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Appeal to the most critical musical taste, and are receiving more favorable comment today than any other make of piano offered to the public. Their leading features are—

Scientific Scale.
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CITY.. NEWS

Two car loads fancy Christmas trees to pick from, cheap. O. G. Wilson, Eighth and Broadway. Open evenings.

Rev. W. E. Pope will conduct a communion service at St. Philip's Mission tomorrow evening at 11:30.

The water department yesterday awarded its fuel contract to the Northwestern Fuel company. The contract involves an expenditure of about $5,000.

At a meeting of the creditors of the Frank P. Blair estate, held before Referee M. Doran Jr. on Saturday, M. R. Tyler was appointed trustee for the bankrupt estate.

The Fifth ward is now only credited with three cases of diphtheria, against nearly fifty which existed a month ago. Payne avenue has thirteen cases, while seven are to be found in the vicinity of Dayton's bluff.

Someone removed the sidewalk from in front of Mrs. Catherine Fisher's property on Randolph street, and now she wants the city to pay for it. Mrs. Fisher called on the city officials yesterday, but they could not give her any aid.

Mrs. G. Fletcher, 14 Douglas street, fell into an open coal hole in the sidewalk in front of the 5 and 10-cent store on East Seventh street about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was slightly injured. She was able to go home alone on the car.

Christian C. Somers, 121 Arch street, an arc lamp cleaner, slightly injured his hand while repairing a lamp at Sixth and Wabasha streets yesterday morning. A knife fell from the top of a ladder and pierced his right hand. He was attended by Dr. Boxell.

The board of public works anticipates that a legal battle will be necessary before the paving contractors will be induced to repave Seventh street. The pavement is worn out and the board will not permit any more repairs. It demands that it be resurfaced.

Frank Foley and Hugh Brennan, the two men accused of assaulting Joseph Vondell Sunday evening, entered a plea of not guilty in the police court yesterday and will be given a hearing on Friday. Brennan asserted that they were not the men who committed the assault.

J. C. Cunningham, driver of the Margaret street patrol wagon, is at his home suffering from a swollen arm as the result of being thrown from the patrol wagon Saturday evening while turning a corner. The arm is not broken, and he will be able to resume his duties in a few days.

J. H. Carlson, a driver in the employ of the Hamm Brewery company, was the victim of a peculiar accident yesterday morning. He jumped from his wagon at the company's plant upon a rusty nail and it penetrated his foot its entire length. Dr. E. H. Whitcomb attended the injured man.

F. W. Foot, a member of the ranks of the younger Democracy, filed an application yesterday to appear as Democratic candidate for the office of municipal judge on the primary election ballots. Mr. Foot is the thirteenth candidate to file an application for office under the new primary law.

James Carter was before Judge Hine in the police court yesterday on the charge of disorderly conduct, preferred against him by John Gallinagh, saloon keeper at Iglehart and Rice streets, who alleged that Carter broke a plate glass window. Carter settled the damage and the saloonkeeper withdrew the complaint.

An independent German-American club has been organized in the Eighth ward, with fifty members. The officers are: Chairman, Charles Truschel; secretary, August Zikur; financial secretary, Charles Kessihert; treasurer, W. H. Albert; executive committee, Frank Sturntz, Fred Wiplinger, John Walther, John Hoffmann and W. H. Albert. The next meeting will be held Jan. 16 at 1143 Rice street.

S. R. Gayton was arrested by Officer Licha yesterday afternoon on the charge of being drunk. When he arrived at the Central police station the first thing he said was that he was hungry and wanted to know what time dinner was served. He was put on the boarding list until this morning, when he will be turned over to Judge Hine for further disposition.

YERXA

Fresh Strawberries TODAY.

This business grows and grows. Why? Simply because we make such prices on good Groceries for Cash that it's poor judgment on a housekeeper's part to go elsewhere.

We are organized to do the largest business in the history of the store today—plenty of salesmen, plenty of deliverymen—and we have made lots of room.

Candies! Candies!

We make it and sell you at the price that most other dealers have to pay for it. We know you cannot do as well elsewhere—this fact is not generally known—we want you to know it.

1-lb fancy boxes, hand-made Cream Bon-Bons, with meat centers and tops, such as ordinarily sell at 40c to 50c, are here for 25c
1-lb fancy boxes Perfection Chocolate Creams, beautiful goods, elsewhere are 40c to 50c, are here for.. 25c
Wafers, the best in this city, every kind, per lb, only 20c
French Cream Mixed, per lb..... 12½c
Candy Canes, we make them any size you want.
Chocolate and Cream Mixed, per lb. 15c
Buttercups, best in the city..15c and 20c
Gum Drops, per lb..... 5½c
All kinds of Mixed Candies, prices commence at, per lb..... 6c
French Nougat, per lb..... 20c
Candy Chains for trees 18c
Christmas Candies, per box.....5c to 9c

Table Raisins

1-lb boxes, in nice clusters, per box, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c
5-lb boxes, one nice layer in each box 58c, 70c, 90c, $1.20, $1.30, $1.60

Turkeys

We know good ones. It's our ambition to have the best in the city. We will have lots of them and intend to have our price as low as other stores ask for ordinary stock. If you want a good one for Christmas we will have them for you right priced.

(If you want ordinary stock we will have them cheap.)

Christmas Trees

We will close out what are on hand today at very low prices. Prices will begin at, each, 5c.

Splendid Cigars

We have just received a large invoice of John Tyler and Noyes Bros. & Cutler's Guarantee Cigars, 50 in a box. They are both a good article, splendid make, fine flavor and aroma. They sell everywhere at $2.25 per box; we offer this lot at only $1.49 per box of 50.

We have also many other of the popular brands of Cigars at Cut Prices.

Bright Holly, Evergreen, Mistletoe and Wreaths of all kinds.

Fancy Fresh Fruits

ORANGES

Fancy Mexican Sweets, per dozen.... 18c, 20c, 23c, 28c
Fancy Florida Brights, per dozen.... 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c
Fancy California Navels, per dozen.. 22c, 28c, 35c, 40c, 50c
Fancy Sweet Catawba Grapes, 5-lb basket 25c
Very Fancy Malaga Grapes, per lb.. 25c
Best Cape Cod Cranberries, per quart 10c
Fancy Strawberries, Pears, Grape Fruit, Pineapples, Tomatoes.

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

Your Wife Wants

A fine music box. Get a Symphonion; plays thousands of tunes; interchangeable tune sheets. $10 to $250. Easy payments. W. J. Dyer & Bro., next postoffice.

CARLETON TO GET TAXES

STATE AUDITOR DECIDES AGAINST ST. LOUIS COUNTY.

In the contest between St. Louis and Carleton counties as to which of them is entitled to collect taxes from the Mitchell & McClure Lumber company, of Duluth, upon a logging railroad which is operated in Carleton county, Auditor Dunn, to whom the question was referred, has decided in favor of Carleton.

The company made a return of this property in Carleton county, where it is located, and it was assessed at a valuation of $14,370. The St. Louis county authorities claimed the right to tax the property on the ground that it was a temporary affair and the company which owned it had headquarters in Duluth.

WORTH ABOUT $75,000

REAL ESTATE MEN VALUE THAT SIBLEY STREET PROPERTY.

Several real estate men reported to the board of public works yesterday that in their estimation $75,000 would be a fair price to pay for the property necessary for the widening of Sibley street from Third street.

While exempt from local assessments, the Union Depot company has agreed in the event that the street is widened, to bear its share of the cost. Under this agreement the Union Depot company would pay about $35,000, while the remainder would be taxed against other property benefited.

PIONEER PASSES AWAY

WILLIAM HENRY DIES IN ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL YESTERDAY.

William Henry, an old and respected citizen of St. Paul, who settled here in 1857, died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital. He was born in Ireland, and came to America in 1846, settling in New York, where he lived for ten years before coming to Minnesota. He leaves two children, Sister Mary Thomas, of the Order of St. Joseph, who is located at Hastings, Minn., and W. J. Henry, division engineer of the M., C. B. & R. railway in Iowa. The funeral will be held from the residence, 310 Smith avenue. The date will be announced later.

Musical Novelties.

Dying Pig, Roaring Buffalo, Cigar Balloon, Bazoo, Scotch Bag Pipe, Zobo and Multiphone, 10 cents each. W. J. Dyer & Bro., Next Postoffice.

WILL REDUCE AGE LIMIT.

Boys Over Sixteen Years to Be Allowed to Have Firearms.

At the request of Assemblyman Nelson, the council passed an ordinance prohibiting persons under twenty-one years of age from carrying or handling dangerous weapons.

This, it has been found, works a hardship, and in an amendment now pending the age limit is reduced to sixteen years. The majority of the members are of the opinion that if young men beyond that age are not capable of handling weapons safely, a city ordinance will not save them.

Musical Echoes From Other Years!

A unique and interesting calendar for 1902. Price, $1, at Dyer's, next postoffice.

"U" Daily Is Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday at the office of the secretary of state by the Minnesota Daily News company, whose capital stock is $10,000. The company is an association of students of the state university for the purpose of publishing a daily newspaper at the university. The incorporators are Norman G. Lind, Ralph W. Stanford, R. Q. Putnam, E. L. Noyes, J. Van Williams, J. W. Dye, A. R. Brown, F. C. Hughes, C. H. Tibbetts and E. A. Loomis.

Cigar Balloon.

Blow it up and see the man's face. Lots of fun; 10 cents. W. J. Dyer & Bro., Next Postoffice.

FOUND EIGHT DEER

GAME WARDEN FULLERTON VISITS W. F. BICKEL'S FOREST LAKE COTTAGE

LIABLE TO A FINE OF $400

Bickel Was Formerly Well Known and Wealthy Man About Town —Lived Retired Life or Late Years.

W. F. Bickel's Christmas holiday season will be somewhat dimmed in brilliancy by the fact that he has hanging over him a prosecution for violation of the game laws, which, in case he is found guilty, will entail a heavy penalty.

Mr. Bickel is a young man who has been much in the public eye in times past. Of late he has led a retired life, and many of his former associates and acquaintances did not even know where he spent his time, although a few of his intimates understood he was spending the winter at his cottage at Forest lake, where in former days he used to entertain some very jolly house parties, gathering about him a number of such well kown personages as "Pop" (Adrian M.) Anson, the veteran baseball player and manager; Charley Comiskey, Walter Wilmot and a number of kindred spirits.

Reports which recently reached the ears of Executive Agent Fullerton, of the game and fish commission, led him to suspect Mr. Bickel's motives in spending the winter in retirement at Forest lake, so yesterday, armed with a search warrant and accompanied by a deputy warden, he paid the cottage a visit. As a result, the carcasses of eight deer were seized.

Mr. Fullerton said last evening that he had not yet placed Mr. Bickel under arrest, as he did not want to have him held over Christmas day in confinement, and he was convinced that he could be found when wanted. Mr. Fullerton said, however, that after the holidays he would file a complaint against Mr. Bickel at Stillwater, and would prosecute the case. He is also authority for the statement that Mr. Bickel was once before arrested several years ago for violation of the game laws and paid a fine.

If this case should be proven against Mr. Bickel, unless some compromise is arranged as to the number of deer upon which the prosecution is based, the penalty will be a severe one, as the minimum fine fixed by law is $50 for each carcass or portion thereof.

Deputy game wardens of this city confiscated a fine moosehead which they found at the union depot yesterday. No person has as yet been located who has any connection with its shipment.

The E. & W. shirt in every way equals the E. & W. collars and cuffs. The cloth is the very best procurable, the linen being a special weave and bleach exclusively controlled by Earl & Wilson. The make is the work of experts, all portions being scientifically cut and put together. The fit is perfect. There is a scale of body sizes conforming to neck sizes, likewise a system of balance and proportion so uniformly preserved that the happiest fitting results follow. The laundering is of uniform excellence, the beautiful, soft, white finish being a treat to the eye. The current styles are the well known "Caddo," "Saco," "Tauro" and "Otego," and the famous Prince Albert series, numbers 1 to 5. In all essentials the E. & W. is the shirt par excellence of the trade.

EKMAN HAS RESIGNED

DID NOT CARE TO TRAVEL DURING HOLIDAYS.

Public Examiner E. M. Pope yesterday received and accepted the resignation of Edward Ekman, assistant examiner.

It was known that Mr. Ekman intended to sever his connection with the office Jan. 1, at the expiration of Gen. Pope's term, as he had associated himself with a syndicate of Minnesota men who are interested in the purchase of rice lands in Texas and Louisiana, but it was supposed that he would remain until the close of the year.

His sudden determination to resign, it is understood, was caused by an order from Gen. Pope to the effect that he spend the rest of the month, including Christmas, on the road, making examinations for the department. Mr. Ekman declined to leave the city before Christmas, and accordingly resigned.

The Thing for Xmas.

Schroeder & Dickinson are displaying appropriate, handsome and useful goods for presents. They include Tabourettes, Oriental lamps, pedestals, odd shapes, cushions, easy Morris chairs and Persian decorations. Call and see them. 16 East Sixth.

UP TO THE SOO ROAD

MUST IMPROVE RICE STREET CROSSING OR STAND SUIT.

County Surveyor Irvine has completed his survey of the Rice street crossing of the Soo road, and will report the result to the county attorney. The danger of this crossing has often been brought to the attention of the county officials, and the county attorney has at last been authorized to bring suit against the Soo road to compel it to either make the Rice street crossing of its road an underground affair, or else bridge the tracks. The suit against the road will be brought in the January term of the court, and the survey will be used to prove the contention of the county.

IN THE PROBATE COURT.

Proceedings Instituted to Settle Up Two Estates.

Two actions in probate were commenced yesterday with the clerk of the probate court. One was the filing of an application by the widow of John D. Gallagher for letters of administration under the last will and testament of the deceased. The Gallagher estate amounts to $951, and consists of real estate, to be divided between the widow and five children, three sons and two daughters.

The second action in probate was filed by Dr. A. B. Ancker, of the city and county hospital, where Mrs. Ardell Wilson, also known as Mrs. Ardell Jones, died intestate. The deceased left property valued at $200, and the petition asks for the appointment of William A. Spencer as administrator. The heirs are unknown.

ADAM FETSCH, FIFTH STREET.

Go to Adam Fetsch's for your Christmas Cigars.

Mrs. Zumbach Has Recovered.

Mrs. Paul Zumbach, wife of Principal Zumbach, of the Sheridan school, who has been at St. Joseph's hospital suffering with septic blood poisoning, was able to go home yesterday. She pricked her hand with a pin, and this caused the poisoning.

The individual savings bank for sale at The State Savings Bank, Germania Life Bldg., for 50c, make a lasting and useful Christmas present.

Uncle Sam's Musical Pipe.

The latest novelty. Have you seen it? 10 cents. W. J. Dyer & Bro., Next Postoffice.

MONEY TO LOAN
At lowest rates of interest on Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, etc.
ABE COHEN, 61 East Seventh.

JUST FOR TODAY.

With every purchase of $1.00 or more we give FREE for the children a nice present worth not less than 25 cents.

HAIR TONICS.
Coke Dandruff Cure..... 58c
Ayers' Hair Vigor..... 71c

RUBBER GOODS.
Fountain Syringes.
2 qt. regular 75c, our price..... 47c
3 qt. regular 85c, our price..... 53c
Hot Water Bottles.
2 qt. regular 70c, our price..... 47c
3 qt. regular 85c, our price..... 59c

PARKER,
Fifth and Wabasha.

NEW YEAR RESOLVES

DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONSIDER MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

PACIFIC CABLE BILL FAVORED

Suggest Amendment Providing for Terminus on Puget Sound—Opposed to Indiscriminate Appropriations.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning at its regular meeting passed several sets of resolutions relating to matters that have been brought before the body. The board favors the creation of a new federal department, to be called the department of commerce and industries. The Pacific cable plan was approved, with one exception. The Chamber of Commerce wants the terminal to be at a point on the Puget Sound.

Acknowledgment of the receipt of the resolutions passed last week in regard to closer trade relations with Canada were read from the Boston Chamber of Commerce, secretary to the president of the United States and from Senators Nelson and Clapp.

The board then took up the subject of a penny post, and after some discussion passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this board is in favor of the reduction of letter postage to 1 cent, provided that it can be brought about by the equalization of the postage on second-class matter."

W. H. Lightner, chairman of the committee on legislation, to which had been referred the matter of the creation of a new federal department, reported favoring the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the city of St. Paul strongly favors the creation at the seat of government of an executive department, to be known as the department of commerce and industries, and a secretary of commerce and industries, who should be the head thereof;

"Resolved, That this department, if created, should have jurisdiction over commerce, including all functions of the government with reference to transportation and navigation, manufacturing and mining, and all statistics relating thereto;

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to our senators and representatives in congress."

The committee to which the communication from the interstate commerce law convention was referred recommended that the communication be placed on file and that no present action be taken, as the subject matter had already been acted upon.

A communication was received from the Denver Chamber of Commerce relative to the tariff on sugar, and the committee on legislation recommended that it be referred to the manufacturing committee.

The committee on legislation, to which had been referred the communication from John B. Corliss relative to the construction of a Pacific cable, presented the following set of resolutions:

Resolutions on Cable Project.

"Whereas, The ownership and control of the Hawaiian and Philippine islands, in the Pacific ocean, have greatly advanced the possibilities and commercial progress of our country, and with the construction of the Nicaragua canal will enable our people to develop a merchant marine and advance our trade and commerce with the Orient; and

"Whereas, Great Britain has largely controlled the trade and commerce of the seas by the construction, ownership and control of cable lines and canals; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a government cable, connecting the islands owned and controlled in the Pacific ocean by our country is a public necessity for the proper advancement of our trade and commerce, as well as our military and naval protection; also

"Resolved, That such cable should be laid, owned and controlled by our government and operated the same as the postoffice department at the least possible expense to the public; that the pending measure known as the Corliss bill commands our hearty approval and in our judgment should be speedily adopted, provided that said bill be amended by making the terminus of said cable at some point on Puget sound."

In regard to the communication received from the national rivers and harbors congress the legislative committee recommended that the following resolutions be adopted:

"Resolved, That we favor all reasonable and necessary appropriations for the maintenance and improvement of national waterways, such appropriations, however, only to be made in such cases as are plainly of national importance and relate solely to national water highways, and that we disapprove of indiscriminate appropriations under the guise of improvements to rivers and highways."

These resolutions, which are to be forwarded to congress, are virtually opposed to those of the national rivers and harbors congress. After they had been adopted, the secretary was instructed to extend an invitation of the board to E. B. Bacon, chairman of the interstate commerce law convention, to deliver an address before the board Monday, Dec. 30, at 3:30 p. m. The address is to relate to certain desirable amendments to the interstate commerce act.

There will be a general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Jan. 6.

JUDGE ORR'S FATHER DEAD.

Had Recently Spent Several Days in This City.

Judge Orr, of the municipal court, yesterday received a telegram notifying him of the death of his father, Hunter Orr, at the latter's home, Miamisburg, Ohio, early yesterday morning. The judge will leave for Miamisburg this evening. His father was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and would have been ninety years of age on his next birthday. He was in St. Paul only a few weeks ago, and spent several days with his son. Death was due to old age. Mrs. Hunter Orr died a year ago at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

NEED SLIDING SCALE

CHARTER COMMISSION CONSIDERING FEASIBILITY OF ELASTIC CIVIC APPROPRIATIONS

PRESENT PLAN CANNOT LAST

Street, Fire and Park Departments Have Already Outgrown Allowances—Population and Valuations the Basis.

Set appropriations for the fire and street departments, with a possibility of the park department being included, will be eliminated in the future, if the scheme now being considered by the charter commission ever reaches realization. The plan is to create a sliding scale, which shall decrease or increase as the commercial prosperity and growth of the city expands or falls.

For the improvement and repair of streets and sewers, the charter permits an expenditure not greater than $175,000, the fire department is restricted to $215,000 and the park department is not allowed in any one year a sum greater than $75,000. Three years ago these amounts sufficed. Now they are entirely inadequate, and as the city grows in extent will be much more so.

For the fire department, the committee which has the matter in charge will recommend a yearly expenditure based on the assessed valuation of property and the growth in population, it also to include a provision contingent upon an addition of territory to what is known as the city limits. The street department, which is under the jurisdiction of City Engineer Claussen, will have its annual quota figured out on area of improved streets and highways, a yearly increase to be permitted as this area grows in extent. Street sweeping will be provided for on a per capita of population.

The park board has not asked that the restrictions on its annual expenditures be removed, but there is a growing opinion among the members of the commission that it should also be included in the list of "elastics." Some of the members would remove restriction from all city departments, leaving safeguards, however, that would permit of no tampering with city moneys.

The commission at its last meeting adjourned for a month for the purpose of allowing the several committees to work out the problems consigned to their care. These committees are now hard at work, and will probably report at the next meeting of the commission.

TRAINMEN'S NIGHT OFF

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL BALL ATTENDED BY GOV. VAN SANT

He Led the Grand March—Three Hundred Members of the Order at Merchants' Hotel Last Night.

The sixteenth annual ball given by St. Paul Lodge No. 122, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, at the Merchants' hotel last evening, was a success from every standpoint. About 300 were in attendance, and a programme of thirty dances was enjoyed. The grand march, which took place at half after 9, was headed by Gov. Van Sant and his niece, Miss Franc Scandrett. Just before the opening of the regular dance programme Mr. J. P. Gallagher, of the Great Northern railway, introduced Gov. Van Sant. The governor's response was brief and to the point. He said: "Ladies and Gentlemen: It gives me the greatest pleasure to be with you and express to you personally my interest in the railroad calling. I have in my heart a very warm place for the trainman, and there is also a particularly warm place for his lady."

When the programmes were given out each lady received a tasteful bouquet. Dancing was prolonged until a late hour, and refreshments were served from 11:30 till 1:30.

The order now has a membership of 55,000, while the local lodge has over 125 members. The committees in charge of last night's function were as follows:

Arrangement—M. O. Graves, chairman; A. E. Zackson, secretary and treasurer; J. P. Gallagher, J. W. Harrison, C. W. Young, F. W. Clark, O. D. Bishop, G. V. Haglund, J. D. Hartley, J. B. Williams, Otto A. Nordmann, Matt Ronan. Floor—Bishop, C. W. Young, J. P. Gallagher, O. Otto O. Nordmann, chairman; O. D. P. Tryner, H. H. Oakes, J. W. Harrison, Charles Hinebaugh, C. V. Haglund, R. R. Roberts. Reception—John Lemaster, chairman; E. G. Ross, S. R. Farrell, R. R. Roberts, W. Stockwell, J. W. McPike, J. P. Ryan, C. W. Wack, T. W. Heidecker, E. E. Garvin, H. H. Oakes, J. H. Mooney, E. A. Forseth, J. Daly, O. B. Martinsen, J. L. Brainerd. Ladies' Reception—Mrs. Mary Harrison, chairman; Mrs. Carrie Bowman, Mrs. Mary Neff, Mrs. Rose Schultz, Mrs. Matilda Boysen, Mrs. Nettie Land, Mrs. Lenora Bogart, Mrs. Nettie Coats, Mrs. Betsy Keller, Mrs. Josephine Lavallee, Mrs. Hannah Noonan, Mrs. Katie Ronan, Mrs. Tillie Rodger, Mrs. Abbie Sloggy, Mrs. Katie Williams, Mrs. Nettie Walker.

Eyes and Nose Ran Water.—C. G. Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have had Catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, and since using the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. I would not be without it. It relieves in ten minutes."—22.

FAVOR LOWER POSTAGE

JOBBERS' UNION THINKS UNCLE SAM CAN AFFORD IT.

Following the action of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning, the executive committee of the St. Paul Jobbers' union, at a special meeting, held in the afternoon, took action in favor of reduced postage rates. Some time ago the commercial bodies of the city had this question up for consideration, but at that time there was a good deal of opposition, because of the marked deficit in the United States postal revenue. This has, however, been materially reduced during the past year, and now commercial bodies throughout the country are clamoring for a reduction in postal rates.

All Good

All doctors are good, but only the best can cure the hardest cases. Just so with cough medicines. All are good, but only the best can cure the hardest coughs. Buy the kind the doctors prescribe,—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

"For three winters I had a very bad cough. I then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. In a short time I ceased coughing, and soon was entirely cured."
Mrs. Pearl Hyde, Guthrie Center, Ia.

25c., 50c., $1.00. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Field, Schlick & Co.

33⅓% off All pictures

Today we will deduct 33⅓% off the regular price of all framed pictures. This includes the entire lot—the fine oil paintings, the exquisite porcelain paintings in Florentine frames, medallions, etchings and all others at exactly one-third off.

These pictures form a special holiday stock with us and we make this astonishing price reduction for the purpose of closing out every last picture before the store closes Christmas eve. We have no place or room for them after that hour.

FURS! FURS! FURS!

Buy a present for Christmas that will be useful all the year. Buy Furs. Excellent stock. Open till 9 o'clock tonight.

Chas. A. Albrecht,
The Wabasha Street Furrier.—384 Wabasha Street.

HEAVIEST IN YEARS

POSTOFFICE CHOKED ALMOST TO SUFFOCATION WITH MAIL MATTER

LARGE FORCE OF CLERKS

Supt. Moroney Obliged to Help at Receiving Window—Business Twenty Per Cent Larger Than Last Year.

"Is this the biggest Christmas in the history of the St. Paul office?" said one of the head officials in the local postoffice department yesterday to The Globe, "well, I should say it was. So great is the demand for postoffice service that we are using every man that we can, where there is room to squeeze him in. It is hard to give figures as to the exact increase of this year's business over that of 1900, but it will probably reach 20 per cent. Business in the registration department especially is increasing, and if we had extra help, in addition to those we are now employing, it would be impossible to use them in the limited space at our command. Of course, the case would be entirely different if we were located in the new office, as we probably shall be by this time next year, and nothing has ever shown in a stronger light to what a disadvantage we are put by our present accommodations than the congested condition of the office this week."

Supt. Moroney even had to step into the breach and help out at the receiving window, while there was a constant crowd in front of the stamp windows, which at times extended so far along the front of the office partition that it blocked the receiving window and even inconvenienced the delivery of mail at the general window.

"In order that we may accommodate the crowds," continued the official, "the office will be kept open until 10 o'clock tonight, kept open in every department, a thing that has not been done for a long time. Why, even the aisles are crowded with mail sacks full of mail, and we will soon have to take to the roof."

PILES CURED WITHOUT THE KNIFE

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. No Cure, No Pay. All druggists are authorized by the manufacturers of Pazo Ointment to refund money where it fails to cure any case of piles, no matter of how long standing. Cures ordinary cases in six days; the worst cases in fourteen days. One application gives ease and rest. Relieves itching instantly. This is a new discovery and is the only pile remedy sold on a positive guarantee, no cure no pay. Price, 50c. If your druggist don't keep it in stock, send us 50c in stamps and we will forward same by mail. Manufactured by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., who also manufacture the celebrated cold cure, Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets.

MUST BIDE THEIR TIME

TOWNS DESIRING GIRLS' SCHOOL MUST WAIT AWHILE.

Within the past few days the state board of control has entertained delegations from a number of the towns which are applicants for the girls' training training school, which it is believed will be built next spring.

Thus far the board has heard delegations from Dodge Center, Le Sueur, New Ulm, Anoka, Hinckley and Carlton. No action toward the selection of a location for the school has as yet been taken by the board, and as no work could be done until next spring, the members of the board do not see the necessity for haste.

For Christmas cigars Adam Fetsch, on Fifth street, has a complete stock of cigars for holiday presents.

GOOD BILL AT EMPIRE.

Large Crowd Attracted by Excellent Programme.

The excellent free show at the Empire theater this week is attracting large crowds at both afternoon and evening performances. The programme opens with a laughable farce by Charles Ellsworth, entitled "The Toll House Tragedy," which is full of funny sayings, and is well received.

The Delkanos, in their marvelous handcuff act, continue to be a feature of the performance, and the descriptive work of Tenney and Livingstone is above the average. Powers and Freed, in their musical act, are also good, and Miss Kitty Pink is as popular as ever. John Fox does some clever hand balancing, and Miss Lou Douthitt in ballads is acceptable. The illustrated songs by Amy Ellsworth are also a feature of the entertainment.

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CALLS A CONFERENCE

VAN SANT SUMMONS GOVERNORS TO MEET AT HELENA DEC. 30

THOSE WHO WILL BE THERE

Toole, of Montana, and White, of North Dakota, Are Certainties—Rest Seem Undecided at Present.

Although he has not yet received replies from all of the executives of other states with whom he has communicated on the subject, Gov. Van Sant has called the long-contemplated conference of governors and attorneys general of the Northwestern states to consider united action against the so-called railroad merger. Helena, Mont., as the most central point within the group of states directly interested in the movement, has been named as the place of meeting, and Dec. 30 as the date for the opening of the conference.

Gov. Toole, of Montana, has from the first assured Gov. Van Sant of the hearty sympathy of himself and the attorney general of his state with the position taken by the Minnesota state officers and of their desire to co-operate in any legal fight which might be made against railroad consolidation. Gov. White, of North Dakota, has replied to Gov. Van Sant that he and the attorney general of his state will be present at the conference, but neither Gov. Rogers, of Washington, or Gov. Hunt, of Idaho, has yet responded to Gov. Van Sant's letter. It may be that the date fixed will not prove convenient to all of those officials whose presence is desired, and in that case it may be changed.

It is now considered probable that Attorney General Douglas, of this state, will accompany Gov. Van Sant to Helena, but as far as has been determined neither M. D. Munn or Senator George P. Wilson, of Minneapolis, who have been appointed associate counsel in this matter, will attend the conference. The prospects are that the conference will not continue longer than two or three days.

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Graduates of Carleton to Meet.

The midwinter annual meeting of the Twin City Carleton club will be held at 7:45 o'clock p. m., Friday, Dec. 27, 1901, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, 310 Endicott Bldg., Fourth street near Pioneer Press, St. Paul. An address will be given by Dr. Alexander McGregor, pastor Park Congregational church, St. Paul, on "The Christian College; Its Place and Work." All alumni, former and present students, will be welcome.

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