NEWS OF THE CITY

KIEFER FUNERAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Body Will Lie in State Four Hours at the City Hall.

The funeral of Col. A. R. Kiefer will take place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the People's church, Rev. S. G. Smith officiating. The services will follow the public ceremony in the mayor's parlor in the city hall, where the body will lie in state on Saturday from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m. The public will not be admitted after 2 o'oclck, the last half hour being given to members of the family.

Health Commissioner Ohage has been placed in charge of the public obsequies in the city hall, and has arranged for the guard of honor. There will be four men on duty, one standing at each corner of the bier, and each serving for an hour. One of the guards will be a policeman, one a fireman, one a health officer and one a G. A. R. man. This means that four men must be furnished from each department and organization, there being a relief every hour. Dr. Ohage will attend to the draping of the rooms, which will be darkened and otherwise made appropriate for the occasion. The public will be required to enter one door, walk by the bier and go out another door, this arrangement being made for the purpose of avoiding a congestion.

The active and honorary pallbearers have been selected, and will be announced as soon as they have accepted. Mrs. Kiefer has decided that the funeral will be direct from the church, and that therefore the body will not be taken to Marienborn, the country home.

Dr. Miller, the coroner, yesterday filed the death certificate at the health department, in which he stated that death was due to fatty degeneration and to a rupture of the heart.

Mrs. Harry Brock, the daughter of Col. Kiefer, is expected to arrive tomorrow from San Francisco, the funeral having been delayed on that account.

DR. HENRY HUTCHINSON MAY GO TO PANAMA

St. Paul Physician Applies for Appointment on the Medical Staff.

Dr. Henry Hutchinson, of St. Paul, according to advices from Washington, D. C., has made application to Rear Admiral Walker, president of the Panama canal commission, for an appointment as a member of the medical staff of the commission. He held a long conference with Admiral Walker yesterday, but after leaving said that no definite arrangements had been made.

Dr. Hutchinson is well known in St. Paul, where he has resided and practiced for over twenty-five years. He was connected with the medical department of the Minnesota state university for five years. He has visited the isthmus on several occasions, and is familiar with sanitary conditions there.

Notice to Our Patrons.

The business and good will of this company in St. Paul has been purchased by The Ohio Coal Co., who will remove their offices from 392 Wabasha street in a few days to our present location at 371 Robert street, where our many patrons and friends will receive the same attention and courteous treatment that we have endeavored to give them in the past.

Mr. C. G. Hartin, who has managed the affairs of this company for the past ten years, has associated himself with The Ohia Coal Co., and will devote attention to the St. Paul business as heretofore.

THE PIONEER FUEL CO.

SCHOCH

Seasonable specials at the big store. Goods and prices known only to the patrons of the store that does the greatest business and makes the smallest prices.

NEW POTATOES	Per peck	50c
Fresh Spinach, peck		25c
Fancy Fresh Asparagus, bunch		5c
Minnesota Rhubard, lb		4c
Tomatoes, per basket		35c
Wax Beans, lb		10c
6 quarts Cranberries		25c
3 quarts Top Onions		25c
LEMONS	A carload, sizes 210, 240, 250, 270, 300, 360, per peck	45c

These are fancy, juicy, thin-skin fruit. Price, per box (any size) ..$2.19

GOLD BUCKLE	Grape Fruit, the very best quality, peck	45c

Each 2c, 3c, 4c and 5c; doz. 18c, 20c, 22c Per box (sizes 48, 64, 80 and 96)..$2.19

ORANGES	The record-breaking sale continues; sizes 80, 96, 112, 126, 150, 176, 200, 216 and 250, peck	45c

Per box $2.15

Fresh Pineapples, sizes 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, crate, $2.35; dozen, 70c, 90c, $1.00, $1.10 and $1.25; each, 7c, 9c, 10c, 12c and 15c.

American Beauty Rose Bushes		15c
Rambler Rose Bushes		25c
Old Dominion Ceylon Tea, package		25c
PALMER HOUSE	Java and Mocha Coffee, the most wonderful Coffee value in the Twin Cities. Per lb	25c
BUTTER	5-lb jar Dairy	90c
Choice Creamery, lb		25c
Good Brick Cheese, lb		10c
Eagle Brand Primost, lb		10c
Bismarck Herring, can		25c
Imported Anchovies, can		20c
Gaffelbittar, can		20c
White Clover Honey, comb		12½c
Scaled Herring, box		25c
Round Shore Herring, pail		50c
Fine Summer Sausage, lb		15c
Appetit Sild, can		15c

GOLDEN ROD

The only pasteurized Butter in town, and the best butter ever churned. We are sole agents. Price, per lb., 28c.

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Cor. Broadway and Seventh Sts.

Spring Fever?

"Tone up" on **Reeves' Iron Pills**, the wholesome, effective, universally indorsed tonic. Your money back if they fail to do as represented. All druggists. $1.00 a bottle.

THEY SUPPRESS IT

State Officials Keep Johnson's Report on Dunn Dark.

Public Examiner S. T. Johnson yesterday filed with Gov. S. R. Van Sant a report of his investigations of the state timber land transactions and timber trespass setlements under the administrations of former State Auditors Dunn and Iverson. The report is exhaustive, covering over 100 pages, and consists of extracts from the records and testimony taken by Examiner Johnson.

The contents of the report, which was forwarded to Attorney General Donahower by Gov. Van Sant, were not divulged, and each of the officials having knowledge of them refused to give out any information.

Gov. Van Sant had intended to make the report public, but upon consulting with Attorney General Donahower, turned it over to the latter, who will pass upon it before it is published.

The action of Gov. Van Sant in sending the report to the attorney general, and the reticence of the officials regarding it, created much comment about the capitol yesterday, and it was hinted that a sensation might develop.

MILLER URGED NOT TO RUN AGAINST M'CLEARY

Former State Senator Advised to Seek Railroad Commissionership.

H. J. Miller, the Luverne editor and former state senator, has not yet made a formal announcement of his decision with respect to becoming a candidate for congress, and a movement has been started among his friends looking to bringing him out as a candidate for railroad and warehouse commissioner.

There is said to be little prospect of any one successfully contesting the congressional field in the Second district this year with Congressman McCleary, and Miller is being urged by his friends to discard his congressional ambition and break into the already large field of candidates for railroad commissioner.

Young, of Mankato, in the same congressional district, is also said to be considering the advisability of shying his castor into the ring provided there is room left for it to light.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS WILL BE FILLED SOON

Mayor Will Name Successors to C. J. Monfort and J. H. Allen This Week.

Mayor Smith will this week fill the vacancies on the workhouse board and board of park commissioners, Col. Monfort having been a member of the workhouse board and J. H. Allen of the park board.

J. W. Owens has been offered the place on the workhouse board, but has not accepted. It is expected that he will take the appointment.

The park board appointment has not been agreed upon.

WANTED TO TALK IT OVER WITH TEDDY

Escaped Inmate of Anoka Sought Transportation to Washington, D. C.

While at the capitol yesterday to attend a meeting of the state board of control, Supt. John Coleman, of the Anoka state hospital for the insane, captured an escaped inmate of his institution.

The man, Jacob Voltz, who escaped from the asylum some time ago, was found in the state treasurer's office, where he was attempting to cash an order for money which he wanted to use to go to Washington to see President Roosevelt. After much argument he was induced to return to Anoka.

SOUTHWEST HAS NO USE FOR ROOSEVELT

California Republicans in the Mining Business Not Enthusiastic Over Him.

The presidential vote of California will not be given to Theodore Roosevelt this fall, according to A. O. Benson, a business man of Clinton, Big Stone county, who has just returned from a two-month tour of the Southwest, and who was at the Merchants yesterday.

"Roosevelt is not in good repute with his party in California," Mr. Benson said to The Globe. "The state is close politically and the Republicans do not seem to enthuse over the prospect of having him as their candidate for the presidency. The mining men especially do not warm up to him.

"Hearst is strong in the Southwest. Scarcely any other candidate is mentioned for the Democratic nomination in that country, and as Hearst is a 'California boy' his support from that state will be strong. It is altogether probable that the California delegation to the national convention will be instructed for him."

New Hotel in Atwater.

The Atwater Hotel company, of Atwater, filed articles of incorporation yesterday. The capital stock is $20,000; incorporators, Gustavus A. Glader, Henry Stine, Charles F. Glader, Martin Olson, J. H. Strong, S. B. Glader, Thomas Wheeler, Peter Larson, F. A. Anderson, S. E. Peterson, F. M. Archibald, Nils Lundgren, O. H. Larson, A. W. Johnson, J. A. Walen, John Isaacson, E. H. Toensing, L. E. Covell, George Feig, Andrew Anderson, Victor T. Peterson, Leonard Johnson, E. J. Swedlund, Charles Minnick, H. W. Jones, George Roetger, Peter Bogle, all of Atwater.

Editors Will Sojourn in Manitoba.

Members of the Northwestern Editorial association are planning a trip into Manitoba for an outing in July. The Northwestern association includes nearly all the editors of the northern part of the state, and Secretary A. G. Bernard, of Cass Lake, was in St. Paul yesterday on his way to Winnipeg to make the preliminary arrangements for the annual outing of his association.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

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SAYS WILD CARS BROKE HIM ALL UP

Brakeman Sues Northern Pacific for Hard Jolts Received in Accident.

BRAKEMAN CLAWSON'S BILL.

N. P. Railway, Dr.—	
Injured shoulder	$100.00
Injured chest	175.25
Injured back	225.50
Injured limbs	100.00
General injuries to body	500.25
Struck behind left ear	150.75
One broken rib	200.00
Contusion shoulder blade	175.60
Knocked senseless	5.40
Severe pains in head	195.50
Severe pains in body	60.20
Rupture of ear drum	140.80
Partially paralyzed	900.00
Nervous shock	145.05
Loss of 26 pounds of flesh, at $100 per pound	2,600.00
Future disability	32,125.95
Total amount	$37,800.00
Discount for cash	17,550.00
Amount demanded	$20,250.00

William Clawson, formerly a brakeman in the employ of the Northern Pacific in this city, in a complaint filed in the district court yesterday demanded of his former employers the sum of $20,250 as a balm for injuries sustained by him in an accident which is alleged to have occurred two months ago at the Third street junction of the company's yards in this city.

In enumerating his injuries, Mr. Clawson includes about the entire list that man is heir to, and, upon the allegation that the Northern Pacific, through its agents, is responsible for his condition, demands a settlement.

Clawson's story, as told by his attorney in the complaint filed with the clerk of courts, says he is a resident of Superior, Wis., but at the time of his injuries he was employed as a brakeman in St. Paul.

Wild Cars Came Down the Hill.

He was in a caboose which had been switched over to the main track at the foot of the incline known among the railroad men as "St. Paul hill," and was in the act of performing his duties in a proper manner when nine loaded cars, detached from any engine, came down the hill at a rate of speed which did not bode good for anything with which they came in contact. The cars crashed into the caboose, and according to the complaint, Clawson was thrown fifteen feet, being stopped in his rapid flight only when he came in contact with the solid end of the caboose.

Clawson was removed to a hospital, and when he had regained consciousness, an invoice of his injuries was taken, which enabled him to enumerate them in his demand upon the company for reimbursement. There were few things he didn't get in the smashup, if his allegations are proved to be true, and he believes he will never again be able to perform manual labor in the manner in which he was capable of doing before the accident.

Mr. Clawson says he was thirty years old at the time he received the injuries mentioned, and that his expectations of life at that time was 35.33 years, which would give him an earning capacity of many thousands of dollars. Now, that he has been robbed of this earning capacity, and suffered in addition thereto from the numerous injuries, he demands $20,250. His losses, according to his own manner of jotting down figures, would amount to much more, but he is willing to settle for $20,250.

The Northern Pacific, not admitting its responsibility for the accident which resulted so disastrously to Clawson, is inclined to look upon the figure as a trifle high, and the settlement will be adjusted in the district court.

OFFICIAL RETURNS SHOW INCREASED MAJORITIES

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ularity with the voters, running second on the ticket.

Herbert P. Keller, the lone Republican chosen to the assembly, ran fourth on the ticket, Schiffmann, Haas and Whitcomb being the first three. P. J. Giesen is the only Democratic candidate for the assembly who was defeated, there being three Republicans who ran ahead of him.

There were some surprises on the result of the assembly election, the figures showing that while H. P. Keller was the only Republican chosen, J. Watson Smith played in his usual luck and got just enough votes to give an idea that he might have won. F. B. Doran, who had been touted as a sure winner by the Republicans, ran below Smith, and Reeves, who was boosted by the young fellows without regard to party, ran sixty-four votes below Doran.

The defeat of Arnold and Schurmeier, at present members of the assembly, was decisive, both of them being far down on the list. Holt, the representative of the Scandinavians on the ticket, was butchered, being last on the ticket with but a single exception.

There are no really close results, Winn Powers being elected by 131 votes over J. Watson Smith. This is such a lead that there is little probability of a contest.

Official Vote for the Assembly.

Those elected to the assembly were:

Schiffmann	12,825
Haas	12,431
Whitcomb	12,360
Keller	12,239
O'Brien	11,694
Yoerg	11,599
Doran Jr	11,599
Regan	11,302
Powers	11,171

The defeated candidates and the way they ran:

Smith	11,041
Doran, F B	10,874
Reeves	10,810
Giesen	10,631
Schurmeier	10,170
Clark	10,004
Arnold	9,965
Holt	9,965
Montgomery	9,525

Justices and Constables.

The Republican secure a consolation prize in the election of two justices of the peace and two constables. Johnson and Mills, Republicans, are elected justices, and Boyd and Lohman constables.

The vote for justices of the peace:

Mills	12,735
Johnson	11,969
Cormican	10,656

For Constables—

Boyd	12,058
Lohman	11,020
Lentsch	10,239

In the contest for constable in the Sixth ward Godbout, the Democratic candidate, won out handily, having a clear majority of 350. The vote was:

Godbout	1,457
Fountain	1,109
Godbout's majority	350

Joseph Smith, Democratic candidate for justice of the peace in the Sixth ward, had no opposition.

Joseph R. Blackwell, who is at present serving as justice of the peace in the Tenth and Eleventh wards, was reelected to the position without going on the ticket. He received a total of 34 votes in the two wards, his name being written in by this number of voters.

The First Ward.

The outcome of the election in the First ward, which has always been accounted a Republican stronghold, was a great surprise, and for the first time in the history of the city the ward will be represented by a Democratic alderman.

Charles E. Nyberg, the Democrat, won over John O. Linden by 127 votes, the result of this being that Mayor Smith ran only 281 votes behind Wright. It was considered remarkable two years ago when F. B. Doran was able to carry the ward by only 640 over Smith, but the outcome of Tuesday's balloting was still more worthy of comment.

The aldermanic vote was:

Nyberg	1,262
Linden	1,135
Nyberg's plurality	127

The Second Ward.

It was an easy contest for William Buschmann, the Democratic candidate for alderman of the Second ward. He defeated Robert Kiefer, his Republican opponent, by 322 votes.

For some time previous to the campaign it was thought by members of the Democratic campaign committee that Buschmann had a hard fight, but the outcome showed differently. Buschmann has been in the council for the past two years.

Mayor Smith carried the ward by 262 votes, this being a large increase over two years ago. The vote for alderman:

Buschmann	1,323
Kiefer	1,001
Buschmann's majority	322

The Third Ward.

The Republicans had counted upon the election of the Third ward alderman as among the certainties, but Wilson, Republican, went under the wire 87 votes behind Hebl.

The outcome was a general surprise, it having been admitted that Hebl would likely be defeated. It was a hot fight from the start to the finish, and the Democrats feel that the result proves that the Third ward is safe within the Democratic column. The vote.

Hebl	646
Wilson	549
Hebl's majority	87

The Fourth Ward.

In the Fourth ward there was a surprise for the Democrats. It was figured that Huber, the Democratic candidate, would win by at least 400 votes. Nothing of the kind occurred, Huber pulling through by the small majority of 120. Howard, the Republican nominee, showed unexpected strength in a number of the precincts, running so close to his Democratic opponent that it was believed for some time after the first returns that Howard was elected. The vote:

Huber	1,227
Howard	1,107
Huber's majority	120

The Fifth Ward.

In the Fifth ward the expected result occurred, Rohland, the Democrat, winning by a handsome majority. The vote:

Rohland	1,569
Bruggeman	965
Rohland's majority	604

The Sixth Ward.

In the Sixth ward the big majority of M. J. Moriarty was a surprise. It had been considered that Moriarty had a hard fight, but such did not prove to be the case. A majority of 454, which was received by the Democratic candidate over Bruckner, was certainly decisive. Almost without exception the younger voters in the ward supported Moriarty. The vote:

Moriarty	1,541
Bruckner	1,087
Moriarty's majority	454

The Seventh Ward.

In the Seventh ward there was no contest for alderman, but the vote for mayor proved a great surprise to the Republicans, who had been willing to make wagers that Wright would carry the ward by 700 votes. Instead of getting such a majority the Republican candidate carried the ward by 242.

The Eighth Ward.

Ald. Bantz did not have the walkaway that was expected in the Eighth ward, where he was nominated for reelection to the board of aldermen. Bantz carried the ward by 132 votes over Zimmerman, the Republican nominee, while Mayor Smith was given a plurality of 836. The aldermanic vote:

Bantz	2,078
Zimmerman	1,946
Bantz's majority	132

The Ninth Ward.

Brennan, Democrat, won out in the Ninth ward by 195 votes. It was expected that he would be elected by approximately a majority of 200. The vote:

Brennan	1,232
Norton	1,037
Brennan's majority	195

The Tenth Ward.

In the Tenth ward Dobner, Democrat, was defeated on local issues, his successful opponent being Hackney, Republican. Hackney's majority was 102. The vote:

Hackney	621
Dobner	519
Hackney's majority	102

In the Eleventh ward the people turned down Elder, Republican, who has served one term in the council. Elder's defeat was so decisive that there can be no question that the people of the district did not care to longer be represented by him. Lynch, the Democrat, is elected by a majority of 299, this being remarkable when it is considered that this is more votes than Elder secured. The vote:

Lynch	564
Elder	265
Lynch's majority	299

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Dish of Grape-Nuts and Cream
2 Soft Eggs
1 Cup Postum Coffee,
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ELECTED MAYOR OF ST. PAUL SIX TIMES

Robert A. Smith Earns a Unique and Unparalleled Distinction.

The triumphant re-election of Robert A. Smith for the third consecutive term as mayor not only added another victory to a most remarkable career, but the voters handed him the greatest majority ever given a candidate for the office.

The result is a fitting tribute to the most remarkable political career in the Northwest, Mayor Smith having proven the falsity of the assertion that the office of mayor is the political graveyard of the occupant. Instead of being true of him the mayor's popularity has constantly increased, and on Tuesday the voters renewed their pledge of confidence by giving him the unusual and heretofore unheard of majority of 4,035.

It would be difficult to find in the country another man who has for six terms served as mayor of a city the size of St. Paul, and been elected to serve a seventh term, and the fact that he was re-elected by such a tremendous majority over one of the leading business men of the city demonstrates that although he is now in his seventy-sixth year he is able to command a following that is not rivaled by any public man.

In 1886 Robert A. Smith first became mayor. He was at the time president of the council, Mayor Rice resigning the position to accept an election to congress. The choice was made by the city council. In 1888 Mr. Smith received the nomination of his party and the Republicans were unable to secure a candidate to make the race against him. A. R. Kiefer declined the nomination. In 1890 Smith was again nominated, and at this time Col. Kiefer accepted the nomination. Smith was elected by a good margin. In 1892 he was again chosen the standard bearer of his party, and for the first and only time was defeated, F. P. Wright securing a majority of about 3,800. Again in 1894 he was named for the position and defeated F. B. Doran by about 1,000.

Shortly after the expiration of this term he was appointed postmaster, and served in this position until he was in 1900 named as the Democratic candidate for mayor in a convention that was noted for the effort of the so-called Bell faction to gain control. Chester R. Smith was the Republican candidate and was defeated by a few more than 1,000 votes. Once more in 1902 he was the candidate of his party, having F. B. Doran as his opponent. Mayor Smith won by a few more than 1,800 votes. In 1904 the Republicans determined to make a strong effort to defeat the mayor, who had again been nominated by the Democrats. F. P. Wright was selected as the strongest man that could be secured. The result is fresh in the minds of the people.

Personally the mayor is most agreeable. Yesterday, the day after his reelection for another term of two years, he was the same gentleman who was encountered during the campaign. His democratic ways have endeared him to the people, the nickname of "De Bob," having been given in a spirit of cordiality. It is an easy matter for callers to reach the mayor, as he receives all in turn.

That the mayor was pleased with the outcome goes without saying. It was his ambition to defeat Wright by fully as large a majority as that secured by Wright in 1892, and in this he was gratified. Speaking of the outcome, the mayor said:

"The voters did it, and it now devolves upon me to give the best administration within my power."

SAYS JOHN J. O'CONNOR STANDS VINDICATED

"The result of the election is a vindication of the police administration of John J. O'Connor," said Chester R. Smith, the Republican candidate for mayor in 1900. "That was the real issue in the election, according to my judgment, and the result proves that the people are satisfied with the police department."

DEATHS OF THE DAY.

OSSINING, N. Y., May 4. — Sam Parks, the New York labor leader, who was sent to Sing Sing prison some months ago after his conviction on a charge of extortion, died in the prison today. He had consumption at the time of his conviction and had failed rapidly since he was sent to Sing Sing. Parks was prominent for years in labor circles, being a leader in Chicago before coming to New York, and the loyalty to him of his associates in New York was remarkable. He was walking delegate, or business agent, of the local Housesmiths and Bridgemen's union for several years, and it was under his leadership that the big strike of iron workers in New York last year was inaugurated.

NEW YORK, May 4. — Ashbel P. Fitch, president of the Trust Company of America and former comptroller of the city of New York, died today at the age of fifty-six years. In 1886 Mr. Fitch was elected to congress on the Republican ticket and was reelected as a Democrat, serving three terms. Originally a Republican, he joined the Democratic party because of his low tariff views, and later returned to the Republicans on account of his belief in the gold standard.

KEOKUK, Iowa, May 4.—Mark Gray Lyon was buried here today. On April 23, 1879, Shakespeare's birthday, he caused much excitement by firing two shots at Edwin Booth, in McVicker's theater, Chicago, during the play "Richard II."

LACK WATER TO PUT OUT THE FLAMES

Firemen Are Seriously Handicapped Fighting Fire at 7th and Bradley Streets.

Lack of water seriously impeded the fire department yesterday morning in fighting a fire that destroyed the three-story brick Wild block, Seventh and Bradley sireets, and two small frame buildings, damaged a number of other buildings and caused a loss of $45,000, half covered by insurance.

The largest building burned was that of the United States Bedding company at 582 East Seventh street, between the railway tracks and the south side of Seventh. Ten feet back of the building a one-story frame structure was destroyed in which the bedding company conducted a mattress factory. At 580 East Seventh street the frame dwelling of J. Pulano was burned. More than a dozen houses were damaged, chiefly small dwellings.

On the Wild building, owned by Samuel Bronstein, the total loss was $22,500. Mr. Bronstein owned also the building in the rear, worth $1,000. As proprietor of the bedding company Mr. Bronstein sustained an additional loss of $15,000 on stock and $2,500 on machinery and fixtures. The loss on the Pulano house and contents, not insured, was less than $1,000. Mr. Bronstein carried with J. Q. Haas agency, insurance of $10,000 on the brick building, $9,000 on the stock and $1,000 on the machinery and fixtures.

Including $2,000 or $3,00 loss on the buildings damaged the total loss was thus about $45,000, and the insurance, approximately, $21,000.

How Fire Started.

"Cause unknown," perhaps sparks from a locomotive, started the fire about 10:20 a. m. among mattress material in the frame factory back of the Wild building, to which the flames were quickly spread by a strong south wind. Flying sparks, blazing fragments of wood, cloth and straw soon ignited the roofs of houses on the north side of Seventh street. Dwellings two and three blocks distant caught fire, and at one time fully a dozen roofs were burning. The construction of the Wild block and the nature of its contents were such that little hope was entertained of saving this structure.

But abundant apparatus was summoned to check the spread of the flames to the northward. Seven engines were called, three hook and ladder trucks and two chemical engines.

The first four engines to arrive found themselves temporarily helpless. They could get scarcely any water from the hydrants at Seventh and Woodward streets, Seventh and Bradley streets and Bradley and Woodward streets, and no water at all from the hydrant at Seventh and Brook streets, opposite the Lindeke flour mill.

While the engines were seeking other hydrants the firemen resorted to the use of axes and extinguisher grenades, and even formed bucket brigades to put out flames on roofs.

Eventually, in response to a telephone message, the city water board turned additional water into the mains near Seventh and Bradley streets. Thus after the first hour of their struggle the firemen were relieved of unusual exertion.

Wild Block Wall Falls.

At noon the west wall of the Wild block fell upon the railway tracks, crushing several cars of a passing freight train.

Among the buildings damaged slightly were Hagen & Johnson's saloon, Seventh and Bradley streets; J. B. Mathieson's cigar store, 581 East Seventh street; Vanderbie's ice house, Burr street, near Patrdige, and dwellings at 543 Burr street, 579 East Seventh street, 499, 533 and 577 Grove street; 492, 498, 499, 502, 504 and 506 Woodward street; 471, 473, 477 and 485 Patridge street.

Among the usual incidents of a fire in a residential district were the spraining of Mrs. Ida Anderson's back while she was trying to drag a bureau from the second floor of 579 East Seventh street; the going away of another Mrs. Anderson, who locked up her house at 506 Woodward avenue to keep the flames out, and departed; the disappearance of six-year-old Willie Wilson, of 477 Patridge street, who was presumed by the women to be burnt up, but who was found after a while trying to mend a leaking hose with mud.

As to the lack of water for the fire engines, Secretary John Caulfield, of the city water board, said last evening:

Only One Main.

There is only one six-inch main to supply all the neighborhood—six or eight blocks—where the fire was today. Up to eight years ago there were three six-inch mains for the same locality. Then the board decided to cut off two mains and divert them into the high pressure system, leaving one main with low pressure. So there must have been a little water today in the pipes tapped by three of the hydrants that wouldn't work, though not enough water, apparently, to be of any use.

The fourth hydrant, opposite the Lindeke mill on Seventh street, connected with a pipe that was one of the many pipes frozen by the severe cold last winter. We notified the fire department at the time that this hydrant was frozen; we haven't been able to thaw out all the frozen pipes.

As soon as I was informed today by telephone that there was not enough water at Seventh and Bradley I drove over towards the fire. I threw into my buggy before starting the tools for opening additional mains, if that should be found necessary. It was so hot when I got down near the fire that I couldn't drive through Seventh street, but I turned about and hurried down town to a place where some of our men were working. I gave them the buggy and tools and sent them out around Lafayette avenue to the neighborhood of the fire. Then they opened up the gates in the two mains which used to be in service there; they turned on the high pressure and gave the engines all the water they wanted.

Mr. Caulfield added that he did not see Chief Jackson yesterday during the fire, as was reported, and did not speak to him about the frozen pipe.

What Chief Jackson Says.

"Yes, our department was notified that this hydrant was frozen," said Chief John Jackson, of the fire department; "but I knew nothing about it personally. Such notifications are always sent to the captains of the different companies, so they will waste no time trying to use 'plugs' not in service. But, of course, we don't thaw out frozen pipes; that is the work of the water board. And whenever a hydrant is put in service, after being frozen, we are notified again.

"Now, in this case, the record kept by the captain of No. 2 engine company shows that on the 20th of last February he was notified that the hydrant opposite the Lindeke mill was frozen. The record also shows, as you see, that the same hydrant was reported again in service on April 9. That's why we tried to get water from the plug today. There was a mistake somewhere; the hydrant is still frozen apparently; but it isn't clear just how the misunderstanding came about.

"There was probably a little water in the three other Seventh street hydrants that our engines had to leave. Yet the supply was so limited that these engines could throw no streams, and one engine came near burning out its boiler."

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