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FRONTAGE TAX FACTS

PRESIDENT WOLTERSTORFF AND SECRETARY CAULFIELD TO GIVE COMMISSION IDEAS

COST OF BUILDING MAINS

Chairman of the Water Board Explains That It Is Much Greater Than Seems to Have Been the Sentiment of the Members of the Charter Commission at Their Meeting Friday Night.

President Wolterstorff and Secretary Caulfield, of the water board, will appear before the charter commission at its meeting Tuesday night and enlighten the board as to the facts in the frontage tax question.

President Wolterstorff, in speaking of the frontage tax question yesterday, said: "The charter commission discussed the cost of laying mains, and some of the members stated that under the ten-year tax, the tax of \$40 for a forty-foot lot would more than pay the cost of laying the main. The figures do not show this. When pipe was \$16 per ton the cost of laying a six-inch main was 95 cents per foot, and a twelve-inch main \$2.15. Now that pipe is about \$34 per ton, the cost, as one can see, has materially increased, to say nothing about the increase in labor. In the city we have 750,000 feet of six-inch, 200,000 feet of twelve-inch and 120,000 feet of sixteen-inch mains. Future mains to be laid will be about in the same proportion as to the size and amount. The board received last year about \$12,000 from the frontage tax, and this year will get \$40,000 less. If the term is reduced from ten to five years, it will at once stop all but about \$500 per year from this source. The result of this would be that the water rates would have to be raised a

sufficient amount to make up the deficiency."

The board of public works, at its meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, will open bids for asphalt paving on the following streets: Farrington avenue from Summit to Nelson avenues, Summit avenue from Sixth to Rice streets, Sherburne avenue from Cedar street to the eastern terminus. The last time bids were opened for the paving of these streets the board rejected them on the ground that the figures were too high.

Bids will also be opened for the laying of cement walks during the year. The confirmation of the assessments for the paving of Eagle street and East Seventh streets will be considered.

The assembly committee on streets will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

COUNTY PRINTING SQUABBLES.

Public Examiner Pope Hopes to Straighten Things Out.

County Auditor Henry Welbel, of Winona county, was a caller at the state house yesterday and called upon Public Examiner Pope and Printing Expert Whitney regarding the method of letting the contract for the official publications to newspapers in Winona county. There are nine papers in Winona county, and the county commissioners have adopted the plan of having their proceedings and other official notices printed in all the papers. Each paper has been allowed 25 cents per folio, one-third of the legal rate. Publication in all of the nine papers, therefore, costs three times the legal rate. This arrangement was satisfactory to the papers, the taxpayers and the commissioners, but Gen. Pope holds that it is illegal, and Capt. Whitney exceeded the legal rate.

Gen. Pope holds that the county commissioners, under the law, are required to let the contract for the county printing to one paper. If that paper is willing to divide with the others in the county and to have the official notices published in all that is none of his business, provided the charge for publication does not exceed the legal rate.

Gen. Pope intends to call a convention of county auditors during the current year to consider matters of legislation in connection with their offices, and the county printing will probably be one of them.

Printer Expert Whitney intends to bring up the county printing muddle at the meeting of the state editorial association next month.

OVER \$600 FOR RED CROSS.

Additional Subscriptions Are Reported Locally.

The total subscriptions to the Transvaal Red Cross fund, collected by Theo. F. Koch, amount to \$477.50, of which \$415.65 were previously reported.

Subscriptions of \$1 and upwards: W. F. Moritz, \$1; C. J. Conroy, \$1; F. A. Jeune-mann, \$1; G. P. Fredrika, \$1.50; Mrs. William Constans, \$1; A. Wilton, Alexandria, \$1; Van Ryn Bros., Glenwood, Wis., \$2.75; William Windhorst, Olivia, \$5.75; H. H. Bonniwell, Hutchinson, \$1; William Schmidt, Hutchinson, \$1; John Elk, Hutchinson, \$1; William Beck, Hutchinson, \$1; Louis Gewalt, Breckenridge, \$6; Otto Kueffner, St. Paul, \$5; William Pfander, New Ulm, \$5; G. P. Fredrika, St. Paul, \$5; P. Schmidt, Hutchinson, \$3. The Volkszeitung subscriptions amount to \$136.85, of which \$124.40 was previously reported. One dollar and upwards subscriptions: George Ne, Rockville, Minn., \$1; E. Hunger, Hankinson, N. D., \$3; J. F. Wentz, Elmora, Minn., \$3; Peter Von Bank, Great Falls, Mont., \$1; William Smith, Madison Lake, \$1; John C. Christ, Elgin, Ia., \$1.

Deposits made on or before Feb. 3 will be entitled to five months' interest July 1. The State Savings Bank, Fourth and Minnesota streets.

FAME WAS NATIONAL

DEATH OF SISTER M. GERTRUDE POWER, NOVICE MISTRESS AT SINSINAWA

A WOMAN OF RARE TALENT

In the Dominican Order She Spent Forty Years in Teaching—History of Her Labors in the Early Days—She Had Educated Hundreds of People at St. Clara Convent, Wisconsin.

Sister M. Gertrude Power, O. S. B., who died Jan. 7, at the convent of St. Clara, Sinsinawa, Wis., was one of the best known of the pioneer sisters of the Dominican order in the Northwest. Her work began in the early days, when the little community of the mother house at Sinsinawa was being molded and guided by its founder, Very Rev. Samuel Muzzichelli. Perhaps no educator in this section of the country has influenced directly or indirectly a greater number of pupils. Her name is known in hundreds of Catholic and Protestant families as well, in Chicago and the whole Northwest. Among the clergy she was especially esteemed, for she had to the full the old-world and old-time reverence for priestly office and appreciation of the priestly character. In speaking of her friends often quoted that saying of the cure of Ars: "If I were to meet a priest and an angel at the same moment, I would do reverence first to the priest."

ONE OF FOUR SISTERS.

Sister Gertrude was the first of four sisters who successively entered the Convent of St. Clara—the third of whom, Mother Emily Power, holds the office of mother general of the congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, whose headquarters are at Sinsinawa Mound.

In 1867 Sister Gertrude was appointed prioress of the Bethlehem convent at Faribault, Minn., founded at the desire of Rt. Rev. Bishop Grave, under the pastorate of Rev. George Keller. The difficulties and hardships of a new settlement in that latitude at that early day can hardly be realized now. During many years of struggle and privation, of founding schools and keeping them up against mighty odds, the soul of every undertaking was Sister Gertrude. Despite her exceedingly delicate constitution she seemed unconscious of hardships, and labored at the work for twenty-five years.

CHARACTER OF A PIONEER.

She had the characteristics which go to make successful pioneers in great movements, the zeal which inspired the early French missionaries in the Northwest. During the twenty-five years she never spared herself, and it is doubtful if in her mind any conflict arose between her personal feelings and the interests of the convent. Sister Gertrude was the convent; the convent was Sister Gertrude. Nothing was too irksome to be undertaken for the good of the work, and nothing so trivial that its influence was not turned to account.

After twenty-five years of this probation she was made novice mistress at the mother house of Sinsinawa, and carried there the same remarkable qualities of insight and adaptation. With the true spirit of the educator Sister Gertrude was always interested in scientific discoveries, the progress of literature and all movements which went on in the great world without.

Recently she had been absorbed in the

study of Marconi's latest discoveries and inventions in electric-magnetism, gathering up every fragment of information on the subject, reproducing Marconi's experiments in the laboratory, and striving to bring the gist of it all before her pupils. From her convent windows for thirty years her eager eye and ear had kept perfect touch with the world's sweep of affairs outside. It was this ever-freshness of thought and perpetual youth of spirit that endeavored her to her students and made her a living force in convent education. She was of an extremely frail physique in appearance, small of stature, slight, almost to emaciation, with a delicately pallid face that seemed hardly to belong to a mortal, so colorless, yet bright, it was. Contrast with this the thoughtful, resolute glance and firm mouth that betokened the strong, enduring, quick-darting spirit, and one understands somewhat of the impression she made upon those who saw her.

A WOMAN OF FINE COURTESY.

Sister Gertrude had the fine courtesy which is associated so often with great religious zeal and high culture. The charm of her gentle, bright manner, so quickened and indirectly a greater number of pupils. Her name is known in hundreds of Catholic and Protestant families as well, in Chicago and the whole Northwest. Among the clergy she was especially esteemed, for she had to the full the old-world and old-time reverence for priestly office and appreciation of the priestly character. In speaking of her friends often quoted that saying of the cure of Ars: "If I were to meet a priest and an angel at the same moment, I would do reverence first to the priest."

WAS OF GREAT SERVICE.

Sister Gertrude was a member of the council of the congregation for many years, adding by her quiet, conciliatory spirit in the important labor of guiding the congregation. To the last she was not decrepit and she was not ill. Although she had spent forty years of her life in active work, her eyes were bright and her mind alert. Before she died for two days she complained of not feeling well, but her death was wholly unexpected. She was buried in the convent cemetery at Sinsinawa, at the foot of the great crucifix. Solemn funeral mass was offered by the Very Rev. T. L. Power, O. F., brother of the deceased sister, who had been summoned from his post at Newark, N. J. He had presided at the reception of this sister to the Dominican habit and was now presiding at her burial. The Rev. E. O'Connell, of Madelia, Minn., was deacon; the Rev. P. J. Schweitzer, subdeacon, and the Rev. L. Logue, master of ceremonies. The Rev. J. J. Powder, of Spring Valley, Ill., preached the discourse in the convent chapel. There were present also: The Rev. O. Croke, pastor of St. Mary's, Proctor, Ill.; the Rev. G. Foley, Elgin, Ill.; the Rev. Jerome O'Connor, Morton, Minn., and the Rev. P. Burke, Galena, Ill.

BELTRAMI'S TALE OF WOE.

Remidji the Scene of Several Deaths of Strangers.

J. H. Haner, county auditor of Beltrami county, has sent in a report upon the county's experience with paupers and dependents during the last year. The peculiar characteristic of the report is that the county cared for at least a half dozen men who came in from the woods sick, and they all died within a short time after medical attendance was secured. Remidji is a frontier town and the base of supplies for lumbering operations of that vicinity. Lumbermen come to town, and they are frequently taken sick. The county is bound to provide the proper medical attendance and care.

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OLD PROBS COULD NOT FIND THEM A PLACE TO REST

GOLDEN RULE BARN BURNED

Seven Corners District Threatened Yesterday Morning With a Scorching Conflagration—Peculiar Accidents in Connection With a Lower Town Alarm—Department Work Efficient.

While the salvage corps and the central patrol wagon were running on Broadway to a fire at 288 Grove street, yesterday afternoon, within fifty yards of each other, accidents befell both vehicles at the same instant. The salvage corps was leading, with the patrol wagon horses dashing along a short distance in the rear, when suddenly one of the patrol horses fell down. While the animal was being shoved along the slippery pavement by the impetus of the heavy wagon, attention was detracted from this accident by the salvage corps wagon crashing into a street car, at Tenth and Broadway, thus bringing the wild run of both salvage corps and patrol wagon to a simultaneous termination.

The accident to the patrol team was of no consequence, for as soon as the blundering horse regained its feet the patrol galloped on to the fire. But more serious consequences attended the other accident. Driver George Laughen, of the salvage corps, was thrown from his seat when the collision occurred, and other members of the corps in the wagon were piled up in the front end several feet deep. Both horses were knocked down and the passengers on the car were severely shaken up. The rear platform of the car was somewhat damaged and a corner of the salvage wagon splintered.

As an after result of the accident Henry Eschle, a member of the salvage corps, was the victim of a painful accident that tore away the first joint of the third finger of his left hand. When the salvage team went down one of the horses fell partly under the street car. Eschle was the first to the animal's aid and tried to free one of the hind hoofs. As he pulled the hoof from under the car the horse struggled and Eschle's finger was plucked against the car by the sharp curl of the horse's shoe. The finger to the first joint was almost torn off, hanging by a shred. Other members of the salvage corps escaped unhurt.

The street car was of the Lafayette and Rondo line. It had stopped at the curve when it turns from Broadway to Tenth street. The salvage wagon was on the right side of the street, but as it neared the car one of the wheels swerved onto the track and struck the rear platform with great force. The car was in charge of Conductor Marks and Motorman Hull.

The fire was at the home of Etta Hamilton, 288 Grove street, and was caused by the explosion of a gasoline tank in a clothes hamper. The blaze was extinguished without damage.

TEN HORSES SUFFOCATED.

Seven Corners District Alarmed by a Bad Blaze.

Fire badly damaged the private stable of the Golden Rule store, 132 and 134 West Third street, shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and caused the death of ten horses by suffocation. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The stable is four-story brick structure formerly used for mercantile purposes. It extends from Third street to Eagle street and has a large basement

where the horses were stabled. The fire started from some unknown cause in the basement, though in a short time the seat of the flames changed from this locality to the upper floor. Shooting up a flume used for throwing hay from the third floor to the horses below, the flames communicated to a large quantity of hay recently stored away and in a comparatively short period the third and fourth floors were fiercely blazing within. The spread of the fire was so rapid and the threatening nature such that the firemen were compelled to give all of their attention to the building and surrounding property, so that none of the horses in the basement were rescued. Most of the animals died from suffocation. After the fire they lay dead in several feet of water that had poured into the basement.

Two of the horses belonged to Louis Green, a Rosemount farmer. He was delivering a load of oats at the stable and had put his team in the basement stalls shortly before the fire broke out. The team was valued at \$175.

The eight horses belonging to the Golden Rule were the firm's most valuable animals. Jacob Dittenhofer, of the firm, says the horses were worth \$125 each. The loss on the feed, one wagon that was destroyed, and miscellaneous articles in the stable, Mr. Dittenhofer estimates at \$50. The damage to the German insurance company of Pittsburgh and the National Union company.

Most of the damage to the buildings, which is owned by Mrs. H. B. Kellner, is to the interior. The first floor was little damaged, but the upper part of the building is practically gutted to the roof. The estimated value of the building is \$1,500. The building is insured for \$3,500 in the Westchester insurance company.

After the fire a black goat, a pet of the department, when their binding twine where the horses were smothered. The animal had survived the smoke and was standing, half submerged in water, when rescued.

ALL OF SWAMP GRASS.

Unique Exhibit to Be Made by Minnesotans at Paris Exposition.

The Northwestern Grass Twine Company of St. Paul is arranging to make a splendid display of their products at the Paris exposition.

They will have an exhibit in the fiber department, where their binding twine and matting will be displayed in profusion. This portion of the exhibit is already in Paris.

In addition, according to the St. Paul Trade Journal, they will fit up a room 12x14 with furniture made of grass twine, the floor being covered with various kinds of matting, the walls with elegant panels made of the grass twine and the ceiling with elaborate and ornamental designs of the same product. This material is now being prepared at the St. Paul works, the panels and ceiling pieces all being numbered by Charles Richard Dodge, the United States commissioner of agriculture.

Their third exhibit will be a combination exhibit of furniture and novelties for which they have secured a double space in the exposition. In this department they will display center, parlor and side tables, lounges, rocking chairs, large easy and sewing chairs and elegantly cushioned lounges, screens, large and small, with tapestry center pieces, music racks, children's carriages, go-carts, sleighs, wood, dog, waste and market baskets, hampers covered, oval and round—in fact, an almost endless variety of novelties made of grass twine with rattan trimmings. The sample room at the St. Paul works contain all these articles and it is well worth a visit to inspect and see the surprising articles which can be made from grass twine.

Besides all this they have arranged to furnish and decorate the room at the exposition occupied by Charles Richard Dodge, the United States commissioner of agriculture.

All of these exhibits will go forward to

Paris within the next few days and in all that great exposition there will be no more unique and novel exhibit than the utilization of the swamp grass of Minnesota and the Northwest made by the Northwestern Grass Twine Company of St. Paul, who have works at Oshkosh and Superior, Wis., as well as in St. Paul.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT

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About how to cure disease? When sickness occurs, if serious, the family gets excited or nervous and rushes for a doctor to begin taking "something," expecting a cure.

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HERE HALF A CENTURY.

Mrs. Ellen Wall, Who Died Yesterday, Aged Eighty-Nine.

Mrs. Ellen Wall, an old settler of St. Paul, died yesterday at her home near Fort Snelling, aged eighty-nine years. The deceased was the widow of the late Thomas Wall, who was the first jailer of the old county jail on Eagle street. She came to this city in 1851 and resided here continuously since that time. Mrs. Wall left a family of grown-up children as follows: Mrs. Wm. F. Wilson, John F. Wall, Edward J. Wall, Maggie Wall and James Wall.



Hopeless and Helpless.

The consequences of a diseased condition of the stomach and digestive and nutritive system are most disastrous to the whole body. One by one every organ may become involved. The misery is maddening. The most extreme cases of "stomach trouble" and the evils resulting from it have been cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It strengthens the stomach, purifies the blood and builds up the body with sound healthy flesh.

"I was taken with severe headache," writes Thomas A. Swarts, Box 103, Sub-Station C, Columbus, Ohio, "then cramps in the stomach, and my food would not digest, then kidney and liver trouble, and my back got weak so I could scarcely get around. I just gave money to the doctors whenever I thought they would do me any good, but the more I doctored the worse I got until six years passed. I had become so poorly I could only walk in the house by the aid of a chair, and I got so thin I had grown up to die, thinking that I could not be cured. Then I saw one of my neighbor boys and he said, 'Take my advice and take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and make a new man out of yourself.' The first bottle helped me so I thought I would get another, and after I had taken eight bottles in about six weeks I was weighed and found I had gained twenty-seven (27) pounds. I have done more hard work in the past eleven months than I did in two years before, and I am as stout and healthy to-day, I think, as I ever was."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure biliousness.

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