SAINT PAUL.

CHIT CHAT CORNER.

"All the material for the Seventh street cable line has been contracted for," said Manager P. F. Barr, "and by the 20th of September shipments will begin, and by the 1st of October we will be enabled to commence active operations. Thirty working days will give us an opportunity to accomplish a great deal, and as fast as the excavations are made we will put in yokes and other necessary equipments, so that when winter closes in considerable progress will have been made. Slot rails will be the greatest obstacle that we will have to encounter, for they have to be made to order and necessarily take considerable time in being tested and otherwise. Instead of putting an army of men along the line tearing up streets we will put in our appliances by districts, so that no inconvenience will be inflicted upon the public by gaping thoroughfares during the winter. We do not expect to have the line in operation this season, but in the course of a year everything will be in slick shape."

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The Minnesota Republican league will open the campaign this evening at Hastings, when Gen. George A. Sheridan, formerly a prominent official under President Grant's administration, will be the orator. The speaker is one of the best stumpers in the country and in his style of delivery is very similar to Col. Robert G. Ingersoll. Within the next ten days Gen. Sheridan will speak at the following places: Monticello, 21st; Fairbault, 22d; Shakepee, afternoon, 23d; Red Wing, evening, 23d; Wabasha, afternoon, 24th; Winona, evening, 24th; Kasson, afternoon, 25th; Rochester, evening, 25th; Farmington, afternoon, 27th; St. Paul, evening, 27th; Stillwater, evening, 28th; Northern Pacific junction, afternoon, 29th; Duluth, evening, 29th; Rush City, afternoon, 30th; Minneapolis, evening, 30th; Dassel, afternoon, 31st; Litchfield, evening, 31st; Hutchinson, afternoon, Sept. 1; Glencoe, evening.

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Among the attractions provided in barber shops for those awaiting a turn in the chair is the illustrated weekly sporting papers, and it is not only the customers who devour their contents. About the time that a man has arranged himself comfortably in the upholstered chair and are having the lather applied to his face, one of the operators at the other end of the room starts a conversation pitched in a high key regarding the merits of some pugilist or noted race horse. And if it is in a barber shop conducted by colored men it is almost marvelous the information displayed by them on the current sporting events. They know the pedigree of every man, horse, dog or professional in every branch, and they are not at all backward about giving out their knowledge. As the razor glides carelessly over the upturned face, the manipulator is murmuring something about Killen, Kilrain, Terra Cotta or the brindle Patsey and his achievements, and ever and anon pausing to emphasize some remark made by one of his companions to which exception is taken. It is probable that more fights are discussed in half an hour in a leading barber shop than in all the sporting resorts of St. Paul, and that, too, by men who know nothing about fists except their aptitude for razors.

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There is a wealthy business man down town who used to leave his office every afternoon promptly at 5:30 o'clock and board a cable car for his residence on Summit avenue. With the advent of the 3-cent fare, however, he changed his schedule too, and this fact was noted by some of his associates. Within the past week or so they have been fixing the clock during his absence from the office by putting it ahead half an hour and changing it back the next morning. The other day, as usual, he glanced hastily at the clock, which indicated his hour for leaving business cares, and hurried into the first up-town car. He tendered 3 cents to the conductor, who shook his head, saying: "It is not 6 o'clock yet, sir."

The passenger consulted his watch, and found that it lacked fully a quarter of an hour of the prescribed time for reduced rates, and paid his fare without a murmur. This practice has been repeated at intervals, and the victim of the joke is not yet enlightened as to the mystery of the clock.

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"Odds are not so great on Cleveland in New York now as they were a few days ago," said one of a group of guests in the rotunda of the Ryan yesterday afternoon, "and the impression is prevalent that the trouble between the president and Chairman Brice, of the national committee, has caused this decline. The talk when I left Gotham was to the effect that Brice did not relish the plain, straightforward manner in which he was censured for being too outspoken, and that he threw up his position while in a huff. But President Cleveland can get along without him, and especially since he has entrusted the management of his affairs to such a capable politician as Senator Gorman, of Maryland. Let the Mugwumps and dilettante politicians and schemers rave and howl as much as they want about the selection of Appointment Clerk Eugene Higgins as the senator's assistant, there is no use in dilly-dallying when a presidency is at stake. What the Democracy want is practice and not theory. We cannot stand any foolishness in New York, and with Gorman at the helm I don't think there will be any trickery of which he will fail to be cognizant."

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An amusing case of absence of mind was related yesterday concerning a young lady who is at present engaged in the arduous duty of ministering to the wants and whims of a sick friend. There is a messenger call in the house, and of late it has been in frequent requisition for boys to go after the doctor, attend to having prescriptions filled and the usual routine of a sick-room. The patient wanted a drink of water and the nurse started, pitcher in hand, to obtain a cooling draught. Instead of going to the sink where the water could be procured, she took position at the messenger call, turned the knob and held the pitcher under the disc. While standing abstractedly in this position for a few moments she was suddenly aroused by the apparition of a grey-uniformed Mercury who inquired what were her orders. The situation dawned upon her, and she hastened to fulfill her mission and tell a good story at her own expense.

PERSONALS.

Dr. J. W. Bettinger, of the charity hospital, has gone to New York on a vacation.

No Life in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Record.

Chicago girl (in Philadelphia)—This is a dreadfully poky city.

Philadelphia girl—We don't think so.

"That because you eastern folks don't know what life is. Here we've been riding in the cable cars for half an hour and there hasn't been any one run over yet."

UPHOLD ELDER GRAY.

Members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church Ardently Espouse His Cause.

Wicked Sisters Fail to Answer When Called on for Proof.

Sinking of the Geiser Furnishes a Topic for Discussion.

Nuggets of News Dug From Reluctant Soil by Faithful Scribes.

Members of the Pilgrim Baptist church are disturbed over the publication of the troubles that have been alleged to exist for some time past, and as is usual in such matters, there are two parties in the congregation, one for and the other against Elder Gray. In behalf of the latter it is stated by a committee, consisting of Deacons Moses, Bibbs, and George Cash, G. T. Jackson, B. F. Smith, Moses Sanders, and J. Wilson, that when the elder assumed charge the church was small and poor, so far as this world's goods are concerned. At one time the congregation was given three days to raise about $3,000, the penalty being the closing of the church, and this undertaking was successfully accomplished by Elder Gray, who at the same time secured an extension for five years.

"A meeting was called for Thursday," said Mr. Jackson, who acted as spokesman for the committee, at which it was stated that certain charges had been made against the elder, and his accusers were asked to step forward and tell what they knew against his moral character. There was no response and the congregation cannot think their pastor otherwise than a good, pure Christian man. That there is a dissatisfied element in the church is true, but it comprises a very small minority of the regular membership, and, in fact, is hardly worth talking about. But those who support the church will stand by their pastor, and have not the slightest intention of calling for any one to fill his pulpit. Some one, without any authority whatever, barred the church doors Thursday evening, and when those who desired to be present at the church meeting discovered the situation they promptly forced an entrance, as they had a perfect right to do.

"Before and since Elder Gray came to us we received letters concerning him from different places, all of which spoke of him in the highest terms imaginable, and he has justified the good words spoken of him in every possible way."

One of the largest congregations ever assembled within the walls of the Pilgrim church was present at yesterday morning's services, it being understood that there would be a renewal of hostilities and that possibly an entrance would have to be forced by the worshipers. But everything was calm and serene as though naughty sisters had never uttered a word of disrespect against the preacher, and nothing transpired to mar the sacred character of the services. Elder Gray occupied the pulpit as usual and preached one of his ablest discourses, and his congregation encouraged him in the most enthusiastic manner. If there were any malcontents they failed to make their presence known, and the exercises proceeded in the usual Sunday strain. Little knots of the church members grouped themselves in the vicinity of the church after service and compared notes as to the stories afloat, but there was no marked excitement attending the discussions, which, like a cent pie, seemed to have all the fruit on one side, and that belonged to Elder Gray.

FROST DAMAGES CORN.

Prospects for the Crops Throughout the State.

From the weekly weather crop bulletins of the state bureau it appears that all reports show that the temperature has been below nominal throughout the state during the week.

Frost occurred on Friday, the 17th, in the central counties and northward, resulting in slight damage to corn, late-sown wheat and vegetables.

The rainfall has been slightly above the average in the southern tier of counties; it was deficient in Northern Minnesota, and very much so about the center of the state.

North of the latitude of St. Paul there was plenty of sunshine, and south of that line the skies were mostly cloudy during the week.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather conditions since the beginning of this month, it is believed that with seasonable temperature and fair weather for a few weeks a good average crop can yet be secured.

St. Vincent—A very few have begun barley cutting. The cold weather has greatly retarded the ripening of the grain. The killing frost of Friday morning is estimated by some to have ruined half the wheat, but this is probably an exaggeration. Garden produce affected greatly.

Argyle—First days of the week cloudy, followed by plenty of sunshine. Haymaking has progressed finely. The wheat crop is ripening slowly. Barley harvest commenced this week. There was a frost this morning (17th), but it is not thought that wheat is damaged.

Moorhead—Weather conditions of the past ten days have almost revolutionized the crop prospects in this section. The heavy wind storm of the 15th inst. blew down or broke off the wheat over a large acreage. At points ten or twelve miles east of this station this wind was accompanied by hail, which destroyed about 1,000 acres of wheat and other growing crops. Slight damage to corn by frost on the 17th.

Morris—Cool, cloudy, damp weather. Occasional slight showers delayed harvesting.

Red Wing—The small grains will be very poor; potatoes will be good; corn will be very good if the season is long enough for it to ripen. Hay is excellent.

Zumbrota—Harvesting has been delayed by rain. Yesterday was pleasant, and if it continues dry, stacking will be general by Monday. Corn is backward.

Currie—Rain most of this week, which has delayed harvest very much. Weather too cold for corn, but has not hurt other grain. We have had a heavy wind storm and some hail. Crops will not be as heavy as expected, though with fair weather we will have a good fair crop.

Rolling Green—The amount of light rain has delayed harvest. Oats and wheat only half a crop. Potatoes good. Flax promises well. Corn doubtful. Small patches of buckwheat doing fairly.

La Crosse, Wis.—The late excessive rains have caused serious injury to standing grain and that in shock. Corn is doing nicely. Warm, dry weather the remaining portions of the month will permit the garnering of the crops in fair condition.

A Good Imitation.

Somerville Journal.

"Did you ever go to the circus, Jim?" asked one small urchin of another.

"Not a real circus," said Jim, reflectively, "but I've seen my mother water the garden with a hose."

FELL OFF THE BRIDGE

After Climbing Up on the Railing for a Rest.

Pedestrians on Robert street bridge yesterday afternoon were horrified at the sudden disappearance from the bridge railing, where he was sitting, of a man who was precipitated to the railroad track at the base of the army building. When assistance reached the victim, who was John Harrington, residing at 57 Manitoba avenue, he was lying limp and helpless, and the story was circulated that he had been instantly killed. A large crowd quickly congregated, and when the police patrol wagon made its appearance considerable difficulty was experienced in reaching the sufferer. Harrington was removed to the city hospital, where an examination disclosed the fact that, while his skull had been fractured, still the injuries were not of a serious nature and there were good prospects for his recovery. At a late hour last evening the victim was resting easily. A few minutes before he fell Harrington was noticed sitting upon the bridge railing carelessly swinging his feet, and the supposition is that he lost his balance and tumbled over backwards. The point where he struck is a considerable distance from the bridge floor, and it was a miracle that he was not killed instantly.

SACRILEGIOUS THIEVES

Trapped in a Church While Robbing a Money Box.

St. Mary's church, corner Ninth and Locust streets, was the scene of a daring and sacrilegious attempt at robbery yesterday afternoon at the close of services. The sexton paid a visit to the church about 1 o'clock and discovered two men at work on the box in which the collections are deposited. One of them had a long piece of wire, which he deftly manipulated in searching for coins in the box, but he had his trouble for his pains, since the money collected at the forenoon service had been taken out by the church officers.

With the aid of the police the sexton secured the robbers, who were taken to the central station and locked up on a charge of attempted burglary. The prisoners gave their names as Julius Bavotti and R. B. Hart, and upon searching them they were found to be fully equipped with nippers, pincers, wires and other implements affected by cracksmen. The lock on the church door had been picked to effect an entrance, and the police are of the opinion that two clever thieves have been trapped.

LEPROSY OF THE SOUL

Depicted Faithfully by One of Christ's Teacher.

The miracle of the cleansing of the lepers furnished the basis for Father Fitzpatrick's sermon at the Cathedral yesterday. "The miracle related," he said, "was among the last performed by our Savior. He was on His way to Jerusalem, and as he neared a little town sorrowful appeals fell on his ears. They came from ten lepers who stood afar off, daring not to approach as their very presence breathed contagion. Their appeals for mercy came from the depths of their hearts and touched a sympathetic chord in the heart of the Saviour, who said to them: "Go, show yourself to the priests." A new sensation came across them telling them they were indeed healed. But one among the number, a Samaritan, returned and gave thanks. Accustomed as he was to the ingratitude of his people, Jesus was surprised and said: "No one returns save this stranger." Then turning to the Samaritan he exclaimed: "Go thy way, thy faith hath made the whole." This miracle had a deep signification, the leprosy of the Bible being but a synonym for sin in the world. Its effects on the body are similar to the effects of sin on the soul. It is an affliction so terrible that to properly depict leprosy was almost impossible. It eats up the flesh and destroys, in time, every faculty of the mind until the victim becomes a terrible wreck. In olden times the leper was shunned by everybody, and that he might be identified, he attired himself in

A GARB OF MOURNING.

Pleasure unalloyed he saw everywhere around him, but he dared not partake of it. He was a creature without hope. Born unhappily, he must live so and die ignominiously. His life was a perpetual struggle, and the thoughts of his miserable existence, terrible. When anyone approached him, he cried out: "Beware of the impure." Physicians were powerless to stay the ravages of this dread disease.

There is in man a mystery more astounding than leprosy—the leprosy of the soul. Man, made after the image and likeness of God, should be a perfect reflection of God's goodness and greatness, and in the enjoyment of faith and hope he is destined to live in happiness in this world. But the leprosy of the soul soon steals in. At first the imagination will be stained and sinful thoughts the upshot. Sin will by and by destroy one by one the noble faculties of the soul, and truth will become dimmed and finally rejected; pleasure will take the place of duty. The past has but regrets, the future is dark and gloomy. As with the leprosy of the body there was but one who could effect a cure, so with the leprosy of the soul there is one who can say: "Be made clean." That one is Christ, who can give back tranquillity to mind and conscience. Moral lepers, as well as real, are still extant in the world. How many there are who have need to cry out like the poor Samaritan: "Jesus, master, have mercy on us." If we only had the faith of the lepers we also would hear in the quiet of our consciences: "Arise! Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole."

TAUGHT BY A COLLISION,

Regarding the Uncertainties of Life on Land and Sea.

Uncertainties of life was the topic of Rev. W. S. Vail's sermon yesterday morning before the Universalist society at the People's theater. The subject was suggested by the tragic collision between two steamers in mid-ocean during the past week. Mr. Vail did not repeat the story, stating that the daily newspapers had done that better than it could be accomplished from the pulpit. What remained for him was to draw the attention of his hearers to the precariousness and fleeting character of life in this world. "Every such occurence," he said, "brought before our minds certain great facts that belonged to the very constitution of the world and the system in which we live, and everything that occurs of larger importance in the world is the symptom of something that lies below or is linked together with some great spiritual fact with which it is the privilege of the pulpit to deal. It seems to me that when we remember this collision in the darkness and listen to the voices of those who went down from the deck as well as those who went down in the boats, the uncertainty of life is the one thing that comes uppermost in our minds. When the Christian church proposes to show men that they may be happier here and still stand in full view of this collision and disaster, it must be prepared to meet these difficulties as they occur, not only in this particular case, but as they occur all around us every day of our lives." The preacher then, by apt illustrations from the lives of men, demonstrated the possibility of living a good and Christian life, whatever might be the surrounding circumstances—whether rich or poor. He also showed that in every direction life was uncertain; on the ocean, as well as on land, and at home. But, while God had placed us in a precarious world, he had also given us some things that no conditions whatever could take away. The greatest of all was the companionship to be obtained by the reading of books.

Opening of the Grand.

The Grand opera house will open for the season to-night, the attraction being Haverly's minstrels, who will give a street parade at noon. The sale of seats has been very large.

THREE FEMALE TIPPLERS

Make Matters Interesting at a Popular Hotel.

MIXING THEIR LIQUORS.

Despair of a Head Waiter Who Wanted a Little Recreation Himself.

Three elderly ladies sat at the dinner table of a certain well-known hotel yesterday. They were dressed in black, and might have been taken for a trio from the Woman's Christian Temperance union, were it not for the fondness they displayed during the meal for the cup that cheers and inebriates. Hardly had they taken their seats when one of them beckoned to the head waiter and whispered something in his ear. The latter went out and soon appeared with a bottle (qt.) of Schlitz' beer, which he placed before the expectant women. The other boarders looked on and smiled, one man remarking that they must have mistaken the place for Grote's. In a short time the glasses were emptied and another bottle ordered. The head waiter, after a short vacation, planked a second quart on the table. By this time all hands were "on," including the waiter girls, who tittered audibly. An interval of five minutes saw the glasses empty again, and again were the services of the head waiter called into requisition. The boarders now began to shift around in their seats to get a square look at the strange party. The head waiter, who up to this time wore a smile of good nature on his countenance, now looked tired as he wondered how long this bevy of female Gambrini were going to keep the thing up. But he went away and returned a moment later with the third bottle. This went the way of the other two, and in a hurry. At this juncture the cook in the room in the rear of the dining room was heard to cry out: "What's the matter with them?" And a voice from the lobby answered back: "They're all right." The head waiter was lolling against the door post congratulating himself that the beer-chasing racket was over, when a signal from the leader of the trio knocked his calculations into a cocked hat. He was sent out a fourth time, but when he came back it was not with beer. He was armed with a pint of old "tanglefoot," which he delivered at headquarters. The other boarders finished their meal and departed, but after they had all gone the trio were on deck. They probably intend fighting it out on that line if it takes all summer. At last accounts they were still there.

WENT TO COLLEGE

To Witness a Dog Fight, Which the Police Stopped.

A party of Saintly City sports visited Macalester yesterday afternoon, not for the purpose, however, of perfecting their education but to best the merits of a couple of bulldogs. A suitable spot was selected and the human and dumb brutes were too much interested in a death grip to notice that the circle of spectators had been increased by a squad of blue-coated guardians of the peace. Four of the principal betters who were taking the most active part in the test of endurance were gripped violently and could not break the hold of the officers. Their names, as recorded at the Union Park substation, are M. Lynch, W. H. Russell, Charles Epps and George Morton, the two last named being well-known colored barbers. There was a lively scamper of the other spectators and the green sward was trodden down pretty effectually by the feet of the fugitives in their frantic effort to escape. Meanwhile the two animals, bloody and panting for breath, were still masticating each other, and the sports paid no attention to them, being attracted solely by a desire for self-preservation. Consequently it was not difficult to effect the arrest of the primary promoters of the Sunday gathering, although several buckets of water and application of clubs were necessary to effect a separation. Men and dogs were locked up for the night and the case will be heard in the municipal court to-day. The names of many of those present are known to the police and efforts will be made to apprehend them to-day.

DIVIDED ON DOCTRINE

And Established a New Church—Laying the Corner Stone.

The corner stone of the St. Matthew's German Lutheran church, at the corner of Dale and Ellen streets, was laid yesterday afternoon. The services were performed by Rev. Dr. Edward Kaiser, the pastor, Prof. Schmidt and Ernest, of the Afton seminary, and Dr. Nau, of Valley Creek.

In the corner-stone the book of concord, the constitution of the church and a German hymnal were deposited. Prof. Schmidt spoke in English. The church will be 80x40 feet, a frame building, fronting on Dale street, and is expected to be completed in November. This is practically a new church, being an offshoot from the St. Paul's Lutheran church on Eleventh street, and organized under the auspices of the Ohio synod. About thirty families are in the church, and the communicants number about forty. This church disagrees from the St. Paul's church, on the Calvinistic doctrine of absolute predestination.

HOMES FOR YOUNG MEN

Will Be Agitated at a Public Meeting of Christians.

Establishing a Christian home and resort for young men who are without such a place, was the principal subject discussed at the meeting of the Crusaders yesterday afternoon. It was the unanimous opinion that there was urgent necessity for such an institution, and that steps should be taken immediately to organize a society having this object in view. S. E. Bodenlas, of Assumption parish, who has had considerable experience in this line of work, was present and gave his views at length, counseling prompt action before cold weather set in, and his idea was for the institution of a Christian home. It was decided by the members of the Crusaders' society to begin work in the interest of a home at once, and invite the co-operation of Christian men and women in aid of this praiseworthy object. It is understood that a public meeting will be called shortly to arouse an interest in the subject, and invite substantial encouragement to further the ends of the association.

GLOBULES.

The regular meeting of the school board will take place this evening.

The hearing of the difficulties of the managers of the Peoples' theater will occupy the time of the district court to day.

E. A. Jaggard wears a scarf pin formed out of an old coin found in the ruins of Pompeii by Lane K. Stone, who gave it to him.

Thomas Cochran, Jr., addressed a large meeting at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association yesterday afternoon.

Mayor Smith will to-day investigate the charges brought against Officer Hanly of insulting the wife of a saloonkeeper who was under arrest.

An Episcopal church, to be named St. Peter's, is shortly to be built on Dayton's bluff at the corner of Fourth street and Maple avenue.

Loungers in the parks were out in force yesterday afternoon, and in some of the city's lungs even standing room was at a premium.

Pat Kavanaugh, a teamster living in the eastern part of the city, had his collar bone broken yesterday afternoon by being thrown from a mule which he was riding. He was taken to the city hospital, where his injuries were attended to.

There is a cottage at Mahtomedi which stands back from the sidewalk leading from the station to the hotel. The house is entered by nine steps. Here the Belle of the Lake entertains, and every pleasant evening each step is ornamented with a Y. M. C. A. young man.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Small bronzes and large marble statues, continue to be found in Athens during excavations on the Acropolis.

Studies by the old French artist Jean Michel Moreau (1741) have been bought by the Louvre, 100 costing $800.

The American Bible society reports the receipt of $42,679.44 during June, and the issuing of 79,434 copies, Since April 1, 262,642 copies have been issued.

There are 30,000 Jews in London. The Jewish colony was first established in that city 250 years ago. The Hebraic people are a multiplying race under favorable stars.

A loan collection of Greek vases and of figurines from Tanagra and other places is shown in London by the Burlington Fine Arts club. The chief contributors are Mr. Van Branteghem and the Marquis of Northampton.

Twenty years ago there was not a priest of any sort or a religious order of any sisterhood in Wyoming, where now there is a bishop, ten priests, two male and two female religious orders, and a Catholic population of about 10,000.

In Boston the museum of fine arts has a new wing sixty feet square joined to the main building by a hall 200 feet long. In the statuary rooms the casts and sculptures will be arranged so that the visitor proceeds from the most archaic to the modern.

California claims to be the only state in the Union where the olive can be cultivated with profit, and it is argued by the local paper that there is no reason why, in the course of time, the state should not realize as large a sum from its olive groves as Spain does from hers, which is said to be about $300,000 a year.

Bolivia, which has an area of 500,000 square miles and a population of 2,000,000, is without a single Protestant missionary. Two American teachers, encouraged by Bolivian gentlemen and recommended by the Presbyterian board of missions, expect soon to establish a school in La Paz, the capital.

The capital invested by Hebrews in the wholesale business of New York city is estimated at $262,000,000, and their holdings of real estate and other property are large. As their number in New York is only 125,000, the wonderful thriftiness of the race in comparison with others is powerfully illustrated.

The latest gratuity of the cigarette makers is a little vial of cachous for the breath packed in every box of the goods made by one firm of manufacturers. Something for the breath was always needed for cigarette smokers, but no maker ever before showed the candor to acknowledge the fact in this substantial way.

The greatest elevation that has been attained by man is 37,000 feet—about seven miles—this height having been reached during a baloon ascent made by Glaisher. At this tremendous distance above the earth's surface physical exertion is found to be almost impossible, owing to the great rarefaction of the atmosphere.

A tidy little piece of bric-a-brac has been sought and vainly bargained for by certain gentlemen of Vienna, who wish to present it to the emperor of Austria. This is the ruined castle of Hapsburg near Brugg, the place whence the ancestors of the empesor swooped down on the traders of the middle ages. The cantonal council of Aargau declines to sell the ruin.

It is sad to think of the trouble Robinson Crusoe put himself to when he undertook to make himself a boat. Had he been up in archæology he would have hollowed out a tree trunk with red hot stones. His ancestors appear to have used this rude but effective method. A canoe found recently in the Tunhovd fiord, in central Norway, has proved to have been fashioned after this manner. It is in good condition, and will be shown at the museum of Christiania.

Washing was and is still done in Japan by getting into a boat and letting the garments drag after the boat by a long string. It is an economical habit of traveling Japs to get a large amount of washing thus accomplished by a steamboat excursion, and has given rise to the story that they travel to wash up once a year. They have no instinct for laundry work, like the Chinese, and think it complete when the soap is in the garment and will not wring it out. Salt water washes to their taste just as well as fresh.

A ghastly but interesting relic has just been brought to Serajevo, from where it has long lain under the shadow of the Hum mountain, near Jaitza. The last king of Bosnia, Stephen Tomacsovics, was there laid to rest at the end of his unhappy life, and now, when he might have hoped that his dust would have returned unto dust, his skeleton has been unearthed and taken to Serajevo, where the different parts are to be joined together at the museum. The bones are crumbling, the ribs are gone, but Bosnia is determined not to be daunted by such petty obstacles in its undertaking to do honor to one of its heroes. When the reconstruction of the skeleton has been accomplished, a glass sarcophagus will receive it, add the last of the Bosnian kings will be laid to rest in the monastery church at Jaitza, the town of kings. And this is done unto the man whom the Bosnians delight to honor.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Local and Personal, Gathered From All Parts of Minnesota.

Last Sunday a number of boys ranging in age from twelve years to twenty-five, were seen coming home from Lake Charlotte more or less in a state of intoxication. One carried a faucet belonging to a beer keg and another had the mugs while still another had to be assisted by his comrades to keep him in a perpendicular position. We have heard that such proceedings have been carried on for some time, says the Long Prairie Argus.

Reports of the condition of the spring wheat harvest, which has been in progress the past two weeks, grow worse rather than better as the grain is cut, says the Le Seuer Sentinel. We doubt if the best yield in the county will reach twelve bushels per acre, and the average cannot be above about eight bushels per acre. Much of the wheat is not worth cutting except for the straw and feed in it.

The idea that chinch bugs had been destroyed by the long cold rains of early spring proves to have been a mistake, says the Faribault Democrat. They are just as lively and voracious as ever, and having disposed of the spring wheat are now at er the corn. It is very evident that growing spring wheat must be discontinued in this section for a few years.

W. B. Ladd, the prohibition lecturer of St. Paul, held a meeting in Montgomery under peculiar circumstances. There was no prohibitionist there, and most of the audience went out frequently to drink. A tin pan racket was kept up outside, and articles of value were stolen from his buggy.

Mrs. D. B. Davis, at Dodge Center, found a large rattlesnake among the peanut shells that the children had left in the grass in the yard by the house only a few minutes before. He was at once dispatched and found to have five full-grown rattles, with a sixth started.

An effort is being made to secure the free delivery of United States mails in Fairbault, which under the law is accorded only to cities of 10,000 population or whose post-offices do a business exceeding $10,000 annually.

The Evangelical praying band, from Minneapolis, is composed of six members, three ladies and three gentlemen. At Alden and Freeborn, where they have been working the past few weeks, 120 souls have been converted.

E. G. Persons, of the town of St. Charles, was seriously injured by an infuriated bull a few days ago. He managed to crawl under a barbed wire fence and get away from the animal or he would have been killed outright.

The Hokah Chief reports a large serpent or fish in Lake Como, and says it is at least 100 feet long, and that for twenty feet back of its head large scales cover the body, some of them as large as hay scales.

Arthur Howard, porter at the St. Louis Hotel, at Crookstar, got tired of living any more and attempted suicide by swallowing the contents of a bottle of laudanum. But he did not quite succeed.

Two men who have been at Alexandria for the past six weeks were arrested Monday, charged with running off with mortgaged property from St. Paul the latter part of June.

A convict named John B. Kirfie, under a two and one-half years' sentence for larceny, committed in Minneapolis a little over a year ago, died at the prison on Saturday morning last.

At the district fair at St. Cloud a merchant offers a set of fine knives and forks to the baby that cries the loudest, and a set of glass dishes to the baby that laughs the most.

The suggestion is made that as soon as the harvest is over and the grain is secured the people of Rock county meet at Luverne and have a sort of harvest festival.

Delton D. Whiting, the youngest son of Timothy Whiting, of Rochester, had the upper third of the lower half of his left leg broken by a kick from a colt.

An old man named Schmitthut, living some miles from Henderson in the country, was found dead in bed last Friday morning by his neighbors.

Charles Johnson, son of Andreas Johnson, aged twenty-five years, living in Donnelly, was instantly killed by lightning on Monday.

The Renville county man reported to have the glanders went to Minneapolis to be doctored, and is now at home entirely cured.

H. W. Loche, a half-breed in Wadena county, is reported crazed and taken to the woods with a Winchester rifle.

The Osakis Observer says the hunters generally brought in from twelve to twenty prairie chickens the first day.

The Scandinavian Democratic club at Winona had seventy-five names at the first meeting and expect fifty more.

Mrs. Lottie Cox, of Austin, was recently granted a divorce from her husband by Judge Farmer.

A rattlesnake over six feet long was killed near Winona.

About 9,000 people took in Barnum's show at Duluth.

Condensed Iowa Notes.

While moving a steam thrashing machine on the farm of Mr. Kinman, ten miles northeast of Tipton last Monday, and in crossing a small bridge, the traction engine broke down the bridge, and the tank wagon, coupled on just behind, pinned Maurer between it and the engine, cutting his body almost in twain and killing him instantly. He was a hard-working, powerful man and an old soldier.

Baldwin's balloon ascension has given the Keokuk small boy the parachute fever. Some of the more daring ones are making daring leaps from barns and fences with open umbrellas for parachutes. So far no broken bones are reported, but it is simply because boys from eight to fourteen years of age live under a special providence.

Judge Lenehan ordered permanent injunctions to issue Wednesday against forty-seven saloonkeepers of Dubuque. The cases were tried and submitted to him at the May term of court, and his decision was rendered Wednesday morning. The defendants will file supersedeas bonds and appeal to the state supreme court.

At the Buchanan county fair, to be held at Independence Sept. 11-14, a fine cook stove is to be given to the couple who will be married on the fair grounds, and a gasoline stove is to be awarded to the handsomest baby.

There is a bet posted at the pool room in Sioux City as follows: "Five hundred dollars even that we can name fifteen states that will go Democratic, and $1,000 that two-thirds of the remainder will go Democratic.

One man in Iowa has killed forty-nine rattlesnakes this year. It seems good to hear of one man who is particular, even in counting snakes. Most men would have said fifty—and lied.

A Waterloo man ordered a keg of whisky from a Dubuque firm and was disgusted when he opened the package and found it contained a keg of pure unadulterated water.

During a heavy storm at Scranton on the 14th lightning struck the old mill, knocking a saw out of a workman's hand. Several persons were considerably shaken up.

A joint snake has been captured and caged in Muscatine. It is doing wonders for prohibition in that city, and numerous old topers have already signed the pledge.

The Osceola county fair will be held at Sibley commencing Sept. 18. Liberal premiums are offered and several interesting races arranged for.

The state board of health has been notified that diptheria had made its appearance at Sibley, and measles at Blackburg.

The Christian convention in Iowa City raised $1,600 in a few minutes to carry on gospel work in Iowa.

An electric railway is being built between Council Bluffs an Omaha.

Badger State Brevities.

A workman on the farm of George Nield, in the town of Caledonia, Racine county, suddenly disappeared last Monday night and has not been heard of since. Last Saturday evening he shot at some burglars who had entered Mr. Nied's house, and it is thought that he was waylaid by the gang on Monday night. Search is now being made for him.

At the last term of court at Appleton one John Minaghan, a farmer of Calumet county, was tried for shooting into a crowd of boys who were charivaring him, and badly injuring one John Higgins. The defendant was found guilty of an assault and sentenced to pay a fine. He now retaliates by having the boys arrested for riot.

It is reported that coal has been struck near Big Falls, Eau Claire, by parties prospecting for silver. It is claimed that the vein has been uncovered at three different points, and that it runs from four to seven feet in thickness.

Jack Mahoney, an Ashland dance housekeeper, has been refused a license, and the council of that city propose to force houses of that character to remove beyond the city limits.

The secretary of the Racine Industrial association has arranged with speakers of all political parties to deliver addresses on the issues of the campaign during the coming fair.

A farm hand, known as Albert, has disappeared in the town of Caledonia, Racine county. Some of the neighbors think he has been assassinated.

The fifteenth annual exhibition of the Boscobel Agricultural and Driving Park association will be held at Boscobel Sept. 11 to 14, inclusive.

E. J. Doyle, formerly editor of the Portage Advertiser, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling $125 belonging to S. S. Newton, his employer.

The West Superior Wave prints a finely illustrated boom edition showing the industrial advantages of that thriving city.

Wisconsin lumbermen deny the report of a proposed lumber trust as proposed by Frederick Wyerhauser.

Burglars secured $200 worth of jewelry from the residence of L. C. Stanley, at Chippewa Falls.

Waukesha business men are looking for a reduction of 10 to 25 per cent in insurance policeis.

The corner stone of the fine new Odd Fellows' block at Appleton will be laid Friday evening.

The foot of Mrs. Franz Sorbacker, of Madison, was amputated on account of a cancer.

The Daily Democrat, a campaign paper, has been issued at Portage.

The city artesian well at Whitewater is now down 1,100 feet.

Banff Springs Hotel, Rocky Mountains.

A perfectly constructed summer and winter hotel, costing a quarter of million dollars, situated on the line of the Canadian Pacific railway, near the summit of the Rocky mountains, in the Canadian National Park. The house is electric-lighted and has every comfort and convenience found in city hotels of the highest grade. The numerous hot sulphur springs in close proximity vary in temperature from 80 to 121 degrees, and perfect bathing facilities are supplied. Testimony to the wonderfu curative properties of the waters is plentiful. A first-class livery of driving and saddle horses forms part of the establishment, and there are excellent roads and walks in all directions, built and maintained by the government. The house is 5,000 feet above sea level and is surrounded by magnificent mountain peaks 5,000 to 8,000 feet high. In the grandeur of scenery and purity of atmosphere the region is immeasurably superior to any similar health resort on the continent. The hotel rates are from $3.50 a day upward, and special terms for longer time may be had by addressing George Holliday, Manager, Banff, Alberta, Canada. For further information and for excursion tickets, apply to ticket offices of St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway in St. Paul or Minneapolis.

What Made Him a Beggar.

Texas Siftings.

Swell (to importunate beggar)—I have no pennies at present, my good man. I will hand you something coming back.

Beggar (dolorously)—Ah, sir, it was doing business on credit that reduced me to this.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS—STATE OF Minnesota, County of Ramsey—ss. In Probate Court. Special Term, July 27, 1888.

In the matter of the estate of Michael Roche, deceased:

Notice is hereby given that the judge of probate of the county of Ramsey will, upon the first Monday of the month of February, 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m., hear, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased; and that six months from and after the date hereof have been allowed and limited for creditors to present their claims again said estate, at the expiration of which time all claims not presented or not proven to its satisfaction shall be forever barred, unless for good cause shown further time be allowed.

By the Court.

[L. S.] E. S. GORMAN, Judge of Probate.

URI L. LAMPREY, Attorney for Bridget A. Roche, Administratrix of said Estate.

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