

CITY NEWS.

Conference Committee to Meet—The conference committee will hold a regular meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Junior Pioneers Meeting—The Junior Pioneer association of Ramsey county will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday evening at Elks' hall. A fine entertainment will be given.

Action Against City—Margaret McDonald has commenced an action against the city for \$3,669 damages caused by a fall from a defective sidewalk on Robert street last December.

Stole His Clothes—G. Kinning reported to the police last night that sneak thieves had entered his room during the afternoon, in his absence, and stolen a vest and pair of pants.

Arrested Will Lecture—J. W. Arcantander, of Minneapolis, will deliver his temperance lecture in the First Swedish M. E. church, Tenth and Temperance, this evening at 8 o'clock.

Golf Links Ready—The golf links at the Town and Country club will be ready for use Saturday. The opening event will be a mixed foursome competition, medal play, with eighteen holes.

Money From Taxes—The county treasurer yesterday turned over to the city treasurer \$31,000 on account of taxes collected during April. Of this amount \$5,500 was from water frontage taxes for 1898.

Cumberland Company—The Cumberland company, of St. Paul, has incorporated for the purchase of the Cumberland block and the property upon which it is located. The incorporators are: R. L. Ware, W. E. Johnson, H. W. Clark, P. H. Gilbert and W. G. White.

Service to Wildwood—The city railway company will inaugurate service today on the Wildwood line. This is done to accommodate the people living at White Bear and vicinity. For the time being the cars will run only on Sundays.

Vacancy to Fill—The resignation of former Gov. Ramsey as a member of the board of directors of the public library has been accepted by Mayor Kiefhaber. The mayor stated yesterday that he had not decided as to the person who would be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Took His Blue Suit—Sergeant Ryan lost part of his wardrobe last night while trying to make an arrest in a house at 137 Eva street, where Mike Burns and his wife, Catherine Burns, Patrick McDonald and Jimmie McMillan, miscellaneous mixed in a genuine Irish time. He at once entered upon his duties as

a police officer, but during the process one of the party seized both his coat and hat, and with a quiet downward movement, ripped them almost off. The men were taken to the Duca street station and charged with disorderly conduct. The woman was sent to the central station and lodged in the woman's ward.

All Three Were Arrested—Henry Johnson and Charles Dahl were arrested last night at Seventh and Jackson streets on complaint of Charles Johnson, who alleges that they robbed him of a dollar. He was intoxicated at the time, and the patrol wagon officers took him to the station also and entered a charge against him.

Law Enforcement League—The meeting of the American Law Enforcement league, which has been announced to take place at the court house at 5 o'clock this afternoon, will be held in St. Paul. It is expected that a number of whom this may concern will take notice accordingly.

Crushed Beneath a Beam—At noon yesterday Stener Kestel, nineteen years old, residing on Third street, an employe of the Griffin Wheel Works, was caught under an iron beam while at work in the foundry at the shops and severely injured. His right leg was painfully injured. Dr. Pine was called to attend him, and he was taken to his home in the Margaret street patrol wagon.

Commercial Club Run—The Commercial club cyclists took their second run of the season yesterday, piloted by President Gedney and Capt. Schroeder. The start was made at Dale and Summit, and the ride was out Summit to the Mississippi, through the woods to Marshall, thence along the river past the Town and Country club to University avenue, State fair grounds, and thence to the club house at Como. There an hour was spent helping Maj. Maginnis and T. F. Smith mend a punctured tire. They had run over a stump with his bristles out on the way over.

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NEW HELLO SYSTEM

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PEOPLE OPENED AN OFFICE ON MARIA AVENUE

HOOKED UP A HUNDRED TOWNS

Were Beginning to Do Business, but Their Rivals Wouldn't Allow the Transmission of Messages—Using Messenger Service—Will Run a Temporary Wire Down Town.

While the several commercial bodies, the city council and officials have been fighting for the passage of a franchise for the American Telephone and Telegraph company which would give the city long distance telephone connections, the Mississippi Valley Telephone company has solved the problem.

This company, which was granted a franchise for a local telephone system in March, 1898, expects to be ready for business in a local way within a month or six weeks, but on Wednesday next it will be ready to offer to the citizens of St. Paul and the business men long distance connections with over 100 cities and towns in Northern Wisconsin and also with cities in this state.

The Mississippi Valley company has completed arrangements with the Interstate Telegraph and Telephone company and the subscribers of the local company will be given the benefit of the connections now operated by the company as well as others to be put in during the season. In order that the business men of St. Paul may be given a chance at the cities and towns now connected by the Interstate company the Mississippi Valley company will open an exchange in the Phoenix building, at Seventh and Cedar streets not later than Wednesday morning.

As a matter of fact the business men of St. Paul have themselves the opportunity to talk direct to the cities and towns in Northern Wisconsin and this state at the present time if the Northwestern Telephone company would allow it but

OBJECTION IS MADE to this plan by the Northwestern company.

A. T. Presson, representing the Interstate company, was in the Phoenix building yesterday in discussing the matter said the company had for the past two days been giving the business men of St. Paul long distance telephone connection with the cities and towns in Northern Wisconsin and this state. This had been done by bringing a line from Hudson to a store at Sixth and Maria avenue. Here an operator was employed and the proprietor of the store had a Northwestern company's telephone, or pay station, it was an easy matter to receive a communication from the Interstate company and then have the message drop a nickel in the Northwestern company's telephone box and repeat the message to the person for whom it was intended.

A number of the business houses Mr. Presson said, had received orders for goods in this way during Thursday and Friday, but the Northwestern company in some way learned of the arrangement and stopped the business by threatening to take the telephone which they owned out of the store.

Mr. Presson said he could not understand why the Northwestern company should object, as the telephone was put in on the pay station plan and the proprietor of the store had the message guaranteed the company \$1.50 per month and divided equally with it on all money over that sum which was put in the cash box during the month. The operator employed by the Interstate company had dropped a nickel in the slot each time a message was repeated to persons in St. Paul, but the Northwestern company western people and the plan had been abandoned.

Gustave Willis Jr., engineer for the Mississippi Valley company, explained that the discrimination by the Northwestern company against the long distance company would not bother them long as a temporary line would be put in between the present terminal at Sixth and Cedar avenue and by Wednesday an office would be opened in the Phoenix building, where it would be possible to secure connections with the cities and towns in Northern Wisconsin and this state. The Interstate company lines would have been completed in the eastern part of the city had the Sixth street bridge been open.

"If we cannot get connection or are not allowed to use the local telephones of the Northwestern company to repeat the message to St. Paul business men," said Mr. Willis, "then we will employ a corps of messengers and see that the messages sent to business men and persons in this city are delivered immediately."

"It appears to me," continued Mr. Willis, "that with all the business men as the commercial bodies and business men as to the necessity and desirability of long distance telephone connection that it is not fair to discriminate against the interests of the city even if they did against the Mississippi Valley company."

"If we however only have a very short time when the Mississippi Valley company will be ready for local business and then we can give our patrons the benefit of nearly 25 cities and towns which are not reached by the Northwestern lines."

Speaking of the work being done by the Mississippi Valley company to install its exchange, Mr. Willis said a force of 100 men was at work on the conductors and stringing wires and in about two months the exchange would be open and doing business. The board to be used in the exchange has been constructed and was now en route to St. Paul, and by July at least 1,200 phones would be in operation. Under the ordinance the maximum rates will be 48 per cent for business and 25 per cent for residence telephones within the same limit, 33 per cent. For each half mile beyond this limit 25 cents per month additional will be charged for each phone.

TOWNS THAT IT TOUCHES. The cities and towns which can be reached by the new long distance exchange in Wisconsin are as follows: Ashland, Bayfield, Baldwin, Barkley, Barre, Bessemer, Brulo, Boyd, Bloomer, Blair, Cameron, Caryville, Cadott, Cedar Falls, Cartwright, Chetek, Cornish, Downing, Downsview, Drummond, Dunbar, Durand, Eau Claire, Eau Galle, Eagle Point, Embury, Escanaba, Ettrick, Fairbairn, Fairchild, Frenchville, Galeville, Greenwood, Gilmanston, Granton, Grand Marais, Grand Rapids, Hersey, Hegg, Hudson, Humbird, High Bridge, Hurley, Houlton, Independence, Iron River, Ironwood, Ironwood Falls, Knapp, Louisville, Mason, Menominee, Meridian, Mondovi, Modona, Muskogee, Mellen, Rhineland, Waverly, Northfield, Osseo, Orienta, Owens, Mills, Port Wing, Pigeon Falls, Red Cedar, Rice Lake, Roberts, Rock Falls, Russek, Shell Lake, Spooner, Spring Valley, Strum, Stanley, Star Prairie, Stillwater, Curran, Tull, Turtle Lake, Thorpe, Upton, Washburn, Wilson Withee, Woodville, Whitehall, Wheeler, Watermann, York, River Falls, Red Wing, Ellsworth, Waverly, Belvidere, Martell, Ono, Rock Elm, Lawton, Mossville, Malden, Rock and Plum City.

Amateur Photographers. And others will be surprised at the large assortment of fancy mounting boards carried by the St. Paul Book and Stationery store.

St. Paul Tent and Awning Co., telephone 177-2, or call at 350-353 Jackson.

Field, Schlick & Co.

A Bonanza in Lace Curtains.

News of this nature should be doubly interesting. It's a seasonable offering—most people are looking for Lace Curtains at this time of the year. And this tells of exceptional prices—about two-thirds real value.

Here's the story in a nutshell: About 400 pairs of Brussels, Arablan, Cluny, Battenberg, Irish Point and Nottingham Lace Curtains—every pair of numbers of which there are less than five pairs in stock. These will go on sale at LESS THAN COST OF IMPORTATION in order to keep our stock clean:

- Brussels Net Curtains. \$6.50 Curtains for \$4.25 a pair. \$10.00 Curtains for \$7.00 a pair. \$12.50 Curtains for \$9.00 a pair. \$15.00 Curtains for \$11.00 a pair. \$20.00 Curtains for \$14.50 a pair. \$25.00 Curtains for \$18.00 a pair. \$35.00 Curtains for \$26.00 a pair.

- Nottingham Lace Curtains. \$1.50 Curtains for 95 cents a pair. \$2.00 Curtains for \$1.25 a pair. \$2.50 Curtains for \$1.50 a pair. \$3.00 Curtains for \$1.75 a pair. \$4.00 Curtains for \$2.50 a pair. \$5.00 Curtains for \$3.25 a pair.

- Battenberg Curtains. \$5.00 Curtains for \$4.50 a pair. \$6.00 Curtains for \$5.50 a pair. \$7.00 Curtains for \$6.50 a pair. \$8.00 Curtains for \$7.50 a pair. \$10.00 Curtains for \$9.00 a pair. \$12.00 Curtains for \$10.50 a pair.

- Madras Net Curtains. \$9.00 Curtains for \$6.00 a pair. \$12.00 Curtains for \$8.00 a pair. \$17.00 Curtains for \$12.25 a pair.

- Irish Point Curtains. \$5.50 Curtains for \$4.50 a pair. \$9.00 Curtains for \$7.00 a pair. \$12.50 Curtains for \$9.00 a pair.

- Silk Waists. A chance to save dollars. About 150 Silk Shirt Waists—Black Satins, Black Taffetas and Novelty Taffetas—some of them positively worth \$10.75; choice for \$6.75 tomorrow.

- Muslin Underwear. First let us tell you of the new "Louise" Summer Corsets, made of strong, durable net, cool, comfortable, healthful, perfect-fitting and yet inexpensive, only 50c. And these Special Underwear Values should not be overlooked: DRAWERS. Three styles of good Muslin Drawers, with hem-stitched flounce or embroidered ruffle. 50c. FINE GOWNS. Four styles of fine Cambrie Nightgowns, daintily trimmed. \$1.15. SKIRTS. Choice styles of Muslin Skirts, cut wide, with deep "Ombrelle" flounce of lawn embroidery or lace, only \$1.45. Fancy Petticoats. \$2.85. Silk Moreen Petticoats. \$4.50.

- Children's Fancy Straw and Swiss Muslin Hats, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up to \$4.00. Novelties in Infants' Caps at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and up to \$5.00. Standard Paper Patterns lead all others. They're best, newest, most economical in cutting materials and cheapest. Prices 5c to 20c. Why pay more? June Patterns and Publications now ready.

- Little-Priced Notions. Exceptional selling of Notions and Dress Findings at prices that dress-makers and home sewers should profit by. Best plain and corduroy Velveteen, plain and colors. 3c. Book Foundations, 2 1/2 cents. Silk Linings for same, 3 1/2 cents. Hump Hooks and Eyes, 1 cent a card. Pure Rubber-lined Shields, 8 cents. "Indispensable" light-weight Shields, 7 cents. Best American Pins, 3 cents a paper. Best Seam Binding, 7 cents a piece. Fine quality Hercules Braids, black and colors, at EXACTLY HALF-PRICE. 1/2-inch wide, 1 1/2 cents. 1-inch wide, 3 cents. 1 1/2-inch wide, 6 cents. 2-inch wide, 9 cents.

- Summer Underwear. In anything that requires such frequent washings as Summer Underwear it's mighty poor economy to buy poor qualities. That's all the more true when GOOD QUALITIES can be had at such reasonable prices. Mattelutz Steam Shrunken Shirts and Drawers, tan grounds, all sizes, an extra special \$1.50. Fancy French Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, tan grounds, with fancy stripes, the celebrated "C. G." make. \$1.50. A new stock of "Monarch" Fancy Shirts is now on sale. Madras Neglige Shirts, with separate cuffs, \$1.00. High-class "Bat's-wing" Ties should be worn with the popular high turndown collars. More style and four times as much wear as in ordinary 50c Ties. Price, 75c.

- SOCKS—Fine Lisle Thread Socks, in tan shades or fast black, a splendid 35c quality, for 25c. NIGHT SHIRTS—Fancy trimmed Night Shirts, made of "Langdon 76" Muslin, cut long and full, surprising values at 50c.

- MAIL ORDERS are filled with this understanding: If anything does not please you send it back at our expense. We'll return your money by first mail.

Field, Schlick & Co.

BALL A SUCCESS. STANLEY H. WATSON DEAD.

Martha Washington Lodge Spent a Happy Evening. The sixth annual ball of Martha Washington lodge 48, of Herman Sons, which occurred at Assembly hall last night, proved to be one of the most successful events which has taken place there for many years.

Stanley H. Watson, a man of large acquaintance in St. Paul, passed away last night. He took a severe cold last fall, which developed into quick consumption, and from this disease his life slowly ebbed away.

Mr. Watson had lived in St. Paul for many years. Thirteen years ago he was connected with the business office of the Dispatch. Then he engaged in real estate and that business made a good deal of money. This, however, was largely wiped out by the depreciation in prices which followed and for the last few years Mr. Watson has been in the employ of Hughton & Hemenway, the insurance men. He was fifty-one years old.

The funeral will take place from the residence of H. J. Moore, 228 Arundel street.

Prof. Charles Fisher Successful in a Large Competition. Prof. Charles A. Fisher, the St. Paul music teacher, has just earned a considerable distinction in the musical world. He has been a successful competitor in a contest of The Etude, a musical publication of Philadelphia. An essay of Prof. Fisher's on the "Voice" was recognized among a large number of contributions in the contest as sufficiently meritorious to win a prize.

Prof. Fisher has been notified that his effort will appear in the June issue of The Etude. Due for Board. R. Lows has brought an action against R. S. Elberle in the municipal court to recover \$37.50 alleged to be due him from the defendant for board. The complaint specifies, in addition that money is due the plaintiff for merchandise, delivered to the defendant.

Sympathy for Miss Smith. Nelly Smith, a resident of the West side, appeared before Judge Hise, on a charge with street walking and loitering after midnight. She told a very plausible tale concerning her actions previous to her arrest, and stated that she had been to a saloon and was just going home. The recital of her private affairs moved the court and she was discharged.

Vag With a Story. Andrew Cost appeared before Judge Hine in the police court yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. He told the court a very plausible story of hardship and trouble, ill health and misery, and his case was continued until Tuesday. In the interim the board of control will investigate.

YERXA

The Yerxa store has just one reason for its existence—to hold the very highest qualities of groceries that for some good reason or another we can sell at less than usual prices. Tomorrow, these:

- 50 cents A bushel (60 lbs) for Fancy North Branch Burbank Potatoes. Per basket (as ordinarily sold), 40c.

- 20 Pounds of the best granulated Sugar for one dollar.

- 2 1/2 cents Per pound for the best Rhubarb. Choice at 1c per lb.

- 10 cents Per dozen for Fresh Eggs.

- 5 cents Per pound for California Figs, in bulk.

- \$2.00 Per sack for the best Flour that's made in America. 50 lb sacks at 49 lbs, \$1.00; 2 1/2 lbs, for 50c.

- 6 cents Per package for Schopp's regular 10c Coconut.

- 8 cents Per pound for Jumbo Brazil Nuts.

- 5 cents Per pound for pure Peach Preserves, while they last.

- 15 cents For one-pound jars of the best Imported English Orange Marmalade.

- 9 cents A can for a fine Red, Fat Salmon.

- 5 cents Each for Dover Egg Beaters.

- 21 cents Per pound for the very finest Creamery Butter that's made in the state of Minnesota.

- 30 cents and 50 cents Per quart for a fine fresh shipment of Manzanilla and Queen Olives.

- 3 1/2 cents For one-pound packages of Corn Starch.

- 10 cents For three-pound bags of Laundry Glass Starch.

- 6 cents Per pound for absolutely pure Lard.

COFFEE.

Sometimes you may have the berries warm, not two minutes from the roasting room; at all times the coffee weighed out here is the true-flame gas roasted the same day you buy it.

- Diamond Rio (fresh from the blue-flame gas roasters), lb. 9c

- Golden Rio (fresh from the blue-flame gas roasters), lb. 11c

- Santos (fresh from the blue-flame gas roasters), lb. 15c

- Fancy Mocha blend (fresh from the blue-flame gas roasters), lb. 18c