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TODAY'S WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Forecast for Thursday: Minnesota—Fair; preceded by light snow in extreme northern portion; colder; northwest winds.

Wisconsin—Fair; preceded by showers in extreme eastern portions; probably colder in western portions; light to fresh southwesterly winds, becoming northwesterly.

North and South Dakota—Fair; colder; northwesterly winds.

Montana—Fair, southwesterly winds.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Jan. 5, 6:48 p. m. Local Time, 8 p. m. 75th Meridian Time.—Observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations.

TEMPERATURES.

Place.	Tem.	Place.	Tem.
St. Paul	36	Winnipeg	24
Duluth	34		
Huron	38	Buffalo	34-34
Bismarck	32	Boston	34-42
Williston	30	Cheyenne	38-50
Havre	30	Chicago	38-44
Helena	38	Cincinnati	38-40
Battleford	16	Montreal	20-22
Medicine Hat	24	New Orleans	58-70
Swift Current	22	New York	36-42
Qu'Appelle	16	Pittsburg	34-38
Minnedosa	24		

DAILY MEANS.

Barometer, 29.96; mean temperature, 32; relative humidity, 74; wind at 8 p. m., southwest; weather, partly cloudy; maximum temperature, 43; minimum temperature, 21; daily range, 22; amount of precipitation in last twenty-four hours, 0.

Note—Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation. —P. F. Lyons, Observer.

DECEMBER'S CROP OF TRUSTS.

Whether the observer agree with those who regard the development of trusts as "the highest and best product of our modern civilization" as the Sun terms them, or with those who regard them with the apprehension that the carp in a pond may be assumed to feel on the arrival of the pike, the interest is of equal degree. It is to meet this interest that the Globe has kept account of these formations and noted their appearance. For a while they came straggling along by ones or twos, with wide intervals between, but of recent months their appearance increases in numbers until the day is exceptional in which either the formation of some new one or the consolidation of combines into one is not an item of the daily news. We took occasion last month to bring the record up to November and we now give that made by this new industrial phase in December.

Dec. 1. It was announced that the three big concerns that had absorbed the cracker and biscuit factories of the country had come to terms, and on the 10th the deal was consummated and another trust created with a capitalization of $25,000,000.

Dec. 4. Word came from Cleveland that negotiations were nearly completed for the trusting of all the wire, wire nail and steel rod factories in the country. On the 9th the manufacturers met in New York and made further progress in the incubation of the trust. It was said that J. P. Morgan & Co. were financing it and its capitalization would be $50,000,000. On the 11th its formation was announced as practically completed, but the capitalization had increased to $60,000,000. On the 3d inst., a Springfield, Ill., dispatch stated that the articles of the trust would be filed that week and that the capitalization had grown to $87,000,000, $30,000,000 of which was preferred stock with guaranteed 7 per cent dividends.

Dec. 9. The steel companies that formed the old pool got together again in New York and arranged for a division of territory, the "harmonizing" of their respective interests and the adoption of a per centage allotment of output with, of course, a penalty for its infraction.

Dec. 12. New York advices told that the Rubber trust had at length captured all its competitors and gained exclusive control of the country, by which was meant, of course, the making and sale of goods into which rubber enters; but, as its name is the United States Rubber Co., it is within bounds to say it gained control of the country.

Dec. 17. The Enamel Ware trust, whose inception we noted last month, took another advance step at a meeting in New York of the promoters, but it was not completed owing to the absence of two firms who were berated as the "stumbling blocks in the way of the speedy merging of the enamel ware interests."

Dec. 17. Columbus, Ohio, sent word that an association of woolen manufacturers of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky was formed there for the purpose of mutual protection in the purchase price of their raw material rather than to effect price of product. A resolution governing the purchase of wool was adopted, it was said, but "not made public."

Dec. 18. The manufacturers of woodworking machinery in the United States met in New York and decided to incorporate, under the lenient laws of New Jersey, the American Wood-Working Machinery company. The sole purpose was stated to be "to decrease the excessive cost of manufacturing and selling." The capitalization was put at $4,000,000.

Dec. 21. The bridge makers of the country met in Cleveland to form a trust or, failing that, to build a rolling mill to supply them with structural steel and thus escape the other steel trust. The prospects of getting together harmoniously were said to be excellent.

Dec. 21. Chicago and Cleveland news told of the efforts being made, with fair prospects of success, to syndicate the breweries and absorb the independent ones. Same date a Cleveland dispatch stated that the sewer pipe manufacturers East of the Mississippi, after ten days conference, had reached such a stage as made certain that their plan of a central selling agency would be adopted at another meeting to be held after the holidays.

Dec. 22. An anthracite trust was formed in New York to buy the output of the coal roads, pay them adequate freight rates and sell direct to retailers. The independent producers were taken into the agreement. One central agency will do the selling and price fixing. The dispatch naively closed with the statement that "the law of demand and supply will no longer enter into the economy of this commodity."

Dec. 23. The anthracite arrangement was but half and the lesser half. A New York news item said that Morgan's scheme of a central selling agency was to be extended to the soft coal regions of the Central West. The railway companies owning coal fields or carrying coal are to settle the amount each will mine and haul and the selling agency draws on them accordingly for supplies.

Dec. 31. The year fittingly ends this auspicious rush in a fish trust formed in Chicago that is to control all the fishery plants on the great lakes of the United States and Canada. An English company pays $2,500,000 for the properties and is capitalized for $5,000,000. The project is given a philanthropic turn, the government being saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in its hatcheries and the consumers of fish are to be supplied at "a reasonable price" all the year round.

A DISGUSTING MESS.

The man, to whatever party he may belong, who reads the account of the progress of events at the capitol of Ohio must turn away with a feeling of nausea and of deep anger at the depths to which politics have sunk in too many states of the Union. Nowhere, outside of Pennsylvania, perhaps, have they found a lower level than in Ohio. It is fitting, indeed, that this should be so. Pennsylvania remained for a great many years the embodiment, as it was the chief beneficiary, of the protective system. If that system has any moral at all, it is that one of the chief purposes for which government exists is to make certain kinds of business profitable at the expense of the consumer. It is a corollary of this that a legislature, state or national, is entirely justified in casting a vote that will add to its private profits. Since there is no difference whatever, morally, between voting and asking others to vote for a bill which will bring in $5,000 additional business profits next year and accepting a money bribe for the same amount or offering it to others, the ethics of the system lead inevitably to the establishment of the general rule of bargain and sale in political transactions.

The next great state to Pennsylvania to seize upon the protective system and turn it to its uses is Ohio. Similar causes have produced similar results there. It is no injustice to say that political contests in Ohio are today almost wholly a matter of money. Mr. Hanna has set an example of the unstinted use of money in elections, and we cannot be surprised that there should be a combination against him. This is curiously composed of two elements that are utterly antagonistic and as far removed as the poles from each other. The body of it consists of men who loathe and repudiate the use of money in politics, and oppose Mr. Hanna because he is at once a boss and a corrupter. To these is added a small number of men, probably constituting the balance of power, who are out for the cash. Their original intention was to make Mr. Hanna pay a big sum of money for his seat in the senate. It is probable that they have now gone so far that they cannot even carry out their original purpose without such certain detection as would land them in the penitentiary. So the details of the struggle down at Columbus reveal with unerring certainty a conflict of unworthy agencies and motives that is sickening to every decent American. It is as clear as daylight that there was a plan to bleed Mr. Hanna; that a large number of the members of the legislature are thoroughly corrupt, and that they are playing the situation for all the money that there is in it.

As far as the practical outcome of this rumpus is concerned, the prospects look very dark for Mr. Hanna. As we have said, we believe that this defection was engineered at the beginning entirely from a financial point of view. The intention was not to defeat the senator, but to make him pay roundly for his re-election. After men have gone on record, however, after there have been charges and counter charges and new alliances become firmly consolidated, it is not easy to restore old conditions. There is danger even in the worst society to a man who changes too often without a good reason for his mental vagaries, and the senatorial candidate who has once lost a certain lead seldom regains it. Mr. Hanna has regarded the Republican party in the state of Ohio as his personal property, and has carried matters with a high hand. The very fact that he is the administration's candidate today; that the national influence has been used to bring pressure on the people of Ohio, and that he can have a cabinet office or anything that he wants if defeated, tends to weaken his case.

In much the same way William Windom failed to be re-elected from Minnesota, to the complete surprise of the rest of the country, although he was not accused of spending large amounts of money to secure his triumph. So it seems probable that Mr. Hanna, who has friends at Washington, but has not strength with his own constituency, may be set aside for some other man. Inasmuch as he is the motive power behind this administration, he can be sure of "something equally good." We fail to find wherein the people of Ohio would suffer anything by his defeat. As far as politics in general are concerned, it would be a wholesome and salutary lesson.

GLOOMY DAYS FOR PENSIONERS.

The Old Pensioners and the Want-to-Be Pensioners, who grew so roaringly mad about that "soldier-hating" administration that made way for a soldier-loving administration nine months ago, must be having a good many bad quarter hours in these days. They grinned with expectancy when they read the nice things the new president said in his inaugural, and they rejoiced when they heard that he had made one of them a commissioner of pensions. They chuckled when word came out from Washington that the commissioner had said that he would have to have seven or eight million dollars more next year because there were a couple of hundred thousand applications that he was going to take up right off. If there was a disappointment in the pension bill that carried the same amount as the last one—$141,000,000—they were reassured by Chairman Cannon's jaunty assurance that the deficit predicted by the commissioner would fall in while congress was still in session and could be met with a deficiency appropriation.

It must be with the dawning suspicion of the man who has put his confidence in the plausible stories of the bunco steerer that they are reading the later messages that come out from the focus of their hopes and expectations. It must be chilling to them to read in their own party organs that the word has gone forth that a "halt must be called in pension appropriations." If they read it they must have been shocked by that letter of Gen. Herschel V. Johnson, a stalwart Republican, an ex-soldier, he who was quite as bitter as any in denouncing the soldier-hating Cleveland administration, in which he makes some comparisons that put the annual pension bill in very striking light, showing that the cost is getting to be considered as a serious matter. They will wonder if he has been copying from the Globe's editorials on pensions, when they read: "There is a growing feeling that the pensions enjoyed by many thousands who are in full health and comfortably fixed in life should be terminated, and the government be thus enabled more nearly to discharge its duty towards the helpless and the miserable." That is what the Globe has always said and what has earned it the name of being a "soldier hater" among those who have no conception of what a soldier was or is or should be.

And the general goes on to say that, "if the pension list could be printed, every community in the land would be disgusted with its revelations. Wealthy men in large numbers would be found upon it. Thousands would be revealed whose disabilities were only temporary, and so have long since disappeared. A small army of men would be discovered to whom their pensions are in no sense a necessity." It must send a shiver down the spinal cords of the old professionals to hear such heartless talk from so good a Republican and so undoubted a friend of the real soldier. Then there is that other word that comes from congress which announces that there is a halt called in the allowance of private pension bills; and that, instead of giving Friday evenings to grinding out these bills, they will have to take their place among the other claims, the bulk of which fill waste baskets at the end of the session, a ruthless slaughter of what can hardly be termed the innocents; and that 110 clerks in the pension office have been dispensed with and that Commissioner Evans "has called a halt in the liberal policy that has heretofore prevailed."

"Great surprise will be manifested by the veterans," says the Washington correspondent of one of the papers that imagines the Globe to be a "soldier-hater" and which poses as a soldier-lover, "when the actual situation is presented to them," and they are told that "the question has assumed a practical phase," and that "it must now be considered as a plain business proposition." It is getting serious when Republicans talk like that. Meantime the Globe stands by its guns. No pension to the man who has means of support; none to widows with means of support, nor to those marrying a soldier who was past fifty years of age at the time; pensions ample to provide decent support to the soldier who is dependent upon his manual labor for sustenance and is unable, through physical or mental disability, to work.

The death of Henry Sibley Young yesterday cut short at its opening a career of exceptional promise, and removed one who had endeared himself to all his associates. With the fine courage and enthusiasm of youth he had thrown himself into a business life in which he had already won assurance of high success. He was full of energy, faithful to every trust and instinct with manliness. It is through young men such as this that the world pushes forward, and a double sadness falls when death untimely calls them from their usefulness and those to whom they have become endeared. The deep sympathy of every one who knew Mr. Young will be with his family in this their irreparable loss.

Dr. Lommen enjoys a badly broken nose. Particulars—dodged a snowball, and in doing so struck the corner of a building with said nose.—Mabel Tribune.

If the doctor's nose is so prominent that he cannot swing his head without hitting a building with his nose he had better keep to the middle of the street or the open country. Evidently he nose too much.

It is said of Dornstetten, a small town in Germany, that, instead of being compelled to pay taxes, each resident receives $25 a year from the public revenues. It might be a good idea to send a commission to Dornstetten to copy their charter.—St. Peter Herald.

No need of that. Dornstetten borrowed the idea from McKinley. They make the foreigner pay the tax.

Wheat has touched $1 again in Chicago, and the calamityites will have another season of unhappiness.—Mankato Free Press.

And then it promptly slumped back to 94 cents, and the prosperityites lapsed into silence.

NO MORE TRUANCY

SCHOOL BOARD WILL TRY TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

NAMING A TRUANT OFFICER.

PROPOSED TO DEPUTIZE D. T. WELLINGTON TO LINE UP UNRULY YOUNGSTERS.

DEATH OF MISS VANDERWARKER

Is the Subject of Resolutions Adopted at the School Board Meeting Yesterday.

That some means of controlling the tendency of a certain class of children of school age to truancy is needed was the consensus of opinion at the meeting of the school board yesterday, and in accordance with that belief it was directed that a committee consisting of Messrs. Corning, Yoerg and E. C. Zimmerman confer with the local associated charities relative to the appointment of D. T. Wellington as truant officer under the state law. There is some question as to the efficacy of this law, but the majority of the board were confident that it could be enforced with a beneficent result.

Supt. Curtis reported the total enrollment in the schools, 20,987; average daily attendance for December, 18,661; whole number for year, 21,980.

Inspector Yoerg inquired how the board was going to get the $425,000 which it had calculated to expend for the fiscal year 1898 when the maximum limit of taxation as applied to the most recent valuation and a liberal allowance from the state apportionment would only give $401,000. But the suggestion was not answered or acted upon. It came up in a discussion of where the money was to come from to kalsomine the Central high, Rice, Maxfield and other schools, and was not formally a topic for official discussion. The disposition seemed to be, however, to trust in Providence and McCardy, granted that both were to continue in power. The schools were ordered kalsomined.

The Pennsylvania and Ohio Coal company had a bill in for coal which stirred up something of a rumpus. President Zimmermann declared he would not audit the bill as he had looked over some of the coal recently furnished, and it was worse than screenings. Mr. Yoerg moved that the bill be paid, and then everybody voted no, so as to hold up the hands of the president, although it was pleaded in extenuation of the company's offense that it had taken the contract at a losing price in view of the recent advance in coal prices, and the price this year was practically one-fourth less per ton than last year. Mr. Yoerg, however, insisted that the coal bills would be higher this year than last in spite of the mild weather so far, as in some of the schools it had been found impracticable to heat the schools properly with this coal in the ordinary battery of boilers.

The new Century club was given permission to hold a meeting in assembly hall at the Central high school Feb. 9.

Supt. Smith, of the high school, requested the presence of the board at the memorial service to be held tomorrow noon, in respect to the death of Miss Lydia Vanderwarker, and the board adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, since the last meeting of this board, Miss Lydia A. Vanderwarker has passed from the active walks of life to an eternity beyond the grave. Miss Vanderwarker has been connected with the educational interests of this city for about 25 years, and by her faithfulness and devotion to her work has left an impression for good upon those with whom she has been associated; therefore, be it

Resolved, That by the death of Miss Vanderwarker the patrons of our schools have lost an estimable woman and a most interested and earnest teacher, whose life and character will ever be felt in the lives of her pupils. Her associates will miss an affectionate and helpful companion, whose quiet and forceful character has won for her the love and esteem of all.

We deplore her loss and extend the sympathy of this board to her afflicted family; and it is hereby ordered that a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the records and that one be sent to her family.

The report of the committee on schools was adopted as follows:

Leaves of Absence—

Miss Elizabeth Hibben, Van Buren school, three months from Jan. 3.

Mrs. Nessesen, Baker school, three months.

Resignations—

Mrs. M. B. Passage, kindergarten directress, Jefferson school.

Miss F. M. Walker, model teacher, Teachers' Training school.

Transfers—

Miss Olive Long from first grade Whittier to model teacher Teachers' Training school, vice Miss Walker, resigned.

Miss Katherine Risser, kindergarten assistant, Humboldt, to kindergarten directress Garfield, vice Miss Howard, transferred.

Miss Marie Howard, kindergarten directress Garfield, to Jefferson, vice Mrs. Passage, resigned.

Appointments—

Miss Budlong, Scheffer school.

Miss Louisa Pinska, Gorman school.

Miss Mabel Colter, Mechanic Arts high school.

Miss Caroline Durkee, Van Buren school.

Secretary Healy presented a statement of the school maintenance fund for the fiscal year thus far, as follows:

Account of the "School Maintenance Fund" for the present school year, from Sept. 1, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1898:

Teachers' Salary Account—	Dr.	Cr.
Sept. 15, by council appropriation		$327,310 00
Jan. 1, to teachers' pay rolls	$114,540 53	
To balance	212,769 47	
	$327,310 00	$327,310 00
Engineers and Janitors—		
Sept. 15, by council appropriation		$36,000 00
Jan. 1, to monthly pay rolls	$11,940 00	
To balance	24,060 00	
	$36,000 00	$36,000 00
Officers and Clerks—		
Sept. 15, by council appropriation		$7,950 00
Jan. 1, to monthly pay rolls	$2,650 00	
To balance	5,300 00	
	$7,950 00	$7,950 00
Fuel Account—		
Sept. 15, by council appropriation		$25,000 00
Jan. 1, to sundry bills	$7,175 31	
To balance	17,824 69	
	$25,000 00	$25,000 00
Supply Account—		
Sept. 15, by council appropriation		$11,000 00
Jan. 1, to sundry bills	$8,847 22	
To balance	2,152 78	
	$11,000 00	$11,000 00

Fund for use of the committee on real estate for purchase of supplies and payment of salaries of mechanics and laborers:

	Dr.	Cr.
Sept. 15, by council appropriation		$12,740 00
Jan. 1, to sundry bills, pay rolls	$10,824 22	
To balance	1,915 78	
	$12,740 00	$12,740 00
Maintenance Account—		
Sept. 15, by council appropriation		$420,000 00
Jan. 1, to sundry bills and pay rolls	$155,977 28	
To balance	264,022 72	
	$420,000 00	$420,000 00
Sanitation and Plumbing Fund—		
Nov. 6, by council appropriation		$7,513 83
Jan 1, to sundry bills	$2,819 76	
To balance	4,694 07	
	$7,513 83	$7,513 83

Comptroller McCardy Mum.

Comptroler McCardy refused to talk yesterday about the action of the board of aldermen in reducing the tax estimate figures $30,000, as to the sum necessary to be raised by taxation. "The matter is now in the hands of the council and I have nothing to say concerning it," and this was all the comptroller could be prevailed upon to say.

CHICKEN MEN MEET

And Discuss Arrangements for the Big Poultry Show.

There was a large and representative gathering of breeders of fine fowls at the meeting of the Minnesota Poultry association in the rooms of the Commercial club last evening to talk over arrangements for the big poultry show to be held Feb. 7 to 14. President Getty called the meeting to order, after which there was a lengthy discussion upon the conditions for competition for the cups offered for fancy poultry. The secretary, F. X. Marzolf, read the minutes of the last meeting, which showed that the association had decided all cups must be won twice by the same party before their ownership was determined. Several members of the association thought that the minutes should read "Won twice in succession," and it was upon this point that the discussion hung fire. It was finally decided to sustain the secretary's minutes, and all cups competed for by exhibitors will have to be won twice before they pass out of the control of the association.

J. F. Myron, one of the oldest poultry raisers in St. Paul, and a charter member of the association, delivered an enlivening address. Mr. Myron said he though the field before the poultry men in St. Paul was large and that they could do much by their association to further the poultry interests of the Northwest. The big show ought to be the biggest ever held in the Northwest. He loved the chicken fraternity, and was greatly encouraged to see so many chicken raisers present.

Secretary F. X. Marzolf said he had received communications from all parts of the United States and from several provinces in Canada making inquiries about the show and asking for a premium list. He stated that the executive committee had provided for the classification of pigeons and awards were to be offered for entries in this class, which would bring a large number of fancy pigeons to St. Paul, as entries had been received from all over the state and also many inquiries from outside the state.

D. R. McGinnis made a speech, and offered to assist the association in every way he could in securing reduced rates on the railroads, etc. Maj. William Warldorf Cooley made a hit by telling the chicken men some funny stories. Speeches were also delivered by W. H. Brown and F. A. Payne.

C. P. Stine, of the Commercial club, and A. S. Tallmadge, of the chamber of commerce, were added to the finance committee. There will be two more meetings of the association before the show. The committee having the entry list in charge expect it to be completed in a few weeks.

TWO CHILDREN MISSING.

The City Searched by the Police, but in Vain.

John Crinton, living at Seventh and Locust streets, reported to the police at 1 o'clock this morning that his seven-year-old son and a four-year-old daughter had been missing since 6 o'clock in the evening. The children left home soon after supper to go to the Broadway skating rink, at Ninth and Broadway streets. They had visited the rink before and no alarm was felt by their parents until the little ones failed to return home by 10 o'clock. The father then began a search for his children. He could find no trace of them at the skating rink and scoured the vicinity of his home without success until after midnight, when he requested the aid of the police in finding the lost children. Capt. Rouleau notified all of the substations, and soon every policeman in the city was hunting for the missing brother and sister. Word was also sent to Minneapolis, but up to 2:30 this morning no trace of the little ones had been found.

STRANGER TAKEN IN.

Relieved of Fifty Dollars by Two Colored Women.

Edward Brennan, a locomotive engineer, boarding at the Glencoe hotel, West Seventh street and Western avenue, last evening reported to the police that he had been robbed of $50 by two colored women in a resort at Fourth and Wacouta streets. Brennan claimed to have been enticed into the place, and that while one of the women engaged his attention the other took the money from an inside pocket. Lieut. Pothen went to the resort to arrest the women, but found that they had fled to Minneapolis. Sherman Brown, a colored man, was found in the place and locked up on the charge of keeping a disorderly house. Brennan is a stranger in the city, having recently come to St. Paul in search of employment from some of the local railroad companies.

WHEN ONE YEAR OLD

Chief Jackson Came to the United States.

Chief Jackson, of the fire department, appered before United States Commissioner Spencer Monday and took out his second papers. In his affidavit Chief Jackson states that he came to the United States when he was one year old.

Capitol Lodge, K. P., Installation.

The annual installation of officers of Capital Lodge, No. 51, Knights of Pythias, took place last evening at Pythian castle, Sixth and Robert streets. The installation, which was public, was witnessed by a large number. Grand Chancellor Robert Stratton, of Minneapolis, installed the following nawly elected officers for the ensuing year:

Chancellor commander, John Thirwall; vice chancellor, vacancy to be filled at next meeting; prelate, Frank A. Jenkins; M. A., James F. Maloney; K. of R. and S., Robert Hutton; M. of E., L. J. Dobner; M. of F., Joseph J. Andrews; M. of W., Thomas M. Horan; I. G., W. J. Woodbury; O. G., W. H. Baker; trustees, J. H. Bohrer and J. F. Knight.

After the installation ceremony, Grand Chancellor Stratton delivered a short address to which Chancellor Commander Thiewald responded. L. J. Dobner, the retiring chancellor commander, was presented with a past chancellor's jewel.

Dancing and refreshments followed:

O'Regan Was Discharged.

Frank O'Regan, accused of stealing a gold watch belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Feeley, was yesterday discharged by Judge Orr. Mrs. Feeley testified that O'Regan had stolen the watch on a visit to her home and had afterward told her where it was pawned. O'Regan denied the woman's story and although Judge Orr told the young man in plain language that he did not believe his statements as opposed to those of Mrs. Feeley, the court for some reason say fit to discharge the prisoner.

Accused of Larceny.

Hattie Allen, a colored woman living on Eighth street, near Robert, was a prisoner in the police court yesterday on the charge of larceny. She is accused of stealing $5 from a man giving the name of J. H. Leavitt. The case was continued until today. When the woman was arrested by Lieut. Pothen and Sergt. Ross, she fought the policemen, and left several scratches on their countenances.

Charged With Larceny.

Ethel Myers and Nellie Johnson, negroes, were arrested by Lieut. Pothen and Sergeant McCarthy at an early hour this morning, on the charge of larceny. They are accused of stealing $4.50 from a stranger, who is alleged to have been enticed into a colored resort near Fourth and Rosabel streets. The women were locked up at the central station and will be arraigned in the municipal court today.

Fire Board Meetings.

The city clerk has been notified that in the future the regular meetings of the fire board will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. It is stated that Mr. Arosin will be elected president of the fire board at the meeting next Tuesday when the board will meet and organize.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

The Uniform Rank, K. P., will hold a brigade meeting at Castle hall, Bowlby building, today at 4 o'clock. Several matters of importance will come up. Brig. Gen. Philpot will preside. Subsequent to the meeting, the officers' staff will dine with Dr. A. P. Keam, 692 Selby avenue.

The funeral of Frederick J. Sheppard, of the Northern Pacific land department, was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of the deceased's mother, at 595 Iglehart street. The pall-bearers were Fred Miller, S. W. Grant, Harry Burroughs, Philip Starin, Charles Schwartz, Tullius Sanders, George Theobold and Earl Marvin.

MAJ. WHIPPLE GOES

ARMY PAYMASTER TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COLUMBIA.

ORDER IS EXPECTED SOON.

THE MATTER LEAKS OUT IN ADVANCE OF THE FORMAL NOTIFICATION.

POPULAR AMONG HIS ASSOCIATES.

Change May Be Made Within a Week and Nothing May Be Done for a Month.

Maj. Charles H. Whipple who, for the past four years has been paymaster in the army, attached to the department of Dakota at this place, is to leave St. Paul, the order transferring him to the department of Columbia with headquarters at Portland, Or., being expected almost any day.

Recently Maj. Whipple—who is the son of Rt. Rev. Henry B. Whipple, of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota—and well known in both social and army circles in St. Paul, received word from Paymaster General Stanton at Washington, asking if he would not like to be stationed at Portland. Maj. Whipple, feeling, no doubt, that his stay in St. Paul was nearly at an end, after nearly four years, acquiesced, and as stated, formal orders making the transfer are expected within a short time.

The matter leaked out about the army building yesterday, where it was the topic of conversation. Maj. Whipple is more than ordinarily popular among his army associates, and considerable regret was expressed that he should so soon be leaving.

The major was seen at his home on East Tenth street, but not having received orders from Washington to move, he was reluctant to discuss the matter more than to say the rumor was quite true. Before coming to St. Paul Maj. Whipple has served in a like capacity in the department of the East at New York; at Leavenworth, Kan., in the department of Missouri, and has also been in the department of the Platte, at Cheyenne, Wyo.; the department of California and was in this department from 1882 to 1887, stationed at Fort Keogh. His new berth in the department of the Columbia will be under Gen. H. C. Merriam.

Majs. Whipple and Tucker have been doing duty as paymasters under Chief Paymaster Col. Carey in this department, and owing to the improved system of paying the officers and men in the eight posts in this department by check, instead of in currency, which had formerly to be transported about in trains, it is possible that no successor will be appointed to the vacancy caused by the transfer of Maj. Whipple.

He may leave for the West in a week or it may be a month. He said last night he could not tell until he received the formal order from Washington.

ASSAULTED BY THIEVES.

Charles Sichtsheidl Beaten and Left in a Serious Condition.

Charles Sichtsheidl, the proprietor of a butcher shop at 625 University avenue, was the victim of a vicious assault at the hands of three men near his home shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday morning. He was attacked by the thugs and pounded about the head with a stone, revolver or some other heavy blunt weapon, until the scalp was torn open in half a dozen places. He was left, bleeding and semi-conscious on the sidewalk. Yesterday a physician dressed the injured man's wounds and pronounced him in a serious condition. Last evening Detectives Daly, Sweeney, Murnane and Galvin arrested Charles Peyton, a married man living at 482 Sherburne, and Henry Sweeney, on the charge of being Sichtsheidl's assailants. Both men deny the charge, but when Peyton was taken before the injured man the police say the butcher identified him. The charge against the prisoners is assault with a dangerous weapon.

The butcher was injured while protecting his property, which he discovered three men in the act of stealing. He had a number of dressed rabbits hanging in his back yard. He lives over his place of business and shortly before 1 o'clock heard a noise in the yard. Three men were appropriating the rabbits. Sichtsheidl crept down stairs and surprised the thieves. They ran, each carrying an armful of rabbits. The butcher gave chase and within half a block caught one of the men. The other two thieves then returned to free their companion. Sichtsheidl attempted to hold the man and all three savagely attacked him. One had some kind of a weapon and repeatedly struck the butcher over the head. Blinded with blood which streamed into his eyes, and almost unconscious from the heavy blows, Sichtsheidl relinquished his prisoner and fell to the walk, while his assailants fled. His head was so bandaged last evening that he could not speak, but when Peyton appeared before him the butcher half rose in bed and pointed at him with emphatic gestures when asked if he was one of the men who had attacked him. The police are on the track of the third man suspected of being implicated in the assault.

HORST WANTS ADDRESSES

Of All Owners of Personal Property in the City.

City Treasurer Horst calls attention to the fact that a deal of annoyance would be saved the city officials, and the tax payers as well, if the owners of property in the city would leave their address at his office. The treasurer claims that a large number of pieces of property in the city are in the name of the wife of the owner. When cards are sent out notifying property owners of an assessment for local improvements it is impossible to find the names of the owners or their address in the directory and this causes considerable trouble as the owners claim they never received any notice of assessment.

BRYANT AND GODFREY

Hustling for the Secretaryship of the Water Board.

The bond of Patrick W. Hudner, the new member of the water board, is being prepared by the corporation attorney. The bond is in the sum of $5,000, as provided by law and after this formality has been gone through with Mr. Hudner will be qualified to take part in the deliberations of the board.

The latest slate mentioned in connection with the reorganization of the board is J. F. Hoyt, for president, and J. H. Wolterstorff as secretary. In case this is carried out there will be another commissioner to be appointed by Mayor Doran to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Commissioner Wolterstorff. In the meantime "Freddie" Bryant and Percy D. Godfrey are making a lively hustle for the position as secretary. Godfrey says he is not a candidate for the position, but Bryant says it is a sure thing if he cannot land the prize it will go to Godfrey. The names of W. A. Somers and Gates A. Johnson Sr. are mentioned as possible candidates for the position of superintendent, which is now held by A. R. Starkey. The annual meeting of the board will be held some day next week.

ALLIANCE IS HERE.

Delegates Will Gather at the State Capitol Today.

The Farmers' Alliance will hold its annual meeting at the state capitol today and tomorrow. The session will open this forenoon with an invocation by Archbishop Ireland, who will also deliver a short address. Mayor Doran will extend the city's welcome to the delegates, and Gov. Clough will make the speech of welcome for the state. Ignatius Donnelly and H. V. Poore will respond to the addresses of welcome. The committee on credentials will prepare its report during the noon recess.

In the afternoon the alliance will listen to speeches by W. W. Erwin, J. I. Vermilyea, president of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, and Mann Page, of Brandon, Va., president of the National Alliance and Industrial union. President L. C. Long, of the alliance, after appointing the committees will speak of the benefits secured by the organization to the farmers of the state.

A pleasant programme has been arranged for the evening, when the delegates will be entertained at the Commercial club, with music and short addresses by Conde Hamlin and L. C. Long. The Mandolin club, and Miss Harriet Ruddy will furnish instrumental music, W. Nelson will contribute a flute solo, C. H. Congdon a baritone solo, Mrs. Anna McQuillan a piano solo, and a quartette, led by J. F. Gehan, will sing selections. Miss Julia Groffin, J. P. White and B. J. O'Connell will sing solos and Mrs. Fitzgerald will recite.

The Northwestern Manufacturers' union has issued a special invitation to the visiting delegates to the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union which is to meet in St. Paul today and tomorrow to visit Market hall Friday evening to see the exhibit of local manufactures. President Kuhles, assisted by representatives from many of the exhibiting firms, will be on hand to receive the visitors. The hour has been set at 7:30.

HURT THE MAYOR'S FEELINGS.

He Takes a Fling at the Associated Press.

Mayor Doran received a letter yesterday from John Mac Vicar, mayor of DesMoines, Io., and president of the League of American Municipalities.

President Mac Vicar, in his official capacity as a member of the league, stated that he had noticed in the papers that the board of aldermen of St. Paul had refused to pass the resolution allowing the city to join the league. From what he had read he had gained the idea that the objection was owing to the selection of B. F. Gilkinson as secretary of the league. If this was the only objection, he thought it should not prevent the city from joining the league. The term of the secretary was only for one year, and if a mistake had been made it could be rectified at the next meeting. The letter closed with the request that the names and addresses of the aldermen be sent in order that the writer could correspond personally with each of them.

Mayor Doran in speaking of the matter said he was sorry that he was not present at the meeting of the board of aldermen when the request to contribute $50 for a membership in the league was turned down. The trend of the organization, the mayor said, was toward the municipal ownership of plants rather than the running of them by private corporations. A bitter fight has been made on the election of Mr. Gilkinson as secretary of the league, and the Associated Press agent at Columbus, O., had sent out telegrams at the time of the meeting stating that the election of Gilkinson meant the destruction of the organization. Everything had been done by the press agent, the mayor said, to hurt the organization, and it was his own as well as the opinion of many of the other delegates that the press agent was the paid agent of the monopolists and was acting under instructions in order to break the force of the action taken by the league. The mayor stated that he intended bringing the matter of the city joining the league again before the council, and was of the opinion that if properly presented the benefit would be readily seen.

MGR. MARTINELLI'S THANKS.

Illuminated Copy of Address Presented at the Reception.

Miss Cecilia Mumm, stenographer at the Ryan hotel, without solicitation prepared a beautiful illuminated copy of the address delivered to Monsignor Martenelli by D. W. Lawler, which has been forwarded to the monsignor by Mr. Lawler. The copy is made in artistic text of golden lettering and is a beautiful brochure to be taken home to Italy by the monsignor.

Miss Mumm is in receipt of the following complimentary letter from Monsignor Martinelli:

"I have received, through Mr. Lawler, the beautiful copy you prepared of the address made to me at the reception given me a few evenings ago. I wish to thank you for your kindness in providing me with so splendid a souvenir of my very pleasant visit to this city. With sentiments of sincere regard, and wishing you all the choicest divine blessings for this and many other New Years."

In his note to Mr. Lawler the monsignor writes:

Dr. Rooker has handed me the beautiful copy of the address you read to me at the reception so kindly given me on New Year's eve. I desire to thank you, not only for sending me this souvenir of that very happy occasion, but also for your own extreme goodness during my visit. I shall hope at some future time to renew the acquaintance so pleasantly begun.

IT IS THRIVING.

Retail Liquor Dealers' Association Meets and Elects Officers.

The Retail Liquor Dealers' association, at its regular meeting yesterday, elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

President, William Johnson; vice president, R. A. Maurer; treasurer, F. Nordstrom; secretary, H. T. Logan.

Robert W. Gray, who has held the office of secretary since the organization of the association, in October, 1895, after presenting his annual report, tendered his resignation as secretary, as his business prevented him from giving the office the time it demanded.

It was an enthusiastic meeting at which the interests of the trade claimed sole attention. The association is gaining rapidly in numbers. Notwithstanding that a year ago, the funds of the association were all in the Bank of Minnesota, the treasury, through the energetic efforts of the members, has been replenished, and the association starts the new year in a prosperous condition.

HONORS AT HARVARD.

Two St. Paul Boys Are Among the Prize Winners.

A dispatch received from Boston last night announces that among the recipients of honors at Harvard university at the annual award of prizes to undergraduates were Frederick L. Hammond and E. D. Bond, both of St. Paul.

OPERATORS ORGANIZED.

Illinois Coal Men Ready to Present a Solid Front.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—A permanent organization called the Illinois Coal Operators' association was perfected at a secret meeting held in this city today. When the joint interstate conference of mine owners and miners convene in this city Jan. 17 the men who dig the coal in Illinois will find themselves confronted by a solid organization of operators. The operators will have decided a plan of action, will be ready to say just what they will do and what they will not do. The position of the operators in the various Illinois fields will be made certain at a meeting which will be held tomorrow and to which subcommittees representing the northern, southern and middle fields will report concerning rates.