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City News.

Woodmen Will Dance—Minnehaha Camp No. 674, Modern Woodmen, will give a grand ball New Year's eve.

New Year's Ball—The Shamrock club will give a New Year's ball at the Metropolitan hall this evening.

Dr. Montgomery Lectures—Dr. J. S. Montgomery, of Wesley M. E. church, Minneapolis, last evening delivered a lecture at the People's church on the "Higher Commercialism" before a large and interested audience.

Will Hold Midnight Service—The midnight service at the Church of the Good Shepherd tonight begins at 11:30 o'clock with the Litany. Immediately after midnight will be said the service for the Feast of the Circumcision.

Duluth Has a Little One—The Pittsburg Investment and Development Company of Duluth, with a capital of \$50,000, has incorporated. Thomas F. McGilvray, of Duluth; F. B. Myers, of Biwabik, and E. E. Sutton, of Duluth, are the incorporators.

Michael Had His Gun—Michael Stewart, an old offender and an ex-guest of the state institution at Stillwater, was found in a reckless mood last night on Wabasha street, revolver in hand, and threatening words in his mouth. He will answer to a charge of disorderly conduct and carrying weapons this morning.

Next to Godliness Company Formed—The Klensall Company of Minneapolis, formed to manufacture a cleaning compound and soap, filed articles of incorporation yesterday. The capital stock is \$200,000. The incorporators are Charles S. and Frank S. Gold and A. C. Paul, all of Minneapolis.

Live Stock Delegates Appointed—Gov. Van Sant has appointed the following as delegates to the National Live Stock convention at Kansas City, Jan. 13-16: John Cooper and N. P. Clarke, of St. Cloud; J. J. Furlong and Lyman D. Baird, of Austin; Samuel B. Scott, of Zumbaro; E. F. Brown and George N. Gillette, of Minneapolis; and W. M. Liggett, of St. Anthony Park.

WEEK OF PRAYER BEGINS SUNDAY

Evangelical Churches Throughout the World Will Act in Concert.

Beginning with next Sunday, "the week of prayer," a service peculiar to all churches affiliated with the evangelical denominations throughout the civilized world, will be inaugurated in St. Paul. It will conclude Sunday, Jan. 11.

In St. Paul the service will be participated in by all churches each evening. Following the service of prayer addresses will be made by the pastors and lay members and for their guidance the Evangelical Alliance has arranged the following topics:

Sunday, Jan. 4, services and sermons; Monday, the church militant; Tuesday, foreign missions; Wednesday, home missions; Thursday, special work for the young—families and schools; Friday, nations and their rulers; Saturday, the ministry of the gospel—pastors, teachers, evangelists; Sunday, sermons.

Union services will be held by some of the churches while the others will act independently.

Carnegie's Will Commemorate Watt.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Andrew Carnegie has notified the trustees of the Carnegie foundation, that he is prepared to give \$50,000 to erect a memorial to James Watt, in recognition of his engineering achievements, or Mr. Carnegie will head a movement in America to raise a large fund which, in conjunction with the Carnegie fund, will provide for a more extensive scheme of commemoration.

Gen. Miles' Tour.

PEKIN, Dec. 30.—Gen. Miles, who started for Siberia yesterday, will visit the European capitals before sailing for the United States.

YERXA

We will have a fresh stock of dry pickled Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens today for New Year's trade.

WE CLOSE ALL DAY NEW YEAR'S.

1-lb Jar Pure Fruit Jams, per dozen, \$1.39; per doz., \$1.39.

Very Large Navel Oranges, per doz., \$1.39.

Best Pure Olives, per quart, \$1.39.

10-lb Bags Best Buckwheat, \$1.39.

10-lb Bags Laundry Soap, per doz., \$1.39.

We have now for sale McMurray's Fancy Dutchess Peas, per doz., \$1.39.

Fine Bananas, per doz., \$1.39.

Northern Spy Apples, bushel, \$1.39.

ORANGES.

California Oranges, per dozen, \$1.39.

Very Large Navel Oranges, per doz., \$1.39.

Large Navel Oranges, per doz., \$1.39.

Florida Oranges, per dozen, \$1.39.

Fancy Navel Oranges, per doz., \$1.39.

Seedling Oranges, by the box, \$1.39.

Mexican Oranges, by the box, \$1.39.

Butter—Mayflower Brand, best in this country, per pound, \$1.39.

Peanut Nuts—New crop, per lb., \$1.39.

Mixed Nuts—All new crop, 12c, 15c, 18c.

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BELL COMPANIES MAY POOL ISSUES

Scheme Contemplates Corporation With \$200,000, 1,000 Capitalization.

According to a story emanating from Boston, steps are now on foot to incorporate in one big company, with its head located in the City of New York, all the lessees of the Bell telephone patents. This would include the Northwestern Telephone company, with its Twin City offices, and the American Telephone and Telegraph company, of which the local Bell company is a subsidiary part.

The scheme contemplates a \$200,000, 1,000 corporation and the abolition of all general offices, such as are now located at Minneapolis, and the appointment of five, 1,000 directors, representing the same as now prevails in the case of the telephone and other public-service corporations doing a national business. Nearly 5,000 directors would have to be absorbed if the combination is consummated.

That there is something more than mere talk in the rumor is shown in the absence from the Twin City offices of Local Manager B. L. Freedy and General Manager C. P. Vainman and the fact that the Bell telephone patents, all three of these gentlemen have been absent from their offices the past week and the supposition is that they are negotiating the Northwestern end of the deal.

E. H. Moulton, the president of the Northwestern Telephone company, the principal and only rival, does not give the story much credence.

"It would be a herculean task to form into one company the lessees of the Bell telephone patents," said Mr. Moulton last night. "There must be 5,000 or more of these companies in the United States, and they are not all ready to give up their independence, by any means. Some of them simply exist for the purpose of getting the benefit of the toll lines, which are a toll monopoly, while others are controlled by local stock and only wait the entrance of an independent concern, like the Twin City Telephone company before going out of business."

"As far as the Northwestern Telephone company is concerned, its head is in a distant city, and the local office is only in a managerial capacity. It embraces several companies, covering a number of states, but it by no means controls all the offices using its lines. I have heard the story of a combination would ever succeed, as it would constantly conflict with the independent companies, and these have grown so numerous that they even now pose as formidable competitors."

LUTHER LEAGUE TO RECEIVE NEW YEARS

Twin City Central Will Keep Open House for Young People.

The Twin City Central Luther league will give a reception to all the Lutheran young people of the Twin Cities on New Year's afternoon at the United Church sanctuary in St. Anthony Park. The executive committee, consisting of Harry J. Johnson, Prof. J. E. Rostad, M. S. Kindseth, Paul Hunziker, A. Lagerstrom, Robert Jacobson, of Minneapolis; and Nelson Jensen, Arthur Smith, O. G. Hill, Rev. Knutson, Edward Lewis and Miss Jennie R. Gaines, of St. Paul, will act as reception committee. Rev. M. J. Leary, of Minneapolis, will deliver the address, and a musical and literary programme will be rendered.

BANQUET FOR THE VISITORS.

County Auditors and Attorneys Dine at Commercial Club.

The visiting county auditors and county attorneys were given a banquet at the Commercial club last evening. County Auditor Johnson of St. Paul, was toastmaster, and short speeches were made by Public Examiner Johnson, County Attorney Nethaway, of Stillwater; County Auditor Jones, of Fillmore; County Auditor Scott, of Hennepin; County Attorney Stewart, of Cottonwood, and County Attorney-elect Nelson, of Murray, and Eli Warner, of St. Paul.

President Simpson, of the County Attorneys' association, announced the appointment of the following executive committee: O. K. Dahl, of Caledonia; D. A. Stewart, of Windom; W. M. Pye, of Northfield; John C. Nethaway, of Stillwater; F. H. Boardman, of Minneapolis; Charles S. Wheaton, of Elk River; C. T. Howard, of Redwood Falls; Charles M. McClintock, of Duluth; and C. L. Hilton, of Fergus Falls.

The banquet was given by the Printers and Publishers' association, including Brown, Tracy & Sperry, the Miller & Davis Printing company, Mankato Free Press company, George D. Barnard & Co. and McGill, Warner company.

Brown & Bigelow Give a Dinner.

Brown & Bigelow, manufacturers of advertising specialties, gave a dinner at the Commercial club last evening to the salesmen and heads of departments in their employ. H. D. Brown was toastmaster and after the dinner and toasts there was an informal dancing party. The guests numbered forty.

Our Safety Deposit Vaults are the best. Security Trust Company, N. Y. Life Bldg.

AUDITORS FIX A SALARY LIMIT

COUNTY OFFICIALS DECLARE THEY WANT NO MORE THAN \$4,500 A YEAR

SOME OF THEM WILL NOT EVEN GET THAT

Want All Fees Abolished, but Indorse Old Proposition for a Four-Year Term—County Attorneys Desires Allowance for Contingent Fees—Then They Say Nothing.

Put a salary limit of \$4,500 per annum on their offices.

That's what the county auditors did yesterday.

The auditors and the county attorneys of the state assembled at the cap-

mission on statute revision, as was also the question of salaries for auditors and clerks.

Judge T. J. Knox, one of the statute revision committee, explained to the association the sections relating to the salaries of county auditors and clerks which would be reported by the commission.

Salaries are to be based on the assessed valuation of property in the several counties as follows:

For clerk hire the section fixes the amount allowed each auditor at one-fifth of one mill on each dollar of the assessed valuation where the valuation does not exceed \$5,000,000, and in all counties where the assessed valuation is more than \$5,000,000, one-twentieth of a mill on each dollar, in counties where the assessed valuation exceeds \$40,000,000, the number of clerks allowed and the compensation is to be fixed by the board of county commissioners.

It will increase same some.

The object of the proposed law is to have it apply to all counties in the state and do away with the special laws by which many of the county auditors are given larger salaries and

CONTRACT FOR LIGHTING HOLDS

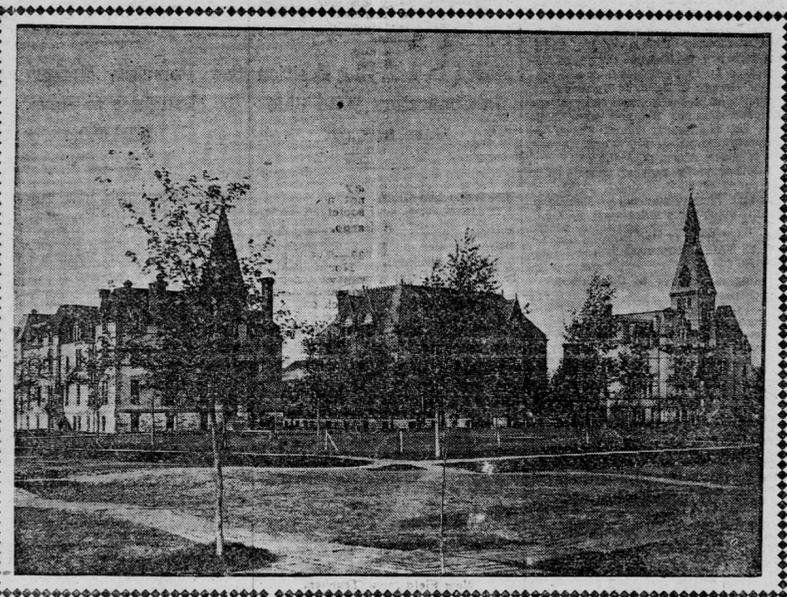
DISTRICT COURT REFUSES TO ENJOIN THE MAYOR FROM SIGNING IT

CLEVELAND VAPOR LIGHT COMPANY IS VICTORIOUS

Judge Bunn Denies the Application for an Injunction Made by the Western Street Lighting Company of Kansas City, Whose Bid Was the Lowest.

Judge Bunn yesterday denied the application for a restraining order, enjoining the city from entering into a contract with the Cleveland Vapor Light company for the gasoline lighting for 1903, and dissolved the order made by Judge Lewis a few days ago, which

HAMLIN "U" HAS \$250,000 FUND.



Beautiful College at Hamline for Which Munificent Endowment Has Been Secured.

Rev. Dr. George H. Bridgman, president of Hamline university, yesterday announced that the board of directors of the institution has secured a permanent endowment of \$250,000. Three years ago an effort was started to acquire that amount, and now, as a result of vigorous work on the part of the officers of the college and generosity on the part of its friends, it will take rank with the endowed institutions of learning of the country.

The quarter of a million, which is now all subscribed and available, has been secured almost entirely within the state of Minnesota, and represents many substantial contributions. The raising of the large endowment fund, while in itself a great undertaking, is more creditable to the officers and contributors when it is remembered that but six years ago the college was burdened with a mortgage of \$36,000. When that was cleared away, Dr. Bridgman and his associates conceived the project of raising an endowment fund, and its realization was announced yesterday.

Some three years ago, when the campaign was initiated, J. J. Hill promised to contribute \$100,000 to the endowment fund desired would be secured. With this assurance in view, President Bridgman has succeeded in raising the sum required. Among the

other large contributors are M. G. Nordstrom of Lincoln, the president of the board of trustees, and J. L. Norton, also of Winona. The residue of the fund has been donated by many of the friends of learning of Minnesota and Wisconsin citizens.

Is Crowning of Bridgman.

The announcement of the successful conclusion of the work of raising the fund comes appropriately at the close of the year, and a fitting event to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of Dr. Bridgman's connection with the college. Since he became president, in 1883, the institution has grown remarkably in every way. Buildings have been added, attendance has been multiplied, and faculty and curriculum increased. The college has now a faculty of thirteen, aside from instructors in the preparatory school and the tutors. There is an enrollment of 354 in the college of liberal arts and preparatory department, and there are 140 in the medical college.

The endowment will enable the board of trustees to make many improvements to the facilities of the college, and will insure its permanent maintenance. This security has been made possible by the generosity of the many contributors, as well as the active work of President Bridgman and the executive committee of the board of trustees, consisting of Messrs. M. G. Nordstrom, B. F. Nelson, J. T. Wyman, E. F. Markel and S. S. Thorpe.

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY AND CAREFULLY FILLED.

Scandinavians

The Northwest's Greatest Store. Cor. Sixth and Wabasha Streets.

Waists, Sacques, Wrappers, Skirts

Decisive clearance of all small lots and broken lines. Cost or profit is not considered now; our one object is to put the stock in good shape for inventory.

Waists—Odd lots and sizes in French flannel and striped albatross. Waists—many styles to select from, values up to \$3.98 each. To close Wednesday, choice **\$1.39**

Dressing Sacques—75 women's fine heavy elderdown Dressing Sacques, crocheted edge; colors gray and red, regular \$1.00 values. To close Wednesday **.69c**

Wrappers—200 women's fine flannel Wrappers, neatly trimmed with braid; made with flounce, extra full skirt; all sizes; regular \$1.50 values. Wednesday price, to close **.85c**

Dress and Walking Skirts—Only 65 in this lot, embracing several styles—odd lots—values \$5.00 to \$7.50. To close the lot Wednesday the price, each **\$3.45**

Fur Dept: Wednesday Specials

After the greatest holiday fur business in the history of the store, we find we have a few small lots of desirable furs left, and to close them out quickly we've priced them for Wednesday like this:

Cluster Scarfs—Odd lots of Scarfs worth \$5.00 each, priced to close Wednesday, at **\$2.98**

Isabella and Sable Fur Scarfs with two-brush tails, regular \$10 values, each **\$6.50**

Muffs—25 imitation Krimmer, sheared Coney and River Mink Muffs, regular \$2.98 values. Wednesday special **\$1.50** each

Capes—Just 10 Wool Seal and Astrachan Capes, the regular \$25.00 values, to close Wednesday, each, at each **\$15.00**

Children's Fur Sets—A beautiful assortment of sets for the little ones. Priced to close **One-Half** at just **One-Half**

Millinery Sale Extraordinary

Today only you'll have an opportunity to buy really correct hats for less money than they have ever been sold for before. It's stock-righting time and these lines must be reduced before inventory. Choice of the following splendid values for an even dollar.

100 Trimmed Hats, worth to \$5.00.....

200 Street Hats, worth to \$3.98.....

Silk Velvet hand-made Hats, \$3.50.....

Best Fur Walking Hats, worth to \$3.50.....

\$1.00

PREFERRED A DRUNKEN HUSBAND TO PUBLICITY OF DIVORCE COURT

All of yesterday afternoon a mothery looking woman, probably fifty years old, occupied a seat on a bench just outside of Judge Finehout's court room waiting for court to adjourn. She was accompanied by a boy of sixteen, and when the litigants who had been before Judge Finehout during the day finally left the woman approached him and inquired if he could give her a divorce.

She told a story of how her husband had been drunk since before Christmas and of the cruel manner in which she had been treated, and begged of the court that she be given a divorce. The judge informed the woman that it was not in his power to grant her a divorce, and advised her to first see an attorney, but she insisted that she would rather have her husband give her a divorce there and then, as she did not

like the idea of telling her domestic troubles to a lawyer.

It required some minutes for Judge Finehout to convince the woman that it would be impossible to secure a legal separation unless she secured an attorney and carried the matter into the district court.

When the woman departed she said she would try living with her husband a while longer, as she would rather suffer the treatment to which she subjected herself than to brave the publicity of a divorce court.

"That is not an uncommon thing," said Judge Finehout, after the woman had gone. "Almost every week we have requests similar to that. Some people think they can slip up here and secure a divorce by simply telling us of their troubles. Very few of them go to the trouble of starting divorce proceedings after the matter is explained to them."

WANT MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT MAKES A DEFIANT CLAIM FOR RIGHT

Van Slyke and Schurmeier Are Agitating Public Ownership.

Up Streets Without Franchise.

The Endicott building and real estate syndicate, which is represented in St. Paul by Cabot & Cushing, has reminded the city of the laying of conduits and the stringing of wires.

For over a year the syndicate has been appealing to the council for a permit, claiming that they desire it only for the supplying of heat and light to their own buildings. Some of the members got the impression that it was a combination of real estate interests who desired to control light and heat in the business district and accordingly opposed it.

F. H. Griggs has informed the committee that because of the high cost of maintenance in St. Paul, the syndicate decided to hasten the erection of a number of buildings, contemplated this coming year. One of the expensive items, he said, was light and heat and the decision had been reached that this must be controlled by the syndicate itself at all costs. Mr. Griggs said there was no law that prevented a man from making the light and heat necessary for his own property, and if the council did not do something soon he would advise his clients to go ahead and tear up the streets for the purpose of laying conduits. In the case of two buildings the syndicate has already torn up the streets without the city's permission. The franchise, he said, was solely to prevent interference.

The committee gave its approval to the franchise, but only on the promise of Mr. Griggs that he would allow it to go to the commission soon to be appointed for the purpose of investigating lighting measures. Some of the members oppose the grant on the ground that it will take from active competition the cream of the lighting business.

C. E. Dickey, who, a few days ago, caused the arrest of Isaac Fine, a second-hand dealer, charging Fine with appropriating 50 cents which did not belong to him, and declaring that he would spend \$100 necessary to prosecute Fine, failed to show up when the case was called in police court yesterday, and Judge Fine discharged Fine. Dickey had also commenced a civil action against the second-hand dealer in Justice Hoff's court, for the purpose of recovering the money he said he had been robbed of, but he likewise failed to appear at the justice's court, and the suit was dismissed by Justice Hoff. Dickey, at the time of starting the suit and causing Fine's arrest, declared that he had gone into Fine's establishment and tendered \$1 in payment of a 50-cent purchase, and when he demanded his change he was told there was nothing coming to him, as Fine insisted that he had only received half a dollar. "He was on hand to defend himself," said the police and justice courts yesterday.

P. M. Hennessy is Stricken.

P. M. Hennessy, the well known contractor of St. Paul, was stricken with paralysis yesterday. The latest reports from his home, 99 Western avenue, were that he was slightly better.

COUNTY ATTORNEYS KEEP QUIET

Elect Officers and Talk About Certain Contingent Fees.

Sixty of the county attorneys of the state or representatives from their offices met in the supreme court room yesterday for the purpose of electing the following officers:

President, George F. Simpson, Winona county; vice presidents, Charles S. Wheaton, of Elk River, and C. A. Helton, Otter Tail county; C. E. Elmquist, Chicago county; Albert F. Pratt, Anoka county; secretary, J. J. McCaughey, Dodge county; treasurer, Lyndon A. Smith, Chippewa county.

The state public examiner addressed the association, making the same suggestions as he had before the auditors.

The association discussed the necessity of securing legislation which would allow a contingent fee to be used in the prosecution of criminal cases to be taken from the county treasury instead of from the salary of the county attorney. The matter of hiring special assistants and having them paid out of the county funds was also discussed.

While the session was not an executive one the request was made that the subjects discussed be not published, owing to the misconstruction which the public might put on the questions. An executive committee, consisting of one from each congressional district, to be appointed by the president, was ordered.

MONEY

We can SAVE you a little money in the old year.

Chickens . 10c, 12c, 15c

Loin Pork Roast 11c

Mutton Stew 4c

Mutton Chops 8c, 10c

Veal Stew 7c

Beef Roasts 8c, 10c

Picnic Hams 9c

Salted and Smoked Boston Butts 10c

Bacon 10c, 12c, 15c

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NORTH ST. PAUL WANTS A TELEPHONE SERVICE

Offers an Inducement to the Company That Will Extend Its Line.

The citizens of North St. Paul want better telephone service. At a meeting of its business men, held this week, it was decided to ask the Twin City company to extend its lines to that city.

Yesterday afternoon Mayor J. W. Harris and County Commissioner Wright held a conference with the officials of the Twin City company, and guaranteed that if the company would extend its lines to North St. Paul 100 new subscribers would be furnished at that time. The Twin City company already has lines as far as Gladstone, and it is contended it would be little trouble to make the extension to North St. Paul people ask for.

FOR NEW YEAR'S DINNER DESSERT

try JELL-O, prepared according to the following recipe:

WINE JELLY.

One package Lemon Jell-O, 1 pint of boiling water, 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup of sherry wine, juice of six oranges, and each orange in two, being careful not to break the case. When jelly is partly congealed, then add the wine. The wine should be added to the jelly in a cool place. Serve with whipped cream piled on top. May be served in sherbet cups if desired. Wine jelly can also be made by adding one glass of good sherry or port wine to any of the Jell-O flavors.

A nice dessert for any meal, at any time. Four flavors—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry.

At grocers 10 cents.

GET A PACKAGE TODAY.

PROSECUTOR FAILS TO APPEAR IN COURT

Cases Against Isaac Fine, Accused of Juggling a 50-Cent Piece, Dismissed.

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