

WEATHER NEWS

The temperature at 2:30 a. m. was 5 below zero, a drop of 1 degree since 8 p. m.

L. O. T. M. Drill and Ball—An exhibition drill, followed by a ball, was given last evening by Dale Guards No. 55, L. O. T. M., at Bowley hall.

Duluth's Naval Reserve Project—E. D. Libbey, adjutant general, left last evening for Duluth, where he will spend the next two days in personal investigation as to the proposed naval reserve.

Grain Inspection Fees—S. G. Iverson, state auditor, has received from the state department of grain inspection \$7,345, representing the proceeds of a tax on Minneapolis district from Dec. 1 to date.

Gymnasium Fittings Arrive—Fittings for the new gymnasium at Fort Snelling have been received and the soldiers will soon have an attractive place for physical exercise.

Christian Endeavor Committee Meeting—The executive committee of the St. Paul Christian Endeavor union will hold a joint meeting with the reception committee at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening at 8 o'clock.

Organizes Church Choral Club—The Choral club, organized by Prof. Corliss at the East Presbyterian church, held a meeting last evening to arrange for a series of concerts. The president of the club is Frank Butterworth, and Miss Baker is secretary.

St. Peter's Church Men's Club—The men's club of St. Peter's church will be entertained Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. M. Smith, East Fourth street, Rev. Mr. Thomas, rector of All Saints, Minneapolis, will address the club.

Sues Street Railway for \$5,000 for Injuries—Suit has been brought against the street railway company by Herman Hoensch, who asks \$5,000 damages for injuries sustained by him when the excavation at College avenue and Wabasha streets, where the company is constructing a new building.

Will Discuss the Race Problem—Rev. Milton Waldon, pastor of the Institutional church at Jacksonvill, Fla., and Dr. D. L. S. Sommers, president of the Western college at Macon, Mo., will speak tonight at the Pilgrim Baptist church. They will discuss the "Negro and American Citizenship."

Accountants' and Bookkeepers' Association—The first regular meeting of the St. Paul Association of Accountants and Bookkeepers will be held this evening at the Commercial club. The officers are: T. C. Curtis, president; D. P. Whyte, vice president; F. W. Jackson, secretary; J. B. Healey, treasurer.

Gets Three Years for Grand Larceny—George Wilson yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny in the second degree and was sentenced by Judge Orr to three years in the penitentiary.

Street Car Catches Fire—Fire was discovered yesterday morning in a Mississippi and West St. Paul car at the corner of Fifth and Rosabel streets, and there was an immediate scramble by the passengers to get out. An overheated stove put the wooden framework about it on fire. Members of No. 12 engine company put out the blaze with a hand chemical apparatus.

Royal League Elects Officers—Last evening Minnesota Council No. 150, Royal League elected the following officers: Archon, Dr. John Davern; vice archon, F. E. Scott; orator, G. M. Ferne; past archon, J. L. Woods; scribe, W. J. Derrick; collector, Dr. E. E. Thielbach; treasurer, Dr. R. B. Leach; prelate, H. A. Johnson; guide, M. J. Carboz; warden, Gust Anderson; chaplain, W. T. Gundy; trustees, Fred Mason, J. S. Wood, W. W. Stivers; representative to the state advisory council, Fred Mason; alternate, J. S. Woods.

LIND VOICES DEMOCRATIC DEMANDS AS TO TARIFF

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and blessing to ourselves of such a market and doing what we can to cultivate closer commercial relations, we have objected because Canada sends a little cheese across the line into Minnesota and we continue to do all in our power to alienate this market and to bring about the closer commercial alliance between Canada and England for which Chamberlain is working. Persistence in our present selfish course, Mr. Lind insisted, could not fall eventually to drive Canada and England, as well as other nations, to retaliatory tariff measures and shut ourselves out from the last European market remaining. He declared it would be a sorry day for our country when Chamberlain succeeds in bringing about his schemes for an intercolonial federation.

Speaking generally of the tariff, Mr. Lind said that the time had passed for mere academic discussion of the tariff. Even admitting that protection was the best policy for the United States to have pursued up to the present time, the tariff must now be considered with reference to whether it is being continued for the best interests of home producers. When the tariff ceases to further the demand for home production, the speaker declared, it is time to change it. The effect of the American tariff schedules must be considered in the light of such facts as the barring of the American farmers from the greatest markets of the old world.

The statistics show that during ten months ended Oct. 31 England was about the only market for American products. We sold that country in round numbers 25,000,000 barrels, while Germany we sent only a few hundred thousands barrels, and to France only a nominal amount. So in this country the tariff on steel has ceased to encourage home production, operating as it does to keep up the price of the raw material to the thousands of small manufacturers who are thus cut off from making for the foreign or domestic market. The price of rails in this country is held by the pool trust at \$23 a ton, while the steel trust sells the same rails for a road at Allegha for \$22 a ton. The operation of our tariff, Mr. Lind said, is seen in the fact that we sold last year \$8,000,000 of home products to England, while the retaliatory tariffs of Germany and France have theoretically shut these products out of those countries.

Representative Lind was warmly congratulated on his speech by many of his Democratic colleagues and it was listened to attentively by many members of the Republican side.

—Walter E. Clark.

CASPER ERNST, FINANCIER, WHO HAS BEEN SOJOURNING IN THE COUNTY JAIL, WILL BE ARRAIGNED IN THE CRIMINAL BRANCH OF THE DISTRICT COURT TODAY AND WILL PLEAD GUILTY TO THE INDICTMENT CHARGING HIM WITH SELLING A FORGED MORTGAGE.

Casper Ernst will plead guilty to forger when arraigned in the criminal division of the district court this morning at 10 o'clock. This course has been decided upon by the court and the attorney, Stan J. Donnelly, and will be carried out when Ernst is brought before Judge Orr today.

This means that Ernst is face to face with a term in the penitentiary, but the extent of his punishment rests entirely with the court and he may get off with a sentence of three or four years.

His friends can hope to get him off with a reformatory sentence, but this is not considered probable on account of the magnitude of his swindling operations while handling other people's money.

The charge which the erstwhile financier will have to face when brought to the criminal court today will be that of forger in connection with the sale of a forged mortgage to Father William Stultz, of Sleepy Eye, Minn.

There are four other indictments against Ernst, charging forgery and grand larceny, but these, it is understood, will not be pressed if the banker will let his plans to plead guilty to the first charge.

The remaining indictments may be nolleed altogether, which would mean that the only punishment to which Ernst would be subjected would be that of serving the sentence which will be imposed upon him by Judge Orr after his plea of guilty has been received by the court.

"Guilty" His Only Plea.—The decision to enter a plea of guilty was arrived at by Ernst only after all other avenues of escape had been closed. It is admitted by the closest friends of the banker that the evidence against him is so overwhelming that he could not be overcome should any of the cases go to trial, and the only course left open was for Ernst to plead guilty and throw himself upon the mercy of the court.

This he will do today, and it is expected that his fate will be pronounced by Judge Orr before the end of the week.

Ernst has been a prisoner at the county jail for almost two months, and, forced to accept the inevitable, is said to be anxious to begin serving his term as soon as possible.

Casper Ernst's trouble commenced during the latter part of October, when he was placed under arrest upon a warrant sworn out by Father John B. Metzler, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., who charged Ernst with forgery and embezzlement in connection with the handling of money which had been entrusted to him for investment by F. A. Metzler.

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COMPANY BORROWS \$1,000,000 AND WILL SPEND \$3,500,000 IN IMPROVEMENTS.

Two new interurban lines, a cross-town line, a line to South St. Paul and extensions of other local lines, as well as improvements in Minneapolis and Stillwater, are assured, by the filing with the register of deeds yesterday of a mortgage for \$1,000,000 running from the Twin City Rapid Transit company to the Central Trust company, of New York.

More than one-third of the loan is to be used in improvements to be made during the coming year, the bulk of which are to be made in St. Paul. The immediate improvements contemplated by the company are:

To build and extend the Hamline line on Blair street.

To build a cross-town line in St. Paul on Snelling avenue, or on such other avenue or street as the common council may determine.

To build a line from St. Paul to South St. Paul.

To build and extend the Selby avenue line to the city of Minneapolis, as an additional interurban line.

To extend the Lafayette line to Phalen park.

To extend the line from Stillwater to South Stillwater, to be connected with the Stillwater-St. Paul line.

To extend the line from Wildwood to the city of Minneapolis.

To extend the Minneapolis line, Minneapolis, to Fort Snelling, and across a bridge over the Mississippi river, to connect with the St. Paul West Seventh street line, thus forming another interurban line.

To pay for the building of new steam and power plants, and new and additional car and repair shops, on such sites as may be selected in both St. Paul and Minneapolis.

To pay for the improvement of new equipment and other permanent improvements which are deemed necessary.

\$3,500,000 Will Suffice.—While the loan secured by the company is for \$1,000,000, it is expected that \$3,500,000 will be sufficient to pay for the improvements already planned, and the construction of which would be commenced in the spring.

The previous indebtedness of the Twin City company is given as \$10,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 falls due in the Twin Cities in the line of interest on these bonds when they become due, \$1,000,000 is reserved from the present loan and set aside for that purpose.

From this loan in itself there will remain the treasury of the company after the expenditure of the \$3,500,000 and the reservation of \$1,000,000 to retire maturing bonds, the sum of \$5,500,000.

This large reserve is stated by officials of the company to be significant of the intention of the company to keep in control of all the possibilities in the Twin Cities in the line of interurban traffic. There appears to be no definite plan beyond those outlined in the company's announcement, but it is known that the company will keep extended to suburbs as rapidly as business seems to warrant their construction.

The announcement of the company's intention to build many miles of new track in the Twin Cities, and that it had borrowed \$1,000,000 by issuing first lien bonds at 5 per cent, did not cause a great stir in Wall street. There it is recognized that traction companies must grow to keep up with their surroundings.

Will Lay Twelve Miles of Track.—About twelve miles of additional track will be laid this summer. None of the contemplated extensions is being built as a matter of speculation, but because there is a demand for them, and the company has the assurance that they will be paid for by the city.

These lines, it is stated, would have been constructed some time ago but for the fact that the company did not have the money to invest in them. The addition of the new power house in Minneapolis and St. Paul, at a cost of \$2,500,000, supplies the power for the extensions.

That the company has seen fit to issue first lien bonds rather than to increase the capital stock is said to be due to the fact that there is not a market for the stock of the company at the present time for the common stock, such as there was a year ago.

The \$1,000,000 loan secured from the Central Trust company, of New York, bears the date of Oct. 1, 1903, although it was not signed by President Lowry, of the Twin City company, until last week. It runs for twenty-five years, and will fall due Oct. 1, 1928.

Copies of the mortgage were yesterday filed with the registrars of deeds in Ramsey, Hennepin, Washington and Dakota counties.

WORKS HIS SCHEME JUST ONCE TOO OFTEN

Young Man Works Saloons for Drinks On Ingenious Plan.

James Casey, a seventeen-year-old plumber's apprentice, is the author of a new scheme to secure free drinks, and the law has not yet been able to get him.

Casey started out Sunday armed with a monkey wrench and visited several saloons. He would enter a toilet room and discharge the apparatus to cause an overflow of water, after which he would sneak out the back door and arrive at the front door again about the time the deluge was discovered and offer his services.

In return for his service he secured several free drinks in four different saloons. He was captured while trying the trick in the fifth place and arrested. His case was continued in municipal court yesterday.

SMALL TELEPHONE COMPANIES PAY TAX

State's Share of Gross Earnings Ranges From \$15 to \$100.

Several of the smaller telephone companies of the state have just remitted to the state auditor taxes on their gross earnings for the year at the rate of 2 per cent, as follows:

Grant County Telephone company, \$2,118.71 \$63.56
Elbow Lake Telephone Co., 1,947.05 58.41
South County Telephone Co., 1,875.00 56.25
Jordan Telephone Co., 579.55 16.19
Armstrong Telephone Co., 1,028.00 30.84
Midland Telephone Co., 675.00 20.25
Albert Lea Telephone Co., 3,425.00 103.75

HEADACHES FROM GOLD. Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. Get the genuine, call for the full name. 25c.

COUNTY BOARD FAILS TO SETTLE DISPUTE

Expensive Road Rollers May Return One of Those Two Costing \$975.

The board of county commissioners held a special meeting yesterday and tried unsuccessfully to settle the dispute which arose some weeks ago over the settlement for two rollers purchased by the county more than a year ago.

The price agreed upon at the time of the purchase was \$975, although the rollers were to have been offered for \$200 less shortly before the purchase was made.

Before it was customary for the county attorney to approve all bills submitted to the county, the board allowed \$500, leaving a balance of \$475, which the company that sold the rollers now desires to collect.

County Attorney Kane has held up the payment of this bill on the ground that the county had no right to purchase the rollers at any price, and he strongly intimated, a few weeks ago, that there was something suspicious in connection with the purchase.

At yesterday's meeting Attorney Mitchell, representing the Austin Western company, from whom the purchase was made, offered to compromise the settlement with the county by taking back one of the rollers without cost to the county, and Mr. Kane intimated that such a compromise might be agreed to.

One of the rollers is in Commissioner Powers' district and the other in Commissioner Wright's, and each of these commissioners objects to the roller being returned to his district.

The settlement of the matter finally went over until Friday, when another meeting will be held for the purpose of disposing of it.

Disagree Over Bridge.—Another matter which came up for consideration at the meeting yesterday was the construction of a bridge over Phalen creek, on the Bald Eagle road.

When the board decided last fall to replace the old bridge over Phalen creek, it was planned to put in a steel bridge, but after bids had been twice advertised for, the park board stepped in and asked the board to build a concrete structure, one which would be artistic as well as serviceable.

A single arch concrete bridge was planned and advertised for, but when the park board looked the plans over the members were of the opinion that the bridge was not artistic enough, and a double arch bridge was asked for.

Yesterday County Surveyor Irvine submitted plans for a double arch concrete bridge, such as is desired by the park board, but when the commissioners learned that this bridge would cost more than \$10,000, there was considerable objection.

Commissioner Seng favored the more expensive bridge, but the other members were of a different opinion, and the matter went over until the next meeting.

J. J. McCarty appeared before the board in the interests of Acker post, G. A. R., and informed the members that the soldiers' monument in Summit place had been completed at a cost of \$9,000, and the county auditor was ordered to draw a warrant for \$1,500 to pay the county's appropriation for the monument.

ARNOLD JUBILANT OVER BUDGET DEFEAT

Babbles His Joy When Clerk of Courts Rogers is Busy.

Assemblyman Frank Arnold is proud of the part he played in tying up the city budget for the ensuing year, judging from an epigram in the clerk of courts' office last week.

Clerk of Courts Rogers was conversing with a Republican politician, when the door of his private office opened and he walked Assemblyman Arnold, who had been duly notified.

"Hello, Arnold," was Mr. Rogers' salutation. "What can I do for you?"

"For the Republican party," responded the elated assemblyman.

"Have a cigar, Arnold. By the way, what was it you asked to see me about?" inquired Rogers.

"Oh, nothing, except to tell you that," was the reply.

"That's all, eh? Well, I'm busy now," and after Rogers had bowed Arnold out, he shut the door tight.

STATE INSTITUTIONS TURN IN RECEIPTS

November Yields Nearly \$13,000 Revenue From This Source.

S. G. Iverson, state auditor, has received from the board of control a statement of receipts of public institutions for November, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Institution Name and Amount. Includes Asylum for the Insane, Hospital for the Insane, Hospital for the Blind, etc.

MANY WANT TO FISH THROUGH THE ICE

Already 126 Have Taken Out Licenses for This Form of Sport.

"I had no idea there were so many persons in this state who would want to establish fishing holes on the ice of our lakes," said S. F. Fullerton yesterday. "Since the lakes were frozen over there have been 126 of these licenses issued, and the applications come in each day."

Previous to this year it was illegal to fish from houses built on the ice, but a law of last winter legalized that practice and provided a fee of \$1.

COOLIES IN A RIG.—HONGKONG, Dec. 14.—During a coolie riot yesterday on the railway between Canton and Patsan the workshops were destroyed, the material looted and several Chinese killed. Soldiers from Canton restored order.

ALMOST EVERYTHING YOU SEE NOW IS A POSSIBLE GIFT

St. Paul's Silk Selling Store.

Field, Schick & Co.

The headquarters for holiday handkerchiefs

The third and last great importation of

John S. Brown & Sons' Irish linen handkerchiefs

for the Christmas 1903 business, has just been taken from the U. S. custom house. Large as the stock was before, this latest shipment places it immeasurably ahead of all other holiday handkerchief departments in the Twin Cities. The variety and selection exceeds even our own previous best—plenty now of all kinds, plain hemstitched, initialed, embroidered, lace trimmed, etc.

EXTRA—In the new shipment, 1,000 boxes, 6 in a box, women's pure linen, plain hemstitched, J. S. B. & Sons' handkerchiefs, 1/4 and 1/2 inch hems, Box of 6 for 65c

EXTRA—In the new shipment, 500 boxes, 6 in a box, fine initialed handkerchiefs, J. S. B. & Sons' linen, choice of men's or women's. Box of 6, worth 2.00, for 1.50

Women's John S. Brown & Sons' plain linen, finely hemstitched, 1/4 and 1/2 inch hems, priced as follows: 1.00 6 in fancy box for 1.50 6 in fancy box for 2.00 6 in fancy box for 3.00

Women's John S. Brown & Sons' hand-sewn initialed handkerchiefs, fine sheer linen, priced as follows: 6 in box for 85c Sheer or heavy linen, two styles initials, 6 in box for 1.50 French embroidered initial, with floral wreath, 3 in box, for 2.25

Gift waist patterns boxed

And what a rare, unusual lot this is; the greater part of them are imported waistings and few women but can tell the foreign ones at a glance. There are plain white and plain colors, in mercerized goods, also the richly figured and striped in color or white grounds. These materials are made to retail at from 50c to 1.25 a yard, and we've reduced them and classed them in lots as follows:

Full waist pattern in fancy box 1.00 Full waist pattern in fancy box 1.25 Full waist pattern in fancy box 1.50

A few at 1.75 and still a few very rare novelties at 2.00 each.

down quilts.

To the thousands who think of sensible, handsome and useful gifts, we would suggest "down quilts." They're sturdy, serviceable, and they would be artistic as well as serviceable.

Fine saten covered quilts, 6x7 feet, at 4.50 Fine saten covered quilts, 6x7 feet, at 6.00 Fine bordered down quilts, 6x7 feet, at 9.75 Silk covered down quilts, 6x7 feet, at 17.50

boudoir screens.

Covered with handsome art cretonnes in a big variety of colorings—pinks, blues, greens, reds, etc. These screens are fourfold and are each 5 1/2 feet high. Special price, 5.50

"Little Comfort" Sewing Machines

Remembering how these little wonders were sought after last year, we've got another supply. A year ago we could not supply the demand, and many had to wait weeks after Christmas to get their machines. Take heed and buy or order now.

Two styles, both do perfect work; don't think they are toys; they sew!

One is 1.75 the other with 3.50 speed attachment

The speed attachment means that it will go just as fast as the ordinary foot power machine.

The machines will be found at the notion counter.

TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL WILL BE WARMER

Heating Plants Fail and Pupils Get a Holiday.

By reason of the cold weather of the past few days there has been much trouble with the heating plants in some of the schools, and it was necessary to keep several of the buildings closed yesterday morning, and some of them all day.

Breakages in the steam pipes at the Humboldt and Irving, and the freezing of a water pipe at the Adams, made it necessary to close those buildings in the morning, while repairs were being made. Four of the rooms in the annex of the Cleveland school were found to be insufficiently heated, and the pupils were sent home until better provision could be made. At the Douglas building one room was found to be too cold for occupancy.

Cold Wave Has Done Its Worst In This Section.