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DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Special Meeting of City Council
to Adjust Electric Light Dif-
ficulties.

A special meeting of the city council was held last evening at which were present the mayor, all the aldermen except Jones, and Auditor Rae. The business of the meeting was to discuss matters pertaining to the electric light plant.

The contract for the new boiler which was to be laid down in Madison October 1, was taken up and the manufacturer having failed in his agreement, the order for the boiler was canceled. This perhaps is well, as the new boiler was to be of the upright pattern which would require special remodeling of the building at the plant before it could be installed on account of its height. Besides it has been a question in the minds of a good many citizens whether an upright boiler would be practical for the purpose intended.

The project for a new boiler having been abandoned for the time being, it was decided to thoroughly repair the old boiler, with new grates, flues, etc., and make it do the work until spring or such time as a new boiler can be placed satisfactorily. This work has been in progress for the past several days, and it is likely lighting service will begin soon—perhaps this evening.

The force of employees at the plant was reorganized by adding Henry Miller as engineer. Sverre Borgard will remain as assistant to Mr. Miller. This will relieve Supt. Roche from work in the plant and enable him to give his entire attention to the electrical part of the business.

While the public has been greatly annoyed by the closing down of the plant at this season of the year, it must be taken into account that the reorganization of machinery in any establishment is a hardship, which few realize who have not had experience. No doubt those in charge have done the best they could under the circumstances. A new engine and a new dynamo have been added, and had the new boiler arrived as contracted for, the public would not have been called upon to suffer inconvenience for the want of light as has been the case the past ten days.

FIRE IN FRONT.

Watertown Lady's Unpleasant
Predicament On the Public
Highway.

A Watertown lady by the name of Mrs. R. E. Atwater met with a very peculiar accident while returning from Arlington one day last week. Mrs. Atwater, who resides in Watertown with her husband, went to Arlington several weeks ago to look after the threshing on their farm which they have rented a short distance from Arlington. After transacting her business she started for Watertown with a team of horses and buggy. As the day was very cold she took along a lantern and put it in under the robes to keep her feet warm. She had driven about ten miles on her road home when she thought she smelled burning cloth. On further investigation she found the robes and blankets were on fire. Not only the robes and blankets were on fire but the lady's skirts had already caught on fire.

There was not a person nearer to her than five miles and her clothing on fire. But she made a lightning change. She got those skirts off in less time than it takes to tell it. There was a high wind and when she removed the burning skirts they immediately ignited the dry prairie grass and a prairie fire was under full headway. While the brave little woman was trying to put out the prairie fire her satchel in the buggy burned with all its contents. Fortunately for Mrs. Atwater her skirts were all made of woolen material and consequently did not burn fast and she succeeded in removing them before she was burned. However she finished her journey to Watertown and arrived home without a scratch or blister although her wearing apparel was badly scorched.

GIRLS MUST GO.

Their Employment in Large Rail-
road Office Found to Be Im-
practicable.

It is reported that all the women stenographers in the general offices of the Grand Trunk railway are to be discharged for the reasons hereinafter set forth, to wit:

"Because they are too much addicted to the chocolate cream and caramel habit.

"Because, when not indulging in various kinds of confections, they are engaged in nibbling at solid food.

"Because they talk too much, and especially about matters in which the railroad company, as a common carrier, and a corporation organized for profit, is not now and cannot under any circumstances become interested.

"Because the average woman employee has no thought for the future that is associated with the development of the company's interests, her main purpose being to kill time until she finds a husband."

It is possible that some of these charges are well founded. It is possible that women employees, as a rule, and particularly when they are thrown to-

gether in large numbers, are prone to carry feminine weaknesses into the daily routine of business life, to the extent of endangering the balance of those masculine minds which are more or less influenced by their delightful presence.

It is possible that half a dozen caramel-eating women in a general office are capable of throwing a well organized railway system out of gear, and that no discipline was ever established that has been sufficiently rigid to prevent the average woman from forgetting business if there is anything more interesting at hand.

But, with this admitted, the fact remains that if candy, lunches and gossip only can be eliminated, women as a rule are not only faithful and honest, but competent employees. This fact is well recognized.

Men are not perfect. We believe that this will be admitted even by railway managers. And it is frequently the fault of the men rather than the fault of the women that the women do not adhere more strictly to the office rules. When there are no men the women do better. When there are a few men, the women do not do so well. When there are as many men as there are women, neither the men nor the women do quite as well as they ought to do. And man is as much inclined now as he was in the Garden of Eden to throw the blame on the woman when anything goes wrong.

Still, for woman's sweet sake, let us hope that the action of the railway company in question may teach her that, while candy, lunches and gossiping may all be very well in their way, yet from man's point of view, business is business.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

Preparations for the Expenditure
of a Large Amount of Money
at Hot Springs.

Sioux City Journal, 1: James D. Elliott, of Tyndall, United States district attorney for South Dakota, passed through Sioux City last evening on the way to Hot Springs S. D., to arrange for securing more ground for the site of the proposed national soldiers' sanitarium.

"There is not enough ground to accommodate the plans of the government's architects," Mr. Elliott said, "and I have been instructed to arrange for securing an additional tract. It is not unlikely that we will be compelled to resort to condemnation proceedings."

When asked as to when the appropriation for the building of the sanitarium would be available Mr. Elliott said it was available now. "At least \$1,000,000 will be spent by the government in building this national institution," Mr. Elliott said.

From information which Mr. Elliott received from Washington yesterday, it seems the plans will be approved and all will be in readiness for the work on the construction of the sanitarium to be started early in the spring.

Mr. Elliott came through Yankton yesterday and met United States Senator Gamble, who came home for Thanksgiving. Senator Kittredge spent Thanksgiving at his old home in New Hampshire.

Do you feel mean, cross all out of sorts, no ambition, all broke up? Rocky Mountain Tea will make you strong, healthy and robust. 35 cents, tea or tablet form. Frank Smith.

Physicians Prescribe It.
Many broad minded physicians pre-
scribe Foley's Honey and Tar, as they
have never found so safe and reliable a
remedy for throat and lung troubles as
this great medicine.—Schutz & Ketcham.

City Lots
for residence purposes, for sale, \$15 to
\$200.—E. Sheridan.

MORGAN ASKS INVESTIGATION.
Railroads Alleged to Have Opposed
Isthmian Canal.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Morgan has introduced resolutions authorizing the committee on inter-oceanic canals to investigate the part alleged to have been taken by the transcontinental railroads in the isthmian canal matter and also to inquire into the plans of the inter-oceanic canal commission. The preamble to Senator Morgan's first resolution called attention to assertions in public journals "representing public opinion and exercising leading influence in the great political parties of the United States," that transcontinental railroad companies have opposed the public policy and laws of the United States in respect to the ratification of the Hay-Herran treaty.

It declared that the railroads are obstructing the full and complete execution of the duty and the policy of the United States as declared in the act of congress approved June 28, 1902, providing for the construction of a canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

The resolution provides that the committee on Pacific railroads is authorized and required to make a careful inquiry into the facts on which such charges are made and report the testimony and the findings of the committee to the senate.

SENATE SESSION BRIEF.

Transacts Routine Business and Ad-
journs to Friday.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The senate was in open session thirty minutes. After receiving a number of bills, resolutions and petitions and after spending some time in executive session the senate adjourned until Friday. A majority of the bills offered were for private pensions and most of the petitions for the expulsion of Mr. Smoot (Rep., Utah). As usual Mr. Cullom (Rep., Ill.) called up the Cuban reciprocity bill, but as no one manifested a desire to address the senate upon it the bill went over.

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Overshoes
Cloaks and

Hosiery
Waists,
Leggings
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The Daily Leader
MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2, 1903

THE CITY.

Weather Forecast.
Generally fair tonight and Thursday;
cooler Thursday, and north and west
portion tonight.

LOCAL NEWS.

First and second cooks wanted.—
Lake Park hotel.

Contractor Garner was a morning
passenger for Mason City, Iowa.

Try that delicious California celery
at the City meat market.—J. W. Schultz.

For Rent. Furnished rooms, heated,
one block from Egan avenue. Enquire
here.

For sale. House, and lot S. block 21,
Madison. Address, Williams & Gage,
Montrose, S. D.

Thos. McKeon passed through this
morning, returning home to Sioux Falls
from Howard.

Mrs. Elder, mother of Mrs. C. J.
Porter, was among the morning pas-
sengers east to Chicago.

Chas. Millemer, the accommodating
clerk at the Lake Park, is on duty again
after an illness of three weeks.

Bartlett Cole, student in state univer-
sity, who has been in this city ill for a
week or two, returned to his work at
Vermilion.

May wheat opened in Minneapolis at
81 1/2, closed at 80 1/2; cash 79 to 81; local,
wheat, 96 to 99; barley, 32 to 35; oats,
23 to 25; flax, 36.

Geo Simpson has bargained for the
sale of his dry line to Cliff Richardson
and But Alverson, young men from
Chester township.

A site was staked out at Wentworth
yesterday upon which J. K. Fields,
formerly in the employ of E. A. Rippe
of this city, will build an elevator.

A well furnished and heated room on
lower floor, with electric light and
warm water, near business part. Rent
reasonable. Inquire at this office.

E. Cadwell and May Hill of Howard
were married at the rectory yesterday
afternoon by the Rev. E. H. Edson.
They departed for home by the evening
train.

The Epworth League will hold its
regular business meeting Friday even-
ing at 8 o'clock at home of Earle E.
Kelley. All members urged to be
present.

The flour and feed store has been
moved to Handemer block, fronting on
Fourth street, where everything usually
kept in a first class flour and feed store
may be obtained.—Henry Handemer.

All this week, Hope & Savercool, the
fashionable milliners, will hold a special
sale on hats at greatly reduced prices.
This is an opportunity you cannot
afford to miss. The low prices will
surprise and please you.

Mr. Montague will preach a series of
sermons at the Baptist church, on
Three Great Questions. The subject
tonight is God's question to Man: to-
morrow night, Man's question to God;
Friday night, Man's question to Man.
Meetings in the afternoon at 3:30.

C. K. Svensen, massage, magnetic
and electric treatments. Cures tumors,
cancers, tapeworms and chronic dis-
eases. Office rooms at the residence of
Mrs. Harrison, 411 Lincoln avenue, be-
tween 4th and 5th streets. Consultation
and examination, \$1 and \$2. Hours 9 a.
m. to 8 p. m.

City Auditor Rae informs The Daily
Leader at 3 p. m. that no attempt will
be made to turn the electric lights on
tonight. Men are at work as busy as
possible repairing the boiler and it is
thought best to do a good job at this
time to avoid a shut down in the near
future.

J. F. Keiner of Franklin township
has partitioned off bins in the Buckholz
coal shed and is buying grain on a mod-
erate scale, hoping to increase his busi-
ness in the future. In the absence of
elevator facilities for unloading, Mr.
Keiner pays the seller at the rate of \$1
an hour to assist in the work of unloading
which has to be done by shoveling.

There will be a masquerade ball at
Franklin hall in Franklin township a
week from next Friday night. There
has been a change in the management
of the hall. Keiner brothers and Bunt-
rock brothers having bought out all
other stockholders. The hall is a popu-
lar place for the young people of the
neighborhood and dancing parties
are frequent.

One of our valued exchanges gives
the startling information that "some
careless boy or girl threw an apple out
of one of the windows of the photograph
gallery while the high school was being
taken up Friday morning and struck
Elza Harnum just west of the drug
store, inflicting a large bruise." After
all, Elza was very fortunate. Had she
been hit east of the drug store it would
have been dangerously close to her ap-
pendix.

Dr. Palmer is in receipt of a letter
from Mrs. Palmer who is sojourning in
Chicago with her little daughters. Dr.
Mueller, the specialist, who visited
Madison last summer, commenced
active treatment of Iva this week and
she has been placed in a plaster cast.
The treatment seems severe to the
sympathetic mother, but the little lady
patient submits gracefully and without
a murmur. Hundreds of friends will
sincerely wish for the very best results
from the treatment.

Distress After Eating Cured.

Judge W. T. Holland of Greensburg,
La., who is well and favorably known,
says: "Two years ago I suffered greatly
from indigestion. After eating, great
distress would invariably result, lasting
for an hour or so and my nights were
restless. I concluded to try Kodol
Dyspepsia Cure and it cured me entire-
ly. Now my sleep is refreshing and di-
gestion perfect." Sold by Cook & Odee.

Anxious Moments.

Some of the most anxious hours of a
mother's life are those when the little
ones of the household have the croup.
There is no other medicine so effective
in this terrible malady as Foley's Honey
and Tar. It is a household favorite
for throat and lung troubles, as it con-
tains no opiates or other poisons, it can
be safely given.—Schutz & Ketcham.