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A view of the Seeger Company's Arcade Street factory, ca. 1930. The last building remaining at the company's site was razed in April, 1995. See article beginning on page 4. Minnesota Historical Society photo.

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This Spring issue of *Ramsey County History* offers two stories about grow-
ing up in St. Paul. The first is an institutional and corporate history of the
Seeger Refrigeration Company written by James B. Bell. The other is a per-
sonal and individual account written by Frieda Claussen of her coming to adult-
hood and launching her career as a medical technologist at Miller Hospital.
While the Seeger Company was located on the East Side of St. Paul from 1902
to 1984, Frieda Claussen's professional life spanned forty-two years in the de-
velopment of modern medical practice. Unlike the Seeger Company, which has
passed from the local scene, Frieda Claussen and her sister, Clara, have made
sure their experiences will enrich others in their willingness to value local history
and to tell their story in our magazine. For this, we thank them.

John M. Lindley, chairman, Editorial Board

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St. Paul around 1869 was still a rather rude frontier town and not exactly the "second city of magnificent distances" described by the Eastern press who descended on the village in 1854. This view of a muddy Jackson Street looks north from Third Street. The St. Paul Hotel, right, was built in 1846-1847 and developed into the Merchants Hotel. See article about the Great Railroad Excursion of 1854, beginning on page 14. McLeish & Pasel photo, Minnesota Historical Society.

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