FOR THE GRAND JURY

SCHOOL BOARD DECIDES TO REFER THE ARSON CASE TO AUTHORITIES

HAD ANOTHER LONG SESSION

Supt. Smith and Prof. Bryant Subject Ten of the Boys to Cross-Examination, and Report the Result—President Zimmermann Instructed to Take the Action Decided Upon.

The school board at a special meeting held yesterday afternoon decided to refer further investigation of the attempt to burn the Central high school building to the grand jury.

The board was in executive session fully two hours, and just before adjourning, by a unanimous vote, decided to refer the matter to the judicial authorities. President Zimmermann was instructed to appear before the Ramsey county grand jury, which is now in session, with the names of witnesses, and present the facts in the case as they have come to the notice of the school board. President Zimmermann, immediately following the meeting of the board, prepared a list of witnesses, who will be summoned before the grand jury today or tomorrow. He said that it was his intention to endeavor to get the ear of the jury today and have tomorrow set for hearing the statements of Secretary Healy, the night watchman and the two day janitors, upon whose statements the board took the action it did yesterday.

Nearly the entire morning before the board meeting was spent by Supt. Smith and Principal Bryant in examining ten boys, without reference, so it was said, to any charges in the fire matter, but merely a matter of discipline.

The result of the examination of the boys by Supt. Smith and Prof. Bryant was made known to the board at the afternoon session, and it is safe to presume that all that stands between their suspension is the fact that it would cast reflection upon some innocent students.

The total absence of a motive in the boy or boys whose names will be presented to the grand jury for indictment made the matter a doubly serious and difficult one for the board to agree upon, and, if the grand jury finds grounds for indictment, it may be on circumstantial evidence.

No further meetings will be held by the board, unless there are new developments in the case.

PUBLIC OPINION SOLICITED

ASSEMBLY DESIRES THE EXPRESSION OF CITIZENS ON SIDEWALK ORDINANCE

Matter Referred to Committee on Streets for That Purpose—Lighting Contract Approved—Street Railway to Improve Service.

The assembly, at the adjourned meeting last evening, referred the sidewalk ordinance, as amended, to the joint committee on streets with instructions to the city clerk to notify the commercial and other public bodies of the action taken in order to get an expression of public opinion on the matter. The lighting contract was concurred in and the street car company came in for a resolution ordering an eight-minute service on the Mississippi and West St. Paul, Rice and State and Rice and Concord lines during certain hours.

Those present at the meeting were Assemblymen Dix, Craig, Nelson, Denny, Albrecht and Warner. Assemblyman Dix presided.

The contract for lighting had been previously returned by the city comptroller without his approval because certain changes in the location of the lights had been made by the council after it had been passed on by the board of public works. The board returned the contract with a ratification of the action of the council and the matter came up for final approval.

Assemblyman Albrecht declared that he thought the passage of the contract in its present form would mean extravagance on the part of the council.

"The contract only lacks the signature of the comptroller, and ratification of this body," said Assemblyman Dix.

After a recess, taken for consideration, it was voted unanimously to concur in the action of the board of public works.

The board of public works returned the ordinance prohibiting the construction of wooden sidewalks and regulating the construction of cement walks with an amendment including stone and brick with the cement.

Assemblyman Albrecht moved a reference to the committee on streets, and suggested that an adjourned meeting of the assembly never "brought out a sufficiently large attendance of citizens to admit of proper discussion." He believed that the city clerk should be instructed to notify commercial and other public bodies of the action taken. The proposition carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Craig presented a resolution that was passed directing the street car companies to put in an eight-minute service on the Mississippi and West St. Paul, Rice and Concord and Rice and State lines, during the hours of 6 to 8 a. m., 12 to 2 p. m., and 5 to 7 p. m. The city attorney was directed to take steps to enforce the resolution in case of a refusal on the part of the company to comply.

OPPOSED TO PAVING.

Owners on Bradley, North and Bedford Streets Apparently Adverse.

The board of public works, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, directed the clerk to give the first assessment notice in reference to reconstructing, relaying and repairing wooden sidewalks, estimate No. 1, under the contract with the St. Paul Cartage company.

The final orders for paving Cedar street, from Second street to Como avenue; and Central avenue, at the intersection of Cedar street, were referred to the city engineer for specifications.

Final orders were passed for the paving of Sixth street, from College to Smith avenues, and Summit avenue, from St. Peter street to Sixth street. Also final orders in the matter of sewers on the following streets: On Wesley, from Snelling to Fry; on Short, from Maria to Hoffman; on Beach, from Forest to Cypress; and on Roby, from Bidwell to Bellows.

The city engineer returned to the board plans and estimated for the construction of sewers on the following streets: On University avenue, from Fairview to Snelling; on Snelling to the Great Northern railroad; on Minnehaha, from Aldine to Hamline; on Capitol, from Aldine to Hamline; on Wesley, from Fry to Snelling; on Simpson, from Capitol to Wesley; on Pascal, from Capitol to Wesley; on Hewett avenue, from a point 180 feet west of Charlotte street to Hamline avenue; and on Taylor avenue, from Charlotte to a point 150 feet east of Asbury. The estimated cost of the latter improvements is $34,500, which includes the cost of the main sewer on University avenue, from Fairview to Snelling. The assessment will be about 77.5 cents a front foot.

The board also gave a hearing to a number of property owners in regard to the proposed paving of Bradley, North and Bedford streets.

Then general sentiment of the property owners who appeared was opposed to the improvement, on the grounds that it is not necessary, and many of the property owners are not able to bear the expense.

The board took the matter under advisement and will report its conclusion to the council.

MAJ. WINT COMES HERE.

Assigned to the Department of Dakota as Acting Inspector General.

Maj. Theodore J. Wint, of the Tenth cavalry, has been assigned by the war department to duty in the Department of Dakota as acting inspector general, succeeding Lieut. Col. Sanno, who is to accompany his regiment, the Eleventh infantry, to Manila. Maj. Wint is now with his regiment at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., but will proceed to this city without delay and will report to Gen. Bacon within a few days.

Maj. Wint is not a stranger to this department. Previous to the war with Spain he was stationed with his regiment at Assinniboine. He went to Cuba with his regiment and fought with them at San Juan and Santiago. He has since been South.

Maj. Wint was born in Pennsylvania March 6, 1843. At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted as a private in the Sixth Pennsylvania cavalry and was promoted through the grades of corporal and sergeant. He became a first lieutenant in July, 1864, and on Sept. 30 of that year he was mustered out. He immediately enlisted in the regular service, and in May, 1866, he was commissioned a first lieutenant of a cavalry troop. He was promoted to captain in April, 1872. Meanwhile he had served as adjutant of the Fourth cavalry.

During the war he participated in the battles of the Peninsula campaign, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Stoneman's raid, Beverly Forks, Todd's Tavern, Sheridan's raid, Cold Harbor, Smithfield and several others.

Since the war Maj. Wint has been attached to several cavalry regiments and has served with distinction in a number of campaigns against the Indians.

WILL RECEIVE DISCHARGES.

A Number of Members of the Fifteenth Minnesota All Through.

Among general orders received yesterday from Washington by Gen. Bacon, were orders to discharge a number of men in the Fifteenth Minnesota regiment of volunteers. One Thirteenth regiment man, Private David N. Christian, of Company I, Minneapolis, was also ordered discharged.

The Fifteenth regiment men who will soon receive their papers are: J. Stanley Wilson, first sergeant of Company A; First Sergeant Benjamin R. Norwood, Company C; Sergeant Edwin T. Thorson, Company D; Private Harry H. Little, Company M; Private Joseph E. Stearns. The sick leave of First Lieutenant Cushman A. Rice was extended one month.

Sergeant Thomas F. Delury, of the Second U. S. engineers, also believed to be a Minnesota man, belonging to Company D, is also ordered discharged.

DONNELLY WILL LECTURE.

Sage May Be Heard at the Clinton Avenue Church Tonight.

Ignatius Donnelly will lecture under the auspices of the Humboldt high school lecture course at the Clinton Avenue M. E. church, on the West side, this evening at 8 o'clock. Take Rice and State or Concord cars to Isabel street. The proceeds of the lecture will be for the benefit of the school, and the attention of the friends of education generally is called to the lecture. Mr. Donnelly's subject will be a new one, "If a Man Dies, Shall He Live Again?" Mr. Donnelly will discuss hypnotism, mesmerism, spiritualism and various other phases of similar thought, which are now engaging the attention of scholarly and intelligent people all over the world. Tickets for sale at Dyer Bros.' music store, also at Hall's and Madson's drug stores, on the West side.

DEMOCRATS ARE BUSY.

Three Wards Are to Meet During the Present Week.

A meeting of the Third ward branch of the Democratic committee, composed of the precinct chairmen, will be held tomorrow morning at the International hotel, Seventh and Jackson streets. Business of importance is to be transacted, and each precinct chairman is urged to be present.

A meeting of all the Democratic committeemen of the Eighth ward will be held Tuesday evening at Albrechten's hall, Dale street and University avenue. A large attendance is requested, as several matters of importance will be taken up.

A meeting of the precinct committeemen of the Second ward will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp, in Flannagan's hall, Fourth and Mendota streets. Very important business is to be acted upon, and it is especially desired that a full attendance be present.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY,

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Gertie Was Influenced.

Gertrude Burke, the domestic accused of the theft of property from her former employer, W. A. Shumaker, of Merriam Park, was tried in the municipal court yesterday and sentenced to the county jail for twenty days. The girl claims she was induced to steal by other parties. The county attorney is investigating this charge, with the intention, if it is found to be true, of presenting the matter to the grand jury.

Nassau, N. P. This popular health and winter resort is now easily reached by direct steamer from Miami, Florida; only $104.40. St. Paul to Nassau and return.

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SEVENTH AND CEDAR STS.

Tel. 732. Meat Market, 782.

3½ Cents
Per quart for good Jersey Cranberries.

33 Cents
A bushel basket for good-sized Minnesota Potatoes, dry cooking ones.

7 Cents
A can for 2-pound cans of Elkhorn brand Marrowfat Peas.

19 Cents
For 3-pound cans of very fancy Sliced Peaches, solid packed in heavy syrup. This price while the lot lasts. They are worth double this price.

Eggs,	Good fresh ones, per dozen	15c
Currants,	Cleaned, new, per pound	6½c
Peaches,	3-lb cans, Yellow, per can	9c
Oysters,	Fresh, Meaty, per quart	25c
Butter,	Sweet Rolls, per pound	14c
Butter,	Sweet Dairy, per pound	16c
Butter,	Fancy Dairy, per pound	18c
Butter,	Fancy Creamery, per pound	21c
Beets,	Per peck	5c
Carrots,	Per peck	10c
Parsnips,	Per peck	10c
Soap,	12 bars Favorite Brand for	25c
Corn,	High-Grade, per can	8c
Beans,	Hand-picked Navy, per lb	2c
Preserves,	Assorted pure, our own make, per lb	10c
Corn Starch,	One-pound packages	3c
Flour,	Very best, 98-pound sacks	$2.00
Flour,	Very best, 49-pound sacks	$1.00
Flour,	Very best, 24½-pound sacks	50c
Baked Beans,	½-pound cans, each	2c

CIGARS.

Flor de Estramillo—

A fine, clear, 10-cent straight Havana, made by Cuban workmen. A cigar old smokers buy and young smokers ought to try.

YERXA'S OPERA—

Try one and be convinced it cannot be surpassed—only 6 cents each.

CREMO—

A delightful smoker, that has to be equaled—only 5 cents each.

MORE KELLY CASES

SUPREME COURT FILES DECISIONS IN TWO MORE MINNEAPOLIS SUITS

INVOLVING FORMER FIRM

Lower Court in Both Cases Was Reversed on the Appeal—A Ruling That in Carrying Out the Provisions of the Will the Widow Has the Preference Over Other Beneficiaries.

For over a year the supreme court has devoted considerable of its time passing on some of the realty entanglements brought about by the failure of the firm of A. F. and A. L. Kelly, investment agents of Minneapolis. Already twenty cases of this nature have reached the supreme court. The questions at issue have always been between the mortgagees and mortgagors of property investments made by the Kellys. The firm's modus operandi was to place Eastern capital on Western property, and, after several years, they would cancel the mortgage, but fail to remit the principal paid on the instrument. They would, however, continue to pay the interest to the investor with great alacrity, in fact the firm became quite noted for its prompt interest payments. Eastern investors thought that any one who remitted interest as promptly as the Kellys must be gilt edge. After several years' operation some large institutions in the East, who were interested in investments placed by the Kellys, became aware that all was not right, and an investigation and criminal proceedings followed.

Two additional cases were decided by the supreme court yesterday where the mortgagee and mortgagor applied to the courts to determine which of them should bear the loss occasioned by the failure of the Kellys. The syllabi are as follows, both of them reversals of the lower court:

Harriet L. Budd appellant, vs. Tollef E. Broen and Siri E. Broen, respondents.

Syllabus—1. If a mortgagor pays his mortgage debt to a supposed agent of the mortgagee without the production by the agent of the note and mortgage he assumes the risk of establishing in case of the denial of such agency the authority of the agent to receive such payment for the mortgage.

2. The evidence in this case does not sustain the finding that the plaintiff's loan agents had authority to receive for her payment of a note and mortgage then in her exclusive possession. Hare vs. Bailey, 76 N. W., 213, and General Convention vs. Torkelson, 76 N. W., 215, distinguished. Order reversed.
—Canty, J.

Jeanette Thomas, appellant, vs. Frank A. Swanke et al., defendants; M. C. Keating and Ellen Keating, respondents.

Syllabus—Evidence considered and held that it doesn't sustain the finding of the trial court to the effect that the plaintiff's agents had actual authority to receive payment for her of a note and mortgage which they did not at the time have in their possession. Order reversed.
—Start, C. J.

A man by the provisions of his will leaves a legacy of $500 to a friend. The proceeds of the estate do not net an amount sufficient to pay this legacy in addition to the widow's share. The court in a case involving this point yesterday decided that the widow's share could not be made liable for this amount. The syllabus is as follows:

Mariet Halvarsdotter Bengtsson et al., appellants, vs. Mary Johnson, respondent.

Syllabus—A testator who left no issue, father or mother, gave by his will $500 to H., to be paid by his wife, but if not paid within five years H. was to have one-half of his real estate; if H. was dead the $500 was to be paid to the testator's nearest relative. H. was dead. The residue of his estate he gave to his wife. The personal property was insufficient to pay the legacy, and it has never been paid. The probate court by its decree of distribution assigned the residue of the estate to the widow without condition or reservation. Held, that the construction placed on the will by the probate court by its decree is conclusive on all persons interested in the estate, and that neither the widow nor the real estate so assigned to her is liable for the payment of the legacy. Judgment affirmed.
—Start, C. J.

Following is the syllabus in another case filed:

H. Lytle, respondent, vs. Chicago Great Western Railway Company et al., defendants; Charles Clifford, appellant.

Syllabus—1. Held, that the judgment and roll in a former action between the parties hereto were competent evidence in this case to establish an estoppel by verdict against the appellant as to the execution and validity of the assignment under which the plaintiff claims.

2. Evidence held sufficient to sustain the finding of the trial court to the effect that the assignment under which the appellant claims was made to secure a loan which has been paid. Order affirmed.
—Start, C. J.

ALIBI HIS DEFENSE.

The Case of Patrick Feeney, Charged With Larceny, on Trial.

The case of the state vs. Patrick Feeney, on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree, was on trial yesterday before a jury in Judge Kelly's court.

Feeney is under indictment on a charge of assaulting and robbing Hilma Anderson of $12.50 on the night of Nov. 17. According to the state Miss Anderson was riding on a Selby avenue car and Feeney was riding on the back platform. When the girl left the car at Dale street, Feeney jumped off too, knocked her down and took her pocketbook containing the money.

Feeney is making an effort to establish an alibi and to that end placed one witness on the stand, Patrick Casey, who swore that he had been at the theater and sat near Feeney on the night of the robbery. He had been looking at the accused man throughout the performance.

"They were playing the war over," said Mr. Casey.

The performance on the night in question was the "Dawn of Freedom."

TWICE IN ONE DAY.

Elsie Edlund Wants Damages for Injuries in Two Accidents.

The case of Elsie Edlund vs. the St. Paul Street Railway company was on trial yesterday before a jury in Judge Brill's court. Miss Edlund is suing to recover $10,000 for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained in two street car accidents that occurred on the same day.

The plaintiff claims that on July 28 she boarded a Selby car at Hamline and Selby in the forenoon and near Dale street, by reason of the neglect of the defendant in not properly ballasting the road bed the car ran off the track and she was badly shaken up and injured both externally and internally.

On the evening of the same day Miss Edlund says that she took a Como car which collided with another car near Como park and she was again shaken up and injured. She claims that her nervous system has been permanently injured so that she will be unable to attend to her housework.

TWO MEN SENTENCED.

O'Connell Goes to St. Cloud and Smith to the Workhouse.

John O'Connell, convicted of grand larceny in the first degree appeared before Judge Kelly in the district court for sentence yesterday. H had been represented by Attorny F. F. Wilde, who asked that the court exercise clemency in the case. O'Connell told the court that he was 24 years old and a pressfeeder by occupation. He was sentenced to the St. Cloud reformatory.

Joseph Smith, convicted of grand larceny in the second degree, after an appeal had been made in his behalf by John E. Hearn, was sentenced to eight months in the workhouse.

LOOK INTO ELECTION FRAUDS.

Several County Officers and Politicians Before the Grand Jury.

The grand jury has under consideration the matter of the election frauds in the Second precinct of the Fourth ward, to which its attention was directed by Judge Kelly in his charge. Among the witnesses examined yesterday were Sheriff Wagener, O. H. Arosin, Nic Pottgieser, John J. O'Connor and Henry Johns. County Auditor W. R. Johnson was closeted with the jury for a half hour, and several of the clerks and judges of the precinct in question waited in the ante chamber. The poll list and registration books were sent for by the jury early in the session.

Liability of Stockholders.

Judge Jaggard, in district court yesterday, took under advisement the action brought by Edward L. Warren to determine the constitutional liability of the stockholders of the Warrendale Improvement company. Receiver Megoffin, who was appointed after the suit was begun, defended the action, and John A. Loving, by order of the court, on stipulation of the parties, acted as the real plaintiff in the case. Loving was mortgagee of the company and assumed the trust for the parties in interest. The mortgages aggregate $60,000 and the property was sold for $52,000. There are debts unsatisfied to the extent of nearly $21,000.

BRIEFS OF THE COURTS.

The will of William J. Dale, who died Dec. 22, was admitted to probate yesterday by Judge Bazille. The estate consists of $5,700 in personal property, and Thomas F. Hastings is appointed executor.

The administrator of Franklin Baldwin, who died at Grafton, Mass., yesterday, filed a copy of the will for probate with Judge Bazille. Real estate in Ramsey county to the value of $7,850 was included in the estate and $650 in personal property.

In federal court yesterday Judge Lochren set the hearing on the motion of the Little Falls Water Power company for an injunction to restrain the city council from awarding an electric lighting contract, for Monday morning. The suit of the Chicago Great Western railway against the Northern Pacific for the amicable construction of a contract, will be heard today.

Charles W. Rodman filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy proceedings in federal court yesterday. The liabilities are stated at $8,977.25, and the assets are nominal.

A copy of the will of Samuel C. Barrott, who died recently at Grafton county, N. H., was filed for probate in the office of the probate court yesterday. The deceased left real estate to the value of $3,500 in Ramsey county.

The case of Radina T. Halvorsen vs. Erick O. Halvorsen occupied the attention of Judge Lewis in district court yesterday. Mrs. Halborsen is suing for a divorce on the grounds of alleged habitual drunkenness and non-support, and the defendant is fighting the case. The hearing has occupied three days.

In Judge Jaggard's court the Merchants' Realty company is suing to recover from the city $1,602.68, alleged to have been paid by a tax certificate and on which, it is claimed, the city treasurer failed to give notice of the expiration of the time of redemption.

Catherine Adams, of 460 Jackson street, was adjudged insane in probate court yesterday and was committed to the state asylum at Rochester by Judge Bazile. Mrs. Adams is 50 years old and has been a resident of Ramsey county for 22 years.

J. H. Allen & Co. yesterday commenced an action in district court against J. Ferrell & Co. to recover $659.79, alleged to be due for goods furnished by the plaintiff. The McCormick Harvesting Machine works has also sued for $655.

Alice J. Kimball yesterday commenced an action in district court against Chester Hopkins et al. to recover the amount adjudged to be due on certain notes and mortgages.

In the matter of the estate of Bridget Feeley, deceased, John Feeley yesterday filed an appeal in district court from the order of the probate court, denying the petition of the appellant to sell the real property of the estate.

Payson H. Gilbert has begun an action in district court against C. Stuart Warren et al. to quiet title to lot 6, block 26, Warren & Rice's additions.

The Van Hoven company has sued Reif Bros. to recover $542.04 alleged to be due for meats furnished the defendants.

Attorney M. J. Costello, who defended Nio Kauth during the proceedings preliminary to his indictment on a charge of stealing the watch of Arthur Middleton, who was murdered on the night of Sept. 9, yesterday notified Judge Kelly of his withdrawal from the case. F. L. McGhee was appointed in his place to conduct the defense.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS.

Candidates for Admission Will Be Given a Test This Week.

A meeting of the principals of the St. Paul public schools was held yesterday afternoon at the Central high school building. Supt. Smith announced that examinations of candidates for the Central high school would be held Thursday and Friday. All who expected to enter the school at the beginning of the February semester who had not completed the eight grades of the grammar schools would be compelled to take the examination.

The coming course of Seymour lectures under the auspices of the Taylor Memorial association and the Teachers' association was commended by Supt. Smith.

The superintendent spoke for a half hour before the principals upon several matters upon which there had been some doubt. He thought there was too much writing in the lower grades, although it was frequently the case that after six months in school a pupil could write whole sentences. Frequently children in the lower grades were given essays to write about of which they did not thoroughly understand.

Such a thing as an approximate answer in arithmetic was an absurdity, and the same rule should, he thought, apply to other studies, as too much care could not be used to make the course as thorough as it was possible to make it.

Of music Mr. Smith spoke warmly as well as of Miss Shawe. He commended her examination questions which had been submitted and the earnestness of her endeavor to improve the course in that study.

A proposition made by the publishers of an encyclopedia to give a set of its books to one scholar in every school writing the best essay, on any current topic of general interest was read. Some discussion ensued and the matter was laid on the table.

EACH HAS A CHAMPION.

Various Laws Discussed at the Minnesota Congregational Club.

The Minnesota Congregational club held its regular monthly meeting last night at St. Anthony Park Congregational church and discussed various measures pending in the legislature in which the club takes special interest. The meeting was largely attended and Harlan P. Roberts, of Minneapolis, the president of the club, was in the chair.

The first speaker was Lieut. Gov. Smith. He simply gave an outline of the measures now pending before the legislature relating to education, elections, temperance, care of the delinquent and defective classes and taxation, all of which have been published in substance in The Globe. Mr. Smith did not undertake to advocate any one of these bills, though he commended some of the features of most of them, and said he thought there would be beneficial legislation on most of the subjects to which they related.

Hon. W. A. Kerr, of Minneapolis, judge of the municipal court, spoke in advocacy of the bill for a probation officer. He denounced the present law requiring all delinquent minors to be sent to the state training school, and said what was needed, in his opinion, was a person or probation officer to take charge of the youthful prisoners, in the discretion of the court.

A. O. Wright, of Madison, Wis., and formerly secretary of the board of corrections and charities of that state, discussed the same subject. He said: "We are creating criminals faster than we are reforming them," and this, he believed, was largely the result of sending up innocent children on trivial charges.

W. A. Gates, state agent, called attention to the tramp evil, and said that the only remedy is to compel them to work.

Oscar Hallam, of St. Paul, spoke on the subject of a primary election law. He is in favor of direct primaries, and favors some of the features of the bill introduced in the senate by Senator Wilson, of Minneapolis. He would not be in favor of disfranchising a voter because he did not vote at the primaries.

Dr. H. T. Eddy, of the state university, and J. F. Reed discussed the same subject. The latter also advocated the adoption of the Torrens system of land titles.

Miss Gratia Countryman, of Minneapolis, advocated the bill relating to the state library, the object of which is, she said, to enable country villages and communities which cannot have local libraries to borrow small libraries from the state.

Rev. R. H. Beatty, president of the Anti-saloon league, reviewed the temperance measures that the league is urging the legislature to adopt. The county local option bill, he said, has two sections, one providing for county option and the other providing for the sale of liquors for necessary purposes by a dispensary. The object is merely to carry forward a few steps of the present laws and make them more effective, and to advance a point when it is believed it is practicable.

R. L. Schindler, of Minneapolis, advocated curfew ordinances in the cities. He said several societies in Minneapolis are supporting such measures, and he asked the ministers, churches and church clubs to indorse such ordinances. Several cities already have and enforce curfew ordinances. Kansas City and Des Moines are among these. Most of the crimes committed by youths, he declared, are the result of lack of restraint in their childhood, and the curfew ordinance will supply the deficiency in this restraint.

A bounteous lunch was served during the evening in the lecture room.

Four Are Discharged.

Four members of the Thirteenth regiment who have been home for some months on sick leave, have been honorably discharged from the service upon orders received by Gen. Bacon from Washington. They are: Edward W. Robinson, of Company C, this city; Harry L. Hart, of Company E, and George F. Lenz, of the same company, both of this city, and Leonard J. Nicholas, of Company F, Minneapolis.

GROCERS HAVE A SITE

FAVOR BLOCK AT TENTH AND ROBERT FOR A MARKET PLACE

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Choice for President Between C. F. Rappe and W. H. Kane—The Association Decides to Take a Half Holiday During the Meeting of State Convention — Complaint Against Butchers.

The retail grocers will close their stores in this city at noon Wednesday, Feb. 15, and will observe the balance of the day as a holiday. They propose to do this because of the convention of the Minnesota Retail Grocers' association, which is to be held in this city Feb. 14, 15 and 16. They feel that they should turn their attention for one half-day to the convention and to the entertainment of the visiting delegates, who are coming from all parts of the state.

The St. Paul Retail Grocers' association met last evening at Third and Exchange streets and decided by a unanimous vote to close on that afternoon. The Minneapolis Retail Grocers' association has voted to attend the convention in a body. There will be 400 from the Flour City, and the St. Paul men do not want to be behind them in enterprise and public spirit.

The association last night discussed several other subjects, one of the most important of which was the site for the new market. It was agreed after a discussion that the site of the market should not be held or controlled by a private corporation, but, if possible, by the city. The members favored a site bounded by Ninth and Tenth, Robert and Minnesota streets. They did not look with satisfaction upon a proposition to erect the market along Third street, as that would necessitate the building of a huge platform over the bluff below Third street and would afford but very poor facilities for handling the business. Teams could only be driven to the Third street side, and there would be a continual blockade, which would be a great inconvenience to dealers and buyers. It was also the sentiment of the association that "jockeys" should not be permitted to do business with the market men, but that only bona fide retailers should be allowed to buy at the market.

Complaint was made by several grocers that butchers in their neighborhood were trespassing on their business by dealing in bread and cake, which had lowered their sales in those commodities. It was pointed out that grocers deal in bacon, lard and other things which are generally sold by butchers, and after a short debate it was agreed that Secretary Tenvoorde should interview the offending butchers and arrange a peaceful settlement of the question.

The association nominated officers to be elected at the approaching annual meeting of the association. The following candidates were placed in nomination for the several offices:

For President—C. F. Rappe and W. H. Kane.

For Vice President—Ed Donohue and M. M. Metcalf.

Second Vice President—A. Stack and J. B. Allison.

Treasurer—Alonzo Burmingham.

Directors—First district, E. E. Sharp and John Hausner; second district, John Lynch and W. W. Bosshardt; third district, George Trout and F. D. Reiners; fourth district, John W. Lux, Adam Matts and Fred Behnke; fifth district, Henry Hinkers; sixth district, P. T. Wagner and John Clarkin.

The association will also vote on the question of observing legal holidays, the idea being to arrive at some general understanding on the subject which may prevent confusion.

STEALING OF CIGARS.

It Is Charged by the Police Against Guy Dilley.

Guy Dilley, who was gathered in by Detectives Werrick and Wells during the rounding up of suspicious characters by the police last week, was today formally charged with the theft of 800 cigars from the dining car department of the Northern Pacific Railroad company. It is alleged that Dilley stole the cigars Nov. 9 last. The "smokers" are valued at $85. The charge of vagrancy against Dilley was dismissed. He is now accused of grand larceny.

Several other alleged undesirable citizens, "Sally" Cohn, Murphy, Keogh and George Warner, alias Grandelmeyer, arrested on the charge of vagrancy, were discharged.

HIS ROYSTERING DEAR.

Joseph Holmes Spent His Father's Savings in Two Weeks.

Joseph Holmes, the young man accused of stealing $815 from his father, Patrick Holmes, living at 474 Edmund street, was formally arraigned before Judge Orr yesterday. The father signs the complaint against his son. Young Holmes admits taking the money, and claims to have spent it all within two weeks in dissipation. The money represented the father's savings of years.

ODD FELLOWS CONSOLIDATE.

Excelsior and Meridian Lodges Were Made One Last Night.

Minnesota Odd Fellows will be deeply interested in the consolidation of Excelsior Lodge No. 60 and Meridian Lodge No. 151, which took place last evening. Arrangements for the consolidation had been so quietly made that it was not generally known that a consolidation was thought of. Excelsior's hall was full to overflowing when Grand Representative Nye announced his readiness to proceed to business. All the details having been attended to, the charter of Meridian lodge was surrendered and the consolidated lodge, under the name of Excelsior-Meridian No. 60, proceeded to the election of officers, who were installed by C. M. Hunt as follows: P. G., A. C. Horton; N. G., F. L. Powers; V. G., Charles H. Stevens; recording secretary, H. K. Fowler; financial secretary, A. J. Studeman; treasurer, L. H. Herschel; trustees, S. G. Pearce, A. W. Lilley, J. F. Pearce; D. D. G. M., W. H. Hunt.

All of these officers are past grands, while Brother Powers has served as grand master and representative to the grand lodge.

This is the second consolidation in the history of the order in the state. The membership is largely composed of business and professional men, many of whom are known throughout the Northwest. The consolidation appealed to all as a business proposition. The saving of expenses, the increased membership, the cordial relations existing between the lodges, the impetus of new life, give promise of great activity.

Excelsior-Meridian at once takes second place among the lodges of the city. The officers elected give the cue as to future activity. It will be watched with keen interest. Its success will be measured not only by an increased membership, but by the influence it exerts upon sister lodges. Its hall is No. 350 Cedar street, where it will extend an open hand to brothers from whatever state, and will welcome all every Monday evening.

The following officers were appointed: R. S. N. G., H. T. Gillard; L. S. N. G., Noah Johnson; conductor, A. H. Auger; warden, C. Donaldson; R. S. S., A. A. Tuckett; L. S. S., A. S. Bloom; R. S. N. G. D., J. Keith; L. S. V. S., A. W. Lilley; I. G., C. T. Tuckett; O. G., Samuel Brown.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup has cured whooping cough when no other treatment would give relief. For croup this great remedy has no equal. It conquers croup at once.

Y. M. C. A. EVENING SCHOOL.

Mechanical Drawing—Prof. W. L. Caldwell.
Bookkeeping—Prof. C. H. Duncan.
Arithmetic and Grammar—Prof. W. W. Truesdale.
Stenography and Typewriting—Mrs. A. W. Lancaster.

Enquire at Y. M. C. A. for terms.

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Brilliant Show of Silks.

We said this would be exhibition week—showing what the genius of the designer and the skill of the weaver have prepared for the coming season. Thousands of women came to see the brilliant show and hundreds bought when they saw the new beauties. That proves that our prices are as attractive as the styles.

For 50c. More than one hundred pieces of New Silks for Spring — beautiful Plaids, Checks, Stripes and Block Patterns in the new shades of Blue, Pink, Yellow and Helio. You may find equal qualities elsewhere and they'll probably be marked $1.00 a yard. Our opening price is..... **50c**

Highest Novelties in Single Waist Patterns.

Lyons Taffetas, with Embroidered Spots, 23 inches wide, **$1.50.**

New Oil Boiled Taffetas, in large Block Patterns.

New Corded Plaid Taffetas, in sixty colorings, **85c** to **$1.50.**

New Corded Striped Taffetas, for Shirt Waists, **75c** to **$1.50.**

New Foulards. One hundred pieces of Cheney Bros.' Standard Foulards for 1899 in all the new colors, including many shades of new blue. They're the only new Foulards in Minnesota today—vastly different from the old stagers carried over from last season and paraded in the West as new Foulards.

Annual Sale of Muslin Underwear.

You don't have to guess which garment is sold at reduced price and which is sold at regular price. **Every piece of Muslin Underwear in our store is marked at a reduced price during this Annual Sale.**

GOWNS—Three styles of Muslin Gowns, Bishop and Hubbard styles, neatly trimmed with lace and embroidery. Stock price 65c; sale price..... **47c**

Finest Muslin Gowns in a dozen styles—round or square yokes of two and three insertions, with edges of embroidery. Stock price $1.25; annual sale price..... **83c**

Cambric and Muslin Gowns in newest Paris styles, with trimmings of fine lace and embroidery. Stock price $1.50; annual sale price..... **97c**

Beautiful Nainsook and Cambric Gloves, trimmed with dainty laces and embroideries. Stock price $1.75; annual sale price..... **$1.27**

CORSET COVERS—A wonderful line of Cambric Corset covers, trimmed with embroidery, for..... **25c**

Nainsook Corset Covers in our French shapes, with dainty finish of lace and embroidery..... **49c**

SKIRTS—Good Muslin Skirts, cut extra wide, with ruffles of embroidery. Stock price $1.00; annual sale price..... **65c**

Ombrelle Skirts, cut extra wide, with deep flounce of embroidery and lace. Stock price $1.75; sale price.... **$1.27**

$3.00 SKIRTS FOR $2.00.
$4.00 SKIRTS FOR $3.00.
$5.00 SKIRTS FOR $4.25.

DRAWERS—A big lot of good Muslin Drawers, two styles, only..... **23c**

Cambric Drawers, "Ombrelle" style, deep flounce with one row of insertion and edge of embroidery; stock price 50c; sale price..... **39c**

65c DRAWERS FOR 49 CENTS.
$1.55 DRAWERS FOR 89 CENTS.
$1.75 DRAWERS FOR $1.25.

For the Baby.

Even the babies share in the benefits of this Annual Sale. Long and Short Dresses, dainty styles & chic effects, thoroughly well made and wonderfully low priced.

Long and Short Dresses of fine Nainsook, daintily trimmed with lace and embroidery. Stock price $2.25; annual sale price..... **$1.50**

Short Dresses of very fine Nainsook, with daintiest trimming of finest embroidery. Stock price $4.75. Sale price.. **$3.25**

$1.75 LONG DRESSES FOR $1.10.
$1.00 SHORT DRESSES FOR 85 CTS.

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A RADICAL REFORMER

BUSINESS MEN LISTEN TO A LECTURE ON DESIRABLE LEGISLATION BY W. B. DEAN

SHOULD REDUCE EXPENSES

Mr. Dean Says American Cities Are Badly Governed, and Are Too Costly—Should Be Organized for Mutual Benefit, and Not for the Gain of a Few—English Cities Held Up as Models.

Many members of the Commercial club, the chamber of commerce, the Northwestern Manufacturers' association, the Jobbers' union and others interested in business matters gathered at the rooms of the Commercial club yesterday noon to hear an address on desirable legislation by W. B. Dean. Mr. Dean has evidently been much impressed by the lectures on municipal government recently delivered in this city by Prof. Zueblin, for he argued along the general lines of improvements suggested by Prof. Zueblin and quoted him as an authority for a number of his statements.

"Our cities," said Mr. Dean, "are badly misgoverned when we compare them with the cities in England. It costs five times as much to run the Boston government as to run the government of Birmingham, and it costs us one-third more to run our public schools than it costs to run the schools of Birmingham. The reason for this wide disparity of expense is that careful attention is given in Great Britain to municipal government, while here there is an absolute lack of interest in such matters.

"Cities are not organized to give people jobs, but for mutual interest. Public officials should understand that they are simply hired to transact our business for us.

"Three-quarters of the English population is confined in cities, one-third of our people live in cities, and the people are moving to the cities in larger numbers every year. We think we are a phenomenal people because our cities grow so rapidly, but they grow no more rapidly than the cities of Europe. Beyrout, in Syria, has grown faster during the past ten years than St. Paul; Hong Kong has grown from nothing in 1843 to a city greater than St. Paul; Cologne, Madgeburg, Berlin have grown more rapidly than any American city of the second or third-class. Modern Athens was founded in 1840, and it has since become a place with a population of 140,000. Cities are growing as rapidly elsewhere as here.

"I received a letter a year or so ago from Seth Low, of Columbia university, referring to city charters. He said he would rather have a charter made by Belzebub and administered by Gabriel than one made by Gabriel and administered by Belzebub. And right here let me express my high appreciation of the present city administration. Mayor Kiefer is giving this city an excellent administration, and I think we should let him know that we appreciate his efforts and thank him for cleaning the city government as he has done.

"I believe in home rule. Each city can administer its own affairs better than a legislature can do it. A city charter is