

CITY NEWS.

Two Diphtheria Cases - Diphtheria was reported at the health office yesterday existing at 724 East-Seventh and 646 Wabasha.

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

To Improve Burr Street - The quarterly meeting of the Burr Street Improvement society will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock in the parlors of Grace M. E. church.

Funeral of J. S. Craig - The funeral of John S. Craig, a veteran car builder, who died Friday at his home, 687 East Fourth street, will be held this afternoon from the family residence.

Camera Club to Consider Toning - The St. Paul Camera club will meet Tuesday evening, F. P. Hazel, of New York, will deliver an address upon "Toning," with demonstrations.

Prohibitionists Are Social - A Prohibition social will be held at the residence of Andrew Rankin, 708 Carroll street, Thursday evening. There will be a brief literary and musical programme.

Joint Installation - Capital City Camp No. 234, Modern Woodmen, and Capitola Camp No. 126, Royal Neighbors, will give a joint masquerade party Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, at Central hall.

For Federal Court - The January term of the United States circuit and district courts will open next Tuesday morning. There are twenty-seven cases on the circuit court calendar, twenty-one of them being jury cases.

Passion Play Pictures - Next Wednesday evening the famous Passion Play moving pictures, which are exciting such enthusiasm in the city, will be shown in the Church of St. Louis, Wabasha and Exchange streets.

Hanley Is a Bankrupt - John C. Hanley, formerly state organizer of the Farmers' Alliance, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the federal court yesterday. The liabilities scheduled \$10,833.63 and the assets \$1,684.75.

Licensed to Do Business - The state insurance department has licensed the Financial Aid association, of St. Paul, to do business. The association is an average and under average insurance organization.

Will Be Buried Today - The funeral of Mrs. E. T. Gadd, who died at the residence, 234 Ashland avenue, Wednesday, will be held at the residence today at 2:30. The funeral will be conducted by Dr. D. R. Dunagan, of St. Louis.

German Veterans Meet - There will be a meeting of the German-American Veterans' association today, at 3 o'clock, in Garfield hall, Grand block, Wabasha street. All German-speaking veterans of the Rebellion and of the Spanish-American war are invited.

Mr. Porter Ill - The Northwest Railway club has sent out cards canceling the engagement of H. F. J. Porter for an address before the club at its monthly meeting at the Ryan Tuesday evening. Mr. Porter's serious illness being the reason assigned. It is hoped to have him present at the February meeting.

Central High School Will Close - The funeral of Miss Flora L. Austin will take place at her late home, 1300 Terrace Park avenue, tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. No school will be held at the Central high school in order that teachers and scholars may attend.

Bishop of Indiana Here - Rt. Rev. Bishop Francis, for many years an Episcopalian missionary in Japan, of which he had been elected bishop, recently elected bishop of Indiana, will preach this morning at 11 o'clock at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, corner Portland avenue and Kent street.

Water Board's Annual Meeting - The annual meeting of the board of water commissioners will be held tomorrow afternoon, President Wolterstorff, Secretary Caulfield and Supt. A. R. Starkey will, it is claimed, be re-elected, and if any changes are made it will be in the minor clerkships in the office.

City Hospital Report - City Physician Ancker reports 288 patients treated at the city hospital during December. There were 120 patients admitted, and three births. Deaths numbered 29, and 114 patients were discharged, leaving 153 patients at the institution Jan. 1.

Architects Omeyer & Thori Are at Work on the Plans, and the Structure Is Promised to Be an Impressive Edifice.

Omeyer & Thori, architects, are preparing plans for a college building which will be erected by the United Lutheran church society at Hamline during the present year. The building will be 162 by 90 feet, three stories and basement, of cream Roman pressed brick and cut stone, with stone columns and carved copes, iron cornice and skylights and iron roof. The heating plant, steam and fan ventilating, laundry, kitchen, dining-rooms, bath rooms, gymnasium and store rooms will occupy the basement.

On the first floor in the rear will be a fireproof library, with vaults, chapel to one side and lecture room on the other. The building will be plastered with asbestos and wired for electric lights. The second and third floors will be fitted up as students' quarters and finished in yellow brick. The structure will cost \$75,000.

BIRTHS TWICE THE DEATHS. Natural Increase in Population in St. Paul for December. The report of the health department for December, 1899, gives the following figures: Deaths, 131; births, 266; marriages, 107; death rate per 1,000 per annum, 7.56; death rate for December, 6.55; of the deaths 66 were males and 65 females. Contagious diseases to the number of 65 were reported, of which 38 were diphtheria, 27 scarlet fever and 3 membranous croup. There were 2 deaths from diphtheria and 1 from croup. There were 7 deaths from cholera, 10 from heart disease, 15 from tuberculosis of the lungs, 14 from pneumonia, 12 from Bright's disease and 4 from old age.

IT WAS NOT A COCKLE SHELL. Complaint States Bear Island String Fired Hired a Steamer. The case of Joseph Oscar, by Joseph Peppinger, his guardian ad litem, against A. Guthrie and Charles Follette, partners in A. Guthrie & Co. and the Journal Printing company has been transferred from the Hennepin county to the Ramsey county district court on a change of venue. The action is an echo from the battle of Sugar Point.

IS IT COUNTY'S DUTY

TO PROVIDE FOR THE CURE OF HELPLESS VICTIMS OF THE LIQUOR HABIT? HARRY SCHOTT'S POSITION He Recites to Judge Bazille That He and His Family Are About to Become a Charge Upon the County, and He Wants to Find Out Whether the Law of 1897 Is Valid or Not.

The local institutions for the cure of alcoholism have united for the purpose of testing the law making it incumbent upon the county to stand the expense of furnishing a liquor "cure" for any inebriate who is about to become a public charge. Yesterday, Attorney Morton Barrows filed in probate court a petition signed by one Harry A. Schott.

In his petition Schott sets forth that he is thirty-four years old, and so addicted to the use of intoxicants that he has at times lost all self-control. Furthermore, he alleges that himself and family are about to become charges upon the county, and asks that the probate judge designate some institution through which he can be sent to the cure of chronic alcoholism.

"The petition raises an interesting question," said Judge Bazille yesterday. "Formerly the probate court had the same jurisdiction of inebriates as of insane persons, and it was discretionary with the court to commit them to a reformatory ward for inebriates at the state hospital at Rochester. Chapter 23, General Laws of 1897, however, abolished the inebriate department, and the same jurisdiction of inebriates as of insane persons, and it was discretionary with the probate court to, upon petition, designate any institution for the cure of the liquor habit and send the man there, the petition being approved by the court. The constitutionality of the law has been questioned, and there have never been any applicants. Now the various institutions have decided to test the law."

For Fifteen Years Miss Austin Had Taught in the Public Schools. Miss Flora L. Austin, who for the past fifteen years has been teaching in the St. Paul high school, and a resident of Merriam Park, died Friday morning at 5 o'clock. Her death was unexpected, either by herself or her friends, and was caused by a most unusual ailment and a fatal stroke.

Miss Austin, says the Midway News, leaves a void that no one can fill. Her character approached the ideal of efficiency, extending to her entire circle of acquaintances and over so many successive years of work in the St. Paul high school, as was uplifting as it was wide. She had gathered around her in the community, where, through the years she has been so active in every good work, a large group of affectionate friends. During the recent anxious years in our public schools, she has been a shining, loyal, beloved teacher. Her relation to Merriam Park society was manifested largely through her activity in the Presbyterian church. She has given herself to the culture and development of the young people she so much loved and by whom she will be held in tenderest memory throughout their whole lives. It is the common tribute of all that in Miss Austin our community had a most beautiful type of cultured Christian womanhood. That womanhood, though cut short in years, has been rendered more beautiful by the noble, unselfish spirit of her closing days on earth. She will ever be a part of the life of this suburb that she loved so much. The fact that she ended her work here, where she began it nearly a dozen years ago, will give all time bind her into its memories and enhance that influence of which her life was the source. The services in connection with the funeral will be held on Monday morning at 10:30 at the family residence. The burial is to be private.

THEIR ELEVENTH ANNUAL. Junior Pioneers to Give an Entertainment Wednesday Night. The Junior Pioneers have all arrangements perfected for the eleventh annual entertainment, to be given at the Waldorf Hotel, at 8 o'clock, Wednesday night. There will be a reception in the lodge parlors at 8:15, from 7 to 8:30, after which the following musical and literary program will be rendered: Overture.....Selbert's orchestra Song—"Bianca".....Tito Mattel Address....."The Junior Pioneers" Fred G. Ingersoll.

Songs—"Aria" from "L'Alceste" "A Dream, Bright and Fair".....Florentine E. E. McCormick. Contralto Solo—"A Dream".....Bartlett Miss Millie Esperanza. Potpourri. Recitation.....A. G. Johnson A few minutes of "The Waldorf Hotel." Henry Dellfield, Piano Accompanist. Tickets may be had at the following places: Sherwin's office, 117 Tenth street; Fred A. Deifel, Neff & Rosenquist, E. N. Nelson, Albert W. Bork, Albert Spangenberg, George Hague and Charles T. Jessen.

The Junior Pioneers now number some 400 members, being one of the most active and energetic organizations in the city.

FOR THE FUND. Local Collections Amounted to \$374.30 Prior to the Meeting. The Red Cross society reports total collections prior to last night for the Boer fund of \$374.30, as follows: Collected by Theodore F. Koch, previously reported, Dec. 29, 1899, \$225.55; H. L. Shirley, Breckenridge, Minn., \$2; D. Ritz, Clara City, \$2.50; W. J. Lutz, St. Paul, \$1; H. Sanders, St. Paul, \$1.75; Louis Koch, Minneapolis, \$12; Theodore Sanderson, St. Paul, \$1; John H. Lindstrom, Minn., \$3; E. H. Shalen, Lindstrom, Minn., \$5; H. Van der Wal, Castleton, N. Y., \$2.50; Van Ryan Bros., Wood, Wis., \$1.50; Peter Huts West St. Paul, \$1; John J. Johnson, \$1; Dr. Ohlaga, St. Paul, \$1; H. A. Zettel, Shakopee, Minn., \$1; A. Christ and H. E. B. Raschick, \$1; John Van der Wal, Dickinson, N. D., \$1; H. Shirley, Breckenridge, Minn., \$2.50; K. Gorman Pott, Raymond, Minn., \$2.50; total collected, amounts of less than \$1, \$7.25; St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900, \$24.80; collected by the Volkskettung, St. Paul, \$1.50; total, \$374.30. \$2.50; total, \$374.30.

HE KILLED HER CHICKENS. One of the Grounds on Which Mary Fischer Seeks a Divorce. Mary Fischer has commenced an action in the district court for a divorce from her husband, Edward Fischer, on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. The plaintiff alleges that her spouse was possessed of a violent and ungovernable temper and frequently assaulted her. August 30, according to the complaint, Edward slaughtered a lot of chickens belonging to Mrs. Fischer, despite her protests, and on the following day chased her from her home with a club, threatening to kill her.

COMMONS DEBATING CLUB. The Commons Debating and Social club will resume its weekly Monday night meetings tomorrow night. An excellent programme has been prepared, including the following numbers: Address, Mr. James McFarland; reading, Mrs. McMiller; song, Mrs. Goodman; piano solo, Miss Lattina; reading, Mrs. Johnson; recitation, Mr. Perry; piano solo, Mr. McElrath; song, Miss Sunstrom; duet, Mrs. Riddle and Mrs. Bostwick; solo, Mrs. James Mulligan; solo, Miss Blomberg; solo, Prof. L. B. Austin. The election of officers will take place. The meeting will be open to the public, and no admission fee will be charged.

GRANTED STATE CERTIFICATES. State Superintendent Lewis yesterday issued state certificates to Ellen M. Norwood, for the first two years, and Elizabeth M. Wilson, of Montevideo, for five years.

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THE SECOND WEEK OF Our 44th Annual Linen Sale

finds us with unbroken assortments in spite of the largest week's business ever done under this roof—in spite of largest Linen Sales ever made in the Northwest.

The Sale is a Wonder = =



nothing short of it. While Linen prices in Belfast and everywhere where good Linens are made have gone up and are still going up every day, our prices

Are Lower Than Ever.

Of course there's a reason for it. Most of our purchases were made fully six months ago. And on top of these early transactions comes an extraordinary purchase of over 1,600 Tablecloths and Napkins from John S. Brown & Sons at a discount of MORE

THAN ONE-THIRD off from lowest regular prices. This came about by a peculiar and extraordinary manufacturers' competition, which is not likely to occur again in fifty years. It may be just as long before you'll find such low prices again.

These prices must end with present stocks. And these stocks are selling faster than ever before.

- John S. Brown & Sons' Damask Linen Table Sets—Cloths and Napkins Match— 8-10 Cloths, 5-8 Napkins, regular \$9.50 sets for \$5.05. 8-10 Cloths, 5-8 Napkins, regular \$12.25 sets, for \$7.25. 8-10 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$13.50 sets, for \$9.30. 8-12 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$14.50 sets, for \$10.25. 8-12 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$22.50 sets, for \$15.60. 10-10 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$14.50 sets, for \$10.05. 10-10 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$27.00 sets, for \$19.40. 10-10 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$32.00 sets, for \$24.35. 10-12 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$19.00 sets, for \$13.45. 10-12 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$24.50 sets, for \$18.45. 10-12 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$32.00 sets, for \$22.95. 10-14 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$19.50 sets, for \$14.45. 10-14 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$38.00 sets, for \$29.00. 12-12 Cloths, 3-4 Napkins, regular \$46.50 sets, for \$37.00.

Extra Special. Only 160 John S. Brown & Sons' Bleached Damask Linen Table Cloths, bordered all around, 2 1/2 yards long, at the unheard of price of..... \$1.70

Extra Special. Only 120 dozen John S. Brown & Sons' 5-8x5-8 size, regular price \$4.00 a dozen. While they last..... \$2.50

Remember this:—Everything in the Linen Room, including Bed Spreads, is marked at reduced prices during this Annual Sale.

- TABLE LINEN—20 pieces, Bleached Damask Table Linen, 68 inches wide, regular 90c quality..... 68c Linen Sale price..... \$1.22
- TABLE LINEN—16 pieces Bleached Damask Table Linen, full 72 inches wide, handsome new designs, worth \$1.75 a yard..... \$1.22 Linen Sale price..... \$3.95
- NAPKINS to match every pattern of the above Table Linen, regular price \$1.50 a dozen..... \$3.95 Linen Sale price..... \$1.22
- NAPKINS— \$1.35 Napkins for 98c a dozen. \$1.50 Napkins for \$1.10 a dozen. \$2.25 Napkins for \$1.60 a dozen. \$2.75 Napkins for \$2.10 a dozen. \$3.25 Napkins for \$2.60 a dozen. \$5.00 Napkins for \$3.95 a dozen.
- WHITE TERRY BATH TOWELS— three sizes, but only in one quality: Size 22x45 inches, 25c kind for 14c. Size 24x50 inches, 35c kind for 22c. Size 30x60 inches, 50c kind for 33c.
- TOWELS—1,200 HEMSTITCHED Huck Towels, size 20x38 inches, very soft finish, ready for use..... 22c 25c kind..... 19c
- PILLOWCASES—Finest Irish Linen Pillowcases, HEMSTITCHED BY HAND and EMBROIDERED BY HAND. \$2.25 kinds for \$1.68 a pair. \$3.75 kinds for \$2.95 a pair. \$4.50 kinds for \$3.40 a pair. \$5.50 kinds for \$3.90 a pair.
- BEDSPREADS—100 Fine Satin-Marseilles Bedspreads, with double-korral fringe, extra large sizes for brass beds; regular \$4.00 kinds, for..... \$2.80

THE WONDER OF THE SALE—A quantity of IRISH LINEN Pillowcases, will made, with two-inch HEMSTITCHED HEMS (positively not more than twelve to one buyer). Each only..... 25c

The quantity is fairly large, but we doubt if it will last all day.

Annual Sale of Sheetings.

This annual sale will continue another week. We tell you about the sale more from a sense of duty than from a desire to make large sales. Every yard of these Sheetings is worth more than our present selling price. And they will cost us four or five cents a yard more to replace when sold.

- Bleached Sheetings, 2 1/2 yards wide, 30c quality for 24 cents. Bleached Sheetings, 2 1/2 yards wide, 28c quality for 22 1/2 cents. Bleached Sheetings, 2 yards wide, 25c quality for 20 cents. Unbleached Sheetings, 2 1/2 yards wide, 25c quality for 20 cents. Bleached Pillowcases, 1 1/2 yards wide, 16c quality for 13 cents. Ready-made Pillowcases, size 22 1/2 x 36 inches, 11 cents. Ready-made Sheets for full size beds, 40 and 45 cents.

A PRICE WONDER IN Women's Tailor-made Suits

SIXTY-ONE highest grade Tailor-made Suits are ordered to be sold tomorrow. They're made of fine Scotch and English Men's-wear Tweeds, Cheviots and Coverts. They were the best values in town at our regular prices

- 8 of these Suits were priced \$29.50. 11 of these Suits were priced \$27.50. 13 of these Suits were priced \$25.00. 17 of these Suits were priced \$22.50. 2 of these Suits were priced \$20.00.

They're worth these prices today, for they're made in the best manner and in very latest styles. But new Suits will soon be here—maybe they'll not be very different, and they can't be better. So these must go, and they will go quickly at

\$15.75 \$15.75 \$15.75

A Suit. We promise you that no equal bargain can be found in the Twin Cities, or anywhere, for that matter. A small extra charge if alterations are required.

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There Other High-Pressure Sales

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In progress here all of which mean large savings to our customers. The most important of these are— The Clearing Sale of Dress Goods, The New Year's Silk Sale, The Reduction Sale of Suits and Jackets, Men's Shirts, Collars and Cuffs.

January Silk Bargains.

Notwithstanding the steady advance of Silk prices all along the line there is a collection of bargains for you that you will find strongly attractive. They include not only the Novelties which must be closed out quickly, but also many staples in good Black Silks.

- 10 pieces regular 85c black Taffetas for 69 Cents. 5 pieces regular \$1.50 black Taffetas (27 inches wide) for \$1.00. 5 pieces black Satin Duchesse, regular \$1 quality, for 75 Cents. 15 pieces black figured Taffetas, full 24 inches wide, regular 85c and \$1.00 qualities, for 68 Cents. 10 pieces black, figured Satin Duchesse, \$1.00 quality, for 66 Cents. "Cheney Bros." BEST Foulards in black and white designs, only 75 Cents.

A Great Clearing.

A mixed lot of high-class Novelty Taffetas, Satin and some Foulards, about 1,000 yards in all, worth from 85c to \$1.50 a yard. To close out the entire lot in a single day we'll make the price

55c 55 Cents 55c

Dress Goods Bargains.

The man with the price-cutting knife has gone through the Dress Goods stock and made some slashing cuts in prices. The few items we mention will show what has been done. They're all this season's goods. Prices will warrant buying for future use.

- 10 pieces Skirting Plaids—strictly all-wool goods, 54 inches wide, very good styles and splendid values at \$2.00 a yard. Our new price is..... \$1.25
- The entire stock of Imported Novelty Dress Patterns, strictly exclusive styles and only one pattern of a kind, all at HALF-PRICE.
- Remnants of Wool Dress Goods—Every short end in the entire stock—dress lengths, skirt lengths, waist lengths and lengths for children's dresses—all lengths from 2 to 7 yards at about HALF-PRICE.

NEW TAILOR CLOTHS for walking skirts—heavy weights to be made up without linings. They're strictly all-wool in stylish brown and gray mixtures. As they are full 56 inches wide, 3 yards will make a skirt. Prices, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard.

"Sorosis," The New Shoe for Women. "Sorosis" Shoes are the best and most popular merchandise that ever came to this town. Think of a woman's Shoe that's made of best materials by best shoemakers, in twenty-six different styles, all at \$3.50 a pair. Women who used to pay \$5.00 for their Shoes now buy "Sorosis" and save \$1.50 a pair. Women who used to pay \$3.50 for their Shoes now buy "Sorosis" and get better Shoes than they ever wore before. We sell Rubbers and Overshoes to fit "Sorosis" Shoes.

Lining Leaders. Cut Glass.

Lots of new Linings came last week. Everything that's wanted is here in best qualities and at lowest prices.

- Genuine French Harecloth, the best that's made at any price, black and gray, tomorrow only..... 12 1/2c
- Imperial Silk-finish Taffetas, either plain or satin-striped, black only..... 10c
- "Silkoline"—a fine Silk-finish Skirt Lining in black and colors, only..... 12 1/2c
- Lucerne-finish Percale, black only, very special value, at..... 12 1/2c
- Fine Silsesia, all colors, 10 Cents. Pure Linen Black Canvas, 18 Cents.

FOR MEN—ANNUAL SALE OF SHIRTS, COLLARS AND CUFFS.

A good, well-made shirt can be sold for \$1.00. And if you get the right shirt it is as good as most men wear, and as good as any man need wear. Now our "Wellington" laundered shirt is just such a shirt. It is thoroughly well made of best Shirting Muslin and Irish Linen. The only difference is the price. We're selling them for

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apiece during the annual sale, but not at other times of the year.

IRISH LINEN COLLARS, made by the very best makers in the United States—Collars that look as well and wear as well as any collar you can buy for 20c and 25c. All the leading styles in standups and turndowns. Annual sale price..... 10c

CUFFS made by the same makers. Ninety-nine merchants out of a hundred sell them for Linen Cuffs. As a matter of fact they're all Cotton, but they're finished by a new process which makes them look like linen—and probably they wear better. Price..... 12 1/2c

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WERE OUT ALL NIGHT, Yet the Jury in Cady vs. Telephone Company Did Not Agree. The jury in the case of Lavatta Cady against the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Company just before noon yesterday, after being out all night, reported a disagreement and was discharged by Judge Evans. The plaintiff sued to recover \$5,000 for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by falling over a plank on a sidewalk on Broadway, near Tenth street.

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