SOCIETY IN A SWIRL

IT WAS TRUE IN A DOUBLE SENSE DURING YESTERDAY

DEBUT OF BLANCHE CLOUGH

Reception at the Family Home on Summit Avenue Was the Foremost Event of the Day in the Local Field—Miss Dora Jefferson Was Also Introduced—Tonight the Charity Ball.

St. Luke's twenty-third annual charity ball takes place this evening in the handsome auditorium of Masonic Temple. The event is one which is always looked forward to with pleasant expectation by those planning to attend each year and this year seems to have been unusually rich in promise for the success of the affair. Nearly twenty debutantes will be numbered in the handsome gathering this evening, and many of the young women have been so long in college or boarding school they have yet to become acquainted with those who will hereafter be their associates in the fashionable world.

The committee on decoration was busy all day yesterday planning and arranging flowers and plants in the ball room and banquet hall above. Flags and flowers have been used with gorgeous effect against the rich hangings of the place, and this evening hundreds of electric lights and inspiring military music will lend their magic to the scene.

The decorations will be in place this morning. The members of the board have the remaining tickets to be sold and they may be secured today from any of the following ladies:

Mrs. Henry Hale, Mrs. A. Henderson,
Mrs. James Gillilan, Mrs. Thomas Irvine,
Mrs. W. H. Vittum, Mrs. E. R. Langford,
Mrs. W. R. Merriam, Mrs. Stewart Moore,
Mrs. J. T. Averill, Mrs. J. L. Merriam,
Mrs. John Ames, Mrs. J.E. McWilliams,
Mrs. Frank Bass, Mrs. J. C. Norton,
Mrs. C. B. Brunson, Mrs. E. W. Peet,
Mrs. F. E. Bird, Mrs. F. E. Rice,
Mrs. W. Bissell, Mrs. B. L. Stanton,
Mrs. J. W. Bishop, Mrs. H. F. Stevens,
Mrs. A. H. Cathcart, Mrs. George Squires,
Mrs. C. W. Carpenter, Mrs. C. K. Sharood,
Mrs. Oliver Dalrymple, Mrs. B. J. Shipman,
Mrs. D. W. Dyer, Mrs. C. J. Thompson,
Mrs. Denis Follett, Mrs. A. A. White,
Mrs. J. L. Forepaugh, Mrs. Reuben Warner,
Mrs. R. B. Galusha, Mrs. Colvin.

Mrs. J. B. Hoxsie, as president of the board of St. Luke's, receives this evening with:

Mrs. Henry Hale, Mrs. A. B. Stickney,
Mrs. W. H. Vittum, Mrs. George B. Young,
Mrs. W. H. Lightner, Mrs. E. N. Saunders,
Mrs. E. A. Jaggard, Mrs. Charles Bunn,
Mrs. D. C. Shepard, Mrs. F. B. Clarke.
Mrs. D. R. Noyes,

The supper room will be under the supervision of:

Mrs. Oliver Dalrymple, Mrs. Denis Follett,
Mrs. E. J. Bishop, Mrs. C. K. Sharood,
Mrs. A. T. Langford, Mrs. F. E. Rice,
Mrs. A. H. Cathcart,

The patronesses are:

Mrs. Maurice Auerbach, Mrs. S. D. Sturgis,
Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Mrs. Geo. Thompson,
Mrs. E. J. Abbott, Mrs. Ambrose Tighe,
Mrs. E. H. Bailey, Mrs. Charles Wheaton
Mrs. W. E. Bramhall, Mrs. W. H. S. Wright,
Mrs. Charles Bigelow, Mrs. F. Weyerhaeuser
Mrs. L. L. C. Brooks, Mrs. John Wright,
Mrs. C. W. Benson, Mrs. J. W. Willis,
Mrs. Knox Bacon, Mrs. E. C. Washington
Mrs. L. M. Benepe, Mrs. J. A. Wheelock,
Mrs. H. Black, Mrs. Leslie Wann,
Mrs. Kenneth Clark, Mrs. H. P. Upham,
Mrs. S. M. Cary, Mrs. J. J. Hill,
Mrs. C. E. Clarke, Mrs. H. Hutchinson,
Mrs. H. Doneman, Mrs. H. Holbert,
Mrs. C. C. De Coster, Mrs. Rufus Jefferson,
Mrs. E. Dahlgren, Mrs. A. B. Johnson,
Mrs. F. Driscoll, Mrs. Frank Kellogg,
Mrs. H. C. Davis, Mrs. C. Livingston,
Mrs. A. K. Dalrymple, Mrs. A. Lindeke,
Mrs. Dudley Finch, Mrs. O. Lanpher,
Mrs. John Fulton, Mrs. J. W. Lusk,
Mrs. C. E. Flandrau, Mrs. J. D. Lawler,
Mrs. John Field, Mrs. D. A. Monfort,
Mrs. W. F. Graves, Mrs. Gardner Moore,
Mrs. Gotzian, Mrs. A. McLaren,
Mrs. A. Gillette, Mrs. Canac-Marquis,
Mrs. A. Guthrie, Mrs. L. L. May,
Mrs. B. Goodkind, Mrs. P. Millard,
Mrs. J. Schadle, Mrs. W. F. Mason,
Mrs. T. L. Schurmeier, Mrs. R. M. Newport,
Mrs. E. R. Smith, Mrs. A. Oppenheim,
Mrs. Haldor Sieve, Mrs. L. Ordway,
Mrs. James Skinner, Mrs. B. H. Ogden,
Mrs. C. L. Spencer, Mrs. F. T. Parlin,
Mrs. John A. Stees, Mrs. J. J. Parker,
Mrs. Arthur Sweeney, Mrs. W. F. Peet,
Mrs. C. A. Severence, Mrs. A. S. Pope,
Mrs. Gustave Scholle, Mrs. R. Rantoul,
Mrs. E. P. Sanborn, Mrs. Dudley Rhodes,
Mrs. C. Schunemann, Mrs. P. Ritchie,
Mrs. C. L. Spencer, Mrs. Edward Rogers,
Mrs. A. Shimonek, Mrs. C. E. Riggs.

Among those who will occupy boxes are:

Mrs. D. C. Shepard, Mrs. Ambrose Tighe,
Mrs. L. L. Seabrook, Mrs. C. A. Severance,
Mrs. Crawford Livingston, Mrs. E. A. Jaggard,
Mrs. W. L. Graves,
Mrs. Franklin Floete, Mrs. Geo. Thompson.

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The several large society events of yesterday did not suffer to any great extent from the severity of the weather. My lady donned her furs and made the rounds of the day's festivities safe and warm within her cushioned brougham.

The Clough reception, on Summit avenue, was the largest event. Some 400 invitations were issued for last evening, the occasion being the debut of Miss Blanche Clough, daughter of Col. W. P. Clough. The St. Anthony Hill orchestra was in attendance all of the evening and the house with its profuse floral decorations was a very bower of music and flowers. Miss Clough stood with her father, Col. Clough, and Mrs. Charles L. Spencer. Assisting were Mrs. H. P. Upham, Mrs. J. J. Hill, Mrs. William F. Peet, Mrs. John Field, Mrs. W. A. Spencer Jr., Miss Hammond, Miss Livingston, Miss Lanpher, Miss Winter and Miss Millard.

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Miss Dora Jefferson made her debut yesterday at an afternoon reception given by her mother, Mrs. Rufus Jefferson, at the family home, 276 Summit avenue. Assisting were Mrs. Fred Driscoll, Mrs. Ellet, Mrs. D. A. Monfort, Mrs. Alexander Stone, Mrs. Lindeke, Mrs. A. B. Stickney, Mrs. Weyerhaeuser, Mrs. R. M. Newport, Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Mark D. Flower, Mrs. Mahler, Mrs. E. E. Hughson, Mrs. Oppenheim, Mrs. George B. Young, Mrs. Lightner, Mrs. Weed, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Furness, Mrs. Rudolph Weyerhaeuser, Mrs. Vittum, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. William B. Abbott, Mrs. Albert Moore, Miss Ellet, Miss Stickney, Miss Millard, Miss Driscoll, Miss Rogers, Miss Kimberly, Miss Cheatham, Miss Wick, Miss Clough, Miss Wanzer, Miss Horn, Miss Bigelow.

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Mrs. E. J. Megroth, of Goodrich avenue, received during the afternoon, assisted by Mrs. Horning, of Minneapolis, and Miss De Coster and Miss Dyer, of St. Paul.

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On Dayton avenue Mrs. Frank Schlick Jr. received, assisted by Mrs. George H. Prince. Yellow chrysanthemums and palms were used in decorating the reception room and green and white were the colors in the library, chrysanthemums again being used. The dining room was in pink and green, Madam Tetslow roses and asparagus fern making a pleasing combination. Palms and dark red roses were used in the hallway.

The dining room was in charge of Mrs. E. C. Bowen, Mrs. Charles Morgan, Mrs. E. S. Durment, and Mrs. R. S. Ware, assisted by Miss Stevenson, Miss Coburn, Miss Richardson and Miss May Clark.

Mrs. William Collins, of Minneapolis, and Miss King cared for the punch bowl in the hall.

Mrs. Howard Ware, Miss Annie Egan and the Misses Warren, of Minneapolis, assisted about the rooms.

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The Schubert club gives its second musicale this afternoon in Park Congregational church. The programme follows:

Motives from Walkuere ..... Wagner
Mrs. Jilson, Miss Appleton.
Songs—a. Spesso vibra suo gioco (1659-1725) ..... Scarlatti
—b. Lungi dal caro bene (17th century ..... Secchi
—c. Pur Dicessi, boccabella (1667-1740) ..... Lotti
Mr. Colville.
Etude de Concert ..... Rubinstein
Miss Wilson.
Variations on a Beethoven Theme, Op 35 ..... Saint-Saens
Miss Morton, Mrs. Canby.
Songs—a. Adelaide ..... Beethoven
—b. Widmung ..... Schumann
Mr. Colville.
Isolde's Liebestod ..... Wagner-Liszt
Mrs. Dahlgren.
Songs—a. "Weep You No More" .... Somervell
—b. "Salomo" ..... Henschel
—c. Resurrection ..... Henschel
—d. A Corn Song ..... Coleridge-Taylor
Mr. Colville.

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The reception given by Mrs. Silas B. Walsh at her studio, 117 Mackubin street, yesterday afternoon, was a revelation to her many friends in this city. The work of her brush was everywhere in evidence; charming landscapes adorned the walls and stood about on easels, and exquisite work in china painting filled every available space, all being greatly admired by the more than 100 ladies who were present.

Mrs. Walsh was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Thomas Cochran and Mrs. A. A. Abbott. Chrysanthemums and roses were used about and the soft light of shaded lamps gave a charming effect to the tout ensemble.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lanpher entertain at dinner tomorrow for Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reilly Jr., who are to be married today in Rush City.

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Mrs. C. T. Clark entertains Friday evening at her home on West Ninth street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Black entertain at cinch Wednesday evening of next week. Mrs. Black entertains a company of women the Saturday following.

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Lieut. Ross, of the Third infantry, returned yesterday from Washington, D. C. Mrs. Ross is in Illinois and returns this week.

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An entertainment for the benefit of the Christian home will be given Tuesday evening in Conover hall.

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West Side Lodge No. 106, I. O. O. F., and Eastern Star Lodge No. 82, D. of R., give a dancing party this evening in the lodge room, Wabasha and Fairchild avenue.

ARE URGING CURTISS.

His Friends Would Install Him in the Mankato Normal.

The friends of once Superintendent of Schools Virgil G. Curtis are still making an active canvass to secure the selection of Mr. Curatis as president of the Mankato Normal school.

President Pattee will call a meeting within the next few days for Dec. 6, to be held in St. Paul, when a successor to President Shepard, of the Winona Normal school, will also be named.

Cheap Homeseekers' Excursions to the South

Are run twice every month by the Wisconsin Central Lines; tickets are good for stop over in Land Seekers' Territory south of the Ohio river. For particulars call at City Ticket Office, 373 Robert, St. Paul, Minn.

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SEVENTH AND CEDAR STS.

Tel. 732. Meat Market, 782.

A fancy lot of Bananas for Wednesday buyers.

9 cents
A pound for good New Layer Table Raisins.

10 cents
A pound for New Leghorn Citron, Orange or Lemon Peel.

10 cents
A pound for good new crop Mixed Nuts.

SAUSAGES
In 2-lb. boxes from Jones' Dairy Farm to arrive fresh today.

35 cents
For bushel baskets of fancy Burbank Potatoes. We have a beautiful carload for today.

20 cents
Per gallon for the very best Northern Spy Cider. It's very fine.

17 cents
A pound for a fair quality Table Butter.

TURKEYS that are Fresh,
TURKEYS that are Meaty,
TURKEYS that are Tender,
TURKEYS that are Low-Priced

CANDY.

Pay three times the money for elsewhere Confectionery, you'll get none purer, newer; nor will you see a greater variety than is here, and is weighed out at the grocery store prices.

Cocoanut Tea Rolls; more toothsome morsels don't pass lips. Per lb 15c
Fine Vanilla Chocolate Creams, per lb 12½c
King B. Chocolate Creams, per lb 18c
It is not unusual for consumers to pay from 40c to 50c per lb. for these.
Ocean Foam, a new and delightful Candy, per lb 17c
Royal Marshmallows, will outclass most of the elsewhere 40c kind, per lb 19c
Top off your Thanksgiving Dinner with:
Fresh Salted Almonds, special ..... 60c lb
Fresh Salted Pecans, special ..... 50c lb
Fresh Blanched Salted Peanuts, special ..... 15c lb
For Table Decorations we have Trilby Sticks, in five colors, delicately flavored. Sold everywhere at 50c per lb., our price 25c per lb.
Fresh Cream Wafers, six colors and flavors, special, 20c per lb.
The latest Eastern Craze is Good Stick Candy. Just try Yerxa's and see what absolutely Pure Stick Candy is. Give it to children. Six flavors, 15c per lb.
Our line of counter Candies is the largest of pure Candies in the city.
Fresh Allegretti Chocolates:
1-lb. Boxes Special 50c
½-lb. Boxes Special 25c
¼-lb. Boxes Special 15c
Good Chocolate Drops, per lb 12½c
1-lb. boxes of Fancy Chocolates, assorted, per lb 17c
Cocoanut Kisses, soft and creamy, per lb 18c
Brazil Nut Kisses, per lb 18c
Pecan Nut Kisses, per lb 18c
Cocoa Beans (worth 40c), per lb 16c
Ocean Foam, very light and delicious, per lb 17c
1-lb. Tin Boxes of Royal Marshmallows (regular 50c goods), for 19c
Soft Chocolate Chews, per lb 18c
Licorice Gum Drops, per lb 20c
Jelly Beans, per lb 15c
Cocoanut Squares, Chocolate Dipped, per lb 15c
Gum Drops, per lb 9c

LOADED!

We are loaded with tons of Fine Poultry and Meats and will make prices to sell them.

FOR THANKSGIVING:

We Have Geese as low as 7c
We Have Dux as low as 7c
We Have Chickens as low as 7c
On Turkeys our price will be the lowest.
Pig Pork Shoulders 5c
Loin Pork Roasts ..... 7 and 8c
Boston Butts 7c
Spare Ribs ..... 3c and 7c
Fresh Hams 8c
Purest Lard, Four pounds for 25c
Pork Steak, 3½ pounds for 25c
Oysters, Largest Standards, per quart, one day 25c
Picnic Hams 6c
Fresh Bacon 8c
Good Cut Rib Roast 8c

For fine Home-Made Sausages be sure and see us.

Pig Pork Sausage 8c
Bologna Sausage 8c
Liver Sausage 8c
Blood Sausage 8c

For your Thanksgiving dinner see us. You can get the best at the lowest price.

People's Prov. Co.,
447-449 Wabasha Street—Tel. 741.

Select Your Xmas. Gifts
In Jewelry and Watches and have them reserved at
EMIL GEIST'S,
66 East 7th St.

TO DINE NEWSBOYS

MANAGEMENT OF THE PALACE CLOTHING HOUSE WILL ENTERTAIN THEM

AT A THANKSGIVING DINNER

A Tempting Spread Will Be Set Before the Three Hundred Boys Who Sell Newspapers—A Number of Brief Addresses Will Be Made—Public Invited to Be Present at the Feast.

Great piles of turkeys, oceans of oyster soup, ladles of cranberry sauce, several hundred mince pies and barrels of fruit will delight the eyes of the St. Paul newsboys tomorrow morning at the Ryan building between 11 and 1:30 p. m. The occasion is to be the first Thanksgiving dinner given the "newsies" of St. Paul by the management of the Palace Clothing House company, which has but recently made its appearance in the commercial field of St. Paul, succeeding L. G. Hoffman & Co., and is to be an annual affair.

The dinners which were given by the ladies who were interested in the newsboys' home, which was abandoned some time ago, will again be revived in the memory of some of the older "newsies," as the affair is to have all that will make it the happiest event for the little wayfarers of the street in the history of St. Paul. A mandolin orchestra has been engaged for the occasion, and will play for the boys while they do justice to the best that can be provided.

Any one who has ever attended the newsboys dinners given in the past can bespeak of the genuine pleasure which the occasion brings to the boys.

The offer of the Palace company to entertain these boys at a Thanksgiving dinner is certainly commendable, and should have the support of the citizens of St. Paul by their attendance.

A general invitation has been extended by the Palace people for the public to attend the dinner, which will begin at 11 o'clock. Several St. Paul clergymen have responded to the invitation to be present, and addresses will be made the boys upon the significance of the day.

Tickets have been issued during the last couple of days by the circulators of the three St. Paul daily papers to the boys who sell papers on the street, which will admit them to the dinner, after registering at the Palace store.

The boys will form at Newspaper row at 10:30 and march over to the large vacant store next to the Palace company's place of business, and there they will discuss a menu which will delight the youthful heart. It is as follows:

Oyster Soup.
Raw Oysters. Celery. Pickles.
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes. Turnips.
Mince and Pumpkin Pie. Oranges. Apples.

There are very nearly 300 newsboys in St. Paul and the scene at the dinner table will be well worth the trouble of a visit Thanksgiving morning.

INHERITANCE TAXES PAID

STATE TREASURY GETS ITS FIRST RECEIPTS FROM THE COUNTIES

Only Two Payments Have Been Made as Far as Reported to the State Officials by the County Auditors.

State Auditor Dunn yesterday received the first returns from the 5 per cent "inheritance tax" provided for by the last legislature.

The returns made yesterday were from Steele and Wabasha counties. The county treasurer of Steele county sent in a remittance for $102.58, as a 5 per cent tax on the estate of H. D. Jones, of Owatonna. The other remittance was from the county treasurer of Wabasha county for $216.53, upon the estate of James Manning, of Wabasha, Minn.

The law levying the tax is quite sweeping and covers all kinds of bequests and inheritances bequeathed by will or by the intestate laws of the state. It taxes all bequests made organizations or corporations, and authorizes the state auditor to furnish blanks to judges of probate upon which to make out returns, and further provides that the judge of probate must make quarterly reports to the state auditor of all bequests coming under the provisions of this law.

As yet none of these returns have been received at the state house. The duties of the judge of probate are clearly set forth in the statute, and the tardiness of their returns would either indicate a laxity in inforcing the law or an alarming decrease in the death rate. The first section of the statute reads as follows:

Section 1. A tax shall be and is hereby imposed upon the transfer of any personal property, of the value of five thousand (5,000) dollars or over, or of any interest therein or income therefrom, in trust or otherwise, to persons or corporations not exempt by law from taxation on real or personal property, in the following cases:

First—When the transfer is by will or by the intestate laws of this state from any person dying seized or possessed of the property while a resident of the state.

Second—When the transfer is by will or intestate law, of property within the state, and the decedent was a non-resident of the state at the time of his death.

Third—When the transfer is of property made by a resident or by a non-resident, when such non-resident's property is within this state, by deed, grant, bargain, sale or gift, made in contemplation of the death of the grantor, vendor or donor, or intending to take effect, in possession or enjoyment, at or after such death. Such tax shall also be imposed when any such person or corporation becomes beneficially entitled, in possession or expectancy, to any property or the income thereof, by any such transfer, whether made before or after the passage of this act. Such tax shall be at the rate of five (5) per cent upon the clear market value of such property, except as otherwise prescribed in the next section.

The following eighteen sections prescribe the duties of the judges of probate and state auditor, and lay down general rules regulating the levy and collection of the tax.

WAS CUT AND DRIED.

Wirt Wilson Says the Surrender of Manila Was a Sham.

Wirt Wilson, son of Senator-elect G. P. Wilson, of Minneapolis, a member of the Thirteenth regiment, who secured his discharge, has returned to resume his studies at the state university. He says:

"As for the battle, it was a sham battle—a cut and dried affair. It was arranged that not a man was to lose his life. And if our right hadn't advanced too rapidly, nobody would have been hurt. Some of the boys think it a reflection on the army to admit the surrender of Manila had been arranged just as you would arrange a sham battle, but it's a fact. The day of the taking of Manila, and the next day, too, were pretty hard on us. After getting into the city we had to throw up entrenchments to keep the insurgents out. The rations we carried with us gave out before we got any more. The result was that we were very hungry. I was so hungry that when I got a chance to get some food I overate and became sick. That was the only sickness I experienced the whole time. After we began keeping the insurgents out it was no more "Americano Filipano amigo." Our boys began to associate with the Spaniards and make friends with them right away. Manila is a very cosmopolitan city, and was never more so than just now. I have seen American, Russian, English and German sailors from the warships going through the city arm-in-arm.

"Of course, the army ration which is suitable for this country is not adapted to Manila. The boys now eat a great deal of rice—three times a day, in fact. They are living well, and, so far as I know, getting full measure rations of first-class quality. Refrigerator ships bring frozen meats from Australia. The hot climate makes many of the boys look sallow and takes the flesh off them, but that doesn't mean they are sick or suffering.

MINNESOTA IS SECOND.

California Was Most Bountiful in Manila Christmas Gifts.

The steamship St. Paul, laden with over 7,000 Christmas packages, left San Francisco last Friday for Manila.

The receiving and checking of this enormous and valuable freight occupied the time of more than 100 men for nearly three days. The Christmas boxes average about fifteen pounds in weight, but one from Minnesota tipped the scale at 1,250 pounds.

As the Christmas gift of the Alaska Commercial company, the owners of the steamer St. Paul, there goes to the soldiers at Manila a California Christmas tree, imbedded in the original soil and still growing on its voyage across the Pacific.

Among the limited number of passengers aboard the St. Paul are forty trained nurses, some of them for service in camp at Honolulu, and the others for duty with the army at Manila.

In speaking of the departure of the St. Paul the San Francisco Chronicle of Nov. 17, says:

"Of course, the First California regiment from San Francisco is being most generally remembered, and it will receive, perhaps, half of the boxes sent. Minnesota, so generous and provident in everything pertaining to her splendid Thirteenth regiment, is second only to California in the number of her gifts to her volunteers in Manila. Then comes Pennsylvania and after her Iowa."

FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS

NEW LAW TO BE PROPOSED AT THE COMING SESSION

It Will Inaugurate a New System for the Reclamation of the Little Folks Who Fall Into the Clutches of the Law.

A meeting has been called by Secretary Jackson, of the state board of correction and charities, for Dec. 3 to consider a measure to be presented to the legislature establishing a probation system of dealing with juvenile offenders in the three large cities of the state. The meeting will be held at the capitol, and a number of penologists have been invited to attend.

Under the proposed law a probative officer will be appointed in Minneapolis and Duluth, and made a state office, and the work of the present officers in St. Paul will be given a larger scope. A similar bill was presented to the legislature two years ago, and failed of passage by but a few votes.

The bill, as it is proposed, leaves the nomination of the probation officer with the Minnesota Prison associaton, subject to the approval of the judges of the dstrict court where the appointment is made.

The duties of the officer will be to investigate all cases of juveniles under the age of sixteen years who are brought up for trial in the district court. The bill provides that when arrests of youthful offenders are made sentences can be suspended upon probation. The bill lays down rules to be followed in all such cases.

Secretary Jackson favors the plan, and another attempt will be made this winter to get the bill through the legislature.

NEWS FROM THE KLONDIKE.

W. H. Dieter Writes to His Brother in This City.

Theodore Dieter, of this city, has received a letter from his brother, W. H. Dieter, who is at "Bonanza Creek, 87 Above Discovery, Yukon Mining District." The letter is dated Sept. 7, and says that the climate is very hard on the prospectors. Mr. Dieter writes:

"Imagine yourself carrying a pack of grub, seventy-five pounds, on your back over swamps, every foot of which is covered with icy water and nigger heads, bunches of soggy moss that tip you off nearly every step, and do this for twenty-five to forty miles! Then you must return in a week for more supplies. I can't explain in writing anything about it. A more determined set of men never underwent such hardships for gold, yet not for big fortunes. The two men I had have both gone back to the states. I am alone now. The government here is rotten to the core. Every officer, I dare say, is doing crooked work. One must buy them to record a claim. I arrived here June 10, and ever since then there has been from fifty to 100 men in line at the gold commissioner's office, trying to get their claims recorded. If you pay one of the officers from $10 to $20 you can get ahead of the prospector who has toiled hard for two weeks to get his title to a claim, and then probably be finally beat out of it by some rascals. A poor man without a few extra dollars has no earthly show to get a claim. I am afraid it will wind up with a lynching. I am going to town to record a quartz claim, which cuts across No. 27, Bonanza claim, and I must pay $10 extra to an officer in order not to wait my turn at the office."

Are You Going South or Southeast?

Call at 400 Robert street, Hotel Ryan, or call up telephone 36, and the Burlington agent will quote you very cheap rates to a great many places.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS.

Every House in St. Paul Will Be Canvassed Friday.

In spite of the storm a very representative body of men from all church organizations in the city met at the office of G. W. Lewis, chairman of the census committee yesterday noon. The response to the call for workers has been generous from some churches, while some have as yet made no response. The list of canvassers however, has grown to such proportions that the success of the census is assured. This does not mean that no more helpers are needed, and it is expected that those churches which have not as yet sent in their quota will do so after the church meetings to be held this Wednesday evening. If names are mailed to Mr. G. W. Lewis, 22 Gillilan block, after service tonight, there will be ample time for workers to be assigned service for Friday afternoon.

The workers will have handed them little plats of one or two or three blocks, that each one is to visit, and each is responsible to report every family within the territory assigned. Not a house is to be passed, and if the family is out the visitor will return at any convenient time later in the day and not leave till some information is obtained as to the family, even if the man next door has to be pressed into service for information.

No trouble is anticipated in any part of the city, as city people have proven themselves everywhere in favor of the plan to be followed here. An occasional family is found in every city which refuses information, and the visitor, after obtaining the name, writes the words "refused information" across the face of the card.

Sometimes curious results follow when the servant who answers the door bell is ignorant that a census is being taken and fails to understand the object of the visitor's questions. In one city where a census was taken this year a young lady called at a home where she at times visited socially, with tablet in hand, prepared to obtain accurate information. The servant girl opened the door and then looked surprised at the business like appearance of the visitor. "We are taking a religious census today, and I will be glad to have you answer the questions I have here," she began when she was interrupted with: "It is not necessary, I am sure the lady of the house does not want any today." Some time was consumed in explanation, but when the matter was understood there was no further difficulty.

The work done in St. Paul will be of value because the workers are instructed to go slow enough to obtain an answer to every question on the card. This will furnish a very complete list of the most valuable information upon which the efforts of individual churches can be intelligently expended during the winter. Some statistics will be obtained which can be obtained in no other way, and an interesting idea of the divisions of the religious life of the city can be had at a glance.

In families where there are two church affiliations, two cards will be made out, that each church may have ready access to all those who should properly come within its jurisdiction. Separate cards will also be made out for employes and servants for the same reason.

Where non-church goers are visted, an invitation to attend some church will be left in the home; but the invitation will always be in the name of the church to which the preference of the family leans. An invitation in the same way will be given to children to attend some Sabbath school. But on the printed invitations which are to be given to each visitor, there is a line in heavy face type which reads: "In no case advocate any particular church." The aim has been to take all possible precautions against any padding on the rightful constituency of any church. No one is to be asked to attend a Baptist or Presbyterian church because the visitor happens to belong to one of these churches; but each non-church going family is to be given an invitation to attend the church which would be theirs if their church life were revived.

WAS PROBABLY EPILEPSY

SUDDEN DEATH OF BRIDGET DOUGHERTY YESTERDAY

She Was Taken Ill Soon After Breakfast, and in an Hour Was Dead—She Had Had Several Previous Attacks.

"Cause of death unknown" was written on the official report of Bridget Dougherty's death yesterday morning to the health department. But further explanatory notes set forth that Bridget Dougherty had been subject to epilepsy, and that her death was probably brought about by this cause. The report was made by Dr. Charles E. Lee.

Bridget Dougherty was a domestic, 40 years old, employed in the family of W. H. Neal, 431 Portland avenue. She had worked for the family several years. Yesterday morning she prepared breakfast as usual. About 9 o'clock she complained of feeling ill. She was advised to lie down. An hour afterward she was found dead in her bed.

Dr. Lee says he was called to the house half an hour after the woman's death. He says his report was made in accordance with the facts related to him at the house. He was told, he says, that the woman had a number of times had epileptic fits, and that when one of the attacks was observed to be coming yesterday she was told to go to bed and perhaps it would pass away. Dr. Lee said he was not positive what had caused the woman's death, but that the natural inference was that it was epilepsy. He said he did not think the case one for the coroner's investigation.

Coroner Nelson said last evening that he had not heard of the case. He said that whatever Dr. Lee had done was beyond doubt correct, but that the case would be investigated today.

CAN HAVE A PARKWAY.

Workhouse Board Will Give the Park Board a Strip.

Park Superintendent Nussbaumer, who 'phoned the park commissioners Monday night that he was snow-bound and could not attend the meeting, arrived at the city clerk's office yesterday noon.

Examining the bids for furnishing and setting the two new boilers Supt. Nussbaumer figured it out that Robinson, Cary & Co.'s bid for furnishing the boilers, at $1,163, was the lowest. The bid of Olaf Bayer, of 661 York street, for setting the old boiler and the two new ones for $749, taken in conjunction with the Robinson, Cary & Co., made the total cost of the boilers set up $1,852.

The superintendent will report at an adjourned meeting of the board.

President Wheelock has been advised by the secretary of the workhouse board that the proposition looking toward all of the forty acres now used by the workhouse except fifteen acres being turned over to the park board will not be accepted. The workhouse board, however, will permit the park board to use a tract large enough to provide a parkway from Lexington avenue to the park, accross the grounds now occupied by the workhouse farm.

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IS MISSING SINCE MONDAY

ELIZABETH PHILBRICK, OF MERRIAM PARK, CANNOT BE FOUND

She Started From Minneapolis for Home at a Comparatively Early Hour Monday—No Trace of Her Whereabouts Since Obtainable.

Elizabeth Philbrick, a young woman living at 296 North Prior avenue, was reported to the police last evening to have been missing from her home since Monday afternoon. The girl is said never to have before remained away from home over night, and her friends fear that some harm may have befallen her.

The girl is pursuing a course of study in music in Minneapolis, and makes her home with the family of Peter Reynard, of Merriam Park. Shortly after dinner Monday Miss Philbrick left home to go to Minneapolis to take a music lesson. She did not return that night, but her absence created no alarm, as it was thought that she had doubtless decided to remain with friends in Minneapolis rather than to return in the storm. Yesterday, however, it was learned that she had not remained with any of her friends, but had, on the contrary, started for home at 4:30 o'clock. Inquiry was made at the Minneapolis hospitals, but no trace of the girl could be found, and the Mill City police were called into the case. Their search through the day was without result, and last night the local police were asked to look for the young woman.

It was at first thought that Miss Philbrick might have gotten lost in the storm, but this her friends now think was not the case. She always traveled on the interurban line, and the cars were running regularly until after nightfall. The Merriam Park extension cars were also running until after Miss Philbrick had time to get home, so if she left Minneapolis according to her usual custom, her friends think, the storm would not have interfered with her getting home safely. Her disappearance, however, is a mystery to them. Miss Philbrick is 19 years old and of slight stature.

MONEY STILL MISSING.

Anton Novek Is Formally Charged With the Theft.

The $1,000 in gold stolen from the room of Mrs. Albert Buzek shortly after her death, as was told in The Globe of yesterday, has not yet been recovered. No trace of the money can be found, but when the county attorney learned the facts in the case he immediately issued a complaint formally charging Anton Novek, who was arrested on suspicion Monday, with stealing the money. Detective Murnane and Sergeant Davis are working on the case and hope to recover the gold.

Suspicion is directed toward Novek for many reasons. Albert Buzek cannot talk English, and when he visited the insurance company's office Novek went with him to assist in settling the loss on his home. The police say that Novek advised old man Buzek to keep the money at home instead of banking it. Mrs. Mary Wagner claims Novek knew where the money was kept, and that he was in the room when she took a piece of money from the bag shortly before the money disappeared. She says Novek was about the house most of the day Monday, and was a number of times left alone in the room where the money was hidden. Novek will be arraigned today.

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Benefit for W. B. McNamara.

The armory will be one blaze of color Friday night, when the benefit ball is given by Battery A, of the Minnesota National guard. The entertainment, which is the only one to be given by the battery during the year, will be for the benefit of William B. McNamara, who was injured by the premature discharge of a cannon when the command was firing a salute for the departing Thirteenth regiment.

The sale of tickets for this ball has already been large, and others have promised to attend, so that the hall will be packed. The battery postponed its dance from Thanksgiving eve on account of a misunderstanding concerning permission to use the armory, and when Capt. Larson was told that the building had already been promised for that night he willingly consented to make the change. Stein's full orchestra will be in attendance.

MADE MONEY OUT OF IT

E. E. Lobeck, Candidate for Congress, Nominated by the "Drys."

Five additional campaign expense bills were filed with the secretary of state esterday. Perhaps the most interesting of the list is that filed by E. E. Lobeck, who ran for congress on the prohibition ticket in the Seventh district. He collected from his fellow prohibitionists at