

NEWS OF THE CITY

Eva N. George is Free—Judge Orr yesterday granted an absolute divorce decree to Eva N. George, against Charles J. George, desertion being the cause assigned.

Cooper to Tell Story Saturday—Harry Cooper, charged with stealing a suit of clothes from his rooming house, Danahy, was in police court yesterday and will have a hearing Saturday.

Husband Cuts Honeycomb—Anna E. Jones has started suit against her husband, Fred N. Jones, for absolute divorce, alleging that he deserted her in January, 1902, after a married life of but two months.

Humane Agent Arrests Boy—Humane Agent Snow yesterday swore out a warrant for the arrest of Frank Kykowsky, a fourteen-year-old boy living at Como and Virginia avenues, on a charge of cruelly abusing a horse.

Maj. Gale Inspects Fort Snelling—Maj. George H. Gale, division inspector of the United States army, is making a general inspection of the post at Fort Snelling. He will examine troops, equipment and buildings. Maj. Gale has headquarters at St. Louis.

Lida May Howe Gets Divorce—Lida May Howe was granted a divorce from her husband, Robert Gardner Howe, by Judge Orr yesterday, it having been proved that Howe deserted his wife five years ago and since that time has neglected to provide for her maintenance.

Stepfather Would Adopt Children—Charles N. Webber has petitioned the district court to allow him to adopt three children, namely, Rudolph Junghans, fourteen; Rudolph Junghans, thirteen; and Elsie Junghans, aged eleven, all the issue of a former marriage of Mrs. Webber with Edward Junghans.

Paid \$24 to Make the Race—Edward Knowlan, defeated candidate for the Republican nomination for county commissioner in the First district, has filed his schedule of expenses. Including the filing fee, Mr. Knowlan set himself back just \$24, the greater part of which was spent in campaign literature.

Cadwell Takes Wright's Desk—F. A. Cadwell has been temporarily placed in charge of the secretary's desk at the state board of control office, succeeding H. W. Wright, who left for Los Angeles, Cal., yesterday. No decision has been made as to Mr. Wright's permanent successor as secretary of the board. The position pays \$2,000 per year.

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The appeal from the circuit court's decision was based on a technical error in the proceedings. Judges Caldwell, Sanborn and Thayer concurred in the decision.

MUST HAVE MONEY BEFORE THEY BUILD

Board and Committee Postpone Action on New "U" Buildings

The state board of control and the executive committee of the board of regents of the state university, at a conference yesterday, decided to postpone action on the proposed new buildings for the state university and the state agricultural college until funds are available for the immediate completion of the three large buildings for which appropriations have been made in part.

The joint boards, the board of control and the board of regents of the state university, will make contracts for the new administration building of the state university to replace the old "main" building recently destroyed by fire, the new medical building at the university and the new administration building of the state agricultural college.

It had been expected that work on the construction of the medical building and the new structure at the farm school would be begun this fall, but in the light of previous experience in building by the board of control no contracts will be entered into until the board of regents has approved in complete the buildings without delays because of the placing of the foundations and the final interior work.

Has the Insurance Money The board of control has \$55,000 available from insurance on the old administration building at the university, but it has been decided to await the session of the legislature and the making of an appropriation before beginning on the new structure.

Plans for the new buildings are being prepared by Architect C. H. Johnston. The new administration building at the university will be a three-story building, the height of the structure burned, and it will require more ground space than is available on the old site. The new edifice will be of brick and stone, built fireproof, and will be located east and north of the present physics building. It will cost about \$250,000 and \$100,000, and the new administration building at the state agricultural college will be of brick and stone, built fireproof, and will require more ground space than is available on the old site. The new edifice will be of brick and stone, built fireproof, and will be located east and north of the present physics building. It will cost about \$250,000 and \$100,000, and the new administration building at the state agricultural college will be of brick and stone, built fireproof, and will require more ground space than is available on the old site.

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CHIEF O'CONNOR ORDERS POLICE TO ENFORCE CURFEW ORDINANCE

Head of Police Department Determined to Clear Streets of Young Girls Who Insist Upon Remaining Out After Dark—Beginning Saturday Night Policemen Will Arrest All Children Under Sixteen Years Found Unaccompanied by Parent or Guardian

SUMMARY OF CURFEW ORDINANCE

It is unlawful for any person under sixteen years of age to be, loiter or remain upon any streets, alleys or public places in the city of St. Paul, from the 1st of September to the last day of February, between the hours of 8:30 p. m. and 5 a. m., unless accompanied by parent or guardian.

Parents and guardians are made responsible if they permit violations of the law, minors, however, being permitted to go to and from their places of business unaccompanied.

It is made incumbent upon police officers to enforce the provisions of the ordinance, and the penalty is \$20 or twenty days in the workhouse for parents or guardians guilty of violation of the provisions.

It is made the duty of the judges of the municipal court to inquire into the cases of minors brought before them, and if it is found that their parent or guardian is not properly caring for such minor, and if it shall appear that the misconduct is due to neglect, they shall proceed to secure other and proper legal custody for the minor.

If the minor is blameworthy, he is subject to punishment by being committed to the state training school—City Ordinance Passed in 1899.

"Beginning Saturday night, there will be strict enforcement of the curfew ordinance, the patrolmen being instructed to take in charge all children found on the street or other public places after 8:30, and I will see that the order is obeyed," said Chief O'Connor yesterday.

"During practically all of the time since the ordinance was passed it has been a dead letter," continued the chief, "but I have lately received so many complaints from parents and others that young children are running the streets that I have concluded to enforce the law."

"It seems to me that it will not be difficult to enforce the provisions of the ordinance, which are entirely reasonable, with the result that many young girls and boys will not be subject to the temptations that might otherwise come to them."

"Of late I have also received reports from a large number of officers that it is a practice of young girls to wander about the streets, this practice apparently being more common in the outlying districts than in the business section of the city. Girls not more than twelve to fourteen years of age have been found on the street after 12 o'clock. The provisions of the curfew ordinance cover their case thoroughly, and I propose to see that it is enforced, making it impossible to have in St. Paul a repetition of the recent scandal in Minneapolis."

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to control their children, or if they are in ignorance of what they are doing, it is their duty to report to the police, and if the police cannot compel the children to mend their ways they can be taken into court. If placing them in charge of the probation officer and compelling them to report to him regularly does not bring about the desired result, they can be formally brought before the court on a charge of incorrigible conduct and sent to the state training school. A few examples of this nature would be sufficient to impress upon children the necessity of obeying the laws and would doubtless bring about better conditions.

"The Minneapolis case has had a bad effect upon St. Paul girls, to all appearances. Some of them are apparently determined to make a record for themselves, and if the curfew ordinance is not enforced I am fearful that they will succeed."

Another official vitally interested in the enforcement of the law is Probation Officer Graves, into whose charge the offenders will fall if there is a strict enforcement of the ordinance. He believes that much good can be accomplished by an active crusade against children who habitually prowl about at night. He said:

"Order Pleases Probation Officer "There is every reason to believe that the very announcement of the chief of police that he intends to enforce the law will result in reducing the number of such offenders, but an active crusade would doubtless result in great good. The enforcement of the law will give the parents an opportunity to impress upon their girls and boys the necessity of remaining at home evenings, and in many cases all that will be necessary will be to have the police officers patrolling the streets of the city. It seems that the provisions of the ordinance are sufficiently stringent for all practical purposes, and I am glad that the chief of police proposes to enforce it."

"All children that are turned over to me because of the curfew will be reported and the parents will be notified, but I have lately received so many complaints from parents and others that young children are running the streets that I have concluded to enforce the law."

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CHILDREN TO WORK FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Boys and Girls to Electioneer for Passage of Charter Amendment

From now until election day the youngsters of the Eighth ward who frequent the city playground on Como avenue will devote their spare time to electioneering for the proposed amendment to the city charter permitting the city council to appropriate \$10,000 annually for the maintenance of this and other playgrounds in St. Paul.

The suggestion that they do so was made by Dr. Arthur Dunning, who, on behalf of Ald. Mathias Bantz, yesterday afternoon presented a banner to the City Meats ball team, champions of the playground league.

The idea was received with enthusiasm, and the unqualified support of the majority of those present was at once guaranteed.

A hotly contested ball game between the City Meats and the Burlington Routes was the feature of the exercises which marked the year's closing of the playgrounds. The teams are members of a league of six clubs that have met there almost daily since the opening of the grounds. As they had tied for first place in the race for the pennant presented by Ald. Bantz, fully 500 boys and girls turned out to see the tie played off and to cheer the victors.

The Burlington team, out at a record-breaking pace, piling up four runs before their opponents had made one, but the butchers boys got their second wind in the fourth inning and finally won by a score of 14 to 10.

Did Not Waste Closing Day Not all the little ones rooted for the ball players, however. Many of them kept their blood in circulation by playing hockey, basketball and football, while others exercised on the horizontal and parallel bars and the swings.

There was no set programme. When the youngsters tired of one game, they gave it up and started a new one, and when they reached a point where they could not decide whether to do next, they appealed to Arthur Leland, superintendent of the grounds; to Miss Higbie, his assistant; or to Mrs. Alexander Barclay, who suggested some fresh form of amusement.

The playground was opened to the children on July 6. It is equipped with a tennis court, a croquet court, a baseball diamond and such gymnasium apparatus as is appropriate for open air play. For rainy days there is a playhouse containing a juvenile library and indoor games. There are also lockers and shower baths both for boys and for girls.

Lack of Funds Blamed Arthur Leland, who has been in charge of the grounds, says that the average daily attendance has been about 300. Owing to lack of funds the grounds will be closed until next season, although there is still a month of good weather to come.

In presenting the pennant to the boys yesterday Dr. Dunning explained that if the proposed amendment to the city charter is adopted next month, three or four similar playgrounds will be established in the city. He urged the children to remind their parents to vote the right way. They promised to do so.

SALOON LOUNGERS USE THE STRONG ARM

Thomas Omdahl Is Robbed in Saloon—Robbers Go to Workhouse

Thomas Omdahl, a baker living at 851 Rice street, was assaulted and robbed of \$10 in a saloon on Robert street, yesterday morning. He said he stopped at the saloon on his way home after working all night, and that while standing at the bar he was thrown to the floor by the bartender and two other men, who went through his pockets and relieved him of \$10.

Omdahl complained to Patrolman Malone, his neighbor, Thomas Maloney, and the bartender, Thomas Kyle, and Frank Keefe and George Miller were arrested. The three men were sentenced to sixty days in the workhouse by Judge Hine.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

The Automatic Carbonator company, a new corporation which filed its articles with the secretary of state yesterday, will manufacture automatic carbonators and other devices. It is capitalized at \$500,000, and its incorporators are: E. B. Mower, W. H. Jacoby and Frank Healy, all of Minneapolis.

The Dairy Record Publishing company, St. Paul, has incorporated with E. K. Slater, St. Paul; H. J. Crockett, Easton, and M. P. Mortenson, Cokato, as incorporators. The capital stock is \$10,000, and the new company will publish a dairy paper in St. Paul.