SAINT PAUL MATTERS.

A Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Successfully Established in This City.

How the "Vanishing Lady" is Made to Vanish so Quickly Fully Given Away.

A Bill for a Bridge Which Senator Smith Will Introduce at the Next Session.

The Friend of the Newsboys--Hamline Notes--A Summary of Sunday News.

CURIOUS seemed the rites and ceremonies into which twenty-two men peered yesterday, as they went through the initiation necessary to make them full-fledged members of the B. P. O. E., or in full English, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The movement, which has been under way for some time, was most successfully consummated, and a lodge of the order, to be known as the St. Paul Lodge No. 58, was established, officers elected and duly installed. The day was one of more than ordinary pleasure to all who participated. Many men, whose names are known and honored wherever the word "Elk" is known, were present to participate in or witness the organization. High officials of the order from Chicago, Milwaukee and Fond du Lac lodges were present, having arrived in St. Paul over the Omaha road. They were as follows:

From Chicago Lodge No. 4—D. D. E. G. ruler, Dr. Simon Quinlin; exalted ruler, E. Vliet; esteemed loyal knight, G. N. Andrews; secretary, R. G. Watt; esquire, A. M. Fox; inner guard, D. M. McLain; tyler, W. H. Cass; L. H. Wilson, Dr. Montgomery, C. E. Lambert, W. E. Horton.

From Milwaukee Lodge, No. 46—Esteemed leading knight, Dr. Lytton Flynn; esteemed loyal knight, B. G. Lennox; esteemed lecturing knight, Samuel Howard; Charles Mott, Oscar Kropff, F. D. Bascomb, F. A. Hall, W. E. Powell.

From Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 57—J. W. Hiner, J. C. Heithbahn, R. F. Allen and D. E. Hill.

Among the visitors who chanced to be in the city were Past Exalted Grand Ruler Charles T. White, New York Lodge No. 1, who was one of the original members of the first lodge in the country; Frank Roberts, Cincinnati Lodge No. 5; Harry Kennedy, Brooklyn Lodge No. 22; Pierce L. Jarvis, Rochester Lodge No. 24, and A. R. Fenwick, Omaha lodge. The work yesterday was done in Knights of Pythias hall, commencing at 10 o'clock. At 2 o'clock the entire membership adjourned to the Merchants hotel, where a banquet was served, an hour or more being consumed in discussing a most excellent bill of fare and in general good-natured sociability. During the day twenty-two were initiated as charter members, the list being as follows:

C. M. Schultz, C. E. Robb, Samuel H. Kneass, Dr. A. J. Stone, H. C. Hope, C. S. Bartram, L. B. Little, B. W. Armstrong, L. N. Scott, Judge E. S. Gorman, Charles S. Fee, Stanley Proudfit, J. S. McCullough, P. A. Rockwell, George J. Symonds, Channing Paine, J. I. Hazzard, J. A. Quinn, Ehle Allen, L. D. Wilkes, R. S. Hare, Fred V. Doty.

After degrees had been conferred, an election was held with the following result, the officers as given below being duly installed by Dr. Quinlan:

Exalted ruler, D. A. J. Stone.
Esteemed leading knight, C. S. Bartram.
Esteemed loyal knight, L. N. Scott.
Esteemed lecturing knight, Judge E. Stone Gorman.
Secretary, B. W. Armstrong.
Treasurer, Charles S. Fee.
Tyler, C. E. Robb.
Esquire, J. I. Hazzard.
Inner guard, H. C. Hope.
Chaplain, Dr. J. A. Quinn.
Organist, L. D. Wilkes.
Trustees, P. A. Rockwell, Ehle Allen, C. M. Schultz.

Dr. Quinlan was authorized to represent the St. Paul lodge at the meeting of the grand lodge which is soon to be held in New York, and thanks were voted to that gentleman and his associates who had come to the city to assist in the installation. Saturday evening was fixed for the meetings and steps were taken toward securing a hall for the use of the Elks. Many of the visiting Elks left for their homes last night over the Milwaukee road, the St. Paul Elks being unanimously of the opinion that "They're all right." The new lodge starts out with flattering prospects and promises to be one of the leading of the secret organizations of the city.

THE TRICK EXPOSED.

How the "Vanishing Lady" is Made to Suddenly Disappear.

The trick called "The Vanishing Lady," which has been performed at the Olympic each evening for the past week and which has excited considerable comment all over the country as being a masterpiece in the line of illusion, was fully exposed last evening. The announcement was made at each performance that on Sunday evening the trick would be exposed, and although few believed that it would be, the house was literally packed, all expectant of developments. When the time arrived the professor performed the trick as usual. He carefully spread out a newspaper on the floor, and placed upon it what appeared to be an ordinary upholstered chair. A lady was then introduced, and took a seat in the chair. The professor displayed a large silk cover, about two yards square, with the usual preliminaries about things being concealed in it, etc. He placed the cover over the lady's head, pinning it behind, and carefully spread out the corners on the floor. He then announced that on counting three the lady would be gone from beneath the cover, and taking hold of the silk he counted three, and quickly drew it away from over an empty chair. The lady had disappeared as if by magic, but immediately came upon the stage from the side and bowed to the applause which greeted the successful trick.

HOW IT IS DONE.

The professor then explained the trick. He showed that attached to the back of the chair was a wire frame, which by simply touching a spring would come up in such a manner that it would support the silk, while the audience supposed it rested on the lady's head. He then put the chair in place, without first having spread out the newspaper, and seated the lady in it as before. He then took a large piece of mosquito netting, and touching the spring, threw it over her head. Of course the lady was in full sight. "Are you all ready there below?" called the professor; "if you are, let the lady go." Immediately the chair seat dropped from under her, hanging by hinges at the back, and the lady gradually disappeared through the floor, actually settling down between the chair legs. The chair seat was returned to its place by a spring and the small trap door through which the lady disappeared was replaced from below. The cover was removed quickly, the frame work on the chair being deftly returned to place at the same time. All this was done much quicker than it takes to tell it, and the explanation was complete, except as to the paper. The professor remarked: "Oh, I forgot to show you the paper," at the same time unfolding it and showing a hole through it, apparently cut in advance by four cuts representing the two diagonals of a square. The professor then recommended those present to get a chair like his, to cut out several feet of the parlor carpet and learn the trick. He said it would be a good thing to have in the house, especially in the case of a refractory creditor or a bad mother-in-law.

A BILL FOR A BRIDGE

Which Will Be Fathered in the Senate This Winter By Hon. R. A Smith.

One of the prominent acts of legislation proposed for the benefit of St. Paul this winter, will be a bill providing for the construction of a third bridge across the Mississippi river. It will be practically the same attempt made two years ago, when the bill passed the house and was lost in the shuffle in the senate. The project is for an upper town bridge and the bill has already been outlined, in fact it played no unimportant part in the recent election of senators and representatives. It will provide for the issue of $500,000 worth of bonds by the city to build a bridge from bluff to bluff, across the river, somewhere between Sherman and Randolph streets. Sherman street property owners do not want the bridge and the next street to the west is Ellen, which Senator R. A. Smith, who proposes to father this bill, thinks would be a very desirable location, except for the fact that the bridge would strike the

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near Ohio street in such a way as to necessitate a grade of six feet to the hundred, which is considered far too much. His idea is that Von Minden street would be the most desirable. Here the bridge could be constructed with a grade of about two and a half feet to the hundred and would strike, on the other side, Cherokee avenue near the union of Robie street and Mohawk avenue. The bridge would of conrse start from the bluff, thus running over the railway tracks and the low ground between them and the river. Mr. Smith says that there is no doubt but that everybody in the sections of the city indicated, is heartily in favor of the bridge and he proposes to put the bill through the senate, as he did through the house two years ago. A mere glance at the city's development toward the west and on the opposite side of the river will convince any one of the great advantage such a bridge would be, and some think it strange that this bridge was not constructed in advance of the Robert street bridge.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Minnesota to Have a Fair, Warm Day, With Southerly Winds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6., 1 a. m.—Indications—For Wisconsin: Fair weather, winds generally southerly, slightly warmer. For Western Michigan: Generally fair weather, variable winds and slightly warmer. For Iowa: Fair weather, variable winds, generally southerly, and slightly warmer. For Nebraska: Fair weather, variable winds, nearly stationary temperature. For Minnesota and Eastern Dakota: Fair weather, southerly winds and slightly warmer.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 5.—The following observations were made at 8:48 p. m., local time:

Place of Observation.	Bar. Height...	Ther. Exposed..	Ther. Change in 24 hours	State of Weather..
Duluth	30.26	16	+10	Cloudy
St. Paul	30.24	11	+12	Clear
La Crosse	30.31	23	+17	Fair
Huron	30.17	13	+15	Clear
Moorhead	30.09	16	....	Fair
St. Vincent	30.10	16	....	Fair
Bismarck	30.07	18	+15	Clear
Fort Buford	29.95	22	+12	Fair
Fort Assinaboine	30.05	37	+22	Fair
Fort Custer	30.12	39	+7	Fair
Helena	30.11	38	+1	Cloudy
Fort Garry	30.13	12	+2	Fair
Minnedosa	30.01	11	+5	Fair
Medicine Hat	. ...	39	+17	Clear

—Below zero. *Lower. †Higher.

THE NEWSBOYS' FRIEND.

Col. Hogeland Gives Another Interesting Talk in Behalf of the Boys--What is to be Done.

Col. Hogeland, the newsboys' friend, found every pew filled at the Central Presbyterian church last evening. He was introduced by Rev. R. F. Maclaren. Mr. Hogeland spoke with his usual earnestness and homely eloquence, holding his audience to the conclusion of his interesting address. He spoke for over an hour, punctuating with some excellent philosophy and suggestions his scores of anecdotes about the hardships of the newsboy's life, and the good work which had been incidentally accomplished.

A meeting of the officers of the Youths' Home and Employment association was held at the residence of F. Driscoll, Jr., yesterday, athich Colw. Hogeland and Miss Farr of Minneapolis, were present. No action was taken, the meeting simply discussing what was best to do. Col. Hogeland told what had been done in other large cities, and said he would be in the Twin Cities for about a week or ten days. The association will probably secure rooms and a home for the boys, and it will originate some plan that will enable the boys to save their money. Immediate steps are to be taken to provide with homes boys who are actually homeless. The next meeting will be held at the Y. M. C. A. parlors at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday. A large mass meeting will be held soon.

For Purity of Life.

At the meeting of the White Cross league yesterday at 4 p. m., about fifty assembled at the Temperance and Bethel rooms on Seventh street. Rev. S. G. Anderson announced that all through the country prominent men, as well as women, were taking hold of this matter. Already a bill has been drawn to go before congress, looking to the uniform establishment of a code of moral laws for the United States. Rev. R. W. Arnold was introduced, and told of the wonderful experiences he had in Boston, New York, Indianapolis, Washington and elsewhere. Many young men, he said, go to ruin every year by unholy desires to "see the world for themselves," as they call it, and so headlong plunge into vice. They think they can put on the brakes at pleasure, but they go on and on until the speed at which the Devil is carrying them is so great that their strength is not equal to the emergency, and so they are lost and lost forever.

The song service at 3 p. m. was conducted by Mr. Swift, assisted by Mrs. Brinckerhoff and Mr. Sansome. An interesting address was made by Mr. Lindsley, of New York. The Gospel meeting in the evening was well attended, and an address was given by Rev. Robert Smith.

The Select Knights.

During the summer of 1887 the supreme legion of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the military rank, will meet in St. Paul, when the Select Knights will be present in uniform from all parts of this country and Canada. The following committee has been appointed to arrange a series of four entertainments, the proceeds of which will go to entertain the visitors: Charles Feise, chairman; Henry F. E. Vitt, treasurer; Andrew Schletz and F. Strassburger, of St. Paul Legion No. 9; James Frost and Joseph L. Gipple, of Arnold Legion No. 16; Fred Vandenburg and Jacob Kiefer, of Armin Legion No. 14; George George H. Sheire and William Kennedy, of Capital Legion No. 3.

For Fast Driving.

Barney Ryan and W. A. Moore, merchants, Henry Smith, a clerk, and Mike Cummings, a saloonkeeper, were arrested at different times yesterday on Summit avenue by Officers McBride and Getchel, for fast driving. Chris Johnson, a teamster, and Mrs. Demeule were also arrested for a similar offense by Officer Getchel, late in the afternoon. Each one put up $10 bail.

Amusement Notes.

"The White Slave," the familiar play of Bartley Campbell, will begin an engagement at the Grand to-night, to continue the first half of this week.

Lily Clay's new "Adamless Eden" will be the attraction at the Olympic theater this week, the opening performance commencing to-night.

Relief Corps Officers.

Woman's Relief Corps, No. 7, auxiliary to Acker Post, G. A. R., at its last meeting elected the following officers for 1887: President, Mrs. Leni L. Sheire; senior vice president, Mrs. F. B. Doran; junior vice president, Mrs. Mary Steele; treasurer, Miss Lou Starkweather; chaplain, Mrs. Ella Steenstra; conductor, Miss Edith S. Lightbourn; guard, Mrs. M. Thompson.

GLOBULES.

The board of education will hold a regular meeting to-night.

The French fair in Market hall for the benefit of St. Louis' Church society will close this evening.

The initiary ball, to be given by company C, of the national guard, will take place to-night at the Armor.

The annual banquet of the Magnolia club will be given at the Ryan, Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, instead of Saturday, as announced yesterday.

The Columbia snow shoe club will meet in the municipal court room this evening at 8 p. m. The club will also drill, in full uniform, under its captain, Frederick P. Wright.

The London Ethescope will be continued at the dime museum and a new series of pictures will be displayed. The Burmese priest, the twenty new specialty people and other new features will be presented to-day.

PERSONALS.

S. A. Fleming, of Montana, was in the city.

James A. Boggs, of Duluth, was at the Ryan.

John Frazer, of St. Cloud, dined at the Ryan.

A. A. Brooks, of Eau Claire, was at the Merchants last night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dorman, of Portland, Ore., are at the Merchants.

John Burns, Jr., of Winnipeg, took dinner at the Merchants yesterday.

G. H. Green, of Wadena, took his dinner with M. D. Green, of this city, at the Ryan.

J. M. Shafer, of Owatonna, took his noonday meal at the Merchants yesterday.

George A. DuToit, banker of Chaska, Minn., spent Sunday at the Merchants as the guest of Maj. C. M. Wilson.

Hamline Notes.

Miss Mildred Wolfolk left a few days ago for her home in Bismarck.

A. Higgins has been confined for some time, but is slowly recovering.

D. H. Tandy, of '84, now one of the rising young lawyers of Red Wing, made Hamline a visit on Friday.

President Northrop, of the state university, will lecture at Hamline at an early date, under the auspices of the Hamline Lecture bureau.

All the students are back from Thanksgiving vacation. The young ladies since returning have not patronized the dining hall, but have been feasting on home supplies.

Although the term is about closing, still new students continue to arrive, and the enrollment has reached 173. Two hundred seems too small a number to expect at the opening of next term, Jan. 4, 1887.

On Saturday evening the Browning society gave an open meeting, to which they had invited their brothers. The Philomatheans were present in full numbers, and enjoyed the programme greatly.

The College Echo, a newly-fledged paper devoted to the interests of Macalester college has lately made its appearance among Hamline students. The third number has arrived, and proves a very interesting college sheet.

The junior's vacation has ceased. Dr. Bridgeman has returned from his trip to Winona, where he spent a few days attending district conference, and Prof. Batcheider is again able to attend recitations, having recovered from his few days' illness. These events rather surprised the said juniors and found them somewhat unprepared.

The debates in the Philomathean and Amphrityon societies next Friday evening are, respectively, as follows: Messrs. Kerfoot and Dewort will discuss the present system of suffrage in this country, and Messrs. Pollack and Webbs as to whether England was justified in rejecting Mr. Gladstone's scheme of home rule for Ireland.

The Hamline Chautauqua circle still survives in this cold weather. The circle met on Wednesday evening at Mr. Rich's, and will meet on Wednesday next at the new residence of Mr. Evans, in the northwest part of the village. This circle is under the efficient leadership of Dr. Innis and is now in its second year of existence, having about sixteen members.

STILLWATER SCRAPS.

Mrs. E. Q. Sewall, of Milwaukee, is a guest of her sons, S. L. Sewall, of St. Paul, and E. D. Sewall, of this city.

B. J. Mosier and Charles Lustig start on a business trip up river this morning, their terminal point being Taylor's Falls.

The Guild of the Ascension (Episcopal) church will give an oyster supper and dance in the new Torinus block on Tuesday evening, Dec. 7.

An oyster supper will be given at the parlors of the M. E. church, on Friday evening, Dec. 10, for the benefit of the church music. It will be served from 5:30 to 10 o'clock.

The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barclay, and grandson of E. W. Durant, occurred on yesterday from the family residence, on South Broadway, at 3 p. m., Rev. Dr. Carroll conducting the services.

The maennerchor, under Prof. Joseph Hipp, gave one of its popular musical and dramatic entertainments at Music hall last evening. The programme embraced vocal and instrumental music, the latter being furnished by Van Walters' orchestra, and a drama in German entitled "She has her Heart Discovered."

At the annual meeting of the Stillwater Library association the following officers were elected: President, H. R. Murdock; secretary, Mrs. H. C. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. Judge McCluer; librarian, Mrs. E. J. Treat. The report of the treasurer showed the receipts from dues and other sources for the past fiscal year to have been $210; the expends $150; raised by subscription $500; expended for the purchase of new books, $200. The library now contains 3,000 volumes.

AMERICAN LADIES IN PARIS.

Mrs. Potter the Guest of Minister McLane—Miss Carroll's Wedding Postponed.

Special to New York Herald.

PARIS, Nov. 20.—Among well known Americans now in Paris is Mrs. James Brown Potter, who made quite a sensation Wednesday at the opera, where she occupied the ministerial box as the guest of Mr. and Miss McLane. Mrs. Brown Potter was simply and becomingly arrayed in a black silk evening dress, ornamented with lace and jet, her dark hair, tinged with red, being plainly aaranged and adorned with a diamond pin. She wore, also, a diamond necklace with an original pendant. Mrs. Potter will winter here, having taken a charming suite of apartments in the Hotel Suffren. Mrs. Potter's child and M. de Lesseps' Totote still continue the intimacy that sprang up between them on board the Gascogne, and they may be seen playing together in the Champs-Elysees every day.

Miss Mary Anderson is also in Paris, studying the French language with great energy, but she has kept her movements strictly sub-rosa, not wishing to be bothered by importunate acquaintances. She does not wish to be lionized, and in her quiet apartment—not a mile from the Arc de Triomphe—studies with a French professor every afternoon. In the morning she takes a little exercise with her lady companion, but otherwise does not leave her house.

Mrs. Mackay, the Princess Colonna and the small heir to the title have also arrived. Contrary to on dits, Mrs. Mackay will not winter here. She has simply come over to visit the couturieres and milliners, and lingers with the intention of going to Mentone to pass the frosty months. The Princess Colonna will remain here.

There is another delay in the Carroll-Kergorlay wedding, which will not take place until after New Year's. Count Jean, the bridegroom elect, has sent in his resignation as an officer in a dragoon regiment stationed at Joigny. He hates the military profession. In fact, that dislike runs in the family, for his brother, who married recently Pierre Donan's handsome sister, had the same antipathy for being a son of Mars. Count Jean is fond of horses, and is continually in the saddle. He is very tall and well built, with blue eyes, fair hair, and a long, tawny mustache. Fosseuse is his name, Kergorlay being a domain in the department of the Oise, where he was brought up. He studied for his baccalaureate, was plucked, and immediately enlisted in a chasseur regiment and rose to the grade of sergeant marechal des logis. He then was admitted to the cavalry school at Saumur, and in due time became an officer in a dragoon regiment, in which he was one of the handsomest ornaments.

The Rajah's Wife.

A Hindoo in the London Queen.

The following anecdote illustrates the extreme delicacy of sentiment among the Rajpoot women. The celebrated Rajah Jey Sing, of Amber, had married a princess of Harvati, whose simple provincial manners and dress subjected her to the badinage of the refined and superbly dressed ladies of the court of Amber. One day the rajah began playfully to make remarks about the sweeping jupon of the princess, and, taking up a pair of scissors, said he would reduce it to the fashionable length. Highly offended at this playful remark, she seized his sword, and, assuming a threatening attitude, said that in the house to which she belonged they were not used to such jests, that mutual respect was the guardian not only of happiness, but of virtue, and she assured him that if he again dared to insult her he would find that the daughter of Harvati could use a sword better than the Prince of Amber his scissors.

AMONG THE HORSES.

John Bradford Renews the Argument in Favor of Thoroughbreds Against Trotters.

The Produce of Mr. Grattan's Stallion, Herod, Making Their Way to the Front.

Another Training and Boarding Stable Established on St. Anthony Hill Last Week.

The Colts of Commodore Kittson's Stallion, Blackwood, Jr., Showing Fast Time.

To the Editor of the Globe.

I had hoped that the comparison of auction sales of thoroughbreds and trotters held this year would settle the question of which sells the better. I will put this matter of comparative capital invested in a new way, that should satisfy all. To the Iowa gentleman, who wished me to compare state with state, I will say my comparison included every public sale, of either class, of which I could find record, held in North America this year. Had the sale of Dr. Mintzer's poor, starved, neglected thoroughbreds occurred in 1886, it would have been included. Mr. Grattan objects to my citing many animals as trotters not worthy of the name, but he and the gentleman in Iowa wish me to make a comparison between the thoroughbred and what they term the genuine trotter. Very well; I will do so. I will not, at their suggestion, name a thoroughbred equal in value to Maud S, as the value of either would be suppositions, and invoke fresh controversies that would be endless. For the last twenty years Robert Bonner has left nothing undone to possess the finest collection of trotters gathered together by any one man. Three of his horses, Dexter, Rarus and Pocahontas, were the sovereigns of the turf at various times. One of his horses, Maud S, is the queen to-day, and will be, for some time yet, in all probability. In addition to these Mr. Bonner has bought Lady Palmer, Flatbush Maid, Auburn Horse, Joe Elliot, Startle, Mambrino Bertie, Lady Stout, Grafton, Maud Macey, Wellesley Boy, Edwin Forrest, and many others. With this end in view, during these twenty years, Mr. Bonner has spent $400,000. In this one single year Mr. Haggin of the Rancho del Paso farm, in purchasing thoroughbreds has spent $156,175. This does not include the sums paid for Cressett, Jongleuse, Altitude and many others whose prices I cannot obtain. The trotting world has but one Mr. Bonner; the running turf has many Mr. Haggins. In Europe there is no demand for trotters outside of Russia. The average price of thoroughbred yearlings is fabulous. Please God, some day we will have free trade. When that happy day comes what a future there is for our breeders of thoroughbreds. Dropping the subject of price, let us look at the comparative value of the two animals on the turf. A young trotting colt, in breaking, requires a harness and breaking cart, when broken and put in training his wants are many. First, of course, he must have a track harness and sulky, next he will have to be shod many times before the right method adapted to his peculiar case is hit upon. As he progresses in training boots of various styles and uniformly high prices will be found necessary. He must now be sent to one of the public training courses, as the road or rough, uneven track at home would, by its inequalities of surface, cause him, when extended, to strike himself and thus "get off his gait." If you do not hire a driver of your own you will have to put your colt in the hands of a public trainer, who will charge you from $1 to $2 a day. The trainer will expect you to provide a sulky, a harness, a wardrobe consisting of coolers, walking suits, hoods to an indefinite number of ever changing boots, and then besides all this you will be expected to hand your groom a dollar every time you meet him. I regard it as a great misfortune that Mark Twain or Bret Harte never owned a trotter. Well, the trainer is honest, the colt steadily improves under his handling, he shows a trial which you think will justify you in entering him in his class through some circuit. I will not dilate on the thousand things that follow now. I will only mention one. You will find yourself throughout the entire land compelled to pay 10 per cent. entrance money in trotting races. Should you win you will receive 50 per cent. of the purse, so you see you really pay 20 per cent. on the greatest possible winning you can make. Should your horse in the interval between entering and starting go lame, or fall sick, you will be held for this entrance money, which should be called 20 per cent. instead of 10 per cent. How any one can make money at this business I fail to see. If the colt trots very fast you can sell him for a profit, but suppose he don't, what then? There are many blanks and few prizes in the trotting horse lottery. Now

LOOK AT THE OTHER PICTURE.

The young thoroughbred needs no harness, no boots, no sulkies, no toe weights, nothing but a saddle and bridle, a very few blankets, plenty to eat, an active little boy to ride him and plain common sense to regulate his gallops, which he may take anywhere, in the field or in the road. His is the natural gait, adapting itself to any place and not requiring as his artificial hybrid, bastard descendant, the perfectly level track on which he must be trained to trot, as a babe to walk. The thoroughbred can be, nay should be, kept at home in his early preparations. Should you think your colt sufficiently promising to be entered in any of the various stake races, you can enter him at an expense of never over 5 per cent. of the amount he may win, most generally 3 per cent. Should you, for any reason, decide not to start him, the payment of a comparatively small forfeit releases you upon making your declaration. There is none of that 10 per cent. or 'pound of flesh' business as on the trotting turf. Should you not soar so high as stakes you can run your colt in purses the entire year without paying 1 cent of entrance. And then what possibilities are before you? the bread winners among the thoroughbreds numbering a much larger percentage than among the trotters. This year twenty-four thoroughbreds have won over $10,000 apiece. The Bard won $41,895. Rupert, who earned the least of the twenty-four, has won $10,093. The entire twenty-four have won this year the grand total of $439,725, more money than Mr. Bonner has spent buying trotters the entire twenty years he has given to that occupation. I wish it was in my power to say how much either one of those trotting champions, Harry Wilkes or Oliver K., has won this year. I have an idea neither one of them could go very far, if any, above Rupert, who is at the bottom of this list of twenty-four. If you, Mr. Grattan, or the Iowa gentleman, will inform us I will thank you, and I will say but little about the small amount of money it took the gallopers to obtain their winnings and the necessary great expenditure required before Harry Wilkes or Oliver K. won one cent. The Dwyer Bros. have won this year $208,169. To have won this much on the trotting turf they must have paid $40,000 in entrance money, whereas they only expended $15,000 for that purpose, a considerable portion of which went towards the payment of forfeits in stakes in which they saw fit not to start. Mr. Baldwin's thoroughbreds have won $100,000 for him this year. The morals of the running turf are beyond comparison superior to those of the trotting turf. Where is there a prominent trotting horse driver to whom there is not some rascally scandal attached? My old schoolmate, Edward Pyle, testified under oath before the trotting association, that John Murphy was the only honest public driver he knew. Splan, a representative trotting horse driver, speaking to poor Archer of fixed events, said, "between you and me, they are pretty nearly all fixed events." Whereas on the trotting turf the "fixing" of races has become so very common, as to be almost a rule, on the running turf the cases of "fixed" races are so extremely rare as to be hardly worthy of the term exception. When a crooked running race does occur, it will be found nine times out of ten, the offender is an ex-trotting horseman. All the leading race-riders bear the reputation of spotless honesty. Stonehenge, in his Encyclopedia of Rural Sports, speaking of jockeys, says, "As a class they are above suspicion." I wonder if he would say this of the drivers? I have endeavored to demonstrate that the thoroughbred pays better to breed and to race than the trotter. I think I have done so. I am prepared to show that, aside from being more profitable in the paddock and on the turf, the thoroughbred is a more useful servant to man than the trotter. It is a question whether the breeding of trotting horses has not done more harm than good. I think myself the world could do very well without them.

JOHN BRADFORD.

Herod's Produce.

M. T. Grattan, of Isinours, Minn., is in many respects a remarkable man. One of his remarkable traits is his determination to adhere with unvarying pertinacity to any well-formed opinion. Long ago he reached the conclusion that the Morgan type of horses was one of the best, and that Herod was the best representative of that type. He therefore purchased the old horse, and though now over 20 years of age he seems to have lost none of his speed, and has a record of 2:42¼, made when he was 18 years of age. The produce of Herod is showing a good deal of speed and in every way justifies the judgment of Mr. Grattan in regard to the old horse, and he is offering for sale five of his get, two fillies and three colts, of a very superior quality, as follows: Hagar, chestnut filly, foaled 1886, by Herod, out of Topsy, by Rattler by Richards' Bellfounder; Hapless, bay filly, foaled 1885, out of Cricket, by Trample, son of Tramp; Hasta, sorrel colt, foaled 1886, out of Jessie, by Bates' Emperor; Totem, bay colt, foaled 1886, by Trample, son of Tramp, dam Magic by King Herod. Totem is full brother to Tareta, two-year-record 3:08; Tarbraid, chestnut colt, by Trample, son of Tramp, dam Little Mink, record 2.40, by King Herod. The prices of these youngsters range from $150 to $250. They are all handsome, well developed animals, with every indication of being speedy. Several of the produce of Herod are coming forward as trotters. One of these, Tete, in September last, at the territorial fair at Huron, Dak., took the blue ribbon and could distance any other three-year-old on the ground.

Local Horse Notes.

Those who have known Commodore Kittson's stallion, Blackwood, Jr., the best and who have had the opportunity to observe his gait and easy, lofty way of going, have always expressed the opinion that he was a great horse and a getter of trotters. This opinion is being verified now, for the colts got by him while he was in the South are beginning to show considerable speed. His five-year-old daughter Louisa, a few days ago, won a race over a slow sandy track, at Montgomery, Ala., in 2:35. The track was from six to eight seconds slow. On an ordinary track she has no trouble at all in beating 2:30. May Overton's four-year-old, Miss Woodford, by Blackwood, Jr., showed 2:25¾. A third daughter of his a few days ago trotted better than 2:30. Those who saw the square open gait of Also at the races in St. Paul last fall, have no hesitancy in pronouncing Blackwood, Jr., one of the best sires of trotters on the continent.

George P. Smith, the well-known driver and trainer of horses, was in St. Paul Saturday. Mr. Smith has, for years, had a feeding and boarding place in Hastings, where he has received and kept gentlemen's driving horses. Having a good track on his place, and having had large experience with horses, he has been quite successful in bringing horses out in good condition. In a brief conversation with him on Saturday, it was learned that he had it in contemplation to come to St. Paul and locate. He thinks it would be more convenient both for himself and his patrons, and that with these additional conveniences he would be able to give better satisfaction.

Mr. Harberder has begun, on St. Anthony hill, the erection of a large barn, which is to be fitted up in good style for a feed and boarding stable, and it is understood that John Dowd, who formerly drove for T. B. Marratt, is to have the general charge and management. The idea is to receive horses to board, drive and train, and also to keep on hand well-bred trotters for sale. Last week they brought on a very handsome chestnut filly by Nutwood.

The Minnesota Association of Trotting and Pacing Horse breeders will hold its annual meeting at the office of Commordore N. W. Kittson, president, Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Miscellaneous.

Next Tuesday evening the board of review of the National Trotting association will meet at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York. The principal interest in this meeting is the matter of electing a secretary. A good many of the members have made a strong and bitter warfare against Mr. Vail, and an effort will be made to remove him, but it is not probable that a change will be made.

W. H. Wilson, of Cynthiana, Ky., has taken Sultan home to Cynthiana, where he will be kept during the winter. He is in good condition and weighs 1,080 pounds, which is a little more than when he arrived in Kentucky from the Pacific slope.

W. F. Redmond, of New York, has purchased from Highlawn farm, Lee, Mass., the bay colt Stanley, foaled 1884, by Alcantara, dam Susie, by Happy Medium.

Wedgewood, 2:19, bought by the syndicate for Tennessee, will make the coming season in Kentucky. He is now at Lexington, in the stables of T. C. Jefferson.

R. B. Conklin has sold to Messrs. S. A. Browne & Co., of Kalamazoo, Mich., the bay stallion Prince Wilkes, by King Wilkes.

H. H. Cross, the well-known animal painter, has just finished a picture of R. B. Conklin's trotting stallion, King Wilkes.

Edwin Thorn has purchased from Alden Goldsmith the bay mare, Misty Morning, 2:29¼.

TWILIGHT.

The peace of God comes with the twilight,
With falling dew comes sense of rest;
All hushed are now the merry insects,
The cricket only sings with zest.

The clouds, too, seem prepared for slumber.
They cease their drifting to and fro;
A roseate flush prevades the heavens
As sinks the sun in golden glow.

All things attuned like low, sweet music,
Fall on the soul, the passions charm;
God's sheltering arm seems drawing closer
To hold through sleep our lives from harm.

—Minnie C. Ballard.

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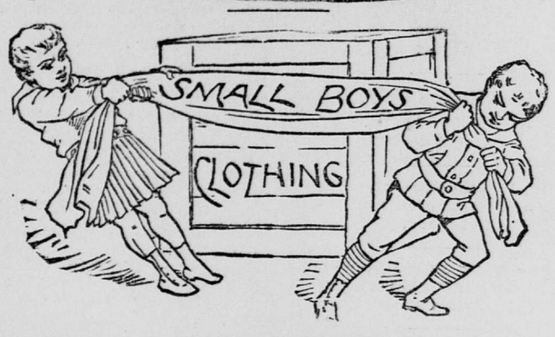

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