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City News

TOWN TALK

EVENTS OF TONIGHT

Metropolitan Theater—Thomas Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle," Bijou Theater—Brothers Byrne, "Eight Bells," Orpheum Theater—Modern vaudeville, Lyceum Theater—"The Christian," Unique Theater—Vaudeville, Dewey Theater—"The Cherry Blossoms," Andrew Presbyterian Church—Lecture, Miss Florence Ben-Ohel, Auditorium—Concert—Knights of Pythias band, Fifth Presbyterian Church—Missionary concert, Christian Science Church, Third Avenue and Eleventh Street—Lecture, Bliss Knapp.

Four per cent on savings. The State Institution for Savings, 517 First av S. (Older to Empire) Sec. A. E. Johnson Co., 100 Wash. av S., for itineraries, etc. Try it—it's great—"Surpassing Coffee," Jersey Dairy Lunch, 6 3rd st N. Warm weather is predicted and it is time to buy your seeds. Northrup, King & Co., First and Hennepin.

Everybody's Magazine, 1 year with Lawson's book Frozen Finance, \$2.50 at the Century News Store, 6 Third street S. Special, 25 per cent discount on odds and ends in frame mouldings. We regild old frames. Bintliff Mfg. Co., 120 5th st S.

The Ralph Connor club will meet tomorrow evening at the home of Stuart Gamble, 2428 Girard avenue S. A paper on the "University of Minnesota" will be read by Willard C. Addy.

The state board of electrical examiners will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the capitol building, St. Paul, to examine candidates for master and journeyman electrician certificates.

Every department of your business or floor of your residence equipped with telephone service at low rates; ask the contract department of the northwestern telephone company.

February stamp sales at the Minneapolis post office show an increase of 18 per cent over those for the same month of last year. The exact figures are: 1905, \$99,625.06; 1906, \$117,649.32; increase, 17.924.26.

Mrs. H. N. Peterson, 912 Twenty-fourth avenue S., accidentally used carbolic acid instead of a toothwash Sunday evening, and as a result she is in a precarious condition at her home. Mrs. Peterson is the mother of a six-week-old child and every effort is being made to save her life. She has a chance for recovery.

PRESIDENT SALLMON ON HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

Governor Johnson today appointed Dr. Wm. H. Sallmon of Northfield, president of Carleton college, as the additional member of the state high school board provided for by the revised statutes. The board formerly consisted of the state superintendent of public instruction, the president of the state university, the president of the normal school board, and one city superintendent named by the governor. The code gives a membership of five on the board, adding "one other person, to be appointed by the governor."

President Sallmon was not an applicant for the appointment. His selection gives the small colleges of the state representation, which they have never had before.

TRAIN STRIKES 9 WOMEN

Mrs. F. D. Merritt, former Minneapolisite, Seriously Hurt in Washington.

Mrs. F. M. Merritt of Centralia, Wash., daughter of Rev. J. S. Sherrill of Minneapolis and well known in this city, was one of the most seriously injured of the nine women who were struck by a freight train near Centralia, while riding in a bus. The women had started to Chehalis to take part in an entertainment. A short distance from Centralia their driver tried to cross the tracks in front of an approaching train. He misjudged the distance and the train struck the bus, hurrying it and its occupants many feet. Mrs. Merritt fell under the wreckage and was pinned there. When removed she was unconscious, but has improved, and it is now thought that she will recover, though she is not yet out of danger.

Mrs. Merritt was in Minneapolis last year and had spent her girlhood in this city.

Cosy Tea Rooms at Dayton's, 4th floor. A la carte service all day.

A MYSTERIOUS ASSAULT

John McCarrick, 372 Euclid street, was beaten to insensibility last night by a man, saloon, at 385 Wabasha street, St. Paul, by a strange man, who escaped after the assault.

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CIRCUS SEASON TO OPEN

Ringling Brothers Advertise Two Particularly Thrilling Acts.

The annual tour of Ringling Brothers' circus will begin at Chicago Thursday night, April 5. The performances will take place in the Coliseum building, and the engagement will be for three weeks. This season they have imported two "thrillers," which will engender emotional excitement enough for the most blasphemous.

A stoical youth will gamble with destiny by a bicycle ride down a steep incline, and when thirty feet from the ground, shoot into space and making a complete somersault, land on a platform fifty feet away, from whence he will wheel safely to the ground. This dreadful, defiant deed makes the hazardous loop-the-loop and leap-the-gaps, with which most readers are familiar, look by comparison, like a game of tiddle-de-winks.

Staggering as this act may be, however, it is outstripped for flaunting danger by the auto ride of a young woman down a steep incline, swift as a flash of light, the car strikes an upturned cleave in midair, and upside down, clears a leap of forty-four feet, landing on a machine which restores the rider to its correct upright position, and thence it glides with decreasing velocity into the hippodrome track. This act of a fearless young French woman is the most frightfully dangerous ever invented for public exhibition.

Christian Science. A free public lecture on Christian science will be given at the church, 1111 Hennepin, corner Second and Eleventh street this evening at 8 o'clock.

The lecture will be delivered by Bliss Knapp of Boston, Mass., member of the board of lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass. The object of these lectures is to explain the principle and practice of Christian Science and to correct erroneous opinions with reference to same.

Mr. Knapp is one of the younger lecturers in the field; a forceful and virile speaker and well qualified to elucidate his subject. He is a graduate of Harvard university, and Massachusetts Metaphysical college, and has been for years a practitioner of Christian Science. All seats are free.

SKIN GRAFTING SAVES LIFE OF SPIESBERGER

Still lying in pain at the Michael Reese hospital in Chicago, Samuel Spiesberger, who was horribly burned in the West hotel fire, owes his present prospects of recovery to cuticle furnished by eight volunteers.

Physicians shook their heads when Mr. Spiesberger progressed toward recovery so slowly. It was finally determined that he must face certain death unless new skin could be made to grow over the burned surfaces. The only solution was skin grafting and \$500 worth of cuticle was offered for volunteers. Out of the fifteen presenting themselves at the hospital, only eight, the usual average, were in sufficiently good health to make the attempt at transplanting feasible.

Rapid recovery was assured Mr. Spiesberger, according to latest reports received by W. R. Munzer and other Minneapolis friends expect to see him released from the hospital at a not distant day.

BOGUS CHECKS AROUND

CLERICAL LOOKING MAN OBTAINS CASH ON PAPER THAT PROVES TO BE WORTHLESS.

The protective committee of the Minnesota Bankers' association is looking for a ministerial appearing man about 45 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, wearing a black suit of clothes, a low-standing collar and black tie.

'SOMEBODY LIES,' SAYS ALDERMAN

WALKER AND CHATFIELD EXCHANGE COMPLIMENTS.

Council Committee on Gas Votes Unanimously to Demand Cheaper Gas, or Arbitration if Company Refuses—City Attorney Says Council Has No Jurisdiction Under Present Conditions.

By a unanimous vote the council committee on gas, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, decided to recommend for passage the Walker resolution requesting the Minneapolis Gas Light Company to reduce the price of gas to 80 cents a thousand cubic feet, and in the event of its refusal to submit the matter to arbitration. The meeting was enlivened by a spirited tilt between Aldermen Platt, Walker and E. C. Chatfield, in which the lie was passed and some hot remarks were exchanged.

When Mr. Chatfield was called upon for an expression, he said: "I do not see as there is any occasion for me to say anything. Mr. Walker informed me a short time ago that he intended to pass the resolution in spite of everything."

Question of Veracity. "The alderman from the second ward has been trying to suppress this resolution," began Mr. Walker.

"I deny it," exclaimed Mr. Chatfield.

"I have the floor," continued Mr. Walker, "and I only want to say that not more than half an hour ago Mr. Chatfield asked me to withdraw the resolution."

Mr. Chatfield explained that he coincided with the view of the city attorney that no issue had been raised. There was no legal dispute between the city council and the gas company over prices, as the city council had already passed a resolution fixing the price of gas until June 1, and a contract which will fix the price until Jan. 1 is still pending. "He simply suggested that we proceed carefully in this matter."

As to the controversy with the gas company, "I declare it to be a falsehood, a falsehood."

Resolution in Order. C. J. Traxler, an attorney appearing on behalf of Mr. Walker, argued that his resolution was in order. It called upon the gas company to reduce the price of gas. There could be no objection to this action. If the gas company granted the request, the price, of course, he no dispute. If the gas company refused, then the second part of the resolution would be considered.

City Attorney Frank Healy contended that there was no controversy with the gas company regarding prices as the council, at its last meeting, had accepted a certain price until June 1. In the event of arbitration proceedings being started at this time the first question to be raised would be one of jurisdiction, and in view of its action the council had no jurisdiction. Moreover, if the supreme court should reverse the district court, the gas company would have a contract good until Jan. 1.

It was the opinion of the members of the committee that no harm could be done by passing the resolution and it placed the record as favoring cheaper gas. When a motion to recommend the resolution for passage was put, there was not a dissenting voice.

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