

CITY NEWS

The temperature at 2:30 a. m. was 8 above zero, a drop of 6 degrees since 8 p. m.

Will Elect Officers—Court Friendship, I. O. F., will meet this evening at Central hall to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Good Templars' Basket Social—Twenty-ninth Century lodge, I. O. G. T., will hold a basket social this evening in Central hall.

State Art Society Meeting—The governing board of the State Art society will hold a regular meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock in room 19 at the capitol.

Case is Settled—A settlement has been effected in the suit brought against the city by Jacob L. Smith, who sought to recover \$2,500 damages for injuries sustained.

Civic League Meeting Postponed—The meeting which was to have been held at the Commercial club tomorrow afternoon by the Civic league has been postponed until after the holidays.

Hennepin Collects a Million Taxes—Hennepin county yesterday reported to the state auditor taxes of \$1,002,302.22 collected in the four months closing Oct. 31. The state's share is \$371,523.89.

University Has 3,000 Students—The directory of the state university, just issued, shows that more than 3,000 students are attending the school. Of this number St. Paul furnished 340 and Minneapolis 650.

Chimney Fires Cause Two Runs—Two chimney fires, one at 421 West Seventh at 6:50 o'clock, and the other at 628 John street at 8:30, furnished runs for the first department last evening. In each case the damage was slight.

Will Address Showworkers—Collis P. Lovey, of St. Louis, second vice president of the Boot and Showworkers' International union, will address a meeting of the St. Paul showworkers' union at Federation hall Saturday evening.

Cathedral School Temperance Meeting—At the Cathedral school this evening an open meeting will be held by the Sacred Thirst Total Abstinence society. An address will be made by A. W. Guttridge, and in addition there will be a musical programme.

Fair and Christmas Sale—The ladies of Unity church will hold a fair, or Christmas sale, in the church club rooms on Saturday, beginning at 11 a. m. All sorts of useful and fancy articles will be on sale, and a chicken pie dinner will be served at noon.

Attended Dedication Ceremonies—Gov. Van Sant, Cyrus Northrop, president of the state university, and J. W. Olson, state superintendent of public instruction, were at Winnebago city yesterday for the dedication of Parker college, a denominational institution. All three delivered addresses.

Gets Verdict Against Hotel—Mrs. Emma D. Farham, of Charles City, Iowa, who brought suit against the management of the Ryan hotel to recover \$181.50, which amount she claims was stolen from her while a guest at the hotel, was given a verdict for the full amount by a jury in the district court yesterday.

Traveler Gets Into Trouble—John Soutch, who stopped in St. Paul Tuesday on his way to Montana, was in police court yesterday for disturbing the peace on Seventh street the previous evening. Being the possessor of 4,500 shares of American and Kootenai mining stocks, he tendered that as bail, but Judge Hine refused the offer and released the prisoner.

Elect Officers—Railway Clerks' Council No. 100, Royal League, last evening elected officers. Officers were: Archon, G. E. Zumbwinkle; past archon, P. J. Pheneey; orator, D. Brundit; scribe, G. I. Myron; collector, J. C. Sladek; treasurer, J. N. Dineen; prelate, J. H. Hill; guide, J. A. Dolan; warden, P. N. Gely; sentry, F. J. Strausky; representative to the advisory council, J. T. Mahoney; alternate, P. J. Pheneey.

WAS DUE TO POISON

Autopsy Reveals Cause of Mrs. St. Germain's Death.

An autopsy performed yesterday by Drs. Whitney and Pinnel over the remains of Mrs. Mary St. Germain, who died suddenly in a mysterious manner at her home, 706 York street, Tuesday, revealed that her death was due to carbolic acid.

Acting Coroner Whitcomb said yesterday after receiving the report of the autopsy that he considered further investigation unnecessary, as it appeared Mrs. St. Germain mistook the acid bottle for one containing a medical preparation which she had been using for sore throat.

SONDERGAARD TAKES STATE BUTTER PRIZE

Scores 97 in Competition for the Past Month.

Mads Sondergaard, of Hutchinson, who won the national championship among buttermakers in the competition at Chicago a few weeks ago, took first prize in the Minnesota state contest for this month. The awards were announced yesterday, as follows:

First—Mads Sondergaard, Hutchinson, McLeod county. Score, 97.

Second—J. W. Koepsell, Lewiston, Winona county. Score, 96 1/2.

Third—Alfred Schroeder, La Fayette, Nicollet county. Score, 96.

Mr. Schroeder, who takes third prize this month, won first in the competition of last month. Therefore he leads all other competitors thus far for average score for the twelve months.

TWO-STORY DWELLING IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Three Families Are Driven From Homes by the Flames.

A two-story house, at 1319 Hewitt avenue, occupied by H. G. Hubbard, Frank and William Kain, and their families, was destroyed by fire which broke out on the second floor yesterday afternoon.

SAVING THE BLOCK FINAL ADOPTION

Republican Assemblers Give Notice That the Budget as Approved Can't Go.

Table with 2 columns: AS APPROVED BY ALDERMEN, and amounts for various funds like Interest fund, Sinking fund, Redemption of bonds, etc.

Last night the two council bodies, in informal session, adopted next year's municipal expense list as received from the conference committee with an addition of \$20,000 for the water department, making a total of \$2,806,800.

Assemblyman Arnold, Schurmeier and Wheeler, Republican members of the assembly, voted against the final adoption, and they gave notice that they will reach their body for confirmation they would vote against it, unless the \$20,000 additional was stricken out.

If these three members stick to their determination the budget cannot be passed by the assembly, as a three-fourths majority is necessary. The board of aldermen, before adjourning for the evening, gave the list its official sanction. The assembly will meet Friday to pass on the measure.

It was nearly midnight when the two council bodies concluded their informal session of the budget. From the start protests were lodged against the various appropriations by the Republican members. Assemblymen Arnold, Schurmeier and Wheeler took the initiative, while at times their efforts were seconded by Assemblyman Rosen, another Republican member, though Assemblyman Rosen refused to participate in the vote on the final confirmation was taken. He then announced himself satisfied.

The water supply fund, on which the three Republican members threaten to bolt unless the \$20,000 decided upon is reduced to \$5,000, the figure agreed upon by the conference committee, brought out the first vigorous kick when Assemblyman Rosen announced it made \$40,000. Secretary Caulfield lent his voice to the plea and Thomas McDermott followed him.

"To improve our water supply, and unless you provide this money we cannot lay needed mains in the city," Mr. Caulfield told the members.

Give Notice That They'll Block It.

The proposed appropriation was voted down, the Democratic members advised the assembly that they would propose a compromise. He advised the addition of \$20,000, making the appropriation \$25,000 in all, and this was agreed to. Assemblymen Arnold, Schurmeier and Wheeler, however, voting in the negative. It was on the announcement of the vote that Mr. Schurmeier informed the members that he and Assemblymen Arnold and Wheeler held the whip hand and proposed to exercise it when the budget came up for final passage. He intimated that he and his colleagues intended to vote very heavily against the correction of other items which they were not satisfied with.

Mr. Schurmeier fired his first protest at the fighting fund, which the conference committee had placed at \$179,000, but no one backed his kick. He wanted the amount reduced. His next protest was directed at the printing and stationery fund of \$30,000, while he received support, the kick did not avail.

"What is the use of spending money for penknives and other useless stuff," asked Mr. Schurmeier, "when the clerk's office 600 volumes of Law of 1886 that have never been used. They are all bound in leather and cost the city a pretty penny."

"It is not cent too much," answered Comptroller Betz. "The amount appropriated is really not enough."

Assemblyman Wheeler wanted the figure placed at \$25,000, but eight Republican members of the assembly and nearly every item contained in it was made the target for protest.

Assemblyman Arnold objected to the item for armory maintenance, and he was the only one to vote against it, but in the kick he was seconded by Assemblyman Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler voted for the appropriation, but said he did not feel that he was doing right.

When the appropriation of \$47,000 for the completion of the new armory came up, both Assemblymen Arnold and Wheeler entered a protest, but Assemblyman Wheeler's negative was his one heard when the final vote was taken. Assemblyman Wheeler said he thought the council had been misled by the armory board, which he claimed had informed it that no more money would be needed when the bond issue was authorized and the contracts for the building let.

To an appropriation of \$15,000 for the improvement of Harriet Island, Assemblyman Arnold raised a lively kick and he was supported by Mr. Wheeler, who was to tell what this money was to be used for.

A Little Repartee.

"Doctor," asked Mr. Arnold, when Health Commissioner Ohage had given the information demanded, "can you assure us that if we give you this money it will be the last you will ask for?"

"Yes, I can honestly assure you, Mr. Arnold, that it will be the last time I will ask you for money for Harriet Island," answered Dr. Ohage, speaking slowly and giving decided accent to the "you."

Mr. Arnold's face reddened as the truth increased and the point dawned on him. "I insist on an answer, Dr. Ohage. I think this council should be entitled to your confidence," Mr. Arnold added.

"My confidence is always at your service," answered Dr. Ohage. "Dr. Ohage, and I hope I have made myself clear to you. I will have to say, however, that while I have no opinion on the future, yet I hope to see

more than \$50,000 spent on Harriet Island before I die."

When the vote was taken on the appropriation, Mr. Arnold was the only one who voted in the negative. Assemblyman Schurmeier next made an assault on an appropriation of \$15,000 for the construction of local improvements where property is exempt from assessment, but he failed. A similar kick was registered against \$20,000 for cross-walks, but that also failed.

The betterment fund of \$15,000 was criticized by Assemblyman Schurmeier, Arnold and Rosen, but they were alone in the vote taken to repeal it. This is an emergency fund for the engineering department.

West Seventh Macadamizing.

For the macadamizing of West Seventh street to Fort Snelling the conference committee had provided \$24,000. Assemblyman Schurmeier wanted the amount cut. Commissioner Van Hoven, of the board of public works, showed that the improvement was a very necessary one and if the amount was cut the improvement could not be made. Aid. Rohland, who, with Mr. Van Hoven, is responsible for the appropriation and the general movement to get the street improved, corroborated Mr. Van Hoven's statement. The cut requested was not made.

Assemblyman Schurmeier tried to have inserted an item of \$5,000 additional for the St. Paul exhibit at the St. Louis fair, but failed. Assemblymen Arnold and Wheeler, however, combined alone voted with him for the increase.

Mr. Schurmeier then tried to have \$10,000 inserted in the budget for the recoupment of losses suffered by the failure of several banks some years ago, but it failed. An attempt on his part to cut the item of \$30,000 for unforeseen and miscellaneous expenses met a like fate.

The assault on the budget last night by Assemblymen Arnold, Wheeler and Schurmeier, it is said, was a prearranged affair. In the majority of the protests they were a unit and also in an effort to secure several additions, which had no chance of winning at any stage of the game.

PLANS A CONEY ISLAND FOR ST. PAUL PEOPLE

Large Amusement Park Will Be Opened on University Avenue.

Plans were filed last yesterday afternoon with the building department by the Interurban Park company for its new amusement enterprise, which will be located at Fairview and University avenues.

Two or more blocks will be inclosed and an amusement garden similar to Coney Island will be established. A dozen or more enterprising features, which include a theater, a cave of wonders, toboggan slide, a miniature lake and a museum are contemplated.

The promoters informed the building department that \$125,000 will be invested in the new park. The street car company is understood to be behind the enterprise. Work is to be commenced as soon as the plans are approved by the building department.

JURY IN COAL CASE IS UNABLE TO AGREE

No Verdict Was Returned by the Jury at Midnight.

The jury before which Robert Loux, the Burr street fuel dealer, was tried in municipal court on charges of selling "short-weight" coal, went out yesterday afternoon, and failing to report at midnight was locked up for the night.

The trial was resumed yesterday afternoon, the defendant claiming that his scales were clogged with coal and that the short weight was caused by their failure to properly register the amount placed upon them. The state introduced Bernard Kartack, of Minneapolis, to prove that the condition of the scales would not cause them to weigh light.

ANNOUNCES NEW EDITORIAL STAFF

Central High Debating Society's Paper Begins Its Twentieth Year.

The newspaper committee of the Central High School Debating society has announced the editorial staff of the High School Debating Society for the year, which will be the twentieth. The issue will be published jointly by the outgoing and incoming staffs, in order to give the new editors a little experience.

The newly appointed staff is: Editor-in-chief, Howard Bishop; associate editor, Henry Horwitz; assistant editor, Walter Beckford; manuscript editor, Miss Beckford; manuscript editor, Miss Vera Putz; department editor, Malcolm McMillan, with half a dozen department editors.

Audit State Fair Accounts.

The state board of audit recently appointed by the governor to review the accounts of the state fair, and consisting of E. S. Smith, W. A. Rowing, and J. V. Brower, completed its work yesterday and will report to the governor today. Members of the board said, upon their return to the city from St. Paul, that they had found an excellent system of accounting, and the affairs of the association in excellent condition.

Mrs. E. Milton Ross Dead.

Mrs. E. Milton Ross, an old resident of St. Paul, died yesterday morning at her residence, 281 East Congress street, after an illness of six months. She was sixty-seven years of age and is survived by three sons, James, Thomas and Joseph Milton, proprietors of the Milton dairy. The funeral will be held from her late residence Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with services at Ascension church, Clinton avenue and Isabel street, at 2 o'clock.

Will Be Buried This Morning.

The funeral of J. C. McCarthy, who died at Bemidji Sunday evening, will be held this morning at 9 o'clock from the late residence, 219 East Congress street. Rev. Fr. O'Neil will conduct the services at St. Michael's church. The Junior Pioneers and the Druids will attend.

Pays the U's October Bills.

State Auditor Iverson has issued warrants for October expense bills of the state university, aggregating \$11,648.79, and for pay rolls of state institutions as follows: State training school, Red Wing, \$2,012.66; state training school agency, \$254.23; state industrial school, Owatonna, \$1,390.07; hospital for the insane, St. Peter, \$5,661.34.

Temperature Takes a Drop.

A considerable drop in temperature and a cutting wind made it seem like real winter last night. Colder weather will not feel Dr. Ohage, who said the weather will be threatening, with snow in the east and northeast portions today and a further drop in temperature in the west portion.

MUST MAKE ROOM FOR ALL GRADUATES

High Schools Are Crowded, but More Pupils Will Be Admitted.

Although all four of the high schools of the city are now said to be filled to their utmost capacity, room must be found somewhere at the beginning of the new semester, Jan. 25, for 375 additional pupils that will be graduated from the grade schools at that time.

There will be no large classes graduated from the high schools to make room for the new pupils, and it is believed that not more than twelve or fifteen in all will enter the high schools at the close of the first semester.

There are in all between twenty-five and thirty pupils in the four high schools who will have completed their work at the close of the current semester, Jan. 23, and who will then be entitled to their diplomas, but there are no graduation exercises at that time, and it is customary for a majority of such candidates to remain until the close of the school year and be graduated with the class of the year. It has been understood that there are about ten pupils at the Mechanic Arts school who desire to finish at once, but beyond those there will be very few leaving.

Big Class to Enter.

The number of pupils at each of the different grade schools, in the A eighth grade, and presumably to be graduated to the high school at the close of the current semester, is as follows: Webster, 33; Cleveland, 38; Franklin, 30; Van Buren, 24; Madison, 21; McKinley, 20; Jefferson, 20; Humboldt, 17; Hendricks, 17; Gorman, 17; Monroe, 15; Lincoln, 12; Jackson, 12; Edmund Rice, 12; McClellan, 10; U. S. Grant, 9; Nell, 9; Hancock, 9; Baker, 9; Longfellow, 9; Garfield, 8; Douglas, 7; Sibley, 6; S. J. Tilden, 2; Adams, 1.

"My graduates from the grade to the high schools, this year will be unusually numerous," said Supt. Smith last evening, "and enough of our high schools are crowded to the limit now, we must make room for the new ones, and that is all there is to it."

INSPECTOR IS ORDERED FROM POWER PLANT

Health Officer Is Forced to Leave Street Railway's Building.

Herbert Wallace, a health inspector, reported to Health Commissioner Ohage yesterday that he had been ordered out of the power plant of the street car company, where he had gone to inform the fireman, Michael Hurley, that he was violating the smoke ordinance.

Dr. Ohage informed the inspector that he had police powers and no one had a right to interfere with him in the discharge of his duty.

It was stated that Dr. Ohage had directed the inspector to fight, if he was interfered with, but Dr. Ohage denies giving any such advice.

"My police powers," said Dr. Ohage last night, "and I am not in the habit of ordering them to break the laws. They know what to do when they are interfered with."

Hurley, the fireman, told the inspector that he had been ordered to put him out of the station if he came around. Hurley is now under arrest for violating the smoke ordinance and his case will be heard Friday.

FOUR ARE INITIATED INTO JUNIOR PIONEERS

William J. Bazille Is Elected Marshal to Succeed the Late Julius Keller.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Junior Pioneers last night William J. Bazille was elected marshal to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Julius Keller, and William Louis Kelley Jr. was elected assistant marshal to succeed Mr. Bazille.

There were four new members initiated into the organization last night. The Junior Pioneers will turn out in a body and attend the funeral of Mr. McCarthy, which is to be held at 9 o'clock from St. Michael's church.

Refreshments were served following the meeting, and the programme of entertainment which had been provided for was postponed, owing to the fact that John C. McCarthy, a Junior Pioneer, is to be buried today. The Junior Pioneers will turn out in a body and attend the funeral of Mr. McCarthy, which is to be held at 9 o'clock from St. Michael's church.

TWO NEW BUILDINGS WILL BE OPENED

Fifth and First Wards Will Have Room for About 700 More Pupils.

At the beginning of the second semester of the school year, Jan. 26, the C. K. Davis and Phalen Park schools, both new buildings of eight rooms each, will be opened.

The Davis building is in the Fifth ward and the Phalen Park in the First, and as each will provide for between 350 and 400 pupils these sections of the city will have that much more school accommodation than now. In both cases the relief is badly needed and it is expected that the new buildings will be filled almost as soon as they are opened. Their chief usefulness will be in relieving other buildings that are overcrowded.

The Board of Education has opened Nov. 23, has four rooms and accommodates 160 pupils.

"BUDWEISER" WORLD'S BEST.

Imperial Scientific Commission Awards Anheuser-Busch's Beer First Premium.

The highest honor for quality of beer has been awarded to the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n of St. Louis, by the Imperial Scientific Commission at Prague, Bohemia.

The commission was appointed to investigate and analyze the various kinds of beer on the world's market. After some time spent in the work the commission in its final report stated that the Budweiser belonged the premium for purity and general superiority.

Brothers-in-Law Fight. Michael Lane and Michael Galvin, brothers-in-law, had a fight last night at their home, East Fifth and William streets. Lane received a black eye and Galvin's face was badly bruised. Both men were arrested by Patrolman J. Smith. They are charged with disorderly conduct.

2:50 a. pair real Ebony military brushes for 1.35

St. Paul's Silk Selling Store.

Field, Schlick & Co.

Entrances—Wabasha, Fourth, Fifth and St. Peter Streets.

75c new brass photo frame 43c

Extraordinary sale of women's winter coats

18.50 to 24.00 values at

The sale will begin this morning at 9 o'clock and the offer is made for today only. If all the coats, and there are 200 of them, are sold, good and well; if not, back they go to their original selling prices.

200 winter coats, brand new, strictly stylish and in over a dozen distinct styles, among them the new military effects, tight fitting corset coats and some of the very late box coat effects.

There are kersey coats, zibeline coats, chevrot and fancy tweed coats in all the fashionable lengths and there is an abundance of sizes if you come early in the day. Choice of tan, castor and black.

The 200 coats will be found on four great racks in the center of the suit room so that all can see them easily and make a choice without help.

The new holiday department for gift handkerchiefs

Is getting more pretentious every day. Greater space, greater display, greater stock and greater business. Remember in your Christmas handkerchief buying that this is the home of the celebrated

John S. Brown & Son's linen handkerchiefs

In St. Paul, and that when you buy linen handkerchiefs here you're buying the best in the world. Prices? All kinds of little prices, surprisingly little for the quality.

Women's—John S. Brown & Son's plain linen hemstitched—1/4 and 1/2-inch hems, priced as follows: 6 in box for 65c 6 in box for 1.00 6 in box for 1.50 6 in box for 2.75

Men's—John S. Brown & Son's plain linen hemstitched—1/4 and 1/2-inch hems, priced as follows: 6 in box for 1.40 6 in box for 2.00 6 in box for 3.00 6 in box for 3.75

A great and unusual sale

12 1/2c outing flannels and flannelettes at . . . 5c

There is at least 5000 yards in this collection for Thursday—3000 yards of 25-inch outing flannel, stripes, good qualities and styles.

Some are remnants and short lengths, but the bulk of them are in full pieces.

S. C. ANDRIST DEAD

Succumbs to Appendicitis After Brief Illness.

As a result of appendicitis, brought on through violent exertion a week ago, Samuel G. Andrist, president of the Retail Grocers' association, died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at Bethesda hospital.

Andrist, while shoveling snow from the sidewalk in front of his residence, was seized with such violent pain that he fell to the ground and called for help. He was carried into the house and Dr. V. J. Hawkins was summoned and found the patient suffering from acute appendicitis.

Andrist was well known in St. Paul, having resided in the city twenty-five years. Besides being prominent in the Retail Grocers' association, he was a member of the A. O. U. W., the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America.

He was born in New Georgetown, Ohio, in 1855, and came to Minnesota when a young man. He was employed as conductor on the Chicago Great Western for some years, and then entered the grocery business in partnership with John Lynch. During the past seven years he conducted a grocery store at 427 South Robert street. He is survived by his wife and four children.

The funeral will be from his late residence, 271 East Winifred street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment at Oakland cemetery.

NEGRO ROBS HARVARD STUDENTS' ROOMS

Son of Ex-Congressman Runs Afoul of the Federal Statutes.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 9.—Clarence Lee, the negro, who was arrested at Brocton yesterday, charged by the federal officers with obtaining by forgery registered packages from the mails and by the Cambridge police with larceny, valued at nearly \$2,000 from Harvard students and from express companies.

He said he picked up the students' closets with a jimmy. Lee claims that he is a son of ex-Congressman Lee, of South Carolina, and that he was sent to Harvard to complete his education. After attending three or four months he was left because of the death of his father.

The charge made by the federal authorities against Lee is that of representing another in the obtaining of registered letters from the Cambridge postoffice and thus obtaining forty-five tickets to the Yale-Harvard football game which were reported stolen.

SENATOR CLARK HAS BADLY MAIMED A TROUBLESOME EAR ON THE GRIDIRON

He Is Operated Upon and Will Be Kept Indoors for Weeks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, who has been ill in his apartments here for the past five days, was operated on for an affection of the ear today and will be confined to the house for at least three weeks. The operation was entirely successful.

Austrian Commission Named. VIENNA, Dec. 9.—Albert Desbrat, a department chief of the ministry of commerce, has been appointed Austrian imperial commissioner for the St. Louis exposition, and will sail for New York Dec. 15. Herr Desbrat was the Austrian representative at the international postal congress held in Washington in 1901. He speaks English perfectly. The government has increased its appropriation for Austrian representation at the exposition to \$200,000.

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