

NEWS OF THE CITY

Let Veteran Go—Joseph Schmidt, an old soldier, found on the street Tuesday night, was arrested as a vagrant yesterday in the police court. He said that he had been living at the soldiers' home, Minnehaha park. He agreed to return there and was discharged.

Samuel Olson's Body Taken to Fairfax—The body of Samuel Olson, who was killed by a Soo line freight train Monday near Wilson's siding, was claimed yesterday by a relative, Engstrom Olson, of Fairfax, Minn. The body was sent to Fairfax last night.

Waiters Against Free Lunches—At a meeting of the Hotel and Restaurant Waiters' union in Federation hall last night the proposed anti-free lunch ordinance was indorsed unanimously, and it was decided to begin an active crusade for the enactment of such a measure.

Thirty Days for Drunks—Mrs. O'Neill and Rose Gray, charged with being drunk the night before at Barney Ryan's saloon, Eighth and Jackson streets, were found guilty yesterday by Judge Pinehout, of the municipal court. They were sent to the workhouse for thirty days.

Strolls Too Late—Peyton Johnson, a negro "roustabout," who reached St. Paul on the steamboat Sidney and was found strolling about on St. Anthony hill late Tuesday night, was arrested as a vagrant yesterday in the municipal court. He was committed to the workhouse for thirty days.

Police Ambulance Takes Fainting Woman Home—To care for a woman who had fainted, the police ambulance was summoned yesterday morning by the People's Provision company, 447 Wabasha street. The woman's name was not ascertained. She was taken to her home in West Ninth street.

Woman's Label League to Organize—A meeting will be held in Federation hall this evening for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the Woman's Label league, an organization composed of women members of the unions who will assist in popularizing goods bearing the label.

Fire Insurance Company Admitted—The Mutual Casualty Insurance company, a mutual company of Sioux Falls, S. D., was admitted to do a general fire insurance business in Minnesota yesterday by State Insurance Commissioner E. H. Deaith. The new company had complied with the insurance regulations for the state.

CORONER INQUIRES

Inquest in Case of B. Colrud, Killed by Street Car

Four witnesses were heard yesterday morning at the county morgue, during the inquest held by Coroner A. W. Miller to ascertain the circumstances attending the death of Berndt Colrud, the Wisconsin farmer, killed last Thursday night by a West Seventh street electric car at Seventh and Exchange streets. County Attorney Kane examined the witnesses.

Miss Grace Carlson said she was standing near the wagon at Seventh and Exchange streets when she saw Colrud step from the corner and start diagonally across Seventh street. Although she heard somebody shout a warning, Colrud did not heed it and walked directly before the car and was thus run over.

The motorman of the car, George Slovack, admitted the car's legs were partly paralyzed, but maintained that he was nowise unfitted for performing his duties. The car, he said, was moving about eight miles an hour when he first saw Colrud at least thirty-five feet away. He had left the southeast corner and was crossing the street towards the north. Slovack thought the man would walk to the street to pass. But when it appeared probable that he would not halt, Slovack "put on the air." The track was wet and slippery, the car began sliding. Slovack turned off the air brake and reversed the motor. He had hardly done this when the car struck Colrud. The wheels then slid the length of a car before stopping. The conductor, J. J. Glyn, heard the shouts outside but did not hear the gong ring. He didn't know what condition the tracks were in. He believed they were all right and that the car should have stopped more quickly than it did.

Dr. J. M. Fennell, who made the autopsy, testified that he could learn nothing as to the presence of a witness in Colrud's stomach when the accident took place. The body was much manured. Questions put to other witnesses failed to elicit the farmer walked as if he were drunk.

Owing to the absence of other witnesses whose testimony might be important, the inquest was continued until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The jurors were Joseph Burger, Peter McDonald, N. F. Seeger, James Ross, Edward Poucher and John Hogan.

The dead man's son, Oscar Colrud, was not present. When he came to St. Paul, at the request of the authorities, he would not undertake to bury his father. The son is said to have insisted that he and other relatives could not bear the expense of a funeral.

GEN. CURTIS VISITS THE SOLDIERS' HOME

Notable Officer of Civil War Is on a Tour of Inspection

Gen. Newton Martin Curtis, inspector for the board of directors of the national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers, made formal inspection of the state soldiers' home at Minnehaha yesterday, leaving for the evening for Lisbon, N. D., where the North Dakota home is located.

Gen. Curtis was one of the notable figures of the Civil war. As colonel of the sixteenth New York regiment, he was famous for the capture of Fort Fisher and received a promotion. He finished the war in charge of a military department in Virginia, and has since served in congress from the Ogdensburg (N. Y.) district. Gen. Curtis is a giant in stature and his soldierly aspect is heightened by the loss of an eye sustained in the service.

Naval Recruiting Station Closes

Two more applicants who appeared yesterday before the naval recruiting station at the federal building were soon rejected. Other applicants who came late in the afternoon will be passed upon this morning. The station will close this evening. Hereafter, until Oct. 15, men desiring to enlist may apply to the recruiting party that will remain in Minneapolis.

WOULD RAISE VALUE OF PERSONALTY

State Board of Equalization Plans Its Work, Which Is Assigned to Committees

The state board of equalization will probe deeply into class 16, stocks of goods and merchandise, and determine if a large part of the shrinkage of over \$7,000,000 in the personal property valuation from last year is not hidden in this class of property.

Each member of the board was yesterday assigned the task of making a comparative statement of this class in the counties of his district, that the shrinkage, if one exists in this class of property, may be pointed out and a proper equalization made. The board adjourned early in the afternoon yesterday to permit its members to begin on their work of making the comparative statements.

Chairman Sprague yesterday announced his committees to which will be assigned the various classes of property. They are:

The Standing Committees
Goods and Merchandise—L. G. Nelson, chairman; G. W. Knox, T. Paulson, L. L. Philley, Hans Mo.
Banks and Credits—J. G. Lawrence, chairman; C. G. Thorpe, C. H. Draper, C. M. Sprague, A. H. Fowler.
Log and Timber—Fred Greiner, chairman; J. E. Cooley, John Peterson, G. W. Knox, T. Paulson.

Public Request
The request of the city attorney of Ferguson, Pa., Sept. 25 was set apart for consideration of the personal property assessment of Ferguson Falls. The city owns a hotel property, and it is desired that the municipality be desirous of securing an abatement of the tax imposed against it. A request from the city attorney of St. Cloud for consideration of the assessment on its water plant, recently purchased of a private corporation, was also received by the board.

Would Raise Personalty Assessment
The state board spent most of yesterday afternoon in discussing the advisability of raising the entire personal property assessment. Some of the members were in favor of raising only those items in which a discrepancy appeared, but the majority of the board favored the raising of the entire personal property assessment.

The first item mentioned was horses. The board seemed to be in favor of leaving the valuation on class A, horses one year old, at the same figure as last year, and to increase the value of class B, two years old—horses from \$17.75 to \$18—a raise of 22 cents over last year. But when it was suggested the valuation of class C horses, three years old or over, be increased from \$30 to \$35 per head, a diversity of opinion was shown. Mr. Sprague, chairman of the board, said:

"This year we are confronted with a shortage of over \$7,000,000 in the personal property assessment, as compared with last year, with the tendency of the valuation is to increase instead of decrease. Now this board has to raise that assessment, and I know of no better place to begin than right here."

As several members of the board were not present it was decided to defer action until today's session.

COUNTY INTERS BODY OF HOWARD VALENTINE

Widow Makes No Claim and Is Buried in the Potter's Field

The body identified Tuesday by Mrs. Augusta Valentine, of Minneapolis, as that of her husband, Howard Valentine, missing since Aug. 8, was buried yesterday in the potter's field at the expense of Ramsey county. Mr. Valentine did not claim the remains.

Although the skull was fractured when the body was found last Sunday near the river near Fort Snelling, and other signs pointed to a possible murder, Coroner A. W. Miller decided that an inquest was not necessary. He believed the Valentine, if the body be his, committed suicide.

ENTRIES FOR HORSE SHOW ARE CLOSED

First Arrivals of High Steppers Expected on Sunday

Every one of the fifty classes for which prizes are offered at the Twin City horse show, to be held at Hamline the last half of next week, has closed its entries for prizes. For the class the substitution has been made of prizes for French coach horses, in which McLaughlin Bros., of the Midway district, have entered the French Coach and Percheron stallions. The former won first prize in every class in which they were entered at the world's fair, St. Louis, and the latter carried off first, second, third, fourth and fifth prizes.

The first arrivals from abroad for the show will be a carload of brown the high steppers from the stable of Frederick K. Bull, of Racine, which is expected Sunday. On Monday the entries of Thomas Bass and A. E. Ashbrook, who will send their prize winners direct from the world's fair at St. Louis, and those from the Toronto stable of George Pepper & Co., and Crow and Murray, of Toronto, are expected, among others.

The boxes and reserved seats for the horse show will be put on sale today. The management has so allotted seats that the St. Paul patrons will be on one side of the rectangular arena and the Minneapolis patrons on the other.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

The Ames-Barnes company, of Duluth, yesterday filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. It will do a general grain commission business and is capitalized at \$25,000. Ward Ames Sr., Ward Ames Jr. and Julius H. Barnes, all of Duluth, are the incorporators.

The Radisson Hardwood Lumber company, Minneapolis, has filed articles of incorporation of state. The capital stock is \$50,000, and Minneapolis is the principal place of business. W. W. Hopkins, A. B. Melville, James C. McVie, Robert D. Taylor and Finn Koren, all of Minneapolis, are the incorporators.

WOMEN CAN VOTE FREE TEXT BOOK CHARTER AMENDMENT

Provision of the Minnesota Constitution Permits Them to Vote on Any Measure Relating to Schools or Libraries—Corporation Attorney Says There Is No Ground for Doubt as to the Law, and City Must Make Provision to Receive Women's Ballots

Women Can Vote on Free Text Book Amendment

The provision of the state constitution giving women the right to vote for or against the proposed amendment to the city charter providing for free text books is: "Any woman of the age of twenty-one years or upwards possessing the qualifications requisite to a male voter, may vote at any election held for the purpose of choosing any officers of school or any members of library boards, or upon any measure relating to schools or libraries, and shall be eligible to hold any office pertaining to the management of schools and libraries."

Corporation Attorney Michael holds that women can vote on the charter amendment requiring the board of school inspectors to furnish free text books in the St. Paul graded schools, and that the privilege is accorded by the state constitution and is therefore not subject to legislation to the contrary, if such there is.

The verbal ruling was made by Mr. Michael at the instance of the local Trades and Labor assembly, it having been contended that the women are entitled to vote upon all questions pertaining to the schools in any manner whatsoever, and that if such was the case provision should be made whereby it will be possible to accommodate the women on election day.

Mr. Michael soon discovered the provision of the constitution, approved by a vote of the people at the general election in 1898, that confers upon women in the state the right to vote upon all measures "relating to the schools or libraries," the language being so absolute that there is no ground for doubt that the intention of the constitution was to give women the right to vote for or against the important question as to the adoption of the free text book plan. The ruling was very pleasing to the representatives of labor, it being plain that the women voting there is no question that the amendment will be carried.

No Doubt as to the Law
"There seems to be no ground for doubt as to the law," said Mr. Michael. "It clearly provides that women are entitled to vote on all questions relating to schools and libraries, and it makes no difference if there should be somewhere in legislative enactments a contrary provision, for the constitution takes precedence. The result will be that women will be able to vote on the amendment."

ROUGH RIDERS SORE

Exclusion Act Makes Roosevelt Club's Roster Dwindle

When the full force of the exclusion act, adopted by the Roosevelt club at its meeting Tuesday night at the Merchants hotel, came home to the members of the club yesterday, there were bellicose remarks all along the line.

Howard Wheeler, who originated the constitutional amendment which deprives officeholders and office-seekers from the club's membership, came in for full share of the adverse comment of the members of the club, many of whom were not present when the drastic action was taken and whose personal wishes were not respected by the majority in control of the meeting. Wheeler is a candidate for county attorney and his position is assailed by some Roosevelt club members who insist that he was making a "stand play" in forcing the constitutional amendment on the club.

The result of the exclusion will be to cut a number of resignations from the club, and several of the men who will naturally resign under the new order of things are prominent in the club's management. More than one ward executive committee member will walk the plank and leave the club without representation.

OLD FEDERAL BUILDING SOON TO BE REOPENED

Government Inspector Looks It Over to Ascertain What Furniture Is Needed

Wells M. Sawyer, furniture inspector for the treasury department, arriving in town yesterday to inspect the old federal building with reference to the furniture and fixtures it may need before it is reopened.

Although the allotment of offices has not been positively announced, the collectors of customs and of internal revenue will have quarters in the new to the old building. Other offices at Wabasha and Fifth streets are likely to be assigned to the army engineers in charge of river improvements.

Candidates Will Entertain

Frank J. Obst, candidate for the Republican nomination of county abstract clerk, and M. J. Wiley, candidate of the same party for county commissioner, will entertain a large body of their constituents at a meeting to-night in the parlors of the Windsor hotel.

Peddler's Horse Kicks Him
Adolph Tiber, a peddler living at 153 Robertson street, was kicked by his own horse early yesterday afternoon at Ramsey street and Pleasant avenue. The peddler was carried to a drug store where he was revived by Dr. A. F. Goodrich. Although suffering from a severe bruise Tiber was able to drive home.



JAMES C. MICHAEL
Corporation Attorney Who Says State Constitution Gives Women Right to Vote on Matters Relating to Schools

that it will be necessary for the city to make provision to properly receive and count the ballots cast by the women. This question is the only one submitted on which they can vote. E. C. Ives, the representative of labor on the charter commission, is expected to ask that either separate ballots be prepared for the women or that separate ballot boxes be provided to receive their votes. It will be necessary to provide some means by which the women can be distinguished from those cast by men. If they should be given the ballot containing all of the proposed charter amendments and their vote should be placed in the regular ballot box provided for the purpose it would be impossible to distinguish their votes from those of the men, with the result that the women would not be legally distinguished from those cast by men. The most simple method of making provision for the occasion is to provide separate ballots.

St. Paul Women's First Chance

This will be the first occasion upon which the women of St. Paul have had an opportunity to exercise their right to vote since the constitutional amendment was adopted, although if attention had been called to the fact they could have voted upon at least one bond issue since that time, but the provision was overlooked. Just how many will take advantage of the privilege is a question even in labor circles, although in raising the question it was evident that the unionists believe that a majority of those who do vote will favor free text books.

The charter amendment in question requires that the board of school inspectors shall furnish books to all grade pupils free of charge, and will be constantly in effect unless repealed by a vote of the people if it is adopted at the coming election. The charter commission will ask that the city council call a special election at which all the proposed amendments will be submitted, and in which the number will be the free text book provision.

It is supposed that the women will be required to register, but this question will arouse an interesting discussion. If they are required to register it will be necessary to keep a separate set of registration books. The new law governing cities in the class with St. Paul requires that all persons expecting to vote must register, three days being set apart for the purpose. This question will be investigated by the corporation attorney.

CHILD AND A MATCH

Possibly Fatal Accident Caused by Combination

While she was playing with other children, shortly before 8 o'clock last night, in the yard of her home, 309 East Sixth street, Annie Matt, aged five years, reached for a burning match in the hands of a small boy. She was ignited by the match. As she saw herself ablaze she ran into the house screaming. She was met by her mother, who smothered the flames with her skirts.

The child was taken to St. Joseph's hospital. There Dr. J. B. Brimhall found that her face and limbs were severely burned, but that her eyes escaped injury, and she had apparently not inhaled fire. Inasmuch as the area of the burns is extensive, the prospect of recovery is not assured. Yet it is thought that the little girl will survive.

Annie is the elder of the two children of Frank P. Nath, who keeps a restaurant at 98 South Robert street, West side.

DISCUSSES FORESTRY AND IRRIGATION

Gifford Pinchot Delivers Instructive Address Before Chamber of Commerce

Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States department of agriculture, arrived in this city yesterday and addressed the members of the Chamber of Commerce in the forenoon.

He discussed the general questions of forestry and irrigation and suggested that great care be taken in Minnesota to prevent the spread of fire to the forest reserves. Referring to irrigation in the abstract, he said that it was well known that irrigated land and arid, or dry land, of the same area, would not yield the same quantity of products. He called attention to the fact that irrigation and the preservation of the forests of the country and state went hand in hand and must rise or fall together.

Destruction of the forests, without provision for converting the acres denuded of them to agriculture, he said, had been proved to be disastrous, and he said the government was opposed to a continuance of the process.

Speaking of the agriculture of Minnesota, he said that the Indians were perfectly satisfied with the progress that had already been made on the Northern Minnesota reserve.

Supreme Court Calendar Light
With but twenty days in which to file notes of issue in cases to go on the October calendar of the supreme court, there are but forty new cases now on the calendar. There were 207 cases on the calendar on the term day of the April term, and the indications are that the calendar will be considerably lighter for this term.

KRAHMER'S TACTICS CAUSE INDIGNATION

Bad Condition of Roads Due to His Refusal to Turn Over Repair Funds

E. G. Krahmer, the county auditor, by his refusal to sign the warrant for road and bridge repairs, is in a position where he must either incur the antagonism of the farmers and others who drive over the country roads, or concede that he did wrong in refusing to act according to the opinion of the county attorney.

Yesterday was lively about the auditor's office. First came the report of indignation meetings being held by farmers living in White Bear and Rose townships, after which a number of owners of automobiles called to pay their compliments to the county auditor.

The pressure did not bring about the desired result, and the repairs will likely be indefinitely delayed. The auditor refused to accept the solution offered by County Attorney Kane and transfer the money for repairs to the township supervisors. At least he had failed to signify willingness to do so at the close of business, the result of which will be that it will apparently be necessary to continue to travel over roads in many instances that are almost impassable.

People Fix the Blame

It was made evident, however, that the people have fixed the responsibility for the condition. One of the county commissioners has a resolution prepared ordering the auditor to turn over the money to the township officers, but it is questioned if he will have a special meeting of the commission called to act on his proposition. Mayor Smith says that he is ready to call such a meeting and to take any action that will lead to the making of necessary repairs on the roads.

"There was no reason for the county commissioners delaying action as to the roads because I was not at the meeting," said Mayor Smith. "A trip I made last night over the city streets and through the suburbs, where I found the thoroughfares in deplorable condition, indicates the state of the roads."

"I do not wonder that the people are complaining. I have sent word to the county commissioners that I am ready to act with them at any time for the betterment of the county roads, making it impossible that further excuse can be given for delay. It is the duty of the officials to act at once."

No Excuse for Delay

"There is and has been no reason for delay in the repair of county roads except the action of the county auditor in refusing to turn over the money appropriated to the township supervisors," said County Attorney Kane. "He continues to pursue the same course in the face of the fact that the attorney general of the state has told him that the county auditor, in his legal adviser, who relieves him of all responsibility. It is certainly just that the person responsible should be blamed by the public."

ISAAC AND JACOB ARE LOST AND FOUND

Policeman Couldn't Understand Their Yiddish, So Takes Them to Station

Isaac Cumanow, aged five, and his brother Jacob, aged three, both pulling a toy cart, were found by Patrolman Gross yesterday morning on the West side bluffs several miles from their home at Fairfield and Robertson streets. As the children could speak Yiddish only, they were unable to make the patrolman understand where they lived.

But scarcely had the boys and their cart arrived in a patrol wagon at the central station that they were discovered by their grandfather. He hurried to inform the police that Isaac and Jacob had been lost.

POLICEMAN REFUSES A PROFFERED DRINK

Three Soldiers Get in Trouble Through Bibulous Generosity

Paul Kennedy, J. R. Ferris and William Taylor, soldiers from Fort Snelling, were prisoners in the municipal court yesterday morning. Kennedy was charged with disorderly conduct and his companions with drunkenness. Kennedy, as was testified, met Patrolman Dooey at the Seven corners and invited the patrolman to take a drink. When Dooey refused Kennedy wanted to fight.

The three men were discharged. They had overstayed their leave and were sure to be punished for that offense as soon as they returned to Snelling.

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Field, Schlick & Co.

Entrances Wabasha, Fourth, Fifth and St. Peter Sts.

Women's Cravenette storm coats

There's a comfortable, satisfied feeling comes with the possession of a Cravenette coat that no other garment can give. Take notice of the woman who wears one, rain has no terrors for her. The new lot are in tan, brown and olive shades of hard-twisted herringbone worsteds, thoroughly cravenetted. Many stores ask 15.00 for a similar coat. Our price today will again be..... **10.75**

Women's new fall petticoats

A special lot of black petticoats, made with deep umbrella flounce, with three ruffles and featherstitched, made to sell at 1.50 each. Sale price..... **98c**

Outing flannels half price

For regular 10c a yard fine teased outing flannel. There are 5,000 yards—mill remnants—in lengths of 2 to 10 yards to the piece. Nice stripe and check patterns in light and dark colorings. As this is less than they cost at the mill, quantity will be limited to 20 yards to a buyer. **5c**

Corset sale

For our regular 1.00 corsets. A special clearance sale of a broken line of very pretty and comfortable. One or two sizes missing, but good choice if you come early. Strongly made, good style and newest models. **59c**

Important drapery specials today

Two of the most sensational purchases, from a quality standpoint, ever made; of course they're small lots, but that's why the prices are half or near it.

12c a yard for new 25c swisses
75c a yard Madras curtain lace for **43c**

1200 yards of this drapery, swiss lace stripe and printed effects, full 36 inches wide; very pretty window and bed draperies and worth 25c a yard; the colorings are delicate and pretty.

32 pieces on sale Thursday French Madras curtain lace, many colorings and patterns for hall, dining room, library or den, 50 inches wide and only 43c a yard.

DECLINES THE BAIT

School Board Dodges an Advertising Scheme

The question of admitting three scales to the public schools for advertising purposes occupied the attention of the members of the board of school inspectors for some time yesterday. The application being ultimately refused.

Upon the strength of a request from the manufacturers, made through G. N. Gerlach, superintendent of buildings, the advisability of having scales where the children could ascertain their weight and height free of charge, was considered in the various phases. The humorous feature of the affair was apparent to the inspectors.

Mr. Gerlach explained that the manufacturers desired to place the scales in the schools for advertising purposes, and that they would remain at one school for a time and then be moved to another. They did not expect to ask for compensation for the use of the scales, which was provided with an apparatus by which the pupils could also measure their height.

"Don't see anything wrong with that," commented Mr. Egan. "But somebody might want to introduce a coffee mill through the schools," suggested Frederick Holman. "Or an infallible timepiece," said Mr. Boeringer.

"Or a new kind of eyeglasses," said Mr. Lindahl. "The introduction of scales into the schools would not be warranted," asserted Supt. Smith, firmly.

On motion of Mr. Boeringer the offer of the firm was declined, after which the inspectors stopped long enough to laugh heartily.

POLICE SERGEANT SMITH BADLY CUT

Knife Wounds Inflicted by Oscar Benson Prove Very Painful

Oscar Benson, who is accused of cutting Sergeant George Smith severely while Benson was resisting arrest Monday night, was arraigned in the police court yesterday. The case was continued one week and Benson, lacking \$500 bail, was sent back to a cell. Sergeant Smith will be confined to his bed for a considerable time. He was suffering much pain yesterday. His left wrist had been cut so deeply as to require a dozen stitches. His right cheek, and especially his right eye, are seriously injured. His overcoat, blouse and hat were half destroyed in a violent struggle to prevent himself against his armed assailant.

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