

CITY NEWS.

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

The degree team of North Star Camp No. 1857, M. W. A., will give a dance and fancy drill Friday evening at Central hall.

The Junior Pioneer association will take part in the Memorial day parade and will also attend the Memorial exercises at the auditorium.

No action has as yet been taken by the extra city hall janitors to compel City Comptroller McCarthy to audit their payroll.

The fire department was called to the residence of W. L. Agnew, 191 Iglehart street, shortly after noon yesterday to extinguish a small fire. The blaze succeeded in doing about \$30 damage.

The young people of the Arlington Hills Presbyterian church will give a lawn social Friday evening, June 7, at the residence of E. B. Elford.

Mrs. Mary Niemczyk, arrested on the charge of shoplifting and charged with petty larceny, was sentenced to thirty days in the workhouse, Judge Orr, however, suspended the sentence until July 6 on the promise of the defendant to go home and be good in the future.

County Treasurer Metzger's office was filled all day long yesterday. Real estate taxes will become delinquent May 31, and for this reason until then the office will be open until 9 o'clock every night, with the exception of Thursday and Friday, when it will close at the usual hour.

Last night Chief O'Connor received a telegram from Mrs. Moses Forbes, of Oshkosh, Wis., asking him to notify John H. Forbes, a home promoter, who recently lived at 54 Broadway, of the death of his father at Oshkosh. The funeral, according to the telegram, will be held today.

Dr. Jacques W. Redway, of New York, author of Redway's school geography and a noted scholar, is in St. Paul, making a tour of the schools. He is a graduate of two Eastern colleges, and has studied in Europe for several years. He is looked upon as an authority on geography.

Frank C. Vanderwerker, aged twenty-four, died at St. Luke's hospital Monday evening of sarcoma of the lungs. The deceased was a home promoter, a real estate worker, local agent of the Northwestern Fuel company, and resided with his parents at 320 Marshall avenue. The funeral will take place at the Vanderwerker residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment at Oakland cemetery will be private.

A horse belonging to Abe Lizowsky, of 212 Fairfield avenue, ran away from the market sheds on West Third street yesterday morning. During its flight up Third street the wagon to which it was hitched struck wagons belonging to A. Lindstrom, H. C. Johnson, and J. Isaac Chanish, 131 West Third street, and in the collision Lizowsky's rig was demolished. The horse broke away and ran to Seventh street, where it was caught by Officer Ben Morris.

OPPOSE OMAHA TRACK.

CITY ATTORNEYS CLAIM LEVEE RIGHTS WOULD BE INFRINGED.

Before Judge Kelly yesterday, was continued the hearing in the petition of the Omaha road for the appointment of a commission to condemn land desired on the West side for trackage purposes.

In addition to the contention that the track would render dangerous the entrance to the public baths, City Engineer Clausen stated that a sixteen-foot stairway to connect the southern end of the Wabasha bridge with the levee was under consideration, besides the dumping of street sweepings. It would be impossible if the tracks were allowed to be laid along the route proposed.

As to the contention that the ground desired was acquired by the city for levee purposes, Judge Wilson, who represented the Omaha interests, stated that the levee was to be at all only a portion of the lots necessary had been secured by the city under the condemnation proceedings instituted at the time.

Today Health Commissioner Ohage will go on the stand and endeavor to show the damage that the tracks would do to the baths if laid there.

YERXA

We Close at Noon Decoration Day.

Our Strawberry Department is the best.

Soda Water with Crushed Berries and Purest Ice Cream, per glass, 5c

Best Ice Cream in the city, per dish, 5c

State Butter Contest.

We have received another lot of fresh Creamery Butter from the state dairy department in 30 lb. tubs. This is very superior butter, being the best produced in the state.

New Cabbage, fancy, per head, 5c

New Turnips, per bunch, 3c

Green Peas, per quart, 5c

COFFEE! COFFEE!

Robal Blend Compare it with any 20c

Golden Rio and Santos per pound, 15c

BLOOMING PLANTS.

An excellent assortment of thrifty budding and blooming plants, large ones

MEAT MARKET.

Legs of Mutton, fresh, per lb., 15c

Fresh Lamb Chop, per lb., 15c

Fresh Stewing Mutton, per lb., 5c

Fresh Stewing Lamb, per lb., 6c

CIGAR DEPARTMENT.

Cuban hand-made Cigars.

Yerxa's broad leaf Conchas, size 50

Yerxa's broad leaf, 10c size, per box of 25

Yerxa's Open Cigar, each for 5c

Choice of French Briar Pipes, each for 25c

Out-of-Town Customers.

F. R. YERXA & CO. SEVENTH AND CEDAR STS.

EVIDENCE IN COUNTY TAX REFUNDMENT INVESTIGATION IS ALL IN

JOHNSON ON WITNESS STAND

IF ANYTHING HAS BEEN IRREGULAR, HE SAYS HE WILL RIGHT IT

MANY MISSING CERTIFICATES

The Ramsey county tax refundment investigation before Gov. Sant may be closed today.

The hearing was in progress all day yesterday and all the testimony was taken except some which Gen. Pope may desire to submit today.

The public examiner was called out of the city yesterday on business and may not return before tomorrow. In that event the hearing will be continued until such time as will be mutually satisfactory to both sides.

County Auditor Johnson was himself on the witness stand yesterday morning. Replying to a vital question from Attorney Somerby as to whether or not he had taken such legal steps as to see to it that the warrants for the certificates under him in the county auditor's office, Mr. Johnson said:

"I do not care to give any opinion as to the conduct of Mr. Griswold or of my deputies in advance of the court. When this hearing has been completed and both sides have had ample time in which to fully set forth their cases, I will determine what is right and wrong, and if I find that there has been anything wrong in the affairs of my office I will not stand for it."

On the investigation no specific charge of a criminal character has been made against Mr. Johnson. In fact, no charges have been formally preferred. It is the plan of those conducting the investigation first, and if they succeeded in demonstrating that Mr. Griswold or any other official in the county auditor's office was guilty of malfeasance in office it will then be time to turn the matter over to Mr. Johnson.

As the principal of his deputies he will, of course, have to either ratify or reject what they have done. Should he ratify what shall have been proven unlawful, it will then devolve upon the state to prefer a charge against the county auditor.

ADMITTED GRISWOLD WAS DERELICT.

Mr. Johnson admitted that according to the testimony given the day before by his deputy, Mr. Griswold, the latter had been derelict in his conduct of the office, which was under his charge in the absence of the auditor. He further testified that he had not knowingly permitted an employe to grant a warrant without having the certificate in his possession. This, according to the testimony of both Mr. Griswold and Mr. Drummond, had been done in the absence of Mr. Johnson by his deputy, Mr. Griswold. It appears that Mr. Griswold is placed in an unfortunate position, as his principal would not tolerate him.

With reference to the seventeen missing tax certificates upon which warrants have been issued, which certificates were called into question by Gen. Pope yesterday, Mr. Johnson testified that four had been later found in his office and that one was discovered among the array of papers and documents which Gen. Pope obtained at the county auditor's office. This still leaves twelve certificates unaccounted for. Johnson persisted in saying that they will yet be unearthed and produced.

Former Assistant County Attorney Zollman then called G. W. Blood, W. O. Denegre, Frank J. Olson and Albert A. Lawton, who were examined as to the extent of their dealings in tax certificates and their knowledge of the conduct of affairs at the county auditor's office.

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DISPOSITION OF \$4,800.

Before starting on the hearing again yesterday afternoon it had been contended by the Pope faction to introduce that part of Gen. Pope's report in which testimony is offered to show what disposition was made of the \$4,800, the amount received in payments on the Lightner deal. But this was later dispensed with as it appears in the sworn testimony in the report of the public examiner and is equally available for reference.

The facts as the report shows, that on April 20, Schoonmaker, the attorney, went to the county auditor's office and applied to either Drummond or Griswold, by whom he gave to E. D. Young, of the firm of Young & Lightner, Young then delivered the certificates and the mortgage to Burns. Burns states, in the report, that he then took the certificates and put them in a desk in the office of the county auditor, where Griswold said he afterward found them.

The session yesterday afternoon began with H. P. Farwell on the stand. Farwell does considerable buying of city and county certificates for himself and his clients and was called by Zollman to disclose whether or not he had ever received any special privileges at the county auditor's office or knew that Burns had. He stated that he had not received such favors and had no reason to believe that Burns had. He also stated that he believed he would have found it out if Burns was being specially favored and in such case he would have made a complaint.

Regarding what was done with the certificates after he passed them in for the warrant, Mr. Farwell said he did not have any way of knowing. He corroborated the testimony of the other witnesses that Burns, that it was a common practice to assign these certificates in blank and that he had often taken certificates brought to him assigned in this manner. This method, he said, had been in vogue in the city and county affairs for four years.

On cross-examination by Somerby, Mr. Farwell stated that never has he received a warrant without first surrendering the certificate, and he further stated, unlike some of the other who gave testimony on the subject of the Lightner deal, that he has frequently seen the certificates stamped or canceled after they had been surrendered. He also stated, that he has frequently seen the certificates stamped or canceled after they had been surrendered. He also stated, that he has frequently seen the certificates stamped or canceled after they had been surrendered.

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in the matter of having free access to the county records, as the methods of getting hold of the money were concerned, he did not presume to speak.

REMEMBERS LIGHTNER DEAL.

Deputy Auditor Drummond was the next man upon the stand. He outlined the duties of his position, testifying that he acted as clerk of the various boards under the county auditor, and had charge of the register of redeemed warrants.

He said Mr. Burns is a familiar visitor around the auditor's office, and is engaged to a considerable extent in purchasing tax certificates for himself and others, whom he represents.

Regarding the Lightner deal, he said he remembered the application for tax refundments by Ducus an Cassidy, but was ignorant of the fact that Burns was the principal in the transaction. He recalled that Schoonmaker and Weiss produced warrants at the office, and that they got the warrants from them and were to telephone Young & Lightner and they would immediately send certificates to the American Exchange bank.

When asked about the return of the certificates, he said that on April 25, he had a telephone call from Young & Lightner, and the response from Lightner's office was that he had all right the certificates. He went there April 26, to get the certificates and took them to the county auditor's office. Ickler, the cashier, telephoned to Lightner's office to bring the certificates there, that I was not sure of the date, but that I would start with them at once. We waited there and in twenty minutes Young came in with the certificates and Schoonmaker presented with the money. He stated, as I recall it, that he understood me that all was all right to draw the money. I did tell him the warrant was all right.

"I do not know at the time that he would go to the county auditor's office for the warrants until I reached there with the certificates."

"There was no reason why the certificates were taken by me, taken by myself or some one representing the bank directly to the county auditor's office and surrendered before the warrant was produced."

"The delinquent of that warrant to Schoonmaker did not in any way facilitate my transaction with Lightner in securing the certificates. And those certificates were taken by me directly to the bank to the county auditor's office. In my examination by the public examiner, I disclosed to him all my private affairs in connection with my deal with the American Exchange bank, without reference to whether they had any bearing upon the transactions in this connection or not. I refused to answer what Drummond asked me, and I stated that I cashed at the bank for the simple reason that it was a private transaction that concerned neither the state nor the county."

Drummond stated that they could not be made out of the \$4,800. This was not mentioned in the petition. This was directly upon the case of Burns in the Lightner deal, and Mr. Drummond further stated that Mr. Burns was personally concerned, he had no recollection of his ever having received a warrant in refundment except once, when a very small amount was granted.

Mr. Drummond was asked to recall any other instances of warrants having been given out where the certificates were not in possession of the office. And in answer to that question by Zollman he said that it was the custom to have the certificate on hand when the warrant was made out.

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on which I have ever received refundments from the county of Ramsey.

"I want to say, further, regarding the so-called Lightner certificates, that these certificates were deposited by Lightner at the American Exchange bank on April 25, subject to my order. That on April 26 I went there for the purpose of taking those certificates to the county auditor's office and securing the refundment on Saturday, April 27, prior to the 30th, which was the 30th of Mr. Edward Young, of the firm of Young & Lightner, called at the American Exchange bank and asked if I had taken these certificates. Mr. Ickler said that I had not; that I was taken sick on the day before and had not been down. Young told Ickler that Lightner was waiting for me, and that as I had not paid for the certificates and was sick and that they could not tell how soon I would be around, he preferred to take the certificates back to their office. That when I got the warrants from them and were to telephone Young & Lightner and they would immediately send certificates to the American Exchange bank. When I asked Drummond about the return of the certificates, he said that on April 25, he had a telephone call from Young & Lightner, and the response from Lightner's office was that he had all right the certificates. I went there April 26, to get the certificates and took them to the county auditor's office. Ickler, the cashier, telephoned to Lightner's office to bring the certificates there, that I was not sure of the date, but that I would start with them at once. We waited there and in twenty minutes Young came in with the certificates and Schoonmaker presented with the money. He stated, as I recall it, that he understood me that all was all right to draw the money. I did tell him the warrant was all right.

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LOOKS LIKE SCHIFFMANN WILL PROBABLY SUCCEED HIMSELF AS PRESIDENT OF COMMON COUNCIL.

CAUCUS HAS PICKED ON HIM

Holt, Benson and Craig Are Candidates, but Can Hardly Win—Dobner Picked for Board of Aldermen.

The general opinion is that Dr. Rudolph Schiffmann will succeed himself as president of the common council, despite his refusal to be a candidate a second time.

A caucus of the Democratic members of the council with the exception of Ald. Hunt and Ald. Bantz, was held in the mayor's office at the city hall last night, but only fragmentary information was given out as to the candidates arrived at.

Assemblyman Haas, who was among the number, reiterated his statement of a few days ago that he would not allow the use of his name, although considerable pressure was brought to compel him to present his decision. This practice allows the majority only one course, and that is either the selection of Dr. Schiffmann or the selection of Dr. Whitcomb.

Dr. Whitcomb, it is understood, will not accept the position unless at once announced; in fact, he has expressed himself as desiring not to be considered in the race, claiming that his professional duties are of such a large and exacting nature as to demand his entire attention.

The absence of Aldermen Hunt and Bantz from the conference is only in line with their position as candidates and received little comment at the caucus last night. What their position in the selection of a president will be is another matter. Alderman Holt, however, last night was confident enough to assert that Dr. Schiffmann would receive their sanction next Tuesday, the day set by the charter for the election.

With the Democrats having only the best of the argument by a majority of one, the contest is naturally exciting, but a ludicrous feature has been lent to the race by the number of candidates which the Republican end of the bunch has developed. Alderman Holt is supposed to be the caucus nominee, but despite this Assemblyman Craig and Benson, who are avowed candidates, will not be down, and when the time comes will be found making a lively fight for the honor. Another Republican caucus is supposed to be held on Tuesday, and the most prominent figures among the candidates will be down, and when the time comes will be found making a lively fight for the honor.

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ADVANCE GUARD ARRIVES. DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY SURGEONS REACH ST. PAUL. EMINENT MEN AMONG THEM. Surgeons Generals Sternberg and Wynnan Among Them, Gen. Stern, Grant and Others Will Attend. FAMED NEBRASK