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The Great Daily

Great Northwest

Saturday, Nov. 14, 63,732

Average For Nov. 14, 60,632

Only 2-CENT Daily in Minneapolis.

REMEMBER, all this circulation is the 8 o'clock edition, which is delivered directly to the homes.

The Journal ran 1,572 columns of advertising in October. This is 41 per cent more advertising than was carried by any other daily paper in Minneapolis and 3 per cent more than any daily and Sunday combined.

A Relic of Barbarism.

Judge Dickinson, the police judge, is doing some thinking about the practice of fining "drunks" \$10.

What a farce this whole fining system is, anyway! It is a good deal like a legal bribe.

After 3,000 years of Christianity we are still struggling under old pagan notions of justice, the old notions that everything can be paid for.

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sufficient to add fifty patrolmen to the force. He asked for fifty and got only ten; yet he did not ask for one more than the city really needed.

At this time of the year Minneapolis could make good use of 500 policemen to do nothing of the 275 the mayor desired.

We hope that our cheap-economy friends who would rather have a carnival of crime in the city every fall than stand the addition of half a mill to the tax rate, will not dare to show their faces the next time the mayor asks for an adequate police force.

Ecuador wants to sell the Galapagos Islands to some European power. As they command the western entrance of the Panama canal—in a sense, we'll have to take them ourselves.

The American Syren and Shipping is the organ of the subsidy hunters, but unless it soon change its methods and give up its campaign of vilification, slander and abuse, the subsidy crowd will have to get a new organ.

Not long since this sheet declared that the sailors who won the sea fights of the Spanish-American war were deserters from the British navy.

Now this national defamer has the effrontery and the villainy to write: "Nobody who does not know the depths of degradation which are in painful evidence in the public life of the national capital can comprehend the pressure which is put upon the heads of departments by public men of bad character to find places for men and women of evil repute in high places in the federal system."

Whatever else may be said about American statesmen and politicians—at least of those who get as far as Washington—it must be said that they are almost invariably men of clean life.

But really there seems to be no adequate punishment for such wilful slanders except a good, hard, personal castigation of the writer of this libel.

Caric Nelson was forcibly ejected from the White House to-day. If all such cranks were similarly treated by people who have nothing but contempt for them, we should be bothered less by various sorts of freaks in this country.

Secretary Hay has very properly expedited the negotiations with the Panama minister for a new canal treaty and the convention was signed last evening.

The terms of the treaty differ materially from the Hay-Herran treaty of Jan. 22, last, in some respects.

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canal constructed thru American soil" is by this treaty realized.

The neutralization of the canal, with its commercial facilities open to all nations, are conspicuous features, and gentlemen who profess to believe that this is any impairment of the integrity of the Monroe doctrine, as was urged in some of the canal debates, ought to respect the highest authority in this country on international law, Wharton's Digest, wherein it is held that the absolute neutralization of an isthmian canal to protect it from all foreign assaults, would be an application, not a contravention, of the Monroe doctrine, for canal neutralization means the exclusion of foreign intervention, not a bid for interposition.

This position cannot be advantageously controverted. A further advantage of this feature of the new treaty is the absence of a rental clause. We simply pay the republic of Panama the \$10,000,000 we offered Colombia for canal strip rights, she refusing it, and are not bothered with annual rental of \$350,000 which Colombia required.

It would seem very remotely possible that the senate will waste time discussing this treaty. And yet Senator Morgan may, with some others, unload a mass of impotent indignation in behalf of Colombia, whom Morgan professes to believe is deeply wronged by the prompt, and absolutely necessary, action of our government in recognizing the provisional government of Panama, and a little later negotiating a new canal treaty with that of the isthmian situation demanded.

The immensely valuable interests at stake there, and our own bounden duty to guard free transit made it necessary to recognize the only authority which wielded sovereignty over the isthmus, which happened to be the provisional government of the republic of Panama, the Colombian authorities having fled with the Colombian troops.

When the senate ratifies the Hay-Herran treaty, our government will have sovereign rights over the canal strip by the voluntary act of Panama.

The announcement of the movement of the Colombian governments of Antioquia and Cauca toward secession and union with Panama is not surprising. Secession was talked of in Cauca last summer. Both departments will better their condition by federating with Panama.

These two departments have an area of about 250,000 square miles. Cauca, the largest, having an area of 257,462 square miles. If they secede, Colombia will lose half her territory, and, with Panama out, she will lose her entire Pacific coast front.

The convention of the American Federation of Labor yesterday voted down socialistic resolutions five to one. So long as Gompers is president of the federation, socialism will be repressed.

Colombia demands that we take back our declaration that no fighting shall be allowed on the isthmus. It is too late to do so, and if Colombia is in earnest we shall soon be in for a fight with Colombian troops in place of the Panamanians. If there are to be hostilities over our course in Panama, the sooner the better, so that the situation may be cleared up with all possible speed.

The strike situation in Chicago is getting tense. There may be strikes on all the street car lines in the city, and the teamsters have their own employers to carry out their threat of discharging teamsters who use their trucks to stock cars.

Young Mayor McClellan is credited with the intention of offering the job of commissioner of police to General Miles. At first blush this would seem a joke, but when it is considered that General Miles is the hero of Gettysburg, is a lowly soldier, it will not appear disproportionate.

Shortly after the Spanish-American war, says the World's Work, among the first American novelties sent to Spain were the nickel-in-the-slot machines—the musical kind. Unluckily the first machines played American airs. They were quickly demolished.

A farmer went into the office of a Bedford dentist, the other day and inquired what the charge was for pulling a tooth.

"Twenty-five cents without gas and 50 cents if you take gas," replied the dentist. "I don't want any gas," said the farmer. "I admire your courage," replied the dentist. "Most people want to take gas." "Oh, it isn't me; it's my wife that's going to have the tooth out," explained the farmer.

MINNESOTA POLITICS

Both United States Senators Said to Be Hostile to the Candidacy of Judge Collins' Feared that His Ambitions Reach Further—More Comment on the Necessity for the Judge's Resignation—Northfield News is Shifty.

Senators Nelson and Chase are said to be hostile to the candidacy of Judge Collins for governor. This report has gained general currency, and while the senators do not desire to see Judge Collins elected, the attitude of some of their friends indicates that there is something in the story.

Senator Nelson has been a strong ally of Judge Collins, and it is not surprising that he would have been inclined to support him for governor. However, he still deems it inadvisable to do so, and he has not yet decided whether he will finally land in the Dunn camp depends on future developments.

It is not believed by a majority of the press of the state that Judge Collins will be a serious factor in the campaign. One of the reasons for this is that he is not a serious factor in the campaign.

The Collins candidacy has fallen flat in the Northfield News, and other strong Dunn organs. However, they still devote considerable space to it.

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NEWS OF BOOK WORLD

Another Chance to Meet Colonel Carter of Cartersville—A Raid with Morgan—The Kingfisher's Fishing School—Rhymes by Mr. Kiser.

The reading public has been invited to spend Christmas with Colonel Carter of Cartersville. Any one who fails to accept will miss something genuinely good.

It is not necessary to have read "Colonel Carter of Cartersville" to enjoy to the full this latest book of Mr. Smith's. The incidents leading up to the dinner are enough to interest the reader.

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THE NONPAREIL MAN

A Tale in Which Brother Montgomery, by Telling Lightly and Facetiously with a Bald-headed Gentleman, Rushed Heading on to His Own Ruin, Teaching the Lesson That One Should Not Fool with the Man of the Shining Dome of Thought.

It is with sorrow that we record one of our beloved and elegant-haired pastor, Rev. Dr. Montgomery. He had secured every bald-headed man to speak at his service, the lament of a dandy who had been thru the South Dakota divorce mill several times, and wanted to know approximately "where she's at."

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THE THOMAS CONCERT

It is a good thing for Minneapolis that an opportunity is occasionally afforded to realize how perfect an instrument the human chest can be; with an instrument composed of many men with many individual instruments, yet so perfectly adjusted and trained that the individual is lost in the and the perfect whole appears to delight the listener.

Four years is a long while to wait for such a delight as was furnished by the Theodore Thomas orchestra at Wesley church last evening. It is well worth while to wait for the next performance.

The orchestra was directed by the conductor, who was assisted by the soloists. The program was a most interesting one, and the performance was of the highest quality.

The program included a variety of pieces, including a concerto by Mendelssohn and a symphony by Beethoven. The orchestra played with precision and skill, and the soloists sang with clear voices and good taste.

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