SAINT PAUL.

CASUAL CONVERSATIONS.

"This has been a hard winter for the sale of sporting goods," was the assertion ventured in a leading Third street sporting goods house yesterday by a GLOBE reporter, as he glanced over several cords of unsalable toboggans and snowshoes piled up on one side of the store.

"Now, there's just where you are mistaken," returned one of the proprietors. "Why, we have enjoyed the best trade for years, and our holiday trade this season was double that of any carnival year we have had. It was the splendid skating and unprecedented sale of skates that helped us out. By Dec. 1 all the skates in stock throughout the city, including a large amount of old goods that had been carried for years, were disposed of, and the factories were unable to supply the demand. We are receiving small orders by express every day, and there are not skates enough in the city to stock a country hardware store. Just give us trade like this every winter and we won't say a word about snow goods."

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Col. Davis, Senator C. K.'s father, said yesterday: "Englishmen live longer than Americans. They take their time over their meals and sleep more than we do. An American lives with a rush in the middle of the day, and takes no more time for sleep than he can help. His business and whole life are all run at high pressure, in consequence of which he dies comparatively young, while the Englishman, who takes matters easily, eats his dinner in comfort after his work is all done, and sleeps as long as he wants to, lives to a ripe old age and is a young man at eighty. Old men frequently remain in business after they have become so wealthy that the outside world is surprised they do not retire, but in most cases they would break up at once if the strain of business life were suddenly relaxed."

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David Noble, of Montana, who is in the city on business connected with some large gold and silver mines in that territory, prophesies a great future for it, saying that Montana, in a few years, will be the leading mining state of the Union. The gold and silver are unexcelled in richness and unequaled in quality, while the iron is very abundant. The last is not being mined at present, as it would not pay to ship the ore East, but it is being used as a flux for the more precious metals. Cook City, in his opinion, is the coming place, next to Helena. Mr. Noble expressed the conviction that it would, in a few years, be a larger place than Butte, as it is the center of the finest mining region in the state. Replying to the question whether the wealth of the territory was not in a few hands, he said: "There are several men worth $20,000,000 each, but every one is well off. You never find a poor man there. Even the men who work in the mines get big pay and live well."

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Frank J. Mead was in a reminiscent mood yesteday afternoon, and gazed about the Merchant's with a pensive air. "Fifteen years ago," said he, "I knew every prominent man in this state. There was a standing bet, open to all takers, that I could enter this corridor and call more men by name than any man in the state. I know the old-timers now and most of the prominent youngsters, but the latter are springing up with such rapidity that it is hard work to keep track of them."

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W. H. C. Folsom, for fifty years a resident of the state, was at the Merchants yesterday. Mr. Folsom is the author of the history, "Fifty Years in Minnesota," and spent the afternoon in desultory conversation with old friends.

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Maj. H. B. Strait was about the corridor also. The major has made but few pilgrimages to the politicians' Mecca since the election, and his advent was hailed with delight on all sides.

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Capt. Shuler came over from the Mill city for the second time since the senatorial fight. "This reminds me of old times," said he, as he looked upon the swarm of busy, restless politicians, "but although the senatorial fight is a thing of the past, there seems to be material for gossip in the corridor. What do they find to talk about anyway? And with a querulous laugh the ex-Washburn standard bearer broke for the depot.

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The soldiers' home committee of both branches of the legislature conferred with the home committee in Parlor C at the Merchants yesterday afternoon. The location of the home was discussed at length, although no definite action was taken. It was recommended that the legislature visit the present home in a body, and the recommendation will undoubtedly be favorably considered.

CAPITAL COMBINES.

New Incorporations File Articles Showing Where the Money Is.

The St. Paul Park Improvement company have filed amendment articles with the secretary of state. The amendments are purely executive.

The Charles Betcher Lumber company is incorporated by Charles Betcher, Margaret Betcher, of Red Wing; John A. Worman and Helen Worman, of Minneapolis. Capital stock, $400,000.

The Rainy Lake River Boom association, with headquarters in St. Paul, will have a capital stock of $50,000. Incorporators: Dennis Ryan, S. Douglas Ryan, J. F. Broderick, R. B. Galusha and J. B. McCormack, of St. Paul.

The De Mars Jewelry Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis, with a capital stock of $10,000, is incorporated by C. Wright Davison, R. Junius Edwards, A. C. De Mars and L. D. DeMars, of Minneapolis.

The Minnesota Institute of Technology is to be established at Duluth. The corporate existence of the institute to commence March 1, 1889. Messrs. O. P. Stearns, W. W. Billson, J. D. Ensign, M. N. Miller, R. S. Munger, L. Mendenhall, W. K. Rogers, W. F. Phelps, W. B. Harrison, N. Hullett, A. J. Whiteman are the incorporators. The governor and lieutenant governor of the state, the speaker of the house of representatives and the state superintendent of public instruction are made ex-officio members of the board of trustees.

Y. M. C. A. Gospel Meetings.

Every Sunday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 o'clock the Y. M. C. A. conducts a young men's gospel meeting, which is growing to be an attractive, as well as a profitable feature of association work.

The meetings were formerly held in the lecture room, but owing to the large number of young men attending the association was compelled to make use of the gymnasium on the ground floor. Probably one of the reasons why so large a number of young men respond to the cordial invitation—young men going out into the "highways"—is the excellent music which the orchestra furnishes for the preliminary song service. Another reason is that the purpose of the association is non-sectarian, and does not come within or interfere with church work, but is wholly in sympathy and harmony with it. These meetings have been helpful to all classes of men, and no doubt when the proposed building is erected, in which a room with a large seating capacity is expected to be had, will be still more largely attended.

Mardi Gras.

This unique festival is held nowhere in the United States except at New Orleans. The next celebration will occur on Tuesday, March 5. "The Burlington" will make for this occasion the very low rate of $35.55 for the round trip from Minneapolis or St. Paul. Tickets will be on sale February 25 to March 3, good to return until March 23. Ticket Offices corner of Third and Robert Streets, and Union Depot, St. Paul.

TEUTONS CELEBRATE.

The St. Paul Turnverein Gives a Most Successful Inaugural Ball.

Prompted by Despondency, a Youthful Chicagoan Attempts Suicide.

"Jocco" Conway, the Notorious Hoodlum, Viciously Assaults an Officer.

A State Board of Law Examiners Favored by North Star Attorneys.

The inaugural ball of the St. Paul turnverein last evening was a grand success in every respect, and the German citizens of St. Paul are to be congratulated on the auspicious circumstances under which they open their beautiful new hall. The whole building was devoted to last night's festivities, and for many hours was made brilliant by the sparkle of jewelry, with which vied eyes no less bright. Brilliant toilets, beautiful faces and graceful figures were gathered in endless profusion; the fair women on the arms of the stalwart men wandered at will through the decorated corridors and sat round the oaken tables in many a merry party. The air was "perfumed with an unseen censer, swung by seraphim whose footfalls tinkled on the tufted floor." In other language, the air was luscious with the odor of many flowers, some worn by the ladies and others festooned on the walls. Strains of delightful music floated through the halls and died away among the far recesses of the spacious building, mingling harmoniously with the rippling laughter of the ladies. The dancing hall was a kaleidoscopic display of color and formed a magnificent picture, with the floral decorations as a background. On entering the guests were received by William Bickel, Ernst Albrecht, P. J. Giesen and J. C. Fleischer, while J. E. Meilli, H. Schlichting, A. F. Gerlach and A. Steinhaenser attended in first-class style to their duties as a floor committee. The programme consisted of twenty-four numbers, the music for which was furnished by Seibert's orchestra. Supper was furnished in the attic, which is arranged in a unique way, reflecting great credit upon the skill of the architect. The space

BETWEEN THE GIGANTIC GIRDERS

of the roof is utilized as a room, which is of such size that 160 people sat down at a time to supper. The collation was in every respect equal to the other arrangements, and was a delicious blending of substantial viands with the lighter delicacies. Who were there? It would be easier to answer the question who were not there! Every German of any prominence in the city was there, and they all enjoyed themselves in genuine old-fashioned German style. The many sitting and smoking rooms were filled with youth and beauty, and the dancing was kept up with the animation of delight until an early hour this morning. Few balls in St. Paul have equalled and none have excelled the "Grosser Festball" of yesterday evening. The committee ought to feel well satisfied with themselves, as their efforts were crowned with unmitigated success. The festival committee consisted of Fred Willins, president, George Seibert, F. Werner, L. Stern, J. Aleman, Ernst Albrecht, A. Rank, C. J. Herrmann, secretary, P. J. Gilsen, G. Rink, A. Gerlach, Charles Matheis, William Maenner, W. Grotjan, A. Steinhaeuser, J. C. Fleischer, J. E. Meile, W. A. Lindeke, W. Bickel, F. Siebold and M. F. Propping. Undoubtedly the Turnverein society will enjoy a new era of prosperity, as the hall which the last two evenings' festivities opened is a perfect club house, and the gymnasium is the finest in the Northwest. Every want of man is provided for, from bath room and buffer to dining room and theater. It is safe to say that the opening festival was only the commencement of a series of most enjoyable evenings, and it may be said that when it comes down to pure enjoyment, Germans can give the rest of the world lessons in the art.

LIFE NOT WORTH LIVING.

Charles Perkins, a Young Chicagoan, Chooses the Laudanum Route to Eternity and Fails.

At about 6 o'clock last evening a young man, well dressed and apparently about twenty-five years of age, was taken into Wilkes' drug store at Seven corners, suffering intense pain and showing every evidence of strychnia poisoning. Dr. H. J. O'Brien was called and administered a variety of emetics in an attempt to produce nausea, but without effect. The man revived a little at intervals, and during one of these stated that he had taken laudanum. The central patrol was called and the patient taken to the county hospital on an order from Dr. O'Brien. At 7:30 he was resting easily and will probably recover. A GLOBE reporter, in investigating the matter, found the man's name to be Charles Perkins, who arrived in this city last Thursday from Chicago, and has since been rooming with his cousin, A. H. Perkins, who is in the real estate business at 108 East Fourth street, and lodges at the residence of Dr. Johnson, Oak and Fifth streets. The would-be suicide is well connected in Chicago, and while there was employed in the office of one of the lake transportation lines. He became despondent at failing to find employment in this city, and several times signified his intention to put an end to his troubles by committing self-murder. He was found by his cousin last evening at the Clifton hotel, where he has been taking his meals, and the two went out together, and approaching Seven corners he was taken ill with symptoms of poisoning, with the results above stated. Dr. O'Brien states that the symptoms were those of poisoning by strychnine rather than laudanum, but it is not absolutely certain any poison was taken whatever, as the man was under the influence of liquor. The symptoms might be attributed to hysteria.

"JOCCO" IS JUGGED.

The Notorious Young Ruffian Assaults an Officer.

Jack Conway, better known as the notorious "Jocco," is behind the bars again, and the chances are that he will take an excursion at the city's expense as far as the works. Jocco, who has been wanted for some time on an old charge, filled his skin with bad liquor last night and set himself the task of imparting a carmine hue to the locality adjacent to Seventh street and Broadway. He disported himself in his own inimitable style until a crowd of several hundred people had gathered. Patrolman Galvin attempted to subdue "Jocco," and was set upon by that worthy, who kicked the officer in the side, pounded him on the head and otherwise maltreated the worthy guardian of law and order. Ex-Officer Henry Cornick came to the rescue, and with assistance of Patrolmen Mattox and Davis conveyed the obstreperous youth to the central station, where he was registered as disorderly and suspect. Officer Galvin had to be assisted to a physician's office, where his injuries were attended to. "Jocco" will be arraigned in the municipal court this morning.

ELEVATE THE STANDARD.

The State Bar Association Asks for a State Board of Law Examiners.

A large representation of the state bar association met at the chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon at 4:30 to discuss and further consider the proposed enactment of a bill providing for a state board of law examiners. President H. L. Williams being absent, the meeting was called to order by H. F. Stevens. Gen. Sanborn was elected chairman and H. F. Stevens secretary. Mr. Osborn, one of the projectors of the bill, was called upon to report the sentiment as directed to him by letter of the country members of the bar. Exhibiting a package of seventy-eight letters he stated that all but eight approved of the bill as printed, with liberal suggestions of modifications in some sections. He then read a petition which approved of the bill in general, subject to such amendments as would be made at this meeting. This petition was signed by seventy-three representative members of the Ramsey county bar. He stated that in Minneapolis a petition had also been circulated and largely signed by members of the profession there, and read letters from Hon. Isaac Atwater, Lloyd Barber, Judge Brown, and an ex-chief justice of the supreme court approving of some measure whereby the standard of admission to the bar would be elevated.

In general debate Mr. Heath moved that the bill be considered in sections. Many objections and no second afforded H. C. Butler the floor, who in a lengthy speech pointed out the features of the bill which were objectionable to him. Mr. Munn to shorten debate, moved that the bill be approved as printed and recommended to the legislature for passage. Mr. Bramhall then arose and in a fifteen-minute speech voiced the sentiments, as he said, of those who had signed the petition in fear that in favoring any argument in the bill they were in peril of losing it entirely. He objected to a great deal of the bill, pointing out innumerable objections and inconsistencies. Many thought it should be greatly modified and made applicable to this part of the country. Unanimous concurrence was manifest among the members when Thomas O'Brien gave expression to Chief Justice Gilfillan's views upon the bill as it stood before the meeting. He said there was entirely too much detail, and would, in all probability, if passed, exclude many worthy young men from choosing a profession in which they might become eminent. The requirements of the bill were such that a young man with brains, no money and little time would meet in it a great barrier to surmount the plane occupied by his fellows in the profession. Chief Justice Gilfillan was reported as having said that the examinations should be left to the supreme court, and certainly the bar association could not doubt the ability of that body to decide whe was and who was not fit to be admitted to practice. The object of the meeting seemed to be to pass some bill that would establish a uniform standard of admission to the bar of the state, and while many voted in favor of it, they did so rather than accomplish nothing at all; others did so to try it, realizing, as they said, that many of its essential features would have to be changed when once a law. Mr. Munn's original motion was then carried. Judge Flandrau, Mr. Osborn and Gen. Sanborn were appointed a committee to present the bill with the recommendation of the state bar to the legislature, urging its passage. The meeting then adjourned.

BLOCKED THE GAME.

Frank Ratzer, Ignorant of the English Language, Necessitates a New Trial of a Law Suit.

There was some amusement caused in the district court on Tuesday afternoon, and if reports are correct, no little cussing behind the scenes in the jury room. The cause of the ripple which disturbed the usual serenity of the court is named Frank Ratzer, who was drawn on a jury to try the case of the Bank of Minnesota against Olaf P. Olson and Eckberg to recover $970, which Olson succeeded in getting from the bank, notwithstanding the fact that the money belonged to Mrs. Lindman. The silent juror sat through the proceedings, gazing stoically at the judge as though deeply wrapped in the intricacies of the case. After the taking of all testimony was concluded, Judge Kelly instructed the jury to find against Oleson and to use their judgment with regard to Eckberg. The jury filed out, the still silent member of that august body maintaining an imperturbable gravity of countenance, which was partially explained when the fact developed that he could speak no word of English, being just as absolutely and utterly Norwegian as it is possible for a man to be. One of the attorneys, after the judge had explained the situation, declined to accept a verdict from the eleven jurors, and the jury was dismissed. It afterwards developed that the verdict of the eleven was in favor of the attorney whose refusal to compromise makes a new trial necessary.

OBJECT TO LOW FARES.

Duluth & Iron Range Magnates "Accidentally" Meet and Exchange Opinions.

Jay C. Morse, of Chicago, president of the Duluth & Iron Range railroad; Julian L. Yale, of Chicago, and James Pickards and W. P. Murray, of Cleveland, the last three gentlemen being directors of the same line, reached the city yesterday and are quartered at the Ryan. Throughout the day this quartette held informal consultations with J. H. Chandler, their general solicitor, and though all maintained that their visit was fraught with no special significance, it is inferentially supposed that the pending 2-cent a mile bill, which is now before the legislature, was the principal topic of discussion. "The annual meeting will take place at Duluth in June," said Mr. Chandler last evening, "and we have not assembled even for the purpose of a conference, but all happened to be at St. Paul at the same time. Our company lost $12,000 last year, and can certainly not afford to carry passengers for 2 cents. President Hill, of the Manitoba, stated the case clearly and concisely before the railway committee last evening. "I can say nothing supplementary on that subject. Our line runs into the woods and stops; so, of course, we are dependent upon the ore output for a revenue compatible with the service of our line. For six months, during the winter, the receipts fall off, and as we have very heavy grades it costs us a good round sum to keep up the line."

A MARITAL MUDDLE.

Judge Brill Renders Judgment in a Most Peculiar Case.

The decision rendered yesterday by Judge Brill in the matter of the appeal of Phœbe Charles from the order of the probate court disallowing her claim to an interest in the estate of Henry G. Charles, deceased, is of special interest from the peculiar nature of the case. The couple, Henry G. Charles and Rachael S. White, were married in Black Brook, Clinton county, N. Y., in 1848, and lived together for a year and a half. In 1850 they separated, Charles moving to this state, where he afterwards died. The woman went to Massachusetts in 1866, and from there to California in 1867. In 1869 she married again, believing her first husband dead, the second and illegal union being with a man named Perry. Henry stuck it out longer than she did, not marrying until 1882, when he became enamored of a reputedly handsome lady named Juliette Le Fevre, who resided in Ramsey county, and the twain were made one, livnig together until the latter part of 1883. At the time of his marriage Henry had no knowledge of Rachael's whereabouts, and Juliette was not cognizant of the previous marriage. The last marriage, to which Henry and Juliette were the parties, has never been adjudged void, and no claim is made by Rachael against the estate of her deceased spouse. It is adjudged that the last marriage was valid as between the parties, until adjudged void by the suit of one of them. As no such suit was ever made Juliette has the full rights of a widow in the estate of her husband.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

In the case of Joseph McKentry et al, vs. Elias F. Drake et al., Judge Simons issued an order yesterday denying the motion to set aside proceedings.

William Queen brings action for divorce against his wife, Anna, on the ground of desertion. The plaintiff is thirty-nine years old and the defendant thirty-seven. They were married Oct. 17, 1879. Queen claims that his wife has declined to live with him since March, 1883.

Suit was entered yesterday by Cornish, Curtis & Green against Harry C. Haskell for $163 for goods delivered.

P. Sprague Haskell is sued for $475 on notes due by John Mather.

The case of T. W. Finn against the St. Paul & Duluth railroad to recover $5,000 damages for injuries received, came up before Judge Kelly yesterday, and is in progress.

CONFESSED HIS CRIME.

A Vag Voluntarily Admits Having Stolen a Horse Three Years Ago.

"You look as though you had done something wrong. I believe you've stolen something," said acting Jailer Conway last Sunday morning to a big vag of downcast countenance who had followed him from the "tramp room" and stood before the officer's bench a picture of abject misery and despair.

"Yes sir, I have," returned the vag, and I want to make a confession, for I have had bad luck ever since; I can't get any work, and there's no use of my trying to be a man or to amount to anything before I confess and suffer for it."

He then told a story of havig stolen a horse three years ago last August from August Miller, a farmer living near Jordan, Scott county, by whom he was employed for a short time. As the motive for the crime he stated that he had worked for Miller eleven days and that the farmer would only pay him $1, so he stole the horse and sold it out of revenge. Mr. Miller was communicated with and reported the loss of the horse at the time stated. The vag, who gave the name of Fscar Leven, was then arrested, and was yesterday taken to Jordan by Officer Conway, where he was identified by the farmer. He was then turned over to the sheriff of Scott county at Shakopee.

Vital Statistics.

The following deaths were reported at the health office yesterday: Jennie Aspas, eleven months, measles, Prior avenue; Baky Stamm, six months, bronchitis, 964 Arcade; Margaret Moffatt, fifty-three years, diabetes mellitus, 443 Cedar street; Elsie Bock, six months, spinal complaint; Meta Umland, two years, membraneous croup, 441 University avenue; Mary Stephani, two months, bronchitis capillaris, 699 Edmond street; Edward Miller, twenty years, tuberculosis of the larynx, 435 Rice street; Henry Webber, fifteen months, inanition, 578 Kent street; Peter Hochit, six weeks, bronchitis, Randolph street; Frederick B. Kenner, forty-two years, capillary bronchitis, Macalester Park.

Blaze in a Junk Shop.

Fire broke out at 9:30 last night in the three-story frame junk shop on Whitehall street near Payne avenue, owned by A. Marx, completely gutting the two upper stories, which were filled with rags. The total loss is estimated at $5,000, with $3,000 insurance on the building and $1,000 on stock. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

SAYINGS AND DOINGS.

Nine births and eleven deaths were recorded at the health office yesterday.

Freya Lodge No. 129, I. O. O. F., will give its third social hop at Odd Fellows' hall this evening.

The members of the Acorn club were entertained last night by Miss Statelar at her studio in the Mannheimer block.

The St. Andrew's Society of St. Paul will give its fourth annual sociable and dance at Society hall to-morrow evening.

At the People's matinee to-day (Wednesday) each patron will be presented with a photograph of Mr. Stanley as a souvenir.

John G. Woolley will address a gospel temperance meeting at the House of Hope church this evening at 7:30 on the subject, "Wine Is a Mocker."

M. B. Harrison, of Duluth, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Washington to attend the inauguration of his cousin, the president-elect.

"After this," says Paul Martin, "we want to figure on holding our ice carnival in February. January, in a tropical climate like this, is altogether too sultry."

Coroner Quinn, who has been confined to his residence for a week past with a severe cold, is convalescent, and spent several hours at his office yesterday.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: Charles A. Mason and Leona Landré, Charles Anderson and Inga Peterson, Edward A. Moeller and Mary Blaschke.

The meeting of the Single Tax league was not held last night at Odd Fellows' hall, as previously announced, owing to a failure on the part of the janitor of the building to open the hall.

Capt. E. E. Parker, of the Third regiment, Verndale, has resigned, owing to his removal from the state. Adjutant General Mullen yesterday appointed C. E. Bullard, of Verndale, to fill the vacancy.

Several freight cars jumped the track in the yards near the Seventh street bridge yesterday morning, blocking the Manitoba tracks, necessitating trains on that line taking a circuitous route through the yards.

Robert D. Russell, city attorney of Minneapolis, will deliver a lecture before the young men of this city in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Subject, "The American Constitution."

The Young People's Guild of the Church of the Ascension gave a hop at Odd Fellows' hall, Fairfield and Dakota avenues, last evening. There were about fifty couples present, and dancing was continued until after midnight.

A testimonial will be tendered Monday evening, at the People's, to Miss Lisette Le Baron, the popular comedienne. The bill announces two acts of "School" and musical numbers by local artists.

Reports were received at the health office yesterday of scarlet fever at Augusta and Stryker streets, 317 East Ninth street and 38 Prospect Terrace; diphtheria, 162 South Robert street; membraneous croup, 441 University avenue.

The fire department was called out about 7 o'clock last night by the burning of a quantity of oils and paper in the window of P. Schollart's paint shop, at Ninth and St. Peter streets. The burning materials were removed to the street, and the fire extinguished without damage.

The funeral of Charles H. Sherman, the well-known real estate man, who died on Saturday from an affliction of the throat, which the operation of tracheotomy failed to relieve, was held yesterday from his late residence, 256 Exchange street, and was attended by a large number of friends of the deceased.

The West side property owners interested in the bill which will be introduced in the legislature, the provisions of which will enable those who deeded property to the city for levee purposes, to secure a revision of the grant, held a consultation yesterday afternoon. The subject under discussion was to so amend the bills which have been drawn up as eliminate all objectionable features.

All the bids for the erection of the Germania bank building, Fifth and Wabasha streets, have been rejected, for the reason that they exceed by $25,000 and over the sum set apart by the directors for building purposes. The plans will be altered to come within the appropriation, and contractors will be afforded another chance to bid for the work on the new plans and specifications.

St. Paul Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will celebrate its fourth anniversary at the hall in the Drake block this evening, with a musical and literary entertainment, to conclude with dancing. As a compliment to the kindred organizations, Woman's Relief Corps and G. A. R., their members are invited and will be admitted free.

Edward W. White, for many years clerk in the office of inspector general at military headquarters, yesterday received the appointment of private secretary to Mayor Smith, to succeed Horace Dunne, resigned. Mr. White will enter upon his new duties March 1, when Mr. Dunne assumes the city editorship of the Daily News.

James Brady, a West St. Paul saloonkeeper, was arraigned in the municipal court yesterday morning, charged with selling liquor without a license, and received a sentence of ninety days in the workhouse, which was suspended for two days in order to give him an opportunity to take out a license. M. O'Connell, a Rice street saloonkeeper, was before the court on a similar charge, but paid $1,000 license fee and was discharged.

The Curtiss business college, in the third story of the Warner block, was hurriedly vacated at 1:30 yesierday afternoon by the discovery of fire in the ante-room leading to the study rooms. The only means of escape was through the blazing room, and frightened young men and lady students rushed through to the ground floor greatly excited. The seventy-five students escaped without injury, and the flames were soon extinguished by the fire department, with a loss of about $200.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

J. S. Halteman left for Helena, Mont., last evening.

S. D. Peterson, of New Ulm, was in the city yesterday.

Charles H. Strobel, a Litchfield attorney, was in the city yesterday.

J. M. Bowen, of Bird Island, an ex-member of the legislature, is at the Merchants.

George Nettleton and J. R. Walsh, of St. Paul, left for Spokane Falls, Washington, last evening.

A Perilous Trip.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The following from Samoa has just been received at the hydrographic office from Commander D. W. Mullan, United States ship Nipsic: "Timothy Murphy, master of the American schooner John Bryce, arrived here the 28th instant with his crew. He sailed from Port Townsend, Puget Sound, Oct. 9, bound for Melbourne with 1,450,000 feet of rough lumber. On Dec. 7 he was struck by a gale which increased to a hurricane and compelled him to abandon his vessel on the 8th of Dec last, 20 south long., 165.50. In his long boat he and twenty-two men reached Manua on Dec. 16, the eastern group of the Samoan islands. His log having been lost, no further data could be obtained. He came here from Manua in a trading schooner."

To Purify the Ballot.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senator Spooner to-day introduced a bill to punish offenses committed at elections of representatives and delegates to congress. It provides a penalty of imprisonment for not less than one or more than fifteen years for any person who falsely registers or votes, obstructs any other person by threats, force or bribery from registering and voting, or bribes inspectors or other election officers to violate the state law. The bill also contains other severe prohibitions against any practice calculated to improperly affect the right of a voter to register and cast his vote, including penalties for any mutilation or secretion of ballots or other improper practice by election officers, and the bringing of spirits into places of registration or voting.

Down With the Wires.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—At a meeting of the electrical subway commission yesterday Mayor Grant succeeded in securing the passage of an order that all wires on Broadway should be down inside of thirty days and the poles removed. The order is accompanied by a warning that "thirty days" means thirty days, and that the poles must come down at the expiration of that time. The mayor is making a vigorous war on overhead wires, but meets with a good deal of opposition.

The Fourth of March at Washington.

The inauguration of Gen. Harrison will be one of the memorable events in the nation's history. Realizing that probably a greater number of people will desire to be present at the ceremonies than at any previous event of like nature, the managing officers of the Pennsylvania System of Railways have planned and perfected arrangements for handling thousands of persons to and from Washington. Excursion tickets will be sold at cheap rates; trains will be run through without change from principal points; the yards and sidetracks at Washington will be kept clear, and every precaution and every measure will be taken that will contribute to the prompt and satisfactory movement of every car. For full information apply to C. W. Adams, Assistant General Passenger Agent, 65 Clark street, Chicago, Ill.

Republican Day

At Washington will be March 4. Are you going there to help rejoice? Then go by The Burlington's "Flambeau" Train, Feb 28.

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