

KLEPTOMANIAC KERR.

HE IS SHORT ON HIS INSANE ASYLUM ACCOUNTS OVER \$4,000.

Report of the Accountants Who Have Been Investigating the Books of the Rev. Kerr, Insane Treasurer at St. Peter. They Find Them a Delusion and a Snare.

The readers of the GLOBE will remember that on the 28th of September the Senate investigating committee came to a determination to ask the Governor to appoint an accountant to go through the whole accounts of the insane asylum with their secretary. This determination came from the fact that Mr. William Smith, the secretary, found so many errors in the treasurer's account—all of which, with one exception, were against the State, and the books in such a deplorable state of incompleteness and confusion that he asked the committee to give him some one to go through the books with him. He found errors which some of the committee did not think were errors, notably that in the issue of scrip, when Mr. Kerr charged to Mr. Dryer scrip to the amount of some \$1,500, which the gentleman said he never had. Another matter which looked serious to Mr. Smith was that \$15,000 deficit was apparent in one year from Mr. Kerr's books and the vouchers at the capitol, and the same figures in payrolls and books, made Mr. Smith anxious to have some one associated with him to take part of the responsibility. After consultation with the Governor it was agreed that Mr. Knox, the principal accountant, should go through the accounts with Mr. Smith, but as that gentleman wished to take the whole thing in his own hands, another consultation was necessary, and finally it was arranged that Mr. Knox and Mr. J. H. Randall, of St. Paul, representing the governor, and William Smith, of Le Sueur, and W. D. Hurlbut, of Rochester, for the committee, should prepare a complete exhibit of the financial history of the institution. The gentlemen went to work with a will. Mr. Knox was preparing a statement and Mr. Hurlbut another, both independent of the other. Mr. Smith giving his valuable aid to both parties, as he had gone completely through the accounts before. These statements, placed in the report of the committee, it is not necessary to reproduce in these columns, as the results are shown in the exhibit given below.

The experts finished their labors a few days ago, and furnished Mr. Kerr with a statement showing the deficiencies in his accounts, and asking that gentleman to rise and explain. Mr. Kerr came down and attempted to explain that which was inexplicable. He, indeed, tried to explain, but he saw him try to wrest with plating, burning figures and facts which admitted of but one solution. The old gentleman received a severe handling from the experts than he did from the Senators—because the latter were not making anything, but the gross and glaring errors, the deficiencies, which caused the State to lose some \$4,000.

On Saturday the experts reported to Governor Pillsbury and Senator Doran, chairman of the investigating committee.

It will be seen that the errors pointed out by Mr. Smith to the committee and published in the GLOBE are each and all of them confirmed by the report. This must be very gratifying to the committee, and the labors with a pile of unintelligible figures was the means of getting order out of chaos. And it must be very humiliating to the ring's organ and backers to be compelled at length to acknowledge that not one statement appearing in the GLOBE reports, which they held about so jealously, was incorrect.

The report of the experts deals very charitably with Mr. Kerr and the managing trustees. It merely admitted the accounts, when it called attention to the error in addition and so forth. The report rightly does not consider extravagant prices, work paid for twice, &c. and extra work allowances to contractors, buying goods to present to employees and all the other extortionate claims by trustees, &c. These matters were more within the province of the investigating committee—they contrast themselves to the figures as given in vouchers on file. It will be seen from the report that \$15,000 was not entered on the books at all, neither were vouchers for its expenditure to be found at the State auditor's office, but they were forthcoming from St. Peter. Why were they suppressed?

In justice to the blundering (Kerr), the clerical treasurer, secretary, and trustee and present building superintendent and furnishing contractor, it should be stated that he happened, for variety's sake, to throw in one little item of \$100 against himself.

The following is the report:

Nov. 2, 1878. Hon. J. S. Pillsbury, Governor of Minnesota. Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith the accompanying report of the examination of the books and vouchers of the insane hospital for the insane at St. Peter.

In this work the examiner has had the invaluable assistance of Mr. J. H. Randall, of this city, and Mr. W. D. Hurlbut, of Rochester, competent and accomplished accountants, and also that of Mr. William Smith, of Le Sueur, secretary of the Senate investigating committee, while the extensive and costly vouchers have been carefully made up by my assistant, Mr. A. Whitman.

I am happy to be able to say that the conclusions arrived at are concurred in by all, so that all join in the report.

Trusting that the figures submitted may carry with them the corrections, and that thus a definite solution of these intricate and vexing problems may be furnished, I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

H. M. KNOX, Public Examiner.

In examining the accounts and vouchers of the insane hospital at St. Peter, the scope and mode of the investigation were first to be determined.

As to the scope and extent of it, we have understood that we were simply to ascertain the correctness of the accounts, the Senate investigating committee having, with much greater facilities of time and witnesses, gone over the ground of the general management and the values and purposes of expenditures. We have therefore taken up the accounts from the first entries upon the books of the insane institution, on August 24, 1866, and have our examination covered the time from that date to the 1st day of October of the present year (1878) a period of twelve years and two months.

The basis or mode of procedure were readily agreed upon by all. The treasurer's books, although exceedingly imperfect as a system of book-keeping, are yet remarkably full in their entries, thus affording a very complete and abundant vouchers. We except from this statement, however, the seven months from December, 1867, to June, 1868, inclusive for which time no vouchers for current expenses are to be found upon the books. Neither were vouchers for this period found in the State auditor's office. They were, however, procured at St. Peter, and amounted to the sum of \$15,000.25, which amount has been allowed. In the matter of expenditures, each separate voucher has been checked to its source, and from the journal to the several ledger accounts. In the matter of receipts, those from the State have been taken from a transcript of accounts furnished by the State treasurer, and those from other sources from the steward's statement, and the treasurer's books and the proceeds of materials used in the purchase of vouchers and not credited. In computing the balances for each year the treasurer's financial statements and published reports have been entirely ignored, the entries upon his books not furnishing sufficient data for them.

The conclusions arrived at, though the result of a different process, exactly agree. Exhibit "A," taking no notice of the treasurer's book, tabulates the yearly receipts and expenditures as shown by the vouchers themselves, paid within each current year.

Exhibit "B" tabulates the receipts as taken from the treasurer's books, and the disbursements as checked thereon from the vouchers with statement of errors and how the balances of each year are affected thereby.

This result is that the treasurer's books show a balance of funds on hand on the 1st day of October, 1878, of four thousand eight hundred and eighty-one dollars and eight cents, (\$4,881.86), while the balance called for by both exhibits at that date is eight thousand nine hundred and six dollars and sixty-two cents, (\$8,906.62), or a difference of four thousand and twenty-four dollars and seventy-four cents, (\$4,024.76).

Exhibit C is a comprehensive summary of the total receipts from all sources, and the total disbursements as corrected for the whole period covered in the report.

Exhibit D is a statement of all the differences brought forth showing how they occurred, the dates of their appearance in Exhibit B.

Very many petty errors have been found in the extensions and additions of vouchers, but as the balance of these are insignificant, we have not numbered them or given with them. The books are confused by an excess of unnecessary matter. Many entries are made of transactions not due to the year, which they appear, which course appears to have been prompted only by the need of squaring accounts, thus producing unsafe and erroneous results.

CITY GLOBULES.

The water's ball to-night at Armory hall.

At a rally in the Sixth ward, Saturday night, Hon. Chris. D. O'Brien was a featured speaker; and Hon. J. H. Revey was six weeks, out of which to make a feather bed.

The charming colored artists, the Hyer Sisters combination, open at the Opera House Wednesday in their new spectacular opera, "Orino, or the African Princess."

August Brickman, No. 127 Fourth street, reported at police headquarters yesterday, that he was leaving a hall at the Athenaeum the previous evening he had taken, through mistake, somebody's overcoat. He is willing to return it, if in his possession for the new one in somebody else's possession, belonging to him.

The divine service at Plymouth church was largely attended yesterday. The Rev. Dr. Evans officiated, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 27 persons, seven united with the church; six by letter and one on profession of faith. Hereafter the Rev. Dr. Evans will officiate at the church which will meet at the pastor's residence every Friday evening at 3 o'clock.

The "cards" have been issued for the marriage of Edward G. Rogers, Esq., and Mary Esther McCord. Mr. Rogers is the popular and talented county attorney of Ramsey county, and his bride elect the daughter of R. G. McCord, Esq., of New Albany, Ind. The interlocking and solemn rite will be performed at the First Presbyterian church of New Albany at 6 o'clock in the evening of the 12th inst.

Officer Mullens, of the municipal court, will sell at public auction to-day the household furniture, kitchen utensils, etc., of the Metropolitan hotel. The property is sold on an supreme court decree on a suit for distraint for rent. The action was known as the detacher's suit, and passed through all the courts until final judgment settled the matter in the supreme court. The decision was the first in this State ever involving a distraint for rent.

George Illingworth, an incorrigible drunkard, promised to leave town Saturday if Judge Flint would suspend his fine of \$5. Saturday night he failed to appear, and was taken out of town, he stole a lap robe out of a bureau in front of the Pioneer Press editorial office. The lack of warmth in the editorial matter of the P. yesterday may be accounted for. The editor's brains were congealed by the absence of the lap robe.

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THE NATIONALS WITHDRAW.

No Third Ticket in the Field in Ramsey County.

To the electors of the National-Greenback-Labor party of Ramsey county.

The "Nationalists" have nominated, through its Council No. 2, having nominated the Hon. L. Donnelly for member of Congress for the Third district of Minnesota, and the National-Greenback-Labor convention of the Third district, held in Minneapolis on the fifth day of September last, having ratified said nomination, and the Democratic and Congressional district convention, held in St. Paul on the 6th day of September, having also nominated L. Donnelly for member of Congress from the Third district, and said Donnelly, in his official capacity, having accepted of the nomination, and having adopted a Greenback-Labor platform in perfect harmony with the platform adopted by the Toledo convention on the 22d day of February, 1878.

It has been deemed by the executive committee of Council No. 2, of the National-Greenback-Labor party, in the field, and to aid in the cause of harmony and success of the National party, we recommend all Nationalists of Ramsey county to support Mr. Donnelly for member of Congress—leaving the matter of issues to the offices of the "rain" reader. In behalf of the executive committee of National Council No. 2, of St. Paul.

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FEVER NOTES.

MEMPHIS. Nov. 3.—Business is looking up, and merchants have their hands full in filling numerous orders received for goods. Every coming train is crowded with returning passengers, and by the next week, 25,000 of our citizens, who fled from Memphis, will have returned. The horses and buggies used by the volunteer physicians during the epidemic will be sold at auction, Monday, by the Howard association.

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The Contemptible Means Resorted to, to Secure Votes for Strait.

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HISSING CO.WARDS.

LOREN FELTNER, TOM KING AND I. C. SEELYE AMONG THEM.

The Rowdism at Mr. Donnelly's Minneapolis Meeting Saturday Night—Grown Who Fear Free Speech—A Gang of Washburnites Who Disgrace Even His Dishonored and Disgraced Course.

Ever since John Calvin burned Serretas, with green wood, at the stake, history has been repeating itself in the shape of fresh displays of intolerance. Whenever any cause is untenable, whenever the supporters of a man known that he cannot bear exposure, the coward's game of rowdism and violence is called into requisition. Mr. Washburn's guilt has been overwhelmingly proved by the GLOBE, but when Mr. Donnelly visited Minneapolis to face the ring champion and ring candidate his cowardly backers determined on preventing free speech.

Tom King, brother of the notorious Bill King, accordingly went to the meeting as the ring leader of the gang of rowdies. He was provided with a quill hisser, which prolongs and increases the sound, and, loosing himself near the stage, took the lead in hissing. His rowdism was so indecent that Anthony Kelly and D. M. Gilmore, who sat near by repeatedly rebuked him, but without avail.

Mr. I. C. Seelye, a prominent member of the Y. M. C. A., occupied a position in the rear of the hall, and acted as the leader of the rowdies in that section. Loren Feltner took a hand in the hissing by the door. Feltner was squelched by Dick Dunington's threat to throw him down stairs. These were some of the leading spirits of the Washburn gang which disgraced Minneapolis Saturday night.

OLD SETTLER GONE.

Death of James R. Clewitt, Esq., a White Bear Lake Evening.

WRITE DEAR, Nov. 3.—This community is bowed down with grief by the near approaching death of an esteemed neighbor and fellow citizen, James R. Clewitt, Esq. Mr. Clewitt is truly an old settler. He came to Minnesota in 1830, one year before the coming of Norman W. Kilton, whose comrade and intimate associate he was in business, in travels, and in perils of the journey across the dark river. In the last few years being identified with Mr. Kilton's Red River navigation enterprises, and from which he has recently returned home to die. Mr. Clewitt is 68 years of age, and although scarcely ever sick a day in his life, he was soon overtaken by typhoid pneumonia, and from which he is about at this moment to start on the journey across the dark river. He may be called with justice an old settler, for he was born in the little white cottage here, in which, and the vicinity, he has lived for nearly thirty years. He was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Clewitt, his wife, sons and daughters bowed down with poignant grief.

Mr. Clewitt breathed his last at 7:15 o'clock this evening. The funeral will take place from the Episcopal church here on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock.

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METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY

For the Month of October, 1878, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Table with columns: Date, Daily Mean Bar., Daily Mean Temp., Daily Mean Wind, Daily Rainfall, Daily Clouds.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Highest barometer, (on 25th), 30.12. Lowest barometer, (on 16th), 29.85. Monthly range, 1.32.

Prevaling direction of wind, northwest. Greatest velocity of wind, 47 miles per hour from southwest, on the 15th.

Lowest temperature, 15 deg. on 31st. Monthly range of temperature, 57 deg.

Number of clear days, 15. Number of cloudy days, 7. Number of fair days, 9.

Amount of rainfall or melted snow, 1.32 inches. Maximum thermometer, 63; minimum thermometer, 25.

DEATHS.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The Observer in a semi-official paper says that the statement that the British government have applied to the other powers for assistance in enforcing treaty of Berlin is unfounded.

THE VATICAN.

A telegram from Rome says negotiations between the Vatican and Germany are progressing favorably. It is reported that serious to dated Ignatius, and Gen. Kruppman will probably arrive at a prompt settlement concerning the affairs of Alsace and Lorraine, which are still administered as they belonged to France.

RUSSIAN MILITARY STAFF CHANGES.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says it is reported that General Grand Duke Michael will shortly succeed Count Katozobe in the governor-generalship of Warsaw, that Gen. Milutine, now minister of war, is gone to the Caucasus, and that Gen. Gortchakov is to be sent to the Caucasus in place of the Russian general.

ENGLAND'S POLICY.

SMILA, Nov. 3.—The Pioneer announces on authority that England's ultimatum requires that the reply shall reach Peshawar by Nov. 20th, otherwise English forces will immediately invade Afghanistan.

IMPOST DUTY.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—A dispatch from Berlin says: It appears that Russia has abandoned the project of raising a fresh loan for the present time, and the government intends to propose an import duty on grain.

STRAIT'S CROOKED CAMPAIGN.

He Proposes to Aid in Defrauding the Government in Exchange for Votes.

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PROCLAMATION.

BY THE TERMS OF AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS IN INCORPORATED CITIES OF OVER TWENTY THOUSAND INHABITANTS, ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF SECTIONS EIGHTY AND SEVENTY-EIGHT OF THE CONSTITUTION."

It is made the duty of the Mayor, on the day next following any election, to issue his proclamation in a public manner that the provisions of section eighty of said act will be strictly enforced in accordance therewith.

Notice is hereby given that whoever shall sell or give away at retail any spirituous, malt, vinous or intoxicating liquors, or whoever shall keep a saloon or barroom or place where such liquors are sold or given away, on the first Tuesday of November, 1878—such day fixed by law for the general election, from the hour of five o'clock in the forenoon to the hour of six o'clock in the afternoon, within the limits of the city of St. Paul, shall on conviction be fined a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, for each and every offense.

The Chief of Police will see to the enforcement of this act, and the patrolmen give personal notice, as far as practicable, to saloon keepers, proprietors of hotels, and others dealing in liquors and doing business within their respective beats, that a strict compliance with this law will be expected and enforced.

WILLIAM DA WSON, Mayor.

Confirmation of Assessment for Sewer on St. Peter & 10th Streets.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., Oct. 31, 1878.

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DRY GOODS.

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All wool Colored Cashmeres 50c, worth 75c. Fine all wool Colored Cashmeres 68c, worth \$1.00.

Fine all wool Colored Empress Cloths 37 1/2 and 45c, worth 50c.

Heavy all wool Gray Matisse Suitings 40c, worth 75c.

All wool French Matisse Suitings, 46 inch wide, 75 and 87 1/2c; would be cheap at \$1.25.