City News.

Mrs. L. C. Minor Dead—Mrs. Lavina C. Minor, widow of Lucius Minor, died yesterday afternoon at St. Luke's hospital of old age. She was seventy-nine years of age.

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May Choose a Pastor—At a congregational meeting to be held this evening at the Central Presbyterian church the report of the pastorate committee will be received and considered.

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New Hello Company—The Citizens' Telephone company, of Park Rapids, filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state yesterday. The capital stock is $10,000, and thirty-one residents of the village are the incorporators.

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Invites Krieger Bund—Gov. Van Sant has wired the Krieger bund, now in session at Hamilton, Ohio, inviting the association to hold its next annual meeting in St. Paul. The invitation was sent at the request of the German societies of the city.

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Examinations for Teacher—Examinations of teachers for first and second grade certificates will be held in each county of the state next week under the direction of State Superintendent of Schools Olson. Between four and five thousand applicants will take the examination.

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Picnic At Harriet Island—The annual picnic of the Retail Grocery Clerks' union will be held at Harriet island Tuesday, Aug. 26. A sporting programme has been arranged and other amusements will be provided.

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Prepare for Labor Day—The Mason Tenders will meet Tuesday, Aug. 11, for the purpose of making arrangements for the proper celebration of Labor day. It is proposed that the men wear uniforms, the exact nature of which will be decided at the meeting.

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To Speak On China—Rev. W. J. Doherty, who is a missionary in the China inland mission, will speak in the First M. E. church this evening. He is on his way back to China, after spending a furlough in this country.

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Sent to Rochester—Mrs. Sophia Webber was committed to the insane asylum at Rochester yesterday. She is a widow, forty-eight years of age, and the mother of four children. She was found by the Rondo police wandering aimlessly about.

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Confer On Merger Cases—Assistant Attorney General Marchand, of Washington, was in conference with United States District Attorney Haupt yesterday, relative to the United States merger case.

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Enter Formal Appearance—Formal Appearances in the merger case, in behalf of the Northern Securities company, J. J. Hill, as president, and J. J. Hill individually, were entered with the clerk of the United States circuit court yesterday. The appearances bore the signatures of Young & Ligatner, as solicitors.

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Smelting Company Starts—The Fokegama company, of Duluth, has filed articles of incorporation, under which mining, smelting and manufacturing is to be carried on. The incorporators and first board of directors are W. B. Merritt, N. M. Smart and T. A. Merritt. The capital stock is $10,000.

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Mute in Police Court—L. Rabinowitz, deaf and dumb, was in the police court yesterday, charged with assault and battery by Sam Bomberg. They are both residents of the Sixth ward. Bomberg claims that Rabinowitz slapped Mrs. Bomberg, and that his sign manual was threatening. The case was continued.

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Mrs. A. Scanlan Hurt—Mrs. A. Scanlan was run down by a Great Northern express wagon at Sixth and Robert yesterday afternoon and severely injured. She was crossing the street with her two children and got in front of the horse, driven by Driver Burtran. She was knocked to the pavement and her young daughter was slightly bruised. The boy escaped injury.

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Quarrel Over a Lot—Daniel Flavian and August Preuss quarreled over a lot, and Preuss had Flavian in the police court yesterday on a charge of assault and battery. Neither one could speak a word of English, and Judge Hine gave them thirty days' continuance and hoped that they would either learn to speak the language of the court or settle their trivial difficulty.

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Myrnes Must Leave City—John Myrnes was brought into the police court yesterday charged with stealing a valise full of clothing from the Economy hotel. The alleged theft was committed about ten days ago, and, according to the complaining witness, the principal witnesses were not to be found. The case was dismissed with the understanding that Myrnes was to leave the city.

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Charged With Cruelty—A warrant was yesterday issued for the arrest of Mrs. J. E. Turner, 320 Farrington avenue, charging her with cruelty to her stepdaughter, Bernice Turner. The girl is five years old, and one of her eyes is badly bruised. The step-mother claims that a spider bit the girl on the eyelid, but the neighbors say that the child was struck by a stick. The warrant was issued on the request of Humane Agent Moak.

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WINS A LONG FIGHT

CHARTER COMMISSION IS READY TO GRANT DEMANDS OF PARK BOARD

AMENDMENT IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

It Provides for Improvement and Maintenance of Parks, Sum Equivalent to One Mill on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation—Surplus to Be Retained.

After a struggle of nearly a year's duration to induce the charter commission to amend the charter to give the park board the right to use the money it earns every year in making improvements and also to have any unexpended balance of the yearly appropriation at the end of the year carried over to the next year, in addition to that year's appropriation, the matter was finally settled at a special meeting of the charter commission last night by that body granting the request of the park board by adopting the following report of a special committee:

Report of the Committee.

"To the charter commission:

"Your committee, appointed July 28 to consider proposed amendment to the charter of the city of St. Paul, submitted by Mr. Wheelock, president of the board of park commissioners, met pursuant to notice on July 31, 1902, all the members of the committee being present.

"After fully considering the amendment proposed your committee unanimously approved and hereby submit to this commission the following amendment to said charter, to-wit:

"That subdivision numbered 21 of section 4 of title 2 of chapter 5 of the present charter of the city of St. Paul be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"'To provide for the improvement and maintenance of the public parks, park ways and drives, and the acquisition of land for park purposes, not exceeding, however, in any one year a sum equivalent to one mill on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property of the city, together with the estimated amount of any and all moneys which may be received by the board of park commissioners from miscellaneous sources as contemplated by the provisions of section 36 of title 1 of chapter 13 of this charter; provided, however, that any unexpended balance remaining to the credit of the park fund herein provided for at the expiration of any fiscal year shall be carried over to its credit as an increase of the appropriation for the ensuing year.'

—"Dr. G. H. Bridgman,
—"H. W. Childs,
—"Norman Fetter,
—"J. B. Gribben,
—"E. J. Cannon."

The above amendment submitted by the committee appointed at the last meeting of the commission at the meeting last night was not adopted, however, without considerable discussion. Dr. Bridgman, chairman of the committee, in moving for the adoption of the report and the amendment, said the conditions that weighed most heavily with the committee were the facts of the increased cost of material and the larger amount of ground the park board had to take care of than in former years.

The next few minutes were given over to discussing the technical workings of the proposed amendment by Franklin H. Griggs.

Gen. Childs seconded Dr. Bridgman's motion to have the report of the committee, and in speaking in favor of the amendment said:

Chain of Parks.

"We are at present laying the groundwork of a system of parks that will both benefit the city of St. Paul and be a credit to it, and the park board should have a sufficient amount with which to carry on its work in the future. As an illustration, look at the banks of the Mississippi river. It is of importance that the city should improve the banks of the river within the city limits and also that boulevards should be built along its banks."

The amendment was unanimously adopted and it is now up to the people to vote on it at the fall election.

Under the present provision in the charter the money that the park board earns is placed in the general fund and the board has no benefit from it. Besides this if there happens to be a balance of the appropriation left over at the end of the year that amount is deducted from the coming year's appropriation. Realizing the fact that it would need more money in the future to properly take care of the city parks and improvements, the park board sought the aid of the charter commission to have the charter amended so that instead of having to turn its earning, which at present amount to about $3,000 per year, into the general fund, these earnings in addition to the appropriation would be placed at the disposal of the board to be used in making improvements in the parks. The amendment also provides that in case the board does not use for its entire appropriation by the end of the year, the balance remaining shall be carried over to the board's credit as an increase of the appropriation for the ensuing year. This will give the board, should there be any money at the end of the year, a chance to use it in making additional improvements as the occasion may demand in the future.

Improvements in View.

President Wheelock, in speaking of the matter after the meeting last night, said the park board wanted to build a new pavilion at Como, wanted to make new improvements at Lake Phalen and in fact wanted to make a number of other improvements that would tend to help beautify the city, but that under the present charter they were only allowed $75,000 per year and in case anything was left over at the end of the year it was deducted from the next year's appropriation.

Besides all the money earned by the board during the year had to be turned over to the general fund of the city, and could not be used by the board in making needed improvements. Anticipating the growth of the park system the board found it necessary to ask the charter commission to amend the charter so as to give the board more money with which to make the necessary improvements. The present assessed valuation of the city is $88,000,000 and if the amendment is passed the council if it sees fit can give the park board an annual appropriation of $88,000, which would be at the rate of 1 mill on the dollar, besides the earnings derived from the parks by the board.

SERGEANT BLAIR DIES AT FORT SNELLING

He Saw Service in the Philippines and Also in China.

Sergeant Major Frank E. Blair, of the Fourteenth infantry, died of consumption yesterday at the military hospital at Fort Snelling. He has been in a dying condition for some time, and when the Fourteenth left for Fort Wayne last June he was too sick to accompany it. Sergeant Major Blair was twenty-seven years old and served four years with the Fourteenth, concluding its service in the Chinese war. The remains will be taken to Providence, R. I., for interment. An order was received at the fort Saturday to have the sick man removed to the United States hospital at Fort Bayard, but it was too late.

MRS. M. K. HUNTRESS FALLS DEAD IN YARD

She Drops While Walking Toward Her Husband, Who Was Trimming Vine.

Mrs. Margaret K. Huntress, 178 Dousman street, dropped dead yesterday, early after noon, while walking in her back yard. H. B. Huntress, her husband, was trimming some vines, and Mrs. Huntress was walking toward him, when she fell to the ground. Huntress immediately ran for help, and Driver Thomas Haggerty, of the central station, arrived on the scene in a moment. When he arrived the woman was dead. Coroner Miller examined the remains and believes the woman died of heart faiure. For several years past she has been suffering from neuralgia, and some weeks ago had an operation performed on her face. She was fifty-nine years of age, and was born in Maryland. She lived in St. Paul for the past nine years. Beside her husband, two daughters survive her. The body was removed to Dampier's undertaking establishment. There will be no inquest.

ASSEMBLY DOES NOT PASS ON THE RULES

Use of Voting Machines This Fall May Be Blocked by Time Limit.

For the purpose of permitting the use of voting machines in the coming election the assembly should have met last evening and given its approval as required by law of the rules regulating their use, but there was not a quorum present.

According to some of the members that did show up the cause of the absence of the others is due to a desire to knock out machine voting for this year at least. Two firms, the United States Voting Machine company, which has a machine on exhibition in the council chamber, and R. F. Hersey, the owner of patents for a machine now being constructed in the East, are anxious to sell the city machines. R. F. Hersey is a local man, and the claims made last night that one of the members, fearful that the outside company would have an advantage, induced the others to stay away so as to defeat the use of machines this year, or until the Hersey apparatus was ready for use and delivery.

Despite this, however, the few members met and adjourned until this evening, when another attempt will be made to get the entire body together. If the rules which were adopted by the board last night are not concurred in by the assembly this evening, machines will not be used in the coming election. A time limit is provided by law in which this must be done, and today is the last day.

FACTIONAL FIGHT MAY SPLIT UP THE ORDER

Special Call Issued for Meeting of High Court of United Foresters.

Members of the United Foresters throughout the state have been aroused to a high pitch of interest by a recent call for a special meeting of the high court, to take place in this city Aug. 27, and all sorts of rumors have been circulated as to the cause of a meeting at that time.

One report which has gained some credence is to the effect that there is in contemplation so radical a proposition as secession on the part of the Minnesota jurisdiction from the supreme body, and if such be the case it is assured that the meeting will develop sensational features and will precipitate a bitter factional fight among the members of the order in this state.

The reported movement toward secession is said to be inspired by Judge James Schoonmaker, of this city, and his friends, as the result of some friction between Judge Schoonmaker and S. C. Olmsted, who is also a resident of St. Paul. The friction between these two gentlemen, it is said, dates back to the time when Judge Schoonmaker was defeated by Mr. Olmsted for the office of supreme counsel of the order at the national convention held in Duluth. The report is to the effect that the followers of Judge Schoonmaker have raised objections to the methods of Mr. Olmsted in making loans and other investments from the funds of the order in his capacity as supreme counsel.

The call for the meeting states that one of the purposes is to discuss investments and loans.

Teamster Goes to Workhouse.

Lyons Barnes, a teamster employed by a coal company, yesterday received a sentence of ninety days in the workhouse for the theft of a silver watch valued at $1.50. Barnes brought a load of coal to the residence of Dr. George Senkler, Virginia and Selby avenues, Monday. While unloading the coal he was asked to go to the barn in search of James L. Muldoon, the family coachman. Barnes did not find Muldoon, but discovered the coachman's watch lying on a table in his room.

Fanning Caught in the Act.

Edward Fanning, whose alcoholic proclivities have made him well known in police circles was sent to the workhouse yesterday for ninety days on a petty larceny charge. Fanning was looking for a saw to saw some wood, according to his testimony, and in his search opened Mrs. P. Pulnana's trunk, which was in a room on the second floor of 408 East Fifth street. The owner of the trunk entered the room with an officer and Fanning jumped through the window. He was too drunk to run and was soon captured.

Bridget Tozier Sues for Divorce.

Bridget Tozier has brought an action for divorce from Harry Tozier, on the ground of drunkenness and cruel and inhuman treatment. Tozier is a driver for a dairy company and resides at 336 West Third street. He married Mrs. Tozier, in 1896, after the latter had been divorced from John Riley, of Minneapolis. They have three children.

To Regulate Speed of "Bubbles."

Ald. Corning has secured approval from the board of an ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles and all horseless carriages or vehicles. The speed is limited to ten miles an hour, and lamps are required. A penalty of from $15 to $50 is provided for violation. The ordinance was asked for by the police department.

Programme at Como Tonight.

Tonight, at the concert of the Minnesota State band, Como park, the following programme will be played:

March—"With Iron Hand" ... Kretschmer
Overture—"Stradella" ... Flotow
Cornet Solo—"The Postillion" ... Schaefer
Ray Lawson.
Waltz—"Venus Reigen" ... Gungl
Grand selections from celebrated operas ... Togani
Nocturno—"Monastery Bells"—Lefebure Wely
Caprice Martial—"Le Trot du Cavalier" ... Spindler
March from "The Toreadore" ... Caryll

CHURCH PLEA FAILS

LE CLAIRE SECURES LICENSE TO CONDUCT SALOON ON MISSISSIPPI STREET.

OPPOSING INTERESTS DEBATE THE SUBJECT

Daniel Doty and William Haman, the Principal Spokesmen Before the Committee on Streets of Aldermen—Board Indorses Committee's Recommendation After Debate Has Been Gone Over.

For two hours yesterday a score or more of the members of the Pacific Congregational church, on Mississippi street, including Attorney Daniel Doty, the accepted attorney of the St. Paul Prohibition party, pleaded with the committee on licenses of the board of aldermen not to grant a license for a saloon to be located at Mississippi and Acker streets, but they were not successful. Last night the same delegation pleaded with the board of aldermen, but their arguments were not convincing, and they had to accept defeat in the grant of the license, which is made out to H. J. LeClaire.

The real battle was fought out in the committee on streets, where Attorney Doty, as the spokesman for the delegation, attempted to constitute the committee a regular ordained court and himself the prosecutor. Armed with it a lot of law books, petitions and papers from which he read copiously, he started to argue at length, but was brought to a halt when the committee informed him that it wanted facts, not law. His principal contention was that the committee had no right to consider the application because the applicant had violated the law in running his place without a license. To clinch his argument he produced a bottle of whisky purchased by a member of the congregation, which he asked the committee to either taste or smell as to its genuineness, but his jocular manner was not at all to the liking of the committee, and the offer was refused.

Hamm Punctures Argument.

Present for the saloon property was William Hamm, of the Hamm Brewing company, who, armed with detailed maps, pointed out to the committee the location of the saloon, its distance of fully a block from the church property, and what he considered a poor argument for the church people to advance. The map showed a saloon in the same block with the church and fully sixty feet nearer than the one the brewing company had opened. The presence of this saloon, conducted by one Pessiner, Mr. Hamm said, had been in existence fully nineteen years and not a protest had been made.

Following Mr. Doty, who finally was compelled to subside by the committee, which demanded that the others of the committee be given a chance, Rev. Mr. Gray, the pastor of the church, and several of the ladies were given a respectful hearing. Each advanced reasons why the license should not be granted, which were that the saloon occupied a corner location, people had to pass it on their way to church, and it drew to the block an undesirable element. Relatives to the failure of the church to act on the saloon already in their midst, they said they considered any action impossible in view of the fact that the saloon was there before the church was built.

The delegation from the church which appeared before the board at its meeting last night, hoping to head off approval, was as large as that in the afternoon, but the speaking was confined to Attorney Doty and Mrs. Nelson, one of the members of the delegation.

Granted the License.

After viewing the maps which were shown by Mr. Hamm, the members considered that, in view of the fact that the street was a business one, and a saloon already existed in the block, it would be hardly proper for them to interfere, and at once granted the license.

This announcement was not taken kindly by the delegation, and as the members started to go out one them, a lady, announced vigorously, "Well, we will Carrie Nation the place."

The buiding where the saloon which is now objected to is located is nearly 350 feet away from the church.

POTATOES SELLING FOR TWENTY CENTS BUSHEL

Tubers Fetch Less Than One-Fourth the Price They Commanded a Year Ago.

Farmers who make a specialty of raising potatoes for the market are not getting one-fourth as much for their potatoes per bushel this year as they did last year at this time. The large decrease in the price is attributed to the fact that while there is a considerably larger crop this year, the demand is not better than it was last year. At this time last year the commission men were selling potatoes at wholesale to the retailers at from 90 cents to $1 per bushel. In contrast to this potatoes have been wholesaling at from 18 to 22 cents a bushel during the past few days, and the average price yesterday was 20 cents per bushel.

Eggs dropped a cent per dozen yesterday, and during the last few days the price of butter packing stock has dropped from 15 to 13 cents. The market for the best creamery butter has also been rather easy, and the best butter is now being sold to retailers at 20 cents per pound.

Apples are also coming in freely, especially from the south, and are selling at from $2.75 to $3 per barrel wholesale. Last year apples were about 75 cents higher. There is a good crop this year, and the demand so far has been strong.

Transfers for West Side.

Ald. Moriarty is the author of a resolution requiring the street car company to issue transfers to passengers on the Interurban and Como-Harriet lines destined for the West side at Seventh and Wabasha streets only. Transfer passengers are now compelled to board the Concord and State street cars at Rice street and Como avenue respectively.

Mr. Moriarty has also demanded that the street car company lay an additional track, on Smith avenue, from King street to the city limits. A single track is now in operation and it is considered inadequate.

New Bridge for Jessamine Street.

The legal department has been instructed to compel the Northern Pacific railway to construct a new steel bridge over its right of way on Jessamine street, and to repave the bridge over its right of way on Rice street.

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COPS AND FIREMEN TO SETTLE DEADLY FEUD

Will Meet in Fierce Conflict on the Lexington Ball Grounds Aug. 21.

The bad blood which has been existing between the police and fire departments in regard to matters of baseball culminated yesterday when a defi was issued by the police department to the blue brothers who fight fire. The game is to take place Aug. 21, in Lexington park, and the proceeds are to be turned into the Policemen's Benevolent association, which was formed a week ago.

For years past, the policemen contend, they have been made the butt of jest and ridicule by the fire fighters whenever the topic of baseball was brought up. The copper on his beat has been hearing remarks relative to "butter fingers," "dubs" and "bush leaguers" as he sauntered by the engine houses in the different portions of the city. The maintainers of law and order contend that they have stood for all the contumely that law and order requires and henceforth they are going to prepare to bring about a condition of affairs that will cause every fireman to seek the hay loft in the barn when a "flatty" comes in sight.

Yesterday afternoon Lieut. Frank Horn carried from the central station to the fire headquarters a bulky envelope containing a challenge to the fire department. The challenge bore the signatures of Chief O'Connor, as president of the association Capt. Hanft and Conductor William Mattocks, as manager and captain of the coppers' team. The challenge was as follows:

"To Chief John Jackson, and Jerry Strapp, captain of the Firemen's baseball team: Dear Sirs—For several years past the members of the police department have with commendable self-restraint listened to frequent remarks made by members of your department relative to their ability to play baseball. What would have been justifiable on the part of the policemen during this time need not be mentioned. The policemen have long been of the belief that there is not a member of the fire department who could hit an ice wagon with a handful of shot, to say nothing of a baseball. Nevertheless, the policemen hereby challenge any nine members of your department whom you may be able to disguise as ball players, to play at Lexington park, August 21. This department also will tender the use of its new ambulance for the transportation of the firemen's team from the park to their respective stations."

When this communication was read at headquarters, Chief Jackson and Assistant Chief Strapp looked Lieut. Horn sternly in the eye. The lieutenant gravely bowed himself out of the room and returned to police headquarters. Notice was received last night that the fire department would answer the challenge today.

STREET LUNCH WAGONS MAY BE ABOLISHED

Board of Aldermen Passes Ordinance Giving Them the Quietus.

Street lunch wagons in St. Paul are to be numbered among the things of the past, if an ordinance adopted by the board of aldermen last night receives proper consideration at the hands of the assembly. The measure was introduced by Ald. Huber, of the Fourth ward, and provides not only for their future abolition, but the revocation of all licenses now in existence.

Unlike some of the other measures which were sent to the committee on streets, this ordinance received immediate consideration and will go to the assembly for approval at its meeting Thursday evening. The claim is made that the wagons now operating have become a nuisance; that they tend to destroy the business of those caterers who pay building rent, and, besides, are unsanitary. In revoking the licenses now in existence, provision is made for the proportionate return of all license money paid by the owners.

There are now in existence about a dozen of these street licensed lunch wagons, the owners of which pay $50 a year. They are mostly confined to the "night owl" sections of the city, and have long been a bone of contention.

TENTED SHOW MUST DEAL WITH COUNCIL

Ordinance Passed Abolishing Fixed Fees for Circuses and Similar Attractions.

The fee to be paid by tented attractions which hereafter list St. Paul in their bookings is to be determined by the council alone. Only on the payment of the price demanded will the show be permitted to operate. An ordinance to this effect was adopted by the board of aldermen, and upon approval of the assembly, goes into effect at once.

Under the ordinance now in existence, circuses and all tented shows pay a license from $30 to $300 a week. This amount by many has been considered low, but as it was impossible to gauge the fee where a set figure existed, it was thought best to leave it blank and permit the council to name the amount when the application is made.

The ordinance not only includes circus and tented shows, but all exhibitions whether theatrical or otherwise. Provision is made by which opera houses and halls used for show purposes may pay an annual license.

TEAMSTERS' REQUEST IS REFUSED BY COMMISSION

Proposition to Have Street Sprinkling Done by Day Labor Turned Down.

A committee, headed by George A. Shaw and John Geary, officers of the local Teamdrivers' union, was present at the meeting of the charter commission last night and presented the following petition asking for an amendment to the city charter relating to the manner of doing the city sprinkling:

"The undersigned members of the Team Owners' Union of St. Paul, Local No. 120, respectfully call your attention to section 3 of title 6 of the charter of the city of St. Paul, and ask you to amend section 3 by striking out, wherever it may appear in said section 2, the word 'contract' or 'contracts,' and ask that you insert therein and in lieu thereof that the said city shall acquire and furnish the tanks used for sprinkling wagons and shall then employ by the day men, team and wagon by which said sprinkling shall be done at a compensation which shall be fair to each and every man and team so employed, and that the work shall be done by men who have a residence in the city of St. Paul, and are the owner of their own team and wagons."

Attorney George Walsh and Norman Fetter had a lively tilt over the petition, which was finally rejected.

To be Guests of Gen. Reeve.

Gen. and Mrs. C. McC. Reeve will entertain the officers of the Thirteenth Minnesota volunteers at "Sunnyside," their summer home on the shore of Lake Harriet, Aug. 13, in commemoration of the taking of the city of Manila. The invitations are for 3 p. m.

"Emancipate your liver," exclaimed Dr. Dick; "Red Raven Splits bring freedom from disease."

BLAME THE OWNERS

CORONER'S JURY FINDS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH OF YOUNG HOWARD RYAN

CITY AUTHORITIES ALSO GUILTY OF NEGLIGENCE

After Hearing the Evidence of Those Who Were on the New York Life Building Elevator at the Time of Accident, Operator Charles Parsons Is Exonerated by Jury.

The responsibility for the death of Howard Ryan, who was killed in the New York Life Building elevator Friday, was yesterday placed on the owners of the building and the city authorities. The coroner's jury, which met yesterday morning at the morgue, returned the following verdict after being out thirty minutes:

"It is the unanimous verdict of this jury that the owners of the New York Life Insurance building and the proper city officers were negligent in allowing the recess or opening to remain unguarded, and we deem the said recess or opening to be dangerous under the present conditions."

The taking of the testimony lasted a little over an hour. There was nothing of a sensational nature divulged. According to the witnesses the elevator was not overcrowded, and was running smoothly at the time of the accident. Each witness denied that there was any jostling or pushing. After listening to these statements the jury completely exonerated Charles Parson, the elevator operator.

The witnesses who testified were: Eddie Whittaker, a cousin of the dead boy, who was with him in the elevator; Charles Parsons, the operator; Otto Kueffner and Lester Brown, who were passengers in the cab; Dr. Lufkin, who was called to the accident; Dr. Whitcomb, who performed the autopsy, and E. A. Whittaker, an uncle of the dead boy.

Charles Parsons told an inquiring juryman that in all his experience he had never seen an elevator shaft constructed like the one in which the accident occurred. He said that he considered it to be highly dangerous at all times.

The coroner's jury consisted of Henry C. Sinks, foreman; Martin Gerber, W. M. Sheire, Nicholas Weiler, Frank Giesen and Charles O'Mara.

Aldermen Take Action.

Taking cognizance of the terrible elevator accident in the New York Life building, the board of aldermen last night authorized an amendment to the building ordinance, directing that all elevator guards now in use and hereafter to be constructed must be flush and in a vertical line with the shaft. No recesses of any kind will be permitted.

This amendment was drafted yesterday at the instance of Building Inspector Ellerbe and City Engineer Rundlett, and followed the verdict of the coroner's jury, in which the building department was censured for its failure to see that the elevator guards were flush with the shaft.

"I do not think the jury was acquainted with our building laws, or it would have never included this departmtent in its censure," said Building Inspector Ellerbe yesterday. "The building law, as it exists now, calls for guards around all elevator shafts, but makes no provision as to how they shall be set. Neither myself nor Mr. Rundlett knew of the presence of this recess at the New York Life. Had we known it, all we could have done would have been to suggest to the owners that they make the change. The law, as it reads, does not permit us to compel the change. Even now we have not the authority to order the elevator closed until this is done, though I am informed the owners of the building have realized the danger it offers and are having the work done."

SAY LOWEST BIDDERS CANNOT DELIVER COAL

Holmes & MacCaughey Offered Youghiogheny Coal Cheaper Than Other Firms.

The board of education will hold a regular meeting this afternoon. The question of fuel will be one of the matters discussed, and the probabilities are the board will recommend that Hocking or Youghiogheny coal be secured. The purchase of the fuel is left to the committee, consisting of Mayor Smith, President Haas, of the council, and Treasurer Bremer, but the wishes of the school board will undoubtedly have weight with the purchasing committee.

The coal bids opened by the purchasing committee Monday showed Holmes & MacCaughey the lowest bidders for Hocking and Youghiogheny, the prices submitted by the firm being 10 cents per ton less than those of the other bidders. The unsuccessful bidders now say that the firm are simply retailers, and cannot furnish the coal at the prices bid.

There is probably something in this claim, for a representative of Holmes & MacCaughey has approached several of the members of the board with a proposition that Cartersville coal at $3.97 per ton would be much better for use in the schools than either Hocking or Youghiogheny.

The officials are of the opinion that the Illinois coal is not the right kind to use in the schools, and will recommend to the purchasing committee that either Hocking or Youghiogheny be secured.

The Jones & Adams company claim that if Carterville coal is to be used the contract will have to be awarded to it, as its bid is the lowest. When the purchasing committee holds its adjourned session Friday afternoon there is likely to be some lengthy arguments by the representatives of the coal companies.

Committees from the Commercial club and Women's Civic league will attend the school board meeting this afternoon and urge the advisability of making industrial training general in the schools.

HAS HEARD NOTHING OF OUTBREAK OF ANTHRAX

Dr. Bracken, Secretary of State Board of Health Is Skeptical.

Dr. Bracken, secretary of the state board of health, says he has heard nothing as to the discovery of anthrax among cattle as announced in a telegram to The Globe yesterday.

"The disease is a common one in the old country," said Dr. Bracken, "and is fatal and infectious. It is not a common thing in the West and very often a mistake is made in the diagnosis. I should be a little inclined to doubt that the cases at La Crosse are anthrax."

IS ROBBED WHILE HE SLEPT IN A HOTEL

G. A. De Wilde Loses Gold Watch and Chain and $96 in Money.

G. A. De Wilde, proprietor of a whisky and wine jobbing house at Sheboygan, Wis., was the victim of a burglary at the Windsor hotel Monday night. Mr. De Wilde arrived in the city from Duluth about 10 o'clock Monday evening on business, and being tired after his ride immediately retired to his room, which was on the second floor in the rear of the hotel. The window of the room directly overlooks the roof of a summer kitchen, and one can step from the room onto this roof. Mr. De Wilde laid his clothes on the table, with his pocketbook, containing $96 in money, several passes and valuable papers, and his gold watch and chain.

He slept soundly, and during the night someone entered the room through the window, which had been left open. When he awoke yesterday morning he was surprised to find his clothes on the roof of the summer kitchen. His watch and chain were gone, as was also the money. The burglar or burglars, however, had left the railroad passes and papers that were in the wallet scattered about the roof, and luckily the wind had not been strong enough to blow them away.

SECTION OF ROAD TO BE BUILT BY THE EXPERTS

Good Roads Convention Will Include Interesting Piece of Practical Work.

George C. Cooley, president of the State Good Roads association; George L. Wilson and Superintendent of Parks Nussbaumer, have been appointed the committee in charge of the experiment work to be undertaken in connection with the good roads convention to be held in this city next month. A model road will be built of every material found in the state available for this purpose. A section of rocky and a section of ordinary country road will also be built. The work will be explained and illustrated by the good roads experts, who will be here in attendance at the convention. Though it has not yet been definitely settled, it is expected that among those to deliver addresses will be Martin Dodge, the government road expert, and Col. R. W. Richardson, the government engineer.

At a meeting held at the state fair grounds yesterday afternoon the following were appointed a committee on programme: Prof. Willett M. Hays, of the agricultural college; Prof. W. R. Hoag, of the state university; B. F. Beardsley, C. A. Forbes and George L. Wilson, of St. Paul.

Girls May Replace Strikers.

The places of the striking pressmen at the West Publishing company will be filled by girls, according to an announcement made yesterday. A few of the pressmen have returned to their jobs, but the most of them refuse to go back until their grievances are satisfied. For the past few days the pressrooms have been occupied by girls, who were receiving instruction in the intricate art of feeding, and the company feel confident that in a few days it will have the girls trained so that the work will not be seriously interfered with.

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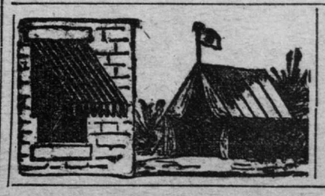
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