

BARGAINS IN FURNITURE. Are the rules, not the exception, here this month. Our Colored Ticket DISCOUNT SALE applies to every article—nothing reserved or marked up. You can save from 10% to 50% from our regular low prices.

CITY NEWS. Charles' Members Meet Tonight. The charter commission will hold a session this evening in the council chamber.

Report of Contagious Diseases. Scarlet fever is reported by the health officer existing at 708 Arundel street, and diphtheria at 625 James street.

Will Speak at Olivia—State Superintendent Lewis left yesterday for Olivia where he will address a meeting of the local teachers' association today.

Made No Choice. The commission to select an institute for the cure of alcoholism to which the members of the board of county expense met yesterday and adjourned till Thursday.

Goes into Bankruptcy—John Haley, a section foreman at the Milwaukee Railroad company, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, placing his liabilities at \$252.50, and his assets at \$1,499.

Charged With Non-Support—Frank Mayer, living at 252 Colborne street, was charged by his wife in the police court yesterday with non-support. Mayer pleaded not guilty and secured a continuance until Monday morning. He was released on \$25 bail.

Stove Was Overheated—A slight blaze at 94 East Twelfth street called out the fire department at noon yesterday. The fire caught in the wall of the building from an overheated stove. The damage was slight.

They Are Professionals—State Superintendent Lewis yesterday issued the following state professional teachers' certificates: For life, V. R. Wasson, of Blue Earth; for five years, E. Dean, Lavemore; J. B. Wadley, Edinburg; Mabel Stewart, Janesville; for two years, Georgia Nichols, Winnebago City; Lillian Wheeler, Park Rapids; Edmund G. Jewett, St. Paul; and M. J. Griffin, Hamline.

APPROVED BY M'CARDY. Health Department Pay Roll Bears Comptroller's O. K.

PASTOR'S WIFE DEAD. Funeral of Mrs. W. F. Fritze to Be Held This Afternoon.

A Demonstration. Showing the new developing paper, "Argo" (gloss and matte), which is now creating so much of a sensation among people interested in photography, will be given Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Jan. 26, at Dyer's, 21 and 23 West Fifth street, by an expert direct from the manufacturer. All are invited.

YERXA SEVENTH AND CEDAR STS. 2 cents Per pound for Fresh Rolled Oats. 10 Cents A pound for Rich, Mild Full Cream Cheese. 14 cents A package for the famous H. O. Oatmeal. With every package of Oatmeal we give you a package of H. O. Self-Rising Pancake Flour.

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TO PRISON FOR LIFE. THAT IS THE SENTENCE FIXED BY THE CODE FOR GUILTY CRIME. MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

On Account of the Difficulty of Proving Premeditation, He Was Permitted to Plead Guilty to Murder in the Second Degree When the Case Came Up for Trial Yesterday.

Frederick Gulon, indicted for murder in the first degree, for the killing of James Miller, Nov. 15, 1899, changed his plea of not guilty yesterday and pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree. The prisoner, when arraigned before Judge Jaggard, appeared as cool and collected as though he was an uninterested spectator in the court room.

The crime for which Gulon will be sentenced today was committed in the office of Justice Smith, on the West side, Nov. 15, 1899. A grievance against Justice Smith and in a fit of rage he was shot out of the court and returned with a wound in his chest. Miller was present. Miller stepped toward Gulon when the gun was discharged and Miller fell to the floor dead. Gulon fired a second shot, but Attorney Barta grabbed him and the charge went into the ceiling.

DID NOT GET TOGETHER. Witnesses for the State in the Costello Case.

John Costello, indicted for assault on Henry O'Connor, was acquitted by a jury in the district court yesterday. The trial of the case occupied two days, but the jury took but ten minutes to agree on a verdict of acquittal. Costello was charged with having assaulted O'Connor by hitting him on the head with a cushion in a saloon kept by O'Connor. Assistant County Attorney Zollman explained the failure to convict by saying that the witnesses for the prosecution did not agree on the statements of facts. P. L. McGhee defended Costello.

GAUTHIER IS DEFEATED. Jury Returned a Verdict for Defendant in Ten Minutes.

The jury in the case of Louis Gauthier against John F. Sanborn returned a verdict for the defendant yesterday afternoon after being out ten minutes. Gauthier brought action to recover \$100 for services rendered in assisting the defendant to collect the claims of John F. Sanborn against the United States government. The defense of Gen. Sanborn and his attorney had had Gauthier in full for all services ever rendered and owed him nothing.

LONG JURY SESSION. Federal Court Panel Has Been Sitting Seventeen Days.

The petty jurors in the United States district court were yesterday discharged by Judge Lochren as all jury cases before the court have been disposed of. More than usual, most of the jurors having been in attendance for seventeen days. There are fifty jurors, who will receive from \$5 to \$70 each, according to the amount of mileage allowed.

VACATES PART OF PLAT. Judge Otis Grants the Burlington Park Petition.

Judge Otis has filed an order in the application of Jacqueline H. Smith, asking for the vacation of certain property in the plat of Burlington Park. The order decrees a part of the plat, except lots 19 to 20, in block 4, and the alleys in the rear and south side of the lots, except Hastings avenue and North street, be vacated, and exempts the title to the application from any further proceedings. A copy of the judgment is ordered filed with the register of deeds.

ONLY EARNED A DIME. So the Mississippi Valley Asks the State to Excuse It.

C. H. Judson yesterday made a return to the state treasurer for the gross receipts tax of the Mississippi Valley Telephone company. While it was a matter of regret that the company had earned a mere dime, not, however, because of its anxiety to pay its money into the state treasury, but because there was a large deficit, the company was unable to make as favorable a report as it would like. The year's earnings figured just ten cents, while the expenses of construction were \$300,000. The letter explained that the ten cents was received from the sale of bonds, and will be framed by the company as its first earning.

ST. ANDREW'S WORK. Local Brotherhood Men Are Addressed by D. G. Maynard.

Dun Green Maynard of New York, vice president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew church, connected with St. George's church, in that city, was present last evening at a meeting of the local assembly held at St. Andrew's church. The gathering was in the nature of a conference. Mr. Maynard is interested in the work of the brotherhood, and being on his way from the Pacific coast to New York, he was invited to stop off at St. Paul and give the local assembly the benefit of his experience, as well as some suggestions as to the manner in which the work could be carried on. Mr. Maynard urged the subdivision of the chapters into committees to visit the hospitals and jails, and to see that strangers in the city were invited to attend church, and after that called on by a visiting committee. He related numerous experiences in the work of the brotherhood, and answered numerous questions put to him by members of the local organization. The aim of the brotherhood, he said, was not to be a school for clergymen, but to bring men into the church. Mr. Maynard was entertained by the officers of the church, and will leave for the East this morning.

W. MARIANI. Mariani Wine—World Famous Tonic. Recommended throughout the world by the Medical Profession, and during thirty-five years pronounced the most reliable, effective and agreeable tonic and stimulant. Prevents Grip. All Druggists. Refuse Substitutes.

IN A BROADSIDE COLLISION. OMAHA AND BURLINGTON TRAINS GET MIXED IN THE UNION DEPOT YARDS.

A Peculiar Accident Which Resulted in Smashing a Car, but Inflicted No Personal Injuries—An Investigation to Follow. The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha express from Chicago, due in St. Paul at 8:10 in the morning, struck the Burlington Chicago express in a broadside collision on the Burlington "Y" yesterday, as the latter train was backing out of the union depot station sheds preparatory to finishing its run into Minneapolis. By the fortunate circumstance that the coaches struck by the Omaha express were almost empty, there were no fatalities. The accident was peculiar in the nature of the collision, explained. The Omaha train supposedly was protected by block signals, yet it crashed into the Burlington express while the latter was backing down the "Y."

The Burlington's Chicago express is due in St. Paul at 7:15 in the morning and had unloaded its passengers in the union station and was backing out on the "Y" to switch on the Minneapolis line when the accident occurred. Just as the express backed down the "Y" the Omaha night express from Chicago came spinning into the yard, and the two met, the Omahas crashing into the side of the next to the rear coach of the Burlington.

At the instant the two trains came together half the Burlington coach was across the intersection of the Omaha main line and the outgoing tracks of the Burlington. The coachmen state that as the Omaha passed its nearby block, which was open, the engineer leaned far out of his cab window and saw the Burlington coach backing out. He immediately reversed instantly, at the same time throwing the air and applying sand to the rails. The momentum of the heavy train was so great that his prompt action was of little avail. The Omaha engine was plowing through a passenger coach.

The heavy Omaha express engine, No. 25, struck the Burlington coach like a knife through an air cushion. The forward end of the last coach on the Burlington train was considerably damaged. The Omaha engine, which was backing out, was able to complete its run into the depot, though the pilot was carried away and the right cylinder badly shattered. Engineer C. Montgomery of the Omaha engine, in charge of the Omaha express, was not injured, though both he and his fireman were badly shaken up. W. F. Brien was in charge of the switch engine which pulled the Burlington, which was pulled by its own engine in charge of Richard Gray.

Witnesses of the accident state that the "semaphore signal" protecting the switch was open, showing a clear track, as the train passed it, though the arm was raised almost immediately afterward, and was semi-officially closed, and that an inquiry will allow the accident.

ABOUT A FOOT OF SNOW. That is the Average of February Fleecy for Twenty-Nine Years.

From the records of the weather bureau for twenty-nine years Local Observer Lyons has prepared the following summary of what is to be considered a normal February. The average precipitation is 33 inches, or something less than a foot of snow, the greatest recorded in any February being 4.56 inches in 1881, or over two feet of snow. The lowest recorded for any February on record was in 1877, when there was but .01 of an inch. Feb. 27 bears the record for the great snowfall in any twenty-four hours, the rain gauge showing a melted record of 1.12 inches, while the actual measurement of the snow showed 10.3 inches. The normal temperature is 32 degrees. February, 1877, averaged 32 and February, 1897, averaged 32, those being the extreme. The highest February temperature recorded was 61 on Feb. 28, 1896, the lowest 23 below on Feb. 9, 1883.

SECOND FIERY BAPTISM. St. John's School Comes Through Without Serious Scars.

The rebuilt St. John's parochial school auditorium at Hope and Grand streets was dedicated last evening with somewhat informal exercises. The auditorium has been thoroughly refitted and rearranged and the old building replaced. The exercises consisted of music, followed by a social session. Miss Millie Potgeiser, Miss Anna McQuillan, J. F. Gehan and Fred Peters, together with the Twin City Mandolin club, contributed to the evening's entertainment. Each of the soloists was cordially received, and each responded graciously. The evening was a most successful one, and Rev. Father T. F. Gleason expressed pride in the improved condition of the school. Night before last the parish came very near suffering a serious fire. A large lamp in the hall fell, but was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

MOOSE MEAT ON ICE. Minnesota Woman Arrested by Golden Rule's Special Officer.

Mrs. Anna Berglof, who conducts a knitting factory on a small scale at 1402 Washington avenue south, Minneapolis, was arrested by Special Officer Buller of the Golden Rule store, yesterday afternoon on the charge of larceny. The woman is accused of the theft of half a dozen skeins of yarn. Special Officer Buller claims to have followed the woman in her car to the store, where she was arrested. She is fifty-three years of age and is scarcely able to speak English, being of Swedish nationality.

GOSS WANTS MORE MEN. This, Too, Since Christensen Has Been Added to the Force.

Chief of Police Goss has forwarded his annual report to the mayor and council, and takes occasion to recommend an enlargement of the police force, as well as to emphasize the necessity for a new police telephone and alarm system. Chief Goss says that the 234 members of the department, there are but 148 patrolmen, which he says is wholly inadequate to protect a city of 150,000, comprising fifty-five square miles of territory. According to his report, the total number of arrests for the year were 1,862. The cases were disposed of as follows: Bound over to the grand jury, 87; bound over to the district court, 45; committed to probate court, 6; committed to workhouse,

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A COLUMN WITHOUT A FACT. Absolute Denial of a Yarn to the Effect That a Representative of the Great Northern Was Employing Men to Serve as Special Policemen—Road Not Looking for Nor Expecting Trouble.

Publication in a Minneapolis afternoon paper of a story to the effect that a representative of the Great Northern department of the Minneapolis railroad was employing men to serve as special policemen on a threatened strike of employees of the operating department of the road is pronounced an unqualified fabrication by executive officials of the railway system. One of the chief general officers of the road said last night: "It is not true that the Great Northern is employing men to serve as special policemen, or any department of the company, or any department, is now or has been employing special police in Minneapolis or elsewhere. Neither is it true that the special police committee is waiting for word from Great Northern officials as to when a conference may be held. The committee is simply that. Two days ago that committee met and presented a schedule for hours and pay which the company rejected. Then the company presented a schedule which the committee has not yet accepted. It is not true that the committee would submit the schedule to a vote of the employees represented by the committee and when the result was known would return to the company the result. It will require some time to get this vote and we have not heard from the committee on any subject since that time, and do not expect to hear from it until the vote is completed. "It is true the company has been 'sounding' individual employees concerning their views on the rejected schedule. It is not. The company has done nothing further than take particular pains to see that every employee has a correct copy of the schedule offered by the company, which has been done by the employees. We think they should understand perfectly the schedule offered by the company."

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HEARING IS UNFINISHED. Probate Court is Struggling With the Edgerly Estate.

The objections to the appointment of a guardian in the estate of Elizabeth Edgerly were heard by Judge Bazille, in the probate court yesterday. Elizabeth Edgerly was the first wife of W. E. Edgerly, they being married in England. A year after they came to America Mrs. Edgerly returned to England, and, becoming insane, was placed in an asylum at Brantwood. Edgerly came West and married Belle Gates, stating that he had secured a divorce from his first wife. This, however, was not the case. Edgerly died, leaving an estate valued at \$5,000. It is now sought to have a guardian appointed to protect the rights of the first wife in the estate. Philip Gilbert, attorney for Mrs. Edgerly, stated that she had received no notice as to the depositions to be taken in England relating to the first Mrs. Edgerly, and for this reason the proceedings were suspended. The further point was made by Mr. Gilbert that his client had a right to be heard on the appointment of a guardian for Mrs. Edgerly No. 1, and this will be argued today.

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WRAPPERS. One hundred fleece-lined Flannellette Wrappers, in new designs and good colors, regular \$1.50, \$1.65 and \$1.75 qualities. Choice today \$1.00.

Corset Room. All the Outing Flannel Night Gowns and Elderdown Dressing Saques are being closed out at large reductions.

Children's best Portage Combination Suits, worth from \$2.50 to \$3.75, choice today \$1.75.

For Men. If you have put off buying winter Underwear, now is the time to get it. For Friday's selling we have two special lots—one at a discount of 40 per cent; the other at a discount of 20 per cent.

Women's Winter Underwear. It will pay to buy Winter Underwear at these reduced prices for next winter's use, for prices then will be much higher than the present regular prices.

60 Cents. Heavy Tan Wool Shirts and Drawers, very good \$1.00 qualities for each—nearly half price. Fine heavy Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, regular \$1.50 qualities, Friday and Saturday only, \$1.20.

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SAYS A RULING WAS UNFAIR. While His Client Was on the Stand Giving Testimony the Counsel, Disturbed by an Adverse Ruling of Judge Lochren, Withdrew the Case, That Another Court Might Hear It.

The last jury case on the United States circuit court calendar came to an abrupt termination before Judge Lochren yesterday afternoon, when Attorney E. S. Thompson, conducting the case of Joseph X. Bone against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company, jumped to his feet, while plaintiff was giving his testimony, and angrily informed the court that he wished to withdraw the case. Judge Lochren granted the request, and court adjourned with Plaintiff Bone still in the witness chair. Speaking of his course, Attorney Thompson said: "From a ruling of the court that I considered entirely erroneous I concluded that my client had no show against the corporation he was fighting, and I simply tried to protect his interest by submitting voluntarily to a non-suit. By this means his case can be taken up in the state court, where a man does not have to give an excuse for living to get a fair show."

Postoffice Burglarized. KANKAKEE, Ill., Jan. 25.—The postoffice at Bradley was entered by burglars last night, the safe blown open and about \$1,000 worth of stamps and \$40 cash taken. The burglar also had the demonstration of the enormous cattle business of Miller & Lux.

California Cattle King Injured. GILROY, Cal., Jan. 25.—Henry Miller, the holder of the cattle king title, was thrown from his buggy today and sustained concussion of the brain. It is feared that the injury is extremely serious, owing to the advanced age of the millionaire. The accident was caused by the horse taking a few close friends of the family. The remains were escorted to the depot by a detail of men from the Tenth Infantry from Fort Crockett, an honorary guard from the Legion of Honor.

Diamond Robbery. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25.—Diamonds valued at \$6,000 were stolen from the safe in the office of Joseph K. Davidson & Son, manufacturing jeweler. It is evident that the thief knew the combination, as there were no marks on the safe.

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W. D. Ryan, the Illinois miner, who accused Bogie of being "a dog," got the floor at once, and, in a tone of sarcasm, said: "I have no desire at any time to retard the progress of this convention. I say what I did, and make this statement in open convention. This is my apology to the convention."

A motion to adjourn was quashed by a fierce shout from the miners. Chairman J. S. Martin, of the joint scale committee, announced that the members would hold a session at once.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—A Iowa miner, made an effort to have the Iowa operator question brought in again, but was not successful. The miners and operators were apparently in bad humor, and it was evident that no business could be done. Finally a motion that the convention adjourn, subject to the call of the scale committee, was carried.

FATAL FIRE. Two Lives Lost and Heavy Property Damage Entailed. DUNKIRK, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Two lives were lost and \$200,000 damage was done by fire today at Fredonia, a village three miles south. Besides the loss to buildings, the power house of the Dunkirk & Fredonia Street Car company was destroyed, together with all the cars. Traffic between the two places by cars has been suspended. Miss Alice Huntington is reported to have died in the fire. She was a personal effects. W. L. Bretzkofer, a printer, lost his life in the Pan-American hotel, while asleep in his room. The fire started at 3 o'clock in the hotel from some cause unknown.

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