NEWS OF THE CITY

Did Not Have Barber License—Because he did not have a licence, Edward Anderson, a barber, was fined $10 in police court by Judge Hine yesterday.

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Admitted to Do Business—The Casualty Company of America, with headquarters at New York and paid up capital of $500,000, has been admitted to do business in this state.

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Sewing Society Meeting—The Woman's Alliance and Sewing Society of Unity Church will meet at 2:30 this afternoon with Mrs. Ferdinand Willius, 469 Laurel avenue.

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Wife Withdraws Complaint—John Netzel, charged by his wife with beating her at his home on Hall avenue a week ago, was dismissed from police court yesterday by her consent.

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Get Thirty Days for Fighting—John Hammond and Joseph Arex were sentenced to thirty days each by Judge Hine yesterday for engaging in a fight in Merriam Park Sunday afternoon.

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Fireman Lander Ill—Oscar Lander, pipeman of Engine Company No. 15, is seriously ill at his home, 529 Bidwell street, of typhoid fever. He has passed a critical stage and it is expected that he will recover.

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Lower Town Mothers' Club Meeting—At the meeting of the Lower Town Mothers' club this afternoon at 3:45, in the Hawthorne school, Nash and Mississippi, Dr. W. H. Boyle will deliver an address, Mrs. Fitzgerald will read selections and Miss Whitney will sing.

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Put Under Probation Officer's Care—Isadore Levy, a boy who attempted to steal a glass depository box of the Orphans' home from a department store Saturday night, was placed under the care of the probation officer yesterday after arraignment.

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Temperance Street Paving Awarded—The board of public works yesterday awarded the contract for the paving of Temperance street in the rear of the public market to Fielding & Shepley on their bid of $8,875. The street will be paved with brick.

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New Assisant Quartermaster—Capt. Harry B. Chamberlain, who recently arrived in San Francisco from the Philippines, has been ordered to St. Paul to act as assistant to Col. J. McE. Hyde, chief quartermaster of the Department of Dakota. Capt. Chamberlain has been stationed in the Philippines for several years.

MANY TAKE COURSE

Industrial Study in Public Schools Increases.

In response to an inquiry from Supt. Smith, Dr. E. V. Robinson, principal of the Central high school, has prepared some interesting figures as to the number of pupils of that school who are studying what are designated as the "industrial" branches. This report indicates that industrial training is appreciated and that interest in the studies which come under that head is growing.

The enrollment in the various classes comprised under the head of industrial work for the first semester of the current school year is: Manual training, 221; domestic science, 128; mechanical drawing, 106; free-hand drawing, 181. The total enrollment in the same classes for the whole of last year was: Manual training, 417; domestic science, 291; mechanical drawing, 77; free-hand drawing, 240. In many cases the same pupils take two or more and in some cases all of the above studies.

Supt. Smith says that with the customary proportion of growth for the school year the classes of this year will show a large and general increase over those of last year. It will be seen that in mechanical drawing the enrollment of this year, although but two months have passed, is already larger than the total for all last year.

The figures for last year show that the enrollment at the Central high school under the industrial branches was but little smaller than the total enrollment of the Mechanic Arts high school, which was 490.

In the Central high school there are 302 pupils this year who are studying the business branches, as compared with a total of 338 for all of last year.

The Central is now about filled to its capacity in all departments.

NAMES NEW MEMBER OF ARBITRATION BOARD

Gov. Van Sant Selects H. N. Leighton, of Minneapolis.

Gov. Van Sant has appointed H. N. Leighton, of Minneapolis, a member of the state board of conciliation and arbitration, in place of H. W. Dreger, present sheriff of Hennepin county, who has resigned.

The law providing for this tribunal calls for a board of three members, whose terms shall be two years. Two of the members are to be appointed by the governor, and the third to be selected by those two. Of the two to be appointed by the governor it is required that one shall be a contractor, employing men, and the other a member of some labor organization. For the first board Gov. Van Sant appointed H. W. Dreger as a contractor, and H. W. Goetzinger, of this city, as representative of the labor organizations, and they agreed upon Norman Fetter as the third member.

It is now understood that Mr. Fetter will be unable to serve, and in that event Mr. Leighton and Mr. Goetzinger will be called upon to elect another new member.

COAL DOCKS CLASSED WITH OTHER BUILDINGS

Insurance Commissioner Dearth Makes Important Ruling.

For purposes of insurance the superstructures of coal docks will henceforth be treated in this state as "buildings or structures," and therefore will come under the law requiring valued policies on certain classes of property. This is a new ruling by Insurance Commissioner Dearth, announced yesterday. Heretofore insurance policies on coal docks have contained no valuation of the property, and in case of even total loss the claim of the assured must be settled afterward.

Under this ruling policies on superstructures of docks must all contain a valuation clause, the same as policies on buildings, and in case of total loss the value of the property is then fixed.

GRAND JURY WILL CALL ALL OF THEM

Councilmen Will Be Asked to Tell What They Know of Lennon's Ball Park.

Every member of the city council will be asked by the grand jury to tell what he knows about the alleged crookedness attending the passage of the ordinances permitting George E. Lennon's down-town ball park.

In addition to the members of the council, George E. Lennon, Vice President Goodrich and General Manager Hield, of the street railway company, and several members of the late lamented carnival association, will be asked to keep themselves in readiness for a grand jury call.

In fact, it was reported yesterday that the jury subpoenas were being prepared for immediate service, this being for the purpose of heading off any wanted individuals who might regard a short sojourn out of the state preferable to an uncomfortable stunt in the grand jury room.

Says He Is Through Talking.

Assemblyman Schurmeier, the principal in all the charges preferred up to date, was about the city hall yesterday, but he declined to talk, saying that he had told his story and would have nothing more to say until called upon by the grand jury. All he is shy on now is dates and witnesses by which he hopes to substantiate the charges he has made. A number of these were secured by Mr. Schurmeier yesterday.

In the search for choice bits of gossip, city hall loungers are now engaged in overhauling every deal passed upon by the council in the past year, but little new, however, has been obtained. Ald. Moriarty's name yesterday was drawn into one story, that involving the attempt of the American Hoist and Derrick company, a West side institution, to secure temporary use of an alley, which it has already practically squatted upon.

Moriarity Blocked the Deal.

Ald. Moriarity, who is a member of the real estate firm of Moriarity & Garlough, is agent for a small lot adjoining the alley, which belongs to the Fitzer estate. Acting for his clients he vigorously objected and the company made the statement that his objections were actuated by the fact that it would not buy the lot for $3,000. When the matter came before the board the members refused to interfere, telling the company and the owners to go away and settle their differences and then come back. The board was notified that it could not give the use of the alley unless all the abutting lot owners were satisfied.

The lot is an insignificant piece of ground, but occupies such a strategic position that the owners have the best of the argument. The company has fenced in the alley at both ends. A portion of Water street has also been similarly treated.

The one man who can tell the straight story of the baseball park deal, outside of the owner, George E. Lennon, is former First Assistant Corporation Attorney Thomas McDermott, but he is maintaining a silence that nothing will penetrate. Mr. McDermott was quite active in securing the passage of the ball park ordinances, he being Mr. Lennon's attorney. Just now he is observing the ethics of his profession and is keeping quiet.

SEEK TO COMPEL CHANGE OF VENUE

Defendants in Mining Litigation Appeal to Supreme Court.

Roscoe F. Hersey, Edward L. Hersey and Jacob Bean, who are defendants in an action recently begun in the district court of this county by Frederic Bowes Scott, have made petition to the supreme court for a writ of mandamus to enforce an application for a change of venue to Washington county.

Frederick Bowes Scott brought suit about two months ago against Hersey and Bean to recover $160,000 for alleged breach of contract in a transfer of mining properties in Montana and the defendants put in a counter claim greater than the amount for which Scott had sued. The case was transferred to Washington county and then back to Ramsey and this petition is for a second change of venue to Washington county.

NOVEMBER WILL HAVE BUT FEW BRIGHT DAYS

That Is, If It Sizes Up Like Novembers of Other Years.

If the statistics of the weather bureau are to be relied upon, the days of sunshine are about at an end, for a time at least. If the coming November shall prove like the average November, the weather during the next month will be mostly gloomy.

The statistics in the bureau of the weather man show that there has been an average of but seven days of sunshine in November for many years past. The mean temperature has been 30 degrees, and the warmest November came in 1896, when the average was 22 degrees. Cold rains and snows are features of the month in years gone by, and there is no reason to expect that the coming month will be an exception.

WILL TALK GAS TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

President Lathrop Will Explain the Company's Attitude.

President A. P. Lathrop, of the St. Paul Gas Light company, will make an address on the proposed gas franchise, which the company desires to secure from the city, before the meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce. He will give a full statement of the company's position in the matter.

The meeting of the directors will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, and they will have a good deal of business to transact, including the election of a secretary for the ensuing year. Reports will be received from the committees appointed to revise the by-laws and the committee on membership.

John Caulfield and John Espy, delegates to the Upper Mississippi River Improvement association convention, will make reports on the meeting. Luther S. Cushing and A. W. Cooper, delegates to the irrigation congress at Bismarck, N. D., will also report.

ENLIVENS SESSION OF COUNTY BOARD

Commissioner Powers Gets Indignant Over Attitude of the City Members.

County Commissioner James Powers was the disturbing element at the meeting of the county board yesterday. He had the floor the greater portion of the time taken up by the meeting, and in his tirade against his fellow commissioners none escaped.

All attempts to quiet the member from Mounds View were in vain, and at different times four or five members of the board were trying to talk at the same time. Mr. Powers' voice, however, was stronger than the voices of his colleagues, and the latter finally gave way to him.

Mr. Powers had a number of grievances and he had not finished telling them several hours after the meeting had adjourned.

The first trouble started when Assistant County Attorney O'Neill informed the board of the effect the recent decision of Judge Bunn would have on road building in Ramsey county. The court declared the 1903 road law, under which the board has been working, void, and Mr. O'Neill informed the commissioners that hereafter they would have to do their road work in an entirely different manner and under the provisions of the general law.

Under the law the board has no right to make repairs on either town or county roads, permanent improvements upon county roads or the construction of new county roads being the only work for which the county road and bridge fund might be expended.

The board was informed that it made no difference what the board might have done in the past, it would have to comply with the law hereafter, and any bills not provided for by the general law would be turned down by the legal department.

Under the ruling made by Judge Bunn the county has no power to expend money in repairing a washout on a road or in any manner making temporary repairs.

Powers Would Defy the Law.

Commissioner Powers was wroth when informed of the wide scope of the court's ruling.

"It is about time we found where we are at," shouted Mr. Powers, as he pounded his fist upon the table. "We can do so by ordering a man to go ahead and repair a washout and then test the legality of such action in the courts.

"All of this talk about it being the duty of the town commissioners to repair the town roads is bosh. The town commissioners have no money with which to make such repairs. What does it cost us to keep our roads in repair? It costs us $15,000 or $20,000 per year, and we have more than 200 miles of road to look after. Still the people howl about the cost of the county roads. They do not stop to think of the cost of keeping this court house and city hall clean. Why don't they turn their attention to the joint commission of this building, which is expending $30,000 or $40,000 every year to keep this building clean? Then it is not kept clean.

"The howl goes up that the two country members of the county board spend all of the road and bridge fund. I am getting tired of such talk. It is about time we went ahead and kept our roads in good repair, law or no law."

Mr. Powers was so excited by this time that no further interruptions were offered, and after a few more remarks he resumed his seat.

County Surveyor Irvine, following the tirade by Powers, found time to submit the following estimates:

Culvert on Geravis creek, Labore road	$579.10
Culvert, same creek, Centerville road	634.00
West Town road, repairs	148.00
Cleveland avenue, repairs	232.25

Commissioner Powers was anxious that the repairs on the West Town road be made and he made a motion that the matter be referred to the committee on roads, with power to act.

Commissioner Pottgieser was willing that the matter be referred to the committee, but he did not favor giving the committee power to act. After some discussion, Mr. Power's motion was put to a vote and lost, the vote being 3 to 3, with Pottgieser, Seng and Gray voting in the negative. Mr. Powers later secured an appropriation of $200 for both West Town road and Cleveland avenue.

His Indignation Again Aroused.

More trouble was started when Commissioner Powers endeavored to have the board appropriate enough money for three culverts, two on Victoria and one at the west end of Long Lake. On this proposition the vote was again 3 to 3, and Mr. Powers waxed warm.

"You city commissioners act as if you thought the country members were thieves," said Mr. Powers, pointing his finger at the city members. "You fellows expend thousands of dollars, but you are afraid to trust us with $50 or $60 with which to build a culvert."

"Nobody called you thieves," said Comissioner Pottgieser.

"I have been given authority to construct one culvert," said Mr. Powers, "but I will relinquish the right. If I can't be trusted to build one I can't be trusted to build another."

At this point Assistant County Attorney O'Neill found time to inform the comissioners that hereafter when they went out to look at county roads that they would have to go at their own expense. With the 1903 law knocked out, there is no provision for carriage hire for the commissioners, and a resolution, introduced by Commissioner Seng, informing all of the liverymen men in the city of the law, was passed.

The county attorney's office had turned down a bil for $15, claimed by John Houle for maintaining a water trough in New Canada township. Commissioner Wright was in favor of paying the bill, but Mr. Seng objected. Mr. Seng said he had traveled over a large part of the county last week and had found all of the water troughs empty.

INJURED FIREMAN DEMANDS BIG DAMAGES

Was Hurt in Collision of Truck and Street Car.

Henry Longevin yesterday brought suit against the street railway company to recover damages in the sum of $10,186 for injuries alleged to have been sustained last August.

Longevin was a member of the hook and ladder crew which was struck by a repair car belonging to the street railway company at the intersection of Sixth and Seventh streets, in which accident Patrick Fleming, one of the firemen, was killed.

CHANCE TO ADVANCE

Many Second Lieutenancies Open to Men From Ranks.

Second Lieutenant David P. Wood, who has recently been promoted from battalion sergeant major of the Fifteenth infantry, has been assigned to the Twenty-first infantry and will report to Gen. Kobbe about the 1st of December.

Lieut. Wood is one of a class of thirty-six men from the ranks which recently passed the service examinations held by the army examining board at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The class included several privates and a large number of corporals and sergeants. A man is eligible to take the examination after serving two years, and if he passes it he receives an appointment as second lieutenant.

There are now ninety-two second lieutenant vacancies to be filled by men other than graduates from West Point. They were caused by the promotion and retirement of a large number of officers recently. The number is the largest that the army has ever known, and unless another examination of service candidates develops enough men for the places some civil appointments will be made.

The civilians must pass a very severe examination on the various branches of the military art before they are eligible for appointment. If such examinations are thrown open, a number of Minnesota militia men, especially several who have served as officers, are expected to try for the places.

The vacancies include fifty-three in the infantry, nineteen in the cavalry and twenty in the artillery. All are desirable places and pay salaries of $1,500 per annum.

SPACE IS AWARDED FLOWER EXHIBITORS

Reports Give Assurance of Big Display of Fine Posies.

Floor space was assigned yesterday to the florists from St. Paul and other cities of the state who will have exhibits at the flower show, which will open Nov. 10, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Northwestern Manufacturers' association. The committee in charge of the arrangement of Mozart hall, in which the exhibition will be held, was in conference with exhibitors yesterday morning and all were satisfactorily provided for.

Several of the florists will make very extensive exhibits and say that the flowers shown will be of a very fine quality. As this is chrysanthemum season, the big posies will predominate, but there will be plenty of every other kind and species of flower grown in the Northwest.

The committees in charge of the programme for the special days are arranging some attractive entertainment. The committee in charge of the parade has received encouraging reports.

FRESHMAN DEBATERS CHOSEN AFTER TRIAL

One of the Three Selected Is a Graduate of St. Paul Central High School.

As the result of two debates among the twelve selected in the preliminaries, the three freshmen who are to represent their class against the sophomores, were selected. They are MacManigal, of St. Paul; Walter Badger, of Minneapolis, and A. W. Arntson, of Red Wing. Mr. MacManigal was a member of the St. Paul Central high debating team last winter.

The subject for debate is the popular election of United States senators.

Badly Bruised in a Collision.

Mrs. C. Davidson and Miss McKiel were thrown from a buggy in which they were driving on St. Peter street yesterday by colliding at the corner of Tenth street with a wagon of the Freidla dairy, driven by F. Farrell. Mrs. Davidson was thrown to the pavement and badly bruised. One wheel of the buggy was smashed.

BOARD MAKES EXACT VALUATION FIGURES

With Exemptions Deducted the Taxable Proportion Will Be About $133,000,000.

Exact figures of the assessment of 1903, as adjusted by the state board of equalization, show a total assessed valuation of personal property for the state of $156,583,197, which is not far from State Auditor Iverson's off-hand estimate of $157,000,000 at the time the board completed its business. Therefore, Mr. Iverson's calculations upon a total of real and personal property valuation of $781,000,000, and a state tax levy of $781,000 will not be materially changed.

With a total assessed personal property valuation of $156,583,197, and the usual proportion of exemptions, there will be left, after the deduction of exemptions, a taxable valuation of approximately $133,000,000 for the year.

Highest in State's History.

This will be the highest valuation in the history of the state, and the greatest increase at any one time, as will be seen from the table of assessed and taxable valuations of former years:

Year.	Assessed Valuation.	Taxable Valuation.
1890	$109,399,434	$92,261,847
1892	114,356,876	96,043,649
1894	105,601,793	86,356,598
1895	104,012,823	85,114,394
1896	104,629,990	85,493,875
1897	105,612,716	85,624,134
1898	109,792,757	89,448,796
1899	114,351,174	92,808,154
1900	120,441,641	98,803,235
1901	130,802,771	107,840,044
1902	137,240,064	114,105,533
1903	156,583,197	*133,000,000

*Estimated.

GIVES NEW OPINION

Attorney General Says State Should Pay for Horses Killed.

What the state may do in the way of remunreation for horses killed by order of the state livestock sanitary board because of glanders is a question not yet clearly settled by the legal department, although in the course of the past six months that office has issued three different opinions on the subject.

The latest of these opinions is from Attorney General Douglas, and was given yesterday to the state auditor. It relates directly to a claim of John Walker, who was the owner af a horse killed some time ago by order of the state livestock sanitary board. Discussing the law of 1903, Mr. Douglas says, that in his judgment, the provision that in the appraisal of an animal affected by tuberculosis or glanders, "the fact that such animal was affected by tuberculosis or glanders shall not be taken into consideration," is not constitutional.

He suggests that since the livestock sanitary board has adopted a policy whereby an animal may not be appraised at an amount to exceed three-fourths of its value, and that the diseased condition of the animal must be taken into consideration, it would be legally safe to pay such bills as are approved by the board.

This opinion is the outcome of a conference between Attorney General Douglas and John Day Smith, attorney for the livestock sanitary board, and is a modification of former opinions from the state legal department on the same subject. Heretofore the position of the department has been that the law providing for remuneration of owners of horses killed for glanders was unconstitutional and invalid.

Women Plead Guilty and Pay Fine.

Carrie Johnson and Sadie Murphy, tried before a jury two weeks ago on a charge of robbing a stranger of $19, but held over on account of a disagreement, were in police court yesterday, and on recommedation of the county attorney, pleaded guilty to larceny and were fined $25 each.

APPOINTS RAILROAD MAN

George E. Knoche Is Made a Colonel.

George C. Knoche, Northwestern freight agent for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, was yesterday appointed colonel on Gov. Van Sant's staff.

Col. Knoche was born in St. Paul thirty-five years ago. When eight years of age he became messenger in the office of the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad company. He was promoted rapidly, until he was advanced to a clerkship.

In 1883 Col. Knoche was made agent for the Minneapolis & St. Louis at Hartland, Minn. Three years later he became the Hartland agent for the Chicago Great Western, and in 1888 was sent to West St. Paul to represent that company.

A short time afterwards he was made city ticket agent at St. Joseph, Mo., and later at Des Moines. In 1892 Col. Knoche returned to St. Paul as Northwestern agent for the West Shore line, and in 1898 was appointed to his present position as Northwestern freight agent for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.

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TAKES A LONG WALK

Minneapolis Educator Comes Afoot to St. Paul.

"I have seen almost all the large cities in the world, but I have never yet seen one which excels St. Paul in beautiful natural surroundings. They are simply grand," said Prof. Swen Oftedal, of the Augsburg Norwegian Lutheran Theological seminary, of Minneapolis, yesterday afternoon as he sat in one of the parlors of the Commercial club recuperating from a tramp from Minneapolis to St. Paul.

Although now sixty years of age, Prof. Oftedal, who has been a resident of Minneapolis for the past thirty years and who was one of the founders of Augsburg seminary, walked the entire distance from the seminary in Minneapolis, at Twenty-first avenue and Eighth street, to the Commercial club, and arrived feeling fresh and vigorous. He was accompanied by his son, A. Oftedal, a sturdy young man of twenty-five, whom he succeeded in tiring before they completed their tramp.

The two walked around by the way of the government dams at the end of Marshall avenue, and in on Summit avenue, visiting a good portion of the hill section. "Although I have lived in Minneapolis for thirty years, I never before knew the beauties of St. Paul," said Prof. Oftedal, "and if this weather continues I am firmly determined to take several more tramps similar to the one I made today and see more of the city.

"I have come to St. Paul frequently on the cars and spent a short time in the business section, but I never had time to enjoy the beauties with which nature had endowed the city. They say Prague is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, but, barring the artificial beautifications with which its hills have been covered during the past centuries, it does not begin to compare in picturesqueness with St. Paul.

"Vienna is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, and the Danube, which runs through its limits, is one of the grandest rivers in the old country, but there is no comparison, although centuries of culture have adorned the banks of that great river with works of art of every kind. The Danube has not the grand, massive banks which the Mississippi has, and her banks are not the picturesque works of nature's most beatiful art which those along our river are.

"St. Paul is unusually endowed by nature, and steps should be taken to maintain as many of the beautiful spots about the city as possible in their present native wildness. Nature is far more beautiful than artificial adornment. Berlin is a beautiful city, but it is all artificial. Of course, it had to be so, for it was built on a sand plain. Paris is the only city in Europe where there is a great deal of nature. They have some immense groves there still in their native wildness, and thousands of people enjoy them daily."

HE GOES TO MEET RETURNING TROOPS

Gen. Kobbe Leaves for a Week's Stay at Fort Meade.

Brig. Gen. W. A. Kobbe, in command of the Department of Dakota, and his son, Capt. Ferdinand W. Kobbe, of the Twenty-first infantry, will leave today for Fort Meade, S. D., on a tour of inspection.

The new buildings at Fort Meade, which have been in process of construction for some time, are nearing completion, and Gen. Kobbe will spend a week in looking them over. He will also investigate the preparations being made for the second squadron of the Sixth cavalry, which recently returned from the Philippines, and has been assigned to Fort Meade, where Col. Allen Smith is now in command of the first squadron of the regiment. The second squadron left San Francisco Saturday for Fort Meade. The force will be doubled, and the largest that has been at Fort Meade for years.

TWO PAY BIG PRICE TO SEE THE DOG FIGHT

One Pleads Guilty and Is Fined $50, and the Other Forfeits $50 Bail.

Richard Malcolmson, arrested in connection with the dog fight raided by the police in Merriam Park Sunday afternoon, was fined $50 by Judge Hine yesterday on pleading guilty to witnessing the contest. Joseph Russell, another of the men arrested, forfeited $50.

Joseph Connors and William Leonard, the other two arrested, pleaded not guilty, and their cases were continued till Wednesday.

Falls Unconscious on Street.

John Harris, 456 East Seventh street, ex-jailer of the Central police station, was seized with a fit yesterday afternoon on Wabasha street, at the corner of College avenue, and was removed to the city hospital in the police ambulance in an unconscious condition. Harris remained in a serious condition at the hospital last night, but it is not thought that his illness will prove fatal.

COMES UP TONIGHT

City Legislators Will Again Discuss Gas Franchise.

The members of the assembly and the board of aldermen acting jointly will consider the new gas franchise this evening. They will meet as a committee of the whole.

Assemblymen say the public is not taking sufficient interest in the measure, involving, as it does, the pocketbook of every person who uses gas, and to arouse this interest a committee of citizens will likely be asked to submit views.

Such a proposition was made at the last meeting of the assembly by Assemblyman Van Slyke, and he will likely insist on it at the meeting this evening. He wants a committee of about twelve, composed of leading citizens, to take the measure, discuss it and report their views.

It is expected that the franchise committee, which spent several months trying to find what advantage to the public it could obtain for a new gas franchise, will submit a bill of expenses this evening. The stenographic and typewriting work on the voluminous report submitted by the commission will be the largest item.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HAVE A CANE RUSH

Resent School Board's Action in Cutting Off Their Amusements.

The freshman and sophomore classes of the Central high school had a cane rush at forenoon recess yesterday. Dr. Robinson, the principal, got a tip that something was going to happen and stood around outside the building for most of the recess, but was called inside about five minutes before school recommenced. The moment he disappeared through the doorway a cane was produced and flung into the air. Before it could touch the ground several of the boys had grabbed it. According to previous arrangements, there were to be two five-minute halves, and the scrap was very lively until the timekeepers called time. Just as they were about to count hands Dr. Robinson appeared, and, jumping into the crowd, secured the cane and took it to his office. As there were no other canes or sticks to be had, the rush had to be called off for the time being, but the boys say this is not the last of the affair.

This is believed to be the first cane rush in the history of the school. The boys say it would not have occurred if the board of education had not shut out so many of their other means of amusement.

LOSES DAMAGE CASE AGAINST RAILROAD

Court Rules That Roads Do Not Have to Use Safest Appliances.

In an opinion handed down yesterday in the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of Eva L. Briggs against the Chicago & North-Western Railroad company, the decree of the lower court in favor of the defendant is sustained.

Suit was brought by Mrs. Briggs in the federal court in North Dakota against the Chicago & North-Western for damages arising out of the death of her husband, who was a locomotive fireman on a train which was wrecked by running into a herd of cattle. Briggs was killed and the wife sued for damages, alleging that the engine was not equipped with a proper pilot.

It was shown that the long pilot which had been on the engine had been replaced by a stub pilot, but the change was made in order that the company might comply with a law requiring engines to be equipped with coupling attachments at the front.

The lower court held that the company was not compelled to use the very safest appliances so long as they were "reasonably safe," and the jury was directed to return a verdict for the defendant company.

The lower court is upheld in its contentions by the opinion of the court of appeals filed yesterday.

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Training Schools Receive Appointment.

Warrants were issued yesterday by the state officers in favor of the schools which are entitled to state aid as high schools having normal instruction extension. The schools which come under this classification are but seven in number and consist of the teachers' training school of St. Paul and the high schools of Dodge Center, Red Wing, Winona, Sauk Center, Park Rapids and Hastings. Under the apportionment of this year they receive $750 each from the state.

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