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Fine Showing for Minneapolis.

Bradstreet's tables of bank clearings for April show that the business of the country for that month, as measured by bank clearings, exceeded any previous April by 5.8 per cent and April of last year by 14.8 per cent. The totals in Minneapolis for April, 1905, were $66,035,008 and for 1904, $51,258,130, an increase of nearly 8 per cent. It is interesting to compare the totals in Minneapolis with other cities of approximately the same size. From such comparison we find that while Minneapolis showed a total of over sixty six millions, Cleveland falls behind with $65,829,000; Milwaukee, $33,444,000; New Orleans slightly exceeds with $66,239,000; Buffalo reports only $26,673,000; Detroit, $45,537,000, and St. Paul, $25,209,000. Kansas City is the only city having less population, but greater bank clearings, the total for that city being $93,534,000, an increase of nearly 11 per cent. Every section of the country but one shows an increase for the first four months over the corresponding period a year ago;; the decrease is 8 per cent in the southern section.

Legislation requiring private banks to incorporate as state banks failed in the senate, but the public examiner says that a great many private banks are incorporating of their own will. The agitation of the subject may have made it necessary for the private banks to give the public the same assurances that are afforded by the regular state banks.

Governor Higgins.

New York seems to have found a man in Governor Higgins. At the inception of his candidacy he was hailed as Platt's man and Odell's man, tho Platt and Odell were at swords' points. So little was known of the then lieutenant governor that he could be dubbed either boss's man without fear of contradiction. He was elected by a much smaller majority than Roosevelt received in New York, but yet by what would in ordinary times be called an overwhelming endorsement. At the beginning of his term he intimated that the people who had been calling him this or that boss's man were all wrong. The fact was that he was his own man and meant to keep faith with the people who had elected him. The governor has been doing a good deal to prove his words. He has handled a very corrupt session of the legislature firmly, and fewer jobs than usual have gotten thru. In the face of a very Standard Oil distinguished lobby he has succeeded in putting thru a bill which gives New York city a large measure of relief from the gas monopoly. The price of gas to the city is reduced to 75 cents a thousand, of electric light about one-third, and the city gains the right to use its own surplus waterpower for purposes of public lighting. In addition a state commission to inspect gas and electric light is created, which the governor believes has power to reduce the price of light to private consumers. Surely this is something grand for the city of New York in the face of a corrupt deal between Tammany senators and subservient republicans. Without being heralded as a Folk or a La Follette Governor Higgins has proved himself a true citizen and an honest official.

The republicans of Pennsylvania, thru their accredited agents, the bosses, are busy selecting a candidate for governor, but up to date nobody has mentioned Pennypacker for renomination. Penny has achieved the unique distinction of being as obnoxious to the bosses as he is to the people.

New Jersey Losing Business.

Lincoln J. Steffens, in his McClure article on "New Jersey the Traitor State," shows that the commonwealth has paid a big price for her desertion of the cause of humanity. Out of the fees of incorporations the state has paid off her state debt and is run now without direct taxation. But her success in inviting incorporations under her vicious laws has invited rivalry and already the business of New Jersey is running down. The governor of the state, in a message to the legislature two years ago, admitted that New Jersey was no longer pre-eminent in the matter of trust company fees. She had rivals. While New Jersey in the last year for which a report has been published secured fees from concerns capitalized for $313,000,000, three other states combined whose laws are an imitation of the Jersey variety had incorporated companies pretending to represent just about twice as much money. Governor Stokes, in reporting this fact to the legislature, commented: "Our state is by no means attracting all of the great moneyed interests seeking articles of incorporation."

The only reason that New Jersey is not "attracting" all the business is that she could not prevent other states from passing laws more corrupt and corrupting than her own.

The strikers in Chicago now accuse the employers of the same offense for which some of the strike leaders have been required to appear in court—conspiracy. They say the employers are conspiring to ruin the business of transfer companies who refuse to join hands with them. If the employers are violating the law, by all means let them suffer the consequences the same as the strikers. It is not charged, so far as we have heard, that the employers are trying to slug the managers or men of these transfer companies for refusing to come in on the deal.

Experiment Station Work.

In the notification sent the Minnesota experiment station that three prizes have been awarded it by the St. Louis world's fair, there is matter for congratulation. Professor Hays, with whose work most of the farmers and grain men are familiar, comes in for high commendation. He carries off the grand prize for wheat-breeding results shown by two varieties known as Minnesota No. 163 and Minnesota No. 169. Another prize is for an exhibition of breeding of many new varieties of wheat, flax and other field crops. The first prize for the best sample of spring-wheat shown from the various spring-wheat states of the middle northwest also comes to Minnesota, the winner being the Rev. O. A. Th. Solem of Halsted, Norman county. This was Minnesota 169 wheat.

While these high grade wheats are not as plentiful as could be wished, the work of the experiment station has increased them very materially in the past few years, and a rough estimate is that one million acres in Minnesota and the Dakotas were this season seeded with the two varieties. This means a great deal in the matter of good crops and high quality.

The experiment station has proved its worth so many times and in so many ways that praise for its work is unnecessary, but in looking at results it is too often the custom to take things collectively and not dig in for primary causes. Principally, of course, the success of the station is due to the liberal attitude of the people toward the university, and the intelligent interest of the farmers in the agricultural department. Without the support of the country it would amount to little, and this is where the credit largely belongs.

But it is not too much to say a word for the men who are in charge of the work. Backed by the knowledge acquired not only from books, but from experience in a practical way, they are doing great good for the state, and anyone who has met them must know that their hearts are in their work. It is this love of the work for its own sake, this natural disposition to strive hard and faithfully for the sake of the general good and advancement of the science, that is making things go.

President Northrop once said, "I consider the agricultural branch of the state university one of the most useful departments." Results appear to show that he was right.

A Wisconsin paper asserts that a year ago Frank G. Bigelow read an address before the Bankers' association outlining a scheme by which banks might be guarded against robbery from the inside. Too many financiers do not consider it robbery, unless it fails.

The Greatest Strike of the World.

President Roosevelt may have settled the coal strike and he may come out of the woods and put down the teamsters' strike with a smile and a wave of his hand, but these jobs are but boys' play compared with the task outlined for him by Miss Anna Shaw.

Replying to his argument against race suicide, Miss Shaw reminds the president that the women of this country are demanding, as a condition precedent to rearing children, that they be given a world fit to rear children in, and this world is to be started by giving women the ballot. In default of this, she intimates that the president may have another strike on his hands, a strike against the baby. Miss Shaw is no doubt willing to accept the job of walking delegate to go among the women of this country and organize a boycott against babies and a tieup of the biggest industry of the country. What with the plans of rulers for the destruction of men by guns and swords, torpedoes and hand grenades, could they do if the supply of recruits should be cut off? It seems as tho they would have nothing to do but to capitulate. Wars and armies cannot be run without men, and men wear out. The ruling class is absolutely dependent upon women to renew the supply. If the strike is declared it will not be long before the nations see that to continue in business they must listen to the reasonable demands of the mothers of the world. And what if the mothers, with the ballot in one hand and the contract in the other, impose new conditions. Labor unions do not always stand to their contracts; why should the mothers' union? What if they declare that their children shall not be taught war; that they shall not be fed whisky; that they shall not be ground to powder by monopoly? If women can control the supply of men, why cannot they say what shall be done with the supply?

Perhaps Miss Anna Shaw has poked a hole in the wall and let in the light of the millenium without realizing it.

Union county, N. J., built a $575,000 courthouse and, after it was finished, invited "the public" to inspect it. After the public was done the courthouse guardian reported that all the towels, soap, combs and hair brushes had been stolen from the lavatories, the bronze doorknobs with the county seal upon them had been removed from the several doors, and a thief was actually detected in the act of trying to take away the court Bible. The finely-polished tables were disfigured by having names or initials of visitors scratched on their smooth surfaces, and the finest Persian rug in the courtroom was smeared with grease from a wagon wheel. The people seem to have been thoroly enraged at the sight of so much more elegance than any of them could afford in their own homes.

Nordica makes an argument in favor of using the home language in opera, in Italy Italian, in France French and in America English. The excuse heretofore for making us take our opera in an unknown tongue is that we have had to depend on foreign artists for the star roles. But with Nordica, Melba, Fremstad, Homer and a few others on the stage, English should have recognition. It is suspected that it is not so much the limitations of the artists that has given us so much foreign opera as the fact that Americans like to pretend that they know French and Italian.

Pittsburg, Pa., has an active and watchful police officer who intends to do his duty if it takes a leg. This one man has, within a few weeks, arrested and taken to the station three millionaire residents of the city whom he pinched while in the act of entering their own homes late at night. He would take no explanations from them, but marched the innocent men off to prison, where they remained until morning. They are all indignant, but there are stimulating circumstances that make the ventilation of the cases unpleasant for them, so the officer is likely to retain his place.

The press of Japan is asking France why she does not come out openly on the side of Russia. Perhaps because, in that event, England would have to come out openly on the side of Japan, and France has some nice new ships which she has been saving to fire salutes to the kaiser.

The new moon started in so far north this month that the boys who depend on it for their weather are predicting a cold May. If we should once get a nice, warm May the calendar folks would begin to spell it Mac.

Minnehaha Falls, immortalized by Longfellow and indorsed by G. L. Morrill, is to be cleaned up and put in shape for the visits of decent people. Minnehaha Falls has been a resort of toughs and loafers long enough.

A Minneapolis coal dealer who went away hurriedly has been sent for to come back. Correct. The weather is so uncertain that we do not know when we may need the services of all the coal men there are.

One of the morning papers reports that the gamblers feel aggrieved at the actions of the police in raiding them. They were not dressed for company and no visiting cards were shown by the unbidden guests.

Secretary Morton is to remain in the cabinet for at least another year. The president is said to have all the confidence in the world in Mr. Morton, and Mr. Morton believes in the president.

The enforcement of the anti-cigaret law in Indianapolis has discouraged the Indiana school of novelists. They cannot write except under the stimulus of the poisoned nail. No complaint.

In the wind storm at Omaha Wednesday a brick building collapsed, and it wasn't much of a blow, either. A search should be made for the get-rich-quick contractors who put it up.

Kansas seems to be earnest. She has just placed the secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers' association in jail to serve ninety days for violation of the antitrust law.

Some one got up in the New York assembly and asked whether the Pennsylvania railroad owned the legislature. Then he blushed and sat down and the incident was closed.

Did you notice how promptly Grover Cleveland did not continue the debate on women's clubs? Grover was once a smart politician and is now a great statesman.

The treasury has handed out another drawback decision, but it need not necessarily be followed by a gush of letters between Shaw and Hansbrough.

Port Arthur will fall again in several places in America, but nowhere with more pyrotechnic effect than at the Minnesota state fair.

King Edward has had most of his teeth extracted and is having upholstered teeth put in. President Roosevelt can bite b'ar meat.

Some Russians affect to believe that Togo is afraid of them, and yet they have no precedent for such a belief.

In 1871 a Minneapolis saloonkeeper was fined $15 for keeping open on Sunday. How long ago that seems.

A quiet but effective kick on the board of control was made last night at the banquet of deaf mutes.

The president leaves Colorado today with the full consent of all the bears.

The Rev. G. L. Morrill's discourse suggests Minnehades as a name.

HOW HORACE WAS BROUGHT TO BOOK

"The best story I ever heard," said Annie Warner (Mrs. Charles Ellis French), the creator of the original "Susan Clegg," the other day, "was told me by an advising matron whose matrimonial happiness was the topic of conversation. Without any sense of humor she said: 'The year around I do all the love-making—make all the allowances—lay myself out to be agreeable. But when Christmas comes I never fail to find a letter by my plate telling me what my love has been to Horace all thru the year—and that letter makes up for all the coldness, all the apparent neglect. And Christmas eve, when we sit together, I always say, 'Horace, have you written any letter yet?' and if he hasn't, he always goes and does it directly.'"

THE REAL THING

New York World.

Mr. Rockefeller's new granddaughter has a really and truly foxy grandpa.

IS IT FARCE OR TRAGEDY?

Washington Post.

"Frenzied Finance" has been produced on a New York stage.

AT THE THEATERS

Orpheum—Modern Vaudeville.

The Peschkoff troupe of Russian dancers furnish the most attractive turn at the Orpheum this week. They give their national dances with a dash that wins instant favor. The troupe is made up of four young women and a man. The work of the latter in gymnastic dancing is something entirely new to this country, leaving the Italian male dancers far in the rear.

The show opens with sensational bicycle riding by Count De Butz. With a freak make-up and a clumsiness that is only apparent, the count rides a bicycle in every style and many times risks breaking his neck in his more difficult tricks. The Nichols sisters, billed as "Kentucky belles," sing coon songs and do a little dance that catches on well with the audience.

John C. Rice and Sally Cohen, in "Our Honeymoon," are the victims of the conventional vaudeville sketch in which a bridegroom attempts to deceive the bride so as to attend a prizefight. There is nothing particularly striking about the act. It has some funny situations and the talented actors make the most of their short time on the stage.

Grace Ulmer of Minneapolis made her first appearance in vaudeville and received a hearty welcome from her friends. The young woman has a pure soprano voice and did not suffer from any visible nervousness. She had some difficulty in getting away from the audience, as it was insistent in the matter of encores.

The work of Kartelli, the slack-wire performer, was the most sensational seen in the city this year. Kartelli goes to handstands and swings on the wire, and finally stands on one hand on the slender and swaying support. He then rides a bicycle and caps his act with riding a unicycle to and fro on the wire.

Lew Sully makes a good impression with his mother-in-law and family gags, but should have refused to respond to the last two encores. His local "hit" missed fire and the last song was of questionable taste for "refined vaudeville." Colored pictures on the kinodrome furnished a closing novelty. —J. H. Ritchie.

Bijou,—"Uncle Tom's Cabin."

"Uncle Tom's Cabin," that ancient and honorable, time-tried and fire-tested hybrid production, which has been a sort of teething ring to childish theatergoers for the past forty years, is with us again. Time, however, seems to have no power to steel the public against the thrills which it never fails to produce, nor does the box office appear to suffer.

The Bijou was filled from gallery to orchestra last night. Laughter and tears followed the unraveling of the disjointed story thru the eleven scenes of the four acts. Righteous indignation hissed the villain, storms of applause greeted the foiling of his plans, and hysterical weeping followed the consummation of his designs.

Nothing can be said of the play itself, for all its possibilities were exhausted decades ago. The fact still remains, however, that the public likes it, that it pays its money to go, that it still feels the thrills, and that Al W. Martin still finds pecuniary remuneration in holding his company of players, plantation hands and bloodhounds together. Glaring inconsistencies do not mar. It is perfectly proper for Eliza to "double" with Marie St. Clair, Samantha, the Quakeress, may do Miss Ophelia also, if she can, and Phineas Fletcher may become Augustus St. Clair by merely changing a buckskin shirt for a suit of "ice cream clothes."

Kate Davidson—or Kate Large, for she has both names on the program—is pleasingly natural as Miss Ophelia, for which character she passes as Kate Davidson. Kittie Morgan as Topsy makes a hit with the entire house. While her singing is not wonderful, she can dance a few bars to perfection, and what her negro dialect lacks in fidelity is made up by the vim, vigor and vitality she puts into the part. The others go thru their parts followed by the sympathy or hatred of the audience, as the case may be. W. H. Davidson as Lawyer Marks, upholds the comedy responsibilities of the first two acts acceptably.

The grief is punctuated by the appearance of Little Eva and Harry, the Dohlman children, who do a clever little song and dance stunt between acts. The plantation hands afford some relief in a coon song, "Ebenezer Brown," with a cake walk obligato, between the second and third acts.

Foyer Chat.

"A Crazy Idea," a four-act farce, adapted from the German by Maurice Hageman, will be the opening bill of the engagement of The Players at the Metropolitan tonight. Tomorrow and Wednesday nights the company will present "Young Mrs. Winthrop."

The exchange sale of season tickets at the Metropolitan today indicates that unusual interest is taken in the appearance the latter half of this week of the Milwaukee German Theater company, in four of the best German comedies and dramas.

"A Fight for Love," the new comedy drama in which Robert Fitzsimmons is starring this season, will have its first hearing at the Bijou the coming week.

The Unique changes its bill this afternoon and the following entertainers are announced: the Marriott twins, sensational trick bicyclists; the Floods, mother and daughter, with their trained dogs in a novel ladder-climbing and ball-rolling act; Hurley and Stevens, grotesque acrobats; Sam and Ida Kelly and Crawford and Duff in comedy sketches, and Irene Mason in illustrated songs.

HIS FRATERNITY.

Chicago Tribune.

"What are you doing with that imitation of a union button on your coat?" said the woman of the house, looking at him suspiciously. "Are you going around begging in the name of organized labor?"

"No, ma'am," responded Tuffold Knutt, with his mouth full of pie. "Organized rest."

A FEATURE APPRECIATED

Eveleth Mining News.

A weekly feature of The Minneapolis Journal that makes good and valuable reading is "Gardening for Pleasure and Profit." We never had a square yard of ground on which to raise any crops, but we are almost persuaded we could raise celery as per directions given.

ET TU BRUTE

Providence Journal.

Now that salicylic acid has been discovered in Boston baked beans, the very foundations of faith are shaken.

THE DEATH OF THE YOUNG

At eve, when the brief wintry day is sped,
I muse beside the fire's faint-flickering glare—
Conscious of wrinkling face and whitening hair—
Of those who, dying young, inherited
The immortal youthfulness of the early dead.
I think of Raphael's grand-seigneurial air;
Of Shelley and Keats, with laurels fresh and fair
Shining unwithered on each sacred head;
Of soldier boys who snatched death's starry prize,
With sweet life radiant in their fearless eyes,
The dreams of youth upon their beardless lips,
Bartering dull age for immortality.
Their memories hold in death's unyielding fee
The youth that thrilled them to the finger tips.

—John Hay.

THE UNEASY CHAIR

SHERLOCK HOLMES QUITS DETECTING FOR BEE-FARMING.—Dr. A. Conan Doyle has brought back his detective hero, who was supposed to be "dead, dead, dead," has exhibited more of his wonderful powers as a solver of mysteries, criminal and other, and has now exiled him to a bee-farm. He (Dr. Doyle) says Sherlock is in bee-keeping for keeps, but Sussex, where the detective's bee-farm is, is not far from London, and the doctor may yet coax the "clever, clever fiend" (to use the appellation used by a captive villain), back to London to work still more wonders along the line of his genius.

A. CONAN DOYLE,
Author of "The Return of Sherlock Holmes."

Whether Mr. Holmes comes back or not, his latest exploints, told in **The Return of Sherlock Holmes,** make very entertaining reading, as told by Dr. Doyle. It is true that the careful reader can early foresee the end of some of them. Such a reader "gets onto the curves" of Dr. Doyle. He sees that he "plays" the unexpected, and, as in "The Adventure of the Three Students" or "The Adventure of the Second Stain," for example, he quickly discovers where the lightning is to strike. The prestidigital methods of the writer cease to fool him. Nevertheless, he reads the stories with great interest, entranced with the elaborate detail with which the parts of the stories are put together by the detective.

For one, we are not sorry that Mr. Holmes came back, and, if he waits as long before coming back again, we will probably be very willing to welcome him a third time. But if he comes again he ought to do something in the line of "grand" detection.

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THE BOND.

You say he understands men's hearts,
Sees past each mask of pride or scorn
Into the need for sympathy—
Know you of what his sight was born?

Of days so filled with sacrifice,
So dowered with grief and pain and care—
His eyes must read in other eyes
The fellow-knowledge written there.

—Charlotte Becker in the Reader Magazine for May.

ST. PAUL MAN WRITES STORY OF MINNETONKA.—C. A. Zimmerman of St. Paul has sold a thrilling Minnetonka story for an English magazine. It is entitled "A Human Tiller" and portrays an incident on one of the larger steamers of the Lake Minnetonka Navigation company's fleet which Commodore Zimmerman commanded. The article will be fully illustrated by himself and will appear some time during the summer.

NO RAILROAD TO RUN OVER HAMLET'S GRAVE.—The plan announced some time ago, to run a railroad over the ground occupied by the remains of the "Melancholy Dane," has fallen thru. The protest that went up from Elsinore, Denmark, and from America was so loud that the projectors of the railroad have decided to change the route of the road so as to miss the tomb.

THE MAGAZINES

Joe Jefferson's Optimism.—A pleasant article of personal reminiscence about Jefferson is contributed to **The Outlook's** May magazine number by its "Spectator," with pictures not before printed. Of one phase of Jefferson's character the writer says:

He was interested in the lighter philosophies. The work of Prentice Mulford greatly attracted him at one time. He had had remarkable communications, as he believed, from the other world—enough, at any rate, to convince him that there was another world, and to make him confident that he should see again those he loved. He was a wonderful optimist, always cheerful, always looking for the brightness of life. He once told the Spectator that in all his thousands of miles of travel he had been in a railway or steamship accident or seen one. The last letter which the Spectator received from Mr. Jefferson was reminiscent of their earlier friendship, ad closed with these words:

"How time goes on, so heedless of us all! What a short-lived creature is man (myself excepted—by the by, 75 next birthday). In a few years we shall be sweet little angels, wings and all; and, as the old gambler said on his deathbed, 'If we meet, I'll fly you for $5.' Till then, sincerely yours, —J. Jefferson."

Place of the United States as a Coal Producer.—"By no other sets of facts is the future industrial predominance of the United States so convincingly foreshadowed as by the statistics of coal production and coal supply here and abroad," writes William R. Stewart in **The Cosmopolitan** for May, on "Coal," in the Great Industries series. The rest of the world now mines only one-third more coal than does the United States. Not only does this country possess the greatest coal areas, but by the employment of the newest labor-saving devices obtains its product at a cost greatly below that of Europe. The article is abundantly illustrated.

A New Half-Fare Rule.—A novel and somewhat scientific method has recently been devised for the railways of Switzerland owned by the government to determine the half-fare limit for children, says **Harper's Weekly.** Instead of an age limit, which has been the custom hitherto, a standard of height is to be employed, and a gage and scale will be placed at each ticket office, so that the agent can tell at a glance whether the child requires a full fare. It is assumed that this is an equitable method of doing away with considerable imposition on the railroads, while at the same time children of small size who are above the legal age would be correspondingly benefited.

Ethical Addresses.—Three addresses of interest are found in the March **Ethical Addresses.** They are "Heine; a Soldier in the Liberation War of Humanity," by William M. Salter; "The Function of the Festival in School Life," Percival Chubb; "An Ethical Funeral Service," Percival Chubb.

CITY NEWS

HOME OWNERS OBJECT

PORTLAND AVENUE PEOPLE ALARMED OVER REPORT THAT GARAGE IS GOING UP ON THEIR STREET. N

Residents along Portland avenue, who have always taken great pride in that thorofare as a residence street, are stirred up by a rumor that a business building is about to invade the avenue. The report is that property at the corner of Seventeenth street, facing Franklin Steele park, is to be leased by its owner, a resident of the city, as a site for an automobile garage.

A special meeting of the Portland Avenue Improvement association will be held in the near future, and a petition will be prepared and sent to the owner, asking him to preserve his property for residence purposes, according to the general scheme of the aveune, which has been beautified and kept until now as a strictly residence street. They realize that the owner has a right to do as he pleases with his property, but hope he will defer to public opinion in the matter. Residents out as far as Lake street are interested, and will join in the petition. They fear that such an invasion would be followed by others even more objectionable, and the avenue would lose the character which has made it the pride of householders.

ROBBERS RUN WHILE VICTIM COUNTS 1,000

Charles Johnson, 3738 Penn avenue N, was held up by two masked men near Thirty-fourth avenue N and Penn, while he was returning home at 12 o'clock Saturday night.

Johnson, who is employed as a teamster, had received his pay Saturday and had to walk several blocks from the car to reach his home. As he was walking along leisurely two men approached him and, pointing guns at his head, ordered him to throw up his hands. He complied and the robbers searched his pockets, obtaining $27. Determined to take everything useful, they ran away with his pocket comb, knife and matchsafe.

When their work was done, the highwaymen told Johnson to face a tree and count 1,000. He counted and as he did so, the robbers ran toward the car line.

Johnson did not notify the police of the occurrence until yesterday, but he gave a good description of the men.

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS

Allied Orders Have About Completed Arrangements for the Day.

Members of the G. A. R. posts, the Women's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans met in the rooms of the county commissioners Saturday night to perfect Memorial Day plans. The report was made that exercises would be held in the following cemeteries: Lakewood, Layman, St. Anthony, St. Mary, Hillside, Crystal Lake, Richfield, Silver Lake, Yarker's Lake, Maple Hill and Bloomington. General L. A. Grant will make the principal address of the day at Plymouth church. Dr. C. M. Jordan will speak at Lakewood, where there will be a chorus of 125 school children.

Some discussion was held concerning the advisability of spending part of the appropriated $300 to secure seats for Lakewood. Some of the representatives thought that if Lakewood had seats, the other cemeteries might wish them, and there would be nothing left for other expenses. It is possible that the posts will make a special assessment on their members. The question will be taken up next Saturday.

TOASTED BY HAND

Deaf Mutes Close Banquet With Sign Language Speeches.

Sixty deaf mutes attended the twenty-fifth anniversary banquet of the Minneapolis Association of the Deaf, Saturday evening, held in the English room of the National hotel. Visitors were present from St. Paul, Duluth and Faribault. The addresses were all delivered in the sign language, those responding to toasts standing upon their chairs that their movements might be plainly visible to all present.

J. C. Howard acted as toastmaster. L. P. Dane spoke on "The Minneapolis Association"; J. N. Tate on "The Faribault School for the Deaf"; J. L. Smith on "The Old Graduates"; A. R. Speer on "The Educational Needs of the Deaf in Minnesota," and J. S. S. Bowen on "The Deaf Ladies of Minnesota."

STAGE DUEL REALISTIC

Ernest Fisher Punctured by a Dagger at the Lyceum.

Believing that they were seeing an admirable and realistic stage duel, the audience at the Lyceum theater last night encored the performance of Ernest Fisher and Richardson Cotton to the echo. At the conclusion of the duel, when daggers succeed swords, Fisher sank to the floor with his hands clasped to his side. The dagger had pierced his clothing and had penetrated his side until it was deflected from its course by a floating rib. A doctor was immediately sent for.

The mistake was that of the property man who attends to the distribution of weapons. Cotton was unfortunately given a sharp-pointed dagger. It is not known how long the injuries will keep Mr. Fisher out of the cast.

VANDERLIP TO SPEAK

Eminent New York Banker to Address St. Paul Bank Clerks.

Two hundred and fifty guests are expected to attend the banquet of the St. Paul chapter of bank clerks tonight at the Aberdeen. The special carload from Minneapolis will leave Washington and First avenue S at 7 p.m. E. W. Finck, president of the chapter, will be toastmaster. Rev. W. H. Boyle of the House of Hope church will make the invocation. In addition to the address by F. A. Vanderlip, vice president of the National City bank of New York, Judge E. A. Jaggard of the supreme court will speak on "Bank Criminals" and W. I. Nolan on "Why Is a Bank Clerk?"

MAY 17 FESTIVAL

Church Choirs Will Compete for Money Prize at Tabernacle.

A unique Seventeenth of May festival has been arranged by the Bethlehem Norwegian Lutheran church, to be held on Norway's independence day at the Swedish tabernacle. One of the features will be a competitive song tournament in which two Norwegian and eight Swedish church choirs will compete for three money prizes aggregating $100. The audience will act as the judge. Governor John A. Johnson and John W. Arctander will be the speakers and in addition to their remarks, Mr. Arctander will read greetings from President Roosevelt and King Oscar.

In addition to the choir numbers, the musical program will include several solos by Maud Ulmer Jones of Minneapolis and Theodore L. Lammers of Duluth.

FIREWORKS UP TO DATE

PORT ARTHUR WILL FALL EACH NIGHT AT STATE FAIR—VAST SCENIC SETTING AND 400 PEOPLE IN SPECTACLE.

The greatest of all fireworks spectacles yet seen at the Minnesota state fair has been engaged for the season of 1905, and the official announcement is now made by the board of managers. This show will be Pain's latest and best spectacle, "The Fall of Port Arthur," a thoroly realistic representation of war in the far east, which will be put on each evening of fair week. The picturesque surroundings of the besieged city allow of an unusually attractive scenic display, which has been taken advantage of in the new production, fully twenty carloads of massive scenery being shown in the reproduction of the fallen fortress.

Four hundred costumed people participate in the stirring scenes of this monster open-air drama. There is a startling realistic naval conflict in front of the besieged city between huge war vessels of the Japanese and Russian nations, during which several hundred real shells are exchanged and a Russian warship is blown up and sunk by a Japanese torpedoboat. The fire of the Japanese vessels is then directed on Sun Hill fort and the fortifications of the city. During this terrific bombardment bridges are blown up and fortifications destroyed.

The early scenes of the spectacle will depict every-day life in the picturesque city, especially showing the festivities of a "Saint Day," with the singing of the stirring national anthems and the blessing of the priests bestowed upon the Russian soldiers as they depart for battle. Opportunity is also taken of these scenes to introduce a pretty Russian ballet, acrobatic feats by troupes of native performers, a daring exhibition of Cossack horsemanship, etc.

Following the victorious army's entry into the fallen city and its surrender to the "Japs," comes the magnificent display of fireworks, without which a Pain spectacle would be as "Hamlet" without the Dane.

The fair opens this year on Sept. 4 and continues one week, closing on Sept. 9. Half-fare rates have been secured on all railroads for points within 200 miles of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

MISSING COAL MAN ARRESTED IN TEXAS

E. O. Fellows of the Fellows Coal company and a retail agent of the Peavey Coal company in Minneapolis, was arrested at El Paso, Texas, Saturday night on suspicion of having embezzled $5,000 from the Peavey company.

Fellows was conducting the business under his own name. Recently it is said he has been short in his accounts and about two weeks ago he left the city without giving notice. His arrest at El Paso was made by C. W. Vaughn, an agent of the National Surety company, who will bring him back to Minneapolis.

Mr. Fellows was traced to El Paso thru letters, but it was learned that he had not tried to conceal himself. He was registering under his own name. He had been negotiating for Texas coal property, and seemed to have plenty of money. When arrested he admitted his identity and said he was willing to go back to Minneapolis. He will arrive here Tuesday.

A band of religious workers visited the jail at El Paso yesterday and Fellows spoke to the other prisoners on extravagance. None of his statements made so far, however, can be taken as a confession of guilt.

IN NEW CHURCH HOME

Elim Swedish Baptist Church Was Dedicated Yesterday.

Swedish Baptists from all parts of the city filled the new Elim church, Thirteenth avenue and Madison street NE, yesterday afternoon for the dedicatory services. The present building, which has been erected at a cost of $17,500, is the third church home which the prosperous and growing congregation has erected in the past five years. In addition a parsonage has been built during that time.

John Erglund, treasurer of the church, reported that $5,269 had been raised since last July for the present building. Subscriptions and gifts received yesterday netted $4,300 more, so that the new building is already half paid for. The new building is of red pressed brick and tastefully designed and finished thruout. The arrangement is convenient and utilizes all the available space to the best advantage.

Rev. M. Berglund opened the exercises with a song service, which was followed by scripture reading and prayer, led by Rev. A. Gordh. The pastor, Rev. V. E. Hedberg, delivered the address of welcome and Rev. E. Sandell of Chicago, a former pastor of the church, preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. E. R. Pope, superintendent of the Baptist State missions, Rev. A. O. Williams, district secretary of the American Home Mission society; Rev. O. S. Lindberg of Cokato, and Rev. J. A. Dahlstrom took part in the services. Rev. V. E. Hedberg, the present pastor, has served over five years and has brought about a remarkable growth in efficiency and organization.

HITCH OVER HOURS

Lithographers Having Difficulty in Renewing Agreement.

Local lithographers and employers are anxiously awaiting the outcome of negotiations now on between the national organization of employees and the employers' association. For some years these two organizations have been able to get together and frame up a working agreement mutually satisfactory and binding on the branch organizations all over the country.

Last year there was a hitch which caused a lockout of five weeks and there is a possibility that a similar trouble may occur this year. The lithographers' union wishes a provision whereby either party to the agreement may submit to arbitration a proposition to reduce the working day from nine to eight hours. As such a request would naturally come from the employees, rather than the employers, the latter association is not willing to incorporate the provision. The executive board of the employers' association has held three meetings to consider the proposition, but has not reached any decision. It is hoped that the matter may be settled, as neither side cares for a repetition of last year's walkout. There are about sixty lithographers in the local shops, but over 200 others would be affected by a strike.

TOOK NO POISON

Larson Autopsy Reveals Pneumonia as Cause of Death.

An autopsy held over the remains of Anton Larson, who was thought to have taken strychnine at the Beaufort hotel, failed to reveal the presence of any poison in the stomach. The cause of death, as determined by the examination, was pneumonia. A half-filled bottle of strychnine was found beside the dead man, but he had evidently taken none of it.

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