

A GREAT NEW NATIONAL PARK

Many Acres of Forest and Lake in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 25.—The fact that the Yellowstone park may in the near future have a great rival and that a large area comprising some of the splendid scenery of the northern pine belt of Minnesota may be added to our national playgrounds will no doubt be warmly welcomed by the public.

The site of the proposed national park in Minnesota is 200 miles north of the Twin Cities, contains 611,693 acres of land and 218,470 acres of water surface, is crossed from east to west by the Great Northern railroad, and the Brainerd & Northern Minnesota railroad passes near its west side.

GROWTH OF OUR SHIPPING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—The annual report of Mr. Chamberlain, the commissioner of navigation, shows that American shipping industries shared in the general prosperity of the country during the past fiscal year.

A Proposal.

Mr. Martin was a bachelor and Mr. Martin was wealthy; consequently Mr. Martin was considered a good match and always stood at a premium in the matrimonial market.

But, strange to say, all fascination had as yet been thrown away upon him, and from the magnificent Foundaine St. Toots the reigning belle of the season, down to Mrs. Catchfellow's lovely and just-out-twins, his manner was ever the same—kind and courteous, but oh! so very cautious!

Miss Catchfellow, who was engaged, tossed her head disdainfully, for had she not been launched at the impregnable Fort Martin? and had she not failed as a score of others had done?

A month passed over the marble front of the Catchfellow mansion, bringing in its flight joy to the heart of Mrs. C. With all the skill of a female Legak Walton she had "played" the unconscious Octavius and waited but some favorable opportunity of "landing him" and ending his bachelor career in the net of matrimony.

Thus, with mind at rest, she turned the force of her intellect on bringing Octavius to the point, "If I could decide which he prefers the rest would be easy enough," she remarked in confidence to Florida Grey; "but they are really so much alike that he must find it almost impossible to decide."

Mr. Martin and the plump Minnie were seated on a distant couch in very close companionship, indeed. At length, taking her hand, he tenderly pressed it, and, rising, led Minnie toward Mrs. Catchfellow's chair of state.

"Mamma," said the young lady, with an arch, though nervous glance at Jennie, who also appeared, "Mr. Martin has proposed and I have accepted."

"This is indeed an unexpected happiness," she said, benignantly. "Blessings on you both! Take her, my dear Octavius and be happy!"

"Thank you, ma'am," replied Mr. Martin, with a merry twinkle in his eyes. "I am very much obliged to you indeed." Then Jennie advanced.

"Mamma, Mr. Martin has proposed, and I have also accepted."

Mrs. Catchfellow looked around in surprise when Florida rose and, with a profound courtesy remarked: "Mrs. Catchfellow, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Martin proposed last week, and that I accepted him."

The lady she addressed looked on with a vacant stare, while Mr. Martin drew Florida's arm within his own and patted her small hand with an air of ownership.

stood you to tell me that you had accepted Mr. Martin? "Oh, dear me, mamma!" replied Minnie. "I meant Mr. Smith. Mr. Martin only spoke for him."

Mrs. Catchfellow sank heavily into her capacious chair. "Jennie," she said in hollow tones, "you also said something."

FARMERS AS RAILROAD MEN

DAYTON, Wash., Nov. 27.—Since the organization of the Columbia & Covello Railway Company here last week active preparations for future operations have been going on. The projectors of the plan have not been idle or careless. The route is being determined, and for this purpose two surveys have been made.

Hypothetical Questions.

A legal farce in numerous duplicate scenes. Place, a New York court room. Time, the present.

The learned counsel for the defense faces the candidate for a seat in the jury box "Look me in the eye, sir."

The candidate: "Which eye?" The counsel: "Don't get gay with the court, young man. Take your choice. Either eye will answer. All you've got to do is to listen. Suppress the negative influence of a contradictory impulse to commit violent assault on a fellow creature should be indicated to you by the evidence of the senses, in contradistinction to the testimony of the experts, would you feel obliged to render a verdict of guilty?"

The candidate (affably): "Not at the present price of nails." The learned counsel: "Again, if a nugatory though silent influence was cornered by a determination to utilize the sources of an hereditary impulse to slay, coupled with a fantastic desire to stay in unusual numbers, could you not under those circumstances or others, deliberately impugn his honesty of purpose and the welfare of the community, by descending to the plane of the thoughtless and innocently wicked by agreeing upon a verdict of guilty—or not guilty?"

The candidate: "Will you please say that all over again?" The learned counsel: "Certainly not—I couldn't. Why don't you answer?"

The candidate: "Well, there's no credit in answering a simple little thing like that."

The candidate: "Well, what is the answer?" The candidate: "The answer is 'Because she'd never seen the streets of Cairo.'"

The counsel for the defense: "Excused for cause. Step down, sir." Court thereupon adjourns.

RAILROAD MEN ARE COMING

Today news comes that Vice President Marius Miller and Chief Engineer John F. Stevens, of the Great Northern, are on their way to Seattle. J. W. Blabon left yesterday afternoon to meet this party at Spokane. They will arrive at Seattle tonight or tomorrow morning.

Organization Formed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 25.—The Spanish-American war veterans the newest of the organizations arising from the late war, held a meeting in this city yesterday and the following officers were elected: Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Dewey; senior vice commander in chief, T. Roosevelt; junior vice commander in chief, Gen. Irving Hais, formerly of the First Colorado infantry.

The A. S. Kery Mill Company are about to begin work on their wharf and sawmill on the North Seattle waterfront. They will construct a wharf 100x240 feet; a sawmill two stories high, 40x146 feet; a one-story office building 16x25 feet, and a boiler room 26x26 feet. The cost of the plant is estimated at \$20,000.

Charley Hends, a laborer, reported to the police last night that he had been assaulted and robbed of \$10 by four men on Second avenue near the Hinckley block. Hends was intoxicated, according to the police.

The Pacific Coast Company has filed a petition to the city council asking that Thomas Dawson be out pay at Arlington dock. An appointed special policeman at Arlington dock without pay. The company have been bothered of late by thieves stealing copper off the piles.

The condition of University and Seneca streets between Second avenue and Arlington dock has called forth a petition from property owners thereabout, asking the council to remove the filth and mud from the plank and repair the same.

The Democratic City Central committee called to meet at room 71 Hinckley block on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 1 p. m. Business of importance is to be transacted. A full attendance of the committee is desired.

JOHN T. CONDON, Chairman.

CHARTER NOT SATISFACTORY

Many Changes Will Be Made in Greater New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The Greater New York charter has been on trial for two years and has developed several weak points. It is no surprise to learn, therefore, that the Republicans plan to pass at the coming session of the legislature a revised charter changing the particular one in several important particulars. Their intention to do this has, in fact, been apparent for some time past. Their ability to do it has been increased by the recent elections, which augmented their power in the assembly.

Their majority in the senate is a slender one, but can probably be better controlled now than it was at last session. Among the changes suggested are the cutting down of the mayor's term from four to two years, making him eligible for reelection and giving him absolute and permanent power of removal. Having increased his powers, it is proposed to hold him to greater personal responsibility and to make him directly responsible to the governor for his own acts and the acts of the heads of departments. The mayor will be subject to removal by the governor.

AMUSEMENTS.

"A Stranger in New York" at the Seattle theater is a typical Hoyt farce. It is better written than most of his plays, and has a plot. Some of the players are very clever. Mr. Nicholson shows no particular qualifications for his part, but with a good supporting company and a very clever play, the show proved quite satisfactory. Messrs. Tallman, Grant, Flint and Hooker are all

above the average. Miss Charlotte Stolle is a very attractive woman, and had a chance to show herself to advantage in the French ball. Ma-Belle Davies' dancing and that of Charlotte Hooker, were features of the performance.

"A Stranger in New York" will be played tonight for the last time.

The Filipinos at the Third avenue theatre are a surprise. The troupe was made up last July from a Philippine circus, which was taken from Manila to the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco. The natives have all the ability of the Japanese as tumblers, jugglers and gymnasts. Some views of the Philippine battlefields are shown as a special feature. Prof. Lillie, who exhibited these views, was a signalman of the Eighth army corps.

Last night's audience manifested



CHAS. H. HOYT, Author Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York."

appreciation by frequent and hearty applause.

The Olympic theater continues to draw crowded houses nightly. Manager Kunkler has never failed to provide first-class attractions, and the popularity of the little play-house is well merited.

The Trocadero Farce Comedy and Specialty Company have been engaged for this week. The company comprises ten people, and should form a strong attraction.

Arrangements are now being made to give the house a general overhauling, and opera chairs will be put in.

SUIT AGAINST BALLARD

W. T. Taylor has brought suit for \$10,000 against the city of Ballard. The case came up before Judge Benson this morning. The complainant alleges that on April 24 last, while driving on Shilshole avenue, near A street, his horse became frightened at escaping steam from the Ballard pump house coming up through the plank road, and the road not being properly railed, the horse shied and backed the carriage over the edge of the plank road. The ground was more than six feet below and by that fall Mr. Taylor claims to have sustained severe and permanent injuries.

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The Dewey Club will hold an open meeting at 7:30 this evening in the chamber of commerce in the Haller block. The Dewey Club is a non-partisan expansion club.

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