

CHARTER TO STAND

COMMISSION DECIDES YESTERDAY TO SUBMIT NO AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER AT SPRING ELECTIONS

MANY ARE DISAPPOINTED

Requests of Different Departments Dealt With and Pronounced Unnecessary for Present Recommendations on Lighting.

No amendments to the charter will appear on the ballots at the coming spring election. The committee on fiscal affairs of the charter commission has so recommended, and at a meeting of that body yesterday its suggestions were adopted.

While agreeable to some changes in the charter, the members think on the whole the law as it now stands should be tampered with as little as possible and with that end in view, yesterday agreed to a report submitted by Chairman Ambrose Tighe, giving an emphatic refusal to practically all the requests.

Passing on the request for changes in the charter, the report submitted says they have a tendency to increase the expenditure of the city and thus raise the annual tax levy which is now high enough. This is the opinion of the committee, and it was not admitted the committee says, that the assessed valuation of much of the real property in St. Paul exceeds the sum for which the property could be sold, or on which it can be made to interest. The high levy now existing, the committee remarks, is possible in

than that secured through taxation, and recommends that the right of the council to give away rights and privileges in any property should be denied. All rights should be disposed of at a rental instead. It is also recommended that the charter be changed so as to recognize the difference between franchises for public service corporations and special privileges not of general character.

In its relation to public service corporations the committee demands upon them that they should be held to the same standard as the public utility companies. It is lacking in some respects and thinks the commissions should be corrected. One of the amendments that shall encourage competition, another the forced imposition of the 5 per cent gross earnings tax and still another the right to regulate for the public good, public corporations now in existence. This amendment, the committee says, is shown in the almost arrogance of the gas street car and telephone companies now using the street. All should pay in some way for the privileges they are enjoying. As an example of the city's inability to do anything to properly enforce the provisions of applicable laws which now exist, or may hereafter be enacted.

This officer, or department, under proper provisions, should have charge of all rights granted in the streets to individuals as well as of all matters connected with public service corporations. The 3.5 per cent tax feature of the charter is continuing in force. The committee says that these companies this officer or department can devise the ma-

chinery by which this can be brought about, and can see to the collection of the same. Even with such an official or board the ability of the average public service corporation to evade compliance is notable, and it is necessary, the report says, that the vigilance will bring about reform.

In view of the fact that the gas company's franchise, will expire in a few years and the threat of one company that it will not be renewed, the committee advises the city to be prepared either by the construction of a plant or the purchase of the present one.

The 3 per cent gross earnings provision does not seem to be a very wise one. It is necessary, the report says, that it be allowed to remain in its present form, but that it be amended so as to be based on the net earnings of the company, and not on the gross.

Investigation of Light Question. In discussing the light question, the committee gave it a full investigation and devoted much of its report to the subject. The amendments it presents are comparing to own its own lighting, either by the construction of a plant or the purchase of the present one.

Relative to the request of the engineering and fire departments that their annual allowances be increased, the commission is agreeable, but is opposed to the request for sprinkling.

WORKED THE CLERGYMAN. Several Episcopal clergymen of St. Paul have been victimized during the past year by a well dressed young man who gave his name as Ernest Dray, and after discussing the political affairs of the church, both local and national, he would ask for a contribution.

SOME TEMPTING PIANO BARGAINS. 3 Squares \$351 Steadyway \$75 1 Marshall & Wendell upright \$120 1 New Upright On Grand \$148 1 upright with case \$165 1 Smith & Barnes upright \$175 1 Schaefer upright, an old reliable \$220 1 Schumann upright, new \$265 1 Fisher upright, Mahogany Case, used \$295 1 5000 Chickering upright, used \$390

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Carpenters and decorators will take charge immediately of our store to make improvements that will materially add to our floor space and make an entire change in our store interior. Our samples and odds and ends must be gotten out of their way, and we choose to run them out by sales. To do this we shall

SEL FOR COST FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS

on cash transactions. We are preparing to receive our new spring goods and next month we will have a new stock and a bright, new store that will surprise you. Remember, we have the largest stock and sell on the Easy Payment Plan.

Large Rocker, exactly like cut, good value at \$4.00. \$2.98. Golden Oak Folding Bed, in golden oak finish, full size, extra heavy springs; with mattress, \$9.50. Golden Oak Finish Chiffonier, 5 drawers; just like cut, except mirror, \$4.95. Combination Commode and Dresser, golden oak finish, just like cut, \$5.45. One-Burner Gas Stove, only \$1.40. Kitchen Lamp, with reflector, complete, \$1.70. Washboard, good zinc, \$1.20. Surprise Wire Egg Beater, \$1.60. Wire Egg and Vegetable Basket, only 5c. 50 feet solid braids 6 cottons Clothline, only 7c. Tea and Coffee Strainer, with wood handle, only 3c. Two-qt. Laundry Dipper, only 5c.

The American Housefurnishing Co., 22 and 24 East Seventh Street.

J. C. TERRY IS DEAD

ONE OF ST. PAUL'S PIONEERS AND THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE MASON. HERE FIFTY-THREE YEARS In Early Days He Held Several Public Offices and Did Much to Build Up the City.

John Carlos Terry, one of the oldest settlers in the city and one of its prominent men, died at his home, 613 Olive Street, yesterday afternoon after an illness lasting but a few days. Mr. Terry, who was nearly seventy-eight years of age, had been in feeble health for several years, but became much worse about two weeks ago. A physician was called and found that he was suffering from bronchitis. He gradually improved until last Tuesday, when he took a severe chill and was compelled to remain in his bed. Death came rather suddenly, being caused directly by heart failure.

Mr. Terry was born in Lebanon, Ohio, in 1824, and remained in his native state until he was twenty-five years of age. He was educated in an academy in Ohio and immediately after leaving the school he went to the printing office of the Defiance (Ohio) Democrat. He was also editor of a paper in Lima, Ohio. In 1848 he became connected with the army and was attached to the troops in Mexico. Shortly after the close of the Mexican war he made arrangements to return to his native state and remove to the West.

In 1849 he came West and located in St. Paul, which place was his residence for the next twenty years until his death. He came to St. Paul the same year that four other prominent men located here. All of these men are still living in the city. They are ex-Gov. Ramsey, Judge Sandran, Father Fox and William Pitt Murray. Mr. Terry was closely connected with the early history of the city. He was one of the men who helped to build St. Paul.

When Mr. Terry first came to Minnesota he engaged in lumbering, but a few years later was connected with the Chronicle and Register, one of the first papers published in the city. In 1861 he published the revised statutes of the territory of Minnesota. This edition of the statutes is still known by his name. In 1852 he issued the first edition of the Minnesotaan, one of the leading newspapers of the city in its day. Shortly after establishing the Minnesotaan he abandoned newspaper work.

He was made assistant postmaster under Mail Forbes and held that position under other postmasters for eighteen years. His work as assistant postmaster gave him a large acquaintance with the people who were flocking to the new city and was one of the means by which he became so well known. He was a member of the board of education for a number of terms and had been a member of the board of public works. Thirty-Third Degree Mason. Mr. Terry became quite prominent in Masonic circles. He joined the order when he was quite young and took all the degrees. At the time of his death he was the oldest Mason in the city and was one of twenty-five thirty-third degree members of the order in the state. He was a Master Mason of the Ancient Landmark Lodge of St. Paul for several years. Mr. Terry was always an ardent believer in the principles of Masonry and has done as much perhaps as any other man in the state to advance the interest of the cause. At the time of his death he was the senior Mason of the state. Mr. Terry was also a member of the Territorial Pioneers' association and served several terms as its president. He is survived by his wife and two

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AFTER MAJOR AGAIN

HUNGRY REPUBLICANS CLAIM HE HAS FORFEITED HIS OFFICE

QUESTION INVOLVES CHARTER

Contention Is That Absence From Meetings of Conference Committee Is Fatal--Mayor Not Worried.

Recent disclosures showing that several of the city officials had unwittingly violated that charter provision which provides dismissal for any official who fails to attend the monthly meetings of the conference committee for two consecutive months, are to be made the basis of an attempt to oust from office Mayor Smith and take from him the right to fill vacancies on the several boards which will come due with the first of the coming month. It is said, on the part of the Republicans, it is to be removed the mayor is to be made at once. If they succeed they hope to make President Warner of the assembly the executive and place in his hands the power of naming a successor to City Engineer Clausen, and the filing of the three vacancies on the board of public works.

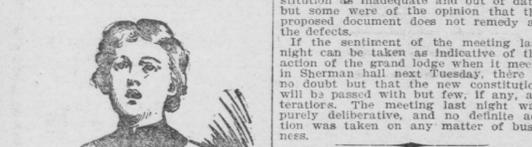
Mayor Smith, according to the records, missed two meetings of the conference committee last fall, he at that time being out of the city enjoying his annual hunting trip. During his absence, the duties of the office as prescribed by the charter, including the duties of the conference committee meetings, were performed by the regular acting mayor, in the first instance by President Schiffmann, of the common council, and in the second by Assemblyman Warner. Ordinarily President Schiffmann is the acting mayor, but in this case he was out of the city and Mr. Warner had to be pressed into service.

The point advanced by those who hope to have the office declared vacant is that the ordinary duties of the office can be performed by an acting official in the absence of the regular executive, but in the case of attendance at the conference meetings, a proxy is not permitted. They contend that the duties of the acting mayor are defined, but in the case of attendance at the conference committee meetings, the regular executive must be present in person. They express the opinion that provision which says that no power shall exist to excuse any official.

FOR SINGERS AND SPEAKERS

The New Remedy for Catarrh is Very Valuable.

A Grand Rapids gentleman who represents a prominent manufacturing concern and travels through the State of Michigan, relates the following regarding the new catarrh cure, he says: "After suffering from the disease of the head, throat and stomach for several years, I heard of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets quite recently. I at once bought a package and immediately used it. It afforded me relief it afforded me and still more to find a complete cure after several weeks' use."



PAST MASTERS MEET

NEW A. O. U. W. CONSTITUTION DISCUSSED--LIKELY TO PASS.

A meeting of the past masters of the various A. O. U. W. lodges of the city was held in Central hall, Seventh and Sherman, last Tuesday night. Several different features of the new constitution which is to be acted upon at the meeting of the grand lodge next week. If any of the members expressed their views of the new constitution, and the consensus of opinion is in favor of it. They were agreed in considering the old constitution as inadequate and out of date, but some were of the opinion that the proposed document does not remedy all the defects.

FIVE ARE IN THE RACE

COMPETITION OF GRAND RECORDER-SHIP OF A. O. U. W. IS KEEN.

"Who will be elected as grand recorder of the A. O. U. W. to succeed Mr. Olson, who died a few weeks ago, is a question that is of greatest interest to the members of the order in St. Paul. Several candidates are in the field, and the contest is likely to be an interesting one. It is the opinion of those who are announced themselves as being desirous of securing the position. Two of these are from St. Paul, two from Minneapolis and one from Long Prairie, Minn. James Drummond, who is at the present time chief deputy in the county auditor's office, is perhaps the leading candidate from St. Paul. Charles J. Nelson, member of the assembly, is going to the field, as is the other local candidate, but it is rumored in A. O. U. W. circles yesterday that Mr. Nelson is going to withdraw from the race and leave the field to the St. Paul drummers. If this is true the St. Paul drummers will go into the grand lodge next Tuesday united in supporting the nomination of the postmaster, Charles E. Larson, for the position. Grand Master J. M. Diment, of Owatonna, is ill and will be unable to attend the meeting of the lodge. The duties of his office will devolve upon Mr. J. W. White, of Duluth, who will preside at the various sessions of the lodge. Death of Silas Van Horn. Silas Van Horn, an old resident of St. Paul, died yesterday at the age of fifty-three years. The funeral will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Van Horn was a member of Ancient Landmark lodge, A. F. and A. M., and the members of the above lodge are requested to meet at Masonic hall at 12 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to attend the funeral. Braham! Braham! Braham! Ask for Braham! "See the point!"

REBEKAH LODGES MEET

BUSINESS SESSION AND BANQUET--MANY DELEGATES ATTEND.

A meeting of District No. 2 Rebekah lodges was held yesterday afternoon and evening in Odd Fellows hall. Over 300 people were present, and about fifteen different lodges were represented and reported. The state officers present were: Mrs. May Davis, Acting Grand, St. Paul Park, Farmington, Marine Mills and St. Paul lodges, and reports of the work in each lodge were presented. Miss Betz also gave a paper on the "Model Noble Grand."

THE QUADRUPLTS

Mrs. Charles Ormsby, of Chicago, the mother of the famous Ormsby quadruplets, is in the Twin Cities, and will be in St. Paul, at East Seventh street, with the four four-months old babies to give the people of St. Paul a chance to see them. The children were born in Chicago four months ago yesterday, and are said to

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REFUSED SCHOOL BOARD'S PLAN.

The request of the school board that the words "total enrollment" be substituted for "average enrollment" is denied. The change would bring about a \$125,000 additional to the school fund. The commission is of the opinion that the present laws permit this addition without the necessity of a referendum.

OBAGHE'S REQUEST REASONABLE.

The only request to receive favorable consideration is that of Dr. Ohage, who asks that his deputy's salary be increased from \$1,500 to \$1,800. The committee thinks the request is reasonable and proper.

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PROJECT IS POPULAR

CITIZENS BEGINNING TO TAKE KEEN INTEREST IN THE NEW AUDITORIUM. PICTURE ADMIRRED BY MANY. Drawing of Omaha Structure Was Displayed Yesterday on Robert Street--Another Meeting on Tuesday.

SPREE LEADS TO SUICIDE

CARL WILHELM, LABORER, HANGS HIMSELF WHILE DRUNK. Carl Frederick Wilhelm, a laborer, living at 322 Starkey street, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging himself on the foot of his bed. His dead body was discovered by Mrs. Wilhelm at 3:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon as she came home after having been out shopping. Wilhelm was drunk when he committed the act. According to Mrs. Wilhelm her husband had been out on a spree for several days, and when she returned yesterday afternoon she found him hanging by a rope attached to the foot of the bedstead. He had made a slip knot and fastened it to the post, not three feet from the floor, after which he had sat down. He had placed the slip knot just under his left ear and died from strangulation. He was born in Germany and was forty-seven years old. He leaves a widow, and it is understood that Wilhelm was a member of the Commercial club, and was a member of the Commercial club, and was a member of the Commercial club, and was a member of the Commercial club.

HE MAY BECOME RICH

NOTORIOUS ENGINEER JACKSON PLAYS IN LUCK. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 15--Following the notoriety that has come to William Jackson, an engineer of the Port Wayne railroad, who has been held by the coroner's jury on a charge of criminal negligence, following his frank admission that he slept at his post and thereby occasioned a collision in which one man was killed, he may come into a good-sized fortune. This morning Coroner Jesse M. McGarry received a letter dated Belleville, Ill., and signed F. Helms, in which the writer says a man by the name of Jackson, a railway engineer, is being looked for by representatives of a large estate of which Jackson is entitled to a share. The letter asks the assistance of the coroner in finding whether the Jackson who was in the wreck is the man wanted.