

ST. PAUL MATTERS.

The Itasca, at a Long Meeting, Elected Charles Davidson President for the Coming Year.

Debate of the Directors of the Winter Carnival Association—The Coming Festivities.

How a Baby Helped a Man to Find His Long-Lost Brother—The Hotel Ryan.

Winter Has at Last Arrived—Lizzie May Ulmer—G. A. R. Installation—Globules.

ELECTING THEIR PRESIDENT.

The Itasca Club Confer the Honor on Charles Davidson.

The Itasca club met last night to elect officers for the ensuing year. The attendance did not fill all the chairs, but there was a fair representation.

At 8 o'clock sharp President Willis pounded on the desk with a gavel, and announcing that his term of office had expired, proceeded to the delivery of an eloquent address that consumed about fifteen minutes.

Upstairs the Crib club was indulging in a few friendly set-toes with large gloves, and the noise proceeding therefrom somewhat disturbed the speaker, but he managed to make himself heard sufficiently enough to receive frequent applause.

He reviewed the history of the club since its organization, dictated on its progress and success, and expressed hopes for its future and retired heavily thanking the members of the organization, which they had worked with him for the welfare of the organization.

The rackets of the contestants upstairs was not for a moment in the rattle of applause that Mr. Willis received as he descended from the rostrum and took a seat in the body of the house.

OFFERED A RESOLUTION.

He thanks to Mr. Willis for the earnest manner in which he had worked for the interest of the club, and without a dissenting voice the resolution was adopted.

Nominations for president of the club being in order, Mr. Willis, with a brief eulogy, presented the name of Charles Davidson. J. J. McCaffery said while he had the highest regard for Mr. Davidson, he wished to nominate Mr. Willis for the office which he held the past year so efficiently and with so much credit to himself and the club.

He thought there was no man in the organization who possessed quite so much executive ability as Mr. Willis and he should be re-elected.

Mr. Willis, while he appreciated the honor that his friend McCaffery would thrust upon him, declined having his name mentioned in connection with the candidacy, as he believed rotation in office imbued any organization with fresh spirit and was necessary to its success.

Still Mr. McCaffery insisted in presenting his name, and dwelt upon it so enthusiastically that John Ives was at last stirred, and rising, he said inasmuch as Mr. Willis had absolutely declined to allow his name to be used, he thought it was throwing an insinuation of doubt at his sincerity by persisting in his nomination.

By way of explanation, Mr. McCaffery said he had no such intention. The club should confer the honor of an election on Mr. Willis, and if he wanted to decline then, he had a right to. The matter was in this manner compromised, and an informal ballot proceeded to, which brought Mr. Willis 20 votes, Davidson 4, Hendrickson 3, and Judge Rice 2.

When the formal ballot was taken, Mr. Willis was elected, and promptly and emphatically refused to accept the office. A new ballot was taken with the following result: Davidson, 14; Cory, 6; Hendrickson, 2; McCaffery, 1; Metzger, 1; J. J. Davidson, 1. The election was declared by Messrs. McCaffery and Ives escorted him to the chair, where he made a brief inaugural address, dwelling upon the possibilities of the club in the future, and suggesting that some policy should be shaped whereby the financial condition of the club would be improved.

OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED. The election of the other officers was carried on the monopoly being relieved by facilities granted between Mr. McCaffery and Dr. Snyder. The result of the election was as follows: President—Charles Davidson.

First Vice President—John H. Ives. Second Vice President—W. C. Severson. Secretary—John Truhy.

Treasurer—Andrew Delaney. Executive Committee—Hon. E. A. Hendrickson, chairman; C. H. F. Smith, M. H. Albin, K. G. Mackay, C. H. McCaffery.

A vote of thanks was extended to Charles J. Willis for the gift of hanging portraits of President Cleveland and the late Vice President Hendricks. Other business was postponed one week on account of the lateness of the hour and the club adjourned.

CARNIVAL PREPARATIONS.

The Corner Block of the Palace—Details Settled.

The executive committee of the directors of the Ice Palace and carnival association met at the Ryan last evening and received the report of the committee on amusements. There were a number of gentlemen present by invitation of the committee to aid, by their suggestions and advice, that would provide a suitable program of attractions and amusements during the carnival. A number who had been invited for this purpose were absent, however, which was very much regretted by the executive committee, as that body has its hands full.

There was one thing on which the committee expressed themselves very fully, and that was that the ditatory way in which some of the various club members were acting in regard to their costumes. Dr. Macdonald proposed that in order to arouse the enthusiasm of citizens generally and winter clubs in particular, that the corner block of the palace should be laid with a grand demonstration befitting such an event, and proposed a

GLAZED TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION.

of all the various winter clubs of this city and contiguous places, to be participated in by the citizens generally with fitting ceremonies. These ideas impressed the entire committee and it was decided to adopt the plan, and Messrs. Brugh & Truman, chairman of a committee, which has been authorized to complete, to whom the matter was referred with full power to act. The ceremonies will be concluded under the united auspices of all the snowshoe, toboggan, curling and other clubs, and will occur next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. Macdonald said that he would fill out the committee at once and arrange his program, which would be announced in a few days—by Monday at the farthest. Aid will be rendered in order to arrange the program to ascertain just the location where electric lights should be placed on the carnival grounds, and attend to their erection immediately. The city council would have Minnesota street, from Seventh street to the entrance of the palace grounds, brilliantly illuminated.

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gard to various entertainments and attractions during the carnival, and they were noted by the secretary and afterwards referred to the committee on amusements to put in shape, and preparing such as they saw fit. It was given full power to act in the matter. Mr. W. E. Bramhall, president of the St. Paul Boat club, stated that there were a great

MANY ELEGANT SKATERS among the ladies and gentlemen of this city who care nothing for toboggan and snowshoe sports, but who would be glad to organize into skating clubs if facilities could be offered by the association. He assured the committee that if such clubs could be allowed the extensive use of one of the links on the grounds at certain times, attractive programs would be arranged and some fine exhibitions given. The gentleman was assured that the committee would gladly extend the facilities asked, and it urged the formation of skating clubs and their adoption of an attractive costume. It was decided to have a Grand Army day and invite Mr. S. S. Burdette of Washington, grand commander of the order, and Gen. Phil Sheridan.

There were many suggestions made, one important one being a driving day, when a turnout of fine teams and equipages in tandem, three, four or six-horse, would be had, and give citizens an opportunity of making a grand display. Mr. Tallmadge stated that he knew of one sleigh that had cost \$3,000 that had been especially constructed for that purpose.

PRIZES OFFERED. The committee on prizes have arranged for snowshoe distances, a grand challenge race for curling and fast skating, best decorated building, best displays of tobogganing by any club, best costumes of tobogganers, and have not yet completed their list. The association decided to offer a prize of \$100 for the best figure carved in ice, all entries to this to become the property of the association. It adjourned subject to call.

NOTES. Mr. George D. Wood, who was very prominent in the entertainment of the St. Paul delegation that visited Winnipeg, was in the city yesterday. He said that Winnipeg would send a delegation to the carnival and St. George's club of that city would send down 200 snowshoers.

The North Star Toboggan club held a meeting at the Ryan last evening and elected a number of new members. The constitution and by-laws were adopted. The club elected Dr. Macdonald its honorary president.

The carnival association has lithographs of the palace in tubes, all ready for mailing. They can be had at carnival headquarters in the Ryan for 10 cents each. Many business firms are sending them out.

One of the most attractive articles will be erected at the corner of Third and Sibley streets, through which every visitor to the carnival will pass, as they come up from the depot.

The Ryan hotel has ordered 5,000 envelopes bearing a cut of the ice palace for use among their guests. A great many business firms are booming the palace in the same way.

The cold weather is booming ice palace stock. Aid Van Slyke of the finance committee received several subscribers yesterday for a \$100 each.

It is the intention of erecting upon an ice foundation a large polar bear, carved out of ice, in front of the union depot.

There are branches of the St. George Snowshoe club in Eau Claire and Stillwater.

FOUND AT LAST.

How a Baby Leads to the Reunion of Brothers.

"My name is Charles Bullard."

He was a tall, athletic man, dressed in a style that indicated he was just from the plains, and his speech had a decidedly English inflection. He walked into the health office yesterday and addressed Clerk Bryant with the above words.

"My name is Charles Bullard," he continued, "and this is the clerk looked up from his desk, and in a search of my brother who resides in this city."

The clerk assumed a look intended to give his visitor a pointer that he wasn't a city directory, but nothing daunted Mr. Bullard. He said that he was wholly without interest. He said that early last spring he left his brother in Chicago and, going to Montana, spent the summer on his ranch. Soon after he reached the plains he received a letter from his brother Bullard, and he had gone to Chicago to reside in St. Paul. The brothers had corresponded up to within a few weeks ago and an invitation had been extended Charles by his brother to call on him when he reached this city, giving him his address.

UNACCOUNTABLE CIRCUMSTANCE he had lost the letters containing the address, but hadn't discovered the fact until he reached the city. He spent several days inquiring and searching for his brother, but could get no clue to him. The city directory would give his name, and he was about to give up, when he happened to remember that his brother had mentioned in one of his letters that a child had been born to him, and he set out for the health office to ascertain if a birth in a family of that name had been recorded, this being his last resort.

"You'd ought to hire out to Pinkerton," smilingly remarked the clerk, pleased at the man's shrewdness, and he got down his birth record. The search occupied about a half an hour, the man during that time exhibiting considerable anxiety. At last, away back in October, the name of Bullard appeared and a birth recorded in connection with it.

"That's him," joyfully exclaimed the man, slapping the clerk on the back; "that's him; my child, my boy, for your trouble. Have a cigar," and tendering him a Havana, he went out in high spirits, and a little later was laughing over his trouble with his brother and wife, while the baby, innocent of the important part it had played in the matter, was happily cooing and playfully catching at the beard of its uncle. The family lives on East avenue.

THE RYAN HOTEL.

Explanation of a Chattel Mortgage Given by the Proprietor.

The published report of a commercial agency, regarding a chattel mortgage given by Messrs. Brugh & Truman on the personal property owned by them, to Mr. Dennis Ryan, owner of that building, was the cause of considerable speculation yesterday. To a reporter of the GLOBE Mr. Brugh said yesterday that such a mortgage had been given in accordance with the terms of the lease, and that because they were indebted to Mr. Ryan, it had not owed him a cent, but it had been neglected until Tuesday by both themselves and Mr. Ryan. At the time the firm leased the hotel from Mr. Ryan it was agreed by both parties that Messrs. Brugh & Truman should execute a chattel mortgage on their personal property in and about the hotel, and give to Mr. Ryan as security for the lease. It was neglected, however, by both Mr. Ryan and the firm, and was not attended to until Messrs. Brugh & Truman handed Mr. Ryan the mortgage, in order to carry out their part of the stipulated agreement and make their lease valid. The hotel is in a highly prosperous condition, and is paying far in excess of all anticipations of rent and other expenses. In the matter of rent and other expenses Mr. Ryan had always been promptly paid and held no claims against the firm.

Mr. Ryan was also seen in regard to the matter and explained it in substantially the same manner as Messrs. Brugh & Truman, and stated that Messrs. Brugh & Truman did not owe him anything, and that there had been no lapse in the regular payment of rental upon the hotel, which was doing a large and successful business. In expressing himself Mr. Ryan stated that it was simply a precaution in attending to details.

No Use for Socks.

Edward Freberg, a man about 30 years old, employed on the Northern Pacific railroad and boarding at the St. Thomas hotel,

corner Fourth and Rosabel streets, imagined that some one was going to kill him Wednesday night and leaving his bed started out into the night. Last night about 11 o'clock he wandered into a house on Como avenue and by his strange actions badly frightened the lady occupants. The patrol wagon was called and by the order of Dr. Ancker he was taken to the city hospital. He had no shoes or stockings on, and his feet were badly frozen. He was demoted.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES.

Public Installation of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Officers.

The public installation of officers of Garfield post, G. A. R., last evening drew a full attendance of G. A. R. members and friends.

On the opening of the exercises the retiring commander, A. B. Jackson, made an eloquent address, in which he reviewed the successful work of the past year. During the first half of the year seventeen new members were received and fourteen more were granted cards for the new post. The membership now is 150. He announced that during the coming year larger quarters would be secured in the western portion of the city. St. Paul, No. 1. Sons of Veterans, an offspring of the post, was complimented on its successful career. He closed with a tribute to the Ladies' Relief corps, and spoke of the work of the Grand Army hospital.

The new officers were installed by the adjutant general, H. A. Norton, as follows: Commander, W. E. Waffle; vice commander, Perry Haro; quartermaster, J. A. Jackson; surgeon, P. Flannery; officer of the day, J. A. Johnson; grand sergeant, E. J. Smith; adjutant, Robert Melroy; quartermaster, sergeant, H. A. Morse; sergeant major, Harry West.

An address by the commander followed the ceremonies. The installation ceremonies of the Women's Relief corps were conducted by Mrs. Hattie Haupt, senior vice president of the department of Minnesota. The following are the officers elected: President, Mrs. Mary Jackson; senior vice president, Mrs. Elizabeth Bingham; junior vice president, Mrs. Sarah Haney; secretary, Mrs. Eva N. Williams; treasurer, Mrs. Johnson; chaplain, Mrs. Martha Gordon; conductor, Miss Hattie Shire; guard, Mrs. Margaret Dugan.

Mrs. Jackson accepted the chair in a graceful speech, which was well received. After brief remarks by Gen. Becker, department commander, Col. Norton and W. E. Seaman of Hastings the house resolved itself into a committee to consider a fine lunch which the ladies had spread for the occasion.

VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT.

A Well-Known Jeweler Turns Over His Stock.

Yesterday Mr. Jacob Morganstern, a wholesale and retail jeweler doing business on Sibley street between Fourth and Fifth, made a voluntary assignment to Benjamin H. Plechner for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Morganstern has been hard pressed by some of his creditors for some time, a number of claims having been placed in the hands of attorneys here in St. Paul for collection. He has managed to keep afloat in his business by paying in one way or another many of these claims and making temporary provisions for others. His assignment was, however, precipitated in Minneapolis in favor of Holman Booth & Hayden of Connecticut. The sheriff made a levy under this execution yesterday and took property enough from the store to satisfy it. It is claimed, however, by the attorney representing Messrs. Rodgers & Hardy, that the assignment cannot be held under this execution as the law has not been complied with in several particulars. No schedule of assets or liabilities has yet been filed. Mr. Morganstern formerly had a place of business on Jackson street and has had goods to the value of \$4,000 of his paper. The creditors are mostly in the East.

Erick Hogland has made an assignment to James N. Granzer, who gave bonds in the sum of \$2,400. This, however, is a very trifling affair. The debt is small, and is valued at only a few hundred dollars.

AMUSEMENTS.

Lizzie May Ulmer in "Dad's Girl" at the Grand Last Night.

Lizzie May Ulmer appeared at the Grand last night to a house that would undoubtedly have been much larger had not a blizzard been blowing outside. As it was she played with as much spirit and vivacity as she would had the theater been crowded with admirers. Miss Ulmer has a fine conception of nature in the character of "Dad's Girl" is truly interesting. Her sweet face and quiet, affectionate manners and her artless, sunny disposition appeals to the finest chords of sympathy and love in the hearts of her auditors. While her gestures are too stiff and staid, their lack of natural grace is forgotten in the pure unaffectedness of her manners, which give the impression that she is doing and not acting. The play, in the title role of which she appears, is simple in plot and natural in detail, and is the best comedy ever taken up in the city. Her part in which Miss Ulmer appears is well fitted to her. Her support has been well chosen, Harry Mack as Vasso de Gama Biles, an eccentric individual with a new idea, being exceptionally good in his role. The company occupy the boards tonight and Saturday night, giving a Saturday matinee, and they are deserving of large audiences.

INTERESTING POINTERS.

The thermometer is way down, and a young blizzard is blowing through the streets of St. Paul. Thanks.

"If it is at 10° below zero to-morrow morning," said Sergeant Lyons, "it will be because Minneapolis stands in the providence that rules the weather."

The signal office says that to-day will not be the coldest, it will be perhaps 10° below zero, but look out for to-morrow. He will not, however, guarantee the cold spell to last more than three or four days.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Ice Palace association last night the following resolution was passed by a rising vote: Resolved, That the resolution passed at a former meeting condemning the action of Sergeant J. W. Lyons of the signal office in proposing to an unseasonably length the term of weather be stricken from the records of this association, and that the thanks of the body be unanimously extended to the said official, who is hereby recognized as able and efficient, a gentleman and a scholar.

The order for 1,000 carloads of ice from Winnipeg was canceled by wire last evening.

Reports from various sources indicate that the storm was heavy and the cold severe throughout the Northwest. The weather at Duluth was about the same as at St. Paul, according to signal office reports, but to the west the cold wave struck many hours earlier. Railroad reports showed the following weather: Duluth, -16°; Fargo, -14°; Detroit, -16°; Fargo, -14°; Glendive, -24°; Billings, -20°; Missoula, -10°; St. Vincent, -30°. At Huron, when the thermometer registered -21° yesterday afternoon, according to a signal office bulletin, the wind was blowing at a rate of thirty miles an hour, so the blizzard must have been terrible.

In St. Paul there was little or no wind all day, and from morning until night a

fine, powdery snow was falling. It began to grow perceptibly colder at early evening, and by 11 o'clock it was stinging cold, with a wind that kept increasing until past midnight. About an inch of the fine-fine snow fell, but hardly a speck of it laid where it fell, for the wind packed it solidly away in corners, around the alleys or kept it flying. Indications were that the thermometer would be below zero this morning.

"Down in Texas," said the signal officer, "a branch of the signal office was located in a particularly tough town. The season following the weather proved unusually disagreeable, and the inhabitants held an indignation meeting and took action to the effect that the office must be abolished or moved to some other county. I have often thought of this story during the past few weeks."

The following are the bulletins received at the Omaha railroad office on the weather along its lines yesterday: Eastern Division—Cloudy and calm; snowing at Elroy and between Baldwin and St. Paul. Temperature, 7 to 9 deg. above.

Northern Division—Cloudy and calm; snowing a little between New Richmond and Hayward; north of Mason, clear and cold; 5 deg. above.

St. Paul and Sioux City Division—At Heron Lake, cloudy; snowing since 1 o'clock a.m. and drifting westerly, northeast wind; about two inches new snow on ground; snowing and blowing at Kasota, Lake Crystal, Grand Rapids and St. James. Temperature, 3 to 12 deg. below.

Nebraska Division—Not heard from. St. Paul and Sioux City Division—Heavy storms; trains abandoned in some cases.