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**CITY NEWS.**

A meeting of the state high school board will be held at the state capitol Monday. Nicholas Pottenger, member of the board of public works, is ill with rheumatism.

Rice street bridge was closed to team and passenger travel last night. The grade crossing on Claghorn street, across the railway tracks, will be ready this morning.

Mayor Kiefer has directed the closing of all city offices at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. This will give the city employees an opportunity to attend the exercises at the opening of the public baths on Hurst island.

A small blaze at the plant of the St. Paul Gas Light company, Fifth and John streets, called out the fire department yesterday morning. The fire was caused by a slight quantity of oil leaking from a tank and lighting. The damage was small.

State Agent W. A. Gates left last night for Ferguson Falls, where he will investigate the case of Mike Anderson, a negro, who moved to Otter Tail county a short time ago with his wife and seven children. Mrs. Anderson soon after became violently insane.

A bicycle thief visited the home of Dr. A. Henderson on Merrim Park, early yesterday morning and stole three bicycles stored in a wheel house. The door of the wheel house had been left unlocked so the thief had easy access. The bicycles belonged to Dr. Henderson, Rev. G. Ten Broeck and Gordon Henderson. The theft was reported to the police.

A stranger giving the name of Luther Mack was arrested on an affidavit at Fourth and Minnesota streets yesterday morning, and in falling down struck a large plate glass window in the Dispatch job printing office, shattering the pane. Mack escaped injury from the falling glass and soon recovered sufficiently to proceed upon his way.

The Maria avenue cars, commencing Sunday, will be operated around the Cedar street loop. The cars will leave Seventh street at Cedar, passing to Eighth, Wabasha and Fifth, thence to Broadway and again on to Seventh. The double track has been completed all the way to Indian Mound park and extra cars will be operated on the line in order to accommodate the travel to the park and fish hatchery.

The club house used for two seasons by the commercial cyclers has been sold and the officers of the organization are looking around for other quarters. Chairman Favre, the location of an entirely new building, the location of which is not definitely decided. Secretary Sling stated

yesterday that the matter has been carefully canvassed by the officers and some sort of tangible plan would be submitted to the club within a short time.

Bishop Whipple confirmed a class at St. Philip's mission last night.

The funeral of George Hamner, who died in Minneapolis Wednesday, will take place tomorrow at 9 o'clock from St. Vincent's church.

The Manhattan Light, Heat and Power company yesterday filed with the city clerk an acceptance of the original franchise granted the corporation.

A. R. McGill, who is to succeed Postmaster Smith will have the duty and pleasure of making appointments for the two new postal stations which will be opened about July 1.

Labor Commissioner McHale reports the conviction of the proprietor of a bakery at Virginia, Minn., for violating the child labor law. The case was prosecuted by Factory Inspector Moersch. A fine of \$20 was imposed.

A proposition has been made to establish mail service between the postoffice and the North St. Paul station via the Stillwater electric line. W. C. Heckman, assistant superintendent of the railway mail service, is in the city investigating the matter.

A meeting of the veterans of the Spanish-American war will be held in the hall of representatives at the state capitol tonight at 8 o'clock to arrange plans for Memorial day and select a commander. All veterans of the late war are united to attend.

Because Charles Scheutzwitz, living at 759 Reamy street, is alleged to have driven his two step-children from home under threats to kill them, Humane Agent Mendel will endeavor to have the accused parent disciplined by the municipal court. It is claimed that Scheutzwitz ejected the children and menaced them with a revolver.

An unroofed frame barn at South Wabasha street and Fairfield avenue, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. During the fire adjacent property was threatened by the flames, but with the aid of the fire department this danger was obviated. The loss on the barn is estimated at \$500. The property was owned by William Reed. The cause of the fire is not known.

The favorite Minnesota State band, which played its way into the hearts of St. Paul audiences last season, will begin a series of concerts at Lake Como Sunday afternoon and evening next, giving two complete concerts of entirely different programmes at each concert.

The band has been augmented by several soloists of note and an excellent orchestra. The music will be found to exceed that of last year.

Frank Cooley, who has been restored to competency after confinement at the Rochester insane asylum, here was sent as an inmate yesterday on the charge of drunkenness. Cooley fell heir to considerable property several years ago and is now a millionaire.

**ECZEMA, No Cure No Pay.**  
 Your druggist will refund your money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure you. 50 cts.

**FOR MEMORIAL DAY.**  
 Gen. Ord Post in Charge of G. A. R. Arrangements.

To prevent misunderstandings or mistakes, Col. George Brookins, commanding Gen. Ord post, G. A. R., calls attention to the members of the G. A. R. and auxiliary societies and the public generally to the fact that Gen. Ord post is in charge of the Memorial day arrangements. Commander Brookins is chairman and R. A. Becker, secretary, of the general committee, which will meet at the post hall in Odd Fellows' block this evening.

The following are the chairmen of the subcommittees:  
 Finance—F. B. Doran.  
 Reception—R. C. Moore.  
 Music—E. F. Kenrick.  
 Locating and Flags in Cemetery—J. H. B. Moore.  
 Calvary—Wm. O'Gorman.  
 Luthery—Charles Sudheimer.  
 Port—H. A. Moore.  
 Port Snelling—George Aushin.  
 West Side Cemeteries—Comrades of Gettysburg.  
 Invitation—E. S. Chitenden.  
 Auditorium—G. H. Fitch.  
 Transportation—Brookins.  
 Decoration—A. M. Bartlett.

**Teachers' Examination.**  
 The annual examination for entrance to the Teachers' Training School will be held in the Central high school building, Monday, May 29, and in open session without as well as within the city. Applicants must present certificates showing a satisfactory equivalent to a standard high school course. The examination required will be similar to those for college entrance.

**TRY GRAIN-O! TRY GRAIN-O!**  
 Ask your Grocer today to show you the new Food that takes the place of coffee. Food children can drink it without injury as well as the adult. Ask who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich smell brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. At the price of coffee is 5c and 25 cts. per package Sold by grocers.

**OH! SO FAT!**  
 The Specific Dieting Tablets take away the fat from the body. No dieting, no purging. 75c. Sold by all druggists. Prepared by Dr. J. H. F. Fitch, Philadelphia, Pa. Samples and circulars FREE. Sold and recommended by the following druggists: F. W. Farber, Thomas & Jones, R. A. Becker, Nelt & Rosengard, W. A. Frost & Co.

**MCDONALD GAINS EIGHT**  
**AS A RESULT OF RECOUNT OF BALLOTS YESTERDAY**

**PLURALITY IS NOW TWELVE**  
**Comptroller-Elect Betz Claims Errors Discovered During Benson-Parker Recount Will Change This-Parker Behind.**

The monotonous chant of "Betz one, McCarty one" from a committee room in the council chamber, mingled with a similar recitation from an adjoining room all yesterday, except that the verse was "Parker o ne, Benson one."

The McCarty-Betz recount commenced at 10 o'clock and the Benson-Parker affair an hour earlier. When the referees quit at 5 o'clock, following the McCarty-Betz recount, the Benson-Parker recount had progressed considerably. The entire Eighth ward and four precincts of the Ninth had been gone over. The official figures without taking into account the Benson-Parker ballots, gave McCarty a gain of eight votes yesterday, and this, with the four which he gained Wednesday, makes his plurality twelve.

In the recount yesterday McCarty gained one vote in the Sixth precinct of the Eighth ward, two in the Fourteenth precinct, one in the First precinct and one in the Ninth ward one in the Thirteenth precinct. He lost two in the Seventh precinct of the Eighth, two in the Twelfth, three in the Eleventh and one in the Ninth of the Ninth he also lost one.

Betz lost one in the Fourteenth, one in the Tenth and eight in the Twelfth of the Eighth ward, and one in the Eleventh of the Ninth. He gained a vote in each of the Seventh and First precincts of the Eighth ward.

The ballots referred yesterday four will be shortly be counted for McCarty and six for Betz.

In the Benson-Parker recount the referees have finished the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth wards and one precinct in the Eighth ward. When the referees quit last evening the plurality of eight on which Parker was declared entitled to the seat, responded to the Benson and Parker recount of 37. Parker gained two votes on Benson yesterday.

Both recounts will be resumed this morning.

**OVALATION TO HOOSIER POET**  
**JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY DELIGHTS HIS MANY ADMIRERS.**

James Whitcomb Riley laughed last night at the People's church, and the world—or a part of the world that was there—laughed with him. It was a good part of St. Paul's world that was present to greet the Hoosier poet, and he was welcome to them all. Riley had an ovation was tendered.

Mr. Riley's humor is so unostentatious, that he is so quietly with little gurgling and eddies, one in the First precinct and for all the world like a mountain brook, that the effect produced is more of the good-natured, "jolly" description than a hilarious one. Therefore, therefore, Mr. Riley tells mostly of homely people and their homely doings, all classes of people appreciated the utter naturalness of the humor and last night all classes of people applauded.

The poet does not attempt anything he cannot do well, but he does some things much better than others. Therefore, of especial delight to the audience was his reading of his own Hoosier verse. He has lived close to the life of the Hoosier country and he has a feeling for it that draws, their own peculiar philosophy are his. They could have no more genuine an interpreter. In his rhymes of childhood, and in the reading of those rhymes last night he gave his audience a glimpse of something perhaps most precious that has long ago been forgotten, a peep into child's land.

In his character sketches the imitation of the young school teacher visiting a neighboring school was imitable. The story of the "Wife of the Year" would tell the funny story. To hear Mr. Riley laugh is a liberal education in the manner of how it should be done. There were a number of those who responded to the poet excusing himself on the ground that his voice was not strong enough to permit of his adding to his original program the reading of the poem. But it is safe to say that every one present went home last night with the picture of running brooks in their ears.

Mr. Shawe, baritone, and Miss Strong, pianiste, added to the success of the entertainment. Mr. Shawe sang "Don Juan Serenade," "Tchikowsky," "Woe is a Star," Hawley, and "Believe Me," Old English. Miss Strong played Chopin's "Polonaise," opus 33.

**STATE ACCOUNTANT MAKES A FEW REMARKS ANENT THE CLEARANCE SALE**

Replies to his critics. The auditor said that the law is not intended to place a plain common sense interpretation upon the provisions of chapter 22, Law of 1899, which forbids the sale of land in the interests of the taxpayers of the state, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that in almost every county of the state the law has been strictly carried out and hundreds of thousands of dollars of back taxes have been paid into the county treasuries. We have held that where a tract of land was sold for more than the taxes the surplus should be credited to the county revenue fund, and in no event should the surplus be paid to the original owner. Therefore, we have held otherwise would have resulted in defeating the object of the sale—the enforcement of the collection of delinquent taxes. 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