

## PICKED UP AROUND TOWN.

—His honor of the municipal court was lonely this morning, not a single case of drunk appearing before him.

—The work of pile driving on the N. P. road dock extension is nearly finished, and capping has already begun.

—W. I. Hambly stands two feet higher because his wife presented him with a daughter this morning that weighs 10 pounds 6 ounces to a T.

—In the warm attention paid to the county officers of late, Judge Dunphy has not been slighted—a new coal stove being placed in his office to-day.

—Received by the St. P. & D. road: 2 cars of mdse., 1 of hay. Total, 3 cars. Shipped: 4 cars of coal, 2 of pig iron, 1 of horses, 1 of mdse. Total, 9 cars.

—The tugs Eliza Williams and Danforth were moved up into the slip to prevent injury by bumping against the dock during the storm Saturday night.

—This morning a young man named James McKinnon, on whom is attached that fatal disease, consumption, applied for and received admission to the poor house.

—Frome Talford Gouin, better known as Capt. Gouin, died yesterday morning of typhoid fever, and will be buried to-morrow from the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m.

—The suspension bridge over the canal stood the racket of Saturday night in a way that gives promise of long-continued usefulness in all conditions of the elements.

—The repairing of the N. P. trestle work track leading from Rice's Point to elevator B is being rapidly pushed by a crew of men and one of the company's steam pile drivers.

—Received at elevator A to-day: 1,632 bushels of wheat, 1,234 bushels of corn. Wheat in store at elevator A, 100,431 bushels. Wheat in store at elevator B, 631,484 bushels.

—The rock blasting on Fourth street is not unattended with danger to the houses in the vicinity, the porch in front of one of them being broken down by a huge rock thrown upon it one day last week.

—The power and peculiarities of the high northeast wind of Saturday evening may be well illustrated by the fact that it blew a pane of glass out of Levy's wholesale liquor store, which fronts the northwest.

—Although the new elevator C does not 'loom up' to any great extent from up town, a visit to it will show that some very substantial work has been done, and that everything is in readiness for crowding the immense building to completion at the earliest time possible.

—Why don't the churches let their light shine before men and women, or at any rate, before the front door, so that worshippers can attend without danger of bringing a suit against the plethoric treasury of the village? It would add much to the Sunday evening attendance if it were known that the steps were not hidden in Plutonian darkness.

—Whether the assembling of only four members of the Chamber of Commerce in the court room this morning at the hour for the regular weekly meeting is to be accounted for by the weather, by the resolutions regarding it adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at its recent meeting, or by indifference, cannot be said; but the fact that there was no meeting remains. Any other cause is not so bad as indifference. Brace up, gentleman.

—The eight members of the street gang, who had been on bread and water in the county jail for several days gave up this morning, and expressed willingness to go at work. No sooner were they out of the jail yard than one of them, Harrington, made his escape. Up to noon he had not been recaptured. After being out a short time the gang was returned to the jail on account of the severity of the weather.

—Elsewhere we speak of a building association, but we would also rise to remark, or sit down to write, that there ought to be men enough and capital enough in town to form a building syndicate. Such a company could get sufficient money together to build a fine row of store buildings extending a full block, and thus start a building boom that would put a stop to the shanties and frames now going up in our principal street. An Opera House could be included within this block, as will be done in the Syndicate Block in Minneapolis. Moorhead and Fargo have Building Syndicates, why not Duluth?

—During the gentle zephyr of Saturday evening the schooner Belle Stevens was torn from her anchorage near the canal and drifted rapidly toward the dock fronts on the other side of the harbor. She struck in the center of the wagon bridge between the docks of the Northwestern Fuel Company and the Northern Pacific. The railing of the bridge was broken down for half its length. The damages to the vessel are not serious. One of her yawl davits was broken off by coming in frequent and forcible contact with the bridge, and ten feet or more of her starboard bulwarks aft were smashed out entirely. Below deck she is not injured at all. She is now tied up at the N.P. dock.

—There is now considerable slush ice in this end of the lake, brought in by Saturday night's northeaster.

—As Elmer Brown was crossing the slip this morning he broke through the ice near the stern of the Manistee and was completely immersed. Fortunately he came up at the same place and gained firm hold upon the ice. The accident was observed by men on the Manistee, but before they could get to his assistance he crawled out of his cold bath on his own hook.

—Six members of the street gang were marched out to work again this afternoon. When on the south side of Superior street, about opposite Berklemann's store, one of the gang threw down his pick and made a break for liberty, running in the direction of McGuire's stable. Pat McGuire, who was in charge of the gang, fired two shots at the fellow, more to frighten him than for any other purpose. It has been suggested that these men should be worked with ball and chain.

—No one grumbles about the change in the weather, which gives emphatic promise of a decidedly wintry month for March. On the contrary all agree that continued cold weather and plenty of snow for three or four weeks longer at the least would be about the best condition of things for the good of general business. It would enable the lumbermen to wind up in good shape a fairly successful season's work, and admit of the getting out of piles, ties, wood, etc., which work is generally behind to some extent on account of the scarcity of snow during previous months.