

SAINT PAUL.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES. "Happy New Year" is Rabbi Hess' theme this evening at the temple. Services commence at 7:30 sharp.

SUIT FOR \$20,000

D. F. LONGSTREET, OF MEXICO, AND J. M. HAWTHORNE MADE DEFENDANTS IN AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES.

J. FRANK WHEATON, A MINNEAPOLIS COLORED MAN, IS THE PLAINTIFF.

RESULT OF SOME LOST DRAFTS.

Some Colored Men Momentarily Suspected of Having Secured Possession of Them.

"Where is the man from Mexico?" The speaker was Attorney F. L. McGhee, who yesterday afternoon propounded the above query to the clerk at the Metropolitan hall. He was not in search of Willie Collier, but desired an audience with D. F. Longstreet, manager of the city railway system of the city of Mexico, who is at the hotel as the guest of J. M. Hawthorne.

"Show the gentleman up to 303," directed the clerk. Attorney McGhee caught step with the bell boy and followed him to the second floor. A knock at No. 303 brought an elderly, medium-sized gentleman to the door.

"Mr. Longstreet?" asked Attorney McGhee. "Yes, sir."

"With the answer, Mr. Longstreet drew a document thrust into his hands, which, upon perusal, he found to be a complaint and summons in a \$20,000 damage suit for false arrest, co-defendants, the papers named J. M. Hawthorne, Mr. Longstreet's friend and host, Attorney Hawthorne and Mr. Longstreet became acquainted while the former was securing the suit.

When Mr. Longstreet, in the purest English, asked for an explanation, Attorney McGhee stowed away his Spanish dictionary and proceeded to elucidate. He informed Mr. Longstreet that as himself and Mr. Hawthorne had, last Tuesday evening, caused the detention of Mr. Wheaton on suspicion of having stolen \$100 and two \$200 drafts which Mr. Longstreet had, that the colored man, as a consequence of the unfounded action, considered his good name and reputation damaged to an extent where \$20,000 was the only adequate adjustment of the matter.

"Now for that other man from Mexico," Straightway he went to the office of Attorney F. M. Hawthorne. Mr. Hawthorne was busy, but discontinued his work long enough to peruse the document, which Attorney McGhee tendered him. Then he closed up his office and returned to the hotel to consult with Mr. Longstreet.

Attorney Hawthorne and Mr. Longstreet returned to the hotel to discuss the matter over briefly, and then adjourned to the home of the former for dinner. A day later the suit was filed in court, and after dinner the discussion of the subject was renewed.

The suit grows out of the loss by Mr. Longstreet of a pocketbook in the Metropolitan hall sample room, Tuesday evening, containing \$100 in cash and two drafts for \$100 each on Denver, Col. Mr. Longstreet is for a short time been in the company of J. Frank Wheaton, Richard Jones, Black Patti's husband, and C. H. Jones, a member of the colored prima donna's company.

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HAAS LANDS A PLUM

SELECTED BY THE CAUCUS OF THE COUNCIL FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR.

ANYTHING TO BEAT ARROL SEEMED TO BE THE ONLY EXPLANATION OF THE FINAL VOTE.

DISPATCH GETS THE PRINTING, After a Delegation From the Trades and Labor Assembly Had Been Heard.

Building Inspector—Samuel H. Haas, City Printer—St. Paul Dispatch.

These were the results of a caucus held by the members of the council yesterday afternoon in the parlor of the mayor's office. All of the twenty members of the council attended the session, which lasted a little over two hours.

The councilmen met in the council chamber, but Assemblyman Beardson advised an adjournment to the mayor's office where it would be more quiet. As the members fled out of the council chamber and started for the caucus room the scene reminded one of the start in a six-day walking match.

The politicans, light and heavyweights, who endeavored to enter the caucus, were barred by the police. They were told that they had to wait outside the council chamber and start for the caucus room in a six-day walking match.

As soon as the caucuses had been battened down the shades carefully drawn and the doors locked the caucus began its labors by selecting Aid. Alford chairman and Aid. Bigelow secretary. It was suggested that the question of selecting the official paper for the coming year be taken up, as there were delegations from the trades and labor assembly and the St. Paul Dispatch.

There seemed to be no objection to this and Assemblyman Daly was deputized to notify the trades and labor assembly delegation that the caucus would listen to their tale of woe. Mr. Daly was gone so long on his errand that another member of the assembly became impatient and the first ballot was taken.

The first or informal ballot gave Charles F. Arrol six votes, Assemblyman Craig four, Samuel H. Haas five, Gates A. Johnson three and A. F. Gauger three. The friends of Arrol had claimed ten and possibly eleven votes on the first ballot, and in fact had this number pledged Wednesday night.

Wednesday night those of the council promised to Arrol had been visited, and all kinds of stories poured into their ears, which undoubtedly caused the defeat of the machine candidate.

There were two candidates for the eighth ward, Johnson and Gauger, and this made the chances of both for landing the prize very slim. Assemblyman Craig, who was present, said that when the informal ballot was announced, that three others beside himself had voted for him. Four votes, however, was the highest he received, and he was not elected.

Haas started off with five votes on the informal ballot and increased until the final one, which nominally was the result of the six ballots taken:

Arrol 1 2 3 4 5 6  
Craig 2 3 4 5 6 7  
Haas 5 4 5 6 7 11  
Johnson 2 2 5 6 7 11  
Gauger 3 3 3 3 3 3

S. H. Haas, having received the majority of the votes cast on the sixth ballot, was declared the caucus nominee. The members sat down to discuss how it happened. The only solution offered was that it had been anything to beat Arrol, and he had been beaten.

It was reported that Haas was the candidate endorsed by Mayor Doran, and this brought about the result, but those who know about how much the councilmen care for the wishes of the voters, particularly in question did not put much stock in the report.

Those voting for Haas on the ballot on which he was chosen were Messrs. Kenny, Dunwoody, Stinson, Larson, Lindahl, Kaldunski, Sanborn, Daly, Johnson and Dix.

The caucus then invited in the delegation from the Trades and Labor assembly, and Messrs. A. Knox and H. T. Black from the Dispatch. Patrick Geraghty, the spokesman for the labor organizations, said that the objections of the labor unions against the dispatch being made the official paper was owing to the publisher of the paper not having lived up to the agreement made with the typographical union in June 1896 and had paid no attention to the report made by the state board of arbitration of a later date. Messrs. Black and Knox, representing the Dispatch, followed Mr.

MR. KINGSLY'S SUMMARY

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RESIDENCE SECTIONS SHINE. They Take the Lead in the Concentration of Values in That Respect.

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The following are some of the more important structures erected during the year both as to size and cost:

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The figures given herewith are from the detailed report of the inspector.

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First ward 117 \$1,312  
Second ward 107 1,700  
Third ward 107 1,700  
Fourth ward 107 1,700  
Fifth ward 107 1,700  
Sixth ward 107 1,700  
Seventh ward 107 1,700  
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SWAMP LAND GRANTS.

State Auditor to Select the Remaining Portion.

The grant of swamp lands in even numbered sections, made for the benefit of state institutions, consists of 500,000 acres. The state auditor has ascertained the condition of the state institution's land grant to be as follows:

Of the 500,000 acres accruing under the grant, there have been 322,118.38 acres selected and set apart, leaving 167,881.62 acres yet to be selected and this will be done at an early date as the state's cruisers have been making careful examination of the swampy lands for some time past for this purpose.

The 322,118.38 acres already selected are distributed in the different counties of the state as follows:

County Acres  
Aitkin 50,732.70  
Becker 12,827.13  
Beltrami 4,909.44  
Benton 12,862.35  
Brambleton 12,814.33  
Crow Wing 5,994.41  
Clay 876.62  
Cook 489.42  
Douglas 45.56  
Freeborn 80.00  
Hubbard 8,714.93  
Itasca 7,952.30  
Kittson 21,701.90  
Lake 869.79  
Lac qui Parle 298.44  
Lyon 12,814.33  
Marshall 30,699.13  
Morrison 49.91  
Murray 4,954.52  
Mook 6,155.57  
Red Lake 512.32  
Renville 80.00  
Roseau 12,688.69  
St. Louis 44,577.91  
Stearns 12,814.33  
Wadena 11,398.52  
Wilkon 37.59  
White 37.59

Total acres 322,118.38. The proceeds of the sale of these lands are set apart as a fund for the maintenance of the state institutions, the balance being the proportionate cost of their maintenance and support.

TWO LODGES IN ONE.

Knights of Pythias Divisions Pool Their Issues.

St. Paul Lodge No. 43 and Liberty Lodge No. 137, Knights of Pythias, were consolidated last night at Bowley hall by officers from the grand lodge of the state. The new lodge, or rather the consolidated one, will be known in the future as St. Paul No. 43, and the 185 members will attend meetings at the lodge room in Martin's hall on the West side. The ceremonies of consolidation were performed by Grand Chancellor Robert Stratton, of Minneapolis; G. V. C. George W. Rogers, of St. Paul; G. K. R. and S. Froelich, of Minneapolis; G. M. at Arthur Scobarr, of St. Paul, and G. P. A. C. Godfrey, of Minneapolis. The election of officers followed, the following being chosen:

C. C. P. D. Godfrey, V. C.—H. C. Boyson, P.—L. A. W. Tweedale, W.—J. A. Lagerman, M. F.—J. S. Kimball, R.—J. S. Schmitt, K.—F. J. Norton, M. of E.—Otto Bremer, G.—James T. Connel, J.—Joseph Hurley, D.—Joseph Hurley.

Trustees—E. Peterson, three years; H. R. Hare, two years; E. H. Whitcomb, one year. The lodge will be installed Tuesday evening at the lodge room in Martin's hall, and the installation will be followed by a reception and dance.

BUTCHERS WILL DANCE.

The St. Paul Butchers' Benevolent association will hold their twenty-third annual ball at Mozart hall New Year's night. The preparations have been made by the arrangement committee to make the event a memorable one.

Wide-awake dealers consult the wishes of customers, and do not offer "something just as good" when you ask for an advertised article.

A Law Term Illustrated: Henas a good 'case' on hand.

It's Henas Beer. Telephone 935-2.

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Mr. Zimmerman's personal attention to applicants. TEL. PHONE 1071.

Swear Off.

Yes, swear off. Begin the New Year right. Let lampposts and unscrupulous dealers support themselves in '98. Pass up the credit clothing houses. "Avoid debt as you would the devil." Pay as you go and you won't have an enemy. Buy your clothes here in the future and with the money saved square your account with the other fellow. We sell for cash. Our goods are not alone good, but nobby. Guess we'll continue to do in the future as we have done in the past. Guarantee your money's worth or no trade—the safety of every shopper.

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