

A MORNING PRAYER.

Let me today do something that shall take
A little address from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favored as to make
Of joy's too scanty sum a little more.

DARK EYED MAID
GAVE A WARNING

A Story of Moonlight Jealousy and
a Stiletto.
By Samuel McLeary Waller.

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NEWS CONDENSATIONS.

Wednesday, Dec. 27.
A new treaty between China and
Mexico has been signed in Washington.

Undesirable immigration has become
a serious problem for Washington treasury
officials.

Mayor Tubbs of Alcester, S. D., has
been sentenced to two years in prison
for sending obscene literature through
the mails.

A great financial institution, with
Secretary Gage, when his term of office
expires, at the head, is planned in New
York.

The Lovell Arms company of Boston
has made an assignment. It is one of
the largest sporting goods firms in the
country.

Former Governor Robert W. Furnas
of Nebraska, now in his 76th year, and
Mrs. S. E. Jamison were married at
Brownsville, Neb.

The directors of the Great Northern
Railway company have awarded the
contract for the construction at Quebec
of a million bushel elevator, at a cost
of \$250,000.

Thursday, Dec. 28.
The main building of the trust tanery
at Merrill Wis., has burned.

The torpedo boat Stockton was
launched at Richmond, Va., Wednes-
day.

Jurors in the Molineux case com-
plain of being constantly shadowed by
detectives.

The strike of French miners in the
St. Etienne district has spread to the
Loire district.

The Southern Educational association
is in session at Memphis with 700
delegates in attendance.

General Otis has issued a decree au-
thorizing the celebration of civil mar-
riages in the Philippines.

William Penn of Des Moines has been
appointed an assistant superintendent
of the railway mail service.

Congressman Boutelle is said to be
suffering from Bright's disease in its
last stages. Another version is that he
is suffering from paresis.

Friday, Dec. 29.
It is announced that all the independ-
ent telephone companies of the country
will consolidate.

Senator Kyle of South Dakota is
stated to have practically lined up with
Republicans on the financial issue.

The remains of 150 victims of the
Maine disaster were interred at Arling-
ton Thursday with full military honors.

The dean of the diplomatic corps at
Pekin has telegraphed to the senior
consul at Shanghai that the decision
reached in the matter of the extension
of the foreign settlement has been rat-
ified.

The steamer Curacao, from Guaya-
mas, brings news that the British mem-
ber of Pheasant, Leader, Warspite
and Icarus were in Magdalena bay
when she left that port, but were all
preparing to sail for Acapulco Dec. 20.

WHISTLING BUOYS.

Valuable Aids to Navigation and Re-
pairers Keep Them in Tune.
One of the most interesting aids to na-
vigation is the whistling buoys. There
are several of them off the cape, and their
jull, hoarse groaning may often be heard
for miles.

They are clumsy affairs of steel, rang-
ing in length from 30 to 35 feet, with an
air tank shaped like a pear about 10 feet
high and 9 feet in diameter from which
an 18 inch pipe 20 feet long protrudes.

These buoys may be seen at the light-
house department storehouses on Dia-
mond island, where buoys of all kinds
and shape are kept ready to be placed
over some rock dangerous to navigation
or to replace any which may be damaged
or adrift.

This long pipe which runs down into
the water is what furnishes the power
for the whistle.

When the buoy is in the water, the roll-
ing of the waves up through the pipe and
the pressure on the air in the tank forces
it out through the whistle, and the well
known signal sound is the result.

Whistling buoys in different parts of
the coast are given a different pitch in
order that the mariner may, on a thick night,
be able to know his locality by the differ-
ence in the sound.

It is the duty of the officers to adjust
the pitch of these whistles when they get
out of tune, and they have become so ex-
pert at it that they can detect and remedy
the slightest variation from the cor-
rect pitch.

The adjustment of these whistles must
be made while they are in place, and
sometimes the great necessity of the
marks on dangerous rocks obliges the
men on the buoy boats to make these re-
pairs in very rough weather.

The repairing crew usually includes the
mate and one man, who are rowed up to
the buoy until they are able to grasp the
rings on the side and clamber up over the
side to the cage which protects the whistle.

Perhaps the most dangerous duty
which falls to the lot of the buoy tenders
is that of replacing the heavy buoys dur-
ing a storm or while a heavy sea is run-
ning.

With the steamer rolling her rails un-
der the greatest care must be taken to
avoid accident, and many are the stories
of narrow escapes related by strong, rug-
ged men who perform this dangerous
work.—Augusta (Me.) Journal.

A Grave Question Settled.
An anecdote of Russian peasant life by
M. Stranicki.

Vaska, a splendid workman, strong and
young, was dying. He was resigned, but
toward the end he said calmly:

"Take me to my mother."
He was placed in a covered telyega and
slowly borne to the sabb of his mother,
not far away. As the cart approached
the mother came and looked at it. No
one spoke.

The old woman arranged the kerchief
on her son's head, leaning over the cart.

"Vaska," said she, "what shirt do you
want to be buried in, the red one or the
pink percale?"

"Keep the pink one. It's pretty good
yet," gasped the dying man. "Red one—
good enough."

They took him in and laid him upon a
bench under the holy ikon.

A Future Wagmaster.
Mrs. X. had not a very good ear for
music, but she liked to have her daugh-
ter play the piano when there were vis-
itors. On one of these occasions her
daughter declined to play because one of
the keys in the piano was broken.

"Never mind," said Mrs. X. "Play
the key nearest to the broken one. No
one will know the difference."—New
York Commercial Advertiser.

ORDINANCE

Chapter Seventeen.
An Ordinance amending Sec-
tion three (3) of Chapter
seven of the Ordinances of
the Village of Pierz.

The Village Council of the Village of
Pierz do ordain as follows:
SECTION 3. Section three (3) of Chap-
ter seven (7) of the ordinances of the Vil-
lage of Pierz is hereby amended by strik-
ing out the words: "from the fifteenth day
of March in any year to and until the fif-
teenth day of November next succeeding"
and substituting therefor the words "dur-
ing any year."

SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF PIERZ.
December 11th, 1899.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand.

A. E. MACHO,
President Village of Pierz.
Attest:
A. SITZMAN,
Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF
CREDITORS.
In the District Court of the United States
for the Fifth Division District of
Minnesota.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the matter of William O'Shea, Bank-
rupt, In Bankruptcy.

To the Creditors of William O'Shea of
City of Little Falls, in the County of Mor-
rison and District Aforesaid, a Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd
day of December A. D. 1899, the said Wm O'Shea
was duly adjudged bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors
will be held at city of Little Falls, in Mor-
rison County, Minnesota, on the 5th
day of January, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock
in the forenoon, at which time the said cred-
itors may attend, prove their claims, ap-
point a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and
transact such other business as may
properly come before said meeting.

CRAWFORD SHELTON,
Referee in Bankruptcy,
Little Falls, Minnesota, December 29th,
1899.

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What William J. Bryan Says.
APRIL 8, 1899.
EDITOR NATIONAL WATCHMAN:
I congratulate you upon the splendid work the
National Watchman is doing. It is an honest,
earnest, able, and fearless exponent of Jef-
fersonian democracy and deserves a cordial
support. I hope that your circulation will increase
until you have readers in every precinct in the
United States. The people should support the
papers that fight the battle of the people.
Yours truly,
W. J. BRYAN.

NEWS IN MINNESOTA

St. Paul's operating expenses for 1899
were \$1,948,861.
Building improvements at Mankato
for the year aggregated \$338,900.

E. V. Smalley, the well known editor
of the Northwest Magazine, is dead.
Nelson Williams, a pioneer resident
of Minneapolis, is dead, aged 75 years.

Seneca Truesdell, a well known
Northwestern newspaper worker, is
dead.
The title of monsignor has been con-
ferred upon Father Joseph Francis Bah
of Duluth.

The First Presbyterian church of St.
Paul celebrated its golden jubilee by
burning its mortgage.
Mrs. Hosmer, the Minneapolis fasting
woman, is dead, after persisting in self-
starvation two months.

On New Year's day Governor and
Mrs. Lind received a silver set from the
governor's official family.
Frank Polanskis, of Weyerhaeuser,
Wis., was arrested at Minneapolis Sat-
urday on a charge of murder.

The production of iron ore in North-
western Minnesota for 1899 shows a great
increase over previous years.
The St. Paul insurance patrol esti-
mates the year's loss by fire at nearly a
quarter of a million more than in 1898.

Lorenzo Dell'Oso, the well known
Italian fruit dealer of St. Paul, is re-
ported to have been frozen to death on
the Mesaba range.
Mrs. Daniel Buck, wife of former
Judge Buck of the Minnesota supreme
court, died Sunday at the family resi-
dence at Mankato, of cancer.

George W. Douglas, a Winona drug-
gist arrested for selling drugs without
a license, has been sentenced to pay a
fine of \$50 or go to jail for 10 days.
Railway mail service will be estab-
lished on the Watonwan branch of the
Omaha, and on the Saulton branch of
the North western, to take effect Jan. 15.

Swift & Co. are making improve-
ments at South St. Paul which will ag-
gregate an expenditure of \$200,000 and
double the capacity of the packing
plant.
Eli S. Warner of St. Paul has been
offered the surveyor generalship of
Minnesota by Senator Nelson. He says
he has not decided whether he will
accept.

The canvass of Mankato made by the
Polk directory men give a sufficient
number of names upon which to base
an estimate of the population at 16,850,
which is a healthy gain, since the last
census.

The next meeting of the Western
Surgical and Gynecological association,
comprising the states of Illinois, Wis-
consin, Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana,
Iowa and Kansas, will be held in Min-
neapolis in 1900.

The Minnesota department of public
instruction has set Feb. 2 and 3 as the
date for teachers' examinations to be
held all over the state. Under the new
law examinations are conducted by
county superintendents.

Friday evening the 16th annual meet-
ing of the Yale Alumni association of
the Northwest will be held at the Aber-
deen hotel, St. Paul, to be followed by
a banquet. President Hadley of Yale
will be a guest of the association.

The John Hauenstein Brewing com-
pany of New Ulm has been incorpo-
rated with a capital stock of \$100,000.
The incorporators are John Hauenstein,
Charles Hauenstein, Martin Hose, Fred
Seltzer and William J. Hertan, all of
New Ulm.

The state staff of crisslers will be
doubled. Auditor Dunn has decided
such action necessary in order to pro-
tect state lands from trespassers. Of
late he has received reports from his
men that a keen lookout is necessary to
ward off the intruders and guard against
a heavy loss.

According to The Railway Age esti-
mate of new track laid during the year
Minnesota is second among the states,
Iowa leading with 582.66 miles. Min-
nesota's mileage was 388.84, which is
double that of any other state except
Arkansas. Several Minnesota exten-
sions are still under construction and
are not included in the above estimate.

A reunion of the members of Com-
pany H, Fourteenth Minnesota volun-
teers, was held at Olivia and about 50
of the boys who did service for Uncle
Sam at Chickamauga camp in '98 were
present. The meeting was held at the
armory, and after renewing acquaint-
ance it was decided to perfect a per-
manent organization of Spanish-Ameri-
can veterans in conformity with the
rules and constitution of the National
Spanish-American association.

The inheritance tax law is being vig-
orously attacked by a formidable ar-
ray of legal talent of the state. On
Jan. 11, the date set for hearing the
case by the supreme court, there will
be registered a strong protest. Attor-
neys representing the late George Drew
of McLeod county, and the late Charles
A. Pillsbury of Minneapolis, as well as
several other firms of prominent law-
yers, will attack the constitutionality
of the law. Attorney General Douglas
is preparing a brief on the part of the
state.

DAY FOR DRUMMERS.

Feb. 10 Set Aside for Their Entertain-
ment at the Winter Carnival.
ST. PAUL, Jan. 2.—Saturday, Feb.
10, will be one of the big days of the
winter carnival. The St. Paul Lodge
of United Commercial Travelers will
on that day entertain their fellow trav-
elers from the Northwest to the num-
ber of 1,500. Most of the jobbers of the
Twin Cities will call their men in for
this event of the carnival.



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