

CITY NEWS

The temperature at 2:30 a. m. was 20 above zero, a drop of 2 degrees since 8 p. m.

The Clergy and Socialism—The Clergy and Socialism will be discussed this afternoon at 8 o'clock at Socialist hall, 7 1/2 West Third street by Thomas H. Lucas.

Venerable Resident Dies—Mrs. Charlotte Pomplun died Friday at her home, 587 Thomas street, at the age of ninety-two years. She was a resident of St. Paul for fifteen years.

Good Roads Society to Convene—The Minnesota Good Roads association will hold its tenth annual convention Tuesday at the Commercial club. Mayor Smith has been asked to speak.

Careless With Matches—A carelessly thrown lighted match set fire to bed clothes in the residence of Ernest Benson, 659 Jenks street, late last night, causing \$10 damage.

Rukard Hurd Improves—Rukard Hurd, 123 Nina avenue, who was operated on last Wednesday at the city hospital, is improving rapidly, but will be confined to the hospital for a month or more.

Will Erect Expensive Flats—Three new flat buildings, each containing six apartments of eight rooms, will be erected at the corner of Grand avenue and Avon street. The total cost will be \$55,000.

Child Dies on Train—The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frankly Hovener, of Dayton's bluff, died of pneumonia while en route to this city from Turtle Lake, N. D., on a train with his parents, to take treatment.

Elberbe Goes to Washington, D. C.—F. M. Elberbe, city building inspector, left last night for Washington, D. C., where he will attend the first convention of the National Building Inspectors' association, which will be held this week.

Gets Sixty Days for Immoral Conduct—Henry Grandewald, forty-five years of age, was sentenced to the workhouse for sixty days by Judge Finckh yesterday on the complaint of West side school girls, who alleged immoral conduct on his part.

Parker Pleads Not Guilty—David Parker, the colored youth who killed Fred Watson in his father's barn on the night of Feb. 12, was arraigned in the police court yesterday and entered a plea of not guilty. He waived examination and was held to await the action of the grand jury.

H. A. Monroe Gets Appointment—H. A. Monroe has been appointed immigrant inspector, and will be stationed at Anacortes, on the British Columbia border, having stood highest among a large number of candidates in a competitive examination. He is a letter carrier and head Minnesota consul of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Will Talk of Gen. Grant—Rev. Frank C. Bruner, of Chicago, post chaplain-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic will deliver an address on Gen. Grant at a meeting of the Men's League of the First Methodist Church, Dayton avenue and Third street, this evening at 8 o'clock. Gov. Van Sant will also speak.

New Black Maria Has All the Comforts—The new "Black Maria," approved by the police commission Friday, will be placed in commission Monday. The van cost \$700 and is fitted with plate glass windows. Lieut. Frank Horn, of the police department, suggests that reading lamps be placed in the berths, to complete the comfort of prisoners being conveyed to the workhouse.

RAILROADS REPORT EARNINGS TO STATE

Soo Will Pay 3 Per Cent Tax on Earnings Amounting to \$2,369,868.

Three railroads yesterday reported on their gross earnings for 1903 to the state auditor. The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Sault Ste. Marie reported earnings in Minnesota for the year of \$2,369,868.25, and the 3 per cent tax yielded the state \$71,096.04. In the previous year the Soo's gross earnings for Minnesota were \$2,048,871, and the tax was \$61,466.13. The Dubuque & Sioux City, leased by the Rock Island system, reported earnings of \$72,084.87, on which it paid a tax of \$2,162.55. The total tax on the earnings of \$28,487.65 paid a tax of \$854.53.

WILL TELL THEM HOW TO PRESERVE HEALTH

Physicians Will Address Society of Memorial Lutheran Church.

The Young People's Society of the Memorial Lutheran church has arranged for a series of lectures on medical subjects for the benefit of its members. Some of the leading physicians of the city have volunteered to lecture on their specialties. The course is systematically planned to take up the different systems of the body in a logical order, to show how the body is constructed and to aid in the preservation of better health in the community.

On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the class will meet at 115 Iglehart street where a lecture on the care of the teeth, opening a course on food and digestive organs, will be delivered by a leading dentist of the city.

When Women Have Their Say.

A farce comedy will be presented at the Odeon hall Thursday evening, Feb. 25, for the benefit of the building fund of St. Paul's Universalist church. The cast of the production, which is entitled "The New Woman," includes about thirty women. The scene is laid in the United States senate a century hence, with women as the country's lawmakers.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of the state with the Shaweese company. The capital stock is \$200,000, and the principal place of business is Minneapolis. Albert Thom, G. W. Benjamin and Earl G. Benjamin are incorporators.

Articles of the Sacred Heart Church of Edinboro, Otter Tail county, have also been filed. Bishop James Trobec, of St. Cloud; Edward Wild and George W. Valentine Thoenes are named as the incorporators.

Soldiers Unseasonably Clad.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 20.—The First and Second battalions of the Twenty-ninth infantry left here today for Fort Sheridan. The Third battalion has gone to the Columbus barracks. The men are not equipped with winter suits, but are wearing the khaki uniform in which they came out of the Philippines. Maj. Hope, who has charge of the men, says that after their arrival at Fort Sheridan the men will be excused from guard duty and compelled to remain inside the barracks until they are furnished with a proper issue of winter equipment.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVICE

Issues Statements Requesting Suggestions as to High School Studies.

The people are asked by the board of school inspectors for suggestions as to how the problems with which they are confronted are to be solved. The questions under consideration relate to high school conditions and the rearrangement of exercises in the several grades of the city schools.

"The members of the board wish to have the advice of the public on these matters which are of vital interest to all, and they do not wish to proceed to make changes which are felt to be necessary before they have secured a popular expression of opinion," said School Inspector Charles A. Fisher, chairman of the committee.

"The investigation has revealed clearly what has been known for a long time, that the present high schools are cramped and that more space is needed. The manner in which we are to solve the question of providing the required facilities will depend upon the responses which we will receive."

The statement follows: At present we have four high schools, the oldest being the Central high school, located on Tenth and Minnesota streets; following in order of enrollment are the Mechanic Arts, Central and Park avenues; the Cleveland, Walsh avenue and Jenks street, and the Humboldt, Livingston and Selos street.

For the purpose of showing the condition of these schools the board has prepared a statement of the size, high quality and cost of maintaining each of the schools.

Expenses of Four High Schools. The Central high school has thirty-three classrooms, with four laboratories and six shop rooms. The rooms range in size from 15x17 to 20x40. The average daily attendance is 1,107.4, and the number of teachers forty. The cost of janitors' services is \$1,808.23; fuel, \$1,808.23; supplies, \$1,200; teachers' salaries, from Sept. 1903, to February, 1904, \$20,219; total expenses, \$44,824.73. The per capita cost last semester, \$22.38; per capita 1902 and 1903, \$42.02.

The Mechanic Arts high school has fourteen classrooms, two laboratories and five shop rooms and the rooms range in size from 24x15 to 60x10. The average daily attendance is 387, and there are 22 teachers. The total expenses are \$14,363.03. The per capita cost, last semester, was \$37.11, and during the past two years, \$62.4.

The Cleveland high school has eight rooms, two laboratories, one shop room, and the rooms range in size from 11x15 to 31x60. The average daily attendance is 181, and the number of teachers, 11. The total expenses, \$7,470. The cost per capita, last semester, \$37.05, and last two years, \$59.01.

The Humboldt high school has eleven classrooms, one laboratory and one shop room, and the size of the rooms range from 11x27 to 37x40. The average daily attendance is 150, and there are 12 teachers. The total expenses are \$6,689.56. The per capita cost last semester was \$44.41, and the last two years, \$80.43.

The new building for high school purposes, and in consequence there are lacking facilities for the construction of a building, constructed at a very high school work. All the buildings are quite full. Principal Robinson, of the Central high school says:

"My impression is that our average enrollment is 181, and that the maximum capacity of the school that is usual in high schools. The truth of the matter is, the Mechanic Arts school has reached its limit; this occurred two years ago."

Principal Farnsworth says: "Our recitation rooms are too small to accommodate some of the classes that we now have, and we have no room in which to carry on the work of the business course, or our work in expression. We should at once have at least two ordinary class rooms for our work in the high school. We need a separate chemical and physical laboratories. We have but one basement room for manual training, and that with a very low ceiling. We should at least have one more room for wood work and one for iron work. These rooms may be secured at a heating plant is put in. Our great need is more room for our work, and the present building is much better adapted for school work than high school purposes."

We have no gymnasium, and the only assembly hall that we have is the high school room, now seated with 140 single desks, and used for high school purposes at all times.

Principal Baker says: "If we had more room there would be introduced one or more grades of domestic science, such as cooking, sewing, etc. As the girls far outnumber the boys, these additions to the course would benefit many. Our assembly hall is good, but small. We have no gymnasium. The attic, at small expense, could be fitted for gymnasium."

None of the high schools has ground upon which to plan additions. The conditions are such that some form of relief must be provided for the opening in September. This will, of necessity, be temporary, and can under no arrangement be satisfactory. Financial conditions will not allow at the present time measures looking to permanent relief, but we feel that the time has now arrived when our citizens must give this question the serious attention that its great importance demands. We feel that it would be quite impossible to rely upon mere expedients, providing from day to day, as circumstances compelled. Certain questions should be determined and a policy established that may give reasonable assurance of being continued indefinitely. Such principles should form the basis of this policy as would assure a safe investment of money and also the facilities for the proper amount and quality of instruction.

It is suggested that the following questions be determined: 1. Assuming that no change in the location of any of the schools is desirable, shall new buildings be provided for the Cleveland and Humboldt? 2. Assuming that no change in the location of any of the schools is desirable, shall new buildings be provided for the Cleveland and Humboldt? 3. Shall ground be purchased and additions made to the Central and Mechanic Arts?

Is New High School Building Needed? 4. Shall a new high school building be erected in such locality as to afford relief to the present high schools? 5. Is it desirable to make a change in the course of study in the Mechanic Arts high school? 6. Shall the present high school buildings, or two or three large high school buildings, or a new high school building and another, finely equipped, as a school of technology? 7. In this connection, and with a view of giving the largest opportunity for discharges, would it be in any way practicable or wise to establish one or more high schools for boys, and one or more for girls? 8. What change, if any, should be made respecting admission to the high schools; the studies to be pursued there, and the length of time required for graduation? The members of the board of school inspectors are forced to consider a serious condition and to take steps looking to immediate relief that will possibly require large expenditures. They desire to know the will of the people of St. Paul and to carry out faithfully arrangements that will be in the best interests of the community and, at the same time, be above

ST. PAUL'S SILK-SELLING STORE. Field, Scenic & Co.

Are you watching the arrivals of new wash cottons?

There is a tremendous activity in the new cotton dress goods and this activity has been intensified on the days when the sun came out with spring-like fervor. It is very evident that many women are watching the daily arrivals and planning the summer waists and wash suits, by the rapidity with which new things disappear. You will find loads of new stuff here—the latest things—the right things—and on Monday we'll make great special features to get you—every woman in St. Paul—into the domestic room.

18c best American chambrays at 12 1/2c 30c white cotton etamine at 19c

We expect this next item will make a sensation—it ought to when we offer you 20c new shirtwaist suitings at 9c. Why?

In finishing this cloth the manufacturer put in too much dressing, not a bit of harm done, it just means that you'll have to wash the goods before making it up. Ought to be done anyway in order to shrink. We have taken the precaution of washing large pieces of all the colors and it is the firmest, best woven piece of suiting ever sold at 20c a yard; there are blues, greens, tans and reds. Ask to see the washed samples. New regular 20c a yard shirtwaist suitings a yard Monday at 9c. There is plenty of it, we had to take a large quantity to get the littliest possible price.

White dress linens in the linen room—Especially reduced for Monday. Our very best \$9c quality—all colors, 24-inch, 69c. Our very best 1.25 quality—all colors, 24-inch, 98c. A fine guaranteed taffeta in all colors and black—the best lining for crepe de chine. Monday—ask for it—only 49c. Pongee and Tussore silks are in great demand. We have them from 65c to 2.00 a yard. Ask to see "Burlingham"—a new silk cloth.

Another extraordinary sale—another lot sample spring suits

Not less than one-third, very often more, saved on each suit

Mr. Morrissey returned from New York City Friday. Simultaneous with his arrival came another great purchase of "sample" suits. By tomorrow morning one hundred more new and fashionable suits will be ready for a great sale.

Nearly one-half of these latest suits are imported Paris and Berlin models, in which are found the highest attainment of the tailor's art, though you'll find that the American creations are but little behind the foreign in beauty of design and finish.

In this sample lot as in all true "sample lots" each suit is different—positively no two alike—thus you are saved the mortification of meeting a duplicate of your suit, face to face, at an awkward moment. Where is the woman who does not appreciate the importance of this "exclusive pattern" idea, to say nothing of the saving of one-third of the cost, which such a sale as this permits. How much to pay?

Any figure from 18.50 to 67.50

18.50 20.00 22.50 24.00 27.50 30.00 35.00 39.50 and on up to 67.50

Many a suit in the lot worth nearly as much again! Is the opportunity worthy? It cannot be duplicated this season! Make selection now!

For Monday at the all-wool flannel counter—a mixed lot of French chailies, cashmeres and imported wool flannels. A very pretty line, in beautiful soft colorings and the daintiest of patterns. Values up to 75c a yard. February clean-up price—39c. At the dress goods counters a leader of fine new mercerized waistings. From the curtain room 27 and 36-inch white curtain swiss..... 9c the yard

A silk petticoat occasion of exceptional interest

A dollar and a half to two dollars saved on a worthy silk petticoat is no small matter. Monday—all day long, if they last—we'll sell as follows: Regulation 6.50 new taffeta silk petticoats, in all the new shades, flounced and ruffled, for only 4.50. Taffeta silk petticoats, in black or colors; latest and most stylish effects and always 7.50—now 6.00.

Damask table sets nearly half price—Will sell just 50 sets Monday, and they are all fine Irish damask linen. A table set consists of cloth and one dozen napkins to match. We give you choice of three sizes—two, two and a half and three yards long—the napkins are 25 inches square; all 10.00 sets; Monday, all day, fake your choice at only 6.00.

the suspicion of waste, narrowness or undue bias of any kind. Studies in Grade Schools. Touching the second question, as to the studies pursued in the grade schools, we very earnestly desire to have an expression of opinion upon their practical value. Have we any studies in the course that should be discarded, abridged or enlarged? Are any unduly emphasized, to the injury of others, more important? Should the study of a language, other than English, be taken into the course below the high school, and, if so, should the language be Latin, German, French or Spanish? Should the time required for completing the work in the grade school be shortened to seven years, or increased to nine? Any suggestions that will assist the board of school inspectors in providing the most efficient and desirable systems of instruction for our city will be most gratefully received and most carefully considered. We respectfully urge everyone inter-

50 rugs---antique orientals. An important price cut for Monday. To see is to desire! There is not one of these 50 rugs but is irresistible even at its regular price. Think you they'll last all day Monday at the sale price? Choice of Kazaks, Moussouls, Beloochistans, Shirvans, Bokharas and Guengei, 25.00 each is the regular price—Monday only 17.50

An extraordinary exhibition of the new in silks

Any weave you want that's fashionable, any color you want, any sort of design and any price you want to pay. There is not a silk desire that can't be gratified at this silk department, if the desire is to be in accordance with the dictates of fashion for spring, 1904. (And never in the history of our silk business have we shown so many styles and color combinations.) Foulards are among the swellest things shown, and no two pieces are exactly alike—the color is different if the patterns are the same—for we determined to have them exclusive if possible.

New foulard silks 85c to 1.25 a yard. There are satin ground foulards—twilled ground foulards—Peau de Sole ground foulards—liberty ground foulards and brocaded effects.

Special—new foulards—jewel dot designs! A foulard made especially for shirtwaist suits—exclusive designs—and, think of it, these new ultra-fashionable silks will be placed on special sale Monday at 9:30—instead of 1.00, only 85c

Some of the things that 'will pay you to look for Monday: New 24-inch colored poplins, voile finish, made especially for waists and shirtwaist suits—the yard, only 1.38. Another new lot of 23-inch white wash taffeta, the 1.00 quality—the yard—59c. New 27-inch hairline stripe taffetas for shirtwaist suits, always 1.25 a yard. Sale price—79c. New 36-inch changeable hairline stripe taffetas, 1.50 quality, the yard—98c.

Our colored crepe de chines. Specially reduced for Monday. Our very best \$9c quality—all colors, 24-inch, 69c. Our very best 1.25 quality—all colors, 24-inch, 98c. A fine guaranteed taffeta in all colors and black—the best lining for crepe de chine. Monday—ask for it—only 49c. Pongee and Tussore silks are in great demand. We have them from 65c to 2.00 a yard. Ask to see "Burlingham"—a new silk cloth.

"misfit" carpet rug

will be on the floor Monday and a more desirable lot never came from the workrooms. Surely the savings are worth while when the sale price of the finished rug is nearly one-third less than the bare cost of the carpet used.

The quantities, the size, the prices: 3 Wilton rugs 9-5x12 ft., each worth 30.00, for... 20.00. 6 Wilton rugs, 8-2x10-0 ft., each worth 23.00, for... 17.00. 4 Wilton rugs 10-6x12 ft., each worth 36.00, for... 27.50. 2 Bigelow Axminster rugs 10-6x12 ft., each worth 40.00, for... 27.50. 3 Body Brussels 10-6x12 ft., each worth 35.00, for... 22.50. 4 Bigelow Axminster 8-2x10-6 feet, each worth 30.00, for... 20.00. 6 Brussels 8-3x11 feet, each worth 22.00, for... 15.00. 3 Brussels 5x11 feet, each worth 22.00, for... 16.00. On a payment of reasonable proportions rug will be held for the convenience of the customer.

Great is this dress goods stock

Great indeed! with a greatness that grows every day, for every day of the past three weeks the arrivals have been continuous. They are coming fast, the new fabrics, but it should also be borne in mind that they go fast; indeed, little breaks are now beginning to show in the lines of early arrivals.

In making a choice of suitings any light shade or coloring is good, for the tendency is strongly that way. Tans and grays, overlaid effects and mixed and bourette novelties are among the first things in tweeds, and tweeds are to be much in evidence for spring costumes—1.00 to 2.50 according to your purse.

New mohairs. Last year people wondered why the mohair makers didn't produce stripes, plaids and other effects in mohair. Those very things are here this spring, dozens of styles and they are pretty indeed. Blue and green plaids, checked mohairs, black and white cassimere effects; also brown and white and blue and white. Of course plain color mohairs are plentiful—here's a very special leader for Monday and quantity enough for a full day's selling: Mohair sicilian—browns, blues, grays, reds and black, full 50 inches wide—75c value 49c—Monday price, the yard.

Half-a-dollar for 1.00 shirts

Here's a sale of shirts that should pack the men's section to suffocation Monday, and don't wait until Tuesday and expect to find any, for there's just a little lot, a few dozen that are to be cleaned out. Furthermore, there is one size missing—size 15—but can't some of you 15 fellows wear a 14 1/2 or a 15 1/2?—look at the price... Fancy 1.00 shirts, medium length bosoms, open back and front, neatest of black and blue patterns, some stripes, all have a pair of cuffs to match, and the price is 50c.

Only two shirts of one size to any one customer and none sent on approval. Just a little clever pick-up of fine all-linen hemstitched handkerchiefs with handsome Sale Price Monday 25c each. That we ordinarily sell for a box of six 1.40 at 35c each, or box of six for 2.00.

Men's linen handkerchiefs

answered of such questions as may be handed in at the door of the church. "Hike" is Postponed. The Central High School Hikers' club postponed the "hike" to Prescott which they expected to take yesterday. Prof. Lange said that he could not be responsible for the health of the boys if they marched all day with wet feet from melting snow and slush, so the boys decided they would put off the "hike" until the snow froze again or melted off entirely. Your money is liable to be stolen or destroyed by fire when you keep it in the house or on your person. The State Savings Bank, 4th and Minn. Sts., opens accounts of \$1 and upward, and is safe beyond question.

The Diocesan Missionary Fathers, Rev. Joseph F. Busch and Rev. George A. Arcander, will open a mission for Catholics and non-Catholics at St. Patrick's church, Case and Mississippi streets, today at 10:30 a. m., to continue for two weeks, closing March 6. The main weekday services will be held at 7 p. m. and 8 p. m. The same subjects will be treated at the afternoon and

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