Falls hospital since the act was passed, six have been returned to the counties as not being proper subjects for treatment in the hospital.

The state board of corrections and charities has sent out of the state, under the law providing for the removal of non-resident patients, thirty insane patients, so that the combined reduction of the hospital population by this law and the "Peterson" bill was a total of seventy-six patients, which gives a very appreciable relief to the hospitals for insane.

The number of patients in the hospitals for insane Nov. 30, 1895, was 2,810; Nov. 30, 1896, 2,998, an increase of 188 patients. The number of patients Nov.30.1897, was 3,090,an increase of only ninety-two patients. The reduction in the rate of increase approximates very closely to the number of patients disposed of under these two laws.

The New Brighton lock-up, as far as constructed, has been approved by Mr. Hart.

The gift to your wife, your child, or trusted servant of a savings book from our State Savings Bank, Germania Life Bdg., 4th and Minn. sts., with a deposit of $1 or upwards, may some day stand between them and want.

PHELPS WON FIRST FALL.

Justice Blackwell Decides Against the Game Wardens.

The suit of Harry W. Phelps, of Minneapolis, against the Northern Pacific Express company, Fred Coffin and Samuel F. Fullerton, was decided by Justice of Peace Blackwell yesterday in the Washburn building.

The complaint charged the defendants with the conversion of three bucks, one doe and a saddle of venison, and asked $75 damages.

The plaintiff testified that he killed the deer Nov. 1, nine miles back of Aitken. He billed the property by the Northern Pacific Express company and rode on the same train that carried it into Minneapolis.

H. C. Hanke, of Minneapolis, said he saw Phelps on the train at Staples and at Elk river. The defense claimed that all game was the property of the state, where it was shown that the game laws and the laws regarding shipment had been violated, and that the property in question came into Minneapolis in charge of the express company, and was not accompanied. Under section 14 of the game law, the state was justified in making the seizure.

Station Agent Roche said about 11 a. m. he received a telephone message telling him to deliver the property to the Tilton Produce company. Shortly after Coffin came in, and made the seizure in the name of the state, no one having claimed it. The latter tagged the stuff to Executive Agent Fullerton, at St. Paul, rebilling the same.

Game Warden Coffin said he was at the depot when the train came in. He saw thirteen carcasses of venison unloaded. Parties present claimed eight of these, leaving five which were billed to Phelps. No one came to get them. About noon the seizure was made. He did not hear of Phelps till 4:30, when the latter came down to the depot just as the train was pulling out for St. Paul, and demanded his property. Coffin informed him that the property had passed out of his possession. Several days afterwards Coffin told Phelps that if he wanted to replevin he would show him where the property was.

Justice Blackwell made a lengthy oral decision giving a verdict to the plaintiff in the sum of $67.50. He placed the value of the ten-pronged buck's head at $15.

An appeal will be taken by the state game and fish commission.

WAS COLOR LINE DRAWN?

William A. Hazel Has a Row in a Restaurant.

As the result of an effort to secure service at Bridges' restaurant in the Market house basement yesterday, William A. Hazel, a colored window designer, with offices in the German-American Bank building, was arrested on the charge of disorderly conduct, and now threatens to institute a damage suit against the restaurant proprietor under the civil rights law. When arraigned in the police court Hazel was released upon his own recognizance, and the hearing of the case set for Tuesday.

The trouble arose when Hazel entered the restaurant at 1:30, and, seating himself at a table, ordered dinner. According to the restaurant keeper, a waiter told the colored man that the table was reserved for regular boarders, but it is claimed that Hazel refused to move, and announced his intention of remaining at the table until served. There was a lively dispute, and a policeman was called. Then Hazel was arrested for disorderly conduct. The colored man's story is that he simply resisted an effort of Bridges' to put him out of the restaurant. He claims that there is a rule at the restaurant that colored people must sit at a certain table, and that he was told if he remained where he had seated himself he would not be served.

FROM REPORTER TO EDITOR.

Will E. Cowles Takes Charge of the St. Peter Journal.

Will E. Cowles, who has been connected with the Globe in a reportorial capacity for the last few months, severed his connection with this paper yesterday, and goes to St. Peter to take charge of the St. Peter Journal, in which he has secured a controlling interest. Mr. Cowles, since his connection with the Globe, has proven himself an untiring worker, capable, reliable and energetic, and there is no question but that he will succeed as proprietor of the leading Republican newspaper in Nicollet county.

New Store Opp. Golden Rule.

TREAD-WELL

Guarantee Goes With Each Sale.

92, 94, 96 E. 7th St.

CLOSING OUT SALE

Of Our Entire Stock of Rubbers, Overshoes and Winter Shoes. All Must Go.

Ladies' Storm Overshoes, sizes 2½ to 6. Special	59c	Ladies' Warm Shoes, all styles and prices at	98c
Ladies' Felt Shoes, all sizes	69c	Ladies' Warm House Slippers	69c
Men's Christmas Slippers, everything goes, big bargains. From 49c to	$1.48	Ladies' Box Calf Lace Shoes, widths A to E, all sizes, worth from $2.50 to $3.50, now	$1.98
Ladies' Low Overshoes, sizes 2½ to 5½; regular price, 85c. Closing out price	39c	Men's Low Overshoes, sizes 5 to 8	39c
Ladies', Boys', Misses' and Children's Buckled Overshoes	49c	Men's Storm Overshoes, sizes 6 to 8	69c
Misses' and Children's High Buckled Overshoes	98c	Men's Satin Calf Shoes, all sizes	98c
Boys' Moose Hide Moccasins	69c	Men's Double Soled Calfskin Shoes, all styles, worth $3.00, at	$1.98

SEE OUR WINDOWS.

92, 94, 96 EAST SEVENTH STREET.

THE STORY IS OUT.

The Way It All Happened—A Good Thing for the Public.

To restate the case, one of St, Paul's oldest merchants decides to retire from merchandising, and a large stock of fine and reliable Pianos, Organs, Flutes, Violins, Mandolins, Guitars and all accessories must be sold, and sold quick. It was my belief that, if the prices were low enough and the public notified, the goods would go. It is proven that I was right, as the public showed by their prompt and ready response to my announcement that this judgment was correct. All the week the store of the Munger Music Co., at 417 Wabasha street, was crowded with ready and anxious purchasers. Col. Munger said last night: "The past week has been one of the greatest in the history of my forty years' experience in the business." Never before in St. Paul have such prices been made. Decker, Haines, Blasius, Lester, Stuart, and new scale Kimball Pianos at $85, $98, $115, $135. Sterling and Kimball Organs from $20 to $35. Ten dollars a month on pianos.

Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos and Violins, which usually sell at from $10 to $15, were sold last week at from $1 to $5. Plenty of these extraordinary bargains still remain for next week.

TARIFF ON BICYCLES

Will Be Applied to Lake Trains This Year.

The railroads running to Minnetonka have decided [illegible] bicycle tariff to wheels carried on the lake trains. It will take a quarter to have a wheel carried to or from the lake. General Passenger Agent Cutts, of the Minnesapolis & St. Louis, announced the new tariff yesterday.

"The bicycle tariff was instituted on all Western roads in December, '95," said he, "but we made an exception to Minnetonka. However, the business has now grown to such proportions that it is difficult and expenscive to handle. The traffic last year was so large that it was almost impossible for the trains to make schedule time, and frequently there were delays caused by loading and unloading the large number of wheels."

The new arrangements will include a specially printed check for the Minnetonka stations, at least on the Minneapolis & St. Louis. The condition of the wheel must be reported on the check, so that in case any damage is received en route it may be known. Where there is a station with no agent, the train baggagemen will be supplied with checks. Where there is no agent, also, they will deliver the wheels, if it happens that the passenger wishes to alight at such a point. If the wheels are not called for at the point to which they are checked, they will be carried to the next point at which there is an agent. There is so much of the Minnetonka business that it has been practically decided to have a special check for each station.

DIAMONDS FOR ALL

While They Last—Special Inducements to Buyers.

Myers & Co., Wabasha and Fifth streets, having determined to retire from the jewelry trade, are selling at cost their entire stock, and to diamond buyers special inducements are offered.

FORMERLY LIVED HERE.

A. C. Howe, Cremated in the Grand Forks Fire.

A. C. Howe was a former resident of St. Paul, being in the employ of Jerrard & De Camp, after which he was connected with the firm of J. B. Hoxie & Co. He left St. Paul eight years ago, going to Grand Forks, where he entered the service of Nash Bros., wholesale grocers. Mrs. Howe is a sister of Mrs. J. F. Ellis, of the Buckingham. Mr. and Mrs. Howe have one son in Chicago, who had just returned from Grand Forks, where he had taken his father, who had been in the University hospital, at Ann Arbor, Mich. He had recently suffered a severe stroke of paralysis, which accounts for his non-escape from the building.

WILL KEEP UP THE FIGHT.

Mississippi Valley Telephone Company Still in the Field.

The Mississippi Valley Telephone company, of Keokuk, Io., of which J. C. Hubinger is general manager, still has its eye on the Twin Cities, judging from the following letter received by the people in St. Paul who had agreed to accept their service in the event of its being put in use here:

All of our contracts with subscribers for telephones in St. Paul expire Jan. 1, 1898. We had expected to have our exchanges in St. Paul and Minneapolis in operation before this, but you are doubtless aware how the Minneapolis council refused to grant us a franchise, although we agreed to every reasonable thing they asked. But we have not yet given up the fight. We propose to try again, and, if necessary, will have the people of Minneapolis vote on the question of granting us a franchise. With this end in view, we ask you to extend your present contract with us for a period of six months, at the end of which time, if we are not successful, we will retire from the field. If successful, we will begin the installation of our exchanges in St. Paul and Minneapolis at once. We will save the people of those cities thousands of dollars annually in telephone charges, besides paying out large sums for labor in the installation of our exchanges.

Our lines are being extended constantly, and it is only a question of a short time until connection is made with hundreds of towns in the Mississippi valley. We hope you will lend us your aid in our work in St. Paul. If you are willing to grant the extension asked, please signify so on enclosed postal card and return it to us at once.

The Master Key.

A doctor who prescribes a dozen different remedies for the *symptoms* of one disease is like an old-time turnkey lugging about a ponderous bunch of keys, each one to open a different door. When anyone's blood is thin and watery and poisoned with bilious impurities this condition will show itself in every part of the body and the average doctor gives one medicine for the stomach, another for the head, a third for the lungs and so on; as if each particular *symptom* was a separate dungeon of misery to be unlocked with its own particular key; but the scientific, experienced physician looks deeper and seeks the one master-key which unlocks them all.

Thirty years ago Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., found the wonderful "Golden Medical Discovery" which has since made him famous: It is the perfect master-key which unlocks every torture chamber of weakness and pain caused by faulty action of the digestive system. It gives the stomach and blood-making glands power to produce the healthy blood which drives out all impure disease germs and waste products, and builds up healthy tissue, solid muscular flesh and nerve energy.

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