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"THE INVINCIBLES"



I. MEYER



A. L. WYLER

I. Meyer and A. L. Wyler, the two gentlemen whose pictures appear above and who for some time past have been the local whist champions, were defeated in the second of a series of games at the whist club last night. They have taken on and defeated many noted whist players, including Schneider, Foster, Lang and others. Mr. Meyer evidenced ability as a whist player early in life and says his knowledge of seven-up has been wonderful help to him. Mr. Wyler acquired his early experience while a deck hand on a Missouri river steamboat running between Fort Benton and Mug's Landing, when he often indulged in the game of solitaire during his spare moments, an upturned cider cask serving as a table. The Messrs. Meyer and Wyler are anxious to meet W. W. Browne and J. P. George, but have denied a second game to the Messrs. Foster and Schneider, on the grounds that the latter are outclassed.

WHY HE HAD NOT MARRIED.

Too Many Risks Were Involved in the Transaction.

Capt. Risk, of the Mallory line steamer Denver, plying between New York and Galveston, Texas, is a bachelor who attaches a great deal of importance to the question, "What's in a name?" when applied to the matrimonial question. On one recent trip a party of passengers were discussing matrimony when the captain strolled up.

"By the way, captain," said one of the party, "how does it happen you've never married?"

"Oh, he could never find a woman willing to run the Risk," interjected one of the feminine members of the group.

"No, indeed," observed the mariner; "no one can run the Risk; I'm captain. And no one seems to want to take the Risk, either," he added.—New York Times.

FRUIT BREEDING A SCIENCE.

Some Notable Triumphs of the Department of Agriculture.

Fruit breeders have produced many marvels, but nothing quite akin to the unaided performance of a tree in Forfarshire, Scotland, which last year grew apples, and whose branches are this year reported to be laden with pears. There are more than 500 different standard kinds of apples on the English market and more than 800 different kinds of pears, but a tree with an alternating crop of apples and pears is an unaccountable oddity. New varieties of fruit are frequently produced in the laboratories of the United States department of agriculture, where fruit breeding is carried to a scientific perfection. Other experimenters have made wonderful crosses with peaches and nectarines, and the plumcot is a new fruit obtained by breeding the Japanese plum and the common apricot.

MAY LOSE THEIR HAPPY HOMES

**Haunts of Gilded Demi Monde
May be Moved From the
High Place.**

**MATTER MAY BE AN ISSUE AT
SPRING ELECTION**

**Tide of Public Sentiment Sets in
Against Resorts Occupying
Present Position.**

Unless there is a decided change in public sentiment as it is at present daily expressed it is probable that the removal of the hill resorts to a location that will not be so exalted and public as the one they occupy at present will be an issue at the spring election that will have but slight opposition.

The five resorts which the city is at present compelled to tolerate occupy one of the most prominent locations in the city. They are the first thing to greet the eye of the stranger who arrives in the city on the Great Northern trains and are in easy walking distance of the Markham hotel and the principal business streets of the city. The matter of their removal to some place that will not be so public has been generally talked for some time by the better class of citizens but so far as the Pioneer has been able to learn there has never been but one systematic effort made to secure their removal, started by the Rev. Higgins some time ago and abandoned. Mr. Higgins states, because he was unable to receive support and gain the co-operation of those who were in the best position to accomplish the result which he desired.

The arrogance of some of the

RINK TO OPEN

**Burns Ice Rink Opens Tomorrow
Afternoon with Free Admis-
sion to All.**

The Bemidji Ice Rink, Joseph Burns, proprietor, will be formally opened to the public tomorrow afternoon. Skating will be free to everybody. The ice is in fine condition and Mr. Burns expects a large crowd. The rink is large and roomy and will be kept up in good shape. Season tickets are being sold and an admission ticket can always be had at the rink office. The rink has on hand a large line of skates and all the necessities to enjoying the exhilarating sport of skating. Mr. Burns hopes by careful management to make the rink a popular as well as a profitable resort. There will be a number of races during the winter, a masquerade skate after a time and other features that will commend the rink to the public generally.

proprietors and a general disposition on their part to feel that they are entitled to social consideration, if not for their virtue for their money, has for some time been flaunted and is giving rise to a tide of public sentiment which the wise ones say will result in the removal of the houses being a flat issue at the spring campaign. Property owners in the vicinity of the hill are particularly active at present in discussing the removal of the houses. Bemidji is growing rapidly and the value of property close to the center of the city is constantly increasing. However, property in the vicinity of the houses is not desirable for obvious reasons. Not all nor the major portion of the sentiment comes from the property owners, nevertheless. The general sentiment is that the city is growing too rapidly to longer tolerate the houses in their present location. Small children are compelled to pass them daily in going to and from school, and while it must in all justice be stated that they are conducted in as orderly a manner as it is possible to conduct places of that character they are still a constant source of scandal and annoyance.

The business agents of the hill, those who look after and anticipate just such contingencies as are arising at present, state that the joints will not be moved. They say that it has been tried before and that the plan could not be made to stand up. They have had no hesitancy in connecting the most unpleasant rumor with the name of Rev. F. E. Higgins and the part he took in agitating for their removal some time ago. It has even gone so far that insinuations have been made that Mr. Higgins has been bought off. While direct charges have not been made they cite it as a significant fact that Mr. Higgins suddenly dropped the campaign he had commenced against them. In connection with this matter it may be stated that Mr. Higgins last night stated to the Pioneer that he courted the fullest and freest investigation into his connection with the matter. He states that he is at present and always has been heartily in favor of the removal of the houses. He will aid and co-operate in any way that he can with a movement looking to that end.

Several of the hill proprietors consider themselves quite a necessary adjunct to the welfare of the city. They can state without a moment's figuring just how much they are worth to the city in dollars and cents and have been particularly arrogant of late. Public sentiment is fast crystallizing for their removal in all quarters.

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