MINNEAPOLIS.

A DINNER FOR THE POOR.

The management of the Guaranty Loan restaurant announces the following menu for the charity dinner to-day:

Turkey With Cranberry Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes.
Cold Ham.
Chicken and Potato Salad.
Bread and Butter.
Mince Pie.
Prelits.
Ice Cream. Cake.
Coffee.

Tickets can be obtained free until 12 m. by applying at the cashier's desk in the restaurant. No one will be admitted without a ticket. The guests will assemble on the second floor of the Guaranty Loan building, and dinner will be served on the third floor at 2 p. m. In the restaurant proper there will be no special holiday dinner, but the restaurant will be open as usual.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS.

Annie Riener and Wilhelmina Zieger have brought an action against Stanford Newell to quiet title to a lot in Penniman's addition, to which he claims some interest.

John T. Byrnes has garnished the Great Northern railway in his action against Louis Chiovre.

H. W. Loomis has entered an action against J. E. Merritt to collect $875 on a promissory note.

The National Protective association has begun an action against Babcock & Smith to enforce the specific performance of a contract. The association alleges that the firm agreed to pay over $1 per month for each one of its employes during the time of the contract. The firm has failed to do so, and $350 is claimed as due the association. Herbert Chalker has been garnished in the action.

Donahue Bowen has entered a suit against Harry Vincent to recover $204 on a pair of promissory notes.

A decision has been handed down by Judge Smith in favor of the plaintiffs in the much-tried lien suits of Charles Nolander vs. Charles J. Burns et al. and the Flour City Sash and Door company against the same defendant. The Flour City Sash and Door Company vs. Annie Hagsbury et al. has also been decided in favor of the plaintiff.

John C. Judge has entered suit against Frank Townsend to collect $710 due for legal services. An attachment has been issued in the case.

Judge Hooker dismissed the order to show cause why the assignee of Nathan Luenthal should not be removed. There has been quite a scrap for some time between the two factions of the creditors.

The county commissioners have arranged for rooms in the Guaranty Loan building for the county attorney, surveyor and superintendent of schools.

The court house is to be altered by tearing out the seating gallery in the large court room and putting in its place two new rooms. One will be annexed to the clerk's office and the other will be used as a jury room to the large court. The work will be done at the end of the present term.

Annual Red-Figure Mark-Down Sale.

The Plymouth Clothing House.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Lights and Shadows" will be given an afternoon and evening performance at the Grand opera house to-day.

The attraction at the Grand opera house for three nights and Wednesday matinee, beginning next Monday evening, is a new departure in vaudeville business. It was time some change took place in a very entertaining class of show run down into coarseness and vulgarity. Prof. Herrmann, who is a shrewd business man as well as an expert conjurer, has gathered together a company representing the best talent in that mixed entertainment which provides an exhibition of cleverness in the head and the heels, the legs, arms and bodies. At least such is the report made almost unanimously by the press throughout the country.

Manager Litt announces at the Lyceum theater, for the week beginning Jan. 5, McKee Rankin in "The Canuck." This was produced about ten or twelve weeks at the Bijou theater, New York city. Different from Mr. Rankin's former effort, this one claims, as it is, the staple article of laughter, where as of course that part blending of pathos with humor that always marks the success of the same recent state of production. Mr. Rankin has a superior company with him, and among whom will be found Charles Cowles, whose performance of the Yankee farmer boy places him as a pretty close second to old Joshua himself.

The series of concerts to be given by the Weber Company at the Lyceum the last of the week will be opened by a matinee New Year's day. This company possesses some of the best talent in the country, including the two celebrated juvenile artists, Masters Harry Dimond and Glenn Hall. This engagement has not been affected by the transfer of the Bijou compan to this theater.

The Rentz-Stanley Burlesque company, with the model scene from the "Clemenceau Case," is doing a wonderful business at the Pence, the S. R. O. sign being out each night. A grand matinee will be given to-day; usual performance to-night.

The talented May Howard and her big burlesque company will open a week's engagement next Monday. Seats are now on sale.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The Misses West have returned from New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Phillips left Tuesday night to spend the remainder of the winter in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jackson were called to Utica, N. Y., Sunday night, to attend the funeral of Mr. Jackson's father.

Mrs. J. N. Young, of Watertown, Wis., has arrived in Minneapolis and will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Gregory.

Miss Lillian Jansen, daughter of Chief of Police Jansen, of Milwaukee, is visiting the family of Officer George Johnson, of 813 Sixteenth avenue south.

John F. Souther, of Hurley, Wis., a Yale '84 man and known to all the Eastern college world through his long service as catcher of the Yale Base Ball club, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Souther is a mining chemist.

Prof. Hamlin Garland, of the Boston School of Oratory, is visiting Minneapolis, and while here will read his famous play, "Under the Wheel," and deliver several addresses. At the Unitarian church on Friday evening of this week "Under the Wheel" will be read. On Sunday evening next Prof. Garland will address Mr. Sample's congregation in All Souls church on the East side, and on Wednesday evening of next week he will address the Single Tax League at Labor Temple on "The Third House." The public generally is invited to all these entertainments.

A French Celebration.

Prof. Donald Downie will lecture on "Napoleon Bonaparte" this evening at the Holy Rosary church. His lecture will be illustrated by 100 colored views. During the lecture, at appropriate intervals, a number of the most popular French national vocal selections will be rendered by an octette of the ablest French talent of the city, under the direction of Monsieur De Raiche, dramatic tenor of the Conservatoire de Paris.

The following will assist:

Misses Rose, Stella and Celestine Saucier, Mme. Bilodeau, Mme. Pariseau, Dr. Gessier, Judge Gessier, Messrs. H. Beaupariand, A. Bilodeau, Lagace, J. Fortin, Prof. St. Hilaire and Prof. Pariseau.

The following songs will be rendered: "La Marsellaise," "Le Chant du Stepart," "Mourir Pour la Patrie."

Stricken With Paralysis.

Last night while walking along Hennepin avenue, near Washington, A. D. Blair was stricken with paralysis. His left side was totally disabled. He was taken in the central station patrol wagon to his home, 2909 Twenty-seventh avenue south. Mr. Blair is a millwright by trade. His doctors think he will recover.

Jack McConnell Remembered.

Jack McConnell, supervisor of water works, will enter upon the new year with nothing but the pleasantest recollections. Yesterday the men under his charge cornered him in his office, and presented him with a gold watch, chain and locket inscribed "Jack, M. W. W., Jan. 1, '91." He was also the recipient of a box of choice cigars, with a $5 gold piece concealed in the bottom.

ALMOST A MURDERER

F. D. Lapping Nearly Kills Victor Heath and Harry Merrick.

He Was One of Adamson's Victims, and He Sought Revenge.

The Hennepin County Delegation and the Court House Commission.

New Year's Will Be Celebrated Very Quietly To-Day.

At 4:15 yesterday afternoon a man about twenty-seven years of age, wearing a brown overcoat, rather the worse for wear, and a black slouch hat, cocked over one eye, his face covered with about a three-days' growth of sandy beard, walked nonchalantly down the stairway at 29 Washington avenue south. Out into the street he went and away, as if he was the most ordinary pedestrian. His name was F. S. Lapping. Within two minutes the walk in front of the stairway whence Lapping had emerged was blockaded, and it was known that two men had been shot on the second floor. Lapping, the man who went away without let or hindrance, was the man who did the shooting. He may be a murderer. He is certainly guilty of assault with intent to kill. If he does not have to answer to a charge of murder, it will not be through any fault of his own. The victims of his pistol were Victor Heath and Harry Merrick. Heath has a bullet lodged in the right lung. In Merrick's left upper jaw is imbedded a similar piece of lead. Both may recover, but Heath is dangerously hurt. The shooting occurred in the office of Charles E. Adamson, the money loaner, who is now serving time in the Stillwater prison for forgery. The men who are the sufferers were his employes.

When a GLOBE reporter visited the office, about ten minutes after the shooting, all three rooms were crowded with doctors, civilians and excited police officers. In the inner private office Victor Heath was stretched upon a sofa, while Dr. H. H. Kimball proved for the bullet. A few feet away Dr. Gibson was working over the shattered jaw of Harry Merrick. In the outer office, or ante room, was a hysterical woman, Violet Heath, who resisted all the efforts made by L. A. Merrick to calm her overwrought nerves. She would sob hysterically for a moment, and then break out in moans:

"Oh, my brother is shot! My brother is shot! Take me to my brother!"

When Adamson was found guilty and sent to Stillwater last spring he left his business in charge of Miss Violet Heath. She has been conducting it ever since. She had employed her brother, Victor Heath, as collector, and Harry Merrick, son of A. N. Merrick, Adamson's attorney, as bookkeeper. They have been compelled to suffer for Adamson's exactions. Last winter F. S. Lapping, the man who yesterday sought the lives of two persons, borrowed some money of Adamson. He gave two notes, one for $12 and the other for $18, secured by a mortgage on his household goods and a cow. The notes fell due, but Lapping had no money. Nor would he surrender the goods.

"This money had been due over a year," said Victor Heath, as soon as the doctor had done with him. I had gone to his house repeatedly to collect it, but he would never give me any satisfaction. It was a small matter and I didn't want to replevin the goods. I told Lapping that if he would pay me the face value of the notes I would forgive him the interest. But he wouldn't do that.

"'If you seize the goods,' he told me, 'I'll shoot every —— —— in the office.'

"I paid no attention to his threat, for they all say that. But he was as good as his word. Yesterday morning I secured a writ of replevin and went out to Lapping's house, 2912 Twenty-sixth street south. I didn't get much—not over $10 worth. I thought no more about it until he came in here in the afternoon and—you see what he did."

Adamson's loan office occupies three rooms fronting on the street over 29 Washington avenue south. There are two entrances, one into the private office, the other into the ante room to the general office. It was into the private office that Lapping rushed. He rushed over to the front, opposite the door leading from the private office, in behind the public counter, where were the safes and desks. Reaching that door, Lapping raised the pistol and, without a word, began firing. Victor Heath sat with his right side toward the door. The first bullet struck him just back of the side, about eight inches below the arm pit, ranging upward and forward from the rib and lodging in the right lung. He, when struck, sprang across the room between the desk and safe, escaping the second shot. Harry Merrick, who was sitting at another desk, whirled around at the second of the shots and received the third bullet in the mouth. It struck the left upper jaw just above the eye tooth and lodged in the bone a little below the left eye. The jaw was badly shattered. Lapping fired still another shot as a good-bye and left.

It all happened so quickly that those in the office scarcely knew how it occurred. The above is correct, so far as they can remember. Miss Heath thus describes her part in the affair:

"L. A. Merrick and I had just come from the court house. We had met Lapping on the street, but he said nothing. We were standing here by the door (in the ante-room) when I heard the shots and heard my brother cry out. I opened the door leading to the hall and Lapping was just coming out of the other door with the revolver in his hand. I grabbed hold of him to stop him, but he threw me off, at the same time pointing the pistol at me. Then he went away down the stairs. He didn't run, and didn't act as if he was a bit afraid."

One of the bullets from Lapping's revolver was picked up by Inspector Hankinson, and is now in his possession. It is 32 caliber.

Victor Heath is a man of about thirty years of age, and lives at 2004 Second street north. He has a wife and one child. Harry Merrick is a boy of nineteen, and lives with his parents at 1808 First avenue south. Heath was removed to St. Anthony hospital. Young Merrick was taken home. Both are in a serious condition, but may recover. Heath is the worst. The bullet is imbedded in the right lung, and there is danger from internal hemmorrhage. About the only danger to which young Merrick is subject is from inflammation. His jaw is badly shattered, and blood poisoning may ensue.

At a late hour last night, Heath was resting comfortably at St. Anthony hospital. The doctors think his chances for recovery are good. As soon as young Merrick was removed to his home, the bullet which had lodged in his cheek bone was removed and he is now resting easily.

A GLOBE reporter last night visited the home of the Lappings at 2912 Twenty-sixth street south. They live up stairs over a store, occupying three small rooms. The sight there presented was a dismal one, seeming almost to justify the mad act of the head of the house. Mrs. Lapping, with scarcely clothing enough to cover her, was tending a little infant not over five weeks old. The floors were bare. Heath had well nigh stripped the place of furniture when he carried away the mortgaged property. Although he said he did not get over $10 worth of property, he had taken their all. Nothing but a small deal table, a cheap cradle and a couple of almost worthless chairs remained. Poverty merged into absolute misery was stamped upon the household. Mrs. Lapping, a pale, weak little woman, said that the debt upon which their few articles of furniture had been seized, had been running for over two years. Her husband, who is a mason by trade, had been able to find but little work. Mrs. Lapping had been sick, and what little he could earn had to go to pay the doctors' bills. With all their misfortunes, they had paid, twice over, the amount of the debt in interest. When the threat of replevin came her husband seemed maddened. It was a case of "the worm will turn." She couldn't believe that her husband would have done what he did had he been in his right mind. She didn't know that he had a revolver. It seemed to her as if she was about to be overwhelmed with trouble.

It is an undeniable fact that public opinion is with Lapping. The police would not be surprised should it be discovered that he has committed suicide. Lapping has not yet been found.

A LIVELY CONFERENCE.

The Court House Commission and the Hennepin Delegates Meet.

The conference between the members of the Hennepin county delegation to the legislature and the court house and city hall commissioners, held yesterday afternoon, while not of a decisive nature in its result, did this much. It proved that the commission has not been going it blind, as many have supposed, and that the amount they propose to expend is not so much out of proportion when it is considered that they are building for the future. The commissioners sat on one side of the room, and the senators and representatives on the other, with a long table between them. The debates at times were lively, and the meeting seemed to resolve itself into the proportions of a board of trade assembly. The commission sprang a little surprise, which changed the aspect of affairs. It seems that a quiet meeting had been held on Monday, when a proposition was agreed upon, which was in substance:

That the county half of the structure, exclusive of the tower, be built at once, as that was the most needed. This could be done in three years in the following manner: In the first place no more bonds would be needed. The scheme is as follows: The $300,000 city bonds should be converted to the county series. This added to the $600,000 still on hand of unsold county series would complete and furnish the county half of the house. Then a one-mill tax levy should be placed upon the city tax and the same upon the county. This would bring in an income of about $200,000 a year, which could be used in finishing the city part. Should this be done and the contracts let at once, the county part could be done in two and one-half years. This is also the most needed part of the building, as vault room is now needed at the old court house, and little should be expended on the old structure.

This proposition did not meet with entire approval on the part of the delegation as it was plain to see. They were very candid in criticising the action of the commissioners in exceeding the $1,500,000 appropriated, and the commissioners were equally aggressive in defending their position. Senator Morse finally brought things to a focus when he asked if the commission did not think it was limited to the $1,500,000 appropriation. Mr. Johnson said the commission never had that idea and was backed up in his assertion by several commissioners who were in the legislature at the time. Mr. Morse replied very emphatically that the public had this idea. Representative Tripp thereupon remarked that it had been given out that the board had been going it blind, but he had found out that it did know what it was about, and went deliberately to work to construct a building which would cost $2,200,000 with soft stone or $2,600,000 with granite, and had thrown dust in the eyes of the people.

The repartee across the table came quite sharp and bitter when Senator McMillan took a hand, and, in the driest manner imaginable, proceeded to doubt the entire wisdom of the board's actions. He wanted to know, if the delegation fixed a limit at $2,000,000, or $2,500,000, if the commission would agree to confine itself to that amount. Commissioner Brackett said he would resign first and Commissioner Clough echoed "me too"—George H. Brackett acquiesced, ditto De Laittre—Titus Mareck said: "If we were so bound up that we cannot put up a proper building I'll resign." Commissioner Oswald in a dignified speech echoed the same sentiments, and the conference was at an end.

NEW YEAR'S ADVENT.

The Day Not Celebrated in the Old-Fashioned Way.

To-day is New Year's day. If you don't believe it look up a calendar and satisfy yourself. For the past week or so some people had been thinking it was October. Yesterday's rain caused them to switch, and they firmly believed that they had got around into March or April. Not so. It is New Year's, and there is no way out of it.

But the old resident will not find to-day much like the old-time New Year's day, the day of his youth, the day when he was accustomed to go out calling, returning home at nightfall full of wine and egg nogg and good resolutions and in the arms of a lusty porter. There will be no general observance of New Year's to-day. A few gatherings will occur, but not many. They will be mostly in the nature of family parties, to which the casual acquaintance will not be bidden. The only thing about this New Year which will at all resemble the New Years of days gone will be the number of good resolutions that will be made and broken ere sunset. In that the day never changes. There will be a general suspension of business, of course, and matinees at all the theaters.

NEW YEAR'S EVENTS.

Oliver P. Morton post, G. A. R., will hold an open installation of officers this evening.

The Unity club will give a calico party this evening. Dancing will be a prominent feature, and the alternate numbers will be old-fashioned dances.

Mrs. Emerson Cole and the Misses Cole will receive from 4 to 10 p. m. at her residence, 109 Oak Grove street.

Nora Division No. 12, uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, will give a grand semi-military ball in the evening.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold open house, their lady friends assisting in receiving from 2 until 10 p. m. There will be music and refreshments, and every young man in the city is invited.

The sixth annual dinner for the railroad men of Minneapolis is to occur from 12 to 3 p. m. at the railroad men's reading room, 21 Second street south, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A.

The members of the Clio circle hold a reception in the afternoon and evening at the residence of W. B. McCord, 1916 Second avenue south. The following ladies will receive: Misses Eva and Anna McCord, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Beck, and Miss Nellie Thomas, Kate Wagner, Alice Jones, Maud Best, Emily Hahn, Kate Stimson, Mayme Best and Sadie Miller.

Orr Weakened at the Last.

Charles G. Orr's suit against James Ready, the old soldier, to collect $30 on a chattel mortgage came up before Justice Abell yesterday. Orr had concluded that he was getting into a corner, so he agreed to pay all the costs, to dismiss the case, to return the property to Ready, and to hire a drayman to take the goods wherever Ready might desire. Ready had a counter claim of $100 for damages against Orr, but that was also dismissed. This does not end Orr's troubles by any means, for the United States district court will try him for violation of the United States pension laws.

The Plymouth Clothing House

Annual Red-Figure Mark-Down Sale.

DONE IN ONE YEAR.

What the Expenses of the City Have Been in 1890.

Details of the Expenditures for the Police Department.

What Has Been Done in the Way of Public Improvements.

Figures on the Amount of Postal Business Transacted.

This morning, the first day of the new year, it is meet that something should be said of business, both public and private, and how it has compared for the past year with the business of previous years. Figures on city finances are as follows:

Bonded debt	$7,080,500 00.0
Assessed valuation less all deductions and exemptions	136,944,372 00.0
Average rate of taxation on the property of the city	19.3 mills

The city's bonded indebtedness a year ago to-day was $6,486,500, the assessed valuation $127,101,861, and the average rate of taxation 21.4 mills. The appropriation made for last year was $841,669. The expenses have been $815,743.81. Below are the expenses of each department, save the city engineer's, fire department and one or two others, which are not yet in shape to present. The expenses of these, however, are included in the total of $815,743.81.

Police department expenses	$209,828 07
Workhouse expense	21,203 18
Legal expenses and damages	3,641 59
Municipal court	14,274 38
Poor department	25,146 10
Health department	22,262 25
City hospital expenses	11,941 29
Building inspector's department	8,582 50
City assessor's department	9,802 19
Printing and stationery	10,193 26
Incidentals	4,341 05
Roads and bridges	8,657 28
Street lighting	167,199 00
Salaries of city officials	71,310 08
Elections	21,146 14
Ed A. Stevens, compiling city charter and ordinances	2,224 00
Armory association building	7,500 00
Bethany home	1,600 00
Sewer, water and house connection	4,257 55
Obtaining evidence, municipal court	416 60
License refunded	867 50
Contingent fund	9,435 40

Public Works and Improvements.

In the line of public improvements the city has now 162 miles of water mains, with a total pumping capacity of 73,300,000 gallons daily. About 13,000,000 gallons are used every day. In 1882 there were but twenty miles of mains. The sewerage system of the city was begun in 1871, but during eleven years only 2.57 miles were built. To-day there are about eighty miles of sewers. At the beginning of 1880 there was not a square yard of pavement in the city; now there are over twenty miles. There are seventy-five miles of curbing. For 1890 110.77 miles of sidewalk are ordered. It cost, estimated, $90,000 to sprinkle the streets the past year. There are fifteen bridges in the city spanning the Mississippi, costing about $1,500,000. A rail traffic bridge will be erected next year to accommodate the millers, extending from the flour mill section across the river, and a dam at the same point to give some 50,000 additional water power.

The park system was begun ten years ago. Now, according to Prof. W. W. Folwell, Minneapolis' park area is, proportionately to population, greater than that of any other American city. Including Lake Calhoun, or Mendoza now, Minneapolis has 1,500 acres of park, worth as real estate alone, accordidg to the last comptroller's report, $3,835,000.

The value of school property is nearly $2,000,000. School receipts have increased from $125,829.90 in 1880 to eight times that amount in 1890. The total enrollment for this school year will come near to 24,000. The tax rate is now three mills. There are seven special instructors in such studies as drawing, music, sewing, etc. The corps of instructors numbers fifty-five teachers. Practical kindergarten instruction, illustrated geogrsphy, history, science and literature, with an excellent fine art course and manual training work in the high school prepares Minneapolis boys and girls for practical life. Sewing has also been introduced into the schools to advantage. A large proportion of the pupils complete the course, and the high schools, with a total enrollment of some 1,500 pupils, are kept full. The evening schools have an attendance of 2,500. There are fifty school buildings in the city.

Building for the Year.

So much for public business in the aggregate. Now for some figures in detail. The following are totals from the building inspector's office for four years:

	No. of Permits.	Total Valuation
1887	4,620	$6,642,114
1888	4,339	9,923,837
1889	4,335	8,737,281
1890	3,624	7,210,076

Police Department Expenses.

In 1889 the total police department expenses were $194,271.55. During 1890 they were as follows in detail:

Salaries	$198,715 59
Headquarters	980 36
First precinct station, fuel, light, etc	2,389 00
Second precinct station, fuel, light, etc	589 63
Third precinct station, fuel, light, etc	816 12
Fourth precinct station, fuel, light, etc	638 50
Fifth precinct station, fuel, light, etc	309 43
Patrol Wagon No. 1	283 28
Patrol Wagon No. 2	270 01
Patrol Wagon No. 3	485 02
Signal service, rent of telephones, repairs, etc	418 41
Board of police commissioners, stationery, postage, etc	235 10
Personal property, clubs, belts, helmets, etc	2,887 46
Meals for prisoners	710 25
Total	$209,728 07

The Water Department.

The receipts and expenditures of the city water department for 1890, as furnished by Registrar F. T. Moody, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Water rent and penalties	$172,499 74
Sale of bonds	51,932 39
Water main taxes	95,986 45
Advances to lay mains	6,749 56
Sundries	57 94
Total	$327,217 03
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1889	$67,341 50
Total	$394,558 62
EXPENSES.	
General running expenses	$86,087 11
Net expenses	181,139 59
Final payment on pumps	32,049 96
City engineer certificates	12,809 24
Advance to lay mains	4,307 39
Water meters	6,597 69
Miscellaneous	723 21
Total	$323,714 21

There remains a balance in the treasury of $70,544.41.

In the Postoffice.

The financial statement for 1890 from the postoffice is a follows,

Receipts from sales of stamps, envelopes, etc	$318,073 31
Receipts from publishers' postage	19,769 78
Receipts from postage due collections	4,466 91
Receipts from box rent	4,045 50
Receipts from sale of waste, etc	186 29
Paid to railway postal clerks	18,673 04
Paid letter carriers' account	76,433 00
Transferred to money order account	179,600 00
Amount sent to U. S. treasury	12,494 30
Total postage funds handled	$633,742 13

The total money order business was 204,908 orders for $1,872,133.49. The net income of the office was $218,131.36. The number of pieces of mail handled was 67,062,660. The force of carriers has been increased from 70, in 1889, to 80 in 1890.

BRACKETT AS COMMISSIONER

The Appointment Is Satisfactory—Nye and Ege.

When the news came from St. Paul yesterday afternoon that Gov. Merriam had appointed Winn M. Brackett as police commissioner, vice N. H. Girtsen, term expired, there were not a few expressions of satisfaction, albeit it came as a surprise. Outside of one or two persons, no one in Minneapolis knew that the name of the present superintendent of police had been mentioned for the commissionership. Indeed Mr. Brackett scarcely knew of it himself. The appointment came unsolicited. Democrats as well as Republicans seemed satisfied with it. Mr. Brackett is looked upon as being "on the square." Moreover, he has a practical acquaintance with the workings of the department. He should make a good commissioner. Since the commission is a reality, evil though it may be, it is generally considered that a much better selection couldn't have been made.

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Two of the soon-to-be ex-county officials now want to break into the city pastures. The friends of James Ege are urging him as an opponent to Chief F. S. Stetson for the head of the fire department. Frank M. Nye's friends want to make him city attorney, instead of giving R. P. Russell a re-elected. The naming of Mr. Russell's assistants is what is causing some opposition to him. A goodly number of aldermen want L. A. Dunn retained as assistant, but Mr. Russell does not see it that way. The candidacy of these two men isn't making friends for them to any considerable extent. Both have held office in the county. Both secured re-nominations. Both were defeated. Why they should now be taken up and fed out of the municipal hay mow doesn't make itself quite clear to most minds. In justice to Mr. Ege, it should be stated that his name has been put forward without his consent. Said he yesterday:

"I am not looking for Stetson's place. I believe that the man who occupies that place should have some practical knowledge of the working of the department. I don't know anything about the place, and don't feel qualified to take it."

MRS. KEMPSTER RELEASED.

She Will Have a Hearing on January 9.

The Kempster-Folsom difficulty was again in the courts yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Kempster spent the night in the lock-up, and when she was arraigned in court yesterday morning on the charge of embezzlement the case was continued until afternoon. In the afternoon the case was continued until Jan. 9, Mrs. Kempster being released on her own recognizance.

Mrs. Kempster, when brought back from St. Paul by Inspector Howard, denied that she went away to escape arrest. She says that she merely went to St. Paul for rest. She admits owing Folsom $200, and says that she turned over to him the bill of sale of her stock so that he might protect her from creditors, with the understanding that he would not use it against her. Mr. Folsom maintains that the whole affair is simply a business matter between him and Mrs. Kempster. He lent her money, and is merely trying to protect his own interests. He has no malice in the matter at all. Of course Miss Agnes does not love Mr. Folsom any more.

FIVE PER CENT INTEREST

Allowed on Six Months' Deposits

By the Minnesota Loan and Trust Company of Minneapolis. The oldest and strongest Trust Company in the Northwest. Money loaned only on security.

LOWRY WOULD FIGHT.

He Says the Threatened Patent Suits Won't Count.

The Adams Electric Railway company, of St. Louis, will shortly enter suit against the Thompson-Houston, the Sprague and all other electric railway systems, on the ground that all patents in use on electric roads are infringements upon the patents held by the Adams company. Both the Sprague and the Thompson-Houston systems are in use in Minneapolis, but President Lowry doesn't anticipate any interference with the Twin City lines. Should the Minneapolis lines be enjoined from running, he says the St. Louis people will get right right back. "Just let them try their game as soon as they like," said he yesterday. "Our cars are made to run and run they will, in spite of a Missouri court or any other. But then rest assured there is nothing in it. Bless your heart, these people never make anything out of their sensational suits."

SLAYMAN WAS HELD.

The Boys Who Stole the Brass Were Released.

Jacob Slayman, the man who was arrested for buying stolen goods, had a hearing yesterday. The result of it was that he was held to the grand jury, his bail being fixed at $200. About a dozen small boys were arrested for stealing the brasses from the St. Louis road which Slayman was arrested for buying. All of them were released. Slayman is believed to have instigated the thieving. He is said to have told the boys to get all of that brass they could, and to bring it to him, saying nothing to any one about it, as he would buy all they could get.

Emma Was Good, But—

Emma Gustafson was before Judge Mahoney yesterday morning, telling a sad tale about John Peterson. According to her own tale this nice-looking, gentle Emma was a very pious sort of a girl. She never went to a dance; she never went to a theater; she never went to entertainments; she never went to parties; she never went anywhere, in fact, except to the Swedish church. But she did get to thinking too much of John, and it all culminated in John being arrested for bastardy. He was held to the grand jury in bonds of $300.

Medical and Surgical Institute.

Prominent among the institutions in which Minneapolis takes a special pride is its Medical and Surgical Institute at 828 First avenue south; Dr. J. L. Stone president and W. D. Lawrence, M. D., secretary and treasurer. This institute is thoroughly equipped with the most approved apparatus and appliances, and has in daily attendance eight representative specialists, covering every department of medicine and surgery. The institute is prepared to receive patients or respond to reliable calls for consultation or operations in any part of the Northwest. Correspondence solicited.

Presentation at the Pence.

Abe Leavitt, manager of the Rentz-Santley company, now playing at the Pence, was carried onto the stage last night by Ed Hilton in response to calls from the company and presented with an elegant gold watch and chain, the gift of the members of his company. Barney Reynolds made a neat little speech, but Mr. Leavitt was so overcome that he could not reply. The large audience seemed to enjoy his discomfiture, but applauded the pleasing act. A fine collation was served by Mr. Leavitt after the performance.

AN UNWELCOME VISITOR.

Rheumatism is making its usual fall visit in many of our families. Aches, pains, stiffness and all the agonizing symptoms that characterize this dread disease are banished quickly and permanently by Paine's Celery Compound. Its power to relieve suffering, banish pain and give perfect health is marvelous. Pure, palatable and potent for health, you do yourself an injustice if you do not use it when sick and suffering.

Help the Poor.

It is reported on good authority that nearly 300 families are quite destitute of clothing and provisions in McIntosh county, North Dakota. Will the good people of Minneapolis be sure that each family sends a package of cast-off clothing to-day (Jan. 1) to the board of trade rooms, second floor Lumber Exchange, corner of Fifth street and Hennepin avenue, as a New Year's gift to the needy? One of the committee will be on hand ready to receive them. Nelson Williams, John C. Reno, William D. Hall, committee.

Coroner Byrnes' Assistants.

Coroner-elect Byrnes has chosen Dr. Herbert E. Carey, Dr. Harlow N. Orton and Dr. Tibbetts as his deputies. Dr. Cary was a classmate of Dr. Byrnes in the medical department of Michigan university at Ann Arbor. Dr. Orton is a physician of ability, who has lived in Minneapolis for many years. Dr. Tibbetts was a candidate for coroner before the Democratic convention. He is a resident of Wayzata, and will be a deputy only so far as the country is concerned.

NEW YEAR ENTRIES.

These Will Start to Beat Their Old Year Records.

CLIFTON, Dec. 31.—Entries for to-morrow are as follows:

First race, six and a half furlongs, selling—J J O'B, 118; Repeater, 114; Manola, 113; Count Luna, 110; Dalesman, 106; Supervisor, 106; Maria, 105; Emeti filly, 102; Kanesville, 103; Not Guilty, 102; Lakewood, 98; Pegasus, 94; Lady F, 99; Wanderer II, 102; King Idler, 102.

Second race, seven-eighths of a mile—Waldo Johnson, 122; Monsoon, 112; Harrison, 109; Fitzroy, 107; Fabian, 104; Silver Prince, 104; Vosburg, 102; Caramel filly, 99; Cotillion, 92; Irene H, 74.

Third race, mile and a sixteenth—A Farrow, 126; Prince James, 114; Golden Reel, 114; Clamor, 114; Brian Boru, 114; Dunboyne, 114; Lafitte, 104; Iliga, 99; Telephone, 99.

Fourth race, two miles and a quarter, selling—Macbeth Second, 116; St. Luke, 116; Wm. Daly, Jr., 101; Geronimo, 102; Woodburn, 101; Ebis, 101; Alchemist, 102; Iceberg, 98; Ganymede, 98; The Forum, 98; Question, 84; Ofalece, 94; Squanderer, 93; Gendarme, 98; Ofellus, 89; Zaagbar, 89; Matinee gelding, 82; Eminence, 93; Gettysburg, 104; Sour Mash, 98.

Fifth race, three-quarters of a mile, selling—Mamie B, 111; Long Island, 110; Prince Edward, 110; Tioga, 109; Chapman, 109; Defendant, 109; Lemon, 108; Hardee, 102; A O H, 100; Washington, 100; Mr. Sass, 99; Xenophon, 95; Repent, 94; Midget, 94.

Sixth race, five-eighths of a mile—Planter, 139; Little Jake, 130; Sunday, 130; Express, 126; Thad Rowe, 123; Australand, 106; Village Maid, 108; St. Mary, 108; Bessie K, 101; Endurer, 100; Zed, 94; Rumpus, 84; Duke John, 84; Lizzie Pickwick, 89; Pauline Hall, 79.

AT GUTTENBERG.

GUTTENBERG, Dec. 31.—The following entries are on the books:

First race, mile, beaten horses—John Daly, 101; Macaulay, 101; Marty B, 100; Red Light, 100; Success, 100; Sam D, 97; Extra, 97.

Second race, five furlongs—Little Fred, 112; Lizzie, 112; Judge Mitchell, 110; Ethel S, 109; Francis S, 109; Alma filly, 107; Orton, 102; Primero, 102; Frankie T, 102; Templemore, 99; Discount, 99.

Third race, five furlongs—Objection, 129; Tipstaff, 129; Ben Harrison, 117; Golucky, 116; Kenwood, 116; Queen Isabella, 101.

Fourth race, innovation stakes, two-year-olds, three furlongs—Selah, 110; Rhoda colt, 110; Clarissa filly, 107; North Anna filly, 107; Cloths, 107; Standard, 107; Lillie Redding, 107; Azrael, 107; Arrowgrass, 107; Ella Lakeland filly, 107; Vocalize, 107; Refraction filly, 107;

Fifth race, Alpha handicap, mile and a sixteenth—Textil, 116; My Fellow, 116; Kenwood, 115; Gloster, 108; Blue Jeans, 107; Vardee, 106; Brussels, 103; Forest King, 102; Winona, 102; Pearlset, 100; Woodcutter, 92; Ballston, 90.

Sixth race, seven furlongs, selling—Gloster, 117; Vardee, 111; Brussels, 110; Rancocas, 110; Renounce, 107; Mohican, 106; Girondes, 105; Little Willie, 105; Facial B, 104.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—The selling entries for to-morrow are as below:

First race, selling, nine-sixteenths of a mile—Ione D, 82; Minnie Walker, 85; McCullough, 90; Dutch Boy, 93; Miss Lou, 96; Shiloh, 96; Moimoiloi, 100; Florin, 103; Arthur Lion, 105; Maggie B, 106; Foxhall, 108; Dan L, 108; Black Charlie, 108; Fred Davis, 111; Surget, 114; Leman, 105.

Second race, five furlongs—Grannie A, 90; Nettie Kent, 102; Secret, 103; Maud S, 100; Jim Reed, 105; Pete Willis, 105; Nellie F, 106; Mart Walden, 108; Governor, 108; Pritchett, 108; Harry Lightbody, 108; Roly-Boly, 109; Bonnie Annie, 109; Charles Reed, 111.

Third race, selling, six furlongs—Lala W, 102; Emma J, 104; Eisie B, 106; Eolem, 108; Ruffian, 108; Tommy R, 109; Barnett, 109; Luke Alexander, 111; Consignee, 111; Red Bird, 111; Rosa, 113; Henry Hardy, 113; Gifford, 115; Napa, 115; Shibboleth, 122.

Fourth race, mile—Shibboleth, 105; Bankrupt, 105; Buckler, 105; Justice, 105.

AT GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 31.—The running entries for to-morrow are:

First race, six and a half furlongs, selling—Romp, 117; Bay Archer, 112; Seatick, 110; Mamie Hay, 107; Ralph Black, 104; Teddington, 104; Rosette, 103; Billy O, 102; Ten Rookb, 102; America, 99.

Second race, three quarters of a mile, for three-year-olds, selling—Pestilence, 113; Nellie Stanley, 112; Umpire Kelly, 111; Bob Arthur, 107; India Rubber, 107; Little Marguerite, 102; Seabird, 98.

Third race, six and a half furlongs, selling—Lonely, 114; Gatlin, 110; Jack Batchelor, 110; Gounod, 110; Marie Lovell, 109; Copperfield, 106; Glitter, 105; Brewster, 104; Ida Girl, 101; Lita, 101; Top Sawyer, 100.

Fourth race, seven-eighths of a mile—MacDowell, 117; Howe, 117; Chieftain, 114; Le sa iu, 114; Sallie Harper, 112; Quotation, 112; Lady Pulsifer, 112; Mabel, 112.

Fifth race, mile and five-sixteenths, selling—Aftermath, 112; John Jay S, 112; Lotion, 110; Crispin, 104; Harzburg, 100;