

City News.

Supt. J. W. Olson Will Deliver Address—State Superintendent J. W. Olson will address the Madison School union this evening at 8 o'clock in the school building upon matters of present interest to the patrons. The public is cordially invited.

Will Talk of Parks—The Good Government Club of the Grand school will hold a meeting this evening at the school. Dr. R. O. Earl will deliver an address on "St. Paul Parks." There will be a literary and musical program by members of the club.

Seats Are in Demand—The sale of reserved seats for the Y. M. C. A. athletic exhibition to be given at the Mozart hall March 27 will commence at the association rooms Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. There has already been a large advance sale of seats.

Prohibitionists Hold a Meeting—The Ninth Ward Prohibition club met last evening at the residence of Mrs. Hayden, Valley street, after the transaction of routine business. W. B. Hamilton, addressed the gathering.

Police Surgeon Gets an Assistant—Dr. Ray Hamilton has been appointed assistant to Police Surgeon Moore. He will be on duty twelve hours a day. The amount of work in Dr. Moore's department had increased so as to require an assistant.

Adjutant General Appoints Surgeons—Adj. Gen. Libby yesterday announced the appointments of R. J. Fitzgerald, of Minneapolis, as surgeon of the First regiment, M. N. G., with the rank of major, and George M. Coon, of St. Paul, as assistant surgeon of the First artillery, with rank of captain.

Charged With Swindling—Charles Partin and Edwin Young were yesterday arrested by Detective Ahern in the post office as answering the description recently received from the Omaha police of two young fellows wanted there for swindling Mrs. O'Neill of a considerable amount of money.

Will Play for Charity—The Deestrick Skule will be given this evening at the Mozart hall by the Ideal Dramatic club. The last rehearsal of the piece was had last evening and it ran very smoothly. The surplus above expenses will be sent to the committee collecting funds for the Scandinavian famine sufferers.

Geo. E. Taylor, replating of all metal goods, ask prices. 278 Minnesota street, corner Second.

HOW HELD SINGS NEW WALTZ SONG

"Pretty Molly Shannon" Is Most Tuneful of Ditties of Season.

Anna Held has brought a new song to town. If you have been in New York you have probably heard it. It has been caught up and whirled along into popularity and everyone is singing or whistling or humming it. St. Paul is doing so now. But that is not hearing "Pretty Molly Shannon" sung; to appreciate it you must hear this surprising original, thoroughly captivating, and a new development of the old waltz.

Mademoiselle herself doesn't affect the lingerie. You, mademoiselle is pleased to appear in full, gallant, for the purposes of this song, with a flowing black silk scarf around her waist and delicately small feet flashing from beneath. She is in a blue suit, with winks and kisses and other caresses, who glides along with the pretty Molly, a maid to whom the song is sung, while the chorus is sung by mademoiselle's world renowned "Fencing girls."

This is the way they do it. Anna, the boy, sings: "I've got a girl, a dear little girl, and you notice the self-satisfied wink in her—or sheer—eyes, and her face is a captivating smile. Molly is truly fair to look upon. One curved white arm dips the side of Anna, and the dimple in Molly's cheek is joy in itself."

"You see, I'm her steady, and I'm always ready," trills Anna, and the attitude of explicit trust in the young couple, with outspread hands and the eyes of Anna—those eyes you have seen placarded around the town with the legend: "The Beautiful Eyes of Anna Held"—holding their softest expression, is a graceful posture impossible not to admire.

But Molly, as Anna heaps praise upon her, becomes playfully skeptical. She knows very well. "She is a swell dresser, a trim little dancer," but she ought to be told so before so many people tell it. Anna, for a smile and a chiding finger, and Anna looks love and the two heads come closer together.

Then gallery, bald heads and tender young people, you see the softness of Molly's arm encircling the velvet jacket of Anna, and Molly is winsome and Anna tells you frankly. "I'm certainly not a bit troubled." The arms grow tighter, off with his—her—cap, and the two form a tableau that usually brings down not only the house, but roses and other tributes, even before the chorus, with its, "She is the real one, she has you."

Then Molly throws a kiss—have you noticed what a pretty maiden Molly is? And Anna takes off the cap, having informed you to the best of her ability that they're very, very happy.

The words of the song are by George Ryan and the music is by Walter Wolf, copyrighted by Warner & Co., of New York. It is as follows:

PRETTY MOLLY SHANNON.
I've got a girl, a dear little girl,
Just listen, I'll tell you about her;
You see, I'm her steady, and I'm always ready.
To merciful anything for her
She is a swell dresser, a trim little dancer.
A girl to be proud of, you bet,
I'm envied by all down at Liberty hall.
When waiting with my little pet.
Chorus—
How would you like to be me
And have a girl like her?
I can tell you, boys, there's none com-
pare with her,
She is the only one, in her class,
There is no girl she can't surpass.
Pretty Molly Shannon, she is the real,
real thing!
When we promenade the remark is oft
made,
"There goes a loving young couple."
I'll tell you right straight, I've sure met
my fate.
I'm certainly not a bit troubled,
She plays the piano with a sweet so-
prano
Sings all the popular songs;
My heart swells with pride, as I sit by
her side,
For I know just to whom she belongs.
Chorus—

PRIVATE CHARITIES HUMILIATE THE POOR

Rev. J. J. Lawler Tells the Associated Charities That Its Manner of Investigation Crushes the Spirit of Those Who Apply for Relief.

Only Rev. J. J. Lawler rather electrified the audience at the 49th parlor conference of the Associated Charities at the Commercial club parlors last evening by saying, "I think we have turned into a mutual admiration society." Continuing Father Lawler said: "We investigate too much and crush the spirit of those who apply for relief. People do not want to be paupers. It is very humiliating to ask for charity, and I disagree with Father McLaughlin when he says poverty is a weakness of character. There are numerous conditions that cause poverty, and in a city like St. Paul, where we have all religions and none at all, the city and county board of control, which dispenses a public fund for the relief of the poor, is a good thing. It is less humiliating to take charity from public than private relief. We ought to have as much relief as possible, and in all my experience I cannot recall anyone being pauperized by relief. It is only a degenerate who will live on public or private charity."

President Smith had asked the representative of the St. Vincent De Paul society if it was possible for the organization to contribute \$250 more a year, in order to have the new cases for outdoor relief taken from the board of control and cared for by the private charitable societies.

Mr. Young, who represented the society, referred the question to Father Lawler, who said the society could not give any more money for the Associated Charities, and if it could, he would favor the board of control continuing its present duties.

Rev. Dr. Rydman expressed the opinion that Father Lawler misapprehended the aim of the organization. "The object of these meetings is how to attain the ideal state of reaching the poor," said Dr. Rydman, "and we do not investigate too much. All people do not understand the science of investigating, and this is where the trouble may be. What we want is to educate students to make investigations. The ultimate ideal and aim of all charitable associations is to get out of business by putting the people on their feet, and I wish we could go out of business tomorrow. What we want to do is to establish self-reliance, and treat the poor as outcasts, but as patients suffering from a disease. Let us hasten the day and diminish the business of dispensing charity."

No Slums in St. Paul.

Rev. John Wright earlier in the evening had congratulated the organization on having the best system of any city in the country for dispensing relief for the poor. He spoke of the city being free of slums, which other cities had, and said he was particularly proud that St. Paul had no slums.

"St. Paul will never have any slums as long as we have such splendid charitable organizations as we have here tonight," declared Rev. Wright in closing.

George N. Lamphere related what was being done by the state soldiers' relief fund, and stated that in Ramsey county 1,576 orders had been issued during the year ending March 1, 1902, and that amount expended for the orders was \$10,765, while in the entire state \$68,346 was expended from the fund.

A paper from N. P. Langford, of the city and county board of control, gave the amount expended for outdoor relief in a year as \$9,150, of which \$3,379 was for food; \$4,438 for fuel; \$51 for burials and \$333 for transportation.

The list of the necessities of life in the way of groceries given in one order for a family of five persons for one month was so small that there was a gasp of astonishment from many of the women in the audience.

Statements of "What Is Being Done"

In the way of outdoor relief by the private charitable organizations which make up the associated charities were given in detail by M. L. Hutchins, of the relief society; Mrs. J. Wirth, of the Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent society; Dr. General M. McLaughlin, of the Free Dispensary, and John D. O'Brien, of the St. Vincent de Paul society.

What Might Be Done.

Rev. Ambrose McNulty was not able to be present but his paper on "What Might Be Done" brought out the following points:

"Proportionate to the size of our city we have a small number of relief societies. For two reasons this is a good thing. The amount of material relief actually given is less and a higher degree of intelligence in giving can be more easily maintained. The notion that the charity of the people of a community is measured by the liberality of their material gifts is seldom true. The correct test is the amount of helpfulness conveyed by the richer or more properly the stronger to the poor or weaker. The chief obstacle which agents of truly helpful societies have to encounter is an impulsive haste on the part of citizens generally in giving to those who apply.

"The first thing needed is a complete investigation by a trained sympathetic worker. Poverty is rarely a want of money alone. It is substantially a weakness in character. Almost all of those who come to want are lacking in some business qualification. They need greater ambition, or industry, or perseverance, or energy, or something necessary to success in the strenuous life.

In the matter of relief-giving, that which is most troubling in St. Paul is the distribution of second-hand clothing. An initial obstacle is the quality and quantity of the goods. Many people do not realize the time and their cast-off clothing to some charitable society to be given to the poor. The people sending it are liable to think they have made a valuable contribution, and many articles are sent which are of no value whatever. Quality rather than quantity is the advantage by the poor, but it should be sound enough to be of real service.

The chief gain in the future is to increase the number of people holding correct views concerning the nature of charity. When we are fully possessed of the idea that poverty is a question of character rather than one of money, fewer mistakes will be made. When we get this view it will be seen that the large field of charitable activity lies outside that of material relief-giving."

control. "The old soldier should be better treated than others," asserted Rev. Smith, "but we do not want a pauper grandchild with a hero grandfather." He favored the city and county board of control continuing to handle the old cases it now had charge of, but questioned if it was not better to have private charitable societies take care of the new cases brought to the attention of the board. George N. Lamphere, who is secretary of the soldiers' home, took exception to the criticism made about the soldiers' relief fund expenditures, saying that the old soldier but the shams are here, and as the city grows will be unable to care for themselves. Each case was investigated and no relief was given where it was not needed or when it would promote idleness.

F. E. Duran stated that the Associated Charities was doing a good work and the people should get together and recognize the common brotherhood of man.

Rev. W. Boynton asserted that he was depressed by the one of mitigated congratulation which prevailed. "We create the impression," he continued, "that all is being done, and needs to be. There is not a prosperous family or individual in the city but should do something in a personal way to relieve distress. It is a consolation to say there are no slums in St. Paul. There are slums here and the only reason we have no more is owing to our having a population of 155,000 instead of 500,000.

BREAK IN MAIN DUE TO IMPROPER DRAINAGE

Water Board to Demand Explanations From Those Responsible.

It is now generally accepted by those who made the investigation that the costly break in the big water main beneath the Wabasha street bridge was due to improper drainage. Supt. Lindquist, of the water department, had this in charge, and he now admits that one of the big valves did leak when the main was shut off last November.

The main was installed under the direction of Former City Engineer Claussen, who demurred at the use of cast steel pipe, he recommending wrought steel, but this the members of the board refused to consider because of the fact that they had a lot of cast steel pipe on hand.

A terrific pressure undoubtedly rent the twenty-five sections of the main asunder, and the accepted theory now is that either the drain was not open or became clogged with ice and the valve leaked a sufficient quantity of water to saturate the earth beneath the main, which is considerably lower than the end at the intersection of Third and Wabasha streets. Supt. Lindquist says he shut off the main on Nov. 29 and the next day the break occurred. In one of the valves was evident, but this, he says, was remedied the day following.

One of the sections was opened yesterday, but nothing new was developed. City Engineer Rundlett is at work on the report, and it will show that the break was due to the presence of water and improper drainage.

The main is supposed to be under the direction of the water department, but the fact that it was originally superintended its construction, but on its completion Supt. Lindquist became its custodian.

A special meeting of the water board will be held in a few days and arrangements made for the repair of the main. At this meeting the report of the city engineer will be read, and the conditions demanded of those supposed to be responsible for the damage.

WOMAN APPLIES FOR LICENSE AS OPTICIAN

Examination Closes and Papers Are Being Passed Upon.

Among the dozen persons who presented themselves to take the examination for licenses as opticians yesterday was one woman.

This is the first woman who has taken the examination, although six have been held by the state board of opticians in the two years of its existence, and over fifty applicants for licenses examined.

The examination closed last evening, and today the members of the board will look over the papers.

ARMY NEWS.

Col. Peter C. Haines, corps of engineers, is to be promoted to the rank of brigadier general and retired on the active list in July, 1904. He will be appointed to the vacancy created by the promotion of Brig. Gen. B. F. Wade to the rank of major general on the statutory retirement on April 11. Dr. General M. McLaughlin, 48th regiment, Quartermaster General Lindquist, and Inspector General Brockbridge each will be promoted to the grade of major general on the retirement of Gen. Hughes, and each will be retired in that rank on the day of his promotion, thus leaving a vacancy for the promotion of Gen. Wade.

The report of the court martial which tried Sergeant C. H. Swanson and Henry Leonard, two prominent citizens of New York, who were accused of stealing and selling government arms, was announced at Fort Sheridan yesterday. Sergeant Swanzel is dishonorably dismissed from the army and sentenced to two years more active military duty. Leonard is dishonorably discharged and sentenced to three years' imprisonment at hard labor.

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ARREST TWO HAIL INSURANCE MEN

Charged With Using Mails for Fraudulent Purposes.

Percy W. Miller and Arthur M. Gilder, two officers of "The State Mutual Insurance company" of North Dakota, were arrested yesterday by United States Marshal William Grimshaw. The men are charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes, and it is said by the government authorities that an investigation of the methods employed will show one of the most elaborate schemes to defraud which

own personal use. The scheme is said to have been so plainly fraudulent that the government authorities decided to put a stop to it on the ground that the mails were being used for unlawful purposes.

STUDENT ORATORS TO ENGAGE IN CONTEST

Annual Intercollegiate Event Will Take Place This Evening.

The eleventh annual contest of the Intercollegiate Oratorical association will take place tonight at Central Park church, St. Paul. Five colleges will be represented.

C. W. Greening will represent Carleton on "The South Regenerate." A. A. Reese, winner of second place in the state contest last year, appears for St. Olaf college, Northfield. He will speak on "The Issue of the Age."

THEY WOULD BE CITY CLERK.

Quartette of Citizens Who Admit That An Election to Office Would Be Accepted.

Four citizens of St. Paul, who admit that an election to office would be accepted, are the quartette of citizens who are the subject of a resolution passed by the city board of control last evening.

PLAINTIFF LOSES IN SLANDER ACTION

Sarah Nees Fails to Recover Damages From Caroline Stephenson.

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Mrs. Nees was a domestic employed by Caroline Stephenson, and when she left the place and set for her trunk it was refused her, it being alleged that the defendant had said she was holding the trunk because she believed it contained some of her silverware. The case was thrown out of court when first called for trial on account of defective pleadings.

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Thousands of farmers are said to have been taken in by methods characterized as fraudulent and unlawful. While the money poured into the treasury, it is said that none was ever paid out for losses, but instead was appropriated by the officials for their

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BE OPENED SOON

Navigation of Superior and Straits May Start Before April 1.

Opening of navigation on the great lakes is looked for in the near future by the government officers of the lake marine service. According to a report issued by the secretary of agriculture from information gathered by the station at Detroit, the opening of the entire western extremity of Lake Superior may be expected in about a week.

The Duluth entry is open, and the twenty-nine-inch thick ice in the harbor is rapidly softening. Everything points to a speedy breaking up of the entire western extremity of the lake.

The ice in St. Mary's river is two inches thicker than at this time last year; but in the straits the conditions are more favorable than at the corresponding time in 1902.

The ice will probably move out of the straits by April 1, but should continue high winds and warm weather prevail, the latter part of March may see the breaking up, as the ice is already severely cracked in a manner not known for many years.

Extensive ice fields exist in Lake Michigan, and toward the northern extremity the masses are yet unbroken from last year.

Lake Huron is practically clear of ice and very little is reported to be running in River St. Clair. All places in the vicinity of Port aux Barques and Harbor Beach report no ice in sight as far as eye can see; and from the Canadian side at Gederich, a corresponding latitude, the same report is given.

As is usual in Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario at this season, ice is reported as running freely and navigation just about to open.

PROPHECY WILL DROP MERCURY WILL DROP

Weather Man Says It Will Be Twenty Degrees Colder.

"Cold weather. A drop of perhaps twenty degrees," says the weather prophet.

With the advent of cold weather and snow, however, the fog, smoke and dampness that have prevailed so long will be cleared up.

Yesterday it was raining in the eastern portion of the state and at the same time in the western portion. The snow was falling. All through the North and West the temperature was dropping. In Eastern Asia the thermometer registered 29 below zero mark, and in Northern Montana the mercury was but a few degrees higher. Manitoba, North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas all have zero weather.

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Nina Avenue Extension Expensive. At a hearing yesterday before the board of public works on the extension of Nina avenue, through to Dayton avenue, it developed that the cost for the ground alone would be \$12,000. The tract is covered by the old Montfort homestead, and the owners, in addition to the \$12,000, want the privilege of moving the house.

BICYCLE TAGS READY FOR SALE

All Wheelers Will Have to Be Licensed or Keep Off the Paths.

The 1903 bicycle tag will be placed on sale by County Treasurer Metzdorf this morning.

A consignment of 10,000 tags was received yesterday, and while this is 2,000 more than was disposed of last year, the side path commission believes the more will be needed before the close of the season.

The tags for 1903 differ in style somewhat from those of last year, and will be sold at the same price, 50 cents. The 1902 tags are of no value after April 1, and every person caught wheeling on the bicycle paths after this date will be arrested and fined.

An effort will be made this year to enforce the tag ordinance more strictly than ever before," said Mr. Metzdorf yesterday, "and with the cooperation of the police it is thought that at least 12,000 tags can be disposed of."

"Not more than half the wheels were tagged last year, and while many of the delinquents were arrested and fined, thousands escaped. This will not be the case this year. A special effort will be made to enforce the law, and offenders will be promptly arrested."

County Treasurer Metzdorf has already received a large number of applications for tags, and it is expected to be sold to the first applicant this morning.

Instead of running a full year the 1902 tags will expire Dec. 31, and this year the tags will be made out from Jan. 1, instead of April 1.

ORATORICAL CONTEST AT THE "U" TONIGHT

College Speakers Will Compete for the Pillsbury Prize.

The Pillsbury oratorical contest which will be held at the university chapel this evening in Minneapolis, promises to be the best contest of the kind ever held at the university, both the orators and the judges will be far above the average of former years.

The eight contestants who will take part in the contest have been chosen in a series of preliminary contests and with but one or two exceptions all of the men have previously appeared in university oratorical contests. The orators have all been passed upon by a set of judges who have marked them upon thought and composition. Anticipation of judgment will be in attendance tonight to judge of the delivery.

The judges on thought and composition are Rev. H. M. Simmons, of Minneapolis; Prof. W. M. Jerome, of Long Prairie; and Prof. S. D. Catherwood, of Austin. The judges on delivery are ex-Artillery General H. W. Childs, of St. Paul; Judge H. D. Dickinson, of Neels, and Rev. J. M. Fulton, of St. Paul.

The winners of the first three places in the contest will receive the prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively. The prizes are donated by Mrs. John S. Pillsbury, Mrs. F. H. Peavey and W. H. Durawood. Those who will participate in the contest and the subjects of their orations are as follows:

J. G. Stenson, "Defense of Daniel Webster's Seventh of March Speech." Benjamin Drake, "A National Crisis and It's Hero." George P. Jones, "The Age of Coal." H. J. Bushfield, "Aron Burr." H. A. Layme, "Let Us Not Forget." H. J. McClellan, "An Episode on the Development of Free Government."

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