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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

ST. PAUL. Yesterday's observations, taken by the United States weather bureau...

Other Cities.

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Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: City, Temperature. Includes Duluth, Huron, Bismarck, etc.

Forecast for Today.

St. Paul—Fair; continued cold.

North Dakota—Fair; continued cold.

South Dakota—Fair; continued cold.

Wisconsin—Fair; continued cold.

Iowa—Fair; continued cold.

Montana—Fair; not quite so cold.

Thanks, Most Noble Senator.

Some references to a measure introduced by Senator Young...

Senator Young very magnanimously announced that he would not at this time ask the expulsion...

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Agualnido, let us give you the very latest tip: if you don't get good pretty quick you'll be put on exhibition all over this broad land as a museum mummy.

It gives one a thrill of disgust to read the signature of the secretary of state—J. Hay. Nobody will be afraid of you very long if that name remains at the head of the state department.

And, again, the weather clerk might make money by contracting to furnish cold waves next summer. Nowadays, when we do not need any, he has no trouble to give us at least two a week.

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Point would possess the qualifications that would, to a reasonable degree, insure him distinction. As the case stands, his education might quite as well have been gained in a Quaker Sunday school. There are newswriters who could concede odds and then beat most of the officers of the army at war as she is fought.

Encouragement From Hong Kong.

Consul General Wildman, writing from Hong Kong on the commercial situation during the first half of the year 1898, emphasizes the fact that there is a general and a permanent increase in trade.

At the close of his report he gives an explanation of the unusual activity in the local markets during the last year in the statement that, "on account of its geographical position, the colony benefits commercially by political upheavals of any nature that occur on the Asiatic coast."

It will be remembered that the American squadron arrived at Hong Kong in early April this month and the sudden demand for American goods, especially foodstuffs, placed upon the market many samples which the consuls have for months been urging the manufacturers in this country to send.

Our army and navy are now seven hundred miles from Hong Kong, and Mr. Wildman thinks that the reaction and depression in some lines which follow the undue stimulus caused by the presence of a squadron will find compensation in the fact that the navy did the one thing needful to the establishment of a Chinese market for American goods, viz., placed the samples in the hands of the Chinese merchants. The "permanent increase of trade," of which the consul speaks, is an assured fact for America if our manufacturers will profit by the hints given in regard to the peculiarities of the Chinese trade.

The first step has been taken. Ships are now carrying other things from our land besides kerosene and flour. In addition to the canned goods, large shipments of Texan cotton are on the way to Hong Kong. There is good prospect that the upland cotton will supplant the Indian and Chinese growths, thus creating for it a market drawn upon by 80,000,000 people, since Hong Kong is the feeder for three of the richest provinces of China.

The consul urges merchants to bear well in mind, however, that the port is already free and to manipulate their goods accordingly. Many firms have carefully "measured up" the influence of this fact and have successfully introduced their goods. Three brands of beer, one brand of whisky, sewing machines and bicycles (the demand for the last is restricted by the small opportunity for their use) have made for themselves a place on the Chinese market.

The globe has several times given space to consular reports setting forth the peculiarity of Chinese business methods. Consul General Wildman brings out and emphasizes the same points—the importance of the trade mark, the superior, selling quality of "flashy" goods and those of not too sterling quality, and the unyielding tyranny of the Chinese guilds.

All these things may as well be learned before they are stamped into the trader by loss and disaster.

Possibly somebody has learned how to "copper" copper.

And poor Guy is going to be crushed under his own plum tree.

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NEWLY TOUCHED HIM

HARLAN P. HALL SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ACQUITTED OF THE CHARGE

OF BEING A BIG NUISANCE

Testimony indicated he had sung "There is Only One Girl, Etc.," but he proved he had never sung it by singing it to the jury.

The jury in the case of Harlan P. Hall, indicted under nineteen counts for being a general nuisance, brought in a verdict last evening finding the defendant guilty and imposing a fine of \$5,000.

The prosecution was conducted by Judge J. J. McCafferty, assisted by George B. Edgerton, and the prisoner was represented by Dar Reese, Senator John H. Ives and George Edgerton.

Mr. Hall occupied a seat at the side of his attorneys, with whom he occasionally held whispered consultations.

Sheriff Lee Hall opened court in due form, and Ike Lederer, as foreman of the jury, presented the indictments charging with "being a nuisance."

When called on to plead to the indictment, the prisoner declined, on the ground that it would incriminate the court. A plea of not guilty was entered.

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FOR A FIRE MARSHAL

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER DEARTH RECOMMENDED HIS CREATION

IN HIS LAST ANNUAL REPORT

A Bill Looking to This End Introduced in the Legislature—It is Claimed That Such Provision Would Result in Greatly Reduced Fire Losses in the State and Consequent Reduction of Premiums.

Insurance Commissioner Dearth recommended in his last annual report that a law be passed creating a state office to be known as the "state fire marshal," whose duty it would be to thoroughly investigate every fire suspected of being incendiary origin.

The matter is one of interest to every insurance man and insurer in the state, as under its provisions the insurance companies, as well as the insured, are protected.

Such a measure was introduced in the house yesterday by Representative Henderson, and was referred to the insurance committee.

The bill carries with it an appropriation of \$5,000 per year, two-thirds for the salary of the fire marshal and one-third for traveling expenses.

The law will put the new office under the supervision of the state insurance commissioner, to whom the marshal will be responsible in the performance of the duties of his office.

Insurance Commissioner Dearth, discussing the matter, said yesterday: "It is safe to say that the existence of a fire marshal law on the Minnesota statute books would result in a decrease from 25 to 50 per cent in the annual fire loss of this state, thereby meaning a like ratio in the reduction of premium rates, which would mean a saving of thousands of dollars annually to the citizens of the state."

As a proof of this fact I might mention some of the results experienced in Massachusetts operating under a similar law. During the year 1897 there were 59 to 80 per cent of those arrested in that state for incendiary offenses, while for the year previous scarcely 13 per cent were convicted.

As a further illustration of the extreme importance of such a law I might read an extract from the last report of the Massachusetts state insurance commissioner:

"The national board of management shall be composed of the acting officers of the national society, and a state representative from each state or territory to be represented by the delegates from each state and territory at the continental congress at the annual meeting."

The dissenting chapters claim that so long as that section remains in the constitution it cannot be altered until an amendment has been passed. It appears that the present state representative offered an amendment to this particular section of the constitution, which is to be acted upon this year, according to the provision for amending the national constitution, as all amendments have to be presented one year and acted upon the next year.

If an amendment of this kind is made by the ladies, "how can it be possible to legally elect a state regent in the state or any other place than Washington, D. C. if an election made in the state under the present constitution could be considered legal and binding, what need of the amendment?"

The delegate give as her reason for not attending the meeting this afternoon the fact that she was elected to represent her chapter at the national congress, not at a meeting called here in Minnesota.

TO ORGANIZE A CLASS. First Steps Taken by Some of St. Paul's Scotchmen.

A committee from the Minneapolis Scottish Clan Gordon met with a number of St. Paul Scots last evening in parlor B of the Windsor hotel for the purpose of organizing a St. Paul wing of the clan.

The situation was canvassed by those present and it was agreed to leave the matter with the committee, to further the plan discussed. The committee is as follows: George G. German, American Bank building; J. H. McKilgarr, Harold Jacks, James Smith and J. M. McNeill.

The members of the Minneapolis clan present were Deputy Royal Councilor A. W. Rankin, Alexander Murray, W. G. Burr, P. R. Cochran, James Cochran, Peter Muir and William Russell.

The organization is formed on fraternal and an insurance basis, but the requisite for membership is either Scotch descent or Scotch birth. The order has 8,000 members in the United States, and 100 in Minneapolis.

The committee will be shortly issued by the committee for getting the meeting of the Scotch people of the city for the purpose of getting the St. Paul branch on its feet.

Superintendent closed the meeting with a couple of airs dear to the heart of every Scotchman.

ST. PAUL C. E. ANNIVERSARY. The Eighteenth Annual Observed at the House of Hope.

The eighteenth anniversary of Christian Endeavor was appropriately celebrated by the St. Paul union at the House of Hope church last night. The meeting was presided over by Ira C. Oehler, president of the St. Paul union.

The programme consisted of praise service, devotional exercises, "Eighteenth Birthday of Christian Endeavor," by Ralph Allison, city union secretary; "Union Banner Presentation," by Rev. George E. Soper, state president; address, "Liberation," by Pleasant Hunter, D. D., of Minneapolis.

Mr. Allison spoke of the origin and splendid growth of Christian Endeavor, its objects and purposes.

The Rev. Mr. Soper presented the banner to the Dano-Norwegian Presbyterian Christian Endeavor society, which has had the largest proportionate increase in membership during the last six months.

Miss Florence Pace rendered "The Lord of Love My Shepherd Is" in charming voice, which was followed by the benediction.

Service for Deaf Mutes. A service for deaf mutes was held in the sign language on Monday, Feb. 3, at the corner Lafond and Groto streets, St. Paul, by Rev. Arthur W. Chicago, who will deliver the sermon. All deaf mutes and their friends are welcome to attend.

District Meeting of Rebekahs. The Rebekahs of St. Paul will hold a district meeting this afternoon and evening at the hall, Fifth and Washington streets. The president of the assembly, Mrs. Stella Stinson, of Astoria, will preside, and all Rebekahs in the city are expected to attend.

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DEAD IN CALIFORNIA.

Theodore Boat, Formerly With the Globe, Dies of Consumption.

Intelligence was received here yesterday of the death at the home of his parents at Pomona, Cal., of Theodore Boat Jr., Mr. Boat here several months ago in search of improved health in the milder climate of the Pacific slope, but succumbed to consumption.

Mr. Boat died on Thursday afternoon and was 23 years of age. He had lived in St. Paul for a number of years, during a part of which he was connected with the circulation department of the Globe. Each day will be a victim.

He had a brother residing at Excelsior, Minn., and a sister in Minneapolis. Of an especially companionable disposition, the young man had many personal attributes which held his friends. He was a member of the local lodge at Los Angeles, Cal.

CLOSING DAYS UPPERMOST. Grocers Will Decide How Many Holidays to Take Every Year.

The Retail Grocers' Association of St. Paul will hold its annual meeting Monday night at the home of the association, 1015 Broadway, by ballot to decide the question of holidays, whether on such days as New Year's, Washington's birthday, Decoration day, Grocers' picnic day, Fourth of July, Labor day, Paul's day at the store fair, Thanksgiving and Christmas, the grocers will close their stores, keep open all day or close half the day. Each day will be voted upon separately.

An official ballot, which has been mailed to each member of the association, may be voted if mailed to J. H. Tenover, secretary of the association, and will be counted on the night of the meeting, as regularly cast.

Deaths of a Day. Hastings, Minn., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Gilbert Gransen, one of the leading citizens and business men of Vermillion, died in this city at the home of J. B. Pitcher last evening, aged fifty-three years, after a protracted illness. The interment will take place in Vermillion tomorrow.

Wendell Thon, an old resident of this city, died this morning from heart trouble, aged fifty-two years. He leaves a wife and family, and was a member of the St. Boniface society.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—A special from Patras, Greece, says: Bolvite Y. Ingat, an American vice consul here, has died of diphtheria. He was bitten two months ago, but kept the matter secret. He refused treatment. He was much beloved and regretted. Mr. Ingat was appointed vice consul of the United States at Pat