

# NEWS OF THE CITY

## WANT A RECIPROCAL DEMURRAGE LAW

### Members of St. Paul Board of Trade Think Rule Should Work Both Ways.

G. S. Loftus announced at a banquet of the St. Paul Board of Trade last night at the Commercial club that the executive committee of the Board of Trade had decided to make a fight before the next legislature for the enactment of a reciprocal demurrage law, such as is in effect in Louisiana, Texas, Virginia and other states.

"The need of a reciprocal demurrage law is keenly felt by all shippers at this time when so much difficulty is encountered in securing cars to carry our goods," said Mr. Loftus. "The matter has been considered by our executive committee and we have determined to make strenuous efforts to secure the service which we require. We have decided to conduct an organized fight to obtain redress from the discrimination which the railroad practice against us."

"We are suffering now especially from discrimination by the railroads in favor of Chicago and Lake Michigan ports. Orders are frequently issued by the roads to their agents to divert cars to those points in preference to this territory when there is a shortage of equipment, and we are compelled to wait for cars and are obliged to get along with a limited number even after protracted delays which seriously affect our business."

"While we must put up with these conditions now, we are compelled to pay demurrage when we hold cars beyond the limited time. The railroad companies assure us that the demurrage rule works to our own advantage in that it hastens the movement of cars and that we will have benefit of that in common with all other shippers."

**Think Rule Should Work Both Ways.**  
"It is all very well for us to pay the demurrage on cars which we hold, but we believe that the rule should work both ways, and that when cars are withheld from us and when our goods are delayed in shipment the railroad companies should pay a penalty on a basis equal to that imposed upon us for delay on our part."

"With the reciprocal demurrage law in force shippers would be protected from the measure of unjust discrimination in the matter of furnishing equipment. When a car would be ordered and a company would fail to deliver it within forty-eight hours a penalty would accrue and it would accumulate day by day till the car was at our disposal. The rule would also hasten the delivery of cars by requiring the payment of equal demurrage by the railroads as that paid by us on failure to release a car after forty-eight hours. If such a regulation was in force we would not have to pay demurrage on railroads are diverting their cars to Chicago and Lake Michigan ports in preference to this territory."

"The railroads, by a common law, to supply shippers with accommodations, but owing to the absence of a definite penalty the law may be violated without danger of incurring any penalty. We have now through the medium of protracted litigation, and even then the outcome is often doubtful, owing to the uncertainty of jury verdicts. We may now sue a railroad for failure to deliver goods which are damaged thereby, or in certain cases failure to supply cars, but the redress is remote and often never gained."

**Would Obviate Disputes.**  
"Were the reciprocal demurrage law in effect we would have a distinct rule to go by and no dispute could arise as to the liability of a railroad under it."  
The difficulties we have had in the matter of securing adequate freight service dates back to 1897, when the increase in traffic became so great that the railroads did not furnish sufficient equipment and service to handle the business. Some improvement has been made, but with freight congestions and discrimination in favor of other points to contend with we have suffered greatly and will continue to suffer till a remedy has been provided."

Mr. Loftus, speaking for the transportation committee, also complained of inadequacy of car service for hay shipments. He declared that during September and October, when shippers desire to move hay the railroads withhold the cars and that they have to wait frequently as long as three months before cars can be obtained. He also complained of unjust switching charges. He said that the minimum switching charges in Minneapolis is \$1, while in St. Paul it is \$2, \$3 and \$3.50 on different classes of commodities. He declared that a fight would be made against the Soo and Minneapolis, and that the St. Paul and Northern Pacific would be forced to reduce their switching charges to the level of the other roads.

# "KIDS" WRIGHT'S CAMPAIGN

## T. G. Walther of the Seventh Ward Is Made Chairman of the Committee.

The wheelmen of the city do not believe that they should be charged more than 50 cents a year for tags entitling them to ride on the bicycle paths, and to make this evident more than 1,000 of them have signed a petition demanding that this price be fixed.

An association has been formed and one big meeting held. On March 21, in Federation hall, another meeting will be held, at the same place, to which all riders are invited. It is expected that an organization of sufficient strength will be formed to secure the reforms asked for.

Among these is the demand that the tags not only be reduced to 50 cents each, but that they be placed on sale at the places of business of the various bicycle dealers and that the dealers be given a commission of 50 cents on each \$5 worth sold, and that the paths be properly policed.

A committee of one from each ward has been appointed as follows: O. H. Arosin, 187 East Seventh; Herman Scheffer, 406 Maple; H. P. Keller, Globe building; J. J. Conlin, 327 Washburn; A. J. Thiel, 145 South Washburn; Tom Bird, 67 West Seventh; T. C. Borg, 374 St. Peter; Dr. C. Nelson, 241 East Seventh; Frank E. Thayer, 1917 Waltham avenue; J. E. Olen, Payne avenue.

**ZIEGER FIGURES OFTEN IN DIVORCE COURT**  
**Is Suing His First Wife the Second Time—Was Prosecuted for Bigamy.**  
Barnet Zeiger, whose marital troubles have been published, has brought a suit for divorce against his first wife, Fannie Zeiger. Some years ago he obtained a divorce in Chicago, and later came to St. Paul and was married. His first wife also came to St. Paul, and after having the divorce set aside on the ground of fraud, had Zeiger arrested on the charge of bigamy. She re-arrested and Zeiger was discharged.

Later she had him arrested for non-support, and he is now out on bail, awaiting the action of the grand jury. Having temporarily separated from his second wife, Zeiger again sues for divorce, charging desertion.

**FIRE DESTROYS AN UNTENANTED HOUSE**  
**Dwelling in St. Anthony Park Is a Victim of the Flames.**  
An old and untenanted dwelling at the corner of St. Clair and Cleveland avenues was totally destroyed by fire at a late hour last night. The house, which was owned by William Hopkins, of St. Anthony Park, was one of the oldest in that part of the city and had been unoccupied for some time.

There was no way of getting water on the flames, as the hydrant was too distant, and not long after the fire was done was to call the residents in the vicinity and form a bucket brigade. The dwelling could not be saved. It is not known whether there was any insurance on the property.

**INJURY OF A YEAR AGO PROVES SERIOUS**  
**Cyprien Dufault, Hurt in a Runaway, Is in Critical Condition.**  
Cyprien Dufault, a grocer living at 568 St. Anthony avenue, is in a precarious condition in St. Joseph's hospital, as the result of a runaway accident that happened last year.

"The injury received during the runaway was thought at the time to be of a trifling nature. Not long after Dufault was seized with pains in his head and was compelled to seek the aid of a physician. He continued in poor health till recently, when his condition grew serious. His teeth became ulcerated and he had eight of them pulled. The tumor which had developed in his mouth, a few days ago he was removed from his home to the hospital."

Mr. Dufault is well known on St. Anthony avenue, having kept a store there for several years.

**FLAMES DESTROY THE GLADSTONE HOTEL**  
**Guests Escape With Their Lives and Some of Their Clothes.**  
About thirty persons, including the proprietor, Edward Shaughnessy, had to make a hurried exit from the Gladstone hotel at Gladstone yesterday morning 5 o'clock owing to fire.

Little of the furniture was saved and most of the guests lost all their clothes they were able to snatch in haste. The citizens of the suburb fought the fire for two hours, but the structure, a two-story frame building, was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$9,000. The origin of the fire was a defective chimney.

**NEW INCORPORATIONS.**  
Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the secretary of state of the Morgan Farmers' Elevator company, of Morgan, Redwood county. The company will store and handle grain. The capital stock is \$100,000, divided into shares of \$25 each, and the incorporators are A. P. Meigs, C. M. Bendixen, Albert Dahmes, William H. Baizer and Hayden Cole are the incorporators.

**Ward Is Made Chairman of the Committee.**  
Theodore G. Walther, of the Seventh ward, former fire commissioner, was named chairman of the committee on campaign manager. He took the place that had been slated for W. B. Webster. Mr. Webster expected that he would be offered the position and given an opportunity to accept or refuse, but he waited in vain for the summons to assume the reins. Instead of being placed at the head of the campaign, Webster was given the name of chairman, being classed as the Ninth ward member.

It is not expected that Mr. Walther will give very much time to the campaign, and therefore the "kids" showed their wisdom in the second move that they made. Dr. E. H. Haas, a dentist, of the Third ward, and one of the high priests in the crowd now rulling and Republican politics, was chosen as vice chairman. Haas is expected to be the real representative of the "young fellows," the name the crowd has given to the campaign. The campaign will really be run by Dr. Haas and according to his idea, as the makeup of the entire committee is such that he will be backed up in every move that he makes.

In the Fifth ward, what is known as the Selb crowd, got a jolt from F. J. Wright, the Republican local candidate for mayor. Johnny Selb was slated for the position, H. E. Bigelow, the former county attorney, having retired in his favor. But Col. Wright was not listed to the mention of the name of Selb, having for some reason formed a strong prejudice against the young attorney, the objections of the candidate for mayor having been so strenuous that his words reached the corridors and became public property. Louis F. Schultz, defeated candidate for the Republican nomination for the assembly, had listed to the mention of Selb. Some of Selb's friends later roundly denounced Col. Wright for his interference.

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Chairman-Theodore G. Walther; Vice-Chairman-George G. East; Local At Large-George F. Dix, Sixth ward; H. C. McNair, Seventh ward; Hugh T. Halbert, Seventh ward; F. J. Wright, Fifth ward. The ward committeemen were named as follows: First ward, W. L. Ames; Third ward, Dr. E. H. Haas; Fourth ward, William B. Bazille; Fifth ward, William B. Bazille; Sixth ward, William B. Bazille; Seventh ward, Theodore G. Walther; Eighth ward, William A. Gerber; Ninth ward, William A. Gerber; Tenth ward, F. E. Schuetze; Eleventh ward, F. E. Stevens.

The meeting at which there will be a formal organization of the committee is subject to the call of the chairman. At these meetings there will be a secretary and assistant secretary. Charles R. Parker, of the Fourth ward, it was announced after the meeting, is slated for the position, but the candidates will find that there is strong objection to this plan among some members of the Republican party.

Magnus Norman, of the First ward, is at present secretary of the campaign committee, and his resignation was accepted. It is his purpose to retire. It is known that he would take the place if it were given to him. He was followed by one or two of the candidates after the meeting last evening that they feared that something would happen. The First ward if Norman is turned down without some good excuse having been made to the public, a Tawney of the circumstances it is claimed by Norman's friends that they will have but one course open to them, and that is to fight the ticket.

The appointment of George F. Dix to represent the Sixth ward created the most intense dissatisfaction among the members of the party in the making of the ticket. Upon previous occasions Dix, so even the men responsible for the party while in power, has made enemies for the party while in power, and for that reason insisted that Dix was the man for the place, and succeeded in naming him.

**FOOD'S WORK.**  
**How It Cured Paralysis.**  
Paralysis comes from weak nerves and bad blood, and is often cured nowadays by proper feeding.  
"For fifteen years I was an invalid, haven't walked a step for over twelve years, not able to move my feet, or even my toes."  
"But recently a wonderful thing has happened, for I had never expected to have the use of my limbs again; a four months' diet of Grape-Nuts Food for breakfast and supper made the change, and now just think of it, I can move my toes freely on my feet, and a little on the right foot, and can let the foot piece on my chair down and swing my feet vigorously, which I think is a wonderful improvement for the time I have used the food."  
"And that is not all! My blood and my stomach are so much better I am confident my trouble came from too much rich food and overstrain of the nerves, but my nerves are much better, my mind is clearer and I don't forget things like I did. It must be the food, for I stopped taking medicine years ago for the paralysis."  
"Of course I have the sympathy and prayers of many Christians, but it is wonderful what good pure food will do for one out of health, and why would it not be as good to keep one's health up? I have heard lots of others praise Grape-Nuts, but I for one cannot praise it enough. Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich."  
Here was well defined case of paralysis which came from weakened nerves and blood trouble, and which began yielding almost immediately when proper food, GRAPE-NUTS, was substituted for improper food. There's a look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

# THE OLD O'CONNOR HOMESTEAD



Landmark on Fourth Street That Is Being Remodeled.

The O'Connor house is being remodeled. This announcement will scarcely excite attention nowadays. Most of the houses in the city are being remodeled, but the O'Connor house? For forty years ago every visitor in St. Paul was escorted over to Fourth street that he might behold, and then admire, the fine new stone hotel.

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"Honest John" was the builder, the owner, the landlord of the O'Connor house for all of nineteen years. Afterwards the house was managed by his widow until her death a few years ago. The building was occupied as a hotel until the present changes drove away all tenants.

And Honest John, as every old settler recalls, was Ald. John O'Connor, whose sons have risen to power in local politics. The father died Jan. 9, 1832. He had served as alderman for eight years with credit to himself and advantage to the city. His practical sagacity and sterling character brought him successive appointments as chairman of the committees on public buildings, market, parks, workhouse and board of health.

The alderman was born May 24, 1824, at Tarbert, County Kerry, Ireland. He came to America in 1847, remained at Louisville, Ky., until 1853, and then removed to St. Paul. Here he soon prospered as a contractor. He was one of the builders of the St. Paul & Pacific when the construction of that railroad was begun in the early '60s.

Mr. O'Connor left a widow and three sons—John J. O'Connor, born in 1856, at Louisville, a city detective in 1883 and now chief of the St. Paul police; Daniel O'Connor, born at St. Paul in 1857, assistant city clerk in 1883, afterwards clerk of courts and United States marshal, and now the well-known stock broker, with more than one political friend at the city hall; and Daniel O'Connor, the youngest of the brothers, who became a city detective and was accidentally killed while coasting some years ago.

added to the city committee. He is one of the Fifth ward's representation on the committee.

The Democrats will have first place on the ticket to be voted on at the city election May 3. Their right to this privilege is undisputed, for the law is explicit in giving the dominant party precedence on the ticket.

Secretary Frank S. Battley, of the Democratic city committee, has made a formal demand on City Clerk George T. Redington that he place the names of Democratic candidates first on the ticket, calling the attention of the city official to the section of the general election law covering the case. For several years the Republican city clerk of St. Paul ingeniously avoided the clear intent of the law by construing the word "may" in the section as not mandatory, but with a Democratic clerk in the office it is anticipated that there will be no evasion, and that Mayor Smith's ticket will appear above the names of the Republicans. It is understood that City Clerk Redington has good legal advice that he has the right to make the change in the order of the parties, and will conform to the committee's request. The Democrats naturally see a distinct advantage in the new order of things.

Patrick D. Scannell, who was a candidate for assembly in the Democratic primaries, announced his intention to run for the city council. He has his enthusiastic and hearty support to the successful candidates on the ticket. In an interview yesterday Mr. Scannell said:

"I was voted for me at the recent primary election, and in behalf of them and of the others who with me were defeated, I move that the several members of the city council be made the unanimous choice of the Democratic party of the city. The test of a man's adherence to party principle is his love for the principles which he is seeking favors at the hands of his party, but the grace with which he accepts honorable defeat and his future towards the victors in the hour of triumph, is the test of his manliness. I was always a believer in the will of the majority when honestly and fairly recorded, and I therefore support the successful candidates on the ticket."

A report is in circulation that Congressman Joseph A. Tawney of Wisconsin has notified the postmasters throughout his district that he expects them to take no active part in state politics, if they value their jobs. It is said that Tawney has ambitions of his own.

A report comes from the Sixth district that C. J. Gunderson, the Alexandria lawyer mentioned in connection with the Republican congressional ticket, has made enemies for the party while in power, and for that reason insisted that Dix was the man for the place, and succeeded in naming him.

**THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.**  
**Few People Know How Useful It Is in Preserving Health and Beauty.**  
Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant known in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose. Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better, it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system. Charcoal sweetens the breath after eating onions and other odorous vegetables. Charcoal effectively cleans and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic. It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh. All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal is that known as "Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges"; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal mixed with honey, and are in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey. The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit. A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

# DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?



## Have You Rheumatism, Kidney, Liver or Bladder Trouble?

## To Prove What SWAMP-ROOT, the Great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy, Will Do for YOU, All Our Readers May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.

Pain or dull ache in the back is unmistakable evidence of kidney trouble. It is Nature's timely warning to show you that the track of health is not clear. If these danger signals are unheeded, more serious results are sure to follow: Bright's disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble, may steal upon you.

The mild and extraordinary effect of the world-famous kidney and bladder remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, is soon realized. It stands the highest and most wonderful cure of the most distressing cases. A trial will convince anyone—and you may have a sample bottle free, by mail.

Gentlemen—I attribute my present good health to Swamp-Root. I suffered many years with kidney trouble and had almost constant pain in my back. Your great remedy, Swamp-Root, cured my trouble, and I have since been perfectly well. Yours truly, B. H. Chalkey, Ex-Chief of Police, Ozark, Ala.

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fore hasten, on behalf of those loyal Democrats, to pledge our heartfelt support and best endeavors for the success of the entire Democratic ticket on May 3.

Mayor Smith displayed his human sympathy yesterday when a man called at his office in the city hall and asked for work. He said his family was in need of the necessities of life, but he had not much hope of getting a job, for he had been in the city for so short a time.

"How long have you been here?" asked the mayor.

"Oh, your honor, I haven't been here long enough to vote," replied his visitor. "I have been in St. Paul less than two months."

"It doesn't make any difference," declared the mayor, "whether you can vote or not, but if your family is in need, I'll see that you get a chance to earn something to keep the wolf away."

And the patriarchal Smith gave the stranger an order which had the effect of giving him temporary employment in one of the city departments.

The prohibitionists filed petitions yesterday, placing three candidates in the field for city offices. William A. Powers, 402 Laurel avenue, is placed before the voters as the candidate for mayor; Newton E. Frost, living at 1000 W. Broadway, is the candidate for city treasurer, and T. R. McManigal, 660 Orleans street, for comptroller. The petitions were filed with the city clerk yesterday and bore the necessary number of signatures.

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