

MONEY MADE FROM PLAYS.

Highly gratified to find \$75,000 to his account in the bank before the play was shelved. 'Fresh, Raymond's play, which Archie Gunter wrote, was read in manuscript by at least twenty persons, who unanimously pronounced it the worst 'no' they ever read, and until in saying 'no' it would surely be a record. In spite of all this, however, it has made money for both the author and the star.

Who has been the most successful dramatist, in a pecuniary sense, during the past decade? "I think that Boucicault has made the most money, but then he is also an actor and plays in his own pieces." John A. Stevens, lessee of the Windsor theater, who has had considerable experience as a playwright, was next met by Mr. Stevens. Mr. Stevens was found at his hotel, looking hale and hearty after his trip to England, where he entertained his English cousins in an acceptable manner and brought back a goodly share of their money.

"Authors seldom make good bargains," said Mr. Stevens in response to the reporter's inquiry. "They are generally poor business men, and are apt to accept a fair amount of money paid in hand rather than the chance on a royalty, which is a very common thing nowadays for a dramatic author to write a play to fit some actor. The latter comes to the author and says, 'I want such and such a play; I am willing to pay \$2,000 for it.' The play is written and the actor makes a fortune out of it. Sometimes the actor has genius and creates a part, his acting going a long way toward helping the receipts, but it often happens that the actor makes the actor, and that the opportunity to do some real good acting renders the actor famous. Authors too seldom ask a royalty, but permit others to make all the money. In my opinion dramatic authors are very poorly paid. What is \$2,000 for a successful play? An author ought to receive \$15,000 for a successful play, or, if he takes a royalty, he ought to receive fifty per cent. of the profits, for in many cases the actor would never amount to much except for the play. The author should be a partner in the profits of a successful play."

On the east side are a number of playwrights who are content to receive the modest sum of \$25 for a three-act drama. Of course the plot of such a play is not intricate, but the situations are all of a startling character, and nearly every scene is filled with gunpowder, blue lights and gore. This style of play is only popular with the boards of theaters, and the parts are fitted to some variety star with the same nicety and care as are exercised by a tailor in fitting a man with a coat.

"Bachapaiba." Quick, complete cure, all annoying Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. \$1. Druggists. Under the above head the London Times of Aug. 30 editorially describes the improvements being made in ship building, "which," it says, "for speed and general excellence of locomotion will far transcend any vessels now afloat." The Times closes its article as follows: "The principle of this steamship is the invention of Mr. Robert Fryer, of New York. It is stated to be a kind of marine velocipede, and is intended to be used on rails in case of crossing an isthmus, or for being run up land for repairs. The ship designed only for passenger traffic, and it is asserted that its peculiar construction gives increased accommodation, greater safety and a higher rate of speed than that now attained. The trial of a small model of the steamer excited great interest recently on the Harlem river, and it traveled equally well on land. The inventor claims that as much difference exists between it and an ordinary boat as between a wagon mounted on wheels and one that should rest on the ground, and be dragged along the surface by means of wheels attached to its sides. The Nautical Gazette observes that, if successful, the invention must revolutionize passenger traffic by water, as the vessel for a given amount of tonnage would be half the size of the ordinary vessel would cost and would perform double service.

These remarkable developments of ship-building certainly promise to make even our swift-going steamers a thing of the past, as the latter have done by the clumsy vessel of half a century ago. These remarks are in the main correct, but do not note the extent of experiments made to show stability, speed and safety, which experiments demonstrated in the words of a distinguished engineer, that it could be made "strong enough to stand the shock of wave and wind at sea as well as any ship now afloat," and that it could be made "as steady as anything that will float," and this means practical safety against sea sickness. The Times is safe in its prediction that the Fryer propeller will make the present steamship a clumsy affair and relegating it to the freight business where it belongs.

Journalism in Missouri. In some of the backwoods districts of Missouri the amenities of journalism are not strictly observed. The Marble Hill Reflector refers to its local rival as follows: "The ignorant, contemptible, mean, sneaking, cowardly, self-important, low-flying, dirty, outlandish, back-biting, self-styled 'politician,' devoid of any real business, woods bummer, log cabin child of misfortune, beef inflated, big headed, soft skulled, overrated swamp angel who claims to edit the swamp paper thinks the editor of the Reflector terribly ignorant. Let him look at the twenty seven mistakes in his last issue; let him remember the 'hiantant' in the issue before; let him not forget that he used 'arduous' for 'arduous' in a leading local issue of August 24. Oh, you dirty whelp, you poor crawling, creeping viper; you dirty scum of the dirty, stinking, stagnated swamp; you mean, big jawed, slab sided, knock kneed, bow legged, blundered shanked pup; lost, as you are, to honesty, to principle, to justice, to common decency, do you imagine you can rule God's country—the hills? Go back into the cess-pool from which you have crawled and there vomit up some more of your ignorant to abuse respectable people. Go to school, Kelly, and you may learn something yet." Kelly's reply is awaited with interest.

The Lowell, Mass. Courier says: The healing properties of St. Jacobs Oil are becoming better and better known every day, and its sale is increasing correspondingly.

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Regular Meeting. St. Paul, Oct. 17, 1882. In the absence of the presiding officers, on motion of Ald. Otis, Ald. Dowlan was called to the chair. Present: Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8.

COMMUNICATIONS. From J. P. Gribben and others—For the vacation of the alley north of block 1 of Hill's addition, and south of the right of way of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway. Committee on Streets.

From John B. Dion and others—For the erection of an oil lamp at corner of Beaumont and Bedford streets. Committee on Gas.

From Wm. Erdman—For the remittance of fine imposed by Municipal Court, etc. Denied.

From Morris Self—For the remittance of fine imposed by Municipal Court, etc. Denied.

From J. M. Warner and others—For the vacation of Beaupris street in Ewing & Chute's addition. Committee on Streets.

From C. E. Riggs and others—For the removal of the back stand from the entrance to their offices, etc. Referred to the Chief of Police, with instructions to keep twenty-five feet on the west side of Robert street, and immediately north of Third street, clear of backs.

From B. F. Zahn and others—Stating that the frame stable standing on part of lot 7, block 14, Rice & Irvine's addition, stands about eighteen inches on Seventh street, and asking for its removal. Committee on Streets and City Attorney.

From Peter Neuhauer—Claim of \$500 for injuries received by street being obstructed, etc. Committee on Claims.

From Daniel Arnold—For transfer of butcher license No. 39 to Peter Ehrmantraut, to be used at corner of Maria avenue and Ravine street. From W. H. Baird—For transfer of liquor license No. 198 to J. H. Preston, same premises. From Joseph Aelteringer—For transfer of liquor license No. 308 to Henry Keefe, same premises. From Andrew Kraft—For transfer of liquor license No. 28 to Bahmann & Adam, same premises. From Fred Rohde—For transfer of liquor license No. 229 to David Gibbs, same premises. Committee on Licenses.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Of Committee on Claims—Jno. Hamilton's petition—Committee report adverse thereto. Adopted. Yeas—8.

L. J. & C. J. F. Smith's petition—Committee report adverse thereto. Adopted. Yeas—8.

Of Committee on Fire Department—To the Common Council: GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Fire Department beg leave to report on matters referred to them as follows:

1. We recommend that the petition of John Raeller to erect a frame building of the kind described in his petition, within the fire limits, be granted.

2. We recommend that the petition of John Raeller to erect a frame building of the kind described in his petition, within the fire limits, be granted.

3. We recommend that the resolution introduced by Ald. Dowlan, authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners to purchase a chemical engine, be granted.

4. We recommend that the application of Chief R. O. Strong, on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, for authority to place a drive well on Rice street, be referred back to said Board, with the request that they state definitely where it is desired to place said well. We also suggest that all such applications should be made by the Board officially, and not by the Chief Engineer. Respectfully submitted, CHAS. E. OTIS, Chairman.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. (See ordinance No. 311).

Of Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges—Jno. M. Burch and others' petition—Committee report favorable thereon. Laid over.

Also, D. D. Merrill and others' petition—Committee report favorable thereon. Laid over.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Of Committee on Public Buildings—The Committee submit the Treasurer's receipt for \$6.85, receipt for sale of old materials. Comptroller.

Of Committee on Public Accounts—Committee report that they have examined the report of the Board of Control for the month of September, 1882, and find the same correct. Accepted. (See resolution).

Of Committee on Gas and Water—To the Honorable President and Common Council: Committee on gas to whom the accompanying resolutions were referred respectfully report and recommend the following: Place a gas lamp on the northeast corner of Franklin and Sixth streets.

An oil lamp on the corner of Sherburne and Park avenues; also On northeast corner of Forbes and Ramsey streets.

On southeast corner of Aurora avenue and Grant street. On southwest corner of Western and Pleasant avenues.

On southwest corner of Herman avenue and Carey street—Sixth ward. Also one on the south side of Iglehart street, opposite east line of lot 2, in Mar-ko's addition.

E. L. STARKEY, Chairman of Committee on Gas. Adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8.

Also, MISCELLANEOUS. Claims Presented—Kahlert, \$2; P. Berkey, \$424.83; DeCoster & Clark, \$25; C. H. William, \$25.75; Dreis & Mitch, \$2.20; Board of Water Commissioners, \$40.90; Stees Bros., \$28.95; B. Michel, \$56.32; J. H. Stewart, \$2.80; St. Paul Gas Light Co., \$65; W. A. Judd, \$8; Barke & Co., \$8.

Committee on Claims. Ordinance—An ordinance was read entitled "an ordinance permitting John Roeller to erect a frame building in the fire limits." Ald. Otis moved that the rules be so far suspended as to allow said ordinance to pass to its second reading.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8.

Ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. 311. An ordinance permitting John Roeller to erect a frame building in the fire limits. The Common Council of the City of St. Paul, do ordain as follows: Sec. 1. That permission is hereby granted unto John Roeller to erect on lot No. 11, of block No. 6, of Rice & Irvine's addition to St. Paul, a frame dwelling house, 20x26 feet on the ground, one story high, with a quarter pitch roof, shingled.

Sec. 2. This ordinance to take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Passed Oct. 17, 1882.

JNO. DOWLAN, President Pro Tem. Approved Oct. 18, 1882. EDMUND BICE, Mayor. Attest: THOS. A. PARNDEBAGST, City Clerk. Oct. 20.

Resolutions. By Ald. Robert—Resolved, That the plat of Willis' addition to St. Paul, as approved by the Plat Commission, and also by the City Engineer on the second day of October, 1882, and the same is hereby accepted by the City of St. Paul.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. Smith—Resolved, That Watson and Rice's subdivision "C" of block 1, of Stinson, Brown and Ramsey's addition to St. Paul as approved by the Plat Commission October 14, 1882, and afterwards, and on the 16th day of October, 1882, accepted by the City Engineer of the City of St. Paul, be and the same is hereby accepted by the Common Council of said city as the legal subdivision of said block.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. Starkey—Resolved, That the plat of "Chas. Wood's subdivision of block 34" of Arlington Hills addition to St. Paul as approved by the Plat Commission October 14, 1882, and afterwards, and on the 16th day of October, 1882, examined and approved by the City Engineer, be and the same is hereby accepted as the legal subdivision of said block by the City of St. Paul.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. McCarthy—Resolved, That the plat of "Lienau, Peters & Minea's rearrangement of block 12" of Bell's addition to West St. Paul as approved October 7, 1882, by the Plat Commission, and also on October 12, 1882, by the city engineer, be and the same is hereby accepted by the City of St. Paul.

By Ald. Johnson—

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works cause an eight foot walk to be constructed on the south side of Fuller street from Rice street west to Western avenue.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. Fischer—Resolved, That the Board of Public Works are hereby instructed to cause a sidewalk to be laid on the north side of Third street, between St. Peter and Market street.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. Van Slyke—Resolved, That sidewalk ten feet wide be laid on east side of Broadway from Ninth to Tenth street and to include the alley; also crosswalk eight feet wide on Broadway across Eleventh street.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. Van Slyke—Resolved, That sidewalk be laid on north side of Waverly street next east of the Swedish church and next west of E. E. Drake's; also six-foot crosswalk on Woodward street across Monroe street; also crosswalk six feet wide across Broadway, north side of Ninth street.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. McCarthy—Resolved, That the Board of Public Works cause to be constructed a crosswalk on the east side of Kate street, Sixth Ward, at the intersection of Dakota avenue. Also, a crosswalk on McCarthy street, on the northwest side of Dakota avenue. Also, a three-plank walk on the west side of Dakota avenue, from the end of the St. Paul bridge to the intersection of Kate street.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. Johnson—

Resolved, That an order be drawn upon the treasury for the sum of \$300, in favor of Beyer & Lux to refund penalty paid on account of the non-completion of the Jackson street grading contract, within contracted time.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

Resolved, That an order be drawn upon the treasury in favor of Capt. Jacob Heck, Chairman of the Board of Control, for the sum of five hundred and forty-five and forty-four one-hundredths dollars, being the proportion due from the city for support of the poor and maintaining of hospital for September.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved October 18, 1882.

By Ald. Otis—Resolved, That an order be drawn upon the treasury in favor of W. A. Van Slyke, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven dollars, being the balance due for the improvement of Rice park.

Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

It is hereby ordered by the Common Council of the City of St. Paul: That the matter of a change of grade on George street from Stryker avenue to Charlton street be, and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Public Works to investigate and report: First. Is this improvement proper and necessary?

Second. Give the council an estimate of the expense thereof, and state whether one half of the cost thereof is to be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let. Third. Can real estate to be assessed for said improvement, be found benefited to the extent of damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby? Fourth. Is such improvement asked for upon the petition or application of the owners of a majority of the property to be assessed for such improvement?

Fifth. Send the council a plan or profile of said improvements as required by law, if you report in favor of the contract is let. Sixth. Send the council a proper order directing the work to be done. Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—8. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. Dowlan—Resolved, That the voting place in the first precinct of the Sixth ward be, and the same is hereby fixed at Engine house No. 5, at the corner of Mackubin street and Selby avenue. Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—9. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. McCarthy—Resolved, That the voting place in the first precinct of the Sixth ward be, and the same is hereby fixed at the building of Jos. Gahr, on Pearl street, north side, No. 171, near Temperance street. Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—9. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

By Ald. Johnson—Resolved, That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed judges for the ensuing November election, viz: First Ward, First Precinct—J. G. Taylor, E. H. Millard, Paul Wadsworth. Second Ward, Second Precinct—Jno. Dowlan, Daniel Sanford, W. S. Wilson. Second Ward, First Precinct—P. O'Regan, Jacob Heck, Geo. W. Lamson. Second Ward, Second Precinct—C. C. King, Geo. Lynch, W. L. Kelly. Third Ward, First Precinct—E. L. Larpenteur, Matt. Koch, Nic. Wagner. Third Ward, Second Precinct—Stephen Deener, J. D. Ludden, R. J. Markoe. Fourth Ward, First Precinct—S. McConnell, John Clark, M. J. Clum. Fourth Ward—Second Precinct—Thos. R. Brill, Edwin Bell, C. H. Manship. Fourth Ward, Third Precinct—John Caulfield, Jacob Richter, D. W. Lott. Fourth Ward, Fourth Precinct—F. A. Kroh, P. Doherty, Casper Poets. Fifth Ward, First Precinct—Geo. Walsh, N. Sims, Tim Kelly. Sixth Ward, Second Precinct—J. Hopkins, James Dillon, D. Getchell. Fifth Ward, Third Precinct—C. M. McCarthy, F. Knauff, John Gibbons. Sixth Ward, First Precinct—Henry Boland, Wm. Erdman, Chas. Fitzler. Sixth Ward, Second Precinct—Jas. Cullen, P. R. McDonald, Christ Myers. Yeas—Ald. O'Connor, Robert, Fischer, Otis, Johnson, Van Slyke, Starkey, Mr. President—9. Approved Oct. 18, 1882.

JOHN DOWLAN, President pro tem. THOS. A. PARNDEBAGST, City Clerk.

To the Editor of the Globe: It is important that further attention be immediately invited to the proposition contained in the act approved Nov. 19th, 1881, extra session, which provides "for the application of the moneys of the internal improvement fund to the payment of the principal and interest of the Minnesota state railroad adjustment bonds." The purpose of the act can only be accomplished by a submission of the question to a vote of the people as provided in section 82, article 4 of the constitution. Provision is made in the act itself for such submission at the next general election, which will be Nov. 7th, 1882. If the people of the state desire to vote upon the question in accordance with the law authorizing such submission, the necessary steps must be taken at once to provide proper ballots strictly in accordance with the terms of the law, and have the matter thoroughly understood throughout the state. It should be specially noted, that in section 8 of the act of submission, prescribing the manner of writing or printing the ballots, the language of the affirmation and negative propositions, owing probably to some carelessness, is not identical. To avoid, therefore, any ground for captious or frivolous criticism, it is better to print both the affirmation and negative propositions entire on the ticket, though it is the act, which is to be submitted and not the language on the ballot. But the legislature has the power to prescribe the manner in which this shall be done. In the law as published, section eight, in the affirmative, the language "principal of the" is omitted. There are 500,000 acres of these internal improvement lands. From sales of these lands there has been received, to date \$387,000, of which \$323,000 have been invested in Minnesota four and half per cent. bonds, and the remainder is in cash in the hands of the state treasurer. The lands sold up to November 1st, 1880, averaged about with the school lands, viz: \$6 per acre. Were the whole amount thus sold, they would bring about \$3,000,000. The new "Minnesota state railroad adjustment bonds" which were recently issued in lieu of the old railroad indebtedness, amount to \$1,253,000. The question for consideration at the coming general election is, shall the proceeds of the sale of these internal improvement lands be applied as a sinking fund for the payment of the principal and interest of these lands? Respectfully, J. H. BAKER, R. R. Commissioner