

THE EARTH AND THE COMETS.

The original and striking theory propounded by Hon. Ignatius Donnelly, of this state, in his new book "Ragnarok," that the great drift deposits of the earth came from an arctic comet...

There have been some attempts made to answer Mr. Donnelly's argument, but so far they have been fruitless; the parties making them are forced to admit, in the first place, that the old ice theory cannot explain the drift deposits...

One critic objects that Mr. Donnelly's theory is impossible because life could not have existed under such conditions as accompanied the drift age...

The same critic objects that comets could not be, as Mr. Donnelly suggests, exploded planets, because the earth is solid and cold. How then does he explain the undoubted fact that at the time of the drift the earth was split in great cracks...

In fact, no argument has yet been presented which answers in the slightest degree the theory propounded in "Ragnarok." It is the only theory which comes any way near explaining and harmonizing the great phenomena of the drift...

If science is at last compelled to accept the comet-theory the result will be a far-reaching revolution in the science of geology; we will have to look to an external source for perhaps many of the phenomena, and even some of the deposits which are now attributed to purely terrestrial sources...

WHATSOEVER Dorsey's guilt may be, in conducting the campaign in Indiana, in 1880, he had Republican accomplices high and low, who urged him on to save the pivotal state to the party, by whatever means necessary...

The gallant, though moss covered Gen. McLaren, seems to be in charge of Windom's bar. Members of the legislature should see to it that the gallant Gen. McLaren does not sit on the bung hole too much...

PARTIES mailing the Sunday Globe containing the annual review of the business of St. Paul, should remember that the postage is four cents per copy. Unless that amount in stamps is put upon the wrapper the paper will not be sent from the St. Paul postoffice.

The defence which Senator Windom's friends make of his interest in Northern Pacific stock, while a member of the House, is worse than the accusations of his enemies.

FLETCHER says he hopes the Democrats will make it unanimous by voting for him for Speaker when the legislature convenes to-morrow. Fletcher always was modest.

It is said with some asperity and no little truth, that a party that has not right and justice for its basis and depends upon the spoils of office for its existence, ought to die.

The entirely new and novel remark, "Happy New Year" is echoed by the Globe to its numerous readers.

THE BUCKET SHOPS.

They file Bills Asking that the Telegraph Companies be Enjoined from Cutting off Their Market Reports.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—For some time past it has been an open secret that the telegraph companies, which have offices on the board of trade floor, would, under pressure from certain members of the board, refuse to give any further market quotations after the 1st of January to the numerous bucket shops, as they are called. The open board was also at first included as being on principle undistinguishable from its humbler rivals, Friday, the big board gave consent, it is said, to the telegraph companies furnishing the quotations to it. In pursuance of this determination a raid was made about noon yesterday on the bucket shops, and the tickers taken out by the employees of the telegraph companies. This meant business, and late in the afternoon seven bills were filed by the public grain and stock exchange, in effect demanding that the Metropolitan grain and stock exchange, both located in the alley in the rear of the exchange building, and run by H. B. Peabody, and the grain and stock exchange, run by J. W. Pratt, some of the parties filed two bills, one against the Mutual Union by the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Western Union telegraph company, and the board of trade according to the special lines used, the board of trade being one of the defendants in each case.

The Metropolitan grain and stock exchange bill, for instance, sets out that it is a corporation organized under Illinois laws, engaged in legitimate business, buying and selling grain, provisions, etc., at the market price as furnished by the Mutual Union telegraph company. The latter corporation has been for years doing a general telegraphic business. As such common carrier it is the duty of the telegraph company to treat all persons and corporations alike, without discrimination. The company is in the habit of erecting at the request of any proprietor of a hotel, office, exchange, board of trade, bank, and other place in most cities of the Union, especially Chicago, for the accommodation of such owner, occupant, or proprietor, wires from other lines of the company and putting telegraph instruments in their offices, furnishing for a fixed sum information of the general state of the market and price of grain, provisions, etc., which information is transmitted simultaneously to all points. The board of trade is a corporation engaged in the same business, but in competition, and for this purpose the board has telegraphic instruments and operators on the floor to disseminate all such information as to markets, etc., throughout the country as public information, and no person or corporation, not even the board of trade, has a right under the law to delay or interfere with it. Contracts have been made at different times by various exchanges with the Baltimore and Ohio, the Mutual Union and Western Union Telegraph companies for the use of their wires and tickers, contracted indefinitely as to time, and conditional that so long as the parties paid the charges asked they could have the use of the instruments and wires. Of course, the successful management of complainants' business depends on a receipt of such information, and that relying on such information and contract, it has expended \$12,000 fitting up a place and increasing facilities for transacting business. The board of trade, however large, powerful and wealthy a corporation, making immense profits, became dictatorial, and without authority assumed to dictate what persons shall be allowed to enter, or continue a legitimate business in opposition to it, running complainants' business by depriving it of market quotations, and to the detriment of the public welfare. The board of trade has given notice to the telegraph companies to stop giving quotations to complainant and other places of the same kind, claiming the right to discriminate as it pleased, and benefit one at the expense of another. Complainant denies that this is just or right, and therefore asks that they may be enjoined from cutting wires, etc.

SAW STORM AT FRISCO. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—A heavy snow storm set in here about noon, and continued with great violence over four hours. Snow fell to the depth of five or more inches. Such a storm is unknown within the city for the last thirty years, and old timers say that it was the heaviest and longest duration of snow in the city since the number of sleighs, the first ever seen in the city, are out on the streets.

NEWSPAPER CHANGE. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31.—The Commercial, for thirteen years the leading Republican newspaper of the South, begins to-morrow a new volume strictly independent of all political parties. It will be the size and modeled after the Eastern two cent journals. Changes on the staff are not yet announced. It is understood that for the time being there will be none.

ALL AROUND THE GLOBE. The condition of Benj. J. Shillaber is improving. The vessels from foreign port arrived at New York during 1882 numbered 6,466, including 1,945 steamers.

At Camden, N. J., Starr's extensive iron foundry will be sold at master's sale, owing to illness in the trade. Jas. R. Smith, a farmer at South Ballston, N. Y., has assigned. He was reported worth \$75,000, and owes \$20,000 above his assets. The Toronto court of queens bench has unanimously decided that there is no restriction in the province on carrying passengers by land or water on Sunday, overruling the decision thirty years ago, under which it has been held illegal for ferryboats to ply on Sunday.

GRIGG'S Glycerine Salve. The best on earth can truly be said of Grigg's Glycerine Salve, which is a sure cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds, and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Satisfaction guaranteed or money returned. Only twenty-five cents. For sale by P. J. Dreis, corner Ninth and St. Peter streets.

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Everybody Knows It. Everybody knows what red clover is. It has been used many years by the good old German women and physicians for the blood, and is known as the best blood purifier when properly prepared. Combined with other medicinal herbs and roots, it forms Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which is good for all blood disorders, torpid liver, costiveness and sick headache. Sure cure for pimples. Ask P. J. Dreis, druggist, for it. Only fifty cents a bottle.

A Modest Demand. ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 31.—This town and village asks for a peremptory mandamus commanding the National Car Company to pay a tax upon \$67,890 worth of stock held by non-residents. The aggregate tax is about \$13,000.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Statistical List of Twenty-third Collection of Minnesota Law Givers.

Table with columns: NAME, County, Postoffice, Occupation, Nativity, S'ed in Min., Condi'n. Lists names of legislators and their details.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

A Suit Against a Rail way Company for Unnecessarily Delaying Swine in Transit. Boston, Dec. 30.—The first complaint ever made in this district under section 4,386 United States revised statutes...

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THE WHISKY TRADE.

Petition of the Louisville Board of Trade in Favor of the Bonded Extension Bill. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 30.—A largely attended meeting of the whisky trade was held at the Board of Trade rooms to-day, presided over by President Green.

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MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE—No. 6 Washington avenue, opposite Nicollet House. Office hours from 6 a. m. to 10 o'clock p. m.

MINNEAPOLIS GLOBELETS.

Turkey dinner at the Boston restaurant to-day. The public schools will open again to-morrow. The county officers and the bar will all observe New Year's day.

Over 3,000 arrests were made by the police during the past year. Hotel arrivals have not been so light for a year as during the past week.

Ridgely lodge of Odd Fellows will install officers to-morrow evening. H. M. Barry stole a banjo from Prof. J. J. Hinds, and was run in for the offense.

Oysters in every style, fine wines and cigars at the Comique restaurant. Always open.

A large number of Minneapolis Odd Fellows will visit their brothers in Northfield this evening. E. T. Harvey, the scenic artist who is to do the Grand Opera, will arrive during the week, and will begin work at once.

"Around the World in Eighty Days" will continue to hold the boards at the Opera house throughout the present week. Rev. Dr. Campbell will deliver his lecture, "What I saw in Palestine," in the Free Baptist church on Wednesday evening.

C. Wiggins is looking in vain for his seventeen year old daughter, whom he alleges has eloped with a boot and shoe clerk. University avenue was indeed a lively thoroughfare yesterday. Many of the fast trotters made the cutters fairly hum.

The ladies of the Reform club will keep "open house" at Harrison hall this afternoon, and cordially invite all their friends to call.

Some twenty of the best trotting horses of this city will go down to St. Paul this afternoon and try speed with the flyers of that city.

The Minneapolis musicians to take part in the Grand Thomas Musical festival will rest this week, after which rehearsals will be renewed in earnest.

Emma Abbott has canceled her February dates at the Academy of Music. She will appear here later in the season, however. She has her eye on the opening of the Grand Opera.

All who wish to enter the lists in the billiard tournament in this city on the 15th instant for large cash prizes are requested to address Jule Meyers, Minneapolis, who is barred out however.

To-day Messrs. Fuller & Johnson, agricultural implement dealers, will retire from business in this city. They will go to Madison, Wisconsin, where they will engage in the manufacture of plows.

Messrs. Winn Brackett, Henry Hamm, Robert York, Nicholas Thielens, James Murphy and Henry Williams were elected as a board of directors for the ensuing year, at the annual meeting on Saturday night.

J. E. Williamson, of 206 Hennepin avenue, will leave in company with his family for New Orleans, where he will enjoy the warmth and the flowers in the sunny south the balance of the winter.

Slips and falls upon the disgracefully icy and dangerous sidewalks in Minneapolis are the most common thing nowadays. Why cannot the ordinance relative to cleaning of the walks be enforced—at least to some degree?

The Globe was in great demand yesterday. At an early hour every copy received at this end of the line had been sold, and the good people of Minneapolis who appreciate a good thing when they see it continued to call for it throughout the day.

The West side police force will report for roll call at the new headquarters in the city hall building hereafter. Chief Mungler laments the non-arrival of the furniture, but will make the best of the limited amount of furniture until it does come, which will probably be in a few days.

This being the first Monday in the month, it is the day set for the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners, but as it is New Year's day, and the commissioners are desirous of celebrating the occasion, a meeting will be called to order and adjourned until later in the week.

All the city officers will probably be located in their new offices this week. Every one seems delighted with the convenience with which they are arranged and the architecture certainly reflects great credit upon W. H. Grimshaw, who drew the plans and superintended the work of remodeling the structure.

Collier's "Lights of London" company which has met with such success in St. Paul the past week will open at the Academy for the week in a matinee this afternoon. In St. Paul the limited space of the Opera house stage would not admit of the use of nearly all the elaborate scenery, settings, etc., but everything will be shown here. The sale of seats already portends a popular season.

Last evening at about 7 o'clock, the fire department was called out for a fire which they failed to find, on Hennepin avenue. Before the firemen had returned to their respective hose and engine houses, however, another alarm came in from box 125, which was occasioned by a fire in a little wooden rookery, occupied as a grocery store, at the corner of Main and Sixth avenues south, and owned by the Crow brothers. Loss about \$1,000; partially insured.

FOUR cases of diphtheria are reported in Le Sueur.

A two-year old child of Michael Bray, of Falcon, Sibley county, got a kernel of corn in its throat the other day, which caused its death.

The residence of Hans Stieling of Le Sueur came near destruction by fire last week, and timely discovery prevented serious damage.

Littlefield News Ledger During the prevalence of a snail-pox in the southern part of Stearns county last winter, Dr. Bissell, of that village, was directed by the county commissioners of Meeker county to visit the schools in the northern district of the county, which he did and his bill for the services was allowed. An appeal, however, was taken and the district court sustained the appeal, so the doctor goes without his pay.

Melrose Record, Dec. 29: Early yesterday morning Mrs. Clark's safe and the one in our office, were blown open and the money in both taken. The burglars gained an entrance by bursting in the side door at Clark's. From various indications it would seem as if they were in no hurry in collecting their booty, as they left a lot of copper pennies and a counterfeit half-dollar on the desk. Mr. Clark had purchased considerable wheat that day, so that there was less than \$100 in his safe. They also took a gold watch and chain, and a case of gold ring. The safe was gained to the Record office by forcing off the front door fastenings. The safe, a large one, was moved a few inches from the wall and the door blown off. Everything was carefully examined and left scattered all over the floor, and nothing is missed but the money, about \$200.

Kavanaugh sells \$2,000 worth of fine clothing and crochets on January 4th. For particulars see another column.

REFORM CLUB. An Interesting Meeting Yesterday Afternoon—Fine Speeches and Elaborate Music.

The Minneapolis Temperance Reform club never had a pleasanter, more interesting or better attended meeting than the one which filled Harrison hall yesterday afternoon, to celebrate the closing of 1882. The usual devotional exercises were followed by some very elaborate and well rendered musical selections by the choir, which is attaining a high point of excellence under the leadership of Mr. Robertson.

"Oh, where in heaven," a soprano solo by Miss Lyons, preceded the chaplain's address. Chaplain W. W. Satterlee delivered one of his interesting discourses, based on the fifth chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians. Speaking of blessing and contentment, he said: "The poor man who has enough to eat and to wear, has as many blessings as the millionaire, and you men go out in the morning with your tools and dinner-pails and labor all day for your wives and little ones have more joy of your possessions—though they be few—than has Astor or Vanderbilt with all their millions." Mr. Satterlee continued: "It is considered a great thing to be the son or daughter of a queen, but I can go through this audience and by my hand on the head of many a young man who would not exchange that kind, patient, loving