

MAY INVESTIGATE SENG

MORITZ HEIM WILL ASK THE GOVERNOR TO ACT

He is Not Satisfied with the Assessments Which the Board of Equalization Passed, and It is Possible That an Effort May Be Made to Set Aside the Assessment as It is Drawn at Present.

Moritz Heim does not propose to let the work of the Ramsey county board of equalization stand if he can help it. Mr. Heim was ill during the sitting of the board and could not prosecute his fight for the taxing of large corporations.

He now proposes to go before the state board and present a petition for the governor for an investigation of the Ramsey county assessor's office. Mr. Heim expressed himself vigorously when asked about the matter yesterday. Said he:

"I am thoroughly disgusted with the work of the Ramsey county board of equalization. In the main, it approved the work of the assessor, though the members knew that the assessment upon personal property, as made by him, was in need of thorough revision. Investigation of the records will show that personal property in this county is assessed at a ratio from 10 per cent to 100 per cent of its actual value, according to the reports of the assessor. From the reports in The Daily Globe I judge that the assessed valuation of this county for the year 1898 is practically the same as last year, that \$1,700,000 has been taken from the people; and the board added this \$1,700,000 and distributed it arbitrarily upon persons and property belonging to private individuals. I called the attention of the assessor to the law which requires that the tracks and roads of the street railway should be assessed as other personal property, and to the fact that cur street railway had on the first day of May, 1898, operated 103 miles of street railway, subject to taxation and requested that he place 103 miles of its roads and tracks on the books for taxation, but he declined to do so. I don't see how the public can remain passive and allow such an assessment of valuable property to go unchallenged, and the assessor unpunished for failure to perform the important duties of his office. The next morning I called upon the assessor and asked him to make two distinct valuations on property; first, cash value and second, assessed value, which shall not be more than one-third of the first, and thus the assessor would cease to be the tax collector of the community; he should have at least four months to make this assessment—now he has only two months, and is compelled to hire a lot of temporary assistants, and the jobs are parceled out among incompetent politicians. The board of equalization should consist of three persons, who, together with the assessor, should be elected by the people for a term of years. The violation of revenue laws is a crime, and is punishable in the state prison."

TAILOR HAS TROUBLES.

Holder of Notes Makes a Burden for a Clothes Coffer.

Nine years ago one G. H. Ohlsson took a little flyer in real estate. After the fashion of the speculator in those days, it did not occur to him to pay cash and he gave R. A. Bowron a couple of notes, which he secured in course of time Mr. Bowron proceeded to get rid of the notes, and their history was not recorded up to the middle of 1898, when they came into the possession of C. W. Youngman. They were not as serviceable in the money market as they were when they were first issued, and Mr. Youngman went about seeking somebody who was yearning to become possessor of southerly notes. He found the hungry one of C. G. Norberg, a tailor. Norberg had no money, but he was a tailor, and Youngman would accept clothing instead of cash for the notes. He made an agreement with Norberg to sell the latter the notes under certain conditions, and the notes became the property of Norberg under the agreement, though really remaining in the possession of Youngman.

Two suits of clothes were made under the agreement. A third suit was sent to Youngman, and Mr. Youngman, under the agreement, the clothes were to be sent back and diplomatic relations between the two ceased. Later Youngman sold the notes to Kate A. Mayer. The notes were turned over to a man's tailor brings suit after all these years on the notes and makes Norberg the defendant.

TO GET RID OF WEEDS.

Board of Public Works Considers a Serious Problem.

The question of what is to be done by the city in the removal of noxious weeds from the streets came up before the board of public works yesterday.

Chester R. Smith, president of the real estate exchange, called the attention of Mayor Kiefer to the condition of the residence streets. On the boulevard and vacant lots, the weeds are the principal pests. Mr. Smith said there are rank growths of noxious weeds, and where a pretense was made of cutting the same, the manner in which it had been done had not improved the appearance of the street and was a useless expense.

The mayor returned the letter from Mr. Smith to the board of public works.

Table listing various goods and their prices: Michigan Peaches, Blueberries, Wild Grapes, Salmon Steak, Pike, Halibut, Crabapples, Watermelons, Oysters, Peaches, Blueberries, Wild Grapes, Salmon Steak, Pike, Halibut, Crabapples, Watermelons, Oysters.

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and called the attention of the commissioners to the law which provides that the weeds shall be cut down by the city, in case the property owner fails to attend to the matter, and the expense charged up to the lot owners. City Engineer Rundlett informed the board that, during the months of June, July and August, a great many streets had been constantly employed in cutting down weeds growing in streets and alleys. The sum of \$1,200 had been expended in this work, and the street commissioner reports that all the streets in the residence district have been gone over in some instances twice, and the men were still employed in the work. The law, the engineer states, requires the property owner must be given notice, and, on his failing, the city do the work. The law, the engineer says, is applicable to the rural district more than in cities, as in St. Paul there are 32,000 acres in the unoccupied lots in the city, and the expense of finding the owners is apparent.

The amount for the street and sewer force this year, the engineer states, is \$1,200,000, and he deems it inexpedient to do anything more this year than to cut down the weeds on the most traveled thoroughfares.

WEST SIDE WILL PROFIT

WABASHA STREET BRIDGE MAY BE WIDENED NEXT YEAR

Comptroller McCarty Says All That is Necessary is a Transfer of the \$75,000 Which Has Been Received From the Sale of Bonds for the Broadway Bridge—The Great Northern Shops.

Comptroller McCarty says that the \$70,000 now in the city treasury as a result of the sale of bonds for the construction of the Broadway bridge can be used to widen and reconstruct the north end of the Wabasha street bridge. All that is necessary to accomplish this is to kill the Broadway proposition and transfer the money to the Wabasha street bridge fund, to which there is now a substantial credit. If this is carried out the Wabasha street bridge can be rebuilt next year without difficulty.

WITHOUT ANY CONTESTS

WERE THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES HELD LAST NIGHT

At the Convention to Be Held Tomorrow It is Expected the Delegates Will Be Instructed to Cast Their Votes for Judge Willis for Congress—Precinct Organizations Report to Headquarters.

All elected delegates to congressional county convention are requested to meet at new Democratic headquarters, in the Davidson building, Fourth and Jackson streets, Friday evening, the 26th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m.

By order of county committee, JOHN L. TOWNLEY, Chairman.

FIREWORKS BY THE TON

FIVE MORE CARLOADS OF PARAPHERNALIA ARRIVE

J. C. Conitt, who managed the displays at the World's Fair, is in charge—The Work of Getting the Grounds in Shape is Beginning to Show Results—Not a New Undertaking.

Five more carloads of paraphernalia for the great pyrotechnic exhibition of Cuba and the battles of the late war, which Pain is to give in this city during fall week, arrived here yesterday.

J. C. Conitt, who managed the Fair at Chicago, came to St. Paul yesterday and immediately entered upon his duties in connection with the entertainment.

It had been suggested by the county committee that returns of precinct organizations be made to the committee as soon as possible, and they will commence to come in today when the reports of the primaries are made.

A number of employees who were to this city next week, and among them will be the members of the ballet and the specialty artists and singers.

The grounds, at University avenue and Grotto street, are beginning to assume shape and to look as though the spectacle was an actuality. Men are at work there erecting a large theatre and constructing the lake below, which is to be of cement.

Passenger and suburban line may be extended to the grounds, and the production from the work already done.

The war with Spain, which was not dreamed of. Since the war broke out he has gradually developed the present project, and it is hoped that the war has furnished material for a stirring scene in the play, and has been utilized.

The Gatling guns used in the naval part of the production will be the same as those used in the American navy.

United States Senator Knute Nelson was in the city yesterday for a few hours on his way to his home in Alexandria from the East. He left at 1:30 P. M.

AT THE HOTELS.

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MAY REVIVE A SPUR LINE.

Randolph Street Residents Want Their Cars to Be Operated.

A number of the property owners interested in the resumption of travel on the Randolph street car line from Seventh street to the river gathered at the council chamber yesterday afternoon.

It was understood that the committee on streets from the board of aldermen would hold a session and take up the matter, but the meeting of the committee does not occur until next Thursday.

MAY SHED A SHED.

Talk of Removing the Excrecence on the Market House.

The joint council committee on public buildings held a session yesterday afternoon. The renovation of the hall on the second floor of the market house was discussed, and Ald. Shepard in a vigorous manner occupied the exterior of the building from St. Peter to Wabasha streets on Seventh was discussed but no action taken.

City Engineer Rundlett, who was asked by the committee to make an estimate of the expense of placing the line in good condition from Seventh street to the river, thinks that about \$15,000 will be required to lay the tracks and put the poles and wires in shape for the operation of the road.

BARBERS ELECT DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the barber's union held at Assembly hall last evening the following were elected delegates to the convention of the craft, which will be held in St. Paul Sept. 10.

First Precinct—Michael Lux, P. E. Murphy. Second Precinct—Frank Pattley, Albert Hant.

Third Precinct—T. J. McDermott, J. McGrath. Fourth Precinct—E. H. Whitcomb, W. J. Preston, Peter Metzford, Frank Robert.

Fifth Precinct—H. A. Loughran, Emmett Morrison. Sixth Precinct—H. Schumacher, Dave Oehm.

Seventh Precinct—F. L. McGhee, A. J. Alsbach, M. J. McCarthy. Eighth Precinct—A. T. Reiss, Math. Bantz, J. H. McNally.

Ninth Precinct—Joseph Jaros. Tenth Precinct—The following officers: George Enkel, John Lyden, Wm. Fitzgerald.

Eleventh Precinct—Joseph Kekesh, John Koch. Twelfth Precinct—Joseph Harbet, John Preston.

Thirteenth Precinct—James Duffy, James McDonald, John Egan. Fourteenth Precinct—James Loomis, J. A. Stockton.

Fifteenth Precinct—John Flitz, Wm. Delany.

DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT ORGANIZATIONS.

The first precinct of the Second ward has organized the following officers: George Lambert, president; William D. Mitchell, secretary; John L. Townley, assistant secretary.

The fifteenth precinct of the Eighth ward selected officers for its permanent organization as follows: M. A. Cummins, president; John Flitz, secretary; William Delany, treasurer.

JUDGE NOT CONVINCED.

Nickel-in-the-Slot Cases Are Under Adversive.

The crusade of the city legal department against the slot machine received something of setback in the municipal court yesterday afternoon, when, during the trial of George W. Dayton, charged with maintaining a slot machine as a gambling device at his cigar store, Seventh and Wabasha streets, Judge Hine said that the prosecution had failed to make out a strong case, and intimated that from the evidence presented he would acquit the defendant.

The case was taken under advisement, however, and the prosecution has failed to make out a strong case, and intimated that from the evidence presented he would acquit the defendant.

The case hinges upon the definition of a gambling device. For his defense Dayton claimed that he never deposited in the machine any money, and that he received the value of his money irrespective of the play of the machine, or, in other words, that the player could not win anything at least one cigar at every play. Assistant City Attorney Griggs argued that since the player could not win anything, the machine in question was a gambling device, inasmuch as the play contemplated an element of chance, and there was provision for the player to get 50 cents or more for the five cents invested. Dayton introduced no testimony, moving for a dismissal at the conclusion of the prosecution. Mr. Griggs objected to the granting of the motion on the ground that the testimony submitted by the prosecution had failed to establish that the player did not get a return for his money, and had consequently failed to prove a gambling device, but decided to take the case under advisement.

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ST. PAUL BREVITIES.

This will be the last week of Dan's band at the depot and the concert program, which begins at 7:45 each evening, is being prepared with much attention.

Prof. Morris will deliver a free lecture on "The Choice of Pursuits, or What Can I Do Best," at the hall of the St. Paul Praelogical society, Monday evening, Sept. 13, at 8 o'clock.

Yanny Sempie & Co., of Minneapolis, yesterday filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state in order to permit them to deal in stocks and bonds, as well as hardware.

Artillery Adjutant General Muehlberg yesterday returned to the annual encampment of the 1st Minnesota Artillery.

Col. Page still continues rapidly to improve. Yesterday the firing of a morning and evening gun at the Fort was discontinued because they disturbed the colored. Fortnightly, the firing of a morning and evening gun at the Fort was discontinued because they disturbed the colored.

Low Rates to Boston. September 16, 17 and 18 tickets will be on sale via the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern R.R. to Boston and return at one fare for the round trip, with the Sept. 30. J. E. Hull, T. P. A., No. 131 Euron street, St. Paul, Minn.; W. M. Eason, G. W. A. M., Chicago; A. J. Smith, G. P. A., Cleveland.

You See Niagara Falls. Leave Twin Cities by the 8:00 Line Aug. 27th, through 20,000 islands of Georgian Bay, Toronto, Lake Ontario, Niagara River, George Electric Line to the Falls and return for \$40.00, including all expenses, for two days. Get itinerary: Ticket Office, 235 Robert street.

As Heard on the St. Paul. Mayor Kiefer yesterday received from W. C. Meek, editor of the St. Paul War Budget, two copies of that publication. The paper is a small four-page sheet, in appearance, and is issued on the auxiliary of the St. Paul. The copies sent to the mayor are of date July and Aug. 15, and are devoted to the movements of the vessel and other information about the war as could be secured by the editor.

Prairie Chickens Are Numerous. At Marietta, Minn., Rev. Troy Waverly, of Watertown, S. D. The birds have never been so numerous before, and the attention of hunters is especially invited to these points. The birds are located along the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway, at Watertown, Watertown, Season open in South Dakota, Aug. 15, and no license is required. Dogs and gun carried free. For tickets call on F. P. Rutherford, C. T. A., 235 Robert street.

Only \$8.00. To Chicago via Chicago Great Western, the favorite route. Chicago, corner Robert and Fifth streets, St. Paul.

Vital Statistics. BIRTHS. Mrs. Fred B. Luley, 556 Martin st., Girl; Mrs. Perry Cotnam, Lynnarth st., Boy; Mrs. Joseph Breckman, 54 Colburne st., Girl; Mrs. L. K. Lee, 211 South Franklin st., Girl; Mrs. Fritz W. Engelbert, 673 Carroll st., Girl; Mrs. Harcus Alverson, 174 Mount Airy, Boy; Mrs. Charles Erickson, 623 Arlington st., Girl; Mrs. John A. Peterson, 693 Payne av., Boy; Mrs. C. Dink, 916 East Fourth st., Girl.

DEATHS. Clara Steffelmier, 753 Euclid st., 10 mos; Joseph Hill, 1221 Guyard st., 10 mos.

NEWS IN WOOD AND WOOL

GOSSIP OF THE HOTEL CORRIDORS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

J. D. Starr Talks of Lumber in Wisconsin and J. B. Shultzy, of Butte, Discusses the Wool Clip in Montana—Senator Nelson Spent a Few Days in Town While on His Way Home.

J. D. Starr, of Eau Claire, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Starr is heavily interested in the Starr Lumber company, of Eau Claire, one of the largest lumbering concerns in Western Wisconsin, and the owner of one of the finest hard wood forests in the Northwest.

He said: "There has been a liberal demand for hardwood lumber this season, and a hardwood stumpage is fast becoming very scarce in this part of the country. There has also been an increasing demand for hardwood lumber after the timber has been cut. This is especially true of the white pine and other timber used for cultural purposes. It has a rich top soil and a strong subsoil. There is not a great deal of hardwood standing in the Northwest at present of course the white pine and other timber is great deal more plentiful in all parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and for that reason many who own the hardwood lands are holding on to them in hopes that their value will be greatly enhanced as the more common woods are scarce in price. There are several fine belts of hardwood in the Minnesota and Wisconsin, but each year decreases the standing stumpage materially."

J. B. Shultzy, of Butte, Mont., was in the city yesterday. Mr. Shultzy is engaged in the sheep industry near Butte. He said: "The sheep industry in Montana will be exceptionally large this year, as the present high price of sheep has given great stimulus to the industry of Montana, yesterday did not get an excellent condition, and I think it can be safely said that a greater number are being fed this year than ever before. There is a growing demand for our wool abroad, and this demand goes long ways towards explaining the present high price as compared with that of a year ago. There are very prospective in Montana just now, and the sheep men are especially well pleased with the outlook for the season's round up."

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