

CROOKED STATEMENT.

It Apparently Closes the Argument as far as the Gang is Concerned.

Not a Public Whimper About It Since Its Falseness and Error Was Shown.

The court house gang will doubtless try to keep up their courage, and do their best to rally party feeling to continue them in power, but it is plain to all citizens, and must be especially evident to their former following, that the present officers are doing all in their power to avoid public consideration of the effects of their control of Morrison county during 1893 and previous years.

The plain and distinct duty of the county officers is to conduct the affairs of the county in the interests of the taxpayers. It is their duty to perform such acts as public officials as the law requires them to, and to devote the receipts from taxes to paying the proper expenses of the county. They have no right, as servants of the people, to extravagantly spend the people's money, or to (after all the money has been spent) pile up thousands of dollars of debt for future taxes or bonds to pay. This, however, is just what the present rulers of Morrison county have done. According to a statement of both Democratic papers the floating debt amounted to over \$23,000 on Jan. 1 of this year. Is it fair to claim that such a result could follow a proper administration of county affairs? On the plain face of the statement it would seem the county was not warranted in being plunged that deeply into debt. Unless some reason can be given for it, the conviction will strengthen that no good excuse can be given for the great increase in debt. None can be given, and the entire crowd deserve defeat, and will get their deserts.

The silence of the Democratic papers and the court house crowd on the financial condition of Morrison county was broken by the publication of a statement in the Democratic papers of Sept. 20 and 21 concerning county finances. The statement was dishonest, false, deceptive and in all respects "crooked." No county officer will dare to endorse that statement. It is bad enough to be connected with a gang that makes such a record in the county, but it is infinitely worse to attempt to deceive the taxpayers about the matter. The evident policy of the supporters of the Democratic county ticket is to ignore any discussion of the financial condition of the county where possible, but where something must be said, to use falsehood and deception. The exposure of that statement made by the Transcript was absolutely true, and no Democratic paper or official can deny it. Ignore it; ignore it; your crookedness was exposed.

THE KNIGHTS DANCE.

They Give Their First Ball Friday Night.

The Select Knights of America gave their first ball Friday evening at the Fireman's hall on the West side and it was a success in every particular. In the evening before the ball the Knights gave a parade on the business streets headed by the Harmonia band. Ira L. Warren was marshal and John Leibel was captain. After marching through the principal streets they performed a difficult drill on the square. It is the only uniformed secret society in the city and their performance as well as being something new to our people was highly pleasing, and gave them some idea of the excellent drill that each member of the society must learn. After the drill the Knights marched to the hall which was beautifully decorated with bunting, flags and flowers. The dance commenced about 9 o'clock and the dancers continued to trip the light fantastic until midnight when they marched to the Berke hotel, just across from the hall and partook of an elegant repast. They then returned to the hall and danced for several hours. Excellent music was rendered by an orchestra of eight pieces.

This lodge was organized here less than six months ago and is enjoying a rapid growth, having a membership of fifty. There is a first-class insurance with it and is destined to become one of the largest lodges in the city.

Injured by Fire.
It was reported Friday that the home of a family who live west of Maj. Morrill's at Little Elk, was burned this morning. In fighting the fire, it is said the man had his eyes severely injured and the woman's clothes caught fire and she was terribly burned. We have been unable to learn the names of the parties.

WORTH MONEY.

The Rain of Friday Night and Saturday Puts Out the Fires.

The rain which commenced Saturday morning is of vast benefit to the people of this section of the country and will be the means of saving thousands of dollars worth of property. The rain of a week ago gave the fires a set back for a day or so but they soon started up again and have been raging since. The fires on the West side were burning close to the brick yards every day and at the time of the rain were within a quarter of a mile from the big meadow, and going with the wind. Part of the meadow had not been cut or burned over for two years and had the fire reached it no power on earth could have saved the hay stacked there. It would have been carried to the brick yards, and in all probability the buildings there would have been destroyed. As soon as it commenced to rain some of the men from the brick yards thought it safe to leave and drove out to see the fire. It is practically stopped there now, but it will require considerable more rain to put out the fire which is still burning in the bogs.

A great deal of damage was done in Randall town the past week and it is reported that one man lost his eyes by the fire and others were injured but the names of the parties cannot be learned.

This rain is the greatest blessing that ever visited Morrison county.

Electric Light Line Extended.

Superintendent Russell Baker, of the Electric and Water company, has just completed the work of supplying Maj. Morrill's new residence at Little Elk with electric light. The distance from Broadway, where the connection is made, to Little Elk is two and a quarter miles and it required 150 pounds of wire to do the work. The house is wired throughout, and now there are thirty-five lights used, but when it is completed and all the fixtures are in about forty-five incandescent lights will be used. Mr. Baker has also put in a system of bells there recently. The house will not be completed for some time and will be the handsomest and most convenient in this part of the state.

Chautauqua Circle.

The Chautauqua friends met last Tuesday evening and completed the organization of a C. L. and S. Circle. The following officers were elected: President—Rev. G. R. Geer. Vice president—Miss Meyers. Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Jansen. Instructor—Miss Shepherd. Chairman of program committee—Miss Brown.

An open meeting for which a special program has been prepared will be held at Mrs. Buckman's next Tuesday evening.

Wood Yard Burned.

The fire which has been burning on the Little Falls & Dakota this fall got into the wood yard of Coyle, between Grey Eagle and Burtrum Thursday and destroyed 1,500 cords of wood. So far as we can learn none of the railroad property was destroyed.

A Chance for a Race.

William A. Smith, of Minneapolis, is in the city and would like to arrange a walking match with Alex Van Praag. If he cannot arrange for a race of that kind he will post \$250 that he can beat any ten men in the county in a ten mile running race, each man to run a mile. He would much prefer, however, to arrange the match with Mr. Van Praag. Van has not walked much of late, but if he goes into it he could keep Mr. Smith busy for a time.

District Court.

The following cases were disposed of before court adjourned Friday: J. M. Nester vs. P. H. Gross, et al. Argument to be submitted in writing. Jonathan Simmons vs. board of county commissioners of Morrison county. Argued and submitted. Flynn vs. J. Burton. Taken under advisement.

THE LATEST STYLES.

AS REPRESENTED IN IMPORTED AND HOME PRODUCTIONS.

Curious Examples of Mixed Coloring—Black and White Stripes Instead of Checks. Chic Parisian Gowns Described—The Convenient Cape Popular as Ever.

The latest Paris gowns are some of them curious examples of mixed coloring, showing army blue, red and sometimes apple green in one costume. These are designed doubtless to meet the requirements of women on the alert for novel effects. For those of quiet tastes the news that black and white stripes are taking the place of the check so much worn during the summer will be wel-



PARISIAN PROMENADE COSTUMES.

come. A very "chic" costume from Doucet, who has the art of combining simplicity with styles and whose gowns are pre-eminently in "good form," has a black satin stripe on a white ground. The skirt is made perfectly plain, its style being in the cut, which is admirable. The black and white silk reaches only to the armpits at the side and is finished heart shaped in front, the extreme point touching the collar, where it ends in a spreading but narrow black satin bow. The upper part of the bodice and sleeves is made of accordion plaited black mousseline de soie over white silk. The sleeves are very much puffed and reach only to the lower part of the armholes, a band of the black and white silk continuing to the elbow, where it is finished with black satin bows. The rest of the arm is bare, to be covered with long black gloves. The sleeves appear to be smaller, the puffed part being short, while the remainder of the sleeve closely follows the arm, becoming tight at the wrist. In London they have introduced a skirt of a new cut, which rests on the ground and describes a series of vandykes at the foot. They give fullness and fall in flutings, presenting a most elegant and charming effect. They have to be caught together at the back with elastic, which causes the skirt to sway around gracefully. A broad waistband stitched to the skirt and cut to fit the figure does away with the silk belt and holds the blouse firmly in place.

Two imported costumes seen recently furnish details of incoming styles. One was a cloth dress trimmed with flat cross bands, edged with machine stitching. The skirt was cut with a seam both front and back and side darts to better mold the hips. The sleeves, close fitting at the wrists, had their fullness at the top arranged in flat drooping folds; the dark hat ornamented with ostrich feathers and velvet rosettes. The second costume was in gray crepe cloth, with chemise and chataleine stripes in butter colored lace. Pretty bows finished off the shoulder slashes of the full bodice and the elbow sleeves, while upright fan plaitings headed the treble godet on each side of the skirt. The hat, bordered with feather trimming, was adorned with lemon colored velvet bows and wings.

The craze for capes has by no means abated, and they are very becoming in these days of large sleeves and save the wearer from presenting a crushed and wretched appearance when there is need



A NOVELTY IN CAPES.

of a wrap. The very latest wraps for driving and evening wear are double capes with turndown velvet collars. While slightly horsy in effect, they are smart and convenient. Another style of the ever necessary cape is circular in shape, with a seam down each shoulder and ornamented with three rows of cloth applied as strap seams. The fronts are kept together by a strap at the throat, and another strap hidden under the ruffles will keep the cape double breasted when it is closed. A heavy cloth makes up best and takes from 2 1/2 to 3 yards, according to the width.

Scalloped Chicken.

Mince cold chicken and a little lean ham quite fine; season with pepper and a little salt, if needed; stir all together and add some sweet cream—enough to make quite moist. Cover with crumbs, put it into scallop shells or a flat dish, put a little butter on top and brown before the fire or front of a range.

City Hall Observations.

M. Coleman, of the city hall, makes the following report for September: Fair days, 19; partly cloudy, 4; rain, 7; there was also a snow on the evening of the 29th. Highest temperature, on Sept. 1st and 2nd when it was 87° above zero; lowest temperature on the 29th and 30th, 44° above zero. Winds, southeast and southwest. While it rained seven days during the month there was really only one good shower which was on Sept. 29. There were five fire alarms during the month.

Parker.

Mrs. S. C. Cochran, of Randall, spent Sunday in Parker.

Mr. John Brooks, who has been in Dakota, has returned.

Mrs. Lee, of Staples, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Gish, this week.

Mr. Huff, of Little Falls, is in Parker this week setting tomb stones.

The DeMoss family concertists left Parker Tuesday morning for New York city.

The recent rains stopped the fires for a few days but they are starting up in the meadows with renewed vigor.

Mr. Elrod and family start for Oregon next week. Their friends and neighbors regret very much to see them leave.

The DeMoss concert given at Maplewood Saturday evening was well attended considering the unfavorable weather. Quite a number from Culdrum were in attendance and it was much appreciated by all.

Monday evening a company of thirty assembled at J. P. Strahl's and had a candy pull after which four horses were hitched to a wagon a hay rack put on and twenty-one persons getting on went all over the county "coon hunting." It was given for the DeMoss family.

The Herald has been worrying for months about matters connected with the city hall construction. If it is information they want, they should inquire of Dr. G. M. A. Fortier, the present chairman of the Democratic county committee, and therefore the head of the campaign in the interests of Meyer, Trettel and other friends of his. He was president of the city council at the time the city hall was built, was chairman of the building committee that had charge of all matters connected with the contract and construction, and he was the official who advertised for and received bids. The public interests were entrusted to the hands of himself and associates, and the Herald would do well to show plainly where any trusts were violated. It is the duty of officials to carefully guard the interests of the community they represent, and as Dr. Fortier was repeatedly elected a member of the city government it is presumed that the public knew no reason why he should not look after their interests.

Died.

Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. McNair, aged about one year, passed away Saturday at 11 o'clock, after an illness of only a few days. Mr. McNair was away from home and knew nothing of the child's death until he alighted from the train and Rev. Joss broke the sad news to him.

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