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IN The Field of Labor.

Secretary M. E. Murray, of the state barbers' board, reports that thirty-eight out of the forty-four applicants for barber's license who were examined at the recent meeting of the board have passed. The lucky ones are D. W. Sutherland, Fred A. Flick, Jerry Branchau and Joseph Lindeke, all of St. Paul; Wallace E. Gerrish, Denis Wilfong, Charles L. Reiss, Edward E. La Due, William E. Keyes, Charles B. Peterson, Joseph E. Lagacy, Bert E. Buzzell, Burt Peterson, Joseph Blanchard, Peter Laflan, C. H. McCarthy, John Kline, S. F. Bronson, James R. Waters and George Hoover, of Minneapolis; A. G. Honick, Farmington; W. G. Wassmund, Buffalo Lake; George I. Burt, Utica; N. L. Whitman, Clara City; S. M. Bugge, Kenyon; Abraham L. Bigham, Lake Benton; Vincent Herzing, St. Cloud; Ross H. Clarno, Parker's Prairie; Fred J. Storer, Morristown; Robert Rasmussen, Moorhead; Alex E. Anderson, Grove City; F. L. Hart, Winnebago City; Fred H. Hasson, Montevideo; W. E. Patterson, Cottonwood; Arthur E. Livermore, Albert Lea; Albert Moe, Hayfield; F. C. Van Tassell, Porter; Charles G. Topping, Litchfield; Franklin M. Eagan, Blue Earth City; Herman F. Fleming, Sanborn, and Art E. Lee, Graceville. Certificates will be issued and sent to all of the above during the week by Secretary Murray.

Surprise for Railroad Firemen.

Arbitration Lodge No. 320, Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen, held their regular meeting in the rooms of the Retail Clerks' association, on Wabasha street, last night. F. E. Davidson was elected a delegate to the union meeting which is to be held at Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday, Jan. 25. The committees on union ball from the four different lodges of the city were about to make their report when the meeting was interrupted by a number of ladies of Minnehaha lodge, Ladies' Society of the B. of L. E., who called to tender Arbitration lodge a surprise. The meeting at once adjourned, and the ladies, headed by Secretary Fred Schmidt and R. A. White, of Minnehaha Lodge No. 61, B. of L. F., were ushered in. The lodge room was at once prepared for dancing. Refreshments which were brought along by the ladies were served later in the evening. Dancing and cards were the order of entertainment. Among those present of the ladies' society were: Mrs. F. E. Davidson, Mrs. A. K. Bonar, Mrs. P. Nedeau, Mrs. Samuel Sanberg, Mrs. Thomas Dugan, Mrs. William Beink, Mrs. R. A. White, Mrs. J. L. Flood, Mrs. H. Bland, Mrs. James Kilvane; Misses Lena Schmidt, Emma Davidson, Laura White and Ella Flood. Harry and Joseph Callin, both members of Cambria Lodge No. 341, B. of L. F., British Columbia, were present and guests of honor, as were also John McNulty, of S. M. Stevens Lodge No. 150, B. of L. F., of Marquette, Mich., and Harry Rusk, of Blue Island Lodge No. 451, B. of L. F., Chicago. Other guests present from local lodges were: Gus Kastow, of Marguerite Lodge No. 50, and R. A. White and Fred Schmidt, of Minnehaha Lodge No. 61. A jolly time was indulged in until 1 a. m., when the party adjourned.

Lathers Organize a Union.

The lathers to the number of twenty-one out of the twenty-seven in the city met last night at Assembly hall and completed a permanent organization. The following permanent officers were elected for six months: President, John Norman; vice president, Herman Hague; corresponding and recording secretary, J. W. Clancey; financial secretary, Peter Remackle; treasurer, John Anderson; sergeant-at-arms, Louis Norman. A delegation of seven members from the Minneapolis local was present to encourage the new union. Owing to there being no international union of lathers, the new union will likely affiliate with the American Federation of Labor. Twenty-four out of the twenty-seven lathers in the city have already signed the rolls of the new local. The newly elected officers were installed by President John Norman. Wednesday night of each week, at Assembly hall, was decided on as the regular meeting night.

Successful Benefit Ball.

The benefit ball tendered John Wilson, better known as "Fagan," by the members of the hack and cab drivers' union, at Assembly hall last night, proved a financial success. Mr. Wilson is a member of the local union and has been laid up at his home for the past six months with sciatic rheumatism. The net proceeds of last night's benefit will without doubt be over $100, which will be a great help to Mr. Wilson in his present affliction. The following committees had charge of the affair: Arrangements, John Nelson, John Wolfsberg and John McNulty; reception, J. J. Jared, William Ireton, Ed Dubord, Ed Bowman, Martin McNulty and O. Godbout; floor, Ed Faribault, John Igo, C. J. Sinks and John Lukenhelmer; refreshments, Ed Dubord, Frank Breen, Thomas Wilson, James Kennedy and Ed Bowman. Pepin's orchestra furnished the music for the dancing, which continued until a late hour.

Retail Clerks' Meeting.

The Retail Clerks' association held their regular meeting last evening. J. A. Waters acted as secretary, in the absence of P. G. Beissell, the regular secretary. One member was initiated, and the application of A. Allen was received and referred to the membership committee. The subject of admitting lady clerks to membership occupied a large part of the meeting, and the matter was nally laid over until the next meeting, when some definite action will be taken on the subject. Three members were reported out of employment, and the committee on trade reported that the usual lull after the holidays was on at present, and hence trade was not very brisk. Arrangements will be made at the next meeting for the holding of the second of the winter series of parties, which will take place this time in the rooms of the clerks instead of going to an outside hall.

Tailors' Union Officers.

Tailors' local union, No. 88, held their regular meeting at their hall, 14 East Seventh street, last evening. Several amendments to the constitution forwarded by the international union were read and approved. O. M. Loft and John Peterson were appointed a committee of two to audit the books of the financial secretary and treasurer and report at the next meeting. Two members were initiated and three new applications were referred to the committee on membership. Past President John Zimmer installed the following officers: President, Frank Lehmann; secretary-treasurer, O. M. Loft. Vice President Zimmer was afterwards installed by President Lehmann.

New Plasterers' Union.

The new plasterers' union held a short meeting at Assembly hall last night. Four new applications were received and referred. A letter from the general secretary of the international union was received and read. The communication notified the union that the charter for the new union would be forwarded and reach St. Paul in a few days. It was deemed best to adjourn and not attempt further business until the arrival of the charter, when a permanent organization will be completed. The meeting adjourned to meet again next Wednesday night. If the charter has arrived by that time permanent officers of the union will then be elected.

LABOR NOTES.

P. K. Redmond, a member of St. Paul No. 7, N. A. S. E. and for several years assistant engineer at the Ryan hotel, and later chief engineer of the city hospital, has returned to the city after an absence of a year at his old home, Renova, Pa. Mr. Redmond has again secured his old place at the Ryan hotel as assistant to Chief Engineer H. M. Germain.

Secretary P. G. Beissell, of the Retail Clerks' association, is confined at the home of his parents at Hastings with an attack of gripe. It was reported at last night's meeting of the clerks that he expected to be back again at his post next week.

Lyle Heichmer, assistant engineer at the state capitol, who met with an accident by falling from a ladder some three weeks ago, is again back at his post, and says he does not feel any bad effects from his fall.

The employes of the Milton Dairy company, all of whom are members of the Retail Clerks' association, have been busy during the past week packing 2,000 pounds of butter, all of which will be shipped to Alaska today, via Seattle.

The committee appointed at a meeting of furriers employed by a local fur firm held a few evenings ago, met last night at Assembly hall and prepared a letter, which fully states the grievance of the furriers. The letter will be presented to the firm today, and it is hoped will be the means of adjusting the difficulties existing between the firm and their employes.

Minnehaha Lodge No. 57, of the Ladies' Society, B. of L. F., have passed suitable resolutions of condolence on the death of Mrs. Lena Graul, a member of the lodge, which occurred recently. A copy of the resolutions, with the seal of the lodge attached, was ordered engrossed and presented to the bereaved family. The committee in charge of the drafting and engrossing of the resolutions are Mrs. F. E. Davidson, Mrs. W. A. Brink and Mrs. Thomas F. Dugan.

Harry Callin, of Cambria Lodge No. 341, B. of L. F., of Cambria, B. C., and John McNulty, of S. M. Stevens Lodge No. 150, B. of L. F., of Marquette, Mich., are both at present in St. Paul, for the purpose of securing artificial limbs in place of those lost while attending to their duties. They expect to be in the city for several weeks.

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THAYER MAY GET OUT

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAIN ROBBER GIVE HOPE

HIS ATTORNEY IS SANGUINE

Sheriff Billings Thinks the Men Under Arrest at St. Joseph and Not Those Held at Fergus Falls Are the Ones Wanted for the Crime Perpetrated Near Fergus Falls in November.

Recent developments in the Great Northern train robbery that occurred near Fergus Falls the night of Nov. 10 last, for which Link Thayer, formerly living in this city, is serving a twenty-year sentence at Stillwater, while five of his alleged accomplices are awaiting trial at Fergus Falls, lead to the claim in certain quarters that Thayer is in prison for a crime he did not commit and that the five men in jail at Fergus Falls are also innocent. This claim is based in part upon the fact that Sheriff Billings, of Fergus Falls, is said to have positively identified three men at present under arrest at St. Joseph, Mo., as the real train robbers. These men are James Gilmore, John Allen and Harry Howard. They were arrested at St. Joseph for highway robbery. Sheriff Billings went to St. Joseph last Monday and is now armed with warrants for the arrest of the trio on the charge of being the Great Northern train robbers. Sheriff Billings has asked Gov. Lind for requisition papers to bring the men back to this state, and an effort will be made to induce the Missouri authorities to release their claim, so that the suspects may be held to answer for the train hold-up.

How these developments came about is something of a mystery. Thayer's friends claimed from the time of his arrest that he and his five companions under arrest were not concerned in the train robbery, but the evidence seemed so strong that when Thayer was tried he was given the maximum sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary. When captured at Moorhead late the same night of the robbery Thayer and his companions were found in possession of complete outlays of burglar tools, dynamite cartridges and lanterns. Circumstantial evidence against the sextette was strong, and several of the prisoners were identified by the express messenger and members of the train crew. After the trial, however, C. C. Haupt, Thayer's attorney, still believing his client innocent of any connection with the train robbery, undertook to unravel the mystery. He visited Thayer at Stillwater several times, and so also did Sheriff Billings. In fact, Sheriff Billings is said to have started on a hunt for the three men under arrest at St. Joseph on a tip from Thayer, though how the imprisoned man got his information is not known.

One story of the developments leading to the present status of the case is that Thayer and his companions were bent on a safe-robbing venture when they met the trio arrested at St. Joseph, near where the train robbery took place. The members of each gang were acquainted, and it is alleged that the project of Gilmore, Allen and Howard was learned by Thayer and his crowd. According to this story the bank robbing adventure was postponed by Thayer and his companions on account of some unexpected obstacles. Then it is alleged that the Thayer crowd returned to the hotel at Moorhead, where they were arrested.

In support of the above story it is said by Thayer's friends that the personal description of the Missouri suspects corresponds very closely to two of the Thayer crowd, namely, Thayer and Minot. The resemblance is said to be so strong that the men might easily be mistaken for each other under the excitement of the train robbery, which may account for the alleged mistake in identity on the part of the railroad witnesses who claimed to recognize Thayer and three of his companions.

Attorney Haupt and Sheriff Billings have been together in this city in connection with the case since Tuesday. After having seen the men under arrest at St. Joseph Sheriff Billings telegraphed Haupt to meet him here, and together they have been working to secure the return of the St. Joseph suspects to this state. Attorney Haupt says he will have no difficulty in clearing Thayer of the train robbery charge and also expects to have him released from prison. He says the facts learned will also result in the discharge of the other five men under arrest at Fergus Falls. After joining Sheriff Billings here the sheriff and Attorney Haupt visited Thayer at the penitentiary, and it is said some valuable information concerning the men under arrest at St. Joseph was secured. The authorities of St. Joseph desire to hold the trio in their custody for trial upon the charge against them there, but it is believed that if Sheriff Billings returns with requisition papers the men will be turned over to him.

MAY LEAVE SATURDAY.

Third Regiment Expects to Start Away on That Day.

The quartermaster's department was busily engaged at Fort Snelling yesterday. The loading of the baggage of the regiment was commenced and several cars were filled up. The equipment of the Third will make a good sized freight train. The baggage will precede the passenger trains.

The soldiers will leave the Fort in five trains. There are 1,372 men and about 45 officers. The contracts call for 36 men to a car, which will make a total of 38 cars for the entire regiment. These will be divided into five sections.

The orders for departure have not yet been made public. It is expected, however, that the regiment may be away by Saturday.

The recruits are being drilled about four hours a day. They will soon be excellent soldiers.

Sergeant G. W. Carson, Company M, recently promoted from a corporal in Company D, has been ordered to report to the commanding officer of the Third en route to Manila. He will then report to the chief signal service officer of the Eighth army corps.

SMITH IS ELIGIBLE.

Attorney General Says Redwood Falls Mayor Is a Citizen.

Attorney General Childs yesterday gave an opinion in the Smith citizenship controversy at Redwood Falls. Mr. Smith was elected mayor of Redwood Falls last fall and after the election some question was raised as to his eligibility, owing to the fact that he could not produce his father's second papers. It was shown that the elder Mr. Smith had become a resident of Minnesota before it became a state, and the attorney general holds that all people who were in the state at the time it was admitted to the Union were made citizens of the state by that act. The citizenship of the son, he says, following that of the father, gives Mr. Smith the full privilege of enjoying the office of mayor of Redwood Falls and forever silences any doubt of his right to vote.

Action for Damages.

Daniel Sullivan has begun an action in the district court against the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company to recover $1,980 for personal injuries. The plaintiff alleges that on Sept. 23, 1897, while employed by the Minnesota Transfer company in unloading cars in the yards, through an alleged defect in the floor of a Northwestern car, a large box was overturned on his foot, which was badly crushed.

He asks for $1,750 as damages and $230 claimed to have been expended for medical assistance. Sheehan & Thomas are the attorneys.

More people are carried daily between St. Paul-Minneapolis and Chicago by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul than by any other railroad.

The preference shown by the traveling public for the splendid Pioneer Limited trains of "The Milwaukee" is constantly on the increase.

IS A PART OF ST. PAUL

EDITOR PARADIS THINKS THE MIDWAY DISTRICT SHOULD BE SO CONSIDERED

In an Address Before the Commercial Club the Midway Man Advocates the Idea of a Closer Relation With the City Proper.

E. A. Paradis, editor of the Midway News, addressed the members of the Commercial club yesterday on "The Midway District." In part, he said:

Since the Midway district cheerfully extends its fealty to St. Paul it feels at least entitled to an occasional mark of parental care and attention; it came unto its own but its own received it not; it asked for the capitol building, for the harvester works, for aid and support in other wealth-producing enterprises, and it is given assessments and taxes; it asked for bread, and it was given stones.

If, after fourteen years of digging and grubbing, subsisting upon our own resources, we have at last found one commercial body willing to receive us, one spot ready for the seed, let us forget the hardships of the long, painful winter of financial depression, and, encouraged by the prospective harvest, push forward with the good work.

As a matter of fact, there is no Midway district and there has not been for fourteen years. The municipal limits of St. Paul and Minneapolis now adjoin so that there can be no distinct "Midway."

The educational and moral forces of the Midway district are now unequaled in any other community in the Northwest. We here unite all sects and opinions in the broadest as well as the deepest studies human intellect is interested in. We have St. Paul seminary, St. Thomas college, Macalester college, Hamline university, Columbia college, the Hamline Lutheran college, the agricultural college, and that great fortress of general knowledge, the state university, stands at our very threshold. Preparatory for these higher institutions we have six large public schools, in charge of which you will find as able a corps of instructors as it is possible to find in like institutions. We have a dozen churches and our pastors are always abreast with the best thought not only of both cities, but of the times. We have benevolent and fraternal societies of all the representative orders, and in all of them you will Midway residents of more than local distinction. As a social center it is simply unique.

As a political center the Midway district certainly carries the crown of state honors. From a given point of observation you might at one time have counted as residents of the Midway district one ex-governor, the attorney general, state treasurer, state auditor, state senator, congressman, railroad commissioner, grain inspector, assistant bank examiner, governor's private secretary, assistant librarian, deputy revenue collector, county auditor, school commissioner—well, excuse me, my time is too limited to attempt the list of minor national, state, county and municipal positions held by residents of the Midway district. When the nation needed the services of patriots, as well as of officeholders, the Midway district was no less conspicuous at the front.

All this is the merest snap shot at the moral, educational and political forces of the Midway district.

Finally, let me remind you once more that the Midway district, so-called, is all in St. Paul and part of St. Paul. Every dollar's worth of improvement there adds just so much to the wealth of St. Paul. Every additional operative employed there adds just so much to the population of St. Paul. There is ample room there and superior facilities for industries employing hundreds of thousands of people and the great West needs them.

Why should we permit prehistoric prejudices and local jealousies to cause as to precipitate ourselves into hopeless swamps, removed both from the labor market and from shipping facilities when prosperity invited us to build our homes amid the highest moral influence, the grandest educational advantages, the most pleasant social relations, the most honorable political surroundings, and at the same time the most profitable employment?

The opening of the Midway district to the financial resources of this city alone can give to greater St. Paul that proud pre-eminence over the imperial Northwest on the brink of which she now is hovering threatened by a dangerous rival.

Grand Jury Grind.

The grand jury yesterday continued its investigation into the matter of the eleven persons charged, on complaint of O. S. Deringer, with conducting uptown houses of ill fame. Mr. Deringer was closeted with the jury during most of the afternoon. After the disposal of the matter in hand an investigation of Samuel G. Ginner's order of Minnehaha will be made. Insurance Commissioner Dearth was in attendance on the jury yesterday, but was not given a hearing.

Private Buffington Well.

Gov. Lind yesterday received a cablegram from Col. Ames, of the Thirteenth regiment, stating that Private Buffington, of Company I, had wholly recovered.

Gov. Lind wired Manila a few days ago, as a report had been circulated to the effect that Buffington was dead.

HAD A SPLENDID TRIP

ST. PAUL COMMISSION MEN RETURN FROM THEIR JAUNT TO NEW ORLEANS

THIS CITY WELL ADVERTISED

Special Car Used to Carry the Local Business Men to the Annual Meeting of League of Commission Merchants Was a Wonder All Along the Line—Pleasure Was Combined With Business.

The wide-awake, enterprising, up-to-date business men of St. Paul have again added to the commercial fame of the metropolis of the Northwest by speeding across a large portion of the continent in a splendid railway car, having on either side a huge banner, on which was emblazoned the words in large characters, "St. Paul Branch of the National League of Commission Merchants."

The car was a special one provided by the Northern Pacific Railway company to carry from St. Paul to New Orleans and return the company of commission men who attended at the latter city the annual convention held last week of the National League of Commission Merchants. The trip was completed by the return of the party to St. Paul yesterday morning, and was most successful in the added knowledge gained by the members of the party, in the continual round of pleasure it afforded them and as an advertisement of St. Paul as a fruit and produce market.

The following gentlemen were in the party: J. B. Redpath, president of the St. Paul Branch of the National League of Commission Merchants; J. E. Mulrooney, secretary of the branch; C. C. Emerson, J. B. Hoxsie, W. A. Murphy, J. W. Fillebrown, F. R. Yerxa, Andrew Schoch, Louis Michaud, A. A. Price, Carl Schallinger, John Kalschwener, H. Baxter, C. A. Peaslee, of Duluth; E. Connery, of Minneapolis; N. P. Langford, representative of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company, and R. J. Williams, representative of the Illinois Central Railway company.

Mr. Redpath last evening gave The Globe the following account of the national organization and the excursion:

"The National League of Commission Merchants is an association of the most reliable commission merchants in the principal cities of the United States, and it holds a convention once a year, at which the place of holding the next convention is selected. The next meeting will be held at Baltimore. The object of the league is to raise the standard of commission merchants, and none but a reliable and fully responsible person or firm can become a member. An application for membership must be made to the local branch, and before the applicant is admitted the local branch must have the sanction of all the branches in the league. St. Paul has ten houses represented in the national league. This is above the average when this market is compared with others, which shows that the merchants of St. Paul are fully alive and up to date.

"At the convention we get the report from each branch league. Papers of interest to the commission merchants are read and everything of value to them is discussed.

"At the convention at New Orleans Mr. Emerson, of St. Paul, read a most interesting paper, which was published in part in The Globe, on 'The Proper Method of Soliciting Consignments and What Commission Should Be Charged.' It was considered one of the best papers of the session.

"The trip was originated through the efforts of Messrs. Emerson, Hoxsie and myself. We secured a special car from the Northern Pacific Railway company, and we provisioned it for a two weeks' holiday. We had a cook and two porters, which gave us all the comforts of a home. We left the union depot Saturday evening, Jan. 7, and went to Chicago by way of the Northwestern line, arriving there about 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The day was spent in various ways, some of the party attending church, some visiting the fine arts institute, and others visiting friends. Sunday evening we left Chicago over the Illinois Central line for Memphis, where we arrived Monday morning. Here we were met by a delegation of commission men, who gave us the freedom of the city. We were all impressed with Memphis as a live city in many respects. So far as their retail stores are concerned, they are not to be compared with St. Paul's. There are no such stores there as those of Michaud, Yerxa and Schoch, and they have much to learn from us in attractiveness, cleanliness and business methods generally.

"Among the interesting sights in Memphis were the great cotton compress machines, the beautiful park in the center of the city, in which hundreds of tame squirrels frolic around. After enjoying every hospitality in Memphis, we left the delightful little city on Monday evening, continuing over the Central line, and arrived at New Orleans Tuesday morning. What impressed us most of all on arriving there was the entire change of climate. The flowers were blooming, the sun was bright and warm, and the grass was green. We spent Tuesday in visiting the docks where the fruit arrives from the tropics. We watched the steamers discharging their cargoes of bananas, which was a great sight to us. We also went aboard of some of the fishing boats which had just arrived with large cargoes of oysters, and the boys all enjoyed their oysters fresh from the shell, immensely. In fact, within a few days after we arrived the price of oysters advanced materially.

"We also visited the French market and the old French quarter, and the United States mint. Every courtesy was shown us by the New Orleans people. In the afternoon we visited the cemeteries, which are, perhaps, the most interesting sight in that city. The immense number of mausoleums in all their grandeur have the effect of taking away the dread of death.

"The sessions of the convention occupied Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and they were full of work, as we commission men are full of business. Saturday the New Orleans branch planned a beautiful trip down the river for all the delegates, and about three-fourths of them took advantage of it. However, most of the St. Paul boys preferred staying in the city and visiting as many points of interest as possible, and hence did not enjoy the sail down the river. During all the time we were in New Orleans we made our special car our headquarters, as we had provisioned it with the best St. Paul affords, and we considered it equal, if not superior, to the best hotels. We left New Orleans Sunday morning by the Illinois Central, arriving in St. Louis Monday morning, where we had another grand reception by the St. Louis branch. By this time the weather was turning cold again and we had to don our winter clothes.

"After spending the day in St. Louis and visiting the principal sights, especially the Anhauser-Busch brewery, we started for Chicago Monday evening, going over the Illinois Central, and arriving on Tuesday morning. Chicago being well known to us, the day was spent largely in looking up business matters. About 6 o'clock in the evening our car was attached to the Chicago & Northwestern limited, leaving the Windy City at 6:30 p. m. We arrived in St. Paul at 7:40 Wednesday morning. The party consisted of gentlemen of the most congenial character, and the journey was made very short by the many anecdotes, songs, card parties, etc., furnished by them. We advertised St. Paul in a way that was never done before—not so much out of selfishness, as in a spirit of patriotism for our splendid home city. We had two large streamers reaching from end to end of our car, in which were the words, "St. Paul Branch of the National League of Commission Merchants." This attracted the attention of many people. Some thought it was 'a circus come to town;' some thought it was a base ball club, and others thought there were no flies on St. Paul. The journey was about 3,000 miles over the best roadbeds in this country. We ran at one time fourteen miles at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour, and at another 102 miles at the rate of sixty-five miles an hour. Too much praise cannot be given the two great roads, the Northwestern and the Illinois Central."

BRIEFS OF THE COURTS.

The action brought by the Scandinavian-American bank against the Mechanics' Building society et al. to establish stockholders' liability was on trial yesterday before Judge Jaggard, in the district court.

The case of John Wachoiz vs. F. H. Griexgraber was on trial in Judge Otis' court. It is an action brought to recover $800 damages for alleged ejection. The case has been tried before before, and was sent back by the supreme court.

The case of John O'Connell, charged with larceny in the second degree, was on trial yesterday before Judge Kelly, in the district court, and will go to the jury this morning. As soon as the O'Connell matter is disposed of the case of The State vs. James Smith will be taken up. Smith is charged with grand larceny in the second degree, the alleged offense being the theft of a horse and buggy belonging to F. W. Morrison.

Hoshaw Given Sixty Days.

Charles Hoshaw was sentenced to the workhouse for sixty days yesterday for the theft of a harness belonging to Joseph Levy. The harness was valued at $10. It was stolen Dec. 18. Hoshaw was arrested several days ago at South St. Paul.

AT THE THEATERS.

Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York" opens the regular season at the Metropolitan opera house tonight. The play was seen here last season and scored a big hit. It is undoubtedly the best of Hoyt's productions up to date, and contains more fun, music and rollicking jollity to the square inch than any other farce comedy ever presented in this city. "A Stranger in New York" will be seen here with the original company which made it one of the greatest New York successes ever put on the road. The organization will include Harry Conor, Harry Gilfoil, Anna Boyd, Florence Lillian Wickes and a score of Hoyt's most popular comedians. The cast in full is as follows:

A Stranger in New York—name, residence and business not stated..Harry Conor
Wright Innit, a gentleman of leisure—address Manhattan, Lotus or Lamb clubs .....Charles Dungan
Carroll Sweet, his particular friend—same address .....C. J. Campbell
Cumming Swift, a Chicago clubman, well known in New York .....Will Hatter
I. Collier Downe, his friend, celebrated as a brilliant wit....Clayton E. White
Baron Sands, one of the old guard of Delmonico's .....Harry Gilfoil
Will Chase, a lady's brother.....John Hyams
Wiley Fox, a private detective—William F. Ryan
Handel Grub, a colored waiter.Frank Baldwin
Haight Work, a colored valet..Harry Rawlins
Ida Downe, wife of I. Collier Downe, a soft thing .....Margaret Fitzpatrick
Virginia Pryde, a Richmond belle.Agnes Paul
May Ketchum, a society spy—Florence Lillian Wickes
Rosie Hops, of the chorus.....Etta Gilroy
Kittie Winns, of the chorus..Louise De Wolfe
Wanda Knights, who has "spoken lines"—Margaret Ashton
Hattie, "the best fellow of them all"—Anna Boyd

The first concert of the winter series of Seibert's orchestra concerts will be given at the Metropolitan opera house Sunday afternoon, commencing at 3:30.

"Gayest Manhattan," the Grand's attraction the present week, is one of those clever dramatic cocktails in which a variety of popular ingredients are represented. Music permeates the piece entirely, and there is an abundance of song, a frequent interpolation of specialties and a deal of interesting features in the shape of ensemble effects, marches, etc. Miss Jean McIlmoyle, who heads the producing company, is an artist of extreme merit and lends to the role a original nality that is most interesting. The assisting contingent is in every way capable.

The Joseph Hart Specialty company, an attraction of unusual merit, will be Manager Hays' offering to the patrons of his cozy Grand opera house next week. The company is under the direction of Weber & Fields, which is a guarantee that the public will get its money's worth.

AT THE HOTELS.

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