FROM THE FLOUR CITY.

Mr. Fletcher Writes a Peculiar Letter, Announcing His Intention to Give Gilfillan a Chance.

But His Declination is Believed to Have a String to It--Gossip in the Two Cities.

The Minneapolis Mill Company Considering a Plan For Further Improving Water Power.

Joseph Kargh Fires Three Shots at an Enemy Without Effect and is Arrested.

FLETCHER'S FINESSE.

He Says He Doesn't Care to Go to Congress Till Gilfillan Serves Another Term.

Yesterday morning Loren Fletcher promulgated what has been called his "Tilden letter of declination." It is an expertly worded piece of literature and created considerable comment when heard. It was upon the streets yesterday morning that, with the nomination in his vest pocket, Mr. Fletcher had coolly thrown it away and declined to be a candidate for congress from the Fourth district. Following is

THE LETTER ITSELF:

Two years ago, as is well known, I was a candidate for the congressional nomination, and after a spirited and, on my part, perfectly fair and open contest, I carried the district by a clear majority of all the delegates to the convention. It is also well known that I was finally beaten out of the nomination at the last moment by disreputable means and through the scheming of political shysters. While I have borne the wrong done me patiently, it has always been my intention to ask for a vindication at the next recurring congressional election in the district. The time has now come and this is my opportunity. I find there is a general feeling throughout the district that I was outrageously treated two years ago, and this disposition to make the matter as near right as may be by giving me the nomination now is widespread. In short, I could get the nomination without an effort. All I have to do practically is to take it. But I am going to stand back and let Mr. Gilfillan have his second term. It has been charged that I am over ambitious, and that I would do almost anything to gratify an ambition to go to congress. This is a mistake. There is nothing very fascinating to me in the idea of sitting for two years in a Democratic house of representatives, during a Democratic administration. I have desired an expression of the party in the district on my treatment two years ago, and now that I find the sentiment practically unanimous in my behalf, I am perfectly content to stand back and see Mr. Gilfillan take his second term. It has grown to be a sort of custum to give to a congressman who has done well a second term, and I do not care to have the custom broken in my behalf. Mr. Gilfillan has been a hard working member, and now, instead of pushing him out at the end of his first term, I, for one, am willing to stand back and let the usual custom prevail. Therefore I am not a candidate. While I am grateful—exceedingly grateful—for the very general and generous support tendered me from nearly every county in the district, and especially from this county, where I have lived for twenty-five years, I have decided to acquiesce in Mr. Gilfillan's renomination and re-election. I shall therefore stay out of the field this year, and bide my time. The harmony of the Republican party and its ultimate success is far greater to me than the gratification of my personal ambition.

TURNING ON THE LIGHT.

It requires but one reading of this letter to see that Mr. Fletcher throws himself into the hands of the convention. He only says he will not oppose Mr. Gilfillan, but fails to say that he will not accept the nomination if tendered him. Shrewdly suspecting this to be the sentiment of the distinguished candidate, a GLOBE reporter called upon him and was received with that bland courtesy for which the "Little Villian" is famous. He very freely and frankly expressed himself as follows:

"I wrote my letter with considerable care," said Mr. Fletcher, "and I believe it expresses the position I assume fully. It means simply that I shall not oppose either Mr. Gilfillan's nomination or election. I have been actuated by a desire to preserve peace in the party, and besides do not covet a seat in a Democratic congress with a Democratic president at this time, after all committees have been filled, appointments made and the policy of the administration fully outlined. I am certain I could secure the nomination if I desired it, and that is all the vindication I wish. No, I do not say that I would not accept the nomination in any event. I do not say that if it was tendered me by a good majority of the convention that I would refuse it. Neither do I say that I shall withdraw if other candidates besides Mr. Gilfillan seek the nomination. I mean just what I say in my letter that I "have decided to acquiesce in Mr. Gilfillan's renomination and re-election."

WAIT FOR THE CONVENTION.

Several gentlemen, including the proprietor, were in the law office of A. F. Scott, chairman of the Republican county committee, yesterday, discussing the Fletcher letter. In the midst of the conversation in walked Mr. Fletcher himself.

"How is this, Fletcher?" demanded Scott, who is one of his lieutenants.

"How is what, my dear fellow?"

"Why this letter of yours. Don't you know the Republicans are raising the devil about it?"

Loren smiled and slowly let the lid fall over his soft left eye. "Wait for the convention, dear boy," was all he said. They agreed to wait and resumed their good humor.

It is Talked of in St. Paul.

The withdrawal of Loren Fletcher from the congressional field in this district has created no little stir and a world of conjecture among Republicans in St. Paul. They unite in saying that the reason Mr. Fletcher gives for his withdrawal, in the card he published yesterday morning, is decidedly transparent, and they are at a loss to account for his action. Lieut. Gov. Gilman was at the Merchants yesterday, and said that so far as he knew the action of Mr. Fletcher had not been anticipated by the members of his party in Hennepin or Ramsey counties, and although he had not seen Mr. Fletcher since the announcement was made, he could not conjecture the cause of his backing out of the field. Maj. Wilson said:

It was a surprise to me. The first I knew of it was when I was told this morning that there was a card published to that effect. It must have been a sudden conclusion on his part, as it had never been breathed to me that he intended to make such a move. I have been thinking all day over the matter, but I can't conjecture why he should so suddenly decide to drop out. I don't know whether he and Gilfillan have entered into an agreement or not. It is all a mystery to me.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Lieut. Gov. Gilman left last night with his grip sack ostensibly for his home and his face, when he boarded the cars, wore much the same look that it did when he climbed up the steps of the special train on the night of the St. Cloud cyclone, and he didn't know whether or not the tornado had swept away his home and family.

There is a suspicion abroad that although Albert Scheffer has, to all outward appearances, thrown off the mantle of political aspiration and gone to mix up with the saline breezes of the occidental ocean, he has left behind him plans and specifications in the hands of his friends which will develope into a boom and bring his name before the convention for congressional honors. It is well understood that there is no affection languishing between Scheffer and Fletcher, since the latter claims that he was cruelly knifed by the former in the convention two years ago and that to get even with him he has stifled his ambition and will throw his forces over to Gilfillan and if possible down the Jackson street banker if he appers on the field of battle, as it is alleged. Speaking regarding the matter yesterday, a prominent Democrat said:

"There is some deal between Loren Fletcher and the Republican key-workers. I think that they got Fletcher to withdraw from the field in order to avoid dissention in the party, which would surely come if he and Gilfillan both went into the fight, for when his blood is once up, Fletcher is a hard fighter, and Gilfillan's dogged disposition and his craving for life in the halls of congress would not permit him to withdraw and pass the palm over to Fletcher. If a contest arose between these men it would create a split in the Republican party that would prove decidedly enervating, and place within the reach of the Democrats the possibility of an easy victory. I think the move was made to insure unity and strength of the party at the polls, and I wouldn't be surprised to see Fletcher loom up in the field as a gubernatorial candidate notwithstanding the fact that he pledged the Hennepin county delegation to Gilman."

CHANGES AT THE FALLS.

The Old Saw Mills to go--Great Improvements Contemplated.

The Minneapolis Mill company has under consideration an elaborate plan for the still further improvement of the West side water power, but not until next year will it be put into execution. The details are not yet ready for publication, but the principal point is the destruction of the old saw mills at the falls. At the office of the mill company yesterday nothing could be learned concerning these plans, but the lumbermen all know that after this year no more lumber will be cut at the falls. The location of the saw mills is a very valuable one, and it is believed will be leased for other and more lucrative purposes. The mills are run by the mill company and for two years past there has been no great fortune in sawing. It is also said an arrangement will be made by which the water which now operates the saw mills may be diverted into the canal to increase the power of the flour mill supply, which runs short in low water. A GLOBE reporter called at the office yesterday, but could get no information concerning it beyond "it was a rumor current for some time past," but "no one knew anything about it."

ALL SORTS.

"He wired, he wired out;
He wired all around about,
Leaving the people much in doubt,
Whether the snake that made the track
Was going out or coming back."
—Comment on the Fletcher letter.

"Let the GLOBE say to the people of Minneapolis and St. Paul that if they want a bit of space in the Exposition they must speak now or forever hereafter hold their peace," said Secretary Byron yesterday.

At last a police officer has been found who can shoot and hit something. It was probably because he shot in the dark.

"I have discovered to my satisfaction," remarked a gentleman yesterday as he returned from a fishing expedition, "that Ed Dudson can drink more painkiller than any other man that fished Lake Minnetonka. It was all by mistake, however, poor fellow," he added in commisseration.

"I tell you," said Col. Chase, last evening, as he balanced a shiny silk hat on his head and smiled good-naturedly, "the picnic today was one of the finest I ever attended. Every one had a good time, and it would be a blessing if all picnics were conducted as nicely."

"Don't know what we are going to do," sadly mused Deputy Sheriff Egge, yesterday, as he bit the end off a cigar he had just swindled a reporter out of and smiled a melancholy grin. "You see," he continued, "there are rats in the jail, and some of them are getting so big and fat that there is no living in the same house with them. Why, some of them are as large as small cats and will kill any feline we can put in to hunt them. Let me tell you what I saw a few days ago. I was in the jail and saw a rat come out from his hole. He seemed to grow larger as I stood watching him, and when he started to return he found he could not get back. With the aid of George Baxter I captured the animal, and unless he gets too large we are going to train him to draw a baby carriage."

It broke a small party all up a few days ago to see an ex-policeman pull a roll of bills, amounting to $1,000, from his pocket, and endeavor to get a fifty dollar bill changed. He did not seem to mind it, however. It seemed strange at first, but when it was remembered that the gentleman was recently mixed up in a lawsuit over a patent machine all the oddity disappeared.

The St. Paul Globe anxiously inquires whether "the valiant Col. Stanley Waterloo, the talented poet of the Chicago Tribune, has weakly fallen by the wayside in the race for the senatorial nomination from the Third Illinois district?" We hasten to answer this interrogatory, in the negative. Col. Waterloo has not fallen; he is not of the falling kind. He is in the hands of his friends, where he has been and where will be. A man who is in the hands of his friends never falls. But why does the Globe propound its impertinent question? Has it observed a touch of a gloom, a shade of melancholy, in the colonel's poetry of late? This has been owing to the naturally debilitating influences of the early peach season.—Chicago News.

Deeds of peculiar wording often find their way into the register of deeds' office, but the climax was reached yesterday, when a paper with the following clause was filed: "Under sayd condition thad i will stay and remain on said tract of land peaseble and quietly without enne Interference of Law and prywithly and that said —— ——, party of the second part, shall take care of me when i am sick or i cannot help myself so far as it belong to enne uman being."

There must have been a good many touching instances about this raging disease, which so suddenly has wiped all those poor blind pigs out of existence in this city. An early riser was telling that the other morning he spied on the municipal horizon a jata-morganatic view of the last attendance upon those unfortunates. It was the funeral procession and a long one. Capt. Judson was chief mourner and being the only church member present in good standing, he performed the rites. "Poor things," said he, "I saw your suffering struggles and tried to screen you with my patrol limits. Of course you did not see it, but you knew it. You did not see me either, but you knew me." The early riser lost the rest of it as the "Proud Day" whistle broke in upon the quiet.

"Gilman minus the Scandinavian vote equals a dead rat," quotes the Journal, but George M. Harbitz said yesterday that Gilman will have it and be more like a live rat in the fall campaign. By the way, quotations like this are rather injudicious on the part of the Journal. It is rather early yet to bring the "rat" into the campaign. It is a specimen which has strong qualifications for multiplying itself, and the Journal knows how ugly it sounds when a plurality of those little things are alluded to in a political sense.

Capt. Ness says he can remember the time when a dozen safes were blown open in one night here in Minneapolis, and that four or five murders—two of which committed upon patrolmen—occurred in one year during Pillsbury's reign. And still Prof. Oftedal and some more are harping on the Tribune string that we are going to the d—— nowadays. That unquestionably sensible veto of the mayor of the Sunday ordinance will make the harping longer, louder and more regardless of truth and facts from certain quarters. But harpers must harp!

Demand and Kicking.

In yesterday's Tribune Ald. L'Herault is charged with having said: "People want electric lights, and then curse the council when they have to pay taxes." Mr. L'Herault may be partly justified in this, because it cannot be denied that public sentiment is somewhat tinged with the tendency described in the quoted words. However, it remains to be shown, how far a fair definition of the word "people" in this connection may bring us. The people is made up of classes and parties. There are the few and the many, the rich and the poor. They all claim to belong to the people; but when comes to public demand or public kicking it is very often the case that the few assume the role of the many, and try to have their purposes shielded by the word "people," either one way or the other.

The said paper, in the same issue, publishes a lot of signatures as having been affixed to petitions pertaining to this "want" alluded to in the alleged expression of L'Herault's. Among this lot will be found posing the names: Pillsbury, Corser Lowry, Morris, Langdon, Gale, Robinson, Steele, Fletcher, Sidle, etc., interspersed with names of other well-off parties. And now it may perhaps not be so extremely wonderful, that a majority of the "people" might get into a kicking mood about the taxes—if such a faction of the people should get all they demand at the hands of our council. Of course, electric lights as well as other improvements, only tend to the progress of our community, but nevertheless it is a fact that the improvement notions of petitioners as named must needs come in contact with the capability of the average taxpayer to meet the expenses. And when it comes to the point that "the faction wants" and "the people curse," I think the cursing the most appropriate and consistent with the present state of financial affairs in general.

A Post Office Robbery.

The post office at Excelsior was robbed last night of about $100 in currency and stamps. The burglars overlooked $400 in stamps laid in a drawer in full view. The money order books and other material was left intact. Postmaster H. N. Degrot said "Mr. C. Sagafus, who has the store in which the post office is located was going for a physician about 3:50 in the morning and saw two men hurriedly leaving the rear of his store, but thought nothing of it." Mr. Sagafus describes the burglars as tall and short men dressed in dark clothes. The burglary was effected through a rear window, by boring through and raising a catch. As yet there is no clue to the men. The Minneapolis police and special agents of the department have been notified.

Poor Marksmanship.

Joseph Kargh and H. Johnson, living in South Minneapolis, became involved in a quarrel over domestic matters yesterday afternoon. From words the trouble progressed to blows, and finally Kargh entered his house and came out again with a gun in his hand. This he fired at Johnson, and then pulling a revolver from his pocket fired two more shots at his enemy. All the bullets went wide of their mark. Johnson summoned Officer Cressy and had the shooter locked up. To a reporter Kergh admitted that he had had trouble with Johnson, but denied that he fired any shots at him. The case will probably come up in the municipal court to-day.

They Have Appealed.

The following persons have filed in the district court objections to the award of the commissioners in the matter of laying out and opening Third street north, from Plymouth avenue to Fifteenth avenue north: George R. Boardman, George B. Shepherd, John Rich, Patterson & Bovey, S. P. Snider, H. G. Harrison, Whitten & Burdett, M. D. Bidewell, Fuller & Johnson, De Laittre & Bovey, H. O. Hamlin, E. M. Wilson, W. T. Best, H. D. Webb, J. E. Bell, Security bank, John Rich, R. C. Kalkhoff, Seabury mission and Abbey G. Mendenhal, H. Pratt. The parties allege that the benefits have been placed at too high a figure.

The Swedish Guards.

The Swedish Guards, the branch of the Gustavus Adolphus, the second society lately organized, last evening received twenty new members and made arrangements for the purchase of uniforms. W. Rigdmark was elected finacial secretary; P. J. Almquist, standard bearer; A. C. Nordquist and Frank Sterner, corporals.

MINNEAPOLIS GLOBULES.

Bank clearings yesterday amounted to $402,968.18.

Fred Wright paid $10 yesterday for using abusive language.

The South side W. C. T. U. will meet on Thursday hereafter.

The estate of the late James C. Tuttle amounts to $49,955.72.

Clarence Snow will to-day explain why he beat his wife yesterday.

This evening the G. N. Morgan Womans' Relief corps will hold its regular meeting.

To-day the members of the Calvary Baptist Sunday school will picnic at Lake Harriet.

W. H. Jones paid $10 yesterday for running an express wagon without a license.

W. Crosby was arrested yesterday for selling paris green without a label. He will be tried to-day.

A. B. Coe and F. W. Forman have sued R. F. Hurlburt et al., to secure the payment of $14,000 on notes.

The funeral of Mrs. Dan S. Balch, who died Wednesday, will take place to-day from her late residence, 612 East Franklin avenue.

The Nicollet house dining-room, damaged by the recent fire, has been completely repaired, and now presents a handsome appearance.

Some of the tools stolen from Andrew Carlson Tuesday were recovered Wednesday vening in a pawn shop on Washington avenue south.

Miss M. D. Ellis, who was so badly burned about the face and hands Wednesday, is pronounced better, and there are now hopes for her recovery.

Marriage licenses were yesterday issued to Robert P. Wilson and Lillie Fogerquist, A. P. Segerdahl and Augusta Petterson, John Wunder and Katie E. Johnson.

The plat of Nelson's subdivision of lot 16 of Cornell's rearrangement of block 1, Cornell's addition, was filed yesterday by Eliza O. Cornell. The land faces on Fifteenth avenue south.

J. K. and H. G. Sidle, Judge E. B. Ames, H. F. Brown, Anthony Kelly, J. C. Oswald, Maj. C. B. Heffelfinger and Thomas D. Skiles are the sureties on the bond of Posmaster-elect Ankeny.

Louis Anderson was partially examined before Commissioner Odell yesterday on a charge of selling liquor without a government license. The case was continued to Aug. 3.

Mrs. Jeremiah Crimmins, residing at 605 Fifth street southeast, died yesterday morning. The funeral will take place Saturday morning from the church of St. Anthony of Paduia.

The committee on markets met last evening and referred the petitition of John G. Woolley asking leave to build a market in South Minneapolis back to the committee on ordinances.

At the regular school of the Minneapolis Gun club yesterday the following scores were made: Ensign, 17; Best, 17; Murphy, 18; Latz, 15; Shepherd, 17; Krueger, 16; Russell, 17; Johnson, 14.

J. Burke, J. Thomas, J. Osborne and H. O. Feederlee entered the quarter-mile swimming race at the Natatorium last night for a prize of ten swimming tickets. J. Burke won in 8:40, Thomas next in 8:58.

The committee having in charge the butchers' barbecue visited different parks yesterday, and the next meeting will determine where the picnic shall be held. The program will be then arranged.

The water board failed to have a quorum present last evening, and so held no meeting. The bids received for building an addition to the West side pumping station will be opened at the next regular meeting of the board.

W. H. Lauderdale, R. L. Pratt and George D. Perkins yesterday filed objections in an action to set aside the findings of the city council committee to assess damages and benefits for opening and straightening Plymouth avenue. Irregularities are claimed.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Normanna society, F. A. Husher was elected president, A. H. Edsten vice president, John Howe corresponding secretary, and A. Thorvaldsan treasurer. John Howe, C. A. Andrews and M. A. Anna were elected directors.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the first presentation of "Maid of Croissey" and "Jack Sheppard" at the Pence opera house last evening. Considering its being the first performance, and with a single rehearsal, the company enacted their respective characters most creditably, while the plays are both entertaining.

At Avery's hall, in the Eighth ward, Wednesday evening, a new lodge of A. O. U. W. was organized under the direction of Past Grand Workman Stevens, H. F. Vitt, O. H. Comfort, and J. H. Lucas, of St. Paul. The officers elected were: P. G. M. W., H. N. Avery; M. W., C. A. Grimes; foreman, L. A. Condit; overseer, F. R. McDonald.

William S. King, C. A. Heffelfinger, Preston King, C.B. Heffelfinger and William H. Eustis yesterday filed articles incorporating the Paine Shoe Lasting Machine company. The capital stock of the company is valued at $100,000. The principal shops will be located in Minneapolis. The first annual meeting will be held the second Monday in January at 10 o'clock in the morning.

A. G. Taylor, the man mistaken for a burglar Wednesday morning, and wounded in the hand by Officer Blake or Vorel, has sworn out a warrant charging the latter officer with assault with a dangerous weapon. The officer will be arranged to-day. Henry O. Juve, living at 610 Tenth avenue south, has made complaint against Officer Blake, charging him with assault on the day of the circus.

MINNEAPOLIS PERSONALS.

Louis Schumacker and wife of Akron, O., are at the West.

W. A. Tuley, a leading hotel man of Memphis, is at the West.

Louis Riebold, proprietor of the Bates house, Indianapolis, is at the West.

George B. Lowry, Capt. H. S. Cole and Senator Compton of Fergus Falls were in the city yesterday.

Minneapolis Real Estate.

The following real estate transfers were recorded in the office of the register of deeds yesterday:

Lts 12 to 17, blk 4, Portland Park add; Ernest McElroy to Sarah Jane Lefevre	$1,000
Lt 6, blk 3, Motor Line add; Martha Nefzger to Edward D Briggs	4,500
Lt 9, blk 2, Third Avenue add; John D Blake to John A Arnold	1,250
Lt 12, blk 3, Harrison's 2d add; A R Tappan to James W Urquhart	1,250
Land in sec 17, town 28, ange 24; C C Eunn to E J Swan	5,000
Same land; Jennie M Marston to E J Swan	5,000
Lts 2 and 3 blk 14, Bottineau's add; The Minnesota Soap company to G W Bray	3,000
Land in sec 19, town 118, range 23; Lizzie L Loverin to Flora E Fargo	4,482
Lt 14, blk 1, Excelsior add; Joseph G Wainwright to Louis N Bergeron	3,800
Land in sec 17, town 28, range 24; E J Swan to E H Steele	10,000
Lts 11 and 12, blk 13, Murphy's add; H T Brown to P E Lockwood	2,200
Lt 7, blk 2, Harrison's Second add; C J Buell to Edward C Beardsley	6,000
Lt 4, blk 9, Wright's add; Andrew Nelson to Gilbert Hanson	2,000
Lt 5, Lockwood's subd, lt 3, blk 12, North Minneapolis, lts 5 and 6, blk 37, Bassett, Moore & Case's add; Philip E Lockwood to William C Yawkey	24,125
Lts 5 and 6, blk 18, village of Osseo, P A Hanlot to A Ray	1,000
Lt 3, blk 5, Wolverton's add; George Anderson to R M Roberts	1,050
Lts 12 and 13, blk 10, Baker's Second add; K B Finley to J R Wilson	2,850
Lts 21 and 22, blk 3, Crystal Lake Park; George M Harbitz to Joseph H Brouilette	1,200
Lts 8 and 9, blk 53, Remington's Second add; W H Brown to Joseph Blum	2,000
Same property; George Mallory to William H Bonnel	2,000
Lts 14 and 15, blk 17, Blaisdell's revised add; Samuel Willard to M Carney	3,000
Lt 14, blk 17, Blaisdell's revised add; C J Fogg to Samuel Wellwood	1,000
Sixteen minor deeds less than $1,000 each	6,603
Total number of deeds 39	$96,260

POLITICAL POSSIBILITIES.

The Democrats Figuring on Filling the County Offices--Gossip of Candidates and of Men in the Hands of Their Friends.

The Republicans of Hennepin county will open the campaign with the same assurance that characterized the earlier days of the spring hustings. In all the figuring now being done by them, a nomination is equivalent to an election, and it remains for them to show just how far wrong their confident calculations are. The papers spoke of the election of Mayor Ames as "all bosh," and contemptuously alluded to his friends as the "lower strata," maintaining this sneering confidence to the last. It is more than probable that present calculations will be as widely upset in October, for the tide which carried the Democracy so high in April is still flowing, and the last Republican majorities were entirely too slender to withstand it. Since the spring election, the records of Republican members of council and the water board have been such as to confirm the alliance the labor vote made with the Democracy and the union will be more firmly welded this fall. The foreign vote of every description will go in the same way, having gained a momentum not easily checked or diverted. Republican leaders are already making desperate efforts to cajole the Scandinavian vote into returning to their camp, but without glittering success. The revolt begun in Minneapolis has extended all over the state, and Republicans are figuring with manifest anxiety on the probable disposition of the large Scandinavian vote in the state. The Democrats of Hennepin, relying on thorough organization of the party and on the evident drift of the tide, are quite confident of handsomely turning over the Republican majorities in the county and carrying off the several offices.

The Prohibitionists.

The conference of the members of the Prohibition state central committee was resumed yesterday morning and continued until noon. J. P. Pinkham, candidate for lieutenant governor, made a report on a plan of organization which embraces a complete canvass of the state by counties and townships. N. Lathrop, chairman of the sub-committees on finance, recommended the raising of $2,000 for campaign purposes by a proportionate assessment on counties, this to be in addition to the $2,000 in arrears from last year. W. Dennis reported in favor of organizing a lecture bureau of five speakers, together with the secretary and treasurer of the central committee and the secretary of each county committee as auxiliary members. This plan was not received with approval, and a substitute was adopted which instructed the executive committee to procure volunteer speakers. A resolution was adopted urging the call of early conventions. Dr. Denton unfolded a plan for a free distribution club, to which he solicited membership at $5 per capita. By the free distribution of circulars he thought votes could be made by the hundreds. As a further organization of the committee G. F. Getty was made secretary and Miner Ball treasurer. The office of superintendent of organizers was created, and G. T. Wells appointed to it. The following five members at large of the state central committee were created the executive committee: J. T. James, G. F. Getty, M. Ball, C. E. Holt and R. P. Lupton. All bills must receive an O. K. from this committee.

The County Offices.

A correspondent has fixed up a slate which he is sure will win. He says: Reading your "Political Chat" in Tuesday's issue one may find considerable food for thought in regard to our approaching county election. Without wishing to apply the rather strong term "county ring" to the gentlemen in charge of the offices at the corner of Fourth street and Eight avenue south, it goes without means of gainsaying that we need a "cleaning up" on those premises. And with some judicious campaign work I should think that our Democracy might do a little sixth-of-April-job over again for the good of the county just as well.

If we can make Col. Glenn run for register of deeds it will be a sure go. The laboring classes have not forgotten the man who so gallantly led them to victory this spring.

Our veteran, Capt. T. P. Swenson, ought to have a straight walk into the sheriff's office this time; and he will have it, too. The Norwegian Democracy has grown mightily since then and will give T. P. a good following.

Court of probate has had a Norwegian in the chair of late, and I don't see why we should not follow suit, especially when we have got the right sort of timber amongst us to put there.

I am fully aware of the fact that Hon. Chris A. Gallagher did some excellent work during our spring campaign. But, inasmuch as his short stay amongst us has already proved itself a vexatious point on the political arena, I should think it more fit to leave the county attorneyship for the benefit of Judge Donahue's capable management during the next term.

As there is no show for the appearance of a mugwump ticket in the fall campaign, Mat Walsh has hardly any way of getting his work in—except maybe through "dark horsery." And while he is planning schemes with the oldest alderman in the Sixth ward and old McDonald is hunting for the state auditorship, there will be plenty time to name and secure their successors.

Minor Mention.

W. F. McCarthy professes to be amused at the gusto with which Auditor McDonald declares that no "new man" can fill the office of register of deeds. Mr. McCarthy asks with some pertinence, "Wasn't the sagacious Frank a 'new man' at one time?" Mac is of the opinion that no one man has the given right to hand over a political position to one certain aspirant, and charges that Mr. McDonald is endeavoring to just that thing in seeking to instate Mr. Condit as auditor. "Aren't you on the scheme?" says Mac. "Well I am. It is to elect Condit and secure Frank, Jr., the deputyship. Great head has Frank senior."

John P. Fitzgerald, he who figured so conspicuously in the Sixth ward aldermanic contest last spring, previous to the Democratic nomination, is looming up like a towering mountain on a plain for the struggle for the office of register of deeds this fall. It is stated that he has already enlisted the enthusiastic young Democrats of the "bloody Sixth" ward in the cause, and yesterday he declared himself a candidate until the convention decides upon whose shoulders the mantle shall fall.

Freeman P. Lane is really in the field, and if he does not secure the legislative nomination in the upper district on the Republican ticket, it will be because his neighbors are not true to him. In the legislature he propoces to turn his attention assiduously toward effecting certain statutory amendments, which will have such a bearing as to be of no little importance to the attorneys of Hennepin. But the district will probably send a Democrat, Freeman.

Charles A. Ebert says that until he shall have satisfactory evidence that the state legislature will have a Democratic majority, he has no particular desire to become one of the lights of the body. His eye is still turned toward the probate judgeship.

The Nordvesten takes the Pioneer Press to task for its ignorance of the Scandinavian vote in Minnesota. It puts it at above 60,000, and thinks fully 20,000 bolted Gov. Hubbard, while 5,000 Democrats bolted Biermann.

While Col. M. W. Glenn has remained persistently silent respecting the matter, it is true that many of his admirers and friends are booming him for register of deeds.

Judge Rand is coquetting with his friends in regard to the nomination for judge of probate. Whether he is a candidate or not is difficult to say.

Chairman Scott says the Republican county convention will be called together in a few days.

Dr. Kilvington is a strong candidate for coroner on the Democratic ticket.

Counting Cattle.

Detroit Free Press.

Coming from St. Louis on the sleeping-car I fell in with a couple of men from the cowboy region down by the Indian Territory. They owned ranches there and were talking about the cattle business. One was an Englishman and was on his way back to the old country for a short visit. He was saying: "I counted 745 cattle in the field this side of Kansas City." He then took from his vest pocket a thing something like a silver watch. "This is a cattle counter," he explained. "You see there are three figures on the side. Now, as often as you press that little knob a figure changes for the one next higher. That's how it works," and he pressed the knob rapidly and the figures changed at every pressure. "With this I can count up to 999 as fast as cattle can jump past me. In a field I have just to commence at one end and look at the cattle one by one, pressing this every time, and I won't make a mistake once in 100 times."

"I never go in for those new-fangled arrangements," said the American ranchman. "I have a cowboy who has a hundred buttons on a string. He can count cattle as fast as they run with that string. He has another string around his neck, and at every hundred counted he slips a button on the neck string. He can count 10,000 cattle with his strings as easily as you can go 999 on that thing, and do it correctly, too."

SUMMER RESORT GOSSIP.

The Masons' Picnic at Minnetonka Yesterday a Great Success--Boat Rides, Games, Races and Dancing While Away the Rosy Hours--Comment.

The Masons' picnic yesterday was a complete success, the attendance being large and the day warm yet pleasant. The crowd was estimated at 1,800, the majority coming from Minneapolis, with large contingents from St. Paul and Stillwater. The picnic was given under the auspices of the blue lodges of Minneapolis, but the other degrees were well represented. The trains disgorged their passengers at Lake Park at 10 and 10:30, and the majority of the picnickers took passage on the steamers Belle and City of St. Louis and made the tour of the upper lake. An hour's stop was indulged in at Mound City, and those having lunch picnicked in the woods or ate dinner on board or on the Belle. At the return of the boats at Lake Park about 2:30 the excursionists, headed by Sidwell's band, marched to the open compound near the Lake Park where a program of races and games were indulged in. The committee on games and the judges were George I. Todd, S. S. Kilvigton, W. P. Roberts, William Mills and C. W. Drew. The race called was the 100-yards race for doctors which was won by Dr. Tryon. The prize was a set of surgical instruments given by H. H. Malloy. The lawyers race was started with quite a number of entries and was an exciting affair. This race was won by E. A. Summer, with G. H. Thomas second, both from Minneapolis. In the 200-yards race J. H. Atwood won in 12¾ seconds, B. E. Jones taking second place. The prize was a hat presented by W. H. Hamilton. The standing jump with its prize, a Masonic emblem, was contested by quite a number and was won by E. A. Kimball. At this juncture, loud calls were made for a game of ball, and the Minneapolis and Khurum lodges chose sides and spent about an hour in playing five innings. The victory lay with the Minneapolis, the score standing 14 to 11. The Minneapolis nine was represented by J. B. Miller, W. B. Kinly, Ed Chase, J. H. Atwood, E. A. Kimball, R. C. Miller, C. F. Baxter, S. Parly and R. Inpp, and the Khurums by Qimby, Latz, Vetter, Sumner, Stoddard, Thomas, Jamieson, McDermott and Smith. Ned Jackson umpired the game. The following races, viz: The blindfold race, prize box of cigars, won by B. E. Jones; the hop race, won by E. A. Kimball, and hop, skip and jump wom by C. J. Beran, finished the games in the quarter. The audience afterwards adjourned to the water, where a skiff race was rowed, the winner being E. A. Hobart. In the evening, after the dinner hour, the people who had boated and fished and the spectators to the games, adjourned to Lake Park pavilion, where dancing was the program until 10:30, when the last trains took the tired but happy picknickers home. The absence of all objectionable parties and fakirs was a noticeable fact at the picnic, which is attributed to good management.

The Regatta.

The yacht race, was started yesterday at 2 o'clock from Point Orono, was a failure, owing to the wind dying out about 4 o'clock and preventing a finish. The rules required a finish within two hours and three-quarters, and as the yachts became becalmed miles from the last buoy it was impossible to give the race to any boat. The first yacht to cross the line was the Ariadne at 1:52.18 and the last the Curlew, at 1.58.32. The judges were C. M. Hardenburg, J. A. Ackerson and A. H. Ellis. The steamer Rosander took the judges over the course.

Notes.

A beautiful concert was given last night at the Lafayette to the family of Worland, who dropped dead near the hotel. A splendid program was given. Miss Ada Gertrude Edwards and Mr. G. Willrich making decided hits. The program was as follows: Piano duo, "Marche Triomphale," Mrs. J. W. Sheppard and Miss Moses; vocal solo, selected, Miss Jennie Whitcomb; piano solo, "Polanaise in E flat," Liszt, Miss Moses; vocal solo "Where the Lindens Bloom," Dudley Buck, Mr. W. A. Tateum; vocal solo "Waltz Song," Pattison, Miss Ada Gertrude Edwards; vocal solo, selected, Mr. G. Willrich; piano solo, "Pasquinade," Gottschalk, Mrs. J. W. Sheppard; vocal solo with cello obligato, "Alla Stella Confidante," Rolandi, Mrs. MacKnight, Moses and Mr. Fischer; vocal solo, selected, Miss Minda Bidwell; piano dueit, Miss Mense and McClure. A large number were present and quite a sum, over $200, realized.

The following guests have arrived at the Lafayette: W. Alexander Johnson, Chicago; William J. Lawyer, Pittsburg; Joseph T. Drummond, St. Louis; George T. Loker, Harry B. Loker, William A. Conestock and wife, Chicago; Mrs. M. B. Mitchell, St. Louis; C. H. Berry and wife, R. C. Lamberton and wife, Miss Edith Simpson, Miss Wright, Miss Bockius, C. S. Rundahl, Winona; Robert Monroe and wife, E. P. Neff, Marsailles, Ill.; William E. Hopkins, Syracuse, N. Y.; Robert H. Bradley, Toledo, William H. Neff and wife, Cincinnati; N. H. Roseman, Buffalo; Mrs. M. Lemon, N. Y.; Mrs. William Cogswell, Los Angeles, Cal.; D. E. Lyon, Dubuque; J. C. Coldenwood, St. Paul; S. J. Dickman, Greenburg, Ind.

At the Lake Park yesterday were registered: Robert McMullin, T. W. Whitehouse and wife, Mrs. N. P. Keeley, Nathan Schack and wife, Max Abraham and wife, C. A. Rehm, R. H. Pratt of Minneapolis; Dr. Roselle, St. Paul; J. H. Ehle and wife, Fargo; D. L. Magruder, Philadelphia; Charles Adsit, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Miss Benica Murphy, Eau Claire.

George Hopkins, engineer of the Lotus, is a decidedly proud man. Excursionists may have noticed the fast time of the steamer yesterday. It is due to the fact that George is a father. Boy; weight, 15 pounds.

The arrivals at the Hotel St. Louis yesterday were; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Craves, C. A. Hill and wife, Joliet, Ill.; Frank S. Black, Troy, N. Y.; Miss L. H. Renes, Portland, Me., and Miss Susie Comstock, Minneapolis.

Col. Ryott, the efficient clerk of the Lafayette, has resigned to take a position in the Minneapolis exposition.

Capt. Dicks of the Saucy Kate had an excursion of Catholic sisters in the upper bay yesterday.

The Minneapolis police will probably arrive at the lake the 10th or 11th of August.

J. W. O'Neil of Gettysburg, Pa., has arrived for the summer at the Excelsior.

W. T. Aldrich of Hartford, Conn, is at the Excelsior house.

The Edgewood commenced her first trip yesterday.

A ball will be given to-night at the St Louis.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Inspector Pardee issued building permits as follows yesterday:

J E Oyr, 2-story frame dwelling, 420 Bryant av	$2,500
W H Segar: 2-story frame dwelling, 412 Fifteenth st n	4,500
E W Thomas; 2-story frame dwelling, 2916 Grand av s	2,000
D A Haun, 2-story frame dwelling corner Cedar av and Lake st	2,500
Carl Peterson, 1½-story brick veneered dwelling, Twenty-two-and-One-half av s	1,000
Same	1,000
Three minor permits	315
Total permits 9; estimated cost	$12,415

AMUSEMENTS.

BATTLE of ATLANTA
THE GREAT WAR PANORAMA,
Fifth street, near Nicollet, Minneapolis. Open daily from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.
Pronounced by competent critics the most vivid, realistic and grandest War Panorama yet produced. Admission—Adults, 50 cents; children under fifteen, 25 cents.

Country Neighbors
Who are in need of Light Weight Clothing, thin Underwear, Summer Hats, Hosiery, Neckwear, etc., etc., should, without fail, visit the Great Reduction Sale of the
Big Boston, Minneapolis,
CLOSE OUT
All Summer Goods is the Word.
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