

NEWS OF THE CITY

The temperature at 2:00 a. m. was 6 degrees below zero, a drop of 18 degrees since 7 p. m.

Mayor Smith is ill—Mayor Smith was confined to his room yesterday afternoon with an attack of influenza, but expects to be at his office today.

Residence is Scorched—A defective chimney caused a small blaze at 875 Fourth street, the residence of George Post, yesterday evening. Loss, \$15.

Charge Against Mains Dismissed—A charge of passing a bad check on Hinton's saloon, brought against H. H. Mains, was dismissed in yesterday's police court.

Dental Surgeon Hussey Leaves Snell—Samuel V. Hussey, dental surgeon who has been stationed at Fort Snelling, has been ordered to the Philippines, and Charles J. Long, of the same rank, has been ordered to relieve Mr. Hussey.

Box Lockers for Army—A contract for 5,000 box lockers to cost \$16,150 was made yesterday by Lieut. Col. W. W. Robinson Jr., chief quartermaster of the Department of Dakota, with the Villume Box and Lumber company, of St. Paul. The boxes are to cost \$3.25 each.

Bids Received for Sewers—Bids were received yesterday by the board of public works for a sewer on Palace street, between Victoria and Chatsworth streets, and on Victoria from Palace to Jarvis street, while trying to get bids from E. J. Kirkland, \$7,250. The bids were taken under consideration.

Boom in Real Estate—Real estate in St. Paul had an active market last week. The transfers, which numbered eighty, exceeded those of the corresponding week last year by twenty-four, and almost doubled them in value. The considerations named in deeds filed for record were \$135,000 against \$70,000.

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That she has suffered brutal and unfeeling treatment ever since her marriage to Frank B. Smith; that two weeks of her married life has been spent in a deserted barn; that she has for long periods been far from food and sufficient clothing; that even while sick she has not had medical attendance, nourishment or money to purchase the same; and that her bed was changed for drinks, is part of a list of reasons set out by Josephine C. Smith to convince the court that she should not be compelled to live with her husband.

FATHER'S EJECTION RIGHTS ARE UPHOLD

Court Sustains Parent Who Speeded Parting Guest

"What kind of language was used," asked the city prosecutor, "German answered the daughter of John Adelsbauer, who was arraigned in the police court yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct in driving a motor car with his wife. A general laugh followed.

OFFERS BOGUS CHECK AND GETS THIRTY DAYS

De Forest Graves, Alias J. B. Nelson, Vainly Seeks to Raise \$35

A gentleman giving the aristocratic name of De Forest Graves, but who has at times been known by the less flowery cognomen, J. B. Nelson, was yesterday committed to the workhouse for a period of thirty days on account of his making a check for the sum of \$35 to provide him with \$35 cash in exchange for a bogus check.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Lax Eye Brom Quinine Tablets. All drug stores retail the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box.

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Begins Taking Evidence in the Case

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A court of inquiry is one degree removed from a court-martial. Its functions are quasi-judicial, and on its findings will depend whether or not Gov. Johnson, commander-in-chief