CITY .. NEWS

Miss Conradine Schurmeier, Crocus Hill, has returned to Cambridge.

Both bodies of the council will meet this afternoon to pass the December pay rolls in time for pay day, Jan. 15.

Edna Earlain, who is better known by the name of English Annie, was sentenced to thirty days in the workhouse to Tigging.

Brooks Bros. got a default judgment in the municipal court yesterday against Carl Berndt for $113, balance and interest on a note.

The trial of William Bickel on the charge of having eight beer in his possession, contrary to law, will come up at Forest Lake today.

Notice has been filed by the American Bonding and Trust company of its intention to withdraw as security for George W. Sinks, a licensed inspector.

Louis Gerber was arrested on complaint of George Dox, charged with discharging firearms within the city limits. The case was continued until this morning.

St. Paul Capital lodge, Order of B'rith Abraham, will install officers at Sherman hall Sunday evening. There will be music and several members will deliver addresses.

Tams Bixby, who has been ill at St. Luke's hospital from appendicitis, is reported to be rapidly recovering, and it is expected that he will soon be well enough to be removed to his home.

Health Commissioner J. Samuels, of Portland, Or., was a visitor at the health office yesterday, and later took a view of the public baths, as the Oregon city council is about to establish such an institution.

Isaac Lysander, the man who was arrested for an alleged criminal assault upon Mrs. Nakash, of the Premier flats, was released yesterday upon motion of the county attorney. Mrs. Nakash informed him that she did not desire to prosecute the case.

The William Porten company has been incorporated for the manufacture of brick, stone, iron and other materials for the construction of buildings, with a capital of $30,000. The incorporators are William Porten, Samuel Whaley and William F. Porten, all of St. Paul.

David Marx and Ike Hoffman each paid a fine in police court yesterday for fighting on the street. They are employed in rival pawnshops on Third street, and became engaged in a row which ended in their being arrested and fined $5 each. Marx also forfeited a pair of brass knuckles.

The health department is much encouraged by the fact that St. Paul is just now accomodating only two smallpox patients, while Minneapolis boasts of thirty. The two patients now at the pest house are convalesing and will be released this week.

Judge R. C. Hine and John W. Finehout have had published, for the Second Ward Republican League club, a small pocket pamphlet, instructing voters about the new primary law. Instructions concerning registration and voting and the rights and duties of citizens at the primaries are set forth.

The Kendrick Chemical company, of St. Paul, filed a certificate of stock with the secretary of state yesterday. The capital is $50,000, divided into 5,000 shares of $10 each; F. D. Kendrick holding 4,000, A. J. Stobbart and D. H. Bradley each 100, J. W. Norton and Joseph Claffy 50 each and Thomas Sullivan 5.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the St. Paul Free Medical Dispensary was held yesterday at the office of Victor M. Watkins, the secretary, for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the board occasioned by the expiration of terms of office of Henry P. Upham, William P. Clough and Nathaniel P. Langford. These gentlemen were re-elected for the term of three years.

Elaborate Masonic Ceremony.

For the first time in this city the twenty-first degree, "Noachite, or Prussian Knight," was given in full form last night at the Masonic Temple. It was under the direction of Louis George Hoffman, and was a notable event, as it is one of the most interesting degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry.

This reunion is the most important Masonic event of the year, and a large number of out-of-town Masons were in attendance.

If there's a hint of Catarrh Taint apply Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder without delay. It will save you suffering, heal you quickly whether you have been a slave one month or fifty years. It relieves cold in the head and catarrhal headaches in ten minutes. The Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice for the Dominion of Canada, endorses it.—2.

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Bananas, a nice ripe lot, per whole bunch, only $1.00 to $1.25; per dozen	10c
Fresh Roll Butter, per lb	22c
Fancy 60c Apples, per peck	35c
3-lb cans Bartlett Pears, per can	10c
3-lb cans Table Pears, per can	12c
Pint jars White Ox Heart Cherries, only	17c
Pint jars Black Tartarian Cherries, only	17c
Pure Jellies, any kind, per jar	10c
10-lb bags Buckwheat	32c
8 quarts fine Cranberries	25c
10 bars Diamond Soap for	35c
Diamond Soap, worth $3.65 box; our price	$3.10
New Nutmegs, per ounce	3c
Imported Swiss Cheese, best, per lb	29c
Shelled Walnut Meats, per lb	28c
1-lb packages Corn Starch	4c
Pint bottles Catsup	10c
8 pounds Washing Soda for	10c
Chestnuts, large imported, either boiled or raw, 3 lbs for	25c

Peerless Meat Market.

Fresh Boiling Beef, per lb	4c
Corned Beef, per lb	4c
Stewing Mutton, per lb	5c
Fresh Mutton Chops, per lb	10c to 12c
Fresh Pickerel, per lb	6c

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All our bakery goods are made in our own bake shop from the best materials.

Fresh White Bread, per loaf	2½c
Fresh Doughnuts, per dozen	7c
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Jelly Rolls, each	6c
Saratoga Chips, per box	14c

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AFTER PHELPS' SCALP

DULUTH MAN WILL BE ASKED TO RESIGN FROM NORMAL BOARD

HE HAS TALKED TOO FREELY

Normal Board Embarrassed by Aged Member's Loquacity—Hot Shot From Phelps at Board of Control.

There is no longer any attempt at concealing the attitude of Gov. Van Sant and his friends on the normal board toward Director Phelps, of Duluth. They want to throw him overboard, and his resignation will be asked for within a few days, unless present plans are canceled. Members of the board, supposed to be in harmony with the administration schedule, have been approached on the proposition to freeze Phelps out, and unless decided opposition develops the governor will try to make Director Phelps see that it will be best for him to go way back.

The expressions of Gov. Van Sant's organs, and the statements of his official friends, prove beyond question that the governor wants to Roosevelt Phelps. Director Phelps will hardly submit tamely to this programme and a lively fight is possible.

The governor's friends say his excellency desires to end the spirited controversy engendered by the supreme court decision. It does not seem probable that the discussion will be blanketed by this process.

The charge against Phelps is that he talks too much, and that his constant talking embarrasses the board and injures its influence. The last statement of Director Phelps, which has caused most of the trouble, and which the governor considers good grounds for asking Phelps to quit, is this:

"The board of control is made up of S. W. Leavitt, of Litchfield; W. E. Lee, of Long Prairie, and D. B. Gould, of Winona. They are the most commonplace sort of men; not one of them being up to the average in intelligence or business ability. Their acts will show this. What a crowd to hold the destiny of the university and normal schools of the state in their hands!

"Yet each of them receives a salary of $3,400 a year, and their secretary and clerks bring the salary list of the board up to about $20,000 a year. In addition they are allowed expenses, which are not limited by law.

"Who is there to restrict, supervise or regulate the expenditures of these men? Who is to see that the outlay of funds is as it should be? I would like to see a legislative committee appointed to investigate that crowd, and I would like to give evidence before it. I think I could say some things which would be interesting.

"The people will want to know what good purpose this board serves. They have recently devoted most of their energies to trying to get control of the university, the normal schools and other institutions of which they can know nothing or next to nothing, and which they seldom or never see, instead of allowing them to remain in the hands of men who are acquainted with their workings. It is my belief that, when the legislature assembles, the law will be amended, and amended it ought to be.

"Some idea of the caliber of the members of the board of control may be gathered from the following little anecdote. At the time the local normal school was being built, when it came to letting the contract for the plumbing, the board of control hunted up a certain Minneapolis man, who claimed to be a plumber, and recommended him for the contract. This same man, some time before, had a contract for the plumbing of a school at Hibbing, and after it was partly done the architects, who were also the architects on the normal, canceled the contract because the "plumber" was utterly incompetent to carry on the work properly. We let the contract to another party, and I advised the board of control of the fact and also stated why we could not let it to the Minneapolis man. A few days later I received a letter from the board, regretting that the contract had not been let as they recommended.

"And this is the board of control. By all means turn the university and the normal schools over to them—if you want to ruin the university and the normal schools."

CLAUSSEN WILL ANSWER

COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE ALLEGED DISCREPANCIES.

Assemblyman Dix yesterday called a meeting of the committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the alleged discrepancies in the office of the city engineer. The meeting will be held tomorrow evening.

The meeting was really called at the instance of City Engineer Claussen, who has prepared an answer to the report filed by ex-Public Examiner Pope with Mayor Smith.

Mr. Claussen yesterday refused to make public the contents of his answer beyond to say that it would be a refutation of the charges made by the public examiner. He holds that they are groundless and claims to have proof for his assertions.

The committee will also consider the proposition to permit Mr. Claussen to deposit a sum to the credit of the city, equal to the defalcations claimed, the amounts to be deducted as they are verified.

Miss Newport's Announcement.

Miss Newport's second term of Dancing Lessons will commence at Summit Hall on Monday, Jan. 13.

Classes as follows:

Advanced class, Monday, Jan. 13, at 4 p. m.

Beginners' class, Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 4 p. m.

Second class, Thursday, Jan. 16, at 4 p. m.

Adults, Saturday evening, Jan. 18, at 8 o'clock.

Country Elevators to Organize.

What promises to be the most important convention of the kind ever held in this country will take place next week, commencing Tuesday, Jan. 14 to 16, at the Baltimore block, corner Seventh and Jackson streets.

The object and intention of the meeting is to organize the independent country elevators into a closer and more compact organization that they may be able to co-operate together and secure many of the advantages now enjoyed by the line elevators in the shape of premium on grades and rebates on freights, etc., not allowed the isolated shipper.

There are some 4,000 independent elevators tributary to the Minneapolis and Duluth markets, and it is this vast isolated interest that it is intended to bring into a close and compact organization.

The meeting will be presided over by Mr. James McQuaid, an independent elevator man at De Graff, Minn., who will act as temporary chairman.

Hobart Brought Back.

Detective Fraser returned from Omaha yesterday, bringing with him David Hobart, the janitor, who decamped with $85 belonging to the Y. M. C. A.

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DID THRIVING BUSINESS

TWO WOMEN IDENTIFY HANSEN AS HOLD-UP ARTIST.

M. J. Hansen, the young Dane who is awaiting trial for holding up Miss Rose Gugler, was identified yesterday by two young women as the man who held them up in Minneapolis.

Miss Grace Weed, 624 Huron street, Minneapolis, was held up near the linseed oil mill last July. The cars were stopped on account of a fire, and she alighted and started to walk to her home. A man chased her and struck her three times in the face. A man came out of a boarding house on Cromwell avenue and rescued her. She identified Hansen as the man.

Miss Anna Straits, 2708 Essex street, was held up about a month ago near Midway. She had just alighted from a street car, when a man who was following her caught her and threw her down. He stuffed a mitten in her mouth and took a gold ring from her hand. She also identified Hansen as her assailant.

SMALLPOX SPREADS

NEARLY 400 NEW CASES WERE REPORTED DURING THE PAST WEEK

CONDITION BECOMES SERIOUS

Prevalence of the Disease Is Claimed to Be Due to Laxity in Enforcing Sanitary Laws.

Smallpox conditions in this state have recently assumed an aspect that is regarded by the state department of health as very serious if not positively alarming.

The report of the department for the week closing Jan. 6 shows that in the course of that time there were reported 379 new cases, which is the largest number ever recorded in any similar period in the entire history of the department, the largest number previously reported in any one week having been less than 300.

In the week closing Dec. 30 there were 261 new cases and one death reported. The prevalence of the disease at this time is not ascribed by the officers of the health department to any unusual condition, but rather to those difficulties with which the department is constantly required to contend, failure on the part of the local health officers to enforce the quarantine and sanitary laws and regulations, a disposition on the part of those affected and their friends to conceal the true nature of the disease under the names of "Cuban itch" and "chickenpox," and a willingness on the part of some country physicians to lend themselves to this sort of deception.

The subject of smallpox and means and methods for its suppression will form an important feature of the sanitary conference, to be held at the state capitol next Tuesday and Wednesday, although that is not the primary object of the conference. Oscar C. Peterson, clerk of the state board of health, now has in preparation a large map of the state, showing the districts where smallpox exists, and this map will be exhibited at the conference.

There were reported from Minneapolis in the week just closed twenty-two cases, the largest number in any one locality during that period. Considerable alarm has been felt among the residents of that city, particularly as in several instances persons who were affected were found to have been moving about the streets and in other public places, where many others had necessarily been exposed to the infection. One man called at the office of the city comptroller, in the city hall, to inquire the way to the hospital.

The city of Duluth has eighteen cases, and Hibbing, which is also in St. Louis county, has four cases. There have been two cases reported from Stillwater, and three from May township, in the same county, and from Winona there have been eight cases reported.

Clay county has the largest number of any one county, the total being 42 cases, 20 of which are in Georgetown township, 1 in Alliance township, 4 in Felton township, 3 in Goose Prairie township, 7 in Hagan township, 6 in the village of Hawley, and 1 in Hawley township. Jackson county has 18 cases at the village of Jackson, and 1 at Park Rapids. Kittson county has 1 in Davis township, 11 in Deerwood township, 3 at the village of Hallock and 10 in Spring Brook township. In Bemidji, Beltrami county, there are 10 cases, and Carver county has 30 cases distributed in small numbers throughout the county. In Pipestone county there are 18 cases at the village of Trosky, 10 in the city of Pipestone, 2 in Grange township, 5 in Elmer township, and 2 at the village of Edgerton.

FOR THE ANNUAL BALL

JUNIOR PIONEERS PRESENTED DIVERSIFIED PROGRAMME.

The Junior Pioneers held their regular meeting last night in Elks' hall, in the Lowry arcade. Four new members were admitted and three applications for membership were reported. The quarterly report of the treasurer showed that there was $1,962.39 on hand.

A programme was given consisting of a three-round bout between Morris Self and Pat Ebbs, songs, dialect selections and musical specialties. After the programme luncheon was served in the banquet hall.

Arrangements were completed for the annual entertainment and ball to be held next Wednesday night in the armory. The society is making great preparations to make this the most successful ball that has yet been given. Gov. Van Sant will deliver an address and Mayor Smith will lead in the grand march.

THIEVES GET SMALL CHANGE.

Broke Into the Telephone in the Moore Block.

The nickel-in-the-slot telephone, which was put in the hall at the Moore block at Seven Corners, was broken into by thieves and over $5 in nickels and dimes extracted. The bottom was broken out of the receptable which holds the coin. The matter was not reported to the police as someone in the building is suspected of the act. A thorough investigation is being made by the telephone company's officials and it is quite likely that the guilty party will be apprehended and brought to justice. In the meantime the 'phone has been taken out.

The Hofmann Concert.

Beginning at 9 o'clock this morning seats for the Hofmann concert may be secured at Dyer's. The concert takes place next Monday evening at the People's church.

The interest in the concert is widespread. No player that visits St. Paul is so graphic a painter of the emotions. The young Pole brings to the concert stage strong racial tendencies, a nature rich in sympathy and imagination, and a technical equipment of marvelous brilliancy. All who hear him marvel at his digital dexterity, but all who begin by being merely interested in the technical display end by forgetting it altogether and thinking only of the scenes it is used to paint.

BIG STORAGE PLANT

EASTERN FIRM IS LOOKING FOR A GOOD LOCATION

ESTIMATED COST IS $500,000

Operations Are Kept Secret, but It Is Generally Supposed That It Will Be Built on the West Side.

Though considerable secrecy surrounds their movements, Eastern parties are now in St. Paul looking up a location on which they propose to erect a building for general storage purposes, preferably for the accommodation of tea, fruits and other perishable products. Options, it is claimed, have been secured on ground in the vicinity of the union depot and also on the West side adjacent to the Great Western tracks, but this cannot be verified.

Copies of the St. Paul building laws pertaining to buildings of this character were yesterday secured by a member of the party and sent East, where, it is understood, the plans will be drawn. Outlined roughly, the building will be five stories high, will have a frontage of 180 feet, will be fire proof in every particular and arranged to accommodate every class of storage. The estimated cost is $500,000. For perishable products, cold storage of the latest improvement will be provided. Sealed rooms for bonded goods, as demanded by the government, will be included.

During the early part of last month a survey of the ground now occupied by the ruins of the old St. Paul roller mills, to the east of the West Publishing company, was made, with a view of ascertaining its extent and fitness for a building of this character, but the difficulties that would have to be surmounted were found to be so many that its purchase as a location was dropped. Inspection was also made of other ground in that locality, but though a scheme of electric elevators for goods up and down the face of the bluff to the tracks below was proposed, it was not deemed practicable.

The favored location appears to be the West side, where more than one railroad has had its representatives busy the past year securing grounds for future use. Land in the vicinity of the union depot yards has the disadvantage that it is too high in price.

Real estate and building circles are interested in the rumor that George Benz & Sons, the well known liquor dealers, will shortly order plans and specifications for a five-story brick building to be built in the vicinity of Wacouta and Third streets. The firm has expanded far beyond the capacity of their present building, and besides are desirous of a structure that will be better fitted to their use.

The city building department is daily expecting the plans for the big brick building that the wholesale grocery firm of Foley Bros. & Kelly propose to erect on the ground in the rear of the Great Northern general offices. The building will cost between $250,000 and $300,000.

BIDS ON SIDEWALKS

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL OPEN MANY NEXT WEEK

NO PROSPECT OF LOWER PRICE

St. Paul Now Has Seventy Miles of Cement Walk, of Which Twenty-Eight Miles Were Laid Last Year.

Next week the board of public work will open bids for the construction of cement and wooden sidewalks during the present year. During the past three years there has been a material reduction in the price, the board last year securing a rate that approximated 52 cents a running foot, this including cost of inspection and engineering extras.

While the reduction last year was marked, yet the board has little hope that the figure will be lowered when the bids are opened next week. The material that enters into the construction of cement walks shows little advance, but contractors claim that labor and other extras have almost doubled in cost and that this fact will be more than apparent when the bids are opened.

St. Paul now has seventy miles of cement walks, of which a fraction over twenty-eight miles was laid last year. In 1898 the amount laid was twelve and a half miles, in 1899, twelve and a half and in 1900 seventeen and a half miles. Of plank walks sixteen and a half miles were laid last year.

Because of its cheapness the desire for plank walk, especially in the outlaying districts, predominates, but the engineering department always discourages its use, and to this fact is due the rapid increase in the mileage of cement walks. It is the cheapest in the end, both to the property owners and the city; to the latter because it reduces the liability of accidents from worn and displaced sidewalks.

For sidewalks last year benefited property paid into the city treasury nearly $30,000. If the same ratio of increase prevails this year the figure will be nearer $50,000.

ENTERTAINED DEER HUNTERS.

Former Game Warden Did Not Require the Licenses.

Anton R. Erickson, of Independence, who was formerly postmaster and deputy game warden at that place, was recently convicted at Duluth of having violated the game laws by having in his possession two deer. He was fined $100 and costs. It is stated by Executive Agent Fullerton, of the game and fish commission, that Erickson entertained a party of hunters from Ohio during the open season for deer, and that none of them took out licenses to shoot in this state.

Old Resident Dead.

Christian Wold, an old resident of Minnesota, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. Sohlberg, 677 Sims street Tuesday night. Mr. Wold formerly lived at Cannon Falls, but has been in this city for over twenty years. He is survived by his daughter and two sons, Charles Wold, of the Dampier Undertaking company, and N. P. Wold, of Listoe & Wold. Deceased was seventy-two years of age. The funeral will take place at the residence today. Interment will be in Cannon Falls.

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PERRO IS REINSTATED

POLICE COMMISSION REFERRED HIS CASE TO CHIEF O'CONNOR.

The charges against Sergeant Perro, who was suspended by Chief O'Connor Monday for conduct unbecoming an officer, were read before the police commission yesterday. Mr. Levinson, the complainant, was represented by an attorney, who asked permission to withdraw the charges. This could not be done, in accordance with the rules of the commission, but the matter was referred to Chief O'Connor for investigation. He reinstated Sergeant Perro, and detailed him to service at Rondo station, transferring Sergeant William Twohy to the central station.

The case against Patrolman Charles G. Bahneman was called for trial, but the complaining witness, Special Officer Raffelty, had not been notified of the trial, and was not present. The matter was continued until the next meeting of the commission.

The commission also passed the pay roll for December, and allowed a number of bills against the department.

IN ANNUAL SESSION

MINNESOTA FARMERS' CYCLONE AND TORNADO AND FARMERS' MUTUAL HAIL ASSOCIATIONS

COMPANIES ELECT OFFICERS

Losses Have Been Small for Both Concerns During the Past Year—Creamery Insurance Men Next.

The Minnesota Farmers' Home Mutual Cyclone and Tornado Insurance company and the Farmers' United Mutual Hail Association of Minnesota, which are kindred organizations, comprising practically the same membership, but conducted separately, under different boards of officers, both held their annual meetings at the state capitol yesterday. To a great extent the delegates to both meetings were the same, and for that reason it was necessary to hold the sessions at different times. About thirty or thirty-five of the counties of the state were represented. Both organizations are composed entirely of farmers of the state, and in writing insurance confine their business strictly to the farmers, insuring only such property as is owned by farmers.

The Hail association took up its business in the morning. Secretary F. M. Payne, of Pipestone, submitted his report, which showed that the amount of insurance in force was $1,600,000, and the losses paid for the year had been $24,243.22, and therefore that the assessments had been about 1¾ per cent. The operating expenses for the year were $2,922|32, making the total disbursements, including losses paid, $27,165.54.

H. P. Bjorge, of Otter Tail county; P. J. Frieberg, Le Sueur, and A. E. Beck, of Dodge county, were appointed a committee to report upon revision of the by-laws. The principal change was to change the date for the annual meetings from the second Wednesday in January to the third Tuesday in the same month.

In the afternoon the former officers and directors were all re-elected. The officers are: Andrew French, Plainview, president; N. W. Wadsworth, Madella, vice president; F. M. Payne, Pipestone, secretary; N. Juliar, Mankato, treasurer. The directors are the four officers named and J. Q. Currier, Nicollet; J. M. Duell, Eyota; August Strehlow, Bethany; H. P. Bjorge, Underwood, and D. P. O'Neill, Ortonville.

The cyclone company held its meeting in the afternoon, between the two sessions of the hail association. I. B. Yates, of Madella, the secretary, reported that the company had insurance in force to the amount of $1,810,345, and that the losses for the year 1901 had been but $2,370, which made the assessment but 15 cents on each $100. Furthermore, it was shown that for the four previous years there had been no assessments.

The following officers were elected: L. N. Bullis, West Concord, president; A. D. Stewart, Redwood Falls, vice president; I. B. Yates, Madelia, secretary; August Menske, Waseca, treasurer. The board of directors includes, beside the officers named, R. J. Hall, Morris; H. E. von Moehnke, Dover; Otto Friton, Sleepy Eye; P. H. Grogan, St. James, and Ira Crawford, Beaver Creek.

The Minnesota Farmers' Co-operative Creamery and Cheese Factory Insurance association, which is a kindred organization to the two above mentioned, will hold its annual meeting in this city Feb. 5, and the state and national associations of co-operative and mutual insurance companies will convene in St. Paul March 4 next. It is expected that three-fourths of the states in the Union will be represented at the national convention.

POPE GETS TWO NEW JOBS.

Is Cashier of One Bank and Treasurer of Another.

E. M. Pope, whose term as public examiner expired Monday last, was Tuesday evening elected cashier of the State bank of St. Paul, and treasurer of the Citizens' Savings bank, both of which are located in the same building at the corner of University avenue and Wabasha street.

In both of these offices Gen. Pope succeeds J. C. Jensen, who resigned them to resume the general practice of law. Mr. Jensen will retain his stock in the banks.

Where Is Mrs. Nelson?

Mrs. Oliver Nelson, of St. Paul, who went to Eau Claire, Wis., a few weeks ago, has mysteriously disappeared from that place with one of her boys. She left one of the children with his paternal grandfather at Fall City. The other boy she took with her. She wrote to her husband from Eau Claire telling him that she will never see him again. He has searched diligently for the missing woman, but has been unable to locate her. He is now at the home of his father at Fall City, where the child left there is dangerously ill. Mr. Nelson is a carpenter with C. Gotzian & Co., and lives at 648 Robert street.

Recruiting Hospital Corps.

A great many privates are being transferred to the hospital corps in the army and many are taking examinations for acting hospital stewards. The department has made arrangements by which the men are to go to Fort Keogh, Mont., to take the examination. Other transfers are being made rapidly at all the posts in this department and the hospital branch of the service which, while it is an important one, has been allowed to run down, is rapidly being recruited.

Ordinance Is Too Vague.

Mayor Smith yesterday refused to attach his official signature to the ordinance granting to the Diamond Jo Packet company a portion of the levee for wharf purposes until he had investigated the matter further.

He thinks the ordinance is vague and hardly explanatory as to the rights that shippers and other boat owners should enjoy.

Earliest Arrival at Chicago

Via the North-Western Line is by the train leaving Minneapolis 5:35 p. m., St. Paul 6:05 p. m. Supper served in Dining Car to Eau Claire, and Chicago is reached at 7:00 a. m., which allows ample time to make connection with early trains for East and South.

Returning, leave Chicago 10:00 p. m., and arrive St. Paul 10:55 a. m., Minneapolis 11:25 a. m. Breakfast served in Dining Car from Eau Claire.

AWAIT VANS' WORD

POLITICIANS CANNOT GUESS GOVERNOR'S ACTION ON EXTRA SESSION

MUCH AGITATION AGAINST IT

Politicians Would Convince the Governor That Northern Minnesota Is Opposed to It.

The extra session of the legislature still seems to be an undecided proposition. If Gov. Van Sant has arrived at any conclusion in the matter, he has kept it well to himself. The report of the tax commision is completed, and it was to consider this report that the session was to be called. The report, with the law framed by the commission, is now being printed for distribution, and if the extra session is to be called at all this winter there is little time left to issue the call. Those close to the executive say that he has not decided the question himself as yet.

Within the past week great pressure has been brought to bear upon the governor to induce him not to call the extra session. Most of this agitation has come from the northern part of the state. An effort has been made to convince the governor that Duluth and the northern part of the state were very hostile to the idea of an extra session.

Representative Mallory, who was in St. Paul yesterday, declared that this sentiment actually exists, and that Northern Minnesota is opposed to the session.

It is pointed out that if the extra session is not called the people will have a year in which to consider the tax commission's report, and the legislature can, at its next regular session, act with more judgment and with a better knowledge of the facts, and more in harmony with public sentiment than it could if called together hurriedly at the present time.

It is claimed that Northern Minnesota is not so set against the extra session as some politicians would have it appear. A. C. Weiss, of Duluth, says:

"The announcement that the report of the tax commission has been completed and will be placed in the governor's hands this week has been quickly followed by a renewal of the agitation by the corporations and their satellites and newspapers against the calling of an extra session of the legislature. An effort is being made ot convince Gov. Van Sant that it would be poor political policy on his part to call an extra session, and that if the legislature should act unwisely in any respect the blame would rest upon him. This is said with a view of intimidating the governor and causing him to abandon his decision to summon the legislature in extra session.

"The News-Tribune is carrying out this policy in Duluth, and has also raised the cry that the business connected with the tax commission's report is not urgent and can just as well as not go over another year, and that an extra session would be a 'heavy burden upon the taxpayers.' An attempt is made to bolster up these claims by interviews with Duluth citizens, but it is a pitiably weak effort. Most of those interviewed frankly acknowledge they did not know anything about the matter and were not competent to express opinions, but a few people were found who were afraid it would 'unsettle things.' There are always some persons who are awfully scared about 'unsettling things' whenever it is proposed to reform the tax laws and compel the large corporations to bear their just share of the taxation. And these same people would offer the same objections to the matter being taken up at the regular session of the legislature.

"The commission's recommendations, if adopted by the legislature, must be passed upon by the people. If an extra session is held, the constitutional changes can be voted upon at next fall's election. If no extra session be called, it will be nearly three years before the people can vote on the proposed changes, and that would mean so much longer time for the tax dodgers to escape.

"Gov. Van Sant will hardly be deceived by these 'interviews.' Certainly they deceive no one else."

Lecture by Dr. Wright.

Rev. John Wright gavea lecture last night in the new parish house of St. Paul's church. His subject was "The Paris Exposition of 1900," and was made doubly interesting by forty-five stereopticon views, most of them colored, which Dr. Wright obtained himself in Paris.

The lecture was for the most part descriptive of the views and was heartily appreciated by a good sized audience. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the proceeds will be added to the parish house fund.

Cleaning Out the Sewers.

City Engineer Claussen yesterday put a force of men to work cleaning the street crossings and also flushing the sewers, which have become badly fouled by reason of the late thaw.

Ordinarily at this time of the year, a frigid temperature has helped out matters by coating the crossings with ice and snow, but under the effects of unusual warmth, they became so muddy yesterday that men had to be put to work cleaning them.

Woe for Stanislaus.

Stanislaus Wishenefski was in the police court yesterday charged with drunkenness and reckless driving. He pleaded guilty to being drunk and was sentenced to ten days in the workhouse. His wife appeared and offered to pay the fine, but Judge Orr refused. Wishenefski is in court quite frequently and his wife always pays his fine. This time he was given a chance to go to the workhouse, which Judge Orr thinks will do him more good than to pay a fine.

Schmid Beat His Wife.

Charles Schmidt, a cook at the Aquarium restaurant, was in police court yesterday, charged with beating his wife He came home Tuesday night in an intoxicated state and drove his wife and family out of the house without giving them time to put on their clothes. He claimed that he had provocation for the act, but Judge Orr fined him $5. He paid the fine.

AROUND THE HOTELS.

At the Merchants—W. D. Williams, Duluth; P. M. McCallen, Pine City; L. D. Moody, Fargo; J. D. Hall, Norcross; H. H. Beede, Sioux Falls; L. Anderson, Watertown; J. H. Bowers, Fargo; W. B. Anderson, Winona; S. Riddell, Hallock; Fred A. Hodge, wife and son, Pine City; Mrs. A. Whipple, Davlis Lake; Mrs. W. R. Willett, Pine City; W. L. Chappell, Fergus Falls; S. Boyd, Rolla; A. A. Stone, St. Peter; R. C. Sanborn, Lisbon.

At the Ryan—D. R. W. Pierce, Duluth; Robert Meech, Faribault; Mrs. Kate O'Brien, Graceville.

At the Windsor—A. G. Schmidt, H. A. Fowler, Earle Gross, H. A. Barris, Madison; G. W. Phillips, Northfield; James O'Connor, Owatonna; J. H. Orr, Dundas.

At the Metropolitan—Charles Miller, Yellowstone Park; H. E. Klamer and wife, Yellowstone Park; H. C. Staples, Mankato, Minn.; O. H. Snow, Cincinnati, Ohio; H. Bowers, Fargo, N. D.; M. Ryan, Hastings, Minn.

At the Sherman—F. Rilley, Wilmont; J. Johnson, Wabasha; D. Manly, Butte; J. Manly, Butte; S. Williams, Mason City, Iowa; James McCutcheon, Philadelphia.

At the Foley—J. M. Sullivan, Sisseton; J. A. Wolf, Jordan; James Coffman, Hastings; J. Adam Bede, Pine City; W. E. Scott, Hastings; William Kelley, Stewartville; M. F. Williams, Fargo; P. J. Miles and wife, Oelwein, Iowa; P. H Hays, Livingston; D. Delaney, Rosemount; John F. Kavanagh, Clear Lake.

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Promise of a Big Paving Year—Specifications for Future Bids Will Call for a Ten-Year Guarantee.

While giving its approval to the award of contracts for the paving of Selby avenue and other streets, made by the board of public works, the assembly last night was anything but pleased with the prices obtained.

Last year a price of $1.70 a square yard for asphalt paving was secured, but none of the bids received this year were better than $2.30. Caustic remarks were indulged in by Assemblymen Wheeler and Dix, and, though the statement was not openly made, hints of combinations were freely intimated. Assemblyman Wheeler gave his vote to the approval of the several contracts, but he said he did so reluctantly, as the prices were not in keeping with the promises made by the asphalt companies last year.

The paving controversy last year hinged on the adoption of a resolution containing stringent indemnifying features to be inserted in the specifications, but which the board of public works refused to recognize. These the Barber company was most eager to see enforced, and this fact was taken advantage of last night by the passage of a resolution ordering them inserted in the next set of specifications to be drawn. "We will see if we get any better prices by their use," remarked Assemblyman Wheeler.

The specifications now call for a ten-year guarantee, and a 50 per cent surety bond. No money is retained. City Engineer Claussen advised a ten-year guarantee, 10 per cent retained money and a 25 per cent indemnifying bond. His wishes, it seems, were not respected by the board.

The promise of a big paving year was given verification by the introduction of numerous preliminary orders, calling for the paving of many streets. The list includes College avenue, from Third to Wabasha street; Fort street, Seven corners to Tenth street; East University, Robert to Rice street; Ninth, Smith avenue to Robert street; Central Park place, Summit to Central; Exchange, Third to Cedar. The final order for the paving of Jackson, from Ninth to Grove street, was approved.

An attempt was made to pass a final order for the widening of Sibley street in the vicinity of the union depot, but it was temporarily hung up by sending it to the committee on streets.

The tax budget and levy was given approval without any debate. The vote was unanimous.

In order to show his disapproval of the request made by William Twomby for a saloon license, Assemblyman Craig asked that the several licenses be voted on separately, but he was alone in registering a negative vote against this particular application.

GREETED BY THOUSANDS.

Liberty Bell Gets Warm Reception at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 8.—Ten thousand people greeted the liberty bell upon its arrival in this city today. The train was met twenty-five miles out of town by a delegation from the city council and at the railroad station by Mayor Myers, the full city council and many prominent citizens with carriages.

Mayor Ashbridge, of Philadelphia, and the other members of the guard of honor to the bell, were guests of the city during the day.

The liberty bell, meanwhile, remained on exhibition at the station of the Plant system, where it was visited by great throngs of people all the afternoon and far into the night. The bell will reach Charleston tomorrow.

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PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 8.—The state brand commission is in session today, and has about 150 new brands to pass upon at this session. This may carry the total of brands well over 4,000.

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