

Piano Bargains.. At second-hand. Many times we have some very good second-hand pianos to sell. The following are in good condition, and if the name of the kind you are partial to, it may pay you to see them.

CITY NEWS.

The Sacred Thirst Total Abstinence society will meet this evening at Cretin hall. The St. Paul Gas company has opened a temporary office at 342 and 344 Jackson street.

Supervisor Edward Jank will speak at the annual picnic of the Twin City railway clerks will be held June 10.

Scarlet fever was reported at the health office yesterday existing at 1006 Mississippi, 242 Beach, 620 Jackson, and 414 North at 35 Williams and 990 Martin.

Secretary Jackson, of the state board of corrections and charities, left yesterday for Topeka, where he will attend the annual conference of corrections and charities.

The Minneapolis Times company yesterday amended its articles of incorporation, increasing the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

Woman's pains, so hard to bear, are quickly and safely relieved by "Orange Juice."

Cost Them but Little. Several candidates filed sworn statements with the city clerk for their election expenses yesterday.

OLD ULCERS AND SORES, No Care No Pay. Your druggist will refund your money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure you.

To Be Buried Tomorrow. The funeral of the late Christian Williams L. A. Johnson, who died Sunday, will be held tomorrow at 3 o'clock from the undertaking of Thorsell, French & Taylor.

Think of This Hot Weather. You can do as much work in one hour and fifty minutes on a gas range as you can in two hours and forty minutes on a coal range.

Injured Boy Recovering. Willie McAtee, the boy who was run down by an unknown cyclist, at Dayton and Western avenues, has so far recovered that he was yesterday removed from St. Luke's hospital to his home.

Read the announcement of the Hotel Empire, New York City, on page 3 of this paper.

Play Cards for Charity. The ladies of Acker Relief corps will give a euchre party at the Ryan hotel tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

BROKEN RICE. We are making a run on broken rice this month. This is good rice, except that it is broken, and is offered by many.

Good News, 7 Cents per Can. Good Tomatoes, 8 Cents per Can. These prices are in lots of a dozen cans.

T. M. Roberts Supply Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

VERVA

SEVENTH AND CEDAR STS. Tel. 732. Meat Market, 7-2.

Strawberries

Another carload fresh this morning; fancy stock at low prices.

2 Cents. Each for California Grape Fruit, medium size.

4 Cents. A peck for best home-grown Spinach; it's just in its prime.

2 1/2 Cents. A bunch for best home-grown Asparagus, full-sized, large bunches.

20 Cents. A bushel basket for fine White Rural Potatoes.

7 Cents. Tomatoes, 3-lb. cans Standard, per can.

10 Cents. Flour, the very best quality—will make more loaves of bread from one barrel than any brand on this market.

10 Cents. Corn Meal, 10-lb. bags, best yellow.

10 Cents. Hires' Root Beer, per bottle.

10 Cents. Early June Peas, finest grade, 2-lb. cans.

10 Cents. Median Pickles, per gallon.

FRESH FISH. We have arriving at our Fish Department, several times daily, every day a kind-at prices within reach of all—from the oceans and the lakes.

Hoffman House Coffee, when sold in one of the Verva Stores, is weighed out in the coffee scales. Should "Hoffman House" be sold by any other dealer whatever, it is genuine coffee in one pound, air-tight, red cartons bearing our name. In 5-lb. form it is the spurious Hoffman House. The unsuspicious person, Java and Mocha flavor of passed Java and Mocha flavor of passed Java to 5c a pound; but we consider it fair to ask.

23c. Royal Brand, a 5c flavor, is here.

23c. Queen Brand, fresh from the roaster; we know of no elsewhere 23c Coffee that will equal its flavor, per pound 15c.

SOFT WATER 3 CENTS. Finest served at any price—can't be rich, pure ice cream, your choice of freshest fruits, all in one delightful jumble in a glass glass glass.

MODERN MARKET. Fresh Pork Chops, per lb. 10c. Fresh Pork Butts, per lb. 10c. Fresh Pork Shoulders, per lb. 10c. Fresh Pork Sausages, per lb. 10c. Salt Pork, per lb. 10c. Picnic Ham, fresh smoked, per lb. 10c.

HONOR TO SOLDIER DEAD

GENERAL ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE HELDS MEETING

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO HELP

Spanish-American War Veterans Will March in the Parade and Assist in Decorations—The Committees.

The general committee on Memorial day observance of the Grand Army of the Republic met last night. The parade and general exercises will be under the direction of various committees, as follows:

Executive Committee—George Brooks, J. C. Donahower, F. C. Malory and B. Converse.

Finance—F. B. Doran, George Austin, F. C. Malory and M. R. Prendergast.

Printing and Program—George W. Eekles, B. Converse, William J. Steffy and L. Winchell.

Music—E. F. Kenrick and Miss Elsie M. Shaw.

Locating and Flagging Graves (Oakland Cemetery)—J. B. Cheney, E. R. Nethley and Allen Swayne.

Same (Cemetery)—F. X. Rotter, M. Sigo and William O'Gorman.

Same (Lutheran Cemeteries)—Charles Stuhmeier, F. J. Devine and F. C. Scherfner.

Same (Forest Cemetery)—H. A. Morse and members of Woman's Relief Corps.

Same (Forest Cemetery)—G. H. Fitch, George Austin and J. G. Neff.

Same (West Side Cemeteries)—Gettysburg post and ladies.

Funeral—J. G. Chittenden, E. F. Kenrick and B. Converse.

Auditorium—G. H. Fitch, A. E. Messinger and L. Winchell.

Transportation—J. G. Neff and George Austin.

Decorations—A. M. Bartlett, M. S. Mead and L. M. Bryant, assisted by fifteen members of Garfield corps, ten members of the corps, and members of Old Corps, ten members of Ellsworth circle, and six members of Biddle circle, also, Sons of Veterans, and Spanish-American veterans.

It was decided that two bands should be provided for the parade and other exercises. After considerable discussion it was decided by motion that the decorating committee shall not purchase flowers, but that the children of the city and the citizens be invited to bring flowers of all kinds for decorative purposes to the Auditorium the day before Memorial day, where they will be placed on the graves of veterans. The finance committee was empowered to purchase wreaths and flags for decoration purposes to that extent necessary.

All details concerning the time and place from which the parade will move were left by resolution, to the executive committee.

On motion it was decided that the chairman of the various committees report to the chairman of the finance committee on Tuesday afternoon, and the expenses to be incurred by each committee.

Invitations to participate in the exercises will be extended to all national guard companies in St. Paul and Battery A, the Army and Navy units, the Sons of Veterans, the Spanish-American veterans, the letter carriers, the naval veterans, the Elbridge Zouaves, the Junior Pioneers and all other organizations of a civic or military character. They are requested to report to E. S. Cullen, chief of police, on Tuesday afternoon, and prepared for the parade committee, stating the number of men to be in line and other conditions. Replies to such invitations are requested on or before Tuesday.

A member of the Sons of Veterans stated that that organization would send firing squads and corps of buglers to each cemetery, and that a company of forty men would be sent to the parade.

Adjournment was had until next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

PROBABLY NOT SO LARGE

LATER ESTIMATES REDUCE FIRE LOSS TO \$80,000.

Indications are that the loss by the fire in the May building early yesterday morning will fall considerably below the first hasty estimate. It seems probable that the estimates made on the contents of the quarters by the insurance and gas companies were considerably too large.

Henry G. Gillo, superintendent of the Electric company, says that he did not believe that the loss of this company would fall below \$75,000.

"The electrical supplies of the company," he said, "were all stored in the building, which also included all the machinery and the tools. I do not think that there will be any valuable salvage from the wreck. The material is covered with a large mass of ruins, and besides was burned and heated until it will be useless."

Manager Lathrop, in charge of the business in St. Paul for the Gas company and the Edison company, however, says: "While we have not figured up our losses, having devoted our time to moving our new quarters, I am of the opinion that there is every reason to believe that it will be covered by the insurance, which amounts, I think, to about \$200,000."

This makes a great difference in the total loss, reducing it to \$80,000 or less. The insurance on the different properties destroyed and injured by the fire was:

Brunner and Maxwell Building—\$7,500. Milwaukee Mechanics—\$7,500. Harover—\$7,500. Orient—\$7,500. Hamburg-Bremen—\$7,500.

Total—\$30,000. St. Paul Gaslight Company's Stock—\$2,000. Hartford—\$2,000. Commercial Union—\$2,000. Aetna—\$2,000. Swiss—\$2,000. Imperial—\$2,000. Agricultural—\$2,000. New Hampshire—\$2,000.

Total—\$12,000. St. Paul Electric Light Company's Stock—\$2,000. Scottish U. and N.—\$2,000. National—\$2,000.

Total—\$4,000. New Hampshire—\$5,000. Pennsylvania—\$5,000. Continental—\$5,000. Brunswick—\$5,000. Delaware—\$5,000. Pacific—\$5,000. Franklin—\$5,000. Erie—\$5,000. Boston—\$5,000.

Total—\$25,000. N. Clark Building, 385-387 Jackson—\$100,000. National—\$10,000. Pacific—\$5,000. Grand Rapids—\$5,000.

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TEMPORARY OFFICE

ST. PAUL GAS LIGHT CO.

342-344 JACKSON ST.

Western—\$2,500. Concedia—\$5,000. Farmers' of Philadelphia—\$3,000. Allemania—\$2,500. Spring Garden—\$3,000. Manchester—\$2,500.

Total—\$23,000. The gas company has opened temporary offices at 342 and 344 Jackson. The fire is attributed to electric wires.

GRAND JURY TO CONSIDER

ALLEGED ABDUCTION OF BOWMAN CHILD TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Miss Marguerite Bowman has not been able to gain control of the child, Ida May Bowman, at Buffalo, Wyo.

Miss Bowman, when it was learned through the office of Buffalo that the little Bowman girl and an elder brother, who is alleged to have been a party to the abduction, were at that place, left for the West to try to regain possession of Ida May.

The case was called on May 8 by Miss Bowman, who received a writ of habeas corpus. She was represented by Judge Merz, an able attorney of Sheridan, Wyo. Three attorneys appeared in opposition.

An motion to dismiss the proceedings was denied and then a motion for a continuance was not favored by the opposition on the ground of a desire to secure affidavits in Minnesota. The case was continued to May 10, and was on that date called on by the West to permit the securing of affidavits.

The child, Ida May Bowman, is at the home of Mrs. Jones, who is a relative and lives at Buffalo, Wyo.

Miss Bowman is on her way home, and it is understood that when she arrives she will lay her case before the grand jury, which is sitting at Buffalo, in opposition to Oscar Bowman, who took the child out of the jurisdiction of the probate court.

Assistant County Attorney Zollman stated yesterday that there would be trouble in furnishing Miss Bowman with counter affidavits.

DOWN SHAFT THIRTY FEET

EMPLOYEE AT GRIGGS BROS. INJURED BY FALL.

Dennis Clifford, employed by Griggs Bros. grain dealers, at Third and C streets, was dangerously hurt yesterday morning by falling thirty feet down the shaft of the elevator shaft.

Several other employees of the firm, none of whom, however, witnessed the accident, are of the opinion that the elevator shaft is also likely to be seriously injured. Clifford was thrown to the bottom of the shaft, which in a measure accounts for the extent of his injuries.

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HER SCHOOLS ARE RICH

MINNESOTA'S SCHOOL FUND INVESTS HALF A MILLION.

State Treasurer Koerner has just completed the investment of a half million dollars belonging to the permanent school fund that has been received by the state from payments on land certificates and land sales held by State Auditor Dunn since Jan. 1. The last \$200,000 was invested in a few days ago in Virginia state bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2 per cent for the first year and 3 per cent thereafter. Mr. Koerner has found it difficult during the last months to locate suitable investments for the school fund, and as a result, with the last investment made as well as the previous ones, it was necessary to pay a premium on the bonds.

Some idea of the state's finances may be gathered from a perusal of the state treasurer's report. The state debt is approximately \$1,225,000, while it has invested to the credit of the school funds alone nearly twelve times that amount.

"Have been almost insane with headaches, but found relief through 'Orange Juice.'"

FLED FROM THE FLAMES

SAM F. FULLERTON HAS A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

Samuel F. Fullerton, former state game warden, and now special agent of the state land department, turned up yesterday at the state house after a five weeks' trip in the northern woods, where he spent most of the time in running away from fire.

Mr. Fullerton reports less damage from forest fires than might be expected from the extent of the burned-over area. "Very little green timber has been touched," said Mr. Fullerton, "and from my own observation and what I could learn from cruisers the fires have been confined principally to cut-over lands. The country is very dry, and the tall grass on the cut-over lands ignites, and burns like a flash of powder."

"The state has lost but little timber from the fires, and I don't believe the large lumber companies have been losers to any great extent. Green timber does not burn very readily, but when it gets a good start there is no telling where it will stop. As a rule, however, and with the fire this spring only the butts of the trees have been burned. Even after a tree has been killed by the fire, it can a year later, it will saw into good lumber."

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SCHOOL WORK

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS OPENS

MANY DELEGATES PRESENT

Convention Listens to Address by Rev. Dr. Meldrum and General Secretary Lawrence—Programme for Today.

Over 150 delegates from various parts of the state arrived in St. Paul yesterday to attend the forty-second annual convention of the Minnesota Sunday School association, which opened last evening at the Central Presbyterian church. An informal reception was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of giving the visiting delegates an opportunity of becoming acquainted with one another and with their entertainers.

Dr. Meldrum welcomed the delegates on behalf of the churches, stating that he hoped they would enjoy their visit to St. Paul as much as the people of this city would enjoy it.

D. R. Noyes, who has spoken on behalf of the citizens, was called to St. Louis last evening on private business. Mr. Noyes sent a letter to the convention, in which he said that the work in which the delegates were employed, and the workers themselves, merited St. Paul's warmest and warmest commendation.

Gov. Lind was also unable to be present, but sent word that he would address the meeting this evening.

The order of the evening was delivered by Marion Lawrence, general secretary of international work. Mr. Lawrence's subject was "The Sunday School Teacher as a Social Worker."

"Believe," said the speaker, "that the teacher is the highest officer in the Sunday school, so far as influence is concerned, and that the superintendent, Mr. Lawrence gave as the four most important qualifications of the Sunday school teacher, regularity of attendance, punctuality, cheerfulness and tact. He advocated practical religion, claiming that there was more religion in a handshake than in the distribution of any number of tracts. His conclusion was that the teacher should be a social worker. He stated that character was the important thing; unless the teacher possessed sincerity and sympathy it was impossible for him or her to make any impression on the pupils."

Beginning at 8 o'clock this morning there will be a conference of county officers, led by J. K. Fancher. There will also be a conference of trustees of the "General Sunday School Management," led by Marion Lawrence.

The women of the Central Presbyterian church will serve luncheon at the Sunday school room for the delegates.

ST. PAUL CADETS ENTERTAIN A LARGE AUDIENCE.

The St. Paul Cadets gave a very clever musical entertainment last evening at the Central Presbyterian church. A Mozart ball at sunrise was the first number, and was followed by a view of such as the name would imply. Percy Greaves sang "Wild Irish Rose," and H. A. Morse, assisted by the orchestra, danced. A humorous monologue was given by H. Barclay Jr., and Harry Dorr recited a very merry poem. The first part of the programme concluded with a drill by the cadet squad under command of J. H. West.

A dozen boys with black faces, and alarming apparel seated in the regulation military half of the orchestra, when the curtain went up for the second time. G. Grant and W. S. Schneider rattled the bones, and A. J. P. Farley and De Lano handled the tambos. The opening chorus was by the glee club, comprised of a dozen backfaced youngsters. Carl Hibbard gave a solo and was accompanied on the violin by H. Dorr. Gates Grant sang a song, and De Lano and Barclay won rounds of applause with their work on the banjo. Solos were also given by William Thelard, and a cake walk by eight members of the company concluded the entertainment.

NOTED MASONS TO ATTEND

WEST SIDE LODGE TO WORK THIRD DEGREE.

Shaking lodge of Masons will hold a communication this evening at the Masonic hall, South Wabasha and Isabel streets. It will work in the master degree, a number of guests will be present, including Grand Master Charles E. Thelard, of Madison, Wis., and Grand Master George Braunders, of Fargo, Minn., and others.

LETTER, No Cure No Pay.

Your druggist will refund your money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure you. 50 cents.

REACHING FOR BUSINESS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPOINTS COMMITTEE WITH THIS VIEW.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday a resolution was adopted authorizing the president of the body to appoint a committee of not more than twenty-five to take active steps to bring to the city its share of agricultural produce raised in Minnesota and the Northwest.

The committee is to consist of prominent business men, without regard to their connection with the Chamber of Commerce or other commercial organizations.

The municipal committee was instructed by a resolution, introduced by F. Williams, to investigate the ordinance granting the Manhattan Hotel, Light and Power company the right to use the streets, which is now in the hands of the mayor.

INSANE PRISONER HAS TROUBLE IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Sheriff John Wagener had quite a time with a prisoner in his office, George McDermott, who is supposed to be insane, and had been arrested in there and Deputy Sheriff Jansen. He was taken to the office, and Jansen, having some errand outside, left him in charge of Deputy Egan.

After he had left McDermott became noisy and asked Egan if he was under arrest. Receiving a reply in the affirmative, he said it would take a half dozen men to keep him in there and he started to walk out. He changed his mind after he had a tussle with Sheriff Wagener and Deputy Egan. He was finally taken to the county jail and locked up for safe keeping.

McDermott will be held until some arrangements can be made by Mr. Hutchen, of the Relief society, for his care.

NO INSULT TO THE BOERS

GOV. LIND SAYS THIS STATE WILL NOT OFFER ONE.

Gov. Lind is not favorably impressed with the plan of some of the governors of other states, to invite the Boers to seek refuge with them in the event of their being defeated in their fight against the British.

"We should offer them something more substantial than such an invitation," he says, "and enable them to preserve their integrity and independence in their own country, rather than invite them to reside here. Such an invitation would be simply adding humiliation to their defeat. The idea is absurd to ask people of South Africa, thousands of miles away, to come here, but if they do come they can be assured of being received with open arms."

"If the report is true that the Boer commissioners will not be received in Washington, if they visit Minnesota they will receive a hearty welcome."

"I think it is a mistake for this country should stand silently by and witness the stamping-out of the only two republics on the South African continent and see them made into crown colonies."

AS TO FREE HOMES BILL

FEDERAL COMMISSIONER EKMAN EXPLAINS ITS OPERATION.

O. B. Ekman, United States commissioner at Roseau, was a visitor at the state house yesterday. Mr. Ekman states that the passage of the free homes bill would result in placing honest sellers of government land on an equal basis with those holding other public lands. Hereafter five years' residence was required as well as the payment of \$1.25 per acre before land could be made.

The free homes bill will put settlers on Indian lands in a position to prove up at the end of fourteen months by the

Field, Schlick & Co.

More Suits and More Skirts

Two brand new lots—both bought at about half price—both on sale today at NEARLY HALF-PRICE. Isn't that better than buying old stock at a discount?

SUITS—43 New Tailor-made Suits, including fine Cheviots, Camel's Hair Cloth, Men's Wear Twills and Coverts. They're made up in very latest styles of Etons and tight-fitting effects. ALL THE JACKETS ARE LINED THROUGHOUT WITH TAFFETA SILK. Some of the Suits are handsomely appliqued. We guarantee every suit to be man-tailored and worth from \$18.50 to \$25.00. Wednesday's great sale price will be

\$10.75 \$10.75 \$10.75

a suit.

SKIRTS—We received yesterday 175 tailor-made unlined wool Dress Skirts, made especially for summer wear. Materials are fine Homespuns, Scotch and English Men's Wear Tweeds and Cheviots. While all are made of strictly high-grade cloths, some are better than others. The values run from \$7.75 to \$10.75. Choice of the lot for

\$5.75 \$5.75 \$5.75

today.

Fine Wash Goods

In the Domestic Room. Three lots of handsome new Wash Goods on three center tables deserve particular attention.

LOT 1. A table full of choice new Dimities, Batistes and fine Lawns.

10c

LOT 2. A big lot of finer Dimities, India Batistes, Swisses and Organdies in beautiful styles.

15c

LOT 3. Novelties in Corded Batistes, Striped and Embroidered Chambrays, soft-finish Crepes, etc.

20c

NOT ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

TO CALL LIEUT. DAVIS "CHIPPY," SAYS JUDGE ORR

HOGAN CASES DISMISSED

Two Charges Made by Police Officer Against Prisoner Dismissed in Police Court—The Prisoner Charges Persecution.

Lieut. Joe Davis was worsted in the fight with J. E. Hogan in the police court yesterday. Judge Orr discharged Hogan, maintaining that it was not abusive language to address Lieut. Davis as "Chippy" Davis.

The arrest of Hogan, it is alleged, grew out of the election. Hogan, wearing a Robert A. Smith button, met Davis at a dance shortly before election day and displayed his Robert A. Smith button, so it was related on the witness stand yesterday, when he claims Lieut. Davis expressed his contempt for the Democratic candidate and insulted Mr. Hogan by threatening to spit on the button. Hogan defied Lieut.