

## MONEY IN THE JAIL

Republicans Build a Lasting Monument to Their Economics

## CITY PAYS THE FREIGHT

Corruption and Extravagance in Construction of County Prison

Fill Darkest Pages in Annals of St. Paul.

At Fourth and St. Peter streets stands a monument to the practice of Republican economy in the administration of public trust. The new county jail, if it is ever finished, will remain a blot upon the history of St. Paul and Ramsey county so long as it shall endure.

The unsightly portion of a structure

Unfortunately for Mayor Smith and the taxpayers of St. Paul, on whom 90 per cent of the cost of the jail falls, he was one Democrat pitted against the united purpose of six Republicans. A Republican county commission is building a jail. The taxpayers are accruing an enormous bill for the same, and the city is paying the freight.

### Democratic Record Is Clean.

In sharp contrast with the disgraceful jail history, written by the Republican officials, stands the record of the court house and city hall, built by a Democratic administration. The public will probably never know just what the jail has cost. If a check is not placed upon the present ruinous system which has prevailed for two years, the public estimate of \$500,000 will probably be approximately correct. The court house and city hall, on the other hand, are the best material and standing today the pride of every public-spirited citizen, was commenced and finished within three years at a cost, including the furnishings, of \$1,014,000. When the building was finished the commission could account for every dollar spent, and turned about \$12,000 unexpended balance back into the treasury.

The records of the proceedings of the county commissioners do not furnish accurate data for the compilation of the money expended in the infamous jail scheme, but they do show that to date the commission has made provision and contracted for the expenditure of \$300,000.

port did not suit him nor his colleagues, the other parties to the jail scheme with Mr. Hardick, who were intrusted by its management. The report received the dismal consolation of filing.

### Arrangements Were Easily Made.

Then Hardick appeared as the prime promoter. He advocated the erection of a new building, and June 4 secured the appointment of a committee on sites, with himself at the head. The special committee labored (?) faithfully for thirty days. It wrestled with the subject of sites, and from subsequent developments labored with considerable degree of success with the jail building contracts. July 9, Mr. Hardick's special committee returned with a recommendation favoring the immediate construction of a new jail on the site of the old building, and asked that it be empowered to have plans prepared and issue bonded for the same. One week later the commission, in the absence of Mayor Smith, decided that a new jail was an absolute necessity. After a recess of two days, Mr. Hardick secured the unanimous ratification of his proposal to appropriate \$175 for preliminary work and \$140,000 for the erection of a new jail. Another recess of two days, and the commission again met, and instructed the auditor to advertise for bids met with the same unanimous indorsement.

### Pine Work Becomes Apparent.

August 10, 1900. The commission met to open the bids and examine plans submitted by the four local architects and the Pauly jail company, of St. Louis. Mr. Pauly, who had been in the city several times and who was then at a St. Paul hotel, was not present at the examination meeting. H. Haas submitted plans for a two-story jail at estimated cost of \$100,000. T. J. Donohue showed a plan for a four-story jail, estimated at \$100,000 for Kettle River sandstone and \$30,000 for granite. Mr. J. Towner had plans for a two-story structure to cost \$55,000 for Kasota stone and \$2,000 for granite. Jacobson submitted plans for a three-story building, conforming in architectural style with the court house, to cost from \$20,000 to \$100,000, according to the materials used.

There were no formal estimates with the Pauly plans, but one of the special committee volunteered the information that Mr. Pauly had verbally estimated the cost at approximately \$100,000. The local architects were hurried through a partial examination of their plans, and the commission adjourned to hold a special afternoon session with the Pauly. The meeting was evidently in every way satisfactory to the special committee composed of Paul Queli, H. R. Hardick and C. W. Gray, for three days later it returned a unanimous report adopting the Pauly plans, which involved the use of his patent cell devices. Messrs. Gray, Hardick, Lott and Queli voted for adoption of the report, and prevailed in spite of the vigorous protest and negative votes of Mayor Smith and Commissioner Powers.

### Commercial Club Is Aroused.

The job was so monstrously apparent that the Republican press united with the Democratic press and the public in demanding that the award be rescinded. Aug. 15, a committee from the Commercial club headed by H. A. Roegner and including W. S. Flynn, William Carson, B. H. Schrieber, John Caulfield and Secretary C. P. Stine secured a hearing before the commission, to voice the protest of the people against the award of the jail contract. Hardick appeared as the inquirer and attempted to bully Mr. Boardman and the gentlemen from the Commercial club, and for a time seemed in a fair way to rout them from the room. The representatives of the Commercial club were ignorant of technical knowledge in jail construction and were fairly badly beaten in the argument. For another two years, no one has tasted deeper of the delights it brings or the trouble the office confers than "Bob," as his friends are wont to endearingly call him. Unlike his predecessor, who filled in the interim between a brief retirement to private life and a renewal of the cares of office, Mayor Smith does not hold forth in the sumptuous parlors that the designers of the city hall intended should be the show place of the big building, but rather prefers the plain interior of the little office where he is now wont to sit from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon and give audience to those who have business with him.

### His Daily Grind Begins.

The first thing St. Paul's executive does when he arrives in the morning is to look over his mail, not an easy task with its burden of begging letters and interesting epistles, but one that an energetic secretary has in a manner lightened by the filing of one for future examination and the consigning of the other to the waste basket. Out in the reception room beyond, the usual gathering of decept and those who have an ax to grind are to be found, and the commission's mail comes to them their chance to have a word or two with his honor.

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salute but hearty greeting of one who has been picked to head the delegation that waits without. "I called to see if your honor wouldn't get me a job. I voted for you ever since I've been in St. Paul, and for the last time I shall be able to do it again, bless your kind heart."

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## HAS MANY CALLERS

Mayor Smith's Position Not the Easiest in the World

## VISITORS COST MONEY

Gentlemen With Raffle Tickets, Women With Subscription Blanks and Those Wanting Employment Do Not Stay Away.

"How would you like to be the mayor of St. Paul?" is a phrase just now more local than national, yet its significance is none the less weighty. It was an unknown wag who used the iceman as a target for his wit and coined the little jingle from which a host of "How would you like's" have found immortality, but had he been a resident of the Saintly City and had a rubbing acquaintance with "his honor" his humor would undoubtedly have taken a more serious trend. "How would you like to be the mayor of St. Paul?" carries with it more than the mere flippancy one is wont to associate with the phrase. In brief, the job is not easy.

### St. Paul is not the largest city in the

land, nor is it the greatest, but the daily duties of its executive are by no means the least arduous. With a host of demands and provisions of which are most exacting, a loving and far-seeing constituency has stripped the St. Paul Mayoralty of the material and the most sought-for prize in the list of offices that a voting public had to confer, but for all this it has not lessened the belief that his honor has a



"Your Honor Surely Must Know How Deserving the Cause Is."

cure for all ills and is always ready to confer it without favor and without price.

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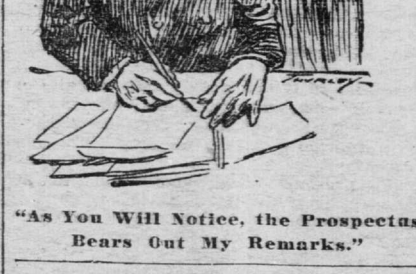
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"As You Will Notice, the Prospects Bears Out My Remarks."

### Friend Needed the Money.

One of the most high-handed and cold-blooded deals in which the commission has had the temerity to enter is that by which the Pauly contract price for steel work was increased \$5,000. When the time arrived for letting contracts, the commission's friend, Mr. Queli, was taken care of. He received the award for the steel work at \$23,835. The specifications called for flat bar work, which is the most expensive. The thing was so soft, the game so easy that within two months after the contract was awarded, the specifications were changed to read "round bar" and \$3,000 added to the contract price of work on which the change alone will save the contractor at least \$1,000. The trifling items of \$9,000 for the removal of the buildings from the new site, on top of a \$9,000 contract for excavating in the gold mine formerly occupied by the old jail, which restored the powers of dynamite in its destruction, are mere matters of detail in a magnificent job. Great is the jail. Great are its Republican builders. Great is the full and wonderful is their conception of economy.

### Don't Get Left!

Beginning Monday, April 1st, the Storm Lake and Watertown Expresses will leave St. Paul at 8:15 a.m. for the double daily service to Morton, Redwood and Madison.

collection so much "per," and represents many touches.

This is the routine every morning, with the usual rest in the shape of an hour for lunch, only to be followed in the afternoon by similar grinds with possibly a slight relief in the shape of committee meetings and board references at which the mayor is supposed to preside.

Does the mayor ever resent this familiarity with his time and the demands upon his liberality? If he does—Mayor Smith



"The Tickets Run From 1 to 100; Try Your Luck."

has so far failed to show it. The persistent sometimes receive a word of advice to curtail their calls, but in the main every one who calls gets an audience. Signing council proceedings, attending to matters of civic government and the thousand and one things that must be attended to are a part of the daily routine, but none of them is so urgent that it denies those who call, a moment or two with "his worship," Mayor Smith.

## RESULTS OF RALLIES UPSET OLD THEORIES

Democratic Committee Announces Programme for Busy Week.

The results of the meetings of the first week in the Democratic campaign have shattered all the old-time ideas touching the valuation of political mass meetings. The immense meetings held by the Democrats are unprecedented in municipal politics, and their popularity which has given the voters, irrespective of former political affiliation, an opportunity to voice their indorsement of the Democratic ticket, has set a new seal of worth on the formerly despised and valueless rally.

### Committee Announces Dates.

Monday Evening—April 22—Third Ward—39th Street. Speakers: Daniel W. Lawler, John H. Ives, Otto Bremer, Henry A. Loughran. Fifth Ward—Organization meeting, 5th West Seventh street. Speakers: Frederic A. Pike, George F. Moser, O. E. Holman, Louis W. Nash. Sixth Ward—132 Concord street. Speakers: Thomas D. O'Brien, Frederick L. McGehe, Theodore Lange, Louis Frankel, Edward J. Cannon. Seventh Ward—191 Western avenue. Speakers: Alexander J. Stone, Thomas Sullivan, Frederick W. Foot, Norman Egger. Eighth Ward—Jarvis hall, 29th Thomas street. Speakers: John H. Ives, Thomas R. Kane, Emil Tesch, John Q. Jueneau, Fred Hennolt. Ninth Ward—Twin City hall, Rice street and University avenue. Speakers: James C. O'Reilly, Edward L. Murphy, George R. O'Reilly, Stan J. Donnelly. Tuesday, April 22—REGISTRATION DAY.

### Wednesday Evening, April 23—

First Ward—Huddell hall, Arcade and Larson streets. Speakers: Dr. Alexander J. Stone, Frank Ford, John E. Hearne, Fred Hennolt, Joseph Jarosz. Second Ward—Lucker's hall, Forest and Margaret streets. Speakers: Daniel W. Lawler, Thomas R. Kane, Frederick W. Foot, George F. Moser, Emil W. Helmes. Thursday Evening, April 24—Fourth Ward—Pfeiffer's hall, Eighth and Washburn streets. Speakers: Daniel W. Lawler, George E. Kelly, John S. Grode, James D. Armstrong, William R. O'Brien. Fifth Ward—St. Francis hall, James and Warsaw streets. Speakers: Thomas D. O'Brien, Ives, Frederick L. McGehe, John S. Grode, Louis Betz, Emil Tesch. Eighth Ward—Faster's hall, Dale and Minneapolis streets. Speakers: Dr. Alexander J. Stone, William E. Boeringer, Michael, Thomas R. Kane, Dr. Alexander J. Stone, William Foelsen, Anton Aufang. Friday Evening, April 25—First Ward—Headquarters, Bedford and Decatur streets. Speakers: Dr. Alexander J. Stone, William E. Boeringer, Michael, Thomas R. Kane, Dr. Alexander J. Stone, William Foelsen, Anton Aufang. Saturday, April 26—REGISTRATION DAY.

## YOUNG DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE.

Vigorous Sixth Ward Club Has Political and Social Aims.

At a meeting held in the Sixth ward Thursday evening the Young Men's Democratic club was organized for political and social purposes. W. E. Boeringer was president, J. M. O'Grady, vice president, J. Glancy, secretary, and William King, treasurer.

It is the intention of the club to fit up club rooms, where the young men of the ward can gather to spend a social evening with their friends, and the entertainment provided will be of such character that no one could possibly find any objectionable features. It is also the intention of the present officers to make the club a permanent one and enlarge its scope from time to time as its financial condition may permit.

For the present temporary headquarters will be at 32 Concord street, at which place a mass meeting will be held on Monday evening, April 22. Good speakers will be in attendance and there will also be a band and several vaudeville features which will make it worth while to come out and spend a pleasant evening with the boys and encourage them in their new undertaking.

About May 1, when certain gentlemen want their spring suits or overcoats in a hurry, they are liable to be serious inconvenienced because of our inability to get them on time, on account of the rush. The time to order garments is now.

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No.	Money Saving Sale Price	Regular Price	No.	Money Saving Sale Price	Regular Price
502-1-Piece Mahogany Parlor	27.50	40.00	107-1 Mahogany Davenport	40.00	22.00
503-1-Piece Mahogany Parlor	37.50	50.00	108-1 Oak Davenport	55.00	29.00
610-1-Piece Mahogany Parlor	37.50	50.00	425-3 Oak Sleepy Hollow Chairs	13.00	9.00
603-1-Piece Mahogany Parlor	38.00	50.00	426-3 Oak Sleepy Hollow Chairs	13.00	9.00
664-1-Piece Mahogany Parlor	36.75	50.00	574-1 Golden Oak Armchair	10.00	5.00
566-1 Mahogany Divan	25.00	35.00	451-2 Mahogany Armchairs	15.00	7.50
566-1 Mahogany Divan	21.00	35.00	458-5 Mahogany Armchairs	12.50	7.50

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## PLANS ST. LOUIS TOWER

A citizen of La Grange, Ill., Charles Wondries, is the projector of a structure that may rival the wonders of the St. Louis exposition. His proposed tower, in the hands of the fair directors, and the chances of its acceptance are said to be good.

Mr. Wondries' contrivance will be a novelty in mechanical engineering. Its striking feature will be a steel tower 1,650 feet in height, topping the famous Eiffel tower in Paris by sixty feet. On this tower, about 200 feet apart, will be platforms for observation and other purposes.

The "drainage work throughout that section is proving of untold benefit to farmers. Hundreds of thousands of acres of worthless land are being rapidly reclaimed by drainage and it is proving to be excellent for dairy purposes. The southern part of the state will have to look to its laurels, for the very lively farmers of that section will prove of great benefit to the butter makers of our state. It will stimulate the industry everywhere, and its educational value cannot be overestimated. Minnesota exhibitors ought to take well, as they have the advantage of a year of monthly contests in our own state. The interest taken in our monthly contests has been a surprise to us in view of the national contest, our state contests are likely to be temporarily dropped at the conclusion of the first year. They will not, however, be dropped permanently. None of the very ten exhibitors are unanimously in favor of their continuation."

Regging Methods a Failure. John Deas, who aspires to be real tough, yesterday received a straight thirty-day sentence for begging on the streets. Burns is a young man with a would-be intimidating pair of eyes and a rough voice. When passersby raised a "give up," he resorted to coarse abuse.

Bids to Be Opened Tomorrow. Bids for a system of sewers on Goodrich avenue, Lincoln, Milton, Chateaufort and Oxford streets will be opened by the board of public works tomorrow. The estimated cost is \$432. Property owners will have to pay about \$1.50 a front foot for the improvement.

At the base of the huge pile, for a height of about 300 feet, will be inclined tracks for an endless chain of cars that will run to the first platform. The seating capacity of this endless train will be 5,000. Ascending to the pinnacle of the tower will be eight elevators, built on the most modern plans, assuring safety to the thousands who will likely take a ride to procure a birdseye view of the exposition grounds and the city of St. Louis from the topmost platform.

The inventor bases the success of his scheme on a small plant which he had running at Paulina and Huron streets, in Chicago, about fourteen years ago. The tower there was but 100 feet high and eight inches in diameter, and with the draft superinduced, has been able to lift a weight of 100 pounds. The cost of the late tower at St. Louis, he estimates, will be \$500,000.

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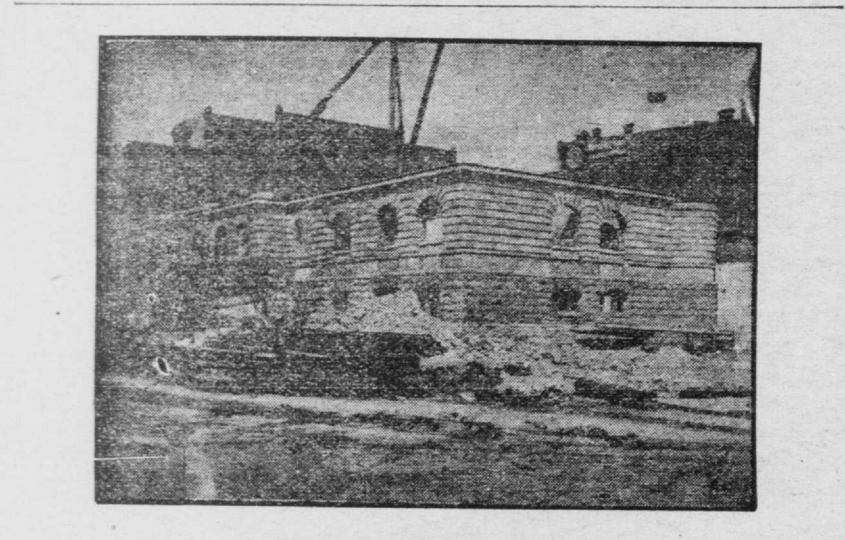
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NEW COUNTY JAIL NOW BEING BUILT.

into which public funds have been poured for two years bids for a general receptacle for public plunder for another two years. Originally projected, against the will of the people and the advice of both Mayors Kiefer and Smith, at a cost of \$100,000, it has already received \$300,000 and bids fair under the direction of the board which is responsible for it to cost \$500,000.

The history of the infamous jail transaction gives ample coloring to the general public charge that fraud, on a scale splendid in comparison with the capacity of the projectors, has been practiced. The public is privileged to see only the turtle-like progress of the castle at Fourth and St. Peter streets and to foot the bills for the construction of a structure which furnishes uncontrovertible evidence of the woeful mismanagement, if not criminal misappropriation of public funds.

### Its History Is a Disgrace to County.

The history of the jail includes the records of a high handed attempt to award a contract without monetary limitations to a jail building concern, and its indictment at the hands of indignant citizens. It includes the destruction of the old jail against the advice of competent architects and contractors, prior to the completion of the new jail, for no other apparent purpose than to permit the county commissioners to squander \$20,000 in the equipment of a temporary jail, to house one of their former associate county officials and put contracts in the hands of their friends.

The history of the jail includes the rental of the county's own property, for which it pays a contractor \$300 per month and which in the aggregate has already amounted to more than the cost price or new equipment which was offered the board and which after the dismantling of the temporary jail could have been sold for a fair percentage of its original cost. It includes the records of one of the most sensational attempts to bind the citizens of Ramsey county to a foreign contractor ever written on the pages of Minnesota's civic history.

It includes the creation of a county office contrary to the provisions of the constitution. It includes one instance of high handed robbery of about \$4,000 in the changing of one of the specifications for the cell work. It includes a successful attempt to bar competition of local architects and contractors in the preparation of plans and furnishing materials. It includes the brief but hardy career of George Whitthorne, the absconding county commissioner, and the more fortunate biographies of his fellow commissioners.

### See Another Good Thing in Tunnel.

In its entirety to date the history of the new jail furnishes the darkest pages in the history of Ramsey county. It includes templates apparently no cessation of the original methods so long as the Republican board of county commissioners is left in control. The board is now clamoring for the construction of a tunnel to connect the jail with the court house. This tunnel would be used for the transportation of an average of three prisoners per month from the jail to the district court, but it would furnish a most convenient avenue for a further transaction in the public plunder which has been carried on for two years.

In the infamous history of the new jail record of Mayor Smith stands out the only clean spots on the pages of corruption and municipal extravagance. The official records show that Mayor Smith has consistently opposed the gigantic steal from first to last. That his vote was always cast against the original proposition and that his voice and vote have been against every subsequent attempt to further mulct the public purse.

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