

MINNEAPOLIS NEWS

Specially Reported for the Daily Globe
NARROW GAUGE RAILROADS.

The system recently endorsed by an enthusiastic meeting of leading citizens. The proposed organization—a proposition to take \$250,000 in bonds unanimously favored.

Agreeable to call, a public meeting of citizens of Minneapolis was held at the city council chamber last night. The meeting was called to order by Col. Wm. S. King, who nominated Mayor A. C. Rand as presiding officer. His honor accepted in a graceful speech, advocating the construction of the system of narrow-gauge railroads planned, stating that the local demand for such railroads was now in Minneapolis and now it remained for Minneapolis to do something for herself.

Col. King and Geo. W. Wright were then called out, and proceeded to explain the proposed system as illustrated by a large map suspended against the wall. The system is situated upon contemplation the construction of one line from Minneapolis directly west on the south side of Lake Minnesota, through Waterville and terminating at Hutchinson; another line running north in the town of Hamlin, Hennepin county, the main stem branching at Crow River and the western line touching Kingston, Forest City, Marshall, Pineville, Glenwood and terminating at Fergus Falls. The eastern stem reaching out Northwest, up the west bank of the Mississippi river, to Monticello, Clearwater, St. Cloud, Long Prairie and terminating at Bluffton on the Northern Pacific.

Mr. Wright explained the topography of the country and set the probable cost of construction these several lines at about \$5,000 or \$6,000 per mile.

Hon. W. W. McNeil, chairman of the committee appointed at a previous meeting, was called upon for a report. Mr. McNeil reported that the committee had decided to discontinue their duty and discontinue the proposed system was already in the hands of the Minneapolis & Northern Narrow Gauge Railway company. The company was composed of the following named gentlemen: J. W. McNeil, J. C. O. of one line from Minneapolis directly west on the south side of Lake Minnesota, through Waterville and terminating at Hutchinson; another line running north in the town of Hamlin, Hennepin county, the main stem branching at Crow River and the western line touching Kingston, Forest City, Marshall, Pineville, Glenwood and terminating at Fergus Falls. The eastern stem reaching out Northwest, up the west bank of the Mississippi river, to Monticello, Clearwater, St. Cloud, Long Prairie and terminating at Bluffton on the Northern Pacific.

The report further recommended that the city be asked to take up the bonds to aid in the construction of this system of narrow-gauge roads, to be paid out at the rate of \$1,000 per mile as fast as ten miles shall be built.

Col. King offered a resolution committing the meeting to the system of narrow-gauge railroads proposed in the report of the committee. It was adopted unanimously.

Col. King proposed a resolution that the meeting was in favor of voting the proposed \$250,000 provided it should not increase taxes to a greater extent than 1½ per cent. Adopted unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

MINNEAPOLIS GLOBELETS.

Regular meeting of the city council this evening.

A social dance will be given at the Calhoun house this evening.

Sheriff Thompson returned yesterday from conveying Penhallow, the insane patient, to St. Peter.

Two chairs found by the police on Fourth street can be obtained by the owners calling at the police station.

Workmen were engaged in putting down a new floor in the register's office yesterday, and in consequence the employees took a holiday.

None of the losses by the Anchor mill fire have as yet been adjusted, but the adjusters are busily engaged, and will be ready for business in a day or two.

A little runaway for a cent occurred on First Avenue South yesterday evening. Nobody hurt and only a compound comminuted fracture of a new buggy.

Tilly and Slatery were conducted to Stillwater yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Stodder, and dressed up in a new suit of handsome striped cloth, paid for by the State.

Hundreds of men are seeking for employment in this city at this time. Why do not some of our philanthropic citizens organize a free employment agency? This would be better than maintaining whole families by public charity.

It is a matter of regret that the parties interested do not carry out the original intention and erect a music hall on the foundation at the corner of Fifth street and Hennepin avenue. Nothing is so much needed in Minneapolis as a first-class music hall on the ground floor.

To-night will be the final presentation of the "Naïad Queen," and the beautiful fairy spectacle will fade away from our vision like a dream. Those who have not seen it will do well to go to-night, as it is indeed the event of a lifetime to witness the series of beautiful pictures.

The Globe owes Mr. Stewart an apology. It was not a lady's collar that he wore, but his own, and Will Elford was the man that had the neck gear ornamented with crocheted work and eyelet holes and things about the edges. Such is Stewart's story, and now that he has "blown in" about \$2.50 he thinks that it's about time that William or Julius came down.

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ST. PAUL TRADE.

Weekly Review of the St. Paul Markets.

OFFICE OF THE GLOBE.

ST. PAUL, DEC. 17.

Usually the week preceding the holidays is a dull time for commission and jobbing business, and a great rush of business is not expected by either. The extraordinary absence of snow at this time of year, too, does not tend to the improvement of business. It is a novelty to Minnesota for the cutter and sleigh to remain quiet in the barn with the accumulation of one month's dust upon them at Christmas time. It is a novelty to which the farmer can not well reconcile himself, and he feels as if it were almost unnatural to go to market on wheels to buy his Christmas presents. Day after day he postpones going to town with the confident expectation that to-morrow will see sleighing, when he will commence to haul his produce, but up to this 17th day of December the snow has not come, and the river is still open. Fortunately, however, nature has not been so negligent of her duty and forgetful of old time customs up in the big woods, and has given our farmers just sufficient to use runners. This has improved business a little in lumbermen's supplies.

The wheat market during the week has shown some little inclination to lower figures, No. 1 being 2c off. The quantity coming in has not been large, owing probably to the absence of snow. The test is likely to become even more intolerable, and even if farmers will only submit to the imposition. Some buyers are introducing a little less hardy wheat, but the market is not likely to be improved. The market is not likely to be improved. The market is not likely to be improved.

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Foreign Money Market.

London, Dec. 17—5 P. M.

Money—94 7/16; Account—94 9/16

UNITED STATES SECURITIES.

New 4 1/2 coupon—103 1/2; Reading—12 1/2; Erie—103 1/2; Erie preferred—103 1/2; Illinois Central—79; New 5 1/2—103 1/2; Pennsylvania—79

RENTS—11 1/2 cts. Paris, Dec. 17.

The following quotations giving the range of the market during the day were received by

MORTON, MOORE & CO.,

Commission Merchants.

Liverpool, Dec. 17—10:30 A. M.

Wheat dull; penny lower.

Floating cargo steady.

Kiln-dried wheat 1 1/2 higher.

California wheat nearly 6c lower.

Market steady with a moderate demand.

Wheat steady; No. 3 1/2 at 80c; No. 2 nominally 90c; winter wheat—17-20c P. M.

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