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CITY NEWS

H. E. Thiele, inspector of the postal department, has been transferred from this city to St. Louis, and will leave tonight for that city.

Dr. J. C. Curryer, one of the lecturers of the Farmers' institute of this city, left last night for Winnipeg, where he will speak before the Manitoba Live Stock Breeders' association.

The county board of abatement will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and will consider applications for abatement of personal property taxes. The last day for the payment of personal property taxes without penalty is Feb. 28.

"The Battle of Gettysburg" was the title of a lecture given at the Clinton Avenue M. E. church last night by the Rev. J. F. Stout, of Winona. The descriptions of the three days' battle were thrilling and were listened to with attention.

Judge Hine in the police court yesterday discharged Henry Deherst, the soldier charged with assault and battery on Motorman Welch. Deherst was immediately rearrested on the charge of assault and battery on Conductor Andrew Nelson.

John Dorsch was in the police court yesterday on the charge of forging the name of S. A. Grossman to a check for $26, and attempting to pass it on a Rice street merchant. He waived preliminary examination and was held to the grand jury.

The funeral of Charles Cartwright, an engineer on the Omaha railroad, who died at his home, 730 De Soto street, of pneumonia last Monday, will take place from the above residence tomorrow afternoon. He was born in Yorkshire, England, 1856, and is survived by a wife and two young sons.

Steve Hall, probably one of the best known traveling men who visited St. Paul, died Saturday at Butte, Mont., aged forty-five. Mr. Hall traveled for a Chicago firm, and visited the undertakers of this city, having been coming here for over twenty years. He left St. Paul only a few days ago for his regular Western trip.

The St. Paul presbytery yesterday morning accepted the resignation of Rev. A. E. Driscoll, of the Arlington Hills church, to take effect March 1. The session was a special one called for the purpose of considering the request of Mr. Driscoll to be excused from further duties in order to become field secretary of Macalester college. After March 1 candidates for the pulpit of the church will be considered.

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LIVE UP TO MOTTO

COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS PLEDGED TO GET TOGETHER AND STICK TOGETHER

BIG PROJECT IS BOOMING

Auditorium Committee Meets and Appoints Permanent Chairman and Secretary—Reports Today.

The board of directors of the Commercial club held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. The matter of building an auditorium came up and a great deal of enthusiasm was shown in the project. Several speeches were made by members present, and the following set of resolutions adopted:

Whereas, A large audience hall has become a necessity in every large modern city for the development and advancement of the musical, social and business interests; and,

Whereas, St. Paul, whose growth, prosperity and prospects of rapid and continuous improvement of all its interests are second to none is much behind most large cities in meeting this need;

Therefore, be it resolved, That an auditorium which shall be suitable for our present and future requirements as the social and business metropolis of this great Northwest and a credit to our beautiful city should be built without further delay;

Resolved, That this club will "get together and stick together" with all citizens of St. Paul to accomplish such greatly desirable result until complete success shall crown our united efforts.

The committee on membership reported favorably on the names of the following gentlemen who were elected to membership in the club: O. H. O'Neil, Morris L. Fishbein, Charles L. Johnston, R. E. Robinson, Frank N. Maas, O. Martel, A. T. Bigelow, Asa F. Goodrich, James A. Nowell, Clarence C. Gray, W. S. Gilliam, Jason W. Cooper, H. H. Hulbert, John P. Crowley, George W. Blood, F. Bartram, Walter L. Maas, Richards Gordon, D. J. McMahon, James E. Dore, Alf. E. Boyesen, D. W. Lawler, J. B. Baird and A. E. Goodhue.

Permanent Officers Appointed.

The auditorium committee also met at the club yesterday afternoon, when resolutions were passed appointing Mr. C. B. Bowlby permanent chairman, and C. P. Stine permanent secretary.

A committee on permanent organization was appointed, consisting of J. W. Shepard, John Caulfield, E. Yanish, J. W. L. Corning and Gen. H. W. Childs. This committee will hold a meeting in the club rooms at noon today and will report a constitution to the executive committee, which will hold an adjourned meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Several plans were suggested as to the best means of raising money for the auditorium, but all consideration of all of them was postponed until this afternoon, when the permanent organization will be completed. Secretary Stine said last night that a plan would be made public shortly which will net the committee over $2,000 in cash, and it is to be carried out within the next thirty days.

ONE YEAR COUNTS AS TWO

SOLDIERS IN FOREIGN SERVICE HAVE ONE GREAT ADVANTAGE

System May Have to Be Abolished, as It Tends to Cripple Service by Early Retirements.

"One very important factor of the United States troops serving in the Philippines and other possessions that has not been given much publicity is the fact that each year that a soldier serves in the foreign possessions counts as two in computing his years of service in view of retirement," said an officer in the army building yesterday.

"By this arrangement, beside the advance of pay of one quarter of the regular pay, the soldier who spends fifteen years in the service is eligible to retirement at three-fourths of the pay of the rank he holds at the time of the expiration of his service.

"For instance, if a man has served ten years before he went into service in the foreign possessions he will only have ten years more to serve before he can be retired. There are not a great many troops that serve fifteen, or even ten years in foreign service, but many of those who have been in the service fifteen or twenty years will be retired in from ten to twenty years earlier than they would have been had they remained in service at home."

This is one of the inducements that seemed to be overlooked when recruits were sorely needed for the foreign service and army men think it is only a question of time when this system will have to be abolished; for, they say, within ten years from now the retirements will be so rapid that they will cripple the service.

In speaking of retirements, it is probable that the department of the Dakotas will have a permanent resident, commanding office before long. Gen. Otis, who is in command of the department, as well as the department of the lakes, with headquarters at Chicago, will have reached the age of retirement in March of this year.

Just who will be given command of this department is not known at present, but at headquarters they are expecting news almost any day now, announcing the new commander.

ITS LICENCE REVOKED

MILWAUKEE COMPANY CANNOT DO BUSINESS IN STATE.

Insurance Commissioner Dearth yesterday mailed a letter to V. A. M. Mortensen, first vice president of the Universal Casualty Company of Milwaukee, revoking its license in this state. The company was admitted to this state on the showing of its officers, and a certificate from the state treasurer of Wisconsin to the effect that the company had $100,000 on deposit with him as required by law.

Commissioner Dearth received a check for $50 covering necessary fees, and the check came back protested. He then received a letter from Mr. Mortensen, dated Feb. 14, stating that President Larson, of the company, had absconded, leaving the company in such financial straits that it was compelled to retire from further business transactions other than that involving a contract wth the North American Accident Company of Chicago, reinsuring the business taken over from the Universal Life and Accident Company of Duluth.

PLANS FOR LIGHTING PLANT.

Architect Preparing Them for Consideration of Commissioners.

The board of county commisisoners will hold an adjourned meeting Monday morning to consider the plans and estimates of the county architect for a heating and lighting plant for the new jail. The architect was instructed at the regular meeting of the board on Monday last to prepare one set of plans and estimates which would comprise the city and county building as well as the new jail and another for the jail building independently.

Investigating McIntyre's Death.

Coroner A. W. Miller yesterday held an autopsy at the city hospital on the remains of George McIntyre, who was killed Sunday evening in the Minnesota Transfer yards, at the city hospital, and, at the request of friends of the dead man, will make a further investigation into the particulars of the death.

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FUNERAL OF A PIONEER

J. C. TERRY WILL BE LAID TO REST TODAY.

The funeral of J. C. Terry, a pioneer resident of St. Paul, and a thirty-third degree mason, who died at his home, 613 Olive street, Saturday, will take place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the First Baptist church, Ninth and Wacouta streets, where services will be held under the direction of Damascus Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. Rev. Stillwell will conduct the services at the cemetery.

The active pallbearers will be: F. J. Bielenberg and M. A. Beckman, representing the Scottish Rite bodies; Lawrence Hope and Judge Grier M. Orr, representing Minnesota Chapter No. 1, and Owen Morris and B. Zimmerman, representing Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

The honorary pallbearers will be members of the Territorial Pioneers, of which the deceased was also a member, and are: Ex-Gov. Alexander Ramsey, William P. Murray, A. L. Larpenteur, J. H. Cavender, W. H. Wakefield, J. H. Randall, J. K. Humphry and Nathan Myrick.

DESIGNS ON LEVEE

WEST SIDE PARTIES WANT ROOM FOR MANUFACTURING PURPOSES

BILL IS BEING PREPARED

Strip Nine Blocks in Length Is Desired, and if Secured, a Breakwater Will Be Built.

At the request of West Side parties and the West Side Improvement association, the city legal department is now engaged in preparing the draft of a bill permitting the opening of the levee below State street, to settlement. As soon as completed the bill will be introduced in the legislature.

When the West side levee or the greater part of it was acquired by the city to be used for manufacturing purposes, the lessees to pay a nominal yearly rent, that portion from State street to what in former days was known as Missouri street, was designated for levee purposes only. The strip is nearly nine blocks in length, more than enough, those behind the movement say, for levee purposes. They now want all of it, or at least half, taken out of the exemption, and given over to manufacturers. Several railroads, it is said, have designs on the strip for trackage purposes.

The ground in question is extremely low and subject to floods, but the railroads have promised to give relief in the shape of a breakwater which will in time extend well down the river. In the event of the Union Depot company filling out the abrupt curve that now exists on their side of the river, this breakwater or dyke, is promised at an early date.

FORESTERS MEET TODAY

ANNUAL SESSION OF HIGH COURT OF MINNESOTA.

The high court of Minnesota of the Independent Order of Foresters will hold its annual session in this city today at Elks' hall, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

The present membership of this order in Minnesota is more than 7,000, and there will be about 150 delegates present at today's convention, representing 100 subordinate lodges. Supreme Treasurer Collins, of Toronto, Canada, will be here as representative of the supreme court. Officers of the high court for the ensuing year will be elected at the convention today, as well as four representatives of the supreme court to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., next April.

The present officers of the Minnesota high court are: E. N. Young, Minneapolis, H. C. R.; O. H. O'Neill, St. Paul, J. P. H. C. R.; George G. Gross, Red Wing, H. V. C. R.; A. E. Reuillard, Minneapolis, high secretary; George Hirsh, Winona, high treasurer; T. J. Reid, Minneapolis, high physician; J. F. Guron, Wabasha, high counsel.

CORCORAN SIGNED PEACE BOND

Was Charged With Assault on His Brother-in-Law.

Thomas Corcoran, charged with assault and battery by his brother-in-law, C. H. Behr, 56 East Fairfield avenue, was required to sign a peace bond in the police court yesterday. Behr claimed that Corcoran spent Monday evening at his home, and after drinking a few glasses of beer, threatened to clean out the place.

Behr put him out, and Corcoran in order to revenge himself, broke a window, in return for which Behr went outside and gave Corcoran a black eye.

THIEVES BROKE IN AND STOLE.

Residence of Supt. Steeg Robbed of $200 Worth of Goods.

Burglars broke into the residence of F. W. Steeg, superintendent of streets, at 699 Iglehart street, early Saturday morning and stole about $200 worth of household goods belonging to Mr. Steeg that were still remaining in the house. It is claimed that several boys were seen early Saturday morning removing stuff from the house and hauling it away on a sled. The police have been notified. The house was damaged by fire some time ago, and since then it has been boarded up awaiting the adjustment of the loss with the insurance company.

BOYS BROKE THEIR PAROLE.

Must Go Back to Reformatory for Lapse of Behavior.

John Ritter and John Johnson, aged sixteen and seventeen years respectively, who are on probation from the state training school, were before Judge Hinc in the police court yesterday on the charge of petit larceny preferred by George S. Deeks, who alleged that the lads stole a quantity of brass from his warehouse on East Seventh street. They entered a plea of guilty and were held for recommittment to the state training school. The boys were arrested by Officer Ferguson on Payne avenue while trying to dispose of the brass.

ORDERED TO PHILIPPINES.

Dr. E. A. Anderson, Formerly of St. Paul, Receives Appointment.

Dr. E. A. Anderson, now of Devils Lake, N. D., and formerly of this city, has been notified by the surgeon general of the army to prepare to take his departure for service in the Philippines at once. While Dr. Anderson was in St. Paul he was associated with Dr. O. W. Archibald, and is one of the 3,000 doctors who passed an examination last year for commissions in the regular army. Dr. Anderson, it is understood, passed a very creditable examination.

A. H. Felkey, lightweight champion of Iowa, and Eugene Cole, champion lightweight of the Northwest, will wrestle at the Empire theater tonight.

Splendid Scenery.

If you want to go to California in greatest comfort and see the finest scenery en route, take the through tourist sleeping car on the Northern Pacific which leaves St. Paul and Minneapolis every Wednesday evening for San Francisco, via Helena, Spokane and Portland.

FACE HARD PROBLEM

GRAND MASTER DIMENT SOUNDS ANOTHER NOTE OF WARNING TO WORKMEN

CHANGE MUST COME QUICKLY

Classified Assessments Recommended in Place of Bad Plan—If Not Done, Results Will Be Fatal.

With the precision and business-like methods which have ever characterized the sessions of the order, the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the grand lodge, A. O. U. W., came to order yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in Sherman hall, Sixth and Wabasha streets. Grand Master Workman Diment, of Owatonna, was in the chair as upward of 250 newly elected delegates were brought to the altar to receive the necessary grand lodge degree and passwords. The sessions are behind closed doors and none but those qualified to sit in the degree can have admittance. The work of obligating the members and receiving credentials took up the entire forenoon.

When the session reassembled at 2 o'clock it was greeted on behalf of the state of Minnesota by Gov. Van Sant, while Mayor Smith turned the city of St. Paul over to the visitors. Supreme Master Workman A. C. Harwick, of New Hampshire; Past Supreme Masters W. A. Walker, of Wisconsin, and W. Warne Wilson, of Michigan, also addressed the meeting briefly, after which business was resumed in order.

The report of Grand Master Workman J. M. Diment was first read and it proved to be a highly interesting document, which was received with generous applause. After its reading printed copies were supplied to the delegates. The report covers forty-seven printed pages. It showed that during the past year the order made a net gain of 1,071 in this state. After dealing with the matter of his appointments to office the grand master spoke with feeling of the late Grand Recorder Olson, who for nearly twelve years continuously had served the order in that responsible position. He also spoke highly of the work performed by E. W. Randall, who had been appointed to fill the vacancy. A paragraph was devoted to the degree honor, the woman's auxiliary of the order, after which the grand master took up the recommendations. His first topic was that of the field work. He urged that sufficient funds be provided for the engaging of competent deputies, as other orders were using this means to increase their membership, and the A. O. U. W. could only grow by using the same means. Therefore he recommended that the per capita tax be raised from 80 cents to $1.50 per year, of which 70 cents should be applied to field work.

Six new lodges were organized during the past year, namely at Herman, Hancock, Comfrey, Brown's Valley, Westbrook and Graceville.

The Assessment Problem.

Coming to the great question confronting the order, namely, that of changing the methods of assessments, the grand master went unqualifiedly on record as favoring a change to the classified plan. A committee appointed by him to investigate this question had made its report, which was sent to every lodge in the state, and had been discussed thoroughly. It was now for the grand lodge to determine the result. But he believed that no society could forever endure under the level rate plan, and that all that the opponents to the change could hope to do was to delay the time when a change was to take place. The supreme lodge of the order had long ago recommended a change, and the session should have respect for its opinions. He then urged the delegates to remember that they were assembled to protect the business portion of the order, as well as the fraternal one. The fraternal spirit was urging the members to say, "Do not make the old men pay more." But fraternity alone could not pay bills. The order did not owe a single man who held a policy a dollar. The proposition was simply one of renewing a contract every time a member paid an assessment, for the non-payment would terminate the contract. The grand master also pointed out the fact that it was almost impossible to make the initiations balance the suspensions. He then earnestly appealed to the delegates to legislate for the best interests of the entire order.

Committees Appointed.

The grand master then announced the following committees: Distribution, T. H. Presnell, George B. Arnold, A. H. Taisey; state of the order, Thomas F. Craven, C. J. Nelson, F. E. Blodgett; appeals and grievances, W. H. Adams, A. J. Wright, Gust Volkmeier; charter and by-laws, W. F. Roche, O. H. Harris, C. W. Blakely; returns, J. H. Raymond, D. H. Davis, D. C. Hertz; correspondence, C. G. Feroved, J. M. Glunt, E. A. Richards; grand medical examiner's report, G. W. Davies, W. G. Tupper, G. N. A. Fortier; mileage and per diem, L. Verwer, A. H. Lambert, B. Reesburg.

The report of the supreme representative was then read, after which Grand Secretary Randall read his report, which embodied in a great measure the work done by the late Recorder Olson. It also was in printed form, and attached to it was that of Grand Receiver J. J. McCardy.

Election This Morning.

As soon as the official reports were out of the way, and sent to the committee on distribution, came the first test of the temper of the delegates. The committee on laws announced that it had been asked to present a report changing the order of election of officers from this morning to such time as the session might select. The present law provided that the election should take place as the first order of business of the second day. There were some members present who did not know the candidates. The all important position of grand recorder was to be filled, and by changing the order of business, time would be given to get acquainted with the various men in the field.

But opposition to a change came up immediately and fiercely. Even the new members in the grand lodge were opposed. They could get all the needed information over night, and as long as a new constitution was to be considered, they held that it was unwise to change any portion of the present laws.

The question was hotly debated, and when the vote was taken it was defeated with an overwhelming vote. The knowing ones nodded to each other indicative of the temper of the session on the question of radical changes. It bodes little good to advocates of change measures.

The first order of business this morning is the election of officers.

Social Session Last Night.

The grand lodge A. O. U. W. held a social session in the Merchants hotel last night. An orchestra furnished music during the entire evening and a male quartette rendered several vocal selections. No programme was prepared as it was not known what the meeting was to be until a late hour. The evening was spent by the delegates in getting acquainted in the dining room at which a few informal speeches were made upon matters of interest to the order.

DEGREE OF HONOR MEETS.

One Hundred and Fifty Delegates Attend Opening Session.

The grand lodge of the Degree of Honor, the woman's auxiliary of the A. O. U. W., met at Pfeiffer's hall, Eighth and Wabasha streets, yesterday. One hundred and fifty delegates were in attendance at the opening of the session. The grand lodge degree was conferred on 250 members. The following is a list of the grand lodge officers in attendance:

Past Grand Chief Mrs. Elia H. Mantor, Willmar; Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Ida D. Wilson, Northfield; Grand Lady of Honor Mrs. Anna M. Seely, of Cloquet; Grand Chief of Ceremonies Mrs. Anna Nelson, Morris; Grand Recorder Mrs. Frances Buel Olson, St. Paul; Grand Receiver Mrs. Jennie C. Williamson, Minneapolis; Grand Usher Mrs. Adeline Jaynes, Jordan; Grand Inner Watch Mrs. Daisy Bixby, Sauk Center; Grand Outer Watch, Mrs. Mary E. Wilson, Staples; Grand Medical Examiner Dr. Willam A. Hunt, Northfield.

Lucinda Craig, of Tracy; Margaret Kiechner, of Winona; Mary Daily, of St. Paul, and Rosa Bronson, all past grand chiefs of the lodge, are also present.

The most of the day yesterday was spent in organizing and getting ready for business. Today the matters which have been booked to come before the session will be taken up and completed. The principal matter to come before the meeting, the revision of the constitution, will likely come up today.

The members of the lodge attended the social session of the A. O. U. W. at the Merchants' hotel last night.

BODY A MASS OF SORES

HEALTH OFFICE LOCATES SICK NEGRO IN SQUALID HOVEL.

With his body a mass of sores, George Baltimore, a negro, was taken from a hovel in the rear of 561 Broadway, yesterday by the health department and ordered to the hospital. Baltimore's presence in the neighborhood and his frightful condition was learned by the health department yesterday and fearing that it might be a bad case of smallpox, the matter was investigated. Baltimore was found in a small building in the rear of the number given and was so emaciated by disease that he was a horrible object. His body literally covered with sores, added to his misery, while the odor that filled the room was nauseating. This and the danger of contagion was soon removed by the health inspectors, which disinfected the premises thoroughly. Later, Baltimore's removal to a hospital was ordered.

Baltimore in his day was a bad negro and for a murderous assault on a servant girl was given a long term at Stillwater. He was released some time ago, but owing to his illness has not been seen at his old haunts.

NAME WORTH MONEY

BUTTER LABELED "MINNESOTA" ALWAYS FINDS READY SALE

TRIBUTE OF COMMISSION MAN

Commissioner McConnell Favors Registered Trademark for Creamery Butter—February Monthly Contest Is Announced.

"If I had 50,000 pounds of guaranteed Minnesota butter today I could sell it all outside of this state for 29 cents a pound." So said a well known commission man of St. Paul yesterday, thus paying practical tribute to the supremacy of Minnesota as a butter-producing state.

"Eastern merchants are most eager to get hold of Minnesota butter. They vie with each other in securing contracts with Minnesota butter-makers for their entire supply. These commission men have agents in the state who attempt to corral the output of the best butter-makers, and they make some very tempting offers in order to secure the Minnesota product."

All this is in line with Dairy Commissioner McConnell's idea that Minnesota standard butter ought to have a registered trade-mark which would indicate its nativity when it gets on the market. As Minnesota flour is known throughout the world by its trade-mark, he would have the Minnesota butter branded so that the buyer could know that he was getting the best Minnesota product. The creameries which produce butter up to standard could have a registered branding mark "Made by —— Creamery, Minnesota," which would add to its selling power.

Many Eastern commission merchants get supplies of Minesota butter and keep it in cold storage and find it an easy matter to dispose of it then in competition with fresh butter on other markets.

Commissioner McConnell yesterday sent out to all creameries the notice of the February contest which takes place on the 28th. All butter-makers are urged to send in a twenty-pound tub for the general scoring and in addition a five-pound jar to be put away in storage for thirty days and then scored again, to test its "staying qualities."

GRANTED A FRANCHISE

GENGE CAN BUILD LIGHTING PLANT AT ST. ANTHONY PARK.

The board of aldermen last night passed an ordinance granting to F. C. Genge and others a franchise for a lighting and heating plant at St. Anthony Park. The ordinance is similar to that granted to the Imperial Manufacturing company. The company has one year in which to complete a suitable plant.

The Fairbanks-Morse company was granted the contract for placing a platform scales on the market grounds. The cost will be $320. The contract for the furnishing of paint for the Fort Snelling bridge was placed with the Pittsburg Glass company. It bid $856.50.

The local Teamsters' union has requested that the engineering department be required to pay a rate of $3.50 a day for teams and to give preference to St. Paul men.

LICENSES ARE INVALID

COUNCIL HAS GRANTED BUILDING PERMITS ILLEGALLY.

During the past month both the board of aldermen and the assembly have been deluged with ordinances permitting the erection of frame structures and other buildings contrary to the building laws within the fire limits. The majority of them have been given passage, but, on technical grounds, the legal department holds them invalid, and it may result in the refusal of permits by the building department.

In establishing fire limits the legal department holds that the council can override its own laws, but advises that to be consistent it should first remove the restrictions. It practically holds that the building inspector can refuse permits if the buildings are not constructed in conformity with the building laws.

SPIRITUALISTS COMING.

Three-Day Convention to Start Friday Morning.

The Spiritualists of the Northwest will hold a conventon in this city beginning Friday morning a 10:30. The sessions will continue for three days, and it is expected that a representative body of this belief will be present. The Spiritualists will gather in I. O. O. F. hall, corner Fifth and Wabasha streets. The following are on the programme for addresses: George B. Warne, president of the Illinois State association; Mrs. George B. Warne, Chicago; Mrs. Clara J. Stewart, president Wisconsin State association; Will J. Erwood, missionary for Minnesota. These, assisted by representative Spiritualistic speakers of St. Paul and Minneapolis, will occupy the entire time.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

YEAR'S REPORT ENCOURAGING

D. R. Noyes Re-elected President—New Societies Organized and Effective Work Accomplished—Doings of the Session.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty was held yesterday in the rooms of the Relief society on East Ninth street. D. R. Noyes was re-elected president, and a motion was made to re-elect T. A. Abbott secretary, but he declined, pleading that his duties as president of the local society were too heavy to allow him time for this office. J. S. Fugate was elected secretary. J. I. Jillette was elected treasurer, to fill the place of the late W. L. Wilson. R. A. Hoyt was re-elected agent.

The secretary's report showed increased interest in humane work throughout the state during the year. Five new societies have been organized through the efforts of Mrs. C. A. Severance, the corresponding secretary, at Waseca, St. Paul Park, Hastings, Cottage Grove and Mantorville, and two through personal effeorts, one at Stewartville and one at Redwood Falls.

The most effective work done in the past year, in the opinion of the secretary, was the stopping of the growing practice of sending up live dogs in parachutes at county fairs. Considerable opposition came from New Ulm parties, but they were finally forced to desist and no attempt has been made to repeat the programme at other places.

The society has received its first bequest. A sum of $100 from a resident of Scandinavia has been donated to the society through Mr. Hobe, the Swedish vice consul. Correspondence has been carried on concerning the bull fights at Denver and Buffalo, and railroad officials have been influenced to look after the comfort of cattle in transportation.

Dr. Richard Burton, upon a recommendation of the secretary in his report, was made an honorary member and will be presented with the society's badge in appreciation of his services in behalf of the organization.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of $72.45. A committee of two, consisting of T. A. Abbott and J. S. Fugate, was appointed to prepare an annual report which, it is thought, will be of great benefit to the society.

Those present at the meeting were D. R. Noyes, J. I. Jillett, J. S. Fugate, R. A. Hoyt, M. L. Hutchins, T. A. Abbott, W. E. Bramhall, J. A. Moak and Mrs. C. H. Goodrich, of St. Paul; Miss Vera E. Bean and J. D. Holtzerman, of Minneapolis.

Reports from several local societies throughout the state show a great advance in the work, Minneapolis leading.

FAVOR UNION LABOR

COUNCIL ASKS CITY CONTRACTORS TO PROMISE TO EMPLOY IT

ONE FIRM REFUSES FLATLY

Aldermen Attempt to Rescind Contract on This Account, but Are Unsuccessful — Assembly Will Be Asked to Act.

At the request of the Building Trades council and the local Painters' union, the board of aldermen last night tried to impose upon the bidders for several large city contracts an agreement to employ union labor, but were not successful to the extent of receiving a direct answer.

Prior to placing a $3,800 contract with Fielding & Shepley for the painting of the high bridge, and also one of $7,032 for the painting and paving of the Selby avenue bridge to the same firm, a promise was secured from one member of the firm to employ union labor if possible, but in the case of Newmann & Hoy, who were given a contract for the painting and flooring of the Fort Snelling bridge, there was practically a flat refusal.

By some oversight the latter contract had been awarded before a promise to employ union labor had been exacted, and this brought a demand from Ald. Murphy and Bantz that the contract be taken away from the firm. After considerable discussion a half-way promise to employ the labor requested was obtained, but this did not satisfy, and the vote to rescind was taken. It was lost by a majority of two, but not until nearly every member had accompanied his vote with an explanation.

A delegation from the union was in attendance to give strength to their demands. The union men insist that they will now go before the assembly and endeavor to have the Newmann & Hoy contract thrown out. This firm was over $1,000 under the next lowest bidder.

LUMBERMEN IN SESSION

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ASSOCIATION MEETS IN MINNEAPOLIS.

The Mississippi Valley Lumbermens' association met in annual session in the ordinary of the West hotel, Minneapolis, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There were present a large number of lumber manufacturers from all the states comprised in the district covered by the association. The forenoon was taken up by committee meetings and a meeting was also held by the board of directors.

One of the most important questions to come up was the revision of certain clauses in the constitution. These changes were decided on at the last annual meeting, when a committee was appointed to look into the matter and suggest changes. The changes have been made necessary on account of the extensive growth of the lumber industry. The price list committee is not provided for by the other constitution and it is expected that a new provision covering this detail will be adopted.

Nothing was given out at the adjournment of the price list committee at noon, except that there will be practically no changes in the prevailing list of prices.

POPE NOT SUSTAINED

COUNCIL COMMITTEE WILL DECLARE EXAMINER'S FINDINGS ERRONEOUS

REPORT SAID TO BE READY

Engineer Claussen Confident that His Office Will Be Vindicated by the Report of the Committee.

Former Bank Examiner Pope's report on the city engineer's department is to be contradicted by a report of the subcouncil investigating committee consisting of Assemblymen Dix and Haas and First Assistant Corporation Attorney Griggs. The committee is reported to have prepared a report showing the whole thing to be practically a gross perversion of facts. "If this committee has made any such report," said City Engineer Claussen last night, "it is without my knowledge. I have never met with the committee but once and since that, they have been unable to act or do anything because of the sickness of Mr. Haas. Mr. Griggs is now confined to his room I understand. That the committee however will find me guiltless and the majority of the charges against my employes untrue, I have not the least doubt. In fact I am confident that such a report will be made."

The committee originally consisted of members from both the board and the assembly, but owing to an evident reluctance on the part of some of the members to act, the investigation was placed in the hands of a committee of three. It so far has done nothing. Supt. of Streets Steeg has employed some of his spare time in hunting up alleged employes and obtaining from them affidavits to the effect that they did work for the city and were paid for it, though under assumed names. City Engineer Claussen has also been securing similar affidavits. The committee, however, has not examined a witness. Former Street Commissioner Swanson is credited with an actual shortage of several hundred dollars, but Mr. Claussen contends, that for the remainder of the money which it is charged the city is shy, value of some sort will be shown to have been received by the city.

Match Sets Couch Ablaze.

The fire department was called to extinguish a slight blaze at the residence of Oscar Kuntze, 161 Hall avenue, about 10:15 o'clock last night. Mr. Kuntze lit a match and accidentally threw it on the couch in a room upstairs. It fell between the lining and in a moment the couch was ablaze. The fire was extinguished after doing about $20 damage.

More Patients at Pest House.

Three new cases of small pox were added to the list of patients at the pest house yesterday. One of the number was an engineer employed by the Great Western road. The company was immediately notified that it must without delay have all its employes vaccinated.

Dr. Ohage looks to see the epidemic at its greatest within the next two or three months.

AROUND THE HOTELS.

At the Ryan—George F. Goos, W. F. Due, Prescott; R. W. Wilkinson, Fargo; F. L. Wilkinson, George Hersch, Winona; E. T. Buxton, West Superior; H. L. Nixon, Mankato; A. Mielke, Glencoe; M. J. Kolschwar and wife, St. Joseph; Grover Smith and wife, Duluth; G. H. Thatcher, F. J. Bell, Winona; W. C. Briggs, Pipestone; G. W. Wallace, Duluth.

At the Merchants'—H. C. Hornby, Cloquet; George E. Perley, Moorhead; John Hans, C. A. Everhart, M. E. Colesan, G. P. Forman, Fargo; J. A. Johnson, Fargo; George M. Stowe, Wadena; C. A. Hitchcock, Crookston; N. G. Benner, Grand Forks; W. H. Barrett, Fargo; Frank L. Redfield, A. P. Oaks, Jasper; C. P. W. Mellenthin and wife, Sleepy Eye; Charles Kenning, Oneida; A. Snyder, Duluth; C. K. Wing, Crystal; W. H. Welch and wife, La Crosse; Dan E. Ritcher, Mrs. V. S. Wisner, Larimore; J. H. Hughes and wife, W. H. Walker, Devil's Lake; S. A. Winnegar, Henning; J. D. Wilson and daughter, Northfield; Manford Horn, Appleton; F. A. King, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Wilgard, Albert Lea; J. S. Kibbey, Windom; C. M. Brooks, Cedar Rapids; C. A. Dutcher and wife, Hancock; T. L. Nilcox, Kasota; Dr. E. M. James and wife, Jordan; J. G. Willis, Mankato; E. A. Wellan, Fair Haven; H. H. Bachelder, D. W. Grant, Faribault; George E. Darling, Morris; Mrs. Emma Manning, Miss Bertha Peterson, Bemidji; Mrs. J. Sanbourn, Brainerd; W. H. Laird, Winona; H. N. Hagestad, East Grand Forks.

At the Windsor—Charles W. Smith, Lake Park; A. H. Erickson, A. J. Wright, Moorhead; Theodore Hanson, Howard; Dr., A. H. Clark, Worthington; F. W. Stevens, Sanborn; R. R. Freeman, Walnut Grove; W. M. James, Breckenridge; Mrs. E. P. Browner, St. Cloud; Julius A. Coller, Shakopee; C. N. Buckingham, Will G. Mack, Will Holst, Robert C. Sanders, Pine City; M. Hugo, Duluth; A. J. Vaugsner, Ada; C. B. McClure and wife, Benson; J. H. Sprout, Blue Earth; M. Fernandez, Duluth; O. J. Rund, Burrett; E. C. Band, Granville; Mrs. Thomas Zeirn, North Branch; J. P. Johnson, John G. Howard, Miss Norris, Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. McKenna, Duluth; R. B. Brown and wife, St. Cloud; George F. Rich, Grand Forks; G. H. Maloney, Devils Lake; J. H. Nicolin, Jordan; H. A. Hildbranett, Watertown.

At the Metropolitan—H. F. Mensing, Hawley, Minn.; W. A. Daggett, Anoka, Minn.; Frank Judy, Maple Lake, Minn.; J. H. Pietz, Winona, Minn.; D. A. Morrison, Rochester, Minn.; M. V. Carpenter, Blue Earth, Minn.; Louis Bremer, Waverly, Minn.; T. F. Lund, New Paynesville, Minn.; Nels Johnson, New Richland, Minn.; C. W. Dayling, Olivia, Minn.; Etta Dickson, Chatfield, Minn.; J. M. Glunt, Staples, Minn.

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