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CITY NEWS

Smokers' sets at Tony's cigar store, 152 E. 7th St.

The Ramsey County Bar association will hold its annual meeting Jan. 4 at the Commercial club.

For stove repairs of all kinds, Tel. 1404, Am. Stove Rep. Works.

H. A. Rieger, a native of German, was yesterday granted final papers of citizenship by Judge Kelly.

The Electrical Workers' union, No. 23, will give their seventh annual ball this evening at Central hall.

A special meeting of local branch Steam Fitters' union has been called for Saturday evening at Labor hall.

The public examiner yesterday granted the Western State bank, of Granite Falls, capital, $50,000, a license to do business.

Minnewakan Tribe No. 2, Imperial O. R. M., will hold memorial services at the hall, 377 Robert street, on Sunday afternoon.

Articles of incorporation of the Kettle River Quarries company, of Minneapolis, capital stock, $200,000, were filed yesterday.

The annual ball of the Electrical Workers' union, No. 23, will be held this evening at Central hall, Sixth and Seventh streets.

Teachers and pupils of the St. Paul public schools will begin their holiday vacation next Friday evening. It will continue until Monday, Jan. 6.

An examination of candidates for teachers' professional certificates will be held at the Central high school building Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

Two extra men have been put on duty in the registry department of the postoffice to assist in the holiday work. Other extra men will be added to other departments as required.

Suit has been begun in the district court by the St. Paul Title and Trust company against Mrs. Shirley E. Bryant, Fred S. Bryant et al. to foreclose a mortgage of $3,800 upon a lot in West Crocus hill.

The Towle Syrup company has moved its general office from the Manhattan building to its new plant on the West side, corner Custer street and Chicago avenue, where "Log Cabin" will have its home for the future.

United States District Attorney Purdy went to Chicago last night to appear before the special master, H. H. Horn, who is to take testimony in the case of the United States against the Northern Pacific Railway company and the Western Union Telegraph company.

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Mixed Nuts	All new crop. No. 3, per pound ... 12½c; No. 2, per pound ... 15c; Extra No. 1, per lb. .. 17c	
Grenoble Walnuts	New extra imported just arrived, per pound	18c
Walnuts	Medium sized, new crop, Californias, per pound	12c
Flour	The best Flour in America, per 98-lb. bags ... $2.00; Per 49-lb. bags, $1.00; per 24-lb. bags, 50c.	
Christmas Trees	A splendid select lot of them. Prices commence at	19c
Orange Sale	This week we are selling out a car load of choice Mexican Oranges, large sizes, per dozen	18c, 23c, 28c
Per box		$2.50
Table Butter	Five-pound jars Dairy Butter for	$1.00, $1.10, $1.20.
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Apples	Large boxes, more than a bushel, every apple wrapped. Per box	$1.29

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BURNS IS ON TRIAL

JURY SECURED, AND STATE GETS ITS CASE WELL STARTED

TESTIMONY IS VERY DIRECT

Carl Ducius and Judge Schoonmaker Relate Circumstances of Burns' Dealings With Them.

James H. Burns, formerly auditor of Ramsey county, was yesterday placed on trial before Judge Bunn, in the criminal branch of the district court, on an indictment in which he is charged with having falsely presented to the state auditor for audit and allowance a claim against the county. Specifically the allegation upon which the action is based is that Burns secured from the county of Ramsey $136 by means of a tax refundment order to which he was not entitled, and that this refundment order was secured under false representations.

Less time than usual was consumed in the selection of a jury, and only about a half dozen of those who were called for examination were excused. Those who were accepted as jurors are as follows:

Chris Funk, Clarence J. Phillips, Francis H. Waters, Frederick Schumacher, Martin L. Ryan, George A. Stein, Varney Peterson, Charles F. Schmid, Joseph Kellar, Edward Norman, Michael Dillon and William Leip.

Both County Attorney Kane and his assistant, O. H. O'Neill, are participating in the prosecution of the case for the state, while the interests of the defendant are in the hands of S. J. Donnelly.

County Attorney Kane, in opening the case, said that the state would endeavor to show that on April 13, Burns told Carl Ducius, who was a law clerk in the New York Life building, that he wanted him to make a petition to the county board for the refundment of taxes on certain realty, the sale of that property having been declared void by the supreme court; that Ducius never owned the tax certificate to the property, but at Burns' request he made out a petition, setting forth that he was the owner of a certain tax certificate, and desired the return of money paid for such certificate; and that the petition was taken by Burns. The state would further show, he said, that the petition referred to was approved and returned with others of like character to the possession of Burns; that Burns then secured a letter from Judge James Schoonmaker, and addressed to the state auditor, requesting the approval of the petition, and this letter with the petition were taken to the state auditor's office by Ducius; that the petition duly approved by the state auditor was returned to the office of the county auditor, and that, at Burns' request, Judge Schoonmaker called at the county auditor's office, and received a refundment order for $123, which was cashed, and the money turned over to Burns.

Mr. Kane also said he would show that the certificate upon which the refundment of this money was really due, was assigned to David O'Neill in 1891, and that Mr. O'Neill died in 1895, and the certificate remained among his private papers.

He would show, he said, that Burns never owned the certificate, and still other transactions of a similar character to the one in question, in which the defendant had figured, would be brought forward to characterize this particular deal.

Ducius Is Called.

The first witness called by the state was Carl Ducius, who, after stating, in response to questions, that he was twenty-seven years of age, and had lived in St. Paul all his life, proceeded to relate the circumstances of his business with Burns in regard to the refundment. He said that Burns came to see him April 12 last at the office in the New York Life building, which he occupied with Judge Schoonmaker and S. A. Anderson. Burns said: "Carl, I have some applications for refundment of taxes and the certificates are all made out in your name. The reason I don't take them out in my own name is because I have judgments against me." Burns called again the next morning with some applications and witness signed them as directed. The witness next saw the petitions. Five or six days later Burns called, and said they had been acted upon by the county board. Burns then requested Judge Schoonmaker to write a letter to the state auditor asking that prompt action be taken upon the petitions, and this letter, with the petitions, witness took to the office of the state auditor. About four or five days after that Ducius told Judge Schoonmaker, at Burns' request, that there was a warrant for him at the county auditor's office. Witness went with Schoonmaker to the auditor's office, where they secured the warrant. In payment of this warrant the county treasurer issued a check on the National German-American bank, which check was cashed, and the money turned over to Burns on the same day by Judge Schoonmaker.

Judge Schoonmaker, who was the next witness, testified with particular reference to the letter written by him to Deputy State Auditor Iverson at Burns' request, after the petitions had been returned from the county board. This witness also related the circumstances of his going to the county auditor's office to draw the warrant, and stated that at that time, for some reason which he did not know, the petitions appeared in his name. The money, he said, Ducius secured and took to the office in the New York Life building, where it was turned over to Burns.

Deputy State Auditor S. G. Iverson identified notations which had been made upon the petition at the state auditor's office by himself. These petitions, he said, must have arrived at his office about April 22. Such petitions were presented in duplicate form and so acted upon.

County Treasurer P. J. Metzdorf testified to issuing the check to James Schoonmaker.

W. R. Johnson, county auditor, was questioned as to certain entries on the tax judgment book in his office, with reference to the property mentioned in the petition in question. These entries he said showed that the property had been sold for the state, and bid in by Edward Denegre, and that the tax certificate had been assigned to David O'Neill.

John J. Fitzgerald, administrator of the estate of David O'Neill, testified that among the private papers of the deceased in his possession was the tax certificate to the property mentioned in the petition.

The trial of the case will be resumed today.

WIFE IS LET OUT.

Judge Lewis Says Husband Could Not Make Her Party to Suit.

In the case of John Benjamin Kelly and Margaret Kelly against Peter E. Hanson and others, now pending in the district court, Judge Lewis yesterday filed an order dismissing the action in all things as to the plaintiff, Margaret Kelly, but providing that the action shall stand and continue as between John Benjamin Kelly, plaintiff, and Peter E. Hanson et al., defendants.

In a memorandum accompanying the order the court notes the fact that John Benjamin Kelly and Margaret Kelly are husband and wife, but for more than ten years past have not lived together, and holds that under these circumstances the husband had no legal authority to employ an attorney and prosecute an action which would bind his wife.

SUES FOR $5,000.

Omaha Road Asked to Pay for Killing Enoch Anderson.

Alma Anderson, administratrix of the estate of Enoch Anderson, deceased, has brought suit in the district court against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway company to recover $5,000 damages for the death of the said Enoch Anderson, from injuries alleged to have been received while in the performance of his duties as an employe of the defendant company.

The deceased, it is stated in the complaint, was employed as night car inspector in the yards of the railroad company, and at 4 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 28 last, while engaged in attending to the duties regularly required of him, was run down by a carelessly operated string of freight cars, which were being switched in the yards. The complaint alleges that the company was guilty of carelessness and negligence in that there was no light on the freight cars and no other means was taken to warn persons of their approach.

KELLY WAS SARCASTIC.

Judge Gives Attorneys a Mild Rebuke for Petty Practice.

In his memorandum, accompanying an order filed yesterday, in the case of A. J. Diamon against Mrs. L. Case and Luther Case, Judge Kelly administers a somewhat sarcastic rebuke to the attorneys, whom he seems to consider responsible for the condition of affairs which made the order necessary. The effect of the order is to permit the defendant, Luther Case, to file his answer on payment of $5 costs to the plaintiff, and the memorandum reads as follows:

The court as a duty and somewhat as a penance for his manifold sins, has read through the voluminous affidavits handed him on this motion. The whole matter involves no principle, and but $10 in money. In all kindness, let me suggest to counsel that the exercise of very little of the ordinary courtesies which usually obtain in a profession honorable as ours, would, in this instance, have resulted in a material saving of time, typewriters and tempers. I have simply offset the costs, $5, allowed by Judge Otis, with the costs, $10, allowed Diamon by myself, and directed Case to pay the difference.

INDICTMENT IS NOLLED.

Costello Will Not Be Tried for Slugging Strand.

On motion of County Attorney Kane yesterday, the indictment in which John Costello and John Flaherty were jointly charged with having, on June 28 last, robbed Peter Strand, was nolled in so far as it related to Costello. Flaherty was tried on that charge last week and found guilty, and was sentenced to serve three and a half years in the state prison. He stated, when brought before the court for sentence, that Costello was not with him on the night of June 28.

There still stands against Costello a secret indictment returned in October, 1900, in which he is charged with grand larceny in the first degree, it being alleged that on July 6, 1900, he stole from the person of Charles Ladoucer a pocketbook containing $8 in cash. He pleaded not guilty to this last mentioned indictment, and was allowed to go on his own recognizance.

GRAND JURY IS DRAWN.

Will Report for Duty on January 6.

The grand jury for January was drawn yesterday, as follows, and the members will be required to report for duty on the 6th of that month: William Brown, C. Milton Griggs, William B. Hastings, Charles Hare, R. F. Hersey, P. J. Hevener, George F. Kuhles, Patrick F. Kavanagh, Cyrus H. Kellogg, George M. Kenyon, Mathias Koch, Thomas H. Lyles, Peter Maendler, Charles Michaud, Andrew J. Meachem, Lucius Oppenheim, William G. Pearce, Thomas A. Prendergast, and Herman Stockenstrom, of St. Paul; William Gould, Sr., and F. McCarron, Rosetown; Eric Stone, North St. Paul, and A. P. Wright, New Canada.

TELEPHONE CASE UP AGAIN.

Company Wants Decision on Gross Earnings Tax Matter.

As one of the features of the controversy between the city and the Northwestern Telephone company is as to whether the company must pay a gross earnings tax of 5 per cent before it may proceed with the placing of poles, stringing of wires and other extensions of its lines, a suit was filed in the district court yesterday by the company against the city and certain of its officers. The officers who are named as defendants are Robert A. Smith, as mayor; John J. O'Connor, as chief of police, and Oscar Claussen, as commissioner of public works.

The company petitions the court to restrain and enjoin the defendants from interfering with it in the use of the poles and wires which it now has in place, in replacing the old poles with new ones where they may be needed, or in extending its system of poles and wires in such manner as may be required for the transaction of business carried on by the plaintiff.

New Trial Is Denied.

An order has been filed by Judge Otis denying a new trial in the suit brought by Elizabeth Obermueller against the St. Paul Gas Light company to collect $5,000 damages by reason of the fact that her husband, Joseph H. Obermueller, while an employe of the defendant company, was killed by coming in contact with a live wire. By direction of the court a verdict was returned for the defendant in a trial of the case last week.

Would Sever the Tie.

Eva M. Osborne has filed suit in the district court against Charles Osborne, now living at Jordan, N. Y., for divorce on the ground of habitual drunkenness. The plaintiff is twenty-five years of age, and the defendant thirty-three years, and they were married Dec. 19, 1891, when plaintiff was but fifteen years old. The case will be heard Dec. 24.

Judgment Is Vacated.

Judge Kelly filed an order yesterday in the case of Anthony Yoerg Jr. against Sabrina Irvine et al., vacating a former decree, of judgment for plaintiff by default, and reopening the case as to the defendant, H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy, to permit him to file an answer within fifteen days upon payment of $15 costs.

Did Not Bloom in Spring.

Christ Hanson has brought suit in the district court to recover $500 damages from Harry A. Dreer, by reason of the fact, as it is alleged, that Dreer sold him 500 lily bulbs, warranting them to be sound, and the bulbs when planted and cared for in Hanson's greenhouse proved to be worthless.

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CARTER IN ST. PAUL

EX-SENATOR TALKS ENTHUSIASTICALLY OF ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION

IS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Says Louisiana Purchase Exposition Will Eclipse Columbian—Plans to Prevent Repetition of Buffalo Tragedy.

Ex-Senator Thomas Carter, of Montana, president of the board of national commissioners of the St. Louis exposition, was at the Ryan yesterday on his way to his home in Helena, Mont. Senator Carter is returning from attendance at a session of the board of commissioners in St. Louis by way of Washington and New York, where he was called on business matters pertaining to the exposition.

The ex-senator from Montana is very enthusiastic concerning the prospects of the St. Louis fair, and has no doubt that it will be by far the largest thing of its kind ever held.

The protection of public officials will be one of the new things to consider at the fair, and Senator Carter and his associates on the board intend to see that some means are devised to insure this end. Speaking on this question Senator Carter said:

"Of course every exposition has had to figure on the lawless element that is always drawn within its gates, but the terrible disaster at the Pan-American has opened the eyes of managers to possibilities of this nature. We intend to see that the St. Louis exposition will be free from the presence of anarchists and undesirable characters. So far there has been nothing definite done in regard to regulations of that nature, but the matter will be given the great amount of attention that it unquestionably deserves.

"Everything connected with the fair is rapidly being whipped into shape, and most fratifying progress is being made. It will be only a question of a short time until the detailed plans and specifications of the buildings will be ready for the bidders, and the contracts will be let within a few weeks. The buildings will be something far in advance of anything of a like nature. In spite of the fact that, with one exception, they will be of a temporary character, they will cost $10,000,000.

"The art building is the only one that will be erected with the idea of permanency, and of this only the main portion will be preserved. It is intended to make this a museum of art that will stand for many years a treasury of art on Forest hill.

"The invitations to attend the exposition sent out by the president to foreign countries have already been accepted by the republics of South and Central America, and also by many of the European states. The number of foreign acceptances at so early a date gives evidence that there will be more foreigners and foreign exhibits at the Louisiana Purchase exposition than there were at the Columbian, which, at that time, was considered something wonderful.

Will Eclipse Columbian.

"A comparison between the coming exposition at St. Louis and the Columbian, which has generally been taken as a standard by the people of the United States and of other nations, will be distinctly favorable to the coming event. In the first place the general plan of the St. Louis exposition is much broader in scope, then the grounds are by far better fitted for an affair of this character than was the locality where the Columbian exposition was held. In Chicago the grounds were flat, and a mighty task was imposed upon the landscape gardeners to overcome the idea of flatness that would have otherwise been distressing. On the other hand, the St. Louis grounds are of an undulating character, and with the high-class artists who will be employed will be capable of being made extremely beautiful. The grounds are covered with a growth of trees of noble size, and these, with attendant natural shrubbery artistically arranged, will make a very pleasing sight. This was impossible at the Columbian exposition, although great efforts were made to overcome the lack.

"Then again the grounds at St. Louis are much larger, and there will not be that crowding and huddling together of imposing buildings that has heretofore been the rule on account of the lack of space. This defect has had the effect of hiding many of the beauties of the different structures, as the eye took in so much at a glance that it was unable to enjoy much of the artistic detail which goes to make up the whole. The idea at the St. Louis exposition will be to give an impression of vastness and magnificent distances, as much as of splendor. There will be long walks and drives under Gothic arches of green boughs, stretches of green sward and a general effect of reposing grandeur instead of the crowded rush of pavements.

Will Profit by Experience.

"Another reason why the St. Louis exposition will surpass all others is there is a greater store of knowledge and experience to draw from. Each exposition held demonstrates many things, and those who were responsible for the Columbian exposition were in a great many cases establishing precedents. The result of their labors, and of the others that have followed in other parts of the country, has shown what to do and what to avoid to make the affairs of this nature a success. All other things being equal, we have their experience to fall back on.

"We also have more funds at our disposal than did our predecessors, and this will be utilized to its greatest advantage, and there is no getting around the fact that money is a very necessary article to be in possession of in ventures of this sort.

"The only limitation that we have to contend with is the short time we have to complete the gigantic work. Under the act of congress authoring the Louisiana Purchase exposition, it is to be opened April 30, 1903. To do this it will be necessary for those in charge to labor constantly every day for twenty-four hours until that time. While I realize the magnitude of the task that is before us, I have every confidence of the ability of those in charge to perform their tasks with energy and completeness. This being done, with so much in our favor, I am perfectly satisfied that when the gates are thrown open for the public every detail will be completed, and that those whose engagements make it necessary for them to make an early visit will have the satisfaction of seeing a completed article in every respect. There will be no finishing, with its rush and annoyances, but the same exposition that those who arrive later in the season will witness."

TIM BYRNES BUSY.

Laboring for Survey of Minnesota Government Lands.

Tim Byrnes, who is back from Washington for a few days, called on State Auditor Dunn yesterday morning. He has been laboring for a complete survey of government lands in Minnesota, and believes that his efforts will be successful. He said:

The interior department favors the survey, and the outlook is favorable for an appropriation by congress for that purpose.

There are about thirty townships of government land, scattered over the northern counties, that have never been surveyed. When the work is done sections 16 and 36 of each town will go to the state as school land, and whatever is found to be swamp land will go to the state. The rest will then be open for homestead purposes. Much of it is good agricultural land and will be taken up quickly by settlers.

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DECREASE IN THEFT

SHOPLIFTING IN ST. PAUL IS NOT NEARLY SO HEAVY AS LAST CHRISTMAS

SO ALL LOCAL STORES AGREE

Various Reasons Assigned by Floor-Walkers for Falling Off in Petty Thievery—Just the Reverse in Minneapolis.

Shoplifting is on the decrease in St. Paul. This is the unanimous opinion of the managers and floor walkers of all the principal stores in the city. While those in a position to know and appreciate this fact are of one accord, nevertheless they are divided as to the cause of this improvement on the part of the Christmas shoppers. With one exception they all differ on this point. They agree that the decrease in pilfering is not due to any moral reason.

A tour of all the department and other large stores of the city yesterday, brought forth the fact that while there is always more shop lifting indluged in during the holidays than in any other season, that this year there have been fewer cases than for many years previous.

Owing to the fact that in all large department stores there are many extra counters on which tempting articles are spread, there are each season cases of shoplifting done by persons who would never think of it during the other months. Many persons see fine articles, such as furs, silks, and trinkets which are beyond the reach of their purses, and are overcome by an overwhelming desire to own them. In other seasons these tempting articles are kept where it is a matter of some difficulty to secure them, but during the holidays they are right under the tempted one's hands, and the result is frequently that one of the store detectives steps on the scene, and then there are tears and promises never to do it again. This case applies only to those who may, broadly speaking, be called honest persons.

Then there are always the professional shoplifters who make a business of taking all sorts of articles from stores without going through the necessary formality of speaking to the clerk about the matter. These have a fine opportunity to ply their trade during the holidays, as their chances of not being noticed in the crowds that surge around the different counters are many. Years of experience have taught department store managers what to expect during the closing days of the year, and they invariably make an increase in the number of store detectives of both sexes. Some stores even have uniformed officers, the moral effect of whose presence is sufficient to halt many on the verge of crime.

Without exception the stores visited yesterday by The Globe represented that they had been losing articles from their counters, but it was said that this was to be expected. One of the largest stores in the city has had but two cases of detected shoplifting since the holiday trade began, another had none, and in all other stores it was said that there was far less shoplifting than in past years.

Busy in Minneapolis.

In Minneapolis the reverse is the case. Reports from the large stores in that city state that the percentage of goods stolen is somehing enormous, and far in excess of previous years. This is considered by some of the floor walkers to be the reason for the decrease of shoplifting in St. Paul. They say that all the professional "lifters" are in Minneapolis, and that they have only to contend with the amateurs, whose work is always of a very low order when compared with that of the finished artist.

The fact that during the holidays a year ago the police rounded up a crowd of shop-lifters, and succeeded in convicting them, is another reason advanced for the apparent dislike of professionals for this city. The floor-walkers claim that the salutary effect of the lesson was widespread and productive of very good results.

The protection of large stores is a science which has become more perfect each year as the stores increased in size, and the danger from theft became greater. In every large store in the city there are a corps of specialist detectives, who make a careful study of shop-lifters and their methods, and every one of any prominence in the United States is known to them. They have learned from long experience the moves the amateurs make when they contemplate the appropriation of an article, and the theft is frequently nipped in the bud. One close shave is usually sufficient for a beginner.

Another reason is assigned for the rising scale of honesty. This is that the people as a whole have money to spend for Christmas this year, and are therefore able to satisfy their desires in a lawful manner. When a person has an armful of Christmas articles there is not the temptation to steal that there is when empty handed.

In spite of all this shop-lifting is going on in the city, and probably always will, as none of the managers expect to see the day that they can overlook this medium of loss in their calculations. That it is not so frequent this season has had no effect on the number of store detectives, or on their vigilance. The fact that there are any number of the fraternity operating within ten miles of the St. Paul stores is sufficient to keep them on the alert for any change that might drive these undesirable visitors to this city.

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BEEKEEPERS WILL MEET

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION.

The Beekeepers of Minnesota are always enthusiastic and energetic, and the state convention never entirely uses up either their enthusiasm or their energy. The annual convention of the Southern Minnesota Beekeepers' association will be held in Winona on Jan. 21 and 22.

At the recent meeting of the executive committee only the outline of the programme was arranged. The forenoon of Jan. 21 will be devoted to preliminary work, the reception of members and the reading of reports. In the afternoon President E. B. Huffman, of Homer, will read his annual address. The following are the topics for discussion on the following day: "Apiculture as a Business," "Best Race of Bees," "Comb Foundations," "Bee Pasturage," "Disease of Bees," "Drones," "Feeding Bees," "Hives, Frames and Sections," "Increase of Bees," "Honey Production and Marketing," "Management of an Apiary," "Uses of Separators," "Queen Rearing and Shipping," "Wintering Bees."

The question box will be open during the entire convention, and many topics of interest will be brought up in this manner. The matter of affiliating with the National Beekeepers' association will also be considered at the convention.

Bag Pipes Galore.

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Oscar Pearl, the young man charged with the embezzlement of $30 from Knauft & Sabin, insurance agents, was discharged by Judge Hine in the police court yesterday afternoon, as the complaint was withdrawn by the complaining witness.

The condition of Frederick E. Mahler, 395 Dayton avenue, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Luke's hospital, was reported as being much improved last night and hopes are now entertained for his recovery.

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ROMANCE ALL GONE

DIVORCE COURT FURNISHES LAST CHAPTER OF MUCH-TALKED-OF MARRIAGE

COMPLAINT OF MRS. MERTENS

St. Paul Girl Who Married Noted Operatic Performer Tells Sad Story of Honeymoon's Unpropitious End.

A highly romantic marriage, which caused something of a sensation in certain circles of St. Paul society a few years ago is recalled once more to public interest by the divorce suit of Susanna Margreta Faber Mertens against William Mertens, the complaint in which was filed in the district court yesterday.

Mrs. Mertens relates in her complaint that she is twenty-eight years of age, and the defendant forty-four years, that they were married April 16, 1896, and lived together until Nov. 12, 1897, and that there is one child, Isolda Charlotte Mertens, now four years of age. She alleges that he deserted her at St. Paul, Nov. 12, 1897, and that their child has been continuously under her care and solely supported by her.

The complaint sets forth, as a second cause of action, that while the defendant was in Germany in 1900, he went through the form of marriage with a German woman who is designated as Rachel Doe, and that in Jan., 1901, he lived with that woman at St. Louis, Mo., and at Belleville, Ill., in open adultery.

Mrs. Mertens alleges in her complaint that the defendant has property of the value of $20,000, and earns a salary of $7,500 a year as a singer. She asks for a divorce, the custody of the child, and that she be awarded alimony in the sum of $6,700.

Mrs. Mertens is a daughter of Paul Faber, a well-known resident of this city for many years. Mertens is an operatic singer of considerable renown, and when during one of his professional visits to St. Paul the young people formed a romantic attachment for one another, and were married after a brief but devoted courtship, the occurrence caused much surprise among the young woman's friends.

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AUSTIN AFTER IT.

Offers Two Sites for State Training School.

A delegation from Austin, headed by Mayor C. M. West, waited on the state board of control yesterday morning and submitted two propositions for the location of the girls' training school.

One site includes 114 acres just south of the corporate limits, adjacent to the Great Western and Milwaukee tracks, and to city water. The other, ninety acres in extent, is a mile farther south, also close to the tracks. It joins the Cedar river, and has on it a flowing spring amply sufficient for water supply. Austin is after the school in earnest, and says that either site amounts to a donation of $10,000.

In the delegation was Senator Swenningsen, R. E. Sheperd, Lyman D. Band and W. A. Nolan, of Grand Meadow, member of the lower house.

Delegations have recently waited on the board of conrol with offers of sites at New Ulm, Hinckley and Pine City.

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