

CITY NEWS.

Sent to Rochester - Eliza Murphy, seventy years of age, residing at 375 Light street, was examined in the probate court and committed to the Rochester insane asylum.

Le Flure Bound Over - Albert Le Flure, charged with the theft of a bicycle, had a preliminary hearing in the police court yesterday and was held to the grand jury in \$1,000 bail.

Gun Club Shoot - The St. Paul Gun club will hold its weekly shoot this afternoon at their club house, state fair grounds. There will be optional sweepstake shooting during the afternoon.

Quartermaster Sergeant - M. J. Wiley was yesterday appointed quartermaster sergeant of the Fourth regiment by Quartermaster Fineout. The newly appointed sergeant has charge of the national guard armory in this city.

Requisition for Malmgren - Sheriff Wagner left last evening with requisition papers for the return of William Malmgren, now under arrest at Hudson, Wis. Malmgren is charged with the larceny of a watch valued at \$50 from Harry Paascha.

Court of Honor Meeting - St. Paul Court No. 82, Court of Honor, will hold a public meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock, at Wabasha street. A. L. Hartford, supreme chancellor of the order, will be present, and will speak on "Fraternal Societies." A short programme has been prepared.

Getting More Recruits - Twenty-six more recruits for the regular army, who have enlisted with Capt. Andrus at the St. Paul station, will leave tonight for the Philippines. The captain now has orders to enlist for either the volunteer service of two years, or regular service of three years, so that recruits hereafter will be given their choice.

Will Change the Box - The city railway company will remove the box at Seventh and Wabasha streets, now used by the car checkers, and will supply it with a new ornamental design, to conform to the remodeled market house. The new street car house will be of iron framework, and plate glass, and will be so placed as not to interfere with foot travel.

No Ground for Charge - Frank Brennan, arrested by Detective Wells on the charge of vagrancy, and discharged by Judge Orr yesterday. There was no substantiation to the charge upon which he was arrested, as the young man was shown to have been born in this city and to possess ample means.

Placed Under Bonds - Stephen Reddy, convicted of assaulting Larry Goghan on the West side July 3, was required by Judge Orr yesterday to sign a bond to keep the peace. Goghan received an ugly cut on the head. It was at first alleged that Reddy struck him with a bar of iron, but this charge was after changed to assault and battery.

Question His Sanity - P. H. Norton, a stranger in the city, who applied for lodging at the central station Monday evening, was taken to the county jail yesterday, pending examination regarding his sanity. Norton said he had just left the city hospital. He was sent to the city physician's office, and later to the jail.

Draw Salary Today - The city treasurer will disburse today \$12,522.01 to employees of the street and sewer force, men employed on bicycle paths and street sweepers. The wages are for the two weeks ending July 1. The street and sewer force will draw \$10,161.51; men on bicycle paths, \$84.18 and street sweepers, \$1,856.

Expression of Thanks - Mr. and Mrs. Berry wish to return their thanks to the members of the Board of Education, Nos. 2, and to members of Engine Company No. 8, also to the employees of the Northwest Telephone Exchange company, for kindness and favor shown in their sad bereavement in the loss of their brother, James J. Berry.

YERXA SEVENTH AND CEDAR STS. Tel. 732. Meat Market, 782.

To the boy or girl under the age of sixteen years who will produce before Sept. 1 the best pen, crayon or pencil sketch that will be appropriate for the illustrated advertising of

OUR TEA OR COFFEE DEPT. We will award a prize of Ten Dollars in cash. For the drawing that shall be judged second best, we will award a cash prize of Five Dollars.

Matches, 3 cents A package, containing six boxes of good Parlor Matches.

Flour, 30 cents For 49-pound bags of the very best Flour that's made (Yerxa's Extra Brand). Good Patent Flour at 15c.

Eggs, 10 cents A dozen for good Eggs. We guarantee every one to be fresh and sound.

String Beans, 8 cents A peck for the best ones.

Wax Beans, 8 cents A peck for the best ones.

Halibut, 10 cents Per pound for fresh Halibut Steaks.

Salmon, 12 cents Per pound for fresh Salmon Steaks.

Mustard, 7 cents A jar for pure German prepared Mustard. Put up in useful table dishes.

CIGAR DEPT. SEIDENBERG! SEIDENBERG! SEIDENBERG!

We place on sale, while the lot lasts, a 5-cent straight cigar to sell at 1 cent, and seven for 2 cents, a magnificent smoke, namely Seidenberg & Co.'s Great

Cigars and Tobaccos at Cut Prices.

See our exhibit of Van Camp's Soups, Pork and Beans and Macaroni and Cheese.

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IN SIGNS OF WELCOME

ARE THE DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF RECEIVED

SESSION AT THE CAPITOL

Gov. Lind Through an Interpreter Extends a Greeting on Behalf of the State, Mayor Kiefer for St. Paul and Judge Mott, of Faribault, Adds a Few Lines for the Deaf People of Minnesota.

A convention of the silent! A convention whose laughter is inaudible, whose plaudits are only gestures, whose brightest bits of repartee must be conveyed by flashing eyes and nimble fingers!

Yet the 200 or more delegates who were present yesterday morning in the house of representatives, sitting in the hall, when President Koesler called together the sixth annual convention of the National Association of the Deaf did not inspire one with feelings of commiseration for their affliction. In fact there was room for little but wonder that a gathering of human beings so afflicted should present the bright, alert appearance they did, or come together at all to discuss means for the bettering or improvement of the condition of their members.

Besides the delegates there was a fair sprinkling of visitors present, and these with the guests of honor increased the number to a gathering that fairly filled the hall. Three large American flags formed the simple but effective decorations.

Rev. J. M. Koehler, the president, who is also pastor of All Souls' church, Philadelphia, is a man of imposing appearance, and his thoughtful face gives evidence of rare intellectual attainments.

President Koesler first announced the coming of the silent force that followed. H. Cloud, St. Louis, Mo.; George T. Dougherty, Chicago; Mrs. O. Hanson, Faribault, Minn.; R. M. Ziegler, Mt. Airy, Pa.; Rev. J. M. Koehler, ex-officio, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. S. Vail, Indianapolis, Ind.; George W. Veditz, Denver, Colo.; Theodore D. Estrella, Berkeley, Cal.; Thomas F. Cook, New York city; Rev. A. W. Mann, Gambier, O.; W. H. Rothrock, Omaha, Neb.; George S. Porter, Trammont, N. J.

Bishop Gilbert was introduced and made the invocation, which Gov. Lind, or Judge Orr yesterday. There was no substantiation to the charge upon which he was arrested, as the young man was shown to have been born in this city and to possess ample means.

WELCOMED THE MEMBERS OF the association on behalf of the state. The governor's speech was interpreted by Miss Clara Halverson, of St. Paul.

"We are accustomed," said the speaker, "to look upon the silent force that moves our street cars along the avenues and the steam cars that brought you here in magnificent trains from distant parts of the world. In a brief space of time, as the marvel of the world, my mind human skill and ingenuity has accomplished no greater feat than that which you are to be here today to undertake and do the work which I know that you will perform so well."

The governor spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to attend the commencement exercises held here at Faribault, and expressed his astonishment not only at the great strides which had been made in improved methods of instructing the deaf, but also at the wonderful responsiveness of the afflicted. Gov. Lind told of the neglect of the deaf in earlier times, and contrasted it with the wise care bestowed on them by the present generation.

Concluding he welcomed the members of the convention most heartily in the name of the state.

The objective of the city was extended by Mayor Kiefer, his hearty greetings being translated into the finger language by Miss Pearl Herdman, of St. Louis.

JUDGE MOTT ADDS SOMETHING. Judge Mott, of Faribault, who has lived for more than thirty years beside the school for the deaf in Faribault, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the deaf people of Minnesota. The speaker gave the members of the association, who practically all of the graduates from the institutions for the education of the deaf were self-supporting. Rev. D. F. Bangs, superintendent of the school for the deaf at Devil's Lake, N. D., interpreted Judge Mott's address. Brief addresses were also given by Superintendent Clark, of the school for the deaf at Faribault, and Dr. De Motte, of Indianapolis, who is a school teacher for the deaf. Dr. De Motte also read the president's address, while President Koesler gave it in the sign language.

"The condition of this progressive state and beautiful city by the eminent gentlemen who have just addressed us," said the speaker, "merit our warmest thanks, and the generous arrangements made for our entertainment and the excellent programme offered leave nothing to be desired in our most anxious desire for a comfortable and pleasant, is thereby assured us. May it be written among the most enjoyable and successful yet held."

PRESIDENT KOESLER THEN mentioned briefly the more important matters which are to be brought before the convention. He recommended that the officers of the association be elected as at present constituted the affairs of so many "figure heads," with the exception of the president, having no voice in the management of the association. He recommended that the officers be made members of the executive committee.

The question of a "figure head" continued the president, "What practical purpose do gatherings of this kind serve? And it is to be easily and satisfactorily answered at all times. I am sure, however, that much good must be accomplished through these national meetings, not only of this national association, but of the various state societies, in the case of deaf mutes in the advancement of the deaf as a class; their attainments and capabilities; to disabuse the public mind of the erroneous and prejudicial entertainments concerning us; to call attention to ways and means for bettering our condition, and to the mutual assistance and encouragement attendant upon the gathering of a widely scattered people, and to make the means of great lasting good."

The speaker urged the necessity of strengthening the membership. Touching upon the work accomplished by the association, he said: "The only proper method of increasing the membership of the association has been engaged by the action of the statute to Dr. Thomas Hopkins Galahad at Washington, D. C., which \$2,000 was raised. I want to suggest now a project that may well enlist our best energies and our best talents toward the establishment of a school for deaf mutes in Alaska. Some time ago my attention was called to the fact that there is a very large number of uneducated deaf mutes in Alaska, and it is constantly increasing. My correspondence informs me that there are 200 on the Yukon river, and that the population of a large proportion of the Yukon is made up of these mutes. The speaker touched upon the matter of representation at the proposed international congress of the deaf to be held in Paris next year, recommending that the five American members of the international congress of the deaf be held in Faribault, and that the representatives of the association now in session. He also recommended that greetings be sent to the deaf mutes in Alaska, which convene at Liverpool July 24.

READING OF REPORTS. The president's address was followed by the reading of various reports. A. R. Spaulding, chairman of the executive committee, outlined the plan for the entertainment of the delegates. The morning session of the convention will be held at 10 o'clock.

EMIL GEIST, JEWELER, 62 East Seventh St. (Enlarged Store.) The right goods at the right prices.

ings will be devoted to business and the afternoons and evenings to pleasure. The members of the Minnesota association have arranged a trolley ride for the visitors, showing them Minneapolis and St. Paul. There will be no session Friday, as the convention is to be held the entire day at Lake Minnetonka.

Yesterday afternoon the parlor floor of the Windsor was given over entirely to the deaf mutes, and the congenial little groups, talking to old friends or making new ones. In a secluded corner or on the stairway a lad and lassie might be seen conversing as brightly together as if they were speaking.

There, a gathering of matrons were nimbly imparting recipes, no doubt, or exchanging interesting experiences. That jocular and clever jokers, too, were often cracked, was plainly evidenced by the merry glances exchanged among the members of the various groups. Many of the members of the association were being married only by a slurring of the syllables and a rapid utterance. Though the majority communicate with one another by signing on the fingers, they number use the sign language gesture expressing a sentence. In this way, of course, they communicate their thoughts much quicker than they could by spoken language.

ONE COLORED DELEGATE. Miss Blanche Wilkins, of Alabama, a graduate of Faribault, is the only colored delegate. Miss Wilkins has taught in various schools for the deaf in Alabama, and is considered a very bright and capable teacher.

The executive committee met in the afternoon and will present its report to the convention either today or Friday. Mr. W. R. Hutchinson, of Alabama, inventor of the "akoullation," an instrument to enable the deaf to hear, made a number of interesting experiments with his invention during the afternoon. A band with plates, to be fastened over the ears, is placed about the deaf mute's head. By means of the plates, the deaf communicates with a battery and switchboard. The latter regulates the intensity of the sound communicated by means of the electric current.

INFORMAL RECEPTION. An informal reception was held last evening in the parlors of the Windsor. Pretty frocks and fragrant flowers were in evidence. The affair was delightfully informal, there being no set reception committee, but everybody saw that everybody else had a good time. At 10 o'clock the guests sat down to an elaborate banquet, the menu of which was arranged in the form of "W" in the ordinary of the hotel, and the feast was brightened by centerpieces of cut flowers, etched out with palms and ferns. Short after-dinner speeches were rapidly communicated by means of the fingers, and though the banquet was a noiseless one it was nevertheless a jolly one.

BEYOND THROWN DOWN. Will Not Serve on the Board of Equalization This Year.

The board of aldermen having eleven members and the assembly but nine explains why three members of the board and but one of the assembly were chosen as city representatives on the board of equalization and abatement yesterday. The salary paid each of the members of the board of equalization means about \$200 to each of the members.

A meeting of the joint bodies was called for yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering the school board budget, which the school board had submitted with the recommendation that the suggestions of the school board be granted. Previous to the session of the common council the board of aldermen had agreed and voted to vote as a unit for the selection of Ald. Reeves, Kenny and Murphy and Assemblyman Warner as members of the board of equalization and abatement.

When the joint bodies were called to order by President Denny the school board budget was read and the mayor accompanying it was quickly disposed of by referring it to the joint committees on ways and means from both bodies. The school board budget was then read and the school board members proceeded to ballot for four members of the board of equalization and abatement. Assemblyman Warner was chosen as one of the members of the board last year, objected to this, and wanted a resolution passed naming himself and Assemblyman Warner as the two members from the school board to sit on the board of the board of aldermen that body saw fit to name. The proposition of Mr. Benson was voted down by a vote of 13 against it.

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DIVVY OF FIRE FUNDS

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT MAKES THE APPOINTMENT TO THE VARIOUS TOWNS

OF THE TAX ON PREMIUMS

Amount Is Less Than That of Last Year—Minneapolis Business Was the Greatest, and the Fire Department 'Of That City Consequently Fired' the Best—St. Paul Comes Next.

Insurance Commissioner O'Shaughnessy yesterday completed the apportionment of taxes paid by fire insurance companies on the premiums received in this state to the various towns, villages and cities in the state having fire departments. The state retains one-half of the tax and gives the other half to fire departments. Any town in the state that has a section of hose is entitled to this aid and in the schedule sent to the state auditor by Mr. O'Shaughnessy yesterday over 300 towns come in for this aid.

There is a perceptible falling off this year in the revenue collected from this source. Last year the total tax collection was \$3,579.99, as against \$3,353.53 apportioned yesterday.

The apportionment is made on a basis of a 2 per cent tax, but of companies doing business in this state and incorporated in states where a larger tax is levied than that imposed in this state, the retaliatory tax is put into effect. In other words those companies are charged the same tax that is charged Minnesota companies. The tax collected from Michigan and Ohio companies amounted to \$187.85, and from Wisconsin companies \$1,600.

The larger towns get amounts as follows: Albert Lea, \$177.15; Anoka, \$123; Austin, \$114.12; Lake City, \$126.28; Crookston, \$232.02; Duluth, \$3,462.94; Faribault, \$269.89;ergus Falls, \$136.37; Hastings, \$124.55; St. Paul, \$5,724.11; St. Cloud, \$374.62; St. Peter, \$112.59; Sleepy Eye, \$109.33; Stillwater, \$397.14; Wabasha, \$117.87; Winona, \$798.21.

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ONE COMMITTEE NAMED. Real Estate Men Go Over Savings Bank Report.

Judge Brill announced yesterday the names of the three committees who are to examine and report to the court as to the value of the realty assets of the Savings Bank of St. Paul. The gentlemen selected are Robert H. Dougan, E. J. Hodgson and Ald. J. W. Shepard.

The committee of three bankers who are to report on the assets other than realty holdings has not yet been announced, but will probably be made public today.

A meeting of the depositors of the bank will be held this evening at Assembly hall, Third and Wabasha streets. It is announced that the committee of five appointed at the meeting held Sunday will submit a partial report. Owing to the large number of depositors, admittance to the hall will be granted to those who can show a bank deposit book.

The committee appointed by the depositors of the St. Paul Savings bank to go over the schedules of the bank met yesterday afternoon at 7 o'clock. The members are now looking over the schedules in the office of Public Examiner Pope. The committee is composed of Judge Egan, S. F. Child, J. M. Hawthorne, C. A. Rose, Frank Griggs and J. E. Stryker. Mr. Stryker was the only absent member of the committee. He had been called to Stillwater on business.

proved, of which \$10,000 was placed in the sinking fund of the board.

The secretary was directed to advertise for bids on eight tons of eighth-inch lead pipe.

CHIEF COOK CALLS ATTENTION TO WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SERIOUS MATTER.

Three Engines at the Feed Warehouse Monday Unable to Get Any Water—In Future Connections Will Be Made With Large Main.

At the meeting of the board of fire commissioners last night Chief Cook called the attention of the board to what might have proved a serious matter had the fire in the St. Paul Flour & Feed company's plant Monday morning not been under control within a short time after it started. Chief Cook said he had eight engines at the fire. Three were stationed on Fourth and Wabasha streets and the engines on Fourth street had plenty of water, as there was a twelve-inch main on the street. On Fifth street, however, the case was very different. The engine at Neill and Fifth streets with one line of water, and the engine at Olive and Fifth street could get no water. The main on Fifth street, the chief said, was a six-inch one, and he suggested a larger main be placed on the street. He had the board to be stretched within thirty minutes after the department arrived on the scene the shortage of water might have caused considerable loss.

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ONE COMMITTEE NAMED. Real Estate Men Go Over Savings Bank Report.

Judge Brill announced yesterday the names of the three committees who are to examine and report to the court as to the value of the realty assets of the Savings Bank of St. Paul. The gentlemen selected are Robert H. Dougan, E. J. Hodgson and Ald. J. W. Shepard.

The committee of three bankers who are to report on the assets other than realty holdings has not yet been announced, but will probably be made public today.

A meeting of the depositors of the bank will be held this evening at Assembly hall, Third and Wabasha streets. It is announced that the committee of five appointed at the meeting held Sunday will submit a partial report. Owing to the large number of depositors, admittance to the hall will be granted to those who can show a bank deposit book.

The committee appointed by the depositors of the St. Paul Savings bank to go over the schedules of the bank met yesterday afternoon at 7 o'clock. The members are now looking over the schedules in the office of Public Examiner Pope. The committee is composed of Judge Egan, S. F. Child, J. M. Hawthorne, C. A. Rose, Frank Griggs and J. E. Stryker. Mr. Stryker was the only absent member