NEWS OF THE CITY

The temperature at 2:30 a. m. was 24 degrees below zero, a drop of 9 degrees since 7 p. m.

Joins Governor's Staff—Maj. George S. Ceffend, of Minneapolis, was appointed a member of the staff of Gov. Johnson yesterday.

County Attorneys Meet—The county attorneys of the state will meet in the chambers of the supreme court in the old capitol this afternoon.

Makes Report for Month—The state insurance commissioner reported yesterday that the receipts of his office for January amounted to $87,449.99.

Many Hear Evangelist—A large meeting at Volunteer hall, 414 Jackson street, was addressed by Mrs. Morrison, the prison evangelist, last evening.

Judge Hine Home—Judge R. C. Hine, of the municipal court, returned yesterday from a month's vacation spent in Havana, Cuba, and at various points in Florida.

Capitol Employes Paid—"The ghost walked" for the subordinate employes at the new capitol yesterday afternoon, about $4,500 being paid out in two hours and a half.

State Gets Receipts—The University of Minnesota turned over to the state yesterday $42,764.80 as the January receipts. The greater portion of this was from the fees collected from the students.

Lecture Postponed—Gov. Robert M. La Follette has indefinitely postponed the lecture which he was to give at the People's church next Saturday evening on the "Menace of the Machine."

Internal Revenue Grows—During the month of January $78,936, a heavy increase over the amount collected during the month of January in 1904, was collected by the local collector of internal revenue.

Slater Returns Today—E. K. Slater, state dairy and food commissioner, will return this morning from a trip to the southern part of the state, where he has inspected several dairies and attended a dairyman's convention.

Chimney Causes Fire — A defective chimney caused a small fire at the residence of Lars Forslander, 676 Magnolia street, last night, resulting in a $25 loss. The walls of the kitchen caught fire and were scorched before the blaze was extinguished.

Young Returns Today—W. E. Young, state railroad and warehouse commissioner, will return this morning from Erskine, Polk county, where he has been inspecting the new interlocking signal system at the junction of the Great Northern and Soo near that point.

Lectures on Birds — "Birds in and Around St. Paul" is the subject of a lecture to be given by Prof. D. Lange at the Bethel this evening. The professor has made an exhaustive study of birds and has obtained many fine pictures which will be shown on colored slides.

Under Probation Officer—Al Chartier, aged seventeen, who threw a stone at Carl Schultz, an aged rag peddler, at the public baths Tuesday afternoon, breaking his leg just above the ankle, was placed under the care of Probation Officer Graves by Judge Finehout yesterday.

Shows Slight Increase — The report for January of County Treasurer Jesse Foot shows the receipts of that office during the month to have been $69,796.55, a slight increase over the collections in January last year. The disbursements of the office during the month were $55,831.03.

Gray Denies Guilt—David Gray, arrested Tuesday night charged with stealing $2 from the pockets of Albert Voigt while the latter was asleep at the Economy hotel on Jackson street, pleaded not guilty to the charge of petit larceny in the police court yesterday morning, and his case was continued.

BEN BORTOSKI IS IN SEARCH OF HIS FATHER

Medford Boy Asks The Globe to Find Missing Parent

The following letter, with all its suggestion of a domestic tragedy, the cry of a child for a missing parent, has been received by The Globe:

To the Editor—Sir: I am trying to find my father. He has left us seven years ago. I and my sister are trying to find him. The last time we heard he was in Ely, Minn. He is about forty years old, heavy set man, weight about 180 lbs. about 5 feet 6 inches tall. His name is Will Bortoski.

—Ben Bortoski.

Care Anna Silkey, Medford, Minn.

McQUAID'S

SEVENTH AND CEDAR

Midway Lunch Biscuit

Regular 12½c Biscuit, on sale for one day, today, as an introduction, at, per pound..... **9c**

Our sale of the New Buster Brown Cookies yesterday was such a success from a standpoint of introduction that we feel justified in offering you a bakery bargain for today in this delicious Cream Biscuit, regularly sold two pounds for 25c, but on sale for one day at 9c per pound.

Stick or Nut Pretzels, per lb	5c
New Comb Honey, per frame	12c
Regular price 17c per frame.	
Bananas, per dozen	10c and 5c
Fancy Navel Oranges, per box	$2.00
Price elsewhere, $3.50 to $4.00 per box.	
Fancy Navel Oranges, dozen, up from	10c
California Seedling Oranges, per box	$1.50
California Seedling Oranges, per dozen, up from	7c
Jonathan Apples, per bushel box	98c
Fancy Imported Figs, extra large—7-crown, per lb	15c
Fancy New Fresh Dates, per lb	7c
Fine Greening Apples, per peck	30c
Fine Baldwin Apples, per peck	35c
Good Michigan Apples, peck, up from	15c
Full Cream New York Cheese, per lb	15c
Bulk Macaroni, per lb	5c
Bulk Spaghetti, per lb	6c
White Haven Tomatoes, per can	7c
Penn. Standard Corn, per can	5c
Bay State Peas, 12c value, per can	7c
Superior 15c package Matches, pkg	10c

$1.00 SALES CHECK WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 package Ralston Breakfast Food, per pkg	15c
1 package Ralston Pancake Flour, per pkg	10c
1 can Runkle's Cocoa, per can	25c
2 packages Raisins or Currants, per pkg	10c
3 cans Pride Tomatoes	25c
Any purchase of Dried Fruit	25c
Any purchase of Rice	25c
7 lbs Rolled Oats	20c
5 lbs Old Popcorn on the ear	20c

GOVERNOR IS GUEST

Knights of Pythias Give Reception to Brother Member

St. Paul Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, tendered a reception to Gov. John A. Johnson at its hall, corner of Sixth and Robert streets, last night. The reception was attended by about 150 of the local Knights and by about twenty who are members of the state legislature, the guests of honor being Gov. Johnson and ex-Gov. Van Sant, both of whom are Pythians. Judge Jaggard acted as toastmaster, and Gov. Johnson was the first speaker of the evening. He thanked the local Knights for their cordial reception to him, and said that while the capitol commission had so far succeeded in keeping him from thinking that he owned the capitol, there was one little corner there that he thought he could call his own for the next two years, and that he would be only too happy to see any of them in that corner whenever they had time to get up as far as Park avenue. He said that he was very glad to find that his predecessor in the gubernatorial chair was a Knight of Pythias, and that so many members of the legislature also belonged to the order. Gov. Van Sant followed him on the programme, and briefly discussed Pythianism. W. I. Nolan, of Minneapolis, was in a particularly happy mood and kept the audience in continual laughter with his impersonation of a "funny man." John Beon did some clever work imitating Anna Held, Mrs. Patrick Campbell and other famous actresses, and there were numerous musical numbers on the programme.

Among the out-of-town members present were: State Oil Inspector J. A. McDermott; Representatives W. J. Stock, Melrose; John Saari, Eveleth; W. B. Anderson, Winona, and W. I. Nolan, Minneapolis; Senators Edward Durant, of Stillwater, and H. E. Shedd, of Red Wing; J. E. Morrison, Morris; E. B. Hibbing, Montrose; J. H. Heyser, Duluth; James Robertson, of Minneapolis.

The general committees in charge of the reception were composed of Louis Nash, A. E. Nussbaumer, P. D. Godfrey, B. C. Gollnes, J. C. Bohrer, R. N. Grady, J. T. Duffey, George N. Frey, E. S. Kaye, Jacob Rockstroh, Dale A. Smith, Aaron Poupeney, Judge Grier M. Orr, Judge Olin B. Lewis and H. P. Keller.

GENIUS PAYS FINE

James Collins' Presence of Mind Costs Him One Dollar

James Collins was discharged from custody at South St. Paul yesterday morning after paying $1 and costs. He was arrested last Saturday while attempting to swap a five-gallon can of kerosene for five quarts of beer. A wagon belonging to the Cornplanter Oil company tipped over in the street and the tank began to leak, through which the oil was fast escaping, when Collins secured a five-gallon can and proceeded to fill it with the oil which was being wasted.

He then attempted to dispose of it to a bartender, but an officer of the law interfered with his attempts at a sale and took him to the police court, where he tried to convince the judge that it was much better that the barkeeper should have the kerosene and he the beer than that the oil should be allowed to pass away without doing any one a bit of good, but the judge could not see it his way and assessed him $1 and costs.

PIONEER WOMAN DIES AT HER HOME

Mrs. Thomas McMahon, an Old Resident of St. Paul, Stricken

Mrs. Ellen McMahon, wife of Thomas McMahon, for nearly half a century a resident of St. Paul, quietly died at her home, at 325 South Franklin street, at 10:30 o'clock last night. Mrs. McMahon had been ill for less than a week.

Mrs. McMahon was seventy-two years old. She was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in November of 1832. She came to this country in 1854 and to St. Paul in May of 1857, where she was married to Thomas McMahon on Oct. 19, 1860.

Mrs. McMahon lived with her husband and three sons, M. J. McMahon, deputy clerk of the board of public works; Joseph A. McMahon, until recently connected with the Lehigh Valley Coal company, and Robert McMahon, with the American Tobacco company. Thomas McMahon was for a number of years a member of the St. Paul police force and is now retired. One daughter, Mrs. Patrick Corcoran, survives her mother.

The funeral will be held at the late residence Saturday morning at 10:30. Mass will be said at the Cathedral, of which church she had been a member since her arrival in St. Paul. The remains will be interred at Calvary cemetery.

WIND'S PRANK WITH HAT BECOMES COSTLY

Vagrant Headpiece Leads to Assault and Then Fine

To the fact that the wind removed and carried away his hat while he was crossing the Chicago Great Western tracks at South St. Paul, William Lahmann attributes an $8.50 deficit in his cash balance.

At the time that Lahmann lost his hat yesterday afternoon, John Carroll was standing by, and in mad pursuit of his fugitive chapeau Lahmann collided with Carroll, whereupon Carroll heaped verbal abuse upon Lahmann, who retaliated with his strong right hand upon the person of Carroll. Carroll went in search of Chief of Police McCormick and had his assailant haled before Justice Doss. The judge convicted Lahmann of assault and fined him $5 and the cost of taking it away from him.

Reed Denied Jury Trial

Reuben Reed, accused of stabbing Robert Henderson during a fight at 50 West Tenth street, demanded a trial by jury yesterday, but was refused by Judge Finehout on the grounds that he pleaded guilty to the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon when first arraigned, but had withdrawn the plea later on.

Gasoline Pot Explodes

The explosion of a gasoline pot caused a small fire at the hardware store of H. Ulvin, 937 Payne avenue, yesterday, damaging the building to the extent of $25. A number of workmen were near the pot at the time of the explosion, and were badly frightened, but escaped injury.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS HOLD BUSY SESSION

Whittier School Plans Accepted for Four Room Addition

Plans for a $16,000 addition to the Whittier school, submitted by Mark Fitzgerald, were adopted by the school board at a meeting held last night.

The plans are for a four-roomed wing to be erected upon the property owned by the board at the west end of the present structure. The specifications are not now fully complete, but will be so in a short time. Bids for construction will be advertised for, probably within the next ten days, and ground broken for the work in the early spring. The new wing will be in readiness for occupation at the opening of the fall term. The rooms provided for in the plan will be 27x35 feet. With this addition the school will open the next school year with a twelve-room building.

While the board was in session word was received of the destruction by fire of St. Joseph church, Virginia avenue and Carroll street, the basement of which was used as a parochial school, accommodating some 200 scholars. A motion was immediately passed extending a hearty invitation to all parents whose children were so left out of school to enter them at the public schools of their respective districts. Supt. Smith stated that ample accommodation was available in Neil, Webster and McKinley schools, which would likely receive the greatest number of applications.

Need More Time

The real estate committee asked and was granted more time for the selection of a site for the new Seventh ward school. It is understood that the members of the committee, as are the members of the board, are divided in their opinion as to how far out the site should be located.

Communications from Messrs. Arthur B. Driscoll and C. W. Gordon were read, asking that the new Seventh ward school be called the "George R. Finch school;" but, in view of the fact that the site had not yet been chosen the matter was laid upon the table. Several other communications were read meeting various fates. Supt. Smith and Principal E. V. Robinson were granted leave of absence to attend a teachers' convention in Milwaukee.

The superintendent's report embodying the following statistics was adopted: Whole number of pupils enrolled for the month of January, 24,242; average daily attendance, 21,823; whole number admitted, 25,922; number of new admissions, 265.

Will Reduce Force

A recommendation, that will effect a reduction of three in the teaching force, was embodied in the report of the committee on schools. The report advised the closing of a room in the Gorman, Adams, Van Buren, Hancock, Webster and Franklin schools, and the opening of an extra room in the Ramsey, Jackson and Sibley schools. These recommendations with the balance of the report were adopted.

The report also set out the following resignations with the recommendation that they be accepted:

Miss Amanda Ghert, Lincoln school; Miss Mary Davis, Maxfield school; Miss Grace Pickett, Jackson school.

The following recommendations for the granting of leaves of absence were made:

Miss C. W. A. Blackman, principal of the Longfellow school, for an indefinite period; Miss Julia Griffin, Phalen Park school, for one month; Miss Anna Whalen, Longfellow school, from March 1 to the end of the school year; Miss Barbara Clark, Longfellow school, for an indefinite period.

The following recommendations for the extensions of present leaves of absence were also made:

Miss Carrie Krieger, Van Buren school, to the beginning of the spring term in April; Miss Elizabeth Smith, Drew school, to the end of the school year; Miss Rilla Palmer, Irving school, to the end of the school year.

It was recommended that the following reassignments of teachers now on leave be made:

Miss Mary Farley, to her former position at the Humboldt school; Miss Essie Boyd, to her former position at the Douglas school; Miss Sadie Rowles, to the Jackson school, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Pickett.

Two recomendations of appointment were made:

Miss Lucille O'Connor, to the Hawthorne school at a salary of $60 per month, to date from Dec. 26, and that Miss Laura Miller be appointed acting principal of Longfellow school in the absence of Miss Clara W. A. Blackman.

The following transfers were recommended:

Miss Meta Siebold, kindergarten assistant at the Hendricks school, to the same position, Mound Park school, vice Miss Sturley, transferred.

Miss Maud Sturley, kindergarten assistant at the Mound Park school, to the same position at the Hendricks school, vice Miss Siebold, transferred.

Miss Marie Singleton, from the Baker school to the Sibley school, to open a new room.

Miss Mabel Haney, from the Gorman school, on account of closing a room, to the Lafayette school, vice Miss Elizabeth Smith, transferred.

Miss Belle Boyd, from the Humboldt school, on account of the return of Miss Farley, to the Baker school, vice Miss Singleton, transferred.

Accounts were allowed, expenditures ratified and the report of the committee on supplies accepted and the seretary ordered to purchase the supplies.

CANADIAN WHEAT INCREASES RECEIPTS

The month of January was the banner one for collections in the United States customs department for the Minnesota district. The amount collected is in excess of $200,000, the exact figures not having been ascertained as yet. The great increase of the past month over those preceding was due to the importations of Canadian wheat to be ground at the Minneapolis mills into flour. Of course the net results will be somewhat lessened if the importers get the 90 per cent rebate they expect to receive when the wheat is sent back in the form of flour.

To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, we prepare Cream Balm in liquid form, known as Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cts. Druggists or by mail. The liquid embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

Albert Lea, Minn., March 21, 1901. Messrs. Ely Brothers: I suffered from a severe cold in the head. I could not breathe through my nostrils and was about dead from want of sleep. I used your Cream Balm and woke up with a clear head. I would not take five dollars for my bottle of Cream Balm if I could not get another. S. K. LANSDALE.

CITIZENS AROUSED TO MICHAEL'S AID

Many Mass Meetings Called to Consider Trolley Tax Question

With the next conference between the general committee of the common council and the officials of the street railway company but a week distant, supporters of the course which Corporation Attorney Michael is advocating regarding the enforcement of payment by the street railway company of the 5 per cent gross earnings tax are redoubling their efforts to secure a favorable report from that committee.

Heavy pressure is being exerted by both factions to reach their ends. A city official, whose experience in municipal affairs reaches over a long period of years, said yesterday that it was not within the time of his memory that so much public interest has been manifested in the disposition of a question relative to public service corporations while it was yet entirely in the hands of a committee with only advisory powers.

The supporters of the corporation attorney in his desire to carry the question of the validity of the tax into the supreme court, realizing that the fine points of the argument are to be sifted out in committee meeting, and that much will depend upon that committee's report, are exhausting all the means at their disposal in an effort to make that report favorable to their position. And, at the same time, realizing that the question must come soon before the council for the decisive action, they are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to be assured that the matter will receive favorable treatment at the hands of that body.

Many Mass Meetings

The belief, which seems to be daily growing in strength among the people, if not among the councilmen, that the street railway company should be made to pay the gross earnings tax, will find voice during the coming week in many mass meetings. Ward improvement associations, political clubs and trade organizations are arranging for halls, for speakers and for dates upon which to hold these meetings. All are anxious that the meetings shall be held before next Tuesday, the day of the conference.

The statement made by Ald. Mathias Bantz, in a printed interview, to the effect that he believed that the people of his ward, the Eighth, wished the council to compromise the matter with the street railway company, and that he would so vote, has so aroused Eighth warders that a mass meeting will be held in that ward on either Monday or Tuesday evening of next week.

President F. M. Dolan, of the Eighth Ward Improvement association, under which organization's auspices the meeting will be held, is confined to his room with an attack of the grip, but he said last evening that as soon as he was able to be about, which he hoped would be in the course of a day, he would consult members of the association's executive committee regarding dates and speakers, and that a call for the meeting would probably be issued either Friday or Saturday.

"A great many residents of the ward have expressed themselves to me since Ald. Bantz's statement of position was published, and all with whom I have thus talked have declared themselves to be astonished that our representative should take a position which he knew to be against the best interests of the city and directly the opposite of his constituency's wishes.

Approved Michael's Course

"At a meeting of the improvement association held in December the matter came up for general discussion and resolutions expressing the strongest approval of Corporation Attorney Michael's proposed course of action in the matter were drawn up and passed without a single dissenting vote. I don't remember whether or not Ald. Bantz was present at that meeting, but if he was and voted on the proposition he must have voted for it. Anyway, he must know of the action which we took in the matter. A copy of those resolutions was sent to the corporation attorney.

"I am confident that, if the weather is favorable when the night of the mass meeting arrives, it will be attended by one of the biggest crowds in the history of the Eighth, and that resolutions will be passed by overwhelming majorities which will clearly define the position in the matter of the ward voters to Ald. Bantz and every member of the city council. That is the best we can do, and if Bantz doesn't realize that he is standing in a position very distasteful to his ward, and does not get in another position before the council vote is taken, I would not be surprised to see a second mass meeting held and resolutions passed intimating to the alderman from the Eighth that his resignation from the board of aldermen would not plunge the ward in mourning.

"The opinion of almost everyone out here with whom I have discussed the subject is that the things which the street railway company have offered to do, in case the fight for tax collection is stopped, are merely things which are necessary for them to do in any instance. It is about the same proposition as a farmer's plowing his field in the springtime. The street car company seems to want the city to hand them $5,000,000 in exchange for a mere pleasant smile, figuratively speaking. I would not attempt to explain Ald. Bantz's position, and I am fearful that he will not undertake the task in the ward meeting."

WILL NOT IMPEDE THE FORT SNELLING EXTENSION

War Department Announces It Is Up to the Rapid Transit Company

Globe Special Washington Service
1417 G Street

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—War department officials have assured Representative Lind that no obstacles will be placed in the way of the extension of the Twin City Rapid Transit company's Minnehaha line to Fort Snelling. The department waits only for an application by the company for a license to cross the reservation.

—W. E. C.

Stove Was Too Hot

An overheated stove caused considerable excitement at the Boston candy store, 15 East Seventh street, yesterday morning. The stove became red-hot, setting fire to the woodwork, and caused a small panic among the employes. There was no damage.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

If your rent is too high, wouldn't it be better to sub-let a furnished room than to move into a cheaper house? Even if you are a trifle "proud," it might be better. Phone The Globe's Want Ad Man, 1003 either line.

LAY MEMBERS STIR UP LIVELY DEBATE

Belated Code Causes Some Heated Discussion in House

A. J. Rockne's point of order saved the house yesterday from a count of noses on the procedure to obtain in the house's treatment of the statute revision code.

The lay members of the house were prepared to force to a vote S. D. Peterson's resolution calling on the assignment of the chapters of the code to twelve committees of the house, of which two members of the judiciary committee should be on each committee. The judiciary committee had anticipated the storm, and had reported to the house twelve chapters of the code with the amendments offered by that committee. The amendment were ordered printed in the house journal that members might compare the amendments with the original chapters of the code. But the laymen were not satisfied.

G. W. Armstrong, of Hennepin, had attempted to make a speech in opposition to the procedure by which the house was waiting for the reports on the code, but he had been ruled out of order by N. F. Hugo, the speaker pro tem, and W. B. Anderson, chairman of the judiciary committee, was recognized to report progress on the code by his committee. Mr. Anderson reported chapters 2, 3, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 45, 46, 51, 57 and 110, with amendments to the chapters. Mr. Anderson declared that there was nothing to prevent the house from passing bills not affecting the code.

Armstrong Talks Out

G. W. Armstrong exhorted the house to get down to work. "If we are here for a purpose, let us find out what that purpose it," he said. "Two years ago, under an organization that was a stench in the nostrils of so many good people, we accomplished things. Is the revision to take up the entire session? If we have got to revise and codify, as it seems we must, it will take up all our time. I have received letters and protests as to the chapter on municipal courts. I haven't time to investigate all the special laws affected. I have not received a large salary for this work."

W. A. Nolan moved the adoption of the Peterson resolution, and this was W. P. Roberts' cue to rebuke the lay members who had found fault with the judiciary committee. He charged that the lay members had not accepted invitations to meet the subcommittees and to make suggestions.

"The members of the subcommittees are working hard," the Minneapolis lawyer shouted. "They are putting in full day's work and now you want to add to their labors by making them attend the meeting of the house subcommittees. How much work would we do if we had a half dozen men who do not know anything about law buzzing around. The revision code will be worth a million dollars to the state in five years, if adopted. This is worth more than all other considerations. But don't play baby. Quit growling and help the subcommittees."

Denies the Insinuation

Mr. Peterson declined to be considered in the baby class, and insisted that every committee was entitled to the same consideration given the judiciary committee. He charged that the judiciary committee had not kept its promise to invite co-operation of other members.

W. A. Nolan took issue with the judiciary committee that it had extended a general invitation to the laymen to participate in the code consideration. "The committee had said 'we have got this code in hand and are competent to handle it.' It is now the fifth week of the session and we want to go to work. We don't want to stop their work, but we want to accomplish something."

A. J. Rockne raised the point of order that since the code was still in the hands of the judiciary there was nothing before the house for discussion. W. B. Anderson made an impassioned speech for the judiciary committee. He said the code was a work of great magnitude and could not be reported out in a week or ten days. The committeemen had worked night and day and had given up all their private business and abandoned their families. "I am willing you should have the code, but I can't understand the motive of these attacks on the committee," he said, and promised to be able to report the entire code within a week.

The speaker sustained the Rockne point of order and shut off debate when a dozen members were on their feet striving for recognition.

Problem Is Solved

Burdette Thayer offered a resolution calling on the standing committees to report out the bills now in their possession. His resolution was regarded as a counter-irritant to the Peterson resolution. A few moments later Mr. Peterson sent a substitute resolution to the desk, calling on the judiciary committee to distribute among the standing committees of the house the chapters reported, but that the judiciary should retain possession of the code. Mr. Anderson promptly accepted the resolution and it was passed unanimously. It was regarded as a fortunate solution of what promised to be a showdown contest between the factions in the house.

The judiciary committee will report fifteen chapters of the code, with amendments, to the house this morning.

The J. B. Kelly resolution, providing for a flag to be draped back of the speaker's desk, was unanimously carried. A resolution presented by A. Hanaford, of Wright, that bills of a general nature, and those carrying appropriations, be printed upon their introduction, went to the committee on rules. A resolution amending the rules to require bills to be reported out by the committee to which they have been assigned, within fifteen days, also went to the rules committee.

FIRE ROUTS FAMILY IN THE CHILLY HOURS

Occupants of House Forced to Flee in Night Clothes

Fire of unknown origin routed the family of Max Machinski, 180 East University avenue, out of their beds early yesterday morning and scorched the house. The fire was discovered shortly after 3 o'clock, and the family had barely time to make their escape in their night clothes before the upper story was ablaze.

The family were taken in by neighbors. The damage to the house is estimated at $800.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Clearance of Linens—great bargains today

Clean-up sale soiled and mussed muslin underwear

ST. PAUL'S SILK SELLING STORE.

Field, Schlick & Co.

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

Women's garment bargains

13.50, 15.00 and 17.50 winter coats..... 8.75

20.00, 22.50 and 25.00 winter coats..... 10.00

Up to 8.75 walking skirts.....3.75

Tailor made odds and ends from many broken lines; about 45 in the lot, principally mixtures and cheviots.

10.75 and 12.50 walking skirts.....6.00

Good quality tailor made skirts, ankle length, splendid variety of styles and materials. Were very special at 12.50.

Extra: women's 1.50 underwear for 1.10

We will place on sale today a lot of imported ribbed wool vests—made in one of the best factories in Switzerland, a heavy winter weight vest and one that we have sold for years at 1.50. To close them out today the price will be..... **1.10**

1000 pairs men's socks at 7c

Another supply of those 15c socks for men that we are able to get every once in a while and sell at 7c a pair. Thousands of men have already found them wonderful values—suppose you get a pair and try them. They come in tan and black, made of heavy two-thread peeler yarn, and are absolutely seamless. Today, only 12 pairs to each buyer, a pair..... **7c**

Nearly every line of men's underwear marked down to reduce stock.

FLOCK TO LIBRARY

Weather Affects Directors and Patrons Differently

The extreme frigidity of the atmosphere last evening detained enough members of the board of library directors away from the regular monthly meeting to cause a lack of a quorum and the meeting was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

But if the coldness of the weather kept the directors away from the library, it had quite the opposite effect upon the patrons of the reading rooms. All day and until the rooms were closed at night seats in the general reading room and the newspaper file room were almost at a premium.

The attendants at the library say that all records for patronage thus far this winter have been effaced by the number who have availed themselves of the library privileges during the past week. The reading room gives to the transients and homeless ones in the city a brilliantly lighted and well warmed room, with an easy chair and a good book, and they are not slow in availing themselves of their very satisfactory substitutes for the family fireside.

COLD WAVE PINCHES THE POOR OF CITY

Relief Society Receives Many Calls for Food and Fuel

Numerous calls for help have been brought about by the cold snap, and the Relief society has been kept busy supplying the many wants of the city's poor.

No extreme cases have been reported to the society, but there is a steady demand for fuel and clothing, and many families have been provided for. Most of the requests are for fuel, and in some cases are supplied by the city, but more often by the Relief society.

The only serious case reported was that of a Jewish woman, who was discovered yesterday in a barren room on Twelfth street, sick abed and unable to take care of her two small children. Food and a nurse were furnished by the Relief society.

PORTER HELD FOR THEFT OF WATCH

Gordon Is Accused of Robbing Montana Banker

Adolphus Gordon, colored, accused of taking a watch valued at $25 and $35 in bills from F. Conrad, a banker of Kalispell, Mont., some time ago, was bound over to the grand jury yesterday afternoon by Judge Finehout.

Gordon was employed as a porter on a Great Northern train running from St. Paul to the coast, and is accused of relieving the banker of his watch and roll while the latter was asleep.

Conrad testified that when he awoke his head was badly swelled, the result, he thought, of a blow delivered while he was asleep, but could not tell how it was received.

J. W. Webb, a watchman of the Great Northern at Seattle, arrested Gordon just as the porter's train was pulling out of the depot, and upon searching him found the chain in one of his pockets. The watch was found in the negro's locker and the money was picked up on the floor.

SOCIABLE EVENING LEADS TO COURT

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson Deny Charge of Disorderly Conduct

The gang that has been rushing the can in the vicinity of Mississippi street for the last week or two was broken up Tuesday evening, when Charles Peterson and his wife were arrested on the charge of disorderly conduct. The drinking has been going on at the home of the couple at Mississippi and Williams streets, the Petersons furnishing the can and other necessary articles.

Tuesday night the crowd began to raise a disturbance and the man and his wife were arrested, the rest of the party taking their leave before the policemen arrived. The pair pleaded not guilty to the charge of disorderly conduct in the police court yesterday and their cases were continued.

FUEL SEEKERS ARE HELD FOR THEFT

Three Boys Are Put Under Charge of Probation Officer

The cold weather resulted in the arrest of Mike Depe, Oscar Larson, Charles McCarthy and Lawrence Ladoer, who attempted to replenish their fuel bins by picking up stray pieces of coal in the Northern Pacific yards Monday night.

Depe, Larson and McCarthy are mere boys and were put under the charge of the probation officer, while Ladoer, who is an old man, was allowed to go with a reprimand.

Great building boom for 1905. Are you in it? If so, let us figure with you. L. Lamb Lumber Co., West Fifth and Seventh.

TWINS BEGIN CAREER

Two Tots Start Stage Life at Early Age

Joseph Jefferson was carried on the stage as a baby in arms.

Jefferson became a great actor, and has retired with a competency.

A century hence we may read in the "Lives of Great Actors" a biographical paragraph thus:

"Robert Ortt Jr., born in St. Paul, Minn., April 10, 1904. First appearance as a ten-months-old baby on the stage of the Metropolitan opera house, St. Paul, as Leonidas in Kirke La Shelle's production of 'The Virginian.'"

And:

"Dorothy Ortt, twin sister of Robert Ortt Jr., born in St. Paul, Minn., April 10, 1904. First appearance as a ten-months-old baby on the stage of the Metropolitan opera house, St. Paul, as Fayette in Kirke La Shelle's production of 'The Virginian.'"

The road to fame has been opened to Robert Ortt Jr. and Dorothy Ortt, the ten-months-old twins of Robert and Theresa Ortt, of 259 Thomas street.

It is up to Robert Jr. and Dorothy to have fame spread its mantle of greatness over them.

Quite naturally Robert Jr. and Dorothy are not cognizant of the opportunity presented them. Perhaps they might kick up their little heels and rebel, but this is hardly a plausible theory, for nearly every child is born with stage aspirations, more or less developed.

In the event that the St. Paul twins do follow the path marked out for them, they may, in after years, look upon Harry Ricker and James D. De Wolfe as their patron saints, for it is these two gentlemen who have given them their first opportunity.

Twin babies are required for the first act of "The Virginian," which comes to the Metropolitan next week. It was up to Mr. De Wolfe, of "The Virginian" company, to secure them. In the play they are Uncle Hewie's twins, and the first born on Bear creek. Their christening as Leonidas and Fayette is made a great occasion in the cattle country, and the neighbors for miles around drive in to participate in the proceedings.

The cowpunchers from the neighboring ranches are also guests. The good bishop drives many miles to "tack the names on reg'lar," and a dance follows that does not end until the sun has risen over the horizon in the east. While the dance is at its height the babies—there are seven—are placed together in one room. What the Virginian and Honey Wiggin did to the babies readers of the book well know. The incident is repeated in the play.

Robert Ortt Jr., of St. Paul, is to be Leonidas, and Dorothy Ortt, his baby sister, is to be Fayette.

Perhaps the Ortt twins may have the seed of genius stored away in their cherubic little anatomies.

Dead Man Is Defendant

In a suit to quiet title on a residence lot in this city, Henry C. Soucheray, the plaintiff, names Daniel Riordan, deceased, and the heirs of Daniel Riordan as defendants.

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