

SAINT PAUL MATTERS.

A Well Dressed Man Who Wanted to "Purchase" a Hotel, but Failed to Connect.

Dr. Schiffman is Afraid the Newspapers Will Boast the Board of Education.

A Dream of Beauty in the "Fantasma" of the Hanlons-Guests at the Hotel.

Doings of the Fire Commissioners--Historical Documents--Bids for Improvements.

WANTED TO BUY A HOTEL.

A Gentleman Who Trifled with a Proprietor's Confidence.

A little over two weeks ago a large, fine-looking and well-dressed man accompanied by a prepossessing lady who carried an infant in her arms, put up at the American house corner, Fifth and Wabasha streets.

The man registered as W. A. Dorn and wife, Utica, N. Y. He informed Mr. Mansen, proprietor of the house, that he would probably remain several weeks; that he was in the city for the purpose of purchasing a hotel property, and that he expected to become a permanent resident.

One of the best rooms in the house was given the new couple, and they made themselves at home. On Friday last he exhibited a check for \$1,000 to Mr. Mansen, stating that he desired to get \$300 for a day or two, at the same time informing him that he expected to purchase the St. Paul house, on Fourth street, near the Seven corners.

That night, however, the man failed to turn up, and has not been seen in the city since. Investigation by Mr. Mansen revealed the fact that no one had made negotiations for the purchase of the St. Paul hotel, and the proprietor of the American soon availed of the fact that he was out to the extent of \$200 in cash and a \$200 bond.

AFRAID OF A HOASTING.

All Board of Education Matters Get Into Print.

A special meeting of the board of education was held last evening, but the business transacted was very light. The vice president of the Board, William C. Johnson, sent a communication to the committee on real estate which the chairman of that committee sent to the secretary and the same was read.

The communication concerns the heating and ventilating of the Washington and Neil school buildings as respects defective and generally of no good whatever. After the communication was read Dr. Schiffman expressed his disgust that the matter should be brought up. He was afraid the newspapers would get hold of it and would then give the members of the board a hoasting. He wanted to know what it was proposed to do with the communication. The communication was ordered placed on file. The secretary was directed to pay for sprinkling streets in front of school buildings when the adjoining property owners do not do so.

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up visions of typhoid fever in three acts. It filled one's ears with soft strains of sentimental music, and along with it, at the rate of about 900 centimetres a minute. It elevated the beholder to the clouds, it reached out and catching him by the coat collar, mutilated the earth with him, picked him up and cast his crushed and quivering remnants into the molten hole of despond. It was a pleasant sensation in fourteen chapters, with display headlines. Fairly to-night, to-morrow night and Wednesday night.

The sale of tickets for the Gilmore concert will open at the Exposition rink box office this morning for the benefit of the Wilson & Rankin minstrel at the Grand box office. Preference for seats at the Gilmore concert will be given to original subscribers to the minstrel, who will apply at the Exposition hall box office to-day.

AT THE OLYMPIC. A good-sized audience greeted Alice O'Connell and her business company last evening. "The Field of the Cloth of Gold" is a new departure in St. Paul and showed the sprightly Alice to her best advantage. The support was in some points a little weak, but will improve. The tournament scene introduced Barnado and Vidella on the double horizontal bars, and the other beholder Miss Beckwith in a highland dress, well executed. Johnson and Mack, the Irish duo, did some clever singing and dancing. The black midlets, the Nestor Bros., took the house by storm. Taken together the show was a good one and will undoubtedly draw full houses the balance of the week.

THE DIME MUSEUM. The usual Monday night crowds were noticed last night at the Seventh street museum. The attractions are Lizzie Stanton, who plays the piano with her toes, the Kempshaw family of Swiss bell ringers, the operatic vocalists, the Burroughs and other specialties. The show is well performed and will run the entire week.

The next piano concert by Prof. Hermann and Emil Zoch has been postponed until the 15th inst. because of the illness of the pianist. The sale of seats to subscribers and season ticket holders for the Gilmore concert will open at the Exposition rink this morning. The general sale will begin on Friday.

MEX ON THE GO. Monday's Visitors at the Hotels and What They Said. John T. Murphy, a prominent stockman and merchant from Helena, Mont., with his wife and child, is in St. Paul. Mr. Murphy is reported to be the largest cattle owner in Helena, one of Montana's most successful business men, a general rustler, and about 40 years old.

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