

NEWS OF THE CITY

High School Teacher Seriously Ill—N. Mantoville, professor of Latin at the Central high school, is seriously ill at his home, 112 Western avenue.

Won't Beg for Thirty Days—John De Graw, arrested Monday night on a charge of begging in Wabasha street school, was sent to the workhouse yesterday for thirty days.

Tinkered Teeth Without a License—W. G. Fortune, a dentist, was fined \$20 in police court yesterday for practicing in this state without a license. The prosecution was instituted by J. Orton, chairman of the examining board of dentists.

City and County Hospital Receipts—Receipts at the city and county hospital during September to the amount of \$1,095.40 were transmitted yesterday to the county treasurer by the county board of control.

Young Man Loses His Foot—The left foot of Robert Fielding, the young man who was found beside the Wisconsin Central track in an unconscious condition Sunday afternoon, was amputated yesterday at Bethesda hospital. Fielding's condition is serious.

Bill of Costs Is Filed—There was filed yesterday in the United States circuit court of appeals the bill of costs taxed in the case of the United States vs. The Northern Securities Company. The costs taxed to the defendant company in the litigation in the circuit and supreme courts amount to \$2,888.51.

State Really Wins on Oil—The report of Fenton G. Warner, state oil inspector, for September, shows an excess of collections over disbursements for salaries. The oil inspector during the month collected \$2,835.45 in fees and disbursed \$2,357.35. The surplus turned into the state treasury was \$234.10.

Arrested Linemen Discharged—The fourteen employees of the Twin City Telephone company who were arrested for replacing wires on Hogue avenue after their contract had expired and ordered them torn down, were discharged in police court yesterday, the difference between the city and the company having been adjusted.

GAME IN POLITICS

J. A. Peterson Replevins Chickens, but Trouble Is Coming

While James A. Peterson, the Minneapolis lawyer-politician, succeeded in replevying a number of prairie chickens seized by a deputy game warden of the state game and fish commission at Minneapolis, it is declared that Peterson's troubles have just begun.

"The commission will appeal the case," Executive Agent S. F. Fullerton said yesterday. "These birds were taken under the law which forbids shipping of game birds. Further than that, the commission will cause Mr. Peterson's arrest for a violation of the game laws."

VAN SANT'S OPINION ON "TOWHEADS" WANTED

Would-Be Squatter on a Mississippi Island Solicits Information

Gov. Van Sant has been called upon to give expert legal opinion in regard to "towheads" in the Mississippi river. Gov. Van Sant, as a veteran river pilot and captain, is supposed to know all about the small islands that appear occasionally in the river and which by the habits of the water birds are called towheads.

MR. ASK BOARD FOR SECRETARY'S JOB

Candidates Are After the Berth Vacated by Henry W. Wright

In spite of the fact that Henry W. Wright, recently resigned as secretary of the state board of control, leaves tonight for Los Angeles, Cal., to remain, no announcement of his successor with the board of control has been made. It is known that the board of control has received a number of applications, both in person and by letter, but the members of the board said yesterday that the question of Secretary Wright's successor had not yet been formally considered by the board of control. M. C. Cutter has been mentioned in connection with the vacancy. He is an accountant with the board.

TEAMSTER INJURED IN STREET CAR COLLISION

Henry Martinson Is Thrown From Wagon and Severely Injured

Henry Martinson, a teamster living at 706 Case street, was thrown from his wagon, which was struck by a Mississippi and West St. Paul car last evening at York and Westminster streets. He was severely bruised and his knee was sprained. Dr. N. W. Foster, who attended him, says that his injuries are not serious.

Mortgage Took Priority

In the case of S. Jung & Co. against The Hamm Brewing company, a jury in the district court returned a verdict yesterday awarding the plaintiff \$300. The Jung company had a mortgage upon the Payne avenue saloon fixtures over which the suit was brought. The Hamm company afterwards attached the fixtures for a debt and sold them.

EQUALIZERS RAISE TOTAL VALUATION

State Board Adjourns After Increasing Real and Personal Property Assessments

The state board of equalization, after nearly five weeks, completed its work and adjourned yesterday. The net result of the board's work was to raise the valuation of real property of the state more than \$58,000,000 over the figures of two years ago, and to increase the valuation of personal property of the state approximately \$14,000,000.

A total valuation of approximately \$870,000,000 has been returned by the board, but fully \$27,000,000 must be subtracted from the total on account of the personal property exemption of \$100 allowed each taxpayer.

Three changes in real estate valuations were made yesterday just before the board's adjournment. The city of Mankato was exempted from a 10 per cent increase in the assessment of Blue Earth county real estate, while Moorhead and Barnesville cities were exempted from a 40 per cent increase given Clay county real estate, but subjected to a 10 per cent increase.

A 5 per cent increase on the assessment of Minneapolis city property increased the valuation of that class of real estate \$4,838,249.

The total valuation of real estate in the state, as equalized by the state board, is \$701,066,777, as against a valuation two years ago, when the assessment was last made, of \$647,253,261, an increase of \$53,813,516.

The estimated value of personal property of the state, as equalized by the 1904 board, is \$170,000,000, as against \$156,229,996 in 1902, an increase of approximately \$14,000,000, in spite of the fact that the return by counties this year showed a falling off of about \$1,000,000 from the valuations as equalized a year ago.

Total Valuation Is \$870,000,000

The total valuation of all classes of property, as equalized, is \$870,000,000, but from this must be deducted \$100 each for the 268,201 persons who were assessed for their exemptions. This will mean a loss of nearly \$27,000,000 to the total, but, applying the tax levy to the valuations as finally returned, it is expected that there will be a material increase in the state revenue fund. The increase will not, however, be more than to care for the running expenses of the state, as the fund has been hard pressed to take care of the \$500,000 which will have to be made to carry the fund through to the May settlement of tax collections.

The assessment of the St. Paul Gas company was raised from \$900,000 to \$1,025,000, and the Minneapolis Gas company's assessment was raised from \$1,240,000 to \$1,365,000. No change was made in the assessment of the Twin City Rapid Transit company, made two weeks ago, which is \$8,250,000.

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Minneapolis Lumbermen Wrath

The board brought down on its head the wrath of the Minneapolis lumbermen and their newspaper spokesmen yesterday by refusing to reduce the rate on the assessment of Hennepin county 25 per cent and Ramsey county 25 per cent. The board recently had raised this class of property in Hennepin county 20 per cent and Ramsey county 25 per cent.

In support of his position, Chairman Fred Greiner, of Chaska, of the commission, which is now before the board, made a report to the board yesterday. Members of the board declare that in fixing the value of logs and lumber the report had no influence. The raise was made by the state board prior to leaving on its trip to St. Louis a week ago, while the report was made yesterday.

"The Minneapolis lumbermen have no right to make this outcry," J. E. Cooley, the Duluth member of the board, said last night. "We were cited to the board by the state board, which last January issued a statistical statement showing the stocks on hand. The lumbermen said their reports could be used as a basis in making the equalization, but had we used this statement the Minneapolis lumbermen would have suffered badly. The assessment made on their property is less than 10 per cent of the value as returned by their trade organ."

Chairman Sprague added a word. "The lumbermen are making logs and cry about nothing. We did not assess them as high as they really should have been assessed," he said.

There is talk in Minneapolis lumber circles of resisting in the courts the collection of taxes under the state board's equalization.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CONVOCATION

They Convene in the St. Paul Masonic Temple and Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year

Membership of This Branch in Minnesota Now Exceeds 6,000—George Forsyth, of Brainerd, Chosen Grand High Priest, and Thomas Montgomery Is Re-elected Grand Secretary

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Of 63 chapters in the state 54 were represented, the Minnesota membership of this branch of the Masonic order in the state now being 6,091, a net gain of 267 over a year ago. This is regarded as a good showing, and the retiring officials were warmly congratulated upon the good results achieved.

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Last evening the representatives continued the transaction of the business of the order, taking up the reports and acting upon the recommendations made. The receipts during the convocation amounted to \$3,448.20.

The occasion brought together many of the best known Masons in the state, Harry Owen, a laborer, who recently arrived in St. Paul from Chicago, had a narrow escape from death in the Omaha yards yesterday morning about 9 o'clock. While walking on a track he discovered that a passenger train was approaching behind him and in stepping onto a parallel track put himself in the way of another train coming from the opposite direction.

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Owen, who is twenty-four years old, said he had arrived in the city a few days ago and that he was in search of work when the accident occurred.

QUESTIONS FOR DEBS SURVIVES HIGH TOSS

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LAMPHERE OBJECTS TO SEWER ASSESSMENT

Contends City Must Stand Most of It Under Charter

The objections of George N. Lamphere were heard yesterday by Judge Orr in the district court, to the application for judgment in order to collect from Lamphere an assessment on his lot at Bidwell and Augusta streets. The assessment was levied as part of the cost of constructing the Stryker avenue sewer.

Mr. Lamphere asserted that the amount of the assessment levied on his lot was \$206, and that the assessment levied on the lot was only \$210. He insisted that, in accordance with the city charter, all of the \$206 in excess of 25 per cent of \$210 should have been paid out of the city's general fund.

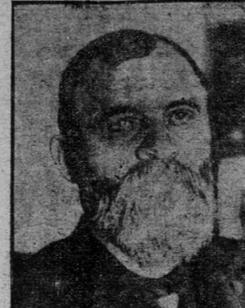
CAN DRINK TROUBLE

That's One Way to Get It

Although they won't admit it, many people who suffer from sick headaches and other ailments get them straight from the coffee they drink and it is easily proved if they're not afraid to leave it to a test as in the case of a lady in "Connellsville."

"I had been a sufferer from sick headaches for twenty-five years and anyone who has ever had a bad sick headache knows what I suffered. Sometimes three days in the week I would have to remain in bed, at other times I couldn't lie down the pain would be so great. My life was a torture, and if I went away from home for a day I always came back more dead than alive."

"One day I was telling a woman my troubles and she told me she knew that it was probably coffee caused it. She said she had been cured by stopping coffee and using Postum Food Coffee and urged me to try this food drink."



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TOWNSHIP TREASURER WAITS FOR WARRANTS

Judge Brill Considers Petition for Order Forcing County Auditor to Act

No decision has been announced by Judge Brill of the district bench, in the matter of Frank Shifski, town treasurer of Mounds View, against County Auditor Kramer. Mr. Shifski desires a mandamus issued compelling the auditor to sign warrants for the distribution of funds voted by the county commissioners for the improvement of roads in the Mounds View district.

Judge Brill has taken the case under advisement.

WONDERFUL SLEUTH MORRIS IS ARGUED

Proceedings to Compel Him to Try Suit Against Duluth Heard by Court

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The question of jurisdiction settled, then the question arises whether the circuit court has the right to proceed to try a suit brought while suits involving the same question are pending between the same parties in the state courts. The city contended that the support of the contention that the circuit court was not exceeding its authority, while Mr. Fesler submitted that the state court must have precedence because of the priority of its suit.

The unusual proceeding brought against Judge Morris involves the trial in the United States circuit court of claims held by the Barber Asphalt company against the city of Duluth for paving. One contract was for \$25,000 and the other for \$8,000. The city council was willing to make payments on the work, but taxpayers, under the Duluth city charter, insist on a permanent payment on the ground that the city council had exceeded its authority to enter into a contract when it had not funds at hand in the permanent improvement fund to pay for the expenditure.

J. T. PUTNAM PUTS LEAD IN HIS HEART

Venerable Bookkeeper for Seabury & Co. Commits Suicide on Account Poor Health

With a smile on his lips, John T. Putnam, head bookkeeper for Seabury & Co., Third and Sibley streets, went to the third room on the second floor yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock and fired a shot through his heart. His dead body was discovered half an hour later, seated on a chair with a twenty-two-caliber revolver lying on a box beside it.

Putnam was a pioneer of St. Paul, having come to this city in 1859 and having lived here constantly since. He was seventy-three years old, but in spite of his advanced age and a slight mental weakness which came upon him recently, he performed his duties to the satisfaction of the company which intrusted him with its bookkeeping. His behavior at the office was said to have been perfectly regular, but members of his family said that during the past few months his mind had been affected as a result of a disease with which he was suffering.

Seemed in a Cheerful Mood

"He seemed just as usual, and laughed when I called his attention to the one dollar in his trial balance and jokingly remarked that I would charge it up to him," said J. E. Seabury, treasurer of the firm. "He took the check smiling and I went out for lunch. When I returned I was told he had not been seen for some time, and when he failed to appear after several minutes we commenced a search for him. I found him sitting on a chair in the stock room on the second floor with a revolver beside him. Blood oozing from a hole in his vest over his heart showed where the bullet had entered."

Mr. Putnam had during the past year been suffering from kidney trouble, and it is thought that his mind was slightly affected as a result of the disease. He was unable to sleep a whole night and within the past few weeks he showed the effect of the loss of rest.

When he left home yesterday morning he gave no intimation that he intended never to return and during the night his industry never relaxed. He is not known to have possessed a revolver, and it is supposed that he purchased it yesterday.

Mr. Putnam was born in Worcester, Mass., and spent his early life in that town. He moved to Chicago when he became of age, and in 1859 settled in St. Paul. He had been bookkeeper for Seabury & Co. for over thirty years.

He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Beatty. He resided at 889 Hague avenue with his wife, daughter and son-in-law. The body was removed to O'Halloran & Murphy's undertaking rooms after Deputy Coroner Whitcomb had made an investigation.

PRETTY WOMAN IN FETCHING GOWNS

Who Plays Laura Jadwin in "The Pit" at the Metropolitan Tomorrow Night, Will Exhibit Rare Creations of the Dressmaker's Art.

MISS JANE OAKER, now stirring the hearts of Minneapolis with her emotional work in the role of Laura Jadwin in "The Pit," is said to be one of the most beautiful women on the stage. She is one of the Gibson type, tall and willowy, with classic features and great masses of warm chestnut hair. She is particularly fascinating in a frock by Duet, a wonderful, indescribable creation of Persian design, with creamy background scrolled in a splash like pattern that verges on Pompeian red. Another gorgeous gown worn in the third act is black net spangled in silver and turquoise. This is worn over a foundation of white satin and chiffon.

A green crepe de chine trimmed with pearl passementerie is made with shirred skirt and front panel of raised velvet. This panel was designed for the Paris exposition and captured first prize. Another feature of this gown is the single straps of pearl passementerie that run the entire length of the skirt in the center of the back breadth, accentuating the height and giving length to the skirt.

Miss Oaker will be seen in "The Pit" at the Metropolitan opera house tomorrow night.

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Mr. Gerlach referred to a statement made by Dr. Tjou at a meeting of the Minnesota Health league Sunday evening. He was positive that the charge of Dr. Tjou, that she made the air of the school bad, was made without reason, and said:

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Dr. Tjou had picked the Lafayette as the school against which to make the charge, but when she selects the Lincoln she either made a mistake, was purposely untruthful, or was misled.

"In many of the new buildings we depend upon an exhaust system to give ventilation, finding that this is satisfactory. But in addition there is the fact that the Lincoln school, which is a Lincoln school, the building stands high and dry and is in every way in good condition. This building was badly damaged by the cyclone, and since which time I have had occasion to be there more than ordinarily, and therefore know of what I am talking."

MINNESOTA MUTUAL COMPANY WINS SUIT

Eber T. Dunning, of Los Angeles, Withdraws Complaint Against Insurance Company

The action brought by Eber T. Dunning, of Los Angeles, Cal., against the Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance company, which has been pending in the district court of Ramsey county, came on for trial before Judge Orr on Monday of this week. The defendant appeared in court ready for trial, and the last minute the plaintiff filed a dismissal of the case.

Some time ago the same plaintiff brought a suit against the company in the California state court, and the case was promptly brought on for trial by the defendants. Before the court had a chance to file a decision the plaintiff voluntarily withdrew the suit, and thereafter he commenced his case in the Ramsey county court, the complaint being a copy of the complaint in the California case.

Dunning claimed not to be ready and Dunning claimed that the officers of the company were violating his rights as a member, and he made various charges against the company's management.

The insurance company immediately applied to the court to require him, as a non-resident, to post a bond to meet the costs. By various excuses Dunning had this matter delayed for some weeks, till finally the court made an order requiring him to post bond, and in two weeks of the case would be dismissed. Dunning failed to file the bond and the case was dismissed. Subsequently he petitioned the court for an order that he intended to file it in time, and the company being perfectly willing to try the case, reinstated it on condition that it be tried at the next term of court, which the plaintiff consented. The case was set for the 10th day of this month. The company appeared in court ready for trial, but Dunning failed to appear, and the court offered various excuses for this state of affairs and asked to have the case continued. To this the company refused to consent, and Dunning, being apparently unable to substantiate his case, filed a dismissal of it.

SAYS HER HUSBAND BEAT AND CHOKED HER

Mrs. Esther A. Staples Wants a Divorce From Llewellyn Staples

Alleging that her husband, Llewellyn Staples, forty years of age, beat, choked and abused her for a number of years, Esther Staples, thirty-six, began suit for absolute divorce yesterday.

Both parties were formerly residents of Stillwater, although at the present time Staples is employed by the St. Paul City Railway company. They have been separated two weeks.

SIGN A PEACE BOND

The five men arrested at McDonough's saloon, Rice and Edmund streets, Monday night for engaging in a free-for-all fight, were allowed to sign peace bonds in police court yesterday. They gave their names as John Lydon, Arthur Fisher, Bert Carr, Bess McInerney and Al Clancy.

SCHEDULE OF NEW STREET LIGHTS

The board of public works has made up its schedule placing the additional electric lights for the coming year, and if changes are not made the improved service will be as follows: West Seventh street, from Tuscarora to Fort Snelling bridge; University avenue, from Dale to the city limits, and Dale street, from Como avenue to Como park.

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