

CITY NEWS.

The park board will meet this evening at 8 o'clock. The park board will meet tonight. The Twin City Carleton club will banquet at the Commercial club Thursday night.

The committee on streets of the assembly convenes at 9 o'clock this afternoon. The regular session of the assembly will be held at 7:30 Thursday evening.

Dr. E. Van Dyke Robinson, principal of the Central high school, will address the Commercial club tomorrow at 10 o'clock on "The Nicaragua Canal."

The young ladies of the First Christian church at John and Woodward avenue, will hold a bazaar tomorrow afternoon and evening in the church parlors.

William Anna R. Richeson, daughter of William and Anna G. Richeson, died yesterday at the family residence, 89 Dayton avenue, aged thirty years.

Mrs. Catherine Welsh, 536 Watson avenue, died Saturday at the family residence, aged seventy-three. The funeral will take place this morning with a service at St. James' church, at 10 o'clock.

The board of aldermen will meet at 7:30 tomorrow evening in the council chamber. It is probable that some action will be taken at that time regarding the charges that have been preferred against Building Inspector Haas.

Elsworth Circle No. 2, Ladies of the G. A. R., will give a social at their hall, Fifth and Washburn street. The annual inspection will be made by Mrs. Williams, of Minneapolis. Mrs. Ingalis, delecting president, will be present on an official visit.

The women of Grace Methodist church will hold their annual Christmas sale Tuesday evening. Booths representing the days of the month will be arranged in the church parlors. A New England supper will be served from 5:30 by the young people of the church.

St. Paul Tent 24, Maccabees, will hold their regular review this evening. Ladies of the Maccabees, Hive No. 7, will give an official visit to No. 24 and a program has been arranged for their entertainment, after the general order of business of the order has been disposed of.

Minnesota Tribe No. 2, Improved Order of Red Men, will hold a card party at its hall, No. 377 Robert street, Wednesday evening, Dec. 19. All members and friends are invited to attend. Four candidates were initiated at the last meeting and several applications acted upon.

The Commons Social and Literary club, corner Jackson and Eighth streets, will give, this evening, the following program: Music, The Commons orchestra; paper, "Hay-Pauntee Treaty," Mr. O'Brien; music, Mr. Stuart and Mr. Burleigh; of the Minnehaha; reading, Mr. Bingham; recitation, Mrs. Sturtevant; reading, Mrs. Hanson.

Nineveh Zodiac No. 4, will go in a body this evening to Minneapolis for the purpose of inspecting a Zodiac temple in that city. The inspection will take place at Malta temple, 421-23 Nicollet avenue. The members of the local body will meet at the Ryan hotel lobby at 7 p. m. sharp. Special car leaves at 7:10.

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- Raisins, New crop Muscatels, per lb. only, 7c. Tomatoes, New crop, full Standards, per can, 7c. Cider, Pure new, sweet, per gallon, 15c. Jelly, Pure fruit jelly, per large glass, 10c. Salad Dressing, New, per bottle, 10c. Sugar, Best granulated, we give 23 lbs. with every purchase of \$5.00 or over, \$1.00. Flour, The very best, per 98 lb. sack, \$2.25. Sweet Corn, The very best, per can, 7c. Snider's Catsup, First (25c) bottles each, only, 20c. Apples, A choice carload No. 2 Baldwin, New England pack, 4, 10c. Bananas, Great quantities, good ones, per doz., 10c.

BUTTER SALE. Lots of fresh receipts every morning. Good sweet Cooking Butter, per lb., 15c. Fair Dairy Butter, per lb., 17c. Fine Table Butter, per lb., 20c. Fancy Table Butter, per lb., 25c. Our Mayflower Brand Butter, winner of the highest honors at the Paris exposition, per lb., only, 30c. Good Creamery Butter, per lb., 22c.

"Hoffman House" Coffee is the rich Java and Mocha flavor for here it is. 30c.

KNIGHTS OF THE PUNCH

HELD THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET YESTERDAY AT MERCHANTS' HOTEL

NATIONAL MEETING IN MAY

It will be one of the most important of the Conventions to visit St. Paul this year.

"Knights of the Punch," jolly, roal good fellows, members of the St. Paul Division No. 40, of the Order of Railroad Conductors, partook of their annual dinner last evening at the Merchants' hotel, following a spirited meeting at Bowly hall, where officers for the year were elected.

The gathering, numbering nearly 150 defunct manipulators of the punch, were assembled at the hotel by their chief conductor, J. D. Condit, and under his guidance they and the invited representatives of the trade organizations, and also a number of the city officials, were escorted to the dining hall.

The menu, a choice one, quickly disappeared under the onslaught of the husky crews, and amidst the ringing of claret glasses the toast, informal in nature, but sufficiently numerous and entertaining in character as to compensate for their brevity. J. D. Condit presided in the capacity of toastmaster, and on several occasions greeted with his sallies of wit and pointed remarks.

J. J. McCarty, as comptroller of the club, made happy reference to the recognized standard of the conductors' organization, in St. Paul and the United States, and on the feeling of pleasure by the members of the Commercial club in being able next May to welcome the national organization, whose headquarters are in St. Paul on that date. "I like to be the guest of men," said Mr. McCarty, "who obey orders. A body of men like this have great possibilities for the future, and it is not viewed in the light of railroad mayhem, but I assure you your work is of greater value and your worth to the traveling public of much more importance. My hope is that you will be able to give us a happy one, and when you reach that great celestial union depot, that no red lights will be shown in St. Paul on that date."

Howard Whittaker, for the city officials present, and added his voice in extending a welcome to the national convention of railroad conductors to be held in St. Paul next May. He assured them that the city officials would not be lacking in their effort to make the stay of the visitors a happy one.

Official officers present, E. E. Clark, grand chief conductor, led in prominence, and during the evening's pleasure he was the guest of honor. Other speakers were: J. D. Condit, "It gives me great pleasure to attend a St. Paul gathering such as this, and especially when the invitation comes from the members of the Commercial club, and its annual dinner with eagerness, and, if possible, never fail to be there. It is a part and parcel of the best labor organization in the world, and it is a privilege to be invited to attend. I am sure, those who have had dealings with us will attest to it. In olden times the railway conductor was a hewer of wood and drawer of water, but now, as an organization, they are now the peac of all. Our aims are to educate, to educate, and in the end, to work for the welfare of both employer and employee. Labor organizations were one time associated with everything that was disreputable, but happily the public mind has been removed from that delusion, and I think the Order of Railroad Conductors have been instrumental in bringing this about. We work for our members while they are alive. Each draws from the other something good, and we assist in making our calling one that no one can discredit. We work for the highest possible pay consistent with the greatest amount of good service, and as an organization, insist that each of our brothers shall be rewarded. We give in return value received. Small errors in our lines are accepted as a matter of course, but the world does not forget an error where lives are jeopardized, and our members snuff out without waiting. These are the things our organization makes an effort to reduce to the minimum, and that is why men of only known worth have been elected to our ranks. Our organization is perhaps not known as it should be, but it will. We are trying to accomplish good, and we are trying to do it. We carry the banner of unionism and are fast invading the domain of non-unionism. The very essence of a railroad employe is that he is one of the important parts of our organization. This is one reason why the railroad service in the United States is unequalled in the world. We work for the interests of our employers and the traveling public, but while we are giving that service we are not backward in exacting what it is worth. Our members are not open book. They are not secret. They are built on right and honor, and for the protection of all, I believe in protection, preparation for the worst, and the right of individual has the same right as a nation. If his rights are trampled on, that is one of our policies, but I am glad to say we have not had to put that policy in practice. The best of feeling and good will."

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REV. A. N. ALCOTT COMPARES THE TWO GREAT TEACHERS

Both Displayed Wisdom at an Early Age, Were Wanderers and Travelled With Disciples—Their Teachings Differ.

MANY POINTS OF SIMILARITY

The lecture of Rev. A. N. Alcott on Confucius at the Universalist church of Messiah yesterday afternoon aroused much interest, and particularly so because the subject was one that has been touched on considerably of late in this country.

The lecture was largely in the nature of a comparison between Confucius and Jesus, and the speaker brought out the points of similarity in their lives. He said, in part: "In Confucius we come on a thinker. We have a key to him in one of his sayings: 'Man is greater than any system of thought; man can enlarge his principles.' This is the explanation of his wonderful influence over China. There is something suggestive and encouraging in such a continued hold of thought and of moral ideas on so many millions of people in the aggregate during twenty-four centuries."

"When we see that Confucius and Zoroaster, and other great thinkers hold such a wonderful sway over people, ages after their death, we are forced to believe there is an essential Christ in every man, no matter how germinal it may be. This is the explanation of the fact and in every man of his followers, and so on through the long list."

"Great leaders of religious life have been born in every age, and their teachings have pervaded in spirit every phase of life—political, social, legislative, industrial."

BOTH WERE LOWLY MEN

Both Jesus and Confucius were poor. The former, during his earthly manhood, was brought up as a carpenter's trade. Confucius, at the age of seventeen, worked in an office. As the Bible tells, Jesus was a carpenter, and the son of a carpenter. Confucius, at a young age, mastered all the religious literature of China, and was known as a sage. "It might be said that Confucius was poor from his youth, because when he was only three years old his father died, and he was brought up by his mother. When he was ten years old he was sent to a school, and he was there for many years, studying hard, and he was a scholar, and he was a sage."

"The national convention holds its biennial meeting in St. Paul beginning May 14, and will last ten days. On the program of meetings there will be from 2,500 to 3,000 present, who will be the guests of St. Paul."

CHANGE IN CITY BONDS

TERMS OF WATER AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS ARE EXPIRING THIS MONTH

COOK'S HEAD IS IN DANGER

Chief of the Fire Department Views With Dismay Dispositive Changes on That Board.

Considerable conjecture is on as to whom Mayor Smith will name to fill the vacant position of chief of the fire department. The board of fire commissioners, which take place with the closing of the present year. On the water board there will be two vacancies and in the board of fire commissioners three vacancies, all of which, according to the charter, must be filled on or before Dec. 31.

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JOHN MARTIN SUSTAINS A BAD FRACTURE OF LEFT LEG

FOUGHT WITH PROPRIETOR

FIGHT SEEMS TO HAVE STARTED AFTER MARTIN WAS HIT WITH A CLUB—HE WAS DRINKING

John Martin, who works on the farm of J. G. Shea, about two miles outside the city limits, thought he could enjoy himself by visiting a few saloons during his leisure time yesterday morning. He may not think so now, for he is lying in the city hospital suffering from a fractured leg, sustained during a saloon brawl.

According to information given at the Albin stables last night, it appears that Martin, who was drinking quite heavily, became involved in an altercation with the proprietor of a saloon at Eighth and Sibley streets.

The bonfire, in order to emphasize the force of his argument, is said to have employed a club which he applied to the head of the other disputant. This treatment did not prove as convincing as was expected, and a lively mix-up followed. When the row was over it was found that Martin's left leg was fractured just above the ankle, and he was removed to the hospital in an ambulance.

It is believed that Martin will considerably be the worse for liquor. His fracture was a bad one, and some time was consumed in reducing it.

The injured man is thirty-six years of age, and is single.

DIED OF HEART DISEASE

G. W. YULE TAKEN ILL ON CAR—DIED IN FEW MINUTES

G. W. Yule, living at 55 East Eleventh street, was suddenly taken sick on a street car about 6 o'clock last night. He was removed to his home, but died before Dr. Martel, who had been summoned, arrived. Coroner Nelson was notified, and decided that death was due to heart disease.

Mr. Yule was born in Scotland fifty years ago, and was single.

RAIDED RABBI HIRSCH'S HOME

Eminent Chasidim Visited by Two Bold Burglars

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Two men drove in a buggy to the residence of Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, 2613 Grand boulevard, last evening, and while one of the men remained in the buggy, the other jumped from a front window under a fusillade of pistol shots and, leaping into the buggy, was driven rapidly away by his companion.

The report of the revolver and the noise of the rapidly driven vehicle created much excitement in the vicinity and several calls for the police were sent in from as many different sources. A patrol wagon with ten officers from the Stanton avenue police station followed the buggy on the early morning streets of Chicago and thence on the avenue and Twenty-second street to the railroad tracks, where the trail was lost and the man escaped, carrying with them about \$500 of the doctor's property.

Dr. Hirsch and his family were at dinner when the burglar entered. A telephone call took the pastor's daughter from the dining table to the second floor of the house, and she was surprised to find the door of her room locked as she passed it and to hear a noise in her room. She immediately heard a front window opened and a body dropped to the roof of a porch below. In an instant a number of pistol shots rang out, followed by the hoarse shouts of a rapidly retreating burglar.

This was the first time the members of the family knew that they had been made the victims of a burglary. John Tait, a neighbor, had seen the buggy stop in front of the house and the man enter the court, where he was lost to view in the shadows. He immediately called John Tait together, they watched developments. Nothing suspicious occurred until a front window of the Hirsch home was thrown open and a man leaped to the porch roof and hid in the gutter. Young Tait opened fire on the thief and the fire was returned as the man ran for the buggy. None of the bullets took effect.

A short while before the entry of the Hirsch home two men drove in a buggy to the residence of Emanuel Stern, 364 Grand boulevard, and asked to be directed to the Hirsch home. It is thought these men were the burglars.

The burglar took considerable jewelry, among which were two watches, valued at about \$100 each, two chains, valued at about \$25 each; an onyx pin, valued at about \$5, and numerous other articles of intrinsic and personal value.

Through Trains to Omaha, With Sleeping Cars to Kansas City. The Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R. has the shortest line to Omaha, has extended its through sleeping car service to Kansas City. Get the best. City Ticket Office, No. 338 Robert Street.

Died From His Wounds. CRAWFORD, Neb., Dec. 16.—Baptist Garner, known as "Little Bit," the famous scout, who was shot by James Hague and died at the Lake street bridge Saturday night, during a dispute over a bar bill died at 3 o'clock this morning. He was buried immediately. The shooting.

Up to the Top of the Hill. A man was discovered in the trunk of a car below the bridge yesterday afternoon, and will be taken out and removed to the morgue today. The body was discovered by a man who happened to be passing that way. The man was above the ice, but the rest of the body was below the surface.

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Minneapolis News.

Report of the Financial Condition of Mexico. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—Minister Limontour's report of the financial condition of the country, made to congress on the presentation of the annual budget is a notable document. He estimates for the ensuing year a revenue of \$36,694,000, and expenditures of \$41,077,596 and shows why he does not anticipate a large surplus for the coming year. There has been an unusual pecuniary situation which is characterized by monetary stringency, and remarks: "It is impossible to disregard certain economic phenomena and certain symptoms of the present business situation and reveal a condition of uneasiness caused by the partial paralysis of exchange instruments which to continue for a long time would constitute a formal crisis in the commerce and industry of a large portion of the republic."

There was no water coming over dams yesterday morning. STREET CAR LINES TIED UP

Scarcity of Water Was Caused by the Shutting Down of the Mills—Minneapolis News. By the closing down of all the flour mills yesterday morning, which is somewhat unusual, the flow of the Mississippi river was checked by the dam above the falls, and the result was that the Twin City Rapid Transit company for several hours yesterday lacked a power with which to properly operate cars throughout its entire system. The street railway company has its power house and dam below the falls, and for power relies upon the water that escapes through the tail-races of the mills, or makes its way over the upper dam. If but one or two mills are running enough water goes through the canal to furnish power, but when this source is checked the power must come from the water that comes over the dam. During the past week fourteen of the twenty-two mills were running, including the Pillsbury A, which draws a vast amount of water. At the present time only one mill had been drawing from it, the water at the upper dam was far below the crest.

Over half of the mills continued running Saturday night, and the supply was very low when they shut down at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. It was less than five minutes later that the wheels at the power house below the falls ceased running, for the river between the lower dam and the falls was practically dry. The water coming down the river was checked by the dam, and nearly four hours elapsed before it rose to the crest, flowed over the dam, and provided power for the turbines below.

The street railway officials had warned that there would probably be an interruption of power during the night the steam engines were started, with the hope that enough power might be furnished from them to operate the system until the lower power house stopped operations. But the call for power exceeded the capacity of the engines, and an interruption in the service occurred. The engines were able to furnish enough power for all but the lines running on Hennepin avenue, and north of it, on the west side of the river. The system was at once shut down to 10:30 o'clock this morning, and for a portion of this time not a wheel turned on the Hennepin avenue, north Washington, Sixth avenue, north Hennepin and Bryn Mawr lines.

SURFACE WAS TOO SOFT. Iceboat Tries to Skate on Water, but Failed. Commodore Theodore Wetmore's iceboat, North Star, yesterday attempted to skate over water in Lake Minnesota, but the attempt was a failure. The boat was loaned to half a dozen Minneapolis and St. Paul gentlemen, and while spinning along at the rate of a mile a minute, the North Star skated on the congested waters into real water and turned over on her side.

All but one St. Paul man—whose name is suppressed—escaped with merely a leg bath. The unlucky individual was caught in some of the gear and narrowly escaped drowning. He was rescued with a few pins of wood, and bronchial pneumonia, which was a dangerous proposition, were Alfred Phelps, Andrew Peterson, Harry Wilcox, L. S. Sampson, George West, H. J. Burton and Ward Burton.

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