SAINT PAUL.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

The Fort Snelling bridge will be closed to all except foot passengers today and for the next two weeks.

H. Carling addressed the Socialistic Labor party at Assembly hall, yesterday afternoon, on "Why Working Men Should Be Socialists."

This evening Hanukkah services will be conducted by the pupils of the Sabbath school at the temple, Tenth and Minnesota streets.

Father Andrzejwski, formerly of St. Joseph's church in this city, and recently stationed at Waverly, has been appointed pastor at Wilno, Lincoln county.

Rev. Dr. S. G. Smith, of the People's church, exchanged pulpits yesterday morning with Rev. George D. Black, of the Park Avenue Congregational church, Minneapolis.

The course of lectures on American literature at the Cleveland high school will be concluded by Prof. Maria Sanford tomorrow evening. The subject will be "Emerson."

There will be a meeting of the Territorial Pioneer association this evening at Assembly hall for the purpose of signing the official roll. This is to be bound and placed in the archives of Minnesota.

The Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences will hold a joint session with the State Educational association, beginning Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the capitol, and continuing Wednesday and Thursday at the public library building in Minneapolis.

Prof. E. B. Warman will give a choice programme of readings and recitations this evening in the assembly hall of the Central high school, the tenth and last of a series of which the nine given have been eminently successful. It is promised that the tenth will be fully up to the others, all of them being given under the auspices of the St. Paul Teachers' association.

"Black Sheep" Coming.

It is a question if any comedy presented here in a long time scored a bigger hit than did Hoyt's "A Black Sheep." This is undoubtedly genius, and its lines are bubbling over with original witticisms. This clever play will be seen at the Grand next week, and is promised to be in the hands of an excellent comedy cast.

"Lost, Strayed or Stolen."

"Lost, Strayed or Stolen," the most successful of the light operas written by J. Cheever Goodwin and Woolson Morse, interpreted by a company including Anna O'Keefe, Oriska Worden, Mabel Bouton, Lucius Henderson and Harry Allen, will be the attraction for the first half of next week at the Metropolitan opera house. It will be presented here with the same magnificent scenic effects and auxiliaries used during its run in New York.

Christmas Sale of Millinery.

What would be better than a stylish hat as a present for a wife, sister or friend. I have a large assortment, and will sell you one for $1.88 and $2.25 that you would pay $3.50 to $4.00 elsewhere. One for $3.75 and $3.98 will be very cheap for $6.00.

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In this list there is wonderful value giving in Christmas Table Supplies. Open every evening until Christmas.

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A pound for New Leghorn Citron.

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A pound for Choice New Pecan Nuts.

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A peck for good Sound Cooking Apples.

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Assorted Caramels .....15c per lb
Assorted Stick .....10c per lb
Assorted Taffy ..... 8c per lb
Peanut Taffy .....10c per lb
Gopher Chocolates .....13c per lb
Cuba Chocolates .....15c per lb
Elegant Cream Dates.....16c per lb
Elegant Cream Marshmallows .....15c per lb
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A perfect assortment of Oranges, Fruits and Vegetables.

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A pound for a Splendid High Flavored Fresh Table Butter. 18c to 20c a pound for fresh Roll Butter.

EIGHT YEARS CHIEF

J. DUDLEY CONDIT AGAIN HONORED BY THE ORDER OF RAILWAY CONDUCTORS.

M. N. GOSS ALSO RE-ELECTED

SECRETARY AND TREASURER, WHICH POSITION HE HAS FILLED FOR YEARS.

SIGNS OF PROSPERITY FOUND

In the Fact That the Members of the Local Division Are All Employed Now.

At the eighteenth annual meeting of St. Paul Division No. 40, Order of Railway Conductors, held at Bowlby hall yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chief conductor, J. D. Condit; assistant chief conductor, Hugh Malloy; secretary and treasurer, M. N. Goss; senior conductor, R. C. Collison; junior conductor, H. D. Powers; inside sentinel, John Murphy; outside sentinel, J. M. Feeney; division and financial committee, H. W. Field, chairman; Thomas E. Leonard, James Cardle; correspondent, J. C. McCall.

George M. Miles, chief conductor of the Minneapolis Division of Railway Conductors, occupied the chair during the election, while the installation ceremonies were conducted by George Hunsaker, past chief conductor of the local division.

The election was remarkable for the unanimity of choice for the respective offices. J. D. Condit has been chief conductor of the local divison for the past seven years and received his eighth selection to the highest office within the gift of the organization as a complete ratification of his former administrations. M. N. Goss has looked after the active work of Division No. 40 so long that the rotation in office principle was entirely lost sight of when it came to filling the vacancy created by the expiration of his present term, and he was unanimously chosen to be secretary and treasurer for the seventh consecutive year. H. W. Field was elected to a fifth term as chairman of the financial committee, while Thomas E. Leonard, a member of this body for the past four years, was also re-elected.

J. DUDLEY CONDIT,
For Eight Years Chief of Railway Conductors.

The chief order of business was a general discussion of the proposed confederation board of all the railroad brotherhood organizations. The plan purposes a joint board composed of the grand officers of the Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Brotherhood of Railway Telegraphers and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, whosep rovince it shall be to adjust grievances of members of any of the above named organizations, when the same shall be brought before the confederation board by the proper process. The establishment of a board of confederation does not bring about an amalgamation of the various divisions represented, and each will be a distinct organization as heretofore, except in the matter of self-protection, when the forces of all will be joined to support any one division. After a thorough consideration, St. Paul Division No. 40 heartily indorsed the plan and voted its ratification. This means that the proposed confederation will become a part of the railroad operatives' protective system, as every separate order has now ratified the plan except the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and everywhere the plan has been considered the word of Chief Arthur has been given that the engineers would ratify the movement at their grand division meeting in May.

As showing the progress being made in the care of its members, the action of the meeting in voting $125 to the disabled railroad employes' home at Highland Park, Ill., is significant. The home is an institution of which all railroad operatives are proud, and the voluntary contributions of local divisions throughout the country, that of St. Paul division being among the first for this humane cause, mark the substantial growth of railroad employes' organizations.

The report of Secretary and Treasurer Goss showed the local division of railway conductors to be in excellent condition, both in regard to finances and to membership. The roll is but a few names below the highest number ever recorded by Division No. 40, and there is a substantial sum in the bank. The report was a cause of congratulation among the members, as it showed that all railroad conductors were now working and running full time, an indication of business and trade revival which, in addition to its results of regularly employing the railroad operatives evidences a trend towards the "good time" so long awaited by the country at large.

After the business session, the members of the organization, with their guests, of whom there were fifty visiting representatives of railway employes' associations through the state present, adjourned to the Merchants' hotel dining room, where the annual banquet, an honored institution of St. Paul division, was enjoyed. Three long tables arranged in oblong order with a seating capacity for 125 were completely filled. At the head table sat Chief Conductor Condit, as toastmaster, while the other newly-elected officers divided the honors on his either side. During the discussion of an elaborate course dinner, the Twin City Mandolin and Guitar club delighted the guests with a number of choice musical selections from a raised platform near the head table. The height of congeniality prevailed at the festive board, and, when the discussion of the menu was concluded, a number of toasts assigned by Chief Conductor Condit added to the pleasure of the occasion by the timely responses. Following the formalities, mirth, jest and speech-making of short duration passed the time all too quickly until the midnight hour bade the trainmen seek their homes.

ST. PAUL FOLKS SINGED.

Several Had Close Calls at the Hotel Dacotah.

A dozen or more of the guests at the Hotel Dacotah at Grand Forks, which was destroyed by fire early Friday morning, were St. Paulites. Of the number nearly all were traveling passenger agents for various railroads, and the families and relatives of the gentlemen who were known to be at Grand Forks last Thursday were greatly worried until telegrams were received announcing that they were all safe.

H. S. Collins, traveling agent for the Omaha road, who was at the hotel the night it burned, telegraphed his wife Friday morning that he was all right, and yesterday Mrs. Collins received a letter from her husband stating that he had managed to save all his personal effects, and was out of the hotel before there was any immediate danger. He explained in the letter that he was on the third floor of the hotel, and, his room being near a stairway, he made his way out without serious trouble.

G. J. Lovell, traveling agent for the Wabash line, in a letter to his sister received Saturday says the fire was a terrible one, and he saw more excitement in the short space of half an hour than he had ever before experienced. Mr. Lovell was on the second floor of the hotel, and fortunately for him had his overcoat in his room. He was aroused by the smoke and cries of fire, and, hastily dressing, threw his satchel out of the window and then hurried to a fire escape. The smoke which filled the hall of the hotel was suffocating, and those of the guests who were obliged to make their exit by the fire escapes were put through awful tortures. The night was bitter cold, and for fifteen minutes, which seemed like that number of hours, a number of the guests, including half a dozen women, were obliged to remain standing on the iron fire escape waiting until ladders could be procured to take them down from the second story of the building. As nearly all the guests, as well as the help employed in the hotel, were clad only in their night clothes, their sufferings can be imagined. Guests on the third and fourth floors, Mr. Lovell writes, were obliged to get wet towels and hold to their faces in order to save themselves from being overcome by the smoke.

A gentleman who was at the hotel at the time of the fire and who reached St. Paul yesterday said the burning of the hotel was one of the most exciting experiences he had ever been through. He was sleeping on the second floor and was aroused by the noise and smell of smoke. The hotel people, he said, claimed that the alarm bells in each room had been sounded, but, if such was the case, which he doubted, he did not hear the one in his room. The fire, which started at 4 o'clock, burned rapidly, and before 6 o'clock the hotel and the block in which it started were completely destroyed. The cold was intense, the thermometer registering 28 below, and, as about forty persons, including the guests and help, escaped from the building in their night clothes, the scene, he said, could be better imagined than described. On the fourth or fifth floor of the hotel were ten members of the "Woman in Black" company, which included four or five women. Owing to some delay in procuring ladders to connect with the fire escape, which stopped at the second floor, the members of the company were kept standing on the iron fire escape for some minutes. The result was that the hands and feet of some of the guests were badly frozen, and as they descended the flesh from their hands and feet was torn from the members and left sticking to the iron steps. The half-clad and almost frozen persons were cared for in neighboring hotels and buildings and furnished with clothing. Those who had thrown their effects and clothing from the windows of the rooms before leaving the building were in numerous instances as badly off as those who made no effort to save anything, for nearly everything that reached the ground was either lost or stolen. The fire, the gentleman said, started a sufficient distance away from the hotel to have afforded ample time for all the guests to have been notified and to have escaped without any trouble or difficulty, but in the excitement the hotel people lost their heads, and this caused all the trouble. As he was informed, the hotel proper connected with the building in which the fire started by a hallway which was not in use, and this accounted for the hostelry filling up with smoke so quickly.

W. B. Dixon, agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, who was given as a guest at the hotel at the time of the fire, seen yesterday, said he left the house Thursday night, and was not in Grand Forks at the time. The family of Thomas P. Hastings, traveling agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Northern, who was also stated to have been in the hotel at the time of the fire, received a letter Saturday which conveyed the information that he left Grand Forks Thursday night.

The following were the Twin City people at the hotel when it burned: St. Paul—F. W. Clark, E. J. Shaughnessy, G. J. Lovell, H. J. Bergeman, H. S. Collins, J. H. Penfield, William O'Brien, F. W. Wetherbee, Joseph P. Taggart.

Minneapolis—H. A. Olmstead, F. H. Beach, S. F. Knight, G. F. Thompson, S. C. Hazlett, C. P. Smith.

BIG BLAST AT KETTLE RIVER.

Work on the Rock for the Capitol in Progress.

The Pine County Courier says the Sandstone quarries are employing over 100 men every day. Thirty of these are stone cutters and eight more are paving cutters. This force will be kept at work during the winter, if the weather permits, and it is quite probable that, from the present outlook, some additions will have to be made. This week the work on a Keokuk, Io., building will be finished, and work will be pushed on the capitol job, though nothing of that will be shipped until after the first of the year. In fact, a few cars of this latter are already cut and piled up in the yard.

A big blast was made in the quarry on the 11th, and a block of fifteen feet wide by as many thick and lacking only a couple of feet of being 100 feet long, containing over 22,000 cubic feet, which would load more than 100 cars, was moved more than four feet from its ancient resting place by six and three-quarters kegs of black powder. This feat was accomplished through the successful operation of the Knox system of blasting in use in the quarry. It cracks the blocks out as square as though hewn out by a woodman's ax. It is one of the surprises that greets the eyes of one unacquainted on the first visit to the quarry. The huge block lies just below the stripping at the back and about the middle of the quarry and just above the monster blast made last August which contained 2,000 feet more stone than this one. The blast of last summer has not been touched nor will it be for some time, though the work of quarrying the stone just moved into blocks of six or eight feet square is already well under way.

WARDEN WOLFER DENIES

That He Tried to Get Rogan to Swear Falsely.

"I noticed this morning," said Warden Wolfer to a Globe correspondent yesterday, "that Moshik, who is in jail in Minneapolis, awaiting execution for murder, makes a statement in which he claims that he was offered a parole provided he would take the stand for the state in the case of James Rogan, convicted of an assault upon Guard Martin Powers. This is untrue, and has no foundation whatever. On the contrary he was anxious to testify against Rogan and came to me personally offering to take the stand for the state. I knew him to be a habitual liar and in fairness to Rogan I refused to use his testimony, which would have been very damaging. Moshik's application for parole, as well as that of Rogan, had been denied by the board of managers before the assault occurred. Rogan was allowed all the convict testimony in his defense that he desired, and the board of managers also allowed him to spend his good time earnings in paying his attorney's fee. I simply make this statement in order that the public may know the truth of the matter."

Rogan's attorney was Judge J. C. Nethaway.

FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Louise A. Starkweather to Address the Local Society.

Louise A. Starkweather, for many years identified with the question of woman's suffrage, will deliver an address at the St. Paul Commons Wednesday afternoon. The speaker's home is in New York, but for the past eight years she has been traveling in the South and West in the interests of an Eastern insurance company. She devotes her attention exclusively to insuring women and instructing them on the question of the science of life insurance. She is said to be an authority on financial questions. The address she will deliver will be before the Women's Suffrage society of this city.

SERVICES AT THE FORT.

Archbishop Ireland Could Not Be Present.

Special Christmas services were held at the post chapel at Fort Snelling yesterday. It had been expected that Archbishop Ireland would be present, but the death of his sister prevented. In his absence Rev. P. J. Hart, post chaplain, conducted services, the music being a special feature. The regimental orchestra accompanied the soloists and the congregational singing. Mrs. Francis P. Fremont sang Handel's "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," and Adam's "Noel." Mrs. McAndrew gave Millard's "Ave Maria," and the choir sang the "Veni Creator," from Millard's mass in G.

FORTY YEARS IN ST. PAUL.

Michael Strub, an Early Settler, Died Yesterday.

Michael Strub died yesterday at his residence on Mississippi street and Lake Como and Phalen avenue, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years. Mr. Strub came to this country from Germany in 1847, residing at Sandusky, O., for ten years. He came to St. Paul in 1857, and followed the business of gardener up to the time of his death. His wife and nine children survive him. The funeral will take place from St. Bernard's church, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. He was a member of St. Peter's Benevolent society and St. Joseph's Orphan society.

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IN SIGHT OF A CITY

MINNIE SCHULTZ IS ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT ON THE HALL AVENUE STAIRS.

BOLDEST OF ALL ROBBERIES

PERPETRATED IN THE CITY IN YEARS STIRS SIXTH WARD TO ITS DEPTHS.

TRIED TO KEEP IT IN THE DARK,

But the Awful Secret Burned Its Way Out at Last—No Clue to the Desperado.

The boldest hold-up perpetrated by the gang of local highwaymen since the reign of terror began nearly two years ago occurred Friday morning, Dec. 12, when in broad daylight Miss Minnie Schultz, a domestic employed by C. B. Nebinger, 138 West Robie street, was held up at the point of a revolver on the high steps leading from Wabasha street to Hall avenue, and robbed of a purse containing $5. Frightened almost into hysterics by the audacity of the highwayman, Miss Schultz plainly saw a number of teams and pedestrians pass within a few feet of her on Wabasha street, but with the cold muzzle of the revolver pressed against her temple was compelled to remain quiet under penalty of her life, as the highwayman threatened to blow her brains out at the first outcry. The fact of the robbery shows the streets are not safe to defenseless women even during the busiest hours of the day and has caused no little concern in police circles, and every effort was made to keep the daring hold-up from the public. Following closely upon a series of burglaries on the West side, the hold-up has created a state of terror among residents of that section of the city, causing women to venture from their homes in fear and trembling, while the men hurry home at night, fearful lest their families have been the victims of some of the daring criminals at work in the city.

Miss Schultz was confronted by the bold highwayman shortly before 10 o'clock, while going on an errand for her employer. She had been dispatched to make a purchase at a Wabasha street butcher shop and took the usual route from her place of employment down the high steps. When about halfway down the stairway she heard some one coming up, but thought nothing of the presence of another person on the stairs, as the steps are traveled by a large number of people every day. She soon saw that the person approaching was a man, and, as she sought to pass him, was startled when he suddenly seized her wrists and demanded her money. Miss Schultz is a plucky girl, and, though clutching the purse in her hand, declared she had no money and tried to free herself from the tough's grasp. There was a short scuffle, during which the girl hoped every moment some one would come along and frighten her assailant away, but the highwayman was determined in his purpose and, angered at Miss Schultz's resistance, with an oath whipped an ugly-looking revolver from his pocket, declaring he would kill her unless she gave up the purse. The sight of the weapon caused the girl to fall back with a half-stifled scream, when the footpad clutched her hand containing the purse, and with the weapon pressed hard against her head took the money from her nerveless fingers. Warning the girl not to move until she heard him leave the upper platform of the staircase, the highwayman added to her terror by brandishing the revolver several times in her face, and proceeded up the steps. At each landing he peered over at the frightened young woman and malevolently pointed the revolver at her crouching figure to enforce the silence he had commanded. When the tough's footsteps ceased above her head, Miss Schultz ran to Wabasha street and informed a policeman of her experience. A search was made for the bold highwayman, but no trace of him could be found. Miss Schultz gave a good description of the thug. She says he was a man of about forty-five years of age, ill clad, rather tall and slender, with a repulsive face covered with a stubby growth of beard, the latter, with his hair, being partially gray.

Mr. Nebinger, who is a loyal Republican and clerk of the probate court, has been moved by his fealty to the party and to his neighbors, the mayor and chief of police, to talk as little as possible about the matter, but the assault and robbery was so terribly bold that it could not even be kept a neighborhood secret, and the entire residence section of the West side, especially on the bluff, is paralyzed with fear of a repetition of the crime.

ALL HER SAVINGS GONE.

Freda Kulkul's Money Is Stolen From Her Room.

Early evening burglars accomplished a neat job at the home of George Somers, over his saloon at Seventh and Sibley streets, shortly after 8 o'clock Saturday night, when his housekeeper, Miss Freda Kulkul, was robbed of $100 in cash, every cent of her savings for some years. Miss Kulkul says the money was all she had in the world and cried bitterly yesterday while telling what little she knew of the robbery, as she says it leaves her destitute. She mourns the loss of the money more particularly at this time as her employer is about to go out of business, when her occupation will be gone. The money was stolen from under the pillow of Miss Kulkul's bed, after the thieves had gained entrance to the apartments by cutting out a panel of the door and sliding a catch bolt.

Miss Kulkul says she thinks the robbery must have been committed by someone familiar with the living apartments over the saloon. She left her room shortly after 8 o'clock to make several purchases before the stores closed, and returning an hour later found her apartments in disorder and the money missing. An examination showed that the robbers had with some sharp instrument neatly cut a piece out of the door panel near the catch bolt, large enough to reach through and unlock the door. Mr. Somers was engaged in the saloon at the time, but he says he heard nothing during his housekeeper's absence to denote the presence of intruders up stairs. The hallway leading to the living apartments opens on Sibley street, but this was locked by Miss Kulkul in leaving the place, and was undisturbed upon her return. The Sibley street entrance to the saloon is immediately adjoining this door, however, and by a pretense at going into the saloon the burglars could have reached the upstairs by entering this door and quickly opening an unlocked sliding door between the rear of the saloon and the hallway leading to the living apartments. It is believed that the burglars must have been upstairs some time, as Miss Kulkul's room had been thoroughly searched as shown by the confusion in which the contents were found and a number of burned matches about the floor. The robbery was reported to the police.

ORIENTAL RUGS.

We have decided to continue our auction sale another week at 389 Wabasha Street. We have the choicest lot of Oriental Rugs ever exhibited, in great variety, and they all go at your own price. Come and look them over even if you don't want to buy.

A. G. JOHNSON, Auctioneer.

ON RANCHES ALONE

DO THE STOCK MEN BELIEVE IN LETTING GREEN GRASS GROW.

LOCAL HUSTLERS WORKING

TO MAKE THE COMING CONVENTION ONE OF THE SUCCESSES OF THE YEAR.

LOW RAILROAD FARE ASSURED.

Chairman Caldwell So Notified the Local Promoters of the Meeting Yesterday.

Although live stock growers are not blind to the usefulness of good grass, the council of arrangements for the American Live Stock Feeders and Breeders' convention at St. Paul, on Jan. 11 and 13 next, is not letting grass grow under its feet these days.

The office of the council has been a scene of activity all the week. A corps of clerks have been at work addressing and mailing the circular of information and invitation to stockmen all over the country; over 3,000 of these have been sent out, but the council finds it impossible to secure the addresses of all interested in stock raising and wishes every one interested in the live stock industry to come anyway.

Personal letters have accompanied the invitation to the president and secretary of every live stock association asking for the appointment of twenty delegates from every association, and the directors and faculty of all state agricultural experiment stations have received invitations to attend, as well as hundreds of farmers and breeders and feeders all over the country. In addition the council issues a public invitation to all persons interested in the live stock industry to be present as full delegates, the only requirement being that they report their names and addresses to the secretary on the day of arrival.

A low round trip rate will be given from all Eastern and trans-Missouri territory to the convention, Chairman B. D. Caldwell, of the Western Lines Passenger association, having notified the council of the arrangements to that effect yesterday. The council has the full co-operation of home railroads in making the convention a success and it is expected that the rates from points west and northwest of St. Paul, be announced this week, will enable the thousands of stock raisers and farmers interested in stock raising in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota the Dakotas, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and other states to come in a body.

The proceedings of the convention will be exceedingly valuable to beginners in stock raising, for they will be practical in their nature, dealing with points which every stock raiser has to meet with in actual experience, such as the type of stock to breed to meet the market demands, the proper variety of foods to make the best distribution of bone and flesh, and how to feed the same. Another important subject will be on marketing live stock, and the council will arrange for talks from practical packers and shippers upon this subject.

One of the things to be considered will be upon the question of a permanent international organization representing all breeds of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, and it is probable that such a committee will be appointed during the first day's session, to consist of a representative from each live stock association present in order that every interest will have a proper representation.

Executive Manager McGinnis is already receiving letters from all parts of the country from stockmen and others interested, and it is already known that the attendance will be large.

Chairman Schurmeier will call a meeting of the joint council of arrangements to receive reports from subcommittees and complete plans at 4 p. m. Thursday, at the chamber of commerce rooms. The circular of invitation, after giving much of the above information, says:

During several years past thousands of farmers have newly engaged in the breeding of live stock throughout the United States and Canada, and the deliberations of the convention will be of the greatest importance in outlining to them the best methods in the raising and marketing of live stock.

It is hoped that the result of the deliberations of the convention will be to cause the formation of a national organization to represent the live stock interests. The discussions of the convention will be limited strictly to matters affecting the live stock industry. It is respectfully requested that all persons intending to be present will kindly notify the executive manager.

You are cordially invited to be present as a delegate and to participate in the deliberations of the convention. Please advise if you will be present.

The railroads have been requested to make reduced round trip rates to the convention. It will be necessary for every person in attendance to secure a certificate from the ticket agent at starting point, in order that they may receive the benefit of the reduced rates upon their return to their homes from St. Paul.

—David R. McGinnis, Executive Manager.

—Theodore L. Schurmeier, Chairman Joint Council of Arrangements.

LIGHT AND GAY.

Programme Rendered at the Selling Concert Yesterday.

A light and pleasing programme was interpreted at Conover hall yesterday afternoon by the Selling orchestra. The concert opened with Jerome's march, "Under the Polar Star." The second number, Boieldieu's overture, "La Dame Blanche," was the gem of the concert. Quaint and tuneful as it is, this composition does not evertax the capacity of a small orchestra. The encore extended was merited. The "Renard" waltz, by Fahrbach, which followed, was also repeated in part, though it can scarcely be said that a repetition was demanded.

Mrs. Frank Fletcher, of Minneapolis, who was down on the programme for a piano solo, was unable to appear, owing to illness. Her place was filled by Miss Stierle, of St. Paul, who played Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu."

The orchestra played "The Chatterers," a morceau characteristique, by Th. Bendix, and a dance, "Japanese Lantern," by J. W. Bratton. The next contribution was a flute solo by William Nelson, who played the "Carnival of Venice," by Briccialdi, with harp accompaniment by Signor Andre Nigro. The programme closed with selections from "The Chimes of Normandy."

At the Palm Garden Theater,

America's own and greatest novelty, a six-day log-rolling contest will take place between F. Fleming, champion of America, and A. Dugus, champion of Canada, will open today at 2 p. m. There are a great many people who have heard of log-rolling, but have never seen it done. Now is the time to see the most interesting attraction on earth, afternoon and evening daily. In addition to this attraction, the Roof Garden Burlesque company will entertain you. There will also be seen Fox, the greatest hand equilibrist the world has ever produced. The sweet contralto and soprano singers, Clara De Forrest and Marie Wilbur, will be heard in choice operatic selections. This will surely be the greatest show in the city.

TEN YEARS OLD.

Bethlehem German Presbyterian Church Has a Birthday.

The members of the Bethlehem German Presbyterian church celebrated yesterday the tenth anniversary of its organization. The special services were held last evening at the church, at Ramsey street and Pleasant avenue. The church was handsomely decorated with flowers, and on the platform were Rev. W. C. Laube, the pastor; Rev. M. D. Edwards, of the Dayton Avenue Presbyterian church; Rev. Niclaus Bolt, former pastor of the church; C. P. Noyes and R. P. Lewis, who were prominent in the organization and building of the church.

Rev. Niclaus Bolt, who was ordained in October, 1887, preached his first sermon to the new congregation, assisted in the raising of the funds with which to build the edifice and was the pastor for eight years, delivered the sermon last evening. Mr. Bolt is now pastor of the St. James Congregational church, in Chicago, and visited St. Paul to assist in the anniversary services. His sermon, which was delivered in the German language, was in the nature of a review of the history of the church from its inception.

C. P. Noyes, who was chairman of the committee appointed by the Presbyterian Alliance to solicit money to assist in the building of the edifice, congratulated the members on the success which had attended their efforts for the first ten years. He paid a high compliment to the former pastor, Rev. Niclaus Bolt, for the zeal and energy displayed in establishing and building the church.

R. P. Lewis, who, as a member of the Central Presbyterian church, was instrumental in starting the Bethlehem church, also extended his congratulations. Rev. M. D. Edwards made a short address and was followed by the present pastor, Rev. W. C. Laube, who spoke in German. The musical programme rendered was greatly improved by a quartette of brass instruments.

The first service of the church was held June 12, 1887, in the Goodrich Avenue Presbyterian church. Mr. Bolt was ordained in October following, and the new congregation celebrated its first communion Nov. 21, 1887, with five members. In December of the same year the presbytery formally organized the new congregation, which at that time had increased to twenty members. Mr. Bolt was installed June 7, 1888, as pastor, and the following year work commenced for the raising of money for a church edifice. In May, 1890, the site was purchased, and Christmas day of the same year the church was dedicated. The edifice cost $8,500, and is one of the handsomest church structures in the city. Mr. Bolt accepted a call to Chicago in October, 1895, and the following February Rev. W. C. Laube, the present pastor, was chosen to fill the pulpit. The church has now a membership of nearly 200.

SISTER ST. JOHN DEAD.

Archbishop Ireland's Sister Passed Away Saturday Night.

A useful life was ended at St. Joseph's academy Saturday night when Archbishop Ireland's sister, known in religion as Sister St. John, of the order of St. Joseph, passed away.

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