

(For the Sunday Globe.)

TEXAS INDIAN REMINISCENCES.

Before the war of the rebellion a large portion of the army was stationed in Texas to keep the numerous tribes of Indians in subjection...

MINNESOTA NEWS.

James Cullen, of Hokok, died last week of small-pox. The starting of a paper mill in Jackson is under consideration.

Three thousands cords of wood are annually consumed at the St. Peter asylum. The building to accommodate the imbeciles at Faribault will be finished next month.

Rev. M. Sherman, of Cannon Falls, has declined the call to become rector of All Saints church in Northfield. The people Brainerd, the other day, voted four to one in favor of a city government.

The news says several Northfield people are going to California to spend the winter. Health and recreation their object.

The Masons of the town have purchased their lodge building with new and elegant furniture from Columbus, Ohio, at a cost of over \$800.

H. D. McKenzie, of Northfield, had his spine seriously injured the other day, by stepping into a hole in the sidewalk and falling backwards.

Public says ten or fifteen wagons leave Jackson daily loaded with soft coal. It is purchased largely by farmers and Spirit Lake parties.

The Glencoe Enterprise reports that a great many farmers are now storing their wheat and will wait for the usual rise that is always expected in the price of grain.

A young man named Frank Reister, of Glasgow, Wabasha county, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen the other day, but not fatally. He is recovering.

The Lambert Commercial says that obstructions have been twice placed, within the last few days, on the tracks of the Winona & St. Peter railroad, east of Springfield.

Blue Earth City Journal, Dec. 12: The threshing machines have been improving the fine weather of the past two weeks, and are getting the threshing work well done up in this neighborhood.

A young lady, the assistant of a milliner in Faribault, has been arrested for stealing goods from her employer, some \$200 worth. Some of the goods were found in her possession.

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Mankato Review, Dec. 13: A card from Dr. F. Welcome, at Granite Falls, informs us under date of the 8th, that there are all at that place and vicinity twenty-two cases of small pox and five of varioloid.

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A \$200,000 BET.

Nineteen Hundred Miles Across Mountains and Plains by Pony Express.

In 1859 St. Joseph, Mo., was the western terminus of railroad communication. Beyond the stage coach and saddle-horse and the ox-trains were the only means of commerce and communication with the Rocky mountains and the Pacific slope.

There was a Wall street lobby at Washington trying to get \$5,000,000 for carrying the mails overland one year between New York and San Francisco. The proposition was extremely cheeky, and William H. Russell, backed by Secretary of War Floyd, resolved to give the lobby a cold shower-bath.

He, therefore, offered to bet \$200,000 that he could put on a mail line from Sacramento to St. Joseph that should make the distance—1,950 miles—in ten days. The bet was taken, and the 8th of April fixed as the day for starting.

Mr. Russell called on his partner and general manager of business upon the plains, Mr. A. B. Miller, now a citizen of Denver, and stated what he had done, and asked if he could perform the feat. Miller replied: "Yes, sir; I will do it, and do it by a pony express."

To accomplish this Mr. Miller purchased 300 of the fleetest horses he could find in the West, and employed 125 men. Eighty of these men were to be post riders. These he selected with reference to their light weight and their known daring and courage.

It was very essential that the horses should be loaded as light as possible; therefore, the lighter the man the better. It was necessary that some portions of the route should be run at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The horses were stationed from ten to twenty miles apart, and each rider would be required to ride sixty miles. For the change of animals and the shifting of the mails two minutes were allowed.

Where there were no stage stations at proper distances tents sufficient to hold one man and two horses were provided. Indians would sometimes give chase, but their cayuse ponies made but sorry show in their stern chase after Miller's thoroughbreds, many of which could make a single mile in a minute and fifty seconds.

All arrangements being completed, a signal gun on the steamer Sacramento proclaimed the meridian of April 8, 1860 the hour for starting—when Border Rufian, Mr. Miller's favorite sacker-horse, with Billy Baker in the saddle, bounded away toward the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, and made his ride of twenty miles in forty-nine minutes.

The snows were deep in the mountains, and one rider was lost for several hours in a snow-storm; and after the Salt Lake valley was reached additional speed became necessary to reach St. Joseph on time. From here all went well until the plateau was to be crossed at Julesburg. The river was up and running rapidly, but the rider plunged his horse into the flood, only, however, to mire in the quicksand and drown. The courier succeeded in reaching the shore, with his mail-bag in hand, and traveled ten miles on foot to reach the next relay. Johnny Fry, a popular rider in his day, was to make the finish. He had sixty miles to ride, with six horses to do it.

When the last courier arrived at the sixty-mile post, out from St. Joseph, he was one hour behind time. Two hundred thousand dollars might turn upon a single minute. Fry had just three hours and thirty minutes in which to win. This was the finish for the longest race, for the largest stakes, ever run in America.

When the time for his arrival was nearly up, at least 5,000 people stood upon the river bank, with eyes turned toward the woods from which the horse and its rider should emerge into the open country in the rear of Elwood—one mile from the finish. Tick, tick, went thousands of watches! The time was nearly up! But seven minutes remained! Hark! a shout goes up from the assembled multitude. "He comes! he comes!"

The noble little mare, Syph, the daughter of little Arthur, darts like an arrow from the bow and makes the run of the last mile in one minute and fifty seconds—landing upon the ferry-boat with five minutes and a fraction to spare.

Habits of the Condor. The condor is peculiar to the New World, but it approaches very closely to the vultures of the Old Continent.

The immense mountain-chain of the Andes, which runs down the continent of South America, is the native stronghold where these birds dwell securely.

"English Spoken."

(D. R. Locke's Paris Letter in Toledo Blade.)

Tibbits tried to worry one of these Parisian salesmen, and for once succeeded. He stopped the party promending with him on the Boulevard des Italiens at a jeweler's, who displayed in his window the legend, "English spoken."

The "English spoken" in the shops is good enough, as a rule, to explain the nature and quality of the goods, and that is all. Further, the English-speaking salesman has no more idea of English than he has Ashantee. Tibbits marched in boldly, and the English-speaking man appeared. He was a very well-preserved, bald-headed man of fifty, and at him Tibbits went.

"Do you speak English?" "Oui—yes, Monsieur." Tibbits grasps his hand enthusiastically. "It's refreshing to meet one in a strange land who can speak one's own language."

"Yes, Monsieur." "Well, what I want to know is, is the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad cutting rates the same as the other roads, and do they cut for Western-bound passengers the same as for Eastern, and do you have the remotest idea that the cutting will be kept up till September when I return, and does the Pullman Sleeping-Car Company cut the same as the railroad companies?"

"Eh, Monsieur? Yeeese watches—" "You don't quite understand me. You see the Pullman Sleeping-Car Company is quite distinct from the railroad companies, and one may cut rates without the other. See? Now, what I want to know is—"

The bewildered Frenchman, who spoke English, stared in a wild sort of way, but his politeness did not desert him. "Res et ze watch, ze diamond, ze—" "No! Not that. What I want to know is, who is this Lapham and Miller who have been located in all the vacant lots occasioned by the resignations of Platt and Conkling, and is Miller going to be a tail to Lapham's kite, or are they both square, bang-up men, and—"

"Will monsieur look at ze goods?" "No, no, is the Chicago & Northwestern in this row?" By this time the Frenchman was out of patience. "Monsieur talks—that you call 'im-gibberish. I've not ze time to waste. Eef it zees ze watch—"

"Sir," replies Tibbits severely, "when you announce 'English spoken' you should speak English, or at least, understand it. Good-morning, or as you don't understand the plainest English, bong-swoor."

He had succeeded this time, and should have retired on his laurels. But Tibbits, alas, always overdo what they undertake. He had extracted so much amusement from his first experiment that he tried it over again the next day. He entered a similar place and commenced the same thing.

"What I want to know, is the Chicago & Northwestern in the railroad war, and do you suppose the cutting of rates will continue till September, when I return, and—"

"Indeed, I cannot tell you, sir. It is something I do not keep the run of. You had better apply at the American Exchange or the Herald Office."

This in the best and clearest American English. Poor Tibbits had fallen upon a bright American who was turning his knowledge of French to account by serving as a salesman in Paris. Mr. Tibbits smiled a ghastly smile as he bowed himself out of the place. Bad marksman who by chance hit a bull's-eye should be very modest and refuse to shoot again. Even Napoleon, great as he was, fought one battle too many.

Ceylon Pearl Fishery. The earliest fishery of which we can find any detailed record took place in the year 1795; and from that date the Ceylon Government, up to the year 1874, derived a sum of £1,013,113 from this source.

The pearl oyster is curiously migratory in its habits; and from one cause or another the banks are for years together almost totally deserted by them, and long intervals elapsed during which the fishery has, from this peculiarity, been closed, rendering the return from it quite unreliable as a source of settled revenue.

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of Board of Public Works

Regular Meeting.

Board met at 2 p. m. Present—Messrs. Hoyt, Koch, Peters and Terry. Absent—Messrs. Quinby and Mr. President.

On motion Mr. Terry took the chair. Reading of the minutes of 25th and 28th November dispensed with.

Maurice Lyons, or Mann, Harvey Ott, agent for Chas. A. Mann, and W. J. C. H. H. J. Horn, attorney, having on the 23rd November presented written objections to the assessment against their property for the sewer on Sibley street, from Fourth to Seventh street, the same were placed on file.

In the matter of the order of the Council to Board for formal report on opening and extending Wabashaw street, from intersection with Bluff street, in a direct line to intersection with University avenue, the Board ordered the following report sent to the Council to-wit:

To the Common Council of the city of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works had had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved November 3, 1881, relative to the opening and extension of Wabashaw street, from Bluff street to University avenue, at intersection with Rice street, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, extended in a direct line to the intersection with Chute street if produced to Bluff street, thence in direct line to University avenue at Rice street, that the estimated expense thereof is \$12,500; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, and we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas, 4; nays, 0.

In the matter of the order of the council to Board for formal report on opening and extending Wabashaw street, from Bluff street to Brewster avenue, the Board ordered the following report sent to the Council to-wit:

To the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works had had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved November 17, 1881, relative to the opening and extension of Wabashaw street, from Bluff street to Brewster avenue; and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is not necessary and proper. Yeas 4, nays 0.

In the matter of the order of the Council to Board for formal report on opening and extension of Hoffman avenue, from present southerly terminus to Union street, the Board ordered the following report sent to the Council to-wit:

To the Common Council of the city of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works had had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved November 17, 1881, relative to the opening and extension of Hoffman avenue, from southeast terminus of said avenue to Union street, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper; that the estimated expense thereof is \$700; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 4; nays 0.

In the matter of the order of the Council to Board for formal report on opening and extending Thomas street, from Dale street west to city limits, the Board ordered the following report sent to the Council to-wit:

To the Common Council of the city of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works had had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved October 20, 1881, relative to the opening and extension of Thomas street, from Dale street to West city limits, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, that the estimated expense thereof is \$1,700, that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby, that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 4, nays 0.

In the matter of the order of the Council to Board for formal report on opening and extending Victoria street from University avenue north to right of way of St. P. & M. R. Co., the Board ordered the following report sent to the Council to-wit:

To the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works had had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved October 20, 1881, relative to the opening and extension of Victoria street, from University avenue north to right of way of St. P. & M. R. Co., and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, that the estimated expense thereof is \$1,200 that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby, that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 4, nays 0.

In the matter of the order of the Council to Board for formal report on opening and extending Chatswood street from University avenue north to the right of way of St. P. & M. R. Co., the Board ordered the following report sent to the Council to-wit:

To the Common Council of the city of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works had had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved October 20, 1881, relative to the opening and extension of Chatswood street, from University avenue north to right of way of St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad Company, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper; that the estimated expense thereof is \$1,000; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a

petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor; but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 4; nays 0.

In the matter of the order of the Council to Board for formal report on opening and extending Minnehaha street, from Dale street west to city limits, the Board ordered the following report sent to the Council to-wit:

To the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works had had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council approved October 20, 1881, relative to the opening and extension of Minnehaha street, from Dale street west to city limits, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, that the estimated expense thereof is \$1,000, that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 4, nays 0.

In the matter of the order of the Council for formal report on grading Third street from Sibley street to Broadway, the Board ordered the following report sent to the Council to-wit:

To the Common Council of the city of St. Paul: The Board of Public Works had had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved November 3, 1881, relative to the grading of Third street, from Sibley street to Broadway street, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper; that the estimated expense thereof is \$2,540, one-half of which need not be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor; but we herewith send a plan or profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement. Yeas 4; nays 0.

The matter of the order of Council to Board to grade University avenue from Dale street to west city limits was laid over one week.

In the matter of the award made to Messrs. Beyer & Lux, for the grading of Jackson street, from Pearl to Arch street, the Board ordered the same returned to the Council with the report that they are informed by the City Attorney that the award of buildings made necessary by said grading, had been provided for as far as possible by obtaining a waiver of damages from nearly all the parties on the line of said grading where damages are likely to occur, and that this Board recommend that the award as made be approved.

It was ordered that the attention of the council be called to the propriety of extending Chute street southerly to intersection of Wabashaw street if extended. Pursuant to due notice the matter of grading Selby avenue, from Western avenue to Dale street came up, and after having all parties present interested the same was duly completed and the clerk directed to give the confirmation notice on a basis of assessing all property on the line of Selby avenue from Summit avenue to Dale street proportionately alike, giving each lot or piece of land credit for what has heretofore been assessed for grading said Selby avenue between Summit and Western avenues, the Board deeming the property thus assessed as benefited therefor. Yeas 4, nays 0.

Pursuant to due notice and the adjournments thereunder the matter of making and completing the assessment for opening, widening and extending a street or levee along the line of the Mississippi river in the Sixth ward, came up and was laid over to 9th inst.

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The following pay rolls, bills and estimates were examined and allowed, to-wit: Engineers' pay roll, street and sewer department for month of November, 1881, 13 employers, \$844.30.

Street force, pay roll for month of November, 1881, \$2,836.73. Sewer force pay roll for month of November, 1881, 12 employers, \$307.54. Inspectors' pay roll for month of November, 1881, 8 employers, \$565.50.

Bill of John Martin & Co., of \$10.40 for lumber in First ward. Bill of John Martin & Co., of \$8.32 for lumber in Second ward. Bill of John Martin & Co. of \$20.10 for lumber in Third ward. Bill of John Martin & Co. of \$110.71 for lumber in Fourth ward. Bill of John Martin & Co. of \$2.54 for lumber in Sixth ward.

Ramsey streets sewers, Patrick Nash contractor, amount due \$187. Estimate No. 8, Kate street grading, Simar & Morton contractors, amount due \$1,899.79.

Estimate No. 2, Alley block 31, St. Paul Proper grading, M. B. Farrell contractor, amount due \$935. Estimate No. 2, Dale street grading, Beyer & Lux contractors, amount due \$671.

Estimate No. 1, Lafayette avenue grading, Simar & Morton contractors, amount due, \$755.26. Estimate No. 8, Ramsey street sewer, P. F. Flynn contractor, amount due, \$433.50. Estimate No. 5, Pleasant avenue sewer, Patrick Nash contractor, amount due, \$153.00.

Estimate No. 7, sidewalks, Peter Berkey contractor, \$2,571.02. Adjournal. JOHN FARRINGTON, President. R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board Public Works.

Special Meeting. St. Paul, Dec. 6, 1881. Board met at 2 p. m. pursuant to call of the President. Present—Messrs. Hoyt, Koch, Peters, Terry and Mr. President.

The following estimates were examined and allowed to-wit: Estimate No. 2, Canada and Pearl street sewers, Arthur Mullen contractors, amount due \$357. Estimate No. 2, Wabashaw street sewer, Warne Bros & Stockton contractors, amount due \$1,326.00.

Estimate No. 2, Granite street grading, P. H. Thornton contractor, amount due \$425.00. Estimate No. 3, Fifth ward sewer, Daniel Mullen contractor, amount due \$467.50. Estimate No. 5, Fort street sewer, Doherty & Loggren contractors, amount due \$578.00.

Estimate No. 1 and final, cistern at Summit avenue and McKubin streets, John Mullen contractor, amount due \$1,625.50. Estimate No. 1 and final, cistern at Aurora and McKubin streets, John Mullen contractor, amount due \$1,675.00. Adjournal. JOHN FARRINGTON, President. R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board Public Works.

Man's Age. Few men die of age. Almost all die of disappointment, passion, mental or bodily toll, or accidents. The passions kill men sometimes, even suddenly. The common expression 'choked with passion', has little exaggeration in it, for even though not suddenly fatal, strong passions shorten life.

Strong-bodied men often die young; weak men live longer than the strong, for the strong use their strength and the weak have none to use. The latter take care of themselves, the former do not. As it is with the body, so it is with the mind and temper. The strong are apt to break, or like the candle, to run, the weak to burn out.

Number of animals, which live temperate lives, have generally their prescribed number of years. The horse lives twenty-five; the ox fifteen or twenty; the rabbit eight; the guinea pig six or seven. These numbers all bear a similar proportion to the time the animal takes to grow to its full size. But man, of the animals, is one that seldom lives his average. He ought to live a hundred years, according to the physical law, for five times twenty are one hundred; but instead of that, he scarcely reaches on an average four times his growing period; the cat six times; the rabbit even eight times the standard measurement. The reason is obvious—man is not the most irregular and the most intemperate, but the most laborious and hard worked of all the animals. He is also the most irritable of all animals; and there is no reason to believe, though we can not tell what an animal secretly feels, that more than any other animal, man cherishes warmth to keep it warm, and consumes himself with the fire of his own secret reaction.

Minded Their Own Business. A man having announced that he was once in a community where they all minded their own business, his statement was doubted, and he was called upon to tell where it was. "It was on board a ship at sea," he said; "and the passengers were all too sick to meddle with one another's affairs."

The colored people of Little Rock are divided as to the needs of the soil. One congregation has been praying for rain while the other asked for continued sunshine. The minister of the wet district sent the following note to the people of the dry: "You folks ought to be ashamed of yourselves. This crosscut prayin' is enough to get the Lord so bothered that He don't know what to do."

LIME has never been found in a native state; it is always united to an acid, as to the carbonic in chalk. By subjecting chalk or limestone to a red heat it is freed from the acid, and the lime is left in a state of purity.

JACOBS OIL THE GREAT GERMAN REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISM, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago, Backache, Soreness of the Chest, Gout, Quinsy, Sore Throat, Swellings and Sprains, Burns and Scalds, General Bodily Pains, Tooth, Ear and Headache, Frosted Feet and Ears, and all other Pains and Aches.