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CITY TICKET OFFICE
382 Robert Street, St. Paul, Minn.

City News.

Hurt by a Hack—A. R. Adams, 699 Phoenix building, was knocked down and badly injured at Fifth and Robert yesterday. He was able to proceed on his way home.

Gasoline Explodes in Saloon—A gasoline stove exploded in the basement of George Brown's saloon, 239 East Seventh street, yesterday about noon. Little damage was done.

Pratt Avenue is Now Alden Street—Pratt avenue, located in Hamline, will be hereafter known as Alden street. A change to this effect has been made by the board of aldermen.

Three New Smallpox Cases—Three new victims of smallpox have been added to the list of patients at the Dale street pest house. W. F. Mandan, 330 North Exchange street was found suffering from the disease and Joseph and James Erno, 265 East Belvidere street, were next located.

Names Members of Dental Board—F. S. James, of Winona, and F. E. Moody were appointed members of the state board of dental examiners by Gov. Van Sant yesterday. Moody is reappointed and James succeeds M. B. Cullom, of Duluth, whose term expired.

LONGS FOR A HOME IN THE WORKHOUSE

Henry Hansen Asked for Place on the Rock Pile.

Henry Hansen appeared before Judge Finehout in the police court yesterday morning, and asked that he might be allowed to go to the workhouse as long as the time the court might care to sentence him. There was no charge against Hansen, but the court granted his strange request.

"Do you mean to say you want to be sent to the workhouse?" asked Judge Finehout.

"Yes, your honor. I have no money and no place to stay. I would rather be out there than in the kind of weather that is down without a place to eat or sleep to be without."

"Thirty days," said the judge, and Hansen went to the holdover with a smile.

SO DRUNK THAT HE STOLE TUBS OF BUTTER

Young John Hopkins Plea Lands Him in the Reformatory.

John Hopkins, who pleaded guilty to stealing two tubs of butter from a Northern Pacific car, was yesterday sentenced to the reformatory at St. Cloud. The boy is but twenty years old, and said he was drunk when the act was committed.

Clarence Peck was arraigned before Judge Kelly yesterday and pleaded guilty to burglarizing R. C. Lowe's jewelry store. He will be sentenced this morning.

Battery A to Danes.

Battery A, First Battalion, N. G. S. M., will give a grand military ball at the armory hall Friday evening, the occasion being their twenty-first anniversary. There will furnish the music, and the grand march will begin at 8:30 sharp. Special efforts have been made in decorating the hall, and a large crowd is expected.

Mrs. Appleby's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ernest Villiers Appleby will take place Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Wilder residence on Guy Street. Rev. Theodore Sedgwick, pastor of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, of which church Mrs. Appleby was a member, will conduct the services. The interment will be at Oakland.

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Medium Wash Tubs, each.	47c
Extra Large Wash Tubs, each.	57c
Fancy Green Apples, per bushel.	45c
Green Pears—New York Duchess	\$2.00
Pears, per dozen.	\$2.25
5c Fruit and Vegetable Slices.	12c
Clothes Wringers, only the best kinds.	75c
2-lb Cans Table Peas.	15c
2-lb Cans String Beans.	15c
2-lb Cans Choice Peas.	15c
6c Peaches, per can.	25c
4c Apricots, per can.	25c

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COUNTY BOARD PLAYS ANOTHER ACT OF COMIC OPERA

Commissioner Powers Raises a Row Because the County Surveyor Has Not Planted Any Monuments in His District—Seng Suspects Solitary Bid for Roof Over Jail Coal Bunkers.

At a meeting of the county commissioners yesterday a resolution was adopted calling upon County Surveyor Irvine to make a report to the board showing the only survey he is accomplishing. The introduction of the resolution was preceded by some serious charges against the county surveyor by Commissioner James Powers. Mr. Powers was very angry when he arose to address the meeting regarding the manner in which the surveyor performed his duties.

"I want to tell you," said Mr. Powers, "that things are not run right in the county surveyor's office. The head of that office is not doing the work required of him."

"In what respect?" interrupted Commissioner Wright, who took the part of the county surveyor.

"In every respect," roared Commissioner Powers. "He hasn't put down a monument marking section lines in my district in a year, and my constituents are after me all of the time."

"He has put several in my district," said Mr. Wright.

"That may all be," said Mr. Powers, "but he has never got over into my district. This kind of business must be stopped. The idea of a man going from his office at 10:30, reaching his work at noon, and calling it a day's work at four and a half later! This is the kind of work we are paying for, and it is going to be stopped. There are things going on in this office that should not be tolerated. The people's money is being wasted in an extravagant manner, and I, for one, will stand for it no longer."

Mr. Wright defended the county surveyor. He said that official had always submitted detailed bills for all work done, and that it was an easy matter to verify them.

A resolution was drawn up calling upon County Surveyor Irvine to report to the board regarding the work accomplished by him, and also on the number of "monuments" set since he had come into office. The resolution was adopted without objection.

New Members Take Center of Stage.

The commissioners took up the matter of the contract for a roof over the coal bunkers at the new county jail and discussed it in a general way. The new members, who had not been given an opportunity to connect with the time light during the discussion of the county surveyor's office, made their presence known when the jail matter was taken up.

Commissioner Robert Seng thought it was mighty queer that but one bid had been received for the work of placing a roof over the bunkers.

"The advertisements for this work were put in the daily papers, but the only bid we have received is one from the same contractor," said Mr. Seng. "This matter should be looked into."

Mr. Seng was not in favor of paying the price for the work, and objected to awarding the contract when but one bid had been received. He suggested that the county hire a contractor if necessary and let him do the work.

"I believe the county would save money by doing so," said the commissioner.

Commissioner Potgieser agreed with Mr. Seng that there was something wrong when but one bid was received for the work of this kind, and was finally decided to have the matter investigated by the committee on public buildings, with a view of ascertaining what had been done.

The contract for furnishing gas and electric fixtures for the jail was awarded to the Dwyer company on their bid of \$3,850.25.

COURT TURNS DOWN A PLEA OF GUILTY

Judge Finehout Thinks Man Who Defends Woman is Entitled to Trial.

Charles Stehle, charged with assault and battery, was in the police court yesterday, and when arraigned before Judge Finehout pleaded guilty to the charge.

After not hearing Stehle's story the court refused to accept the plea, and ordered a plea of not guilty recorded.

Stehle was charged with having assaulted Charles Frankovich. The accused man told the court that he heard with a sister of the complaining witness, and that the latter had come to the house and attempted to carry away a part of the dishes. When the sister remonstrated, Stehle says her brother knocked her down. Stehle went to the rescue of the woman, and finally landed on the brother.

"That man did right in protecting a woman," said Judge Finehout, "and I will not allow him to plead guilty to assault and battery. He is entitled to a trial. Change the plea to one of not guilty." Stehle will have a trial.

LUCK IS LUCKY IN GOING TO WORKHOUSE

Pie Burglar is Pleased at Escaping the Pen.

Frank Luck, recently arrested for stealing pies from Stengel Bros' bakery, on East Third street, and charged with burglary, was allowed to plead guilty to petit larceny, for which he was sent to the workhouse for thirty days by Judge Finehout yesterday.

Luck appeared to be much pleased with the light sentence he received.

Convinced by printed testimony of the hundred of the cured, Mrs. Benz, of 418 E. 8th street, New York, who was for years a great sufferer from Catarrh, procured two bottles of Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder and it effected an absolute cure in a very short while. One puff through the blower will clear the head and stop headache.

Mary Ann Hughes Gets Her Money.

Mary Ann Hughes, an aged woman, who brought suit against Edward T. and Mary Mullaney to recover on a note for \$1,100, which amount she had loaned them, was given a verdict for the full amount in an order filed by Judge Kelly yesterday. Mrs. Hughes made her home with the Mullaney's and loaned them the money that they might build a home. The defendants put in a counter-claim for board, but the court decided that the interest due Mrs. Hughes more than offset this claim.

MANUFACTURERS ARE ANXIOUS TO EXHIBIT

St. Paul Will Be Well Represented by Them at St. Louis Fair.

John R. Kendrick, superintendent of textiles, department of manufacturers of the St. Louis exposition, is in St. Paul on a preliminary canvass, interviewing manufacturers in the exposition to be held in 1904. He is making a tour of the main cities of the country for this purpose, and will go from here, within a few days, to Minneapolis and thence to Detroit and other cities.

"I have found St. Paul manufacturers very much interested in the project, and, judging from the interest manifested, I believe that St. Paul will be well represented," said Mr. Kendrick. "Already I have received assurances of exhibits from manufacturers of furs, shoes, furniture and other things. St. Paul has a much better organization among its business and manufacturing interests than any city I have yet visited, as the commercial bodies have already taken the matter up. Everywhere I have been so far manufacturers have showed that they will do their part towards making the show one of the biggest of the world has ever seen."

HARD COAL IN TOWN BUT NOBODY OWNS THE JEWELS

Seven Carloads of the Black Diamonds Are Shunted In on Side Track and Carefully Guarded by a Nameless Owner—Manager of Northwestern Fuel Company Denies Stories.

Seven cars of hard coal were shunted onto a siding near the Ohio Coal company's yard on Western avenue yesterday, but no knowledge of their

HORSE DASHES THROUGH DRUG STORE WINDOW

Runaway Animal Makes Forcible Entry into Medicine Shop.

A runaway created considerable excitement yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, at the corner of Fifth and Washington, when a small brown horse, drawing a light cutter, dashed through the large plate glass window of Parker's drug store. The frightened animal struck the glass with great force, smashing it in pieces, and received a deep gash in the throat, from which the blood flowed in torrents.

Thomas Riley, blacksmith, 65 East Fourth street, who owned the horse, was driving the animal down Sixth street. When near the new postoffice building the horse suddenly took fright and started running furiously. The brute became uncontrollable, and when the old postoffice was reached, the cutter overturned, throwing Mr. Riley out. The horse then galloped on into the window. The horse will probably die as a result of its injuries. Mr. Riley was not hurt.

THESE WILL PROBE THE COAL COMBINE.

ALD. MATHIAS BANTZ. ALD. J. W. L. CORNING. ASSEMBLYMAN M. DORAN JR.

ALD. JOHN W. HINKENS. ASSEMBLYMAN A. T. ROSEN. ASSEMBLYMAN F. ARNOLD.

Members of the Council Who Will Inquire into the Local Fuel Situation.

Acting Mayor Henry Haas yesterday named Assemblymen Doran, Arnold and Rosen and Ald. Bantz, Corning and Hinkens as a committee from the council to investigate the causes of the alleged scarcity of coal and wood and the exorbitant prices demanded for the same.

Assemblyman Whitcomb was the author of the council resolution calling the investigation, and precedent ownership could be obtained. The coal came by way of Chicago and was guarded to the extent that it was shovelled inside the yards and the gates locked.

Hard coal, in small quantities, has been arriving daily in St. Paul, but managers of the local companies indignantly deny that they are placing it in hiding or distributing it among small dealers to be sold at exorbitant prices.

"The story that we have received twenty cars of hard coal in a week is absolutely untrue," said General Manager H. P. Fahnestock of the Northwestern Fuel company, last night. "I had an invoice of the yards owned by us taken last night and it shows that we have actually taken orders for more coal than we have got. All kinds of heinous practices have been ascribed to us, but not one of them will stand investigation."

Denies the Stories.

"One story credited us with giving a railroad man a load of coal to keep still regarding an alleged big invoice of coal, and another, that at our office, we threw tickets among a crowd of customers in waiting in order to see the scramble. The first is not worth noticing, and the second I can deny, for I personally gave out the tickets in order to prevent hundreds waiting, whom we could not possibly supply with coal. It is not necessary for us to hide coal. We can sell it too fast for that, and at the same time get most any figure if we cared to demand it."

An employee of the Soo road is said to have received a load of coal for keeping quiet regarding a twenty-car shipment of the Soo road, but Mr. Fahnestock declares that the Northwestern has not received a pound of coal over that line in two weeks. He says the majority of their supply comes by way of Chicago.

Wood, even at \$9 a cord, is a heavy factor in keeping St. Paul warm these days, and one hardware merchant says that as a result, he has sold more wood-burning stoves in the past few months than he ever disposed of since he has been in business.

St. Paul yesterday enjoyed the unenviable distinction of being the coldest spot in the United States. At 7 o'clock in the morning 8 degrees below zero was noted, a change of 25 degrees in twenty-four hours. During the afternoon the mercury made rapid advances until at 2 o'clock 15 above was recorded.

IMAGINARY ENEMIES PURSUE TO ASYLUM

Charles Bornstein Is Secluded From Creatures of Fancy.

Charles Bornstein, a peddler, seventy-one years old, yesterday committed to the insane asylum at Rochester, after an examination in the probate court.

Bornstein, during the past two months, has been suffering from the hallucination that someone was trying to kill him, and he is constantly applying for protection from his imaginary destroyers.

At a boarding house on West Fourth street, where Bornstein has been living, the people became alarmed at his increasing mania, and, fearing he would do harm to himself or someone else, caused an information of insanity to be filed against him.

ST. PAUL MEN WANT FREEDOM FROM DEBT

Grocer and Railroad Conductor Are Both Bankrupts.

Michael Julian, a St. Paul grocer, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday, in which he admits owing \$1,672, mostly to St. Paul wholesale houses and jobbers. His assets, including an insurance policy, are placed at \$2,500, of which \$350 is claimed as exempt.

Another St. Paul man to go into bankruptcy yesterday was John J. Meenan, a railway conductor, who owes \$322.42, and has assets valued at \$140, all of which are exempt.

WOULD IMPROVE RURAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Supt. Olsen Prepares Plans for Ideal School House in Country District.

Supt. Olsen, of the public instruction department, has prepared plans for a model two-room school building which will have the plans, with complete specifications, printed and sent out to thirty county superintendents.

Mr. Olsen says the great majority of rural school houses are worse than barns 80 ft long, heat, ventilation and conveniences are concerned, and he is going to inaugurate a campaign for reforms in this direction.

Coliseum Directors Adjourn.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Coliseum association was held in the Commercial club rooms yesterday afternoon. The business which was necessary to conduct required a two-third vote, and there not being a sufficient number present to transact it, the board adjourned until next Tuesday at 4 o'clock without taking any action.

WANT LEGISLATURE TO MAKE A NEW LAW

Lessees of West Side Levee Property Worried by Judge Bunn's Decision.

If a conference now in progress is fruitful of unity, holders of West side levee leases will appeal to the legislature for relief from the recent sweeping decision handed down by Judge Bunn. As matters now stand, their rights are liable to be forfeited at any time, and they are in anything but a pleasant frame of mind as a result.

Judge Bunn practically held that every firm or manufacturer now enjoying a city levee lease was a squatter, enjoying immunity from eviction only by the sufferance of the city council. As squatters they have no legal right, and, according to Corporation Attorney Markham, are subject to the whim of any abutting property owner, who may wish to vent a spite or compel the removal of their property on the ground of a nuisance.

Levee leases, under Judge Bunn's decision, are not worth the paper they are written on, and should the holder object, not a cent of the rent exacted could be collected. As few of them are paying over \$1 a year, no actions in ejectment are expected.

What the legislature could do to legalize these leases is yet to be ascertained, but some relief is deemed absolutely necessary, and will be demanded.

Two of the small concerns now holding leases, it is understood, will give up their rights and locate on ground of their own. Holders of the fee and adjoining owners have been demanding recognition of their rights, and, rather than go through a lot of costly litigation, the two propose to go elsewhere.

PHELPS RESIGNS FROM NORMAL BOARD.

Prof. Phelps, who has been a member of the state normal school board from Duluth, has tendered his resignation to Gov. Van Sant. This settles the jangle as to the appointment of a Duluth member to the board, and the governor will name J. L. Washburn to fill the vacancy.

HUB MURRAY GETS OFF WAGON.

The wheel came off a hack driven by Hub Murray yesterday afternoon at the corner of Robert and Fourth, and Murray was thrown to the ground. Officer McCart caught the horses, and no injuries resulted.

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WILL USE OWL CAR MEASURE AS CLUB

Aldermen Propose to Compel the Restoration of Randolph Street Line.

The abandoned Randolph street car line must be rebuilt, the Mississippi and West St. Paul line provided with big cars, and the train schedules generally rearranged, or the "owl car" ordinance will be passed by the council.

This idea was first suggested by a majority of the members of the board of aldermen, and unless the reforms are granted, the all-night car measure, now reposing in the committee on streets, will be recalled and made a law.

The use of the "owl car" measure as a club for the forcing of the rebuilding of the old Randolph car line was figured out yesterday, and Ald. Rohland, the author of the scheme, found a number who offered their aid. As to schedules, nearly every member has some line in his district in which the service is hardly what it should be, and these they will try to have corrected.

One member is now figuring on some new street car legislation in the shape of a "no seat no fare" ordinance, similar to the one now in force in Detroit, Mich., but is hardly likely that the measure will be sanctioned by either body. Such a resolution was introduced in a former board of aldermen, but it never got beyond the committee on streets. It was quietly put to sleep.

CONDITION IS A MENACE TO PUPILS

Sanitary State of McClellan School Found to Be Deplorable.

Several cases of sickness among the children attending the McClellan school have directed attention to the ventilation and sanitary condition of that building, which are said to be poor.

In the absence of a sewer, which the local board of health has repeatedly recommended, a cesspool is used and the odor from it pervades the building. Because of it the doors and windows have to be frequently opened in order to release the atmosphere.

City Clerk Matt Jensen, who visited the building to make inquiry regarding its condition, says the teacher in charge asked those suffering from a headache to raise their hands and half the children in the room responded. The school officials say the sewer is absolutely necessary or general illness will result.

Regarding ventilation in all the school buildings, Health Commissioner Ohage says few of them are perfect at this time of year. Pure air is necessarily cold air, and to obtain it, he says, the atmosphere would have to be chilled to an extent that might cause suffering.

THEY ASK THAT NINA AVENUE BE EXTENDED

Residents of St. Anthony Hill Want an Expensive Improvement Made.

Residents of St. Anthony hill, in the vicinity of Summit and Dayton avenues, want Nina avenue opened from Selby to Dayton avenues. A preliminary order calling for such is now before the council and the board of public works will order a hearing as soon as it reaches that body.

The block, which it is proposed to divide by the extension of Nina avenue, is bounded on the south by Selby avenue, on the west by Farrington, on the north by Dayton and on the east by Summit. The block is so that residents living along its center must make a detour of nearly 600 feet in order to reach Dayton avenue or any of the streets north of that thoroughfare.

The only objection to the improvement is the cost, the block being covered with many handsome and substantial homes, a number of which would have to be moved.

FORFEITS HIS BAIL; GOES TO PITTSBURG

Defendant in Assault Case Leaves a Terse Note.

Roy Bacon, arrested with Ed Perry Monday upon a complaint filed by Dottie Thorn, who charged the men with having assaulted her, was fined \$5 in police court yesterday. Perry failed to appear in court and his bail of \$15 was declared forfeited. The men, who are piano players on Washington street, are said to have entered her house at 5 o'clock Monday morning and beaten the Thorn woman. The plaintiff appeared in court yesterday with a badly discolored eye and a few other bruises, which she claims to have received during the assault. Perry left a note saying he had gone to Pittsburg.

GAS HOUSE ROW MAY COST MAN ONE EYE

John Anderson Is Accused of Grievously Hurting Rosso.

John Anderson, charged with assaulting Frank Rosso, was arraigned in police court yesterday and pleaded not guilty, whereupon the case was continued.

The alleged assault occurred at the gas plant, where both men were employed, and as a result of the injuries sustained Rosso spent several days in the hospital. When he appeared in court yesterday his face and head were still badly swollen. It was thought for a time that Rosso would lose the use of one of his eyes, but the attending physician says the optic can be saved.

Sue on Insurance Policy.

A. Berg & Co. yesterday commenced an action against the Buffalo German Insurance Company of Buffalo, N. Y., to recover \$1,627, alleged to be due on a policy held by the plaintiff company. Berg & Co., who suffered loss from a fire at their wall paper house, 157 East Seventh street, last October, held a policy for \$2,000 in the Buffalo company, but complain that the insurance company refuses to settle with them. The parties have been unable to agree upon the amount of damage sustained by Berg & Co. as a result of the fire.

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