BARGAIN SALE
OF
BLOOMING PLANTS

On Thursday morning we will place on sale 1,500 baskets of Choice Plants at the low price of ***50 Cents Per Basket*** in the following choice collections:

COLLECTION No. 1.
12 Choice Plants for a porch or window box, consisting of Geraniums, Begonias, Verbenas, Nasturtiums, Drooping Vines, etc., etc.

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12 Plants for a cemetery bed, consisting of Coleus, Acalypha, Dusty Miller, Ageratum, Mignonette, etc., etc., particularly adapted for cemetery planting.

COLLECTION No. 3.
12 Plants and Drooping Vines for vases — Cannas, Feverfews, Geraniums, Lobelias, Vincas, Daisies, etc., etc.

COLLECTION No. 4.
12 Summer Blooming Roses for planting on the lawn of the following select varieties: Roupert, Meteor Bell, Sieebrecht, Kaiserin Carnot, Meteor, Queen of Scarlets. This list embraces all colors and all varieties adapted to summer blooming.

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COLLECTION No. 6.
25 beautiful Blooming Pansy Plants, grown from the celebrated Bugnot's strain of giant flowering sorts. These are by far the finest Pansies ever offered in the Northwest.

At an average price of 4 cents per plant, you can beautify your homes with choice Blooming Plants.

Bear in mind these are not inferior plants, but what are sold by the average florist at three times what we ask.

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64 East Sixth Street.

CITY NEWS.

The Daughters of Veterans will give a card party Friday evening at Central hall.

The Socialist Labor party will hold an open air meeting this evening at 8, Payne avenue and York.

Edwin J. Bishop, elder son of Gen. J. W. Bishop, who is at St. Joseph's hospital, was reported as being slightly better last night.

The condition of J. H. Mayall, who is lying critically ill at his home, 258 Rondo street, was reported as being about the same last night.

A meeting of the board of abatement has been called for next Thursday. This will be the last meeting before real estate taxes become delinquent.

The Carpenters' union met last night at Assembly hall, but it did not take any action in regard to the differences with the contractors, as was anticipated.

Bishop Abraham Grant, D. D., of Indianapolis, Ind., will lecture Thursday evening, the 23d, at St. James' A. M. E. church, on "Africa, Its Future, and the American Negro."

Catherine O'Connor, aged ten years, while playing in the rear of her home on Conway street, ran a nail completly through her right foot. There is fear of lockjaw, as the foot is badly swollen.

Ramsey council, Royal Arcanum, held its semi-monthly meeting at Elks' hall last night. Dr. E. L. Rivenbergh, of Chicago, gave two recitations during the evening. It was decided to hold the annual picnic June 23.

Dr. Ohage yesterday announced that the formal opening of the public baths would take place on June 2, instead of next Sunday. This was made necessary by the fact that the water is too cold to allow healthful bathing.

The water board does not want the automatic valves abolished from the drinking fountains as desired by the Humane society. The society claims the valves foul the water, while the department claim they prevent great waste.

United States Marshal Grimshaw yesterday arrested Edward Harkins, in Minneapolis, on the charge of being a counterfeiter. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Spencer and his hearing continued until tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

In the police court yesterday the charge of assault and battery against "Chinky White," Batt Carr and John Nolan, who assaulted Officer Palmquist, was dismissed as the grand jury has taken up the matter. The charge of resisting an officer was continued until today.

The Wells Manufacturing company, of St. Paul, with a capital stock of $50,000, was incorporated yesterday. Its business will be to manufacture all kinds of railroad supplies, buy and sell land. The incorporators are Charles L. West, A. D. Ward, J. C. Eden and Frederick Hachman, all of this city.

Yesterday morning a rock weighing about 4,000 pounds, which was being lowered from the top of the Germania building by means of a large derrick, became loosened from its fastenings and fell to the street below. Charles Phillips, one of the laborers, who was holding the guide rope attached to the stone, had a narrow escape from death.

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We do not claim for our "Twentieth Century" Flour that others could not obtain equal quality if they were willing to pay for it, but the fact remains that no other grocer has ever had the nerve to have a special flour of this quality milled for his particular trade, and we were determined that Yerxa's customers should have the **best in the world**, regardless of price. We give it to you in Yerxa's "Twentieth Century" Flour.

Onions, New crop red onions, per peck 25c

Strawberries, Very best sweet Tennessee Strawberries, best in the market this year, 2 boxes for 25c

Strawberries, Fancy fresh ones, 2 boxes 25c

If you want good Strawberries come here.

Toothpicks, Large boxes, each, only 3c

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Fancy Fresh Mackerel and Shad this week. They are cheap.

Prunes 7 pounds good new Santa Clara Prunes for 25c

Mayflower Butter The world's best, awarded first prize at the Paris Exposition over all the butter makers of the world. We sell it lower than you can buy the ordinary creamery butter, namely, per lb 23c

Lewis' Best Lye, per can 9c
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If you want groceries at low wholesale cash prices, send a list of your wants to us and let us price it for you.

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KANSAS' LATEST PRODIGY

HE IS PROF. SMITH, AND HE KNOWS LOTS OF THINGS

WOULD TEACH MINNESOTANS

Good as Magician, Ventriloquist, Phrenologist, Physiognomist, Artist, Sculptor, Mechanic, Musician, Doctor, Etc.

Through the office of J. W. Olsen, superintendent of public instruction, it appears that the latest prodigy in Kansas, the birthplace of genius, in one "Prof." H. W. Smith," whose bid for notoriety has been placed in the hands of Mr. Olsen among many others. According to this celebrity's own statements his genius is not limited or confined by the narrow lines of a single occupation. He has launched out in the unexplored realms of thought with the evident determination that diversified industries offer the only sure road to fame.

In a letter to Mr. Olsen, "Prof." Smith states his variety of occupations and then asks for advice as to the stringency of Minnesota laws. His object is to spread the gospel of his varied phenomena through Minnesota from the platforms of her rural schools. In some states, he understands, gentlemen of his professions are debarred privileges of this kind, and he wants to know if the laws of this state are restricting along these lines.

The professor is perfectly at home as a "magician, ventriloquist, phrenologist, physiognomist, artist sculptor, mechanic, musician, doctor and lawyer." He failed to state whether he was a plumber or not.

Believing that the rural schools of this state would hardly feel the need of "professor's" services this summer, the gentleman's letter was answered in this manner, L. C. Hodgson, one of Mr. Olsen's assistants, being the author:

Dear General: Your letter of inquiry, enclosing illustrated diagram of your intellectual panorama, is duly received, and we hasten to gratefully acknowledge the keen pleasure derived from a careful meandering through the highly colored acres of your tropic thought and a delightful culling of the buds and blooms of airy fancy which bedeck the virgin wilderness of your imagination. Personally we cannot doubt that there is a universal yearning just at the present time for some philanthropic "magician, ventriloquist, phrenologist, physiognomist, artist, sculptor, mechanic, musician, doctor and lawyer" whose sublime mission it is to "generalize a Christianized, phrenologicalized, civilized society and school."

We regret to say, however, that we can hold out very little encouragement to you in the direction you indicate. In this Northern latitude people are not so spontaneously responsive to the things which appeal to the lifegiving sentiments of the soul. They are coldly practical and of such a peculiar mental construction as to enthuse far more over a discourse on potato bugs than over any "weird, spiritualistic seance" however "unsurpassed on earth" it may be. Our school boards especially are indisposed to extend any comfort, physical or spiritual, to such innovations as your highly moral phantasmagoria seems to be at first blush. And your Christian ethics and principles of conduct, however they may seem to thrive upon the soil of sunny Southern climes, would, we assure you, fall upon stony ground here in the frozen North. Our state laws are very strict, and, although your humor seems very coy and steals upon one with a most sudden unawareness, as if it were born during the absence of its parents, yet we do not think that you could smuggle your unprecedented conglomeration into an unsuspecting school district and convert the community before the school board could call out the fire department to extinguish your mirth. Your handwriting appears to be frank and unintelligible, all of which is in your favor. We have not had the presumption to pretend that we fully understand your philosophy, but we remember with Josh Billings that "There iz no better evidence uv wizdum than to beleav what we kant understand," and we assure you of our entire moral support without questioning the consequences. Should you change your permanent address please telegraph us at your expense.

Drops Charges Against Suddith.

A meeting of the police commission will be held this afternoon. A charge of conduct unbecoming an officer standing against Patrolman George Suddith was to have been heard, but as the charges have since been withdrawn, it is possible that the matter may be dropped and the officer reinstead. Suddith, according to the charges made, had forcibly kissed the daughter of John M. Burch, against her will. Birch said he withdrew the charge because of the illness of Suddith's wife, and not because they were untrue.

ALDERMEN TURN IT DOWN

PROPOSAL TO WIDEN SIBLEY STREET AT UNION DEPOT REFUSED PASSAGE

MANY OBJECTIONS RECEIVED

Whole Question to Be Threshed Out Before Committee on Streets—Murphy May Build Shining Booth.

The proposed widening of Sibley street, in the vicinity of the Union depot, by condemning property at the Third street corner of the thoroughfare, was blocked by the board of aldermen at their meeting last night. Instead of the assembly resolution being passed, it was sent to the committee on streets, before which a number of property-owners, it is said, will appear and protest against its consideration in any form.

A week ago both sides of the council by a somewhat decided vote gave permission to E. J. Murphy, an employe of Lennon & Gibbons, to erect and maintain an iron covered shoe shining stand on the lot adjoining the public library. Mayor Smith vetoed the act, but the board last evening refused to accept it, the vote to pass it despite his non-approval being 8 to 2.

Assemblyman Bantz is of the opinion that at least a half day of rest should be accorded the men who handle the sprinkling wagons, and last night attempted to get through a resolution discontinuing sprinkling of the streets on Sunday afternoon. He wanted immediate consideration, but the resolution was sent to the committee on strets.

An application from the McCormick Harvester works for a spur track in front of the alley and one from the Great Northern railway for the vacation of the alley west of the Union depot sheds, were sent to the committee on streets.

To the committee on streets was sent the final order for the paving of Bradley street with brick, the construction of a sewer on Thomas, from Arundel to Kent, and the proposed remitting of $415 worth of penalties on asphalt paving done in the Hill district by the Barber Asphalt company.

Ald. Knauft presented a resolution instructing the street railway company to run a car hourly from the Seventh street power house to Hazel park, from 9 to 12 o'clock each evening. An attempt was also made to pass an ordinance providing for the connection of the Lafayette and Rondo line of cars with Phalen park, but both were sent to the committee.

MINGERS IS NOT FOUND

LARGE FORCE IS HUNTING FOR MURDERER OF GREIPEL.

Henry Mingers, who murdered his brother-in-law, Frank Greipel, is still at liberty and so far has successfully eluded the officers of the law. The theory of the police is that Mingers has committed suicide and Chief O'Connor accordingly has a large force of detectives and patrolmen searching the woods and ravines between St. Paul and Mendota in the hope of finding the body. At the same time, however, Chief O'Connor has detectives stationed at some of the points where it is thought the murderer may appear in case he is still alive.

A farmer from Mendota called upon the police yesterday morning and told of having talked with a red-haired man on a bicycle near Mendota Monday morning. It developed later, however, that this man was Frank Morrissey, the driver of the central patrol wagon.

The inquest over the remains of the murdered man was partially finished last evening, but owing to the fact that the police witnesses were out looking for the murderer, it was continued until 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

The funeral of Greipel took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the undertaking rooms of J. A. Willwerscheid. The interment was in the German Lutheran cemetery on the West side. Friends of the family acted as pallbearers.

BUILDING TRADE ACTIVE

MANY PERMITS TAKEN OUT—SUPPLY OF LABOR SCARCE.

According to reports from the building inspector's office the close of the month should see building permits to the value of over $300,000 in operation. While additions and repairs go to make up a large portion of the building operations now on, the number of permits issued for small cottages and moderate priced dwelling houses is surprisingly large.

There is a scarcity of labor in St. Paul, and contractors and builders are unable to secure enough help. This is especially true of plumbers, one prominent contractor remarking yesterday that it was almost impossible to get a good man. Union plumbers are now getting $3.50 a day and it is predicted that $4 will be offered before next month. On government work and lines where the specifications are necessarily observed to the letter, $5 a day is now being offered with few takers.

BIG DAY FOR EDITORS.

MINNESOTA JOURNALISTS WILL SHOW BUFFALOES HOW TO DO THINGS.

The executive committee of the State Editorial association met in Parlor B, at the Windsor, last night, to perfect arrangements for the editorial excursion to Buffalo June 15, and the dedication of the Minnesota building at the Pan-American exposition on the 19th.

Plans have been completely laid for an excursion train carrying 250 Minnesota editors, their friends and families in some instances. The train will comprise seven coaches, and will be personally conducted.

Elaborate plans have been made for the dedication ceremonies. Gov. Van Sant, his staff and the battalion of national guards from Minneapolis, will assume prominent parts in the demonstrations. In the evening the Editorial Association of Minnesota will tender a special reception to Gov. Van Sant and staff, Gov. Odell, of New York, the Buffalo press, and other dignitaries.

Social Club Incorporates.

The Ramsey County Africo-American club, a social concern for the promotion and advancement of social and literary culture, was incorporated yesterday, and will be located at 378 Cedar street, this city. Its incorporators are John W. Woodfork, president; Jud Johnson, first vice president; Thomas Cooper, second vice president; James L. Phelps, third vice president; Fred M. McCracken, secretary; L. M. Vance, treasurer, and Solomon Hall, sergeant-at-arms.

Church Entertainment.

The Young People's Society of the First Lutheran Church will meet tonight. Following is the programme: Piano duet, the Misses Stang; mandolin and guitar music, Emil and Elmer Meine; recitation, Mr. Sam Johnson; songs, Miss Bertha Frost, Mr. O. F. Erickson, the Wilson children; vocal duet, Mrs. John Engen and Mr. John Holmen; piano duet, Miss Hannah Bodin and Mr. Peter Johnson.

Verdict Against Royal Neighbors.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., May 21.—(Special.)—The district court jury took but fifteen minutes to decide on a verdict in the case of Elizabeth Sartell against the Royal Neighbors of America, awarding the plaintiff a verdict for $2,140. The jury retired last night and a sealed verdict was handed to the clerk this morning at the opening of court.

Mr. Sartell was insured in the Royal Neighbors, and his death, which occurred March 18, 1900, was due to a pistol shot wound believed to have been self-inflicted. The lodge took advantage of a clause in its policy which provides that in cases of suicide where the insured has not been a member of the order for three years, the policy becomes null and void.

WILL PAVE STOCK YARDS

COMPANY HAS DECIDED TO MAKE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS THIS SUMMER

CUDAHYS NOT HEARD FROM

Their Estimate of What Buildings and Plant Will Cost Expected to Arrive by Next Monday.

The South St. Paul Stock Yards company has decided upon spending a large sum of money on improvements this summer, and at a meeting held a few days ago it was determined that from $30,000 to $40,000 should be devoted to paving the yards and the streets running through them. Extensive improvements will also be made to the sheep division and the unloading chutes. The business of late has been growing so rapidly that the capacity of the chutes has been found insufficient. The improvements are to be commenced immediately, but cannot be completed for several months.

The company is expecting to hear from the Milwaukee Cudahys within a few days respecting the nature, size and cost of the buildings it will be necessary to have put up in the event of a packing plant is installed in the yards. The packing company is having plans and specifications prepared, together with data as to the machinery that would be necessary. The arrival of this information is expected next Monday, and then the stock yards company will hold a meeting to consider ways and means, at which it will be decided whether or not it will pay to accede to the proposition of the Cudahys.

The unjust discrimination which is being practiced against the stock yards by two or three of the St. Paul-Chicago lines in the matter of freight rates on stockers and feeders has aroused much feeling. Speaking on the subject yesterday, Gen. M. D. Flower, president of the company, said:

"We think the discrimination against us is most unjust. These roads are aiding the packing houses of Sioux City to invade territory which is directly tributary to us, and are giving them rates much lower than we are allowed. The Sioux City packers pay only 75 per cent of the tariff rates, while we are charged the full rates. We have pointed this out to the roads in question, and they have held a meeting, but have done nothing so far. We are hoping that they will of their own accord abolish the discrimination against a local industry. I may say that the people of South St. Paul are up in arms on this point, and, while they are expecting an amicable adjustment, they are not in a mood to put up with it much longer without endeavoring to gain redress."

POSTMASTERS ARE HERE

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION GREETED BY MAYOR AND GOVERNOR

BUSINESS ON OPENING DAY

Secretary Rasmussen, of Red Wing, Reads Paper on "Rapid Growth of Rural Free Delivery System."

The second annual convention of the Postmasters' Association of Minnesota convened at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the United States district court room of the new federal building. There were about fifty present, but it is expected that over 100 will answer to roll call this morning.

President William Kaiser called the convention to order and made an address, after which Mayor Smith, who is also an ex-postmaster, in a fitting speech welcomed them to St. Paul.

Gov. Van Sant made a short address in which he stated that one of the reasons he liked to have the postmasters with him was because they all had political jobs and therefore did not bother him to death for positions.

J. C. Terry, a veteran postmaster, who was to have related some incidents connected with the St. Paul postoffice over fifty years ago, was excused owing to the fact that he was ill. Postmaster Andrew Aiken, of Crookston, read a very interesting paper on "The Star Route System." Senator Moses Clapp was to have been present and address the gathering, but he was unavoidably absent.

The most interesting paper of the afternoon was read by Postmaster C. A. Rasmussen, of Red Wing, the secretary of the association, on "Rural Free Delivery." He said that two years ago there were only 391 routes in the entire country and but four in Minnesota—the experimental routes at Farmington. Today there are over 3,000 routes in operation in the United States, supplying a 1,500,000 people with mail service. Minnesota alone has 134 routes, supplying 67,000 people. Extensions are being made as rapidly as the appropriations and the facilities of the department will permit. The postmaster general estimates that it can be extended to practically the whole country at an annual cost of less than $1,400,000, or only about 20 cents per inhabitant.

The election of officers will take place today and it is expected that a paper will be received and read from Capt. H. A. Castle, auditor of the treasury for the postoffice department.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO

Chisago Lakes and Taylors Falls, Sunday, May 26th.

The Northern Pacific railway will run a special excursion train to Chisago Lakes and Taylors Falls, stopping at intermediate points, next Sunday, May 26. Leaving Minneapolis at 8:25 a. m., St. Paul, 9:05 a. m. Returning, leave Taylors Falls, 7:05 p. m. Half rate excursion tickets.

Great Bargains in
PIANOS!

We offer the following exceptional bargains this week in used upright pianos:

One Bent & Co., only $93
One Gabler, only $100
One Emerson, only $105
One Fischer, only $115
One Ludwig & Co., only $125
One Chickering, only $145
One Bush & Gerts, only $155
One Steinway, only $165
One Knabe, only $175
One Briggs, only $190
One Vose & Sons, only $225
One Shaw $250

These are the greatest bargains ever offered in St. Paul. Elegant stock of new Weber, Vose & Sons, Kurtzmann, Wesley, and others. Terms Cash or $5 to $10 per month.

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Correct Dress From Head to Foot.

THE PLYMOUTH

See Show Windows, Seventh and Robert.

Everybody Goes to The Plymouth This Year.

Men's high-class Tailored Suits
A Great Offering that Will be Appreciated.

Pure worsted cassimere and unfinished worsted suits, different from ordinary clothing. They are made with that snug fitting collar and the new shape shoulder, including the Varsity, the Shapeleigh, the Princeton. In making these suits close attention is paid to every fine tailoring detail, which fact accounts for dealers in other cities asking $20 and $22 for them. Here in St. Paul, $15.

At $8.50 each many handsome suits in this season's new and popular patterns. These suits are made of cassimere, worsteds, cheviots and homespuns, including all the swell shades of green and olive effects, well tailored; fit and finish guaranteed; sold in other large cities at $15 and $18. At the Plymouth, $8.50.

$3 All-wool Pants for $2.

A special sale of 500 All-wool Pants—Cheviots and Cassimeres, in medium weight and especially desirable patterns. This is a grand opportunity to buy pants that have the style and durability of our $3 Pants for $2.

Flannel Trousers.

They are cut tight about the waist and extremely loose about the hips and thighs. In addition to the belt straps these trousers have the side buckles, so that they may be easily held in position without the use of any belt. A sash is then worn in place of the belt. Prices are $2.00 to $5.00.

Men's Furnishings.

75c Negligee Shirts for only 45c—Fine Percale, new, nobby stripes, with cuffs to match and some with collars to match. Good value at 75c. Our special price 45c.

75c Balbriggan Underwear for only 50c—Finely finished Shirts and Drawers are made with double gussets, strong tapes and good pearl buttons, really worth 75c. Our special price 50c.

25c Half Hose for only 12½c—Colors: Black with neat figure, blue with small figure and black with white feet—the regular 25c quality. Our price only 12½c.

Men's Combination Suits made of fine combed Egyptian yarn. This is solid comfort in underwear and worth 50c more than we ask for them. Our price $1.00.

New Golf Hose in big variety of patterns including our imported Scotch McGeorge which come in heather mixtures with swell plaid tops. Prices 50c, $1.00 and $1.50.

See our line of Belts in grays, tans and blacks, made with swell harness buckles, all the rage. Prices 25c, 50c and $1.00.

Ladies' Newest Suits and Jackets
At Half-Price and Less.

Fifteen Dollars—That's an almost trifling price for these exceptionally fine costumes. They're of excellent cheviot, in black, navy blue and gray. Various good styles in making and trimming. This is a large lot of suits that were selling at very moderate prices, when marked $30.00 to $45.00 Choice at $15.00.

$10.00—Ladies' Suits, formerly sold at $18.00 to $28.50, only $10.00.

$7.50—Ladies' Suits, formerly sold at $12.00 to $16.50, only $7.50.

$5.00—Ladies' Suits, formerly sold at $8.00 to $15.00, only $5.00.

Silk Eton Jackets.

$8.00—Any Silk Eton in the house worth up to $20.00, only $8.00.

Dress Skirts.

$8.50—Ladies' Dress Skirts, in cheviots, venetians and homespuns, formerly sold at $12.00 to $20.00, only $8.50.

$4.50—Ladies' Dress Skirts, in black and colors, formerly sold at $8 to $12, only $4.50.

$2.50—Ladies' Jackets, in Eton and fitted styles, that have sold at $10.00, $12.00 and $15.00, only $2.50.

$1.50—Children's Jackets, that have sold at $5.00 and $10.00, only $1.50.

$5.00—Ladies' Silk Waists, that have sold at $15.00, $20.00 and $25.00, only $5.00.

PROF. LUGGER IS DEAD

DISTINGUISHED ENTOMOLOGIST AND BOTANIST PASSES AWAY AT ST. ANTHONY PARK

DEMISE WAS UNEXPECTED

Fatal Termination of Disease Was Great Surprise to His Friends, Who Believed Him Out of Danger.

After an illness lasting nearly two weeks, Prof. Otto Lugger, state entomologist and botanist, died yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at his residence, 1355 North Cleveland avenue, St. Anthony Park. Following the announcement that the crisis had passed and that his ultimate recovery was almost certain, the news came as a shock to his friends as well as his family, as his improvement Monday was most marked.

Dr. Lugger's illness properly dates back ten days ago. While inspecting some greenhouses at Faribault, he was uncautious enough to brave the cold air that then prevailed without an overcoat. The next evening a peculiar form of pneumonia developed, and he was compelled to take to his bed. It was accompanied by a filling of the lungs, chills and a general depression of vitality. Heart failure was also apparent, and it was this that his physician, Dr. Cannon, feared the most. Monday it was thought the crisis of the disease had passed, but during the night he became worse. It was after saying "good morning" to his physician yesterday that the sudden call came.

WAS NATIVE OF GERMANY.

Dr. Lugger has been professor of zoology and entomology at the state agricultural school for the past fourteen years. He has attained national reputation as an authority on native animals, birds and insects. His work has been of tremendous practical value to the state. By tireless experimental work he has determined what animals and birds are injurious to farmers and what are beneficial. He has kept a close watch on noxious insects, and his labor and counsel have often prevented serious damage. His invention, the "hopper-doser," is the most effective way of meeting the grasshopper pest. As an author of scientific text books, Dr. Lugger has won considerable reputation, and papers from his pen were in constant demand by scientific magazines.

The professor was fifty-six years of age and was born in Hagen, Westphalia, Germany. He has been a resident of America since 1866. A widow, one daughter, Mrs. Linnea Clark, and a son, Harry, survive him. All, with the exception of his son, were at his bedside when the last call came.

No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral. Prof. Lugger greatly favored cremation, and it is possible that an examination of his private papers may contain instructions directing that such a disposition of his remains be made.

CAN'T LOSE COUNT BONI.

Wants Delcasse to Explain Russo-German Celebration at Metz.

PARIS, May 21.—Count Boni de Castellane, who has barely recovered from his illness, announces his intention to raise an important question in the chamber of deputies. He wrote to M. Delcasse, the foreign minister, asking him to fix a day for an interpellation on the recent events at Metz, which immediately followed M. Delcasse's visit to St. Petersburg. Count Boni alludes to the presence of the Russian ambassador at Emperor William's review at Metz in honor of the czar's birthday, which has made a disagreeable impression in France.

THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Emory F. Dobson for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lillian Flavia Dodson, to Frank Louis Kluckhoim, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kluckhoim, of this city. The wedding will be celebrated Tuesday evening, June 4, at the bride's home, 2646 Portland avenue, Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Kluckhoim will be at home after Aug. 15 at 1016 Hague avenue, St. Paul.

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Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Julia Mary Hubbard, daughter of ex-Gov. and Mrs. Lucius Frederick Hubbard, of Red Wing, to Charles Herbert McGill, eldest son of ex-Gov. A. P. McGill, of St. Anthony Park. The wedding will be celebrated at high noon on Wednesday, June 5, at Chester, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. McGill will be at home after Oct. 1 at 10 Summit Court.

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An entertainment entitled, "Wanted—A Match-Maker," will be given Monday evening, May 27, in the parlors of the Dayton Avenue Presbyterian church for the church debt fund. Mrs. C. E. Burch will have charge, assisted by Mrs. Conklin, Miss Winchester, Miss Dunlap, Miss Gilbert, John Abbott, Mr. Swinton and John Burbank.

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Miss Elsie Pope, of Ashland avenue, gave a supper Sunday evening for the members of the Appleton-Seabury bridal party. A company of fourteen was entertained.

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Mrs. J. J. Hill and the Misses Hill, of Summit avenue, will go to New York next week to attend the commencement exercises at Miss Spencer's school, from which Miss Gertrude Hill will graduate.

Miss Louise Obenauer, of Summit avenue, will return Friday from a two weeks' visit in the East.

Mrs. R. H. Cullum and Miss May Cullum, of Maple street, have gone to Seattle, Wash.

Miss Milan, of East Fifth street, will leave June 1 for Lake Winnebago to spend the summer.

Mrs. S. C. Grier, of Rondo street, has returned from Springfield, Mo.

Mrs. E. C. Duncan, of Portland avenue, will have as her guest this week Mrs. Thomas C. Burke, of Wheeling, W. Va.

Mrs. James Thorne, of the Portland, left yesterday for Missoula, Mont.

Mrs. E. F. Mahle, of Duluth, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. John Horman.

Mrs. W. T. Watkins, of Dayton avenue, has returned from a fortnight's visit at French Lick Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Merrill, of Ashland avenue, are at White Bear lake for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. William McKay, of Marshall avenue, are at Bald Eagle lake.

Mrs. A. Johnson, of the Portland, left last Saturday for Detroit and Canada to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Merrill, of West Central avenue, are at White Bear Lake for the summer.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Walls, of Arundel street, have moved to the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Eddy are residing at 435 Portland avenue for the summer.

Mrs. Henry Lothman, of Iglehart street, is in St. Louis.

Miss Bench, of Nina avenue, will leave Aug. 1 for New York, where she will study music for a year.

Dr. and Mrs. Haldor Sneve are residing at 288 Summit avenue.

Mrs. E. M. Keith, of Marshall avenue, is in the East.

JOHNSON MAKES TROUBLE.

Wants Railroad Property Assessed at Somewhere Near Its Value.

CLEVELAND, O., May 21.—Upon application of Mayor Johnson, Judge Strimple, of the common pleas court today issued a writ of mandamus compelling some eight or nine county auditors, now sitting in this city as a railroad tax assessment board, to call in railway officials to testify as to the true value of their properties. Johnson declares that the railroads have thus far been assessed at from 12 to 18 per cent of their value, while the smaller property owners in Cleveland have been taxed at the rate of 60 per cent or more. The mayor averred in his petition that the auditors were corruptly influenced by favors to them by the railroad companies to influence their decision and avoid the making of true and correct appraisements.

The Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling was the railroad under consideration by the auditors today. Before the writ was served on the auditors they had assessed the road, although the mayor notified them of the court's action. The mayor holds, as a result, that the action of the board is illegal and says he will now ask for an injunction prohibiting the clerk from placing the assessment of the road on record.

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Wu Ting Writes Home.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The Chinese minister, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, has completed his memorial to the throne concerning reforms in the imperial system, and the document has been fotwarded to Pekin.

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