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A FACTION FIGHT ON.

Bitter Warfare at Chamberlain Between Mellette and Pettigrew.

The Former Seeking to Have Delegates Instructed for Harrison.

Pettigrew Sees in Harrison's Nomination Sure Defeat for His Party,

And Is Moving for an Uninstructed Delegation to Minneapolis.

Special to the Globe.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., March 21.—The convention in this city tomorrow will be by far the largest political gathering ever held in the state. Two full train loads of delegates and strikers arrived this evening, and strong forces of both the Pettigrew and Mellette factions are on the ground, preparing for what will be the prettiest, as well as the bitterest, political battle ever fought in the Northwest. Both parties are confident of being able to control the convention. The principal point for which the Pettigrew faction will fight will be that an uninstructed delegation be sent to the Minneapolis convention, while the Mellette men are determined that the delegation shall be instructed to support President Harrison first, last and all the time. Every state and federal officer of any prominence is here putting his shoulder to the wheel to assist Harrison in his hour of need. The feeling between the two factions is exceedingly bitter, and the convention tomorrow will witness considerable roasting by both sides. The Pettigrew men are considered traitors to the party by the Mellette men, while the Pettigrew men claim that if Harrison again heads the national ticket the party will be overwhelmingly defeated next November. Each of the factions is busy putting the finishing touches to its slates this evening. The Pettigrew slate seems to stand the best chance of pulling through, and if it does the following gentlemen are likely to be sent uninstructed to Minneapolis: W. V. Lucas, Fall River county; A. B. Kittridge, Minnehaha county; Col. Jumper, Brown county; State Senator Leppelman, Potter county; ex-Senator Moody, Lawrence county; J. M. Greene, Brule county; Robert Gamble, Yankton county; Harry S. Hunter, Spink county. The Mellette men are strongly reinforced, however, and their efforts will be solely to smash the above slate and substitute their own in its place.

For a Cleveland Man.

Special to the Globe.

GRAFTON, N. D., March 22.—The Democratic convention held in this city yesterday for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention, voted almost unanimously to instruct its delegates to work for the election of H. A. Johnson, a staunch Cleveland supporter, for delegate to the national convention. It was the best attended convention since the organization of the party in this county.

Dakota County Delegates.

Special to the Globe.

HASTINGS, Minn., March 22.—J. C. Geraghty, H. C. Barton, N. P. Rogers, G. W. Wentworth, Albert Schaller, John Heinen, J. J. Caneff, P. E. Gilmore and Michael Haggerty were elected delegates at the county convention, held this afternoon, to attend the State Democratic convention in St. Paul. The delegates were instructed to use their endeavors to select delegates to the national convention favorable to the nomination of Grover Cleveland.

Both for Grover.

Special to the Globe.

OTONVILLE, Minn., March 22—At the Democratic county convention held in this city today, A. J. Schofield and P. H. O'Hara were chosen delegates to the state convention. They are both avowed Cleveland men. Chairman P. Clark told the convention some plain truths about the Alliance and its failure to accomplish anything for the farmers. He gave the twine trust and the National Union company some hard thrusts.

One Mere Withdrawal.

Special to the Globe.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., March 22.—Dr. H. J. Conner tonight withdrew from the mayoralty contest in favor of Charles Lawrence, president of the board of public works. Mr. Lawrence will also receive Mayor Pattison's support. This practically harmonizes the Republican party.

Don't Care to Fuse.

Special to the Globe.

MONTEVIDEO, Minn., March 22. — About fifty farmers met in convention today to consider about putting an Alliance ticket in the field. They refused any fusion with Democrats, and voted to have a ticket. H. V. Poore was present to organize the People's party. He made a speech and had the hat passed around.

VIOLENCE IS USED,

And Manitoba Troops May Yet Be Called Out.

Special to the Globe.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 22.—The strike on the Eastern division of the Canadian Pacific railroad has complicated matters somewhat, but the company is still confident it can replace the strikers. So far as the Western division is concerned, the strikers are beaten. Passenger trains have never stopped running, and now dead freight is beginning to move, trains being manned by competent men brought from the East. The Pacific division does not count, as there is only a handful of men on that part of the road. Reports from the Eastern division tonight state that the strikers have mobbed scab crews on both passenger and freight trains and weapons have been used. It is also reported that a scab conductor has been shot at Fort William, but this is not confirmed. Tonight all is quiet on the western division, the presence of mounted police at the principal points keeping the strikers in check. There are a lot of reckless men at Rat Portage who seem inclined to create trouble, and if they use any further violence the military will be sent from here to give the workmen and company protection. Orders were received from the general of the forces to send military if necessary.

The conductors, train hands and switchmen on the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific railroad went out on a strike at midnight. No trains will leave here tonight. The men are quiet and orderly.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 22.—At midnight the Canadian Pacific conductors, brakemen and switchmen on the Cartier, Chaplau and North Bay divisions went on a strike. Tomorrow the men on the eastern division will strike, paralyzing the entire system from the Atlantic to the Pacific, involving 10,000 miles of road. This afternoon several hundred men were sworn in here as special constables to go to various parts of the line to protect the company's property and employes.

THE GLOBE BULLETIN.

Weather--Fair and warmer.
The Commercial club opening.
Minneapolis Democratic convention.
Republicans assembling at Chamberlain.
Wisconsin reapportionment illegal.
Proposed great field day.
Nushka bowlers beat the Humors.
Silver discussion in the house.
The Kansas City system leased.
Lumbermen meet at Minneapolis.
St. Paul's base ball outlook
Merriam will try conditional pardons.
Wheat committee concludes evidence.
Salisbury's seal letter unsatisfactory.
Said that Hill will withdraw.
Mills is elected senator.
Canadian Pacific strike spreading.
Prohibition stande in Iowa.

Movement of Steamships.

LONDON--Sighted: Teutonic, New York.
MOVILLE--Arrived: Circassia, New York.
ROTTERDAM—Arrived: Schiedam, Baltimore.

RUN OF THE MARKETS.

Short sellers had a chance to their own liking most of the day at Chicago yesterday, and discouraged longs sold freely also. Toward the close, however, the bulls were favored a bit, and at the finish May wheat was only ¼c lower than Monday at 83⅜c, March 82⅛c, July 84c. Corn finished at 37⅜c March, 38⅝c May, 38c June. Last figures on oats: March 27⅛c, May 28c. Pork closed at $9.97½ March, $10.12½ May.

While the trading at New York was still largely professional, more life was noticeable than usual of late, and material advances were scored in several stocks, the market closing quiet and firm at about best prices of the day.

RESPECTS THE LAW.

Sioux City's Mayor Will Enforce Prohibition.

SIOUX CITY, Io., March 22.—In his inaugural address Mayor Pierce last night startled his auditors by declaring that he would enforce the prohibition law. For two years there has been an ordinance that where a license in the shape of $50 a month was extorted from the liquor sellers no prosecution would follow, and public sentiment was almost overwhelmingly in favor of it. Mayor Pierce's pledge is the talk of the town, and the saloon men and sporting classes are preparing again to move across the river to Covington, in Nebraska.

SIOUX FALLS STYLE.

A Typical Divorce Case of Bona Fide Residents.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 22.—C. D. Scott, of the firm of Scott & Thompson, wholesalers of farm machinery, has begun an action for divorce from his wife, Jennie E. Scott. Mrs. Scott left in December for Chicago to complete her education for elocution. Scott asserts that his wife has treated him cruelly, has called him harsh names, and otherwise has grievously annoyed him. Mrs. Scott denies these allegations, and charges her husband with being an habitual drunkard, and specially charges him with unfaithfulness, naming the two co-respondents, one of whom was formerly a prominent figure in society. Mrs. Scott alleges that her husband induced her to leave for Chicago in order to begin action for divorce. She asks for the custody of the child, $200 a month alimony, and a divorce, with division of the property. Scott has been to Chicago to induce his wife to withdraw the charges, but she refuses.

Abusive Red Men.

Special to the Globe.

CARLTON, Minn., March. 22—Reports come that while Indian Agent Shuler was paying off the Indians at White Oak Point, near Deer river, about seventy-five drunken Indians came into the pay room and used very abusive language to the pay party and threatened to destroy the government dams if the damage money was not paid. Arrests will probably follow.

Burned to Death.

FARGO, N. D., March 22.—Madame Massey's coon dive in the "Hollow" was buried at an early hour this morning. A colored man named Will Williams was smothered to death, and the body badly charred by the fire before it could be removed. All the other inmates escaped, but most of their clothing and personal effects were destroyed. Williams apparently made an effort to escape, but was too stupefied by liquor and smoke to succeed.

To Improve Water Power.

Special to the Globe.

TAYLOR'S FALLS, Minn., March 22.—It is given out that the water power at this place, which was sold last fall to an Eastern syndicate, will be improved during the coming summer. A very thorough survey was completed but a short time ago, covering a distance of six miles along the river, and one-fourth of a mile from either bank.

Jumped From a Window.

Special to the Globe.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., March 22.—Gustave Amundson, a soldier from Fort Snelling connected with the recruiting station, while under the influence of liquor, jumped out of the window of his room in the Grand Central hotel. He had been locked up in the room by the night clerk on account of his behavior. His injuries are not serious.

Died From His Injuries.

Special to the Globe.

HUTCHINSON, Minn., March 22.—Homer Higgins, whose team ran away yesterday, throwing him from the wagon and fatally injuring him, died last night from the results of his injuries.

Three Died in a Day.

Special to the Globe.

RED WING, March 22.—Malignant diphtheria has broken out in the family of Peter Weiberg, of Vasa. Four children have died, three dying in one day. Five others are ill in the same family.

A BADGER LAW VOID.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court Rules Against the Reapportionment Law.

Judges Unanimously Undo the Work of the Legislature.

A Constitutional Provision Clearly Transgressed by the Act.

Full Synopsis of Points Emphasized in the Decision of the Court.

MADISON, Wis., March 22.—The supreme court declares the assembly, senatorial and congressional apportionment made by the last legislature to be unconstitutional. The decision of the court was unanimous. Following is a statement by Chief Justice Lyon of the points decided in the case: The motion to dismiss the information of complaint performs the functions of and in substance and legal effect is a general demurrer thereto, and will be so treated. The action is by the attorney general in behalf of the state in a matter of publici juris. It may be maintained to force the purpose of common right without the intervention of a private relator. If there be such intervention it does not affect the enforcement of public right.

The threatened official act of the secretary of state, to wit: The issuing and publishing of notices of election of members of legislature under chapter 482, Laws of 1891, which is here sought to be restrained, is purely ministerial. In all such matters this court has jurisdiction to control, either by mandamus or injunction, as the agencies of the case may require, the official conduct of the secretary. It cannot be determined whether the injunction prayed for should be refused or granted, without first determining whether chapter 482

Is, or Is Not Valid Law;

hence the court has jurisdiction to determine the question of jurisdiction, to determine the question of the validity of chapter 482, and to grant or refuse the injunction accordingly. Section 4, article 4, of the constitution ordains that assembly districts shall be "bounded by county, precinct, town or ward lines." The term "precinct" has ceased to be significant. The above provision makes the county the primary territorial unit of representation in the assembly and prohibits the dismemberment of counties in the formation of assembly districts, hence no assembly district can lawfully be formed which includes territory in two or more counties, unless the whole of such counties are included therein, so that the district is bounded entirely by county lines.

A constitutional assembly district cannot be formed which includes within its limits fractions of two or more counties, or one county and a fraction of another county, for in either case the integrity of county lines would be violated, and a county dismembered. Chapter 482, laws of '91, attempts thus to dismember about twenty counties. Section 3, article 4 of the constitution provides that legislative districts shall be formed, and members of the two branches of the legislature apportioned according to the

Number of Inhabitants.

because the county is the primary territorial unit in the formation of assembly districts, and members of assembly must first be apportioned to counties or to single districts, containing two or more counties. The above provision of section 3, article 5, as applied to the formation of assembly districts, means primarily that there must be substantial equality of representation in proportion to population as between all the different counties and districts containing two or more counties; that is to say, there must be no material and unnecessary inequality in proportionate representation in the assembly of counties and such districts on the basis of population.

Each county and each such district having having a population equal to the numerical unit of representation of the assembly (alleged to be 16,868) is entitled absolutely to one member of assembly, unless it is found necessary to attach to such county for the formation of an assembly district a county having less than the numerical unit of representation. For each multiple of such numerical unit reached by the population of any county, such county is absolutely entitled to an additional member of assembly. The remainder of 100 members of assembly not thus

Absolutely Apportioned

should be apportioned, on some equitable rule, to an equal number of several counties, probably to the counties having the largest fractions of population in excess of such numerical or multiple thereof. Chapter 482, Laws of 1891, violates the foregoing rule. For example, it gives La Crosse county, with 38,801 inhabitants, but one member of assembly, while it gives Manitowoc county, with 37,831 inhabitants, three members.

The apportionment of the state into assembly districts is an entire process. To a greater or less extent each part of an apportionment act is affected by and dependent upon every other part thereof. For this reason it is impossible to expunge from chapter 482 the portions thereof which violates legislative requirements and sustain the balance of the act as valid law. Hence the whole act is null and void, and consequently is not a legal basis for the issue and publication by the secretary of state of notices of election of members of the legislature. The court finds in the constitution no limitation upon the power of the legislature to number the senate districts as it sees fit.

This decision does not impeach the validity of acts otherwise valid of a legislature elected under an invalid legislative apportionment statute. Neither is the jurisdiction of the court affected, nor the exercise thereof embarrassed by the fact that this decision may leave the state without a valid legislative apportionment law, and hence without any law for the election of another legislature. The governor may convene the present legislature if he thinks proper, and when so convened there can be no doubt of its power to enact a valid legislative apportionment law.

Possible Results.

The decision practically means that the governor must call together the legislature—now Democratic—in extra session, and that a new apportionment must be made. The Democrats cannot by any possibility lose control of the state senate, but the Republicans, under an act made in accordance with this decision, will probably gain control of the assembly by a sufficiently large majority to have control of both houses on joint ballot and thus elect a Republican successor to Senator Sawyer. If they accomplish that end, Spooner will be chosen. If they fail to do so, Gen. Bragg will no doubt be elected by the Democrats. An early session of the legislature will no doubt be called. The supreme court is composed of three Democrats and two Republicans, hence the decision will not be considered as being tainted by partisan feeling.

WINTER WHEAT.

Outlook For a Crop in Several States.

CHICAGO, March 22.—This week's Farmer's Review will say regarding the condition of winter wheat: It was feared that the winter wheat had been greatly injured by the recent heavy freezes. Reports from alternate counties of the states covered show that while there was some injury it has not been so wide-spread as was feared. In Illinois three-fifths of the correspondents say that the outlook is still fair to good. The others report the condition as bad. In Indiana 70 per cent of the correspondents report the condition as fair and good, and the others report poor. In Michigan two-thirds of the correspondents report the condition as fair and good, the others poor. In Iowa very few correspondents report any wheat. Of those reporting two-thirds give the prospects from fair to good. In Wisconsin the outlook is decidedly bad. Not more than one-third of the correspondents report the condition as either good or fair. The others give a gloomy report of the condition of the crop.

A BEWITCHED HOUSE.

Young Lady Cured by a Female Witch Doctor.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 22.—Mattie Kurtz, living between this city and Mishawaka, a young lady nineteen years of age, has for some time been afflicted with a strange disease, which has baffled the skill of the best physicians. Lately it has come to light that the young lady was bewitched, and that a former resident of the house was in the same condition at one time. The young lady's mother is authority for the statement, and said that her daughter received no benefit from medical treatment until a witch doctor, or person possessed of power to drive out the evil one, was called in, when she was fully restored.

JUDGED BY LAWYERS.

Judge Maynard Fares Badly at the Hands of the Bar.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Association of the Bar of the City of New York tried Isaac Maynard, judge of the court of appeals, tonight, and brought in a verdict of guilty. The judge was found guilty of reprehensible conduct in the Dutchess county election case by a vote which was probably about 5 to 1, and within a few days the senators and representatives in Albany assembled will be called upon by the New York city bar to remove him from the high judicial office to which he was recently elevated.

ROYAL APPETITES.

Queen Victoria and Daughter at the Table.

LONDON, March 22.—A special from Hyeres irreverently declares that the French dwellers at that peaceful resort are astonished by the evidence of appetite exhibited by the queen and the members of her party. It is recorded that her majesty and Princess Beatrice, when breakfasting at a hotel yesterday, spent a half hour over the repast, demolishing coffee, tea, cream, butter, omelettes, poached eggs, sole, beefsteak, fruit, bread, in quantities that seemed enormous according to French ideas. In addition to this, a big luncheon was set forth in the saloon, consisting of boiled chicken, cutlets, cold meats and fruits, which was generously patronized.

Bakker Given a Year.

AMSTERDAM, March 22.—Capt. Bakker was today sentenced to one year in prison for manslaughter in shooting a mutinous fireman on the Netherland-American steamer Obdam last summer. The captain tried to frighten the mutineers into working, and fired a revolver, killing one man. Capt. Bakker, under the laws of Holland, was allowed to be absent pending deliberation concerning his sentence, and is now on his way to New York in command of his vessel. There is no doubt that he will return and surrender.

Coming to Their Senses.

BERLIN, March 22.—The National Zeitung says that the minister of justice has instructed the public prosecutors not to take proceedings against newspapers without first procuring his sanction. It is thought that these instructions are due to the fact that the local court declined to hear the charge of lese majeste preferred against the Cologne Gazette for its comments on the emperor's Brandenburg speech.

Carnot's Courtesy.

PARIS, March 22.—President Carnot has sent to Queen Victoria, who arrived at Costeteille, in the south of France, where she will remain five weeks, a most cordial telegram of welcome. Among other things M. Carnot expressed the hope that her majesty would find in beautiful Provonce an assuagement of the sorrows that have lately afflicted her maternal heart.

Caprivi's Successor.

BERLIN, March 22.—The Count of Eulenberg, who is grand marshal of the imperial court and grand master of ceremonies, besides bearing several other titles and honors as evidence of the favor in which he is held by the kaiser, is spoken of as the most likely selection for president of the Prussian ministry, the office resigned by Chancellor Caprivi.

Reserve Grain in Russia.

ODESSA, March 22.—It is officially stated that a reserve of 6,000,000 quarters of grain remain in the Caucasus from the crops of 1891. The winter and spring sowings promise an abundant yield, which it is hoped will stave off a renewal of the famine in the event of extensive blight.

Irish Education Bill.

LONDON, March 22.—The Irish education bill was read for the first time in parliament today. The Irish Nationalist members vainly urged that the government should assist in the support of the schools taught by the Christian brothers.

Caprivi to Remain.

BERLIN, March. 22.—It is reported that Emperor William has informed the emperor of Austria and the king of Italy that Gen. Von Caprivi will remain in office as chancellor.

LOYAL TO THE CITY.

The Commercial Club Gives Its Auspicious Housewarming.

Event of Enduring Importance in the City's Commercial History.

Hundreds of Ladies Honor the Reception Yesterday Afternoon.

A Great Outpouring of the Members at the Evening Festivities.

The services to St. Paul of the Commercial club might be aptly illustrated by a brief recurrence to the classics. When the chasm appeared in the Roman forum, which the oracle said could be closed only by what was dearest to Rome, gold and treasures were poured in in vain. Finally, Curtius, a young patrician, exclaimed: "What is dearer to Rome than the manhood of Rome?" and leaped into the yawning chasm. It immediately closed.

Less than a year ago, when the dark chasm appeared in St. Paul's prospects of prosperity, the young business manhood of the city plunged into the chasm, and it has closed. It matters not who was the first to move. The suggestion was made, and it met with that hearty and unanimous response that produced the Commercial club as the net result. From its first inception, the plans and purposes of the club were never allowed to falter, and today it represents an enterprising, intelligent and progressive body of men—a phalanx 1,000 strong—who are to find pleasure in the duty of furthering every material interest of St. Paul.

J. J. CORCORAN, PRESIDENT.

The club is now in formal, active operation. What began less than four months ago, has resulted in a perfect organization, housed in quarters that will hold their own with the best and which were yesterday formally opened to the uses of the club. The club has been singularly free of the difficulties that hamper the budding period of many singular organizations. The preliminary work, with its toil and disagreements, was pushed through with resistless energy and with matchless skill and prudence. The details were rounded out into perfection and the organization stands forth today, it is believed, a model of its class and a club that has already attracted attention in every large city of the Union. Its success is assured, and it is the universal opinion that in the commercial successes the future has in store for St. Paul, the Commercial club will fill a part that will be a credit to itself and a pride to the community.

J. F. BRODERICK, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

AUSPICIOUS INAUGURAL.

The Club Rooms Dedicated by the Presence of Beauty.

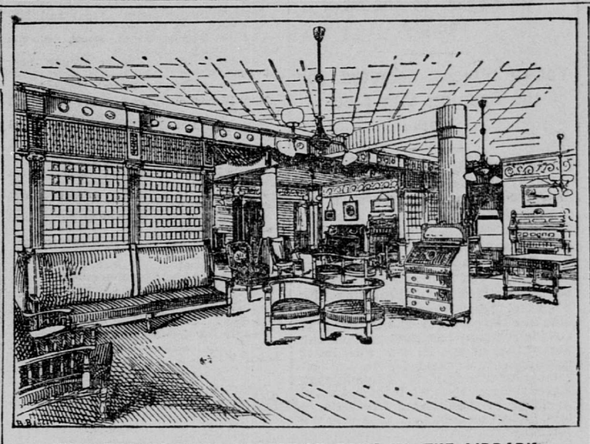
In London and New York, from time immemorial, every man has had his club, that dear retreat far from the madding crowd—of women—whither he may withdraw whenever the world of business became intolerable. It is only of late years, however, that the Northwest has felt itself old and staid enough to venture upon club life. The first few clubs were mere experiments, but so great has been their success that St. Paul promises soon to be as much a club town as London itself. The opening of a new club is always an occasion of interest, even to men, but to women, to whom club life is one of the glittering and enviable privileges of the opposite sex, the freedom of a real established club even for an afternoon is especially delightful.

L. L. MAY, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

The Commercial club entered upon its career yesterday afternoon with a reception to the wives, daughters and women friends of its members. They came in crowds, from 3 to 5. The rooms, large as they are, were taxed to their utmost capacity, and of the Commercial club march by T. P. Brooke, which was prepared as a souvenir of the occasion, there were more than 400 copies distributed. Perhaps there were 500 women there, and perhaps there were 600, but at any rate, there was such a gathering of women, such a rustling of silks, such a flutter of laces, and such a nodding of beflowered bonnets as is seldom seen. The guests were, of course, in street dresses and carriage costumes, for they were all women. The few men of the club present sandwiched in here and there did nobly, but were in the hopeless minority.

O. T. ROBERTS, TREASURER.

The entire top floor of the Germania Life building at Fourth and Minnesota streets is given over to the use of the club, and yesterday it was in spick and span order, with an atmosphere of newness and daintiness delightful to the eye. The brass buttons of the green-uniformed boy attendants shone as if lighted from within, and if there was a speck of dust on the immaculate linen of the waiters or a wrinkle on their black dress coats it wasn't visible to the naked eye.



VIEW THROUGH THE RECEPTION ROOM TO THE LIBRARY.

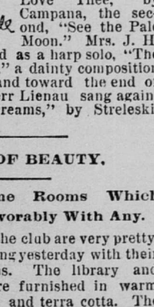
In the reception room the orchestra was stationed. It played the club march and Suppe's "Poet and Peasant" and Reeves' "Darkey's Dream" and a Wang potpourri and Schubert's serenade and other bits of popular melody. Sprinkled among the orchestral numbers were songs. Herr Oscar Lienau sang De Koven's exquisite "O Promise Me," and with Mrs. C. B. Yale, whose rich, full contralto harmonizes admirably with his clear, true tenor, gave two duets, the first, "I Live and Love Thee," by Campana, the second, "See the Pale Moon." Mrs. J. H. Whitaker played as a harp solo, "The Nymph's Revels," a dainty composition well rendered, and toward the end of the afternoon Herr Lienau sang again. His song was "Dreams," by Streleski.

Mrs. C. B. Yale

GEMS OF BEAUTY.

The Handsome Rooms Which Compare Favorably With Any.

The rooms of the club are very pretty, and were charming yesterday with their floral decorations. The library and reading room are furnished in warm tones of brown and terra cotta. The paper is a soft cream, brown and gold colonial pattern. The carpet, as all artistic carpets ought to be, is the darkest color in the room, a rich terra cotta, with a small conventional figure. The windows are hung with chenille curtains, prettily draped, of a golden brown. The chairs are of a dark green leather, with here and there a wicker work chair. The tables are of antique oak, and on them lie all the current periodicals, from Fliegende Blaetter to the Forum. The library and reception room are separated by an antique oak and Moorish fretwork partition. The wide door arch is hung with a chenille drapery of a brown that is almost shrimp pink. The reception room repeats the coloring of the library. Its chairs are invitingly large and soft, high leather cushioned backs and broad arms. There are two large tete-a-tete chairs in the middle of the room. The upright piano has a rich-looking draped cover of old blue plush. Soft warm browns and terra cottas are repeated in the billiard room, where three handsome billiard tables and one pool table invite the scientific players to try their brand new cushions. The billiard room windows are not draped as are the windows in the library and reception room, but the light they admit is softened by ecru shades and sash curtains of brown and dull pink silkoline.



WILLIAM SECOMBE, SECRETARY.

The offices are done in gobelin blue. The private dining rooms are furnished in light oak, with curtains and carpets a shade darker. The cafe has a wide dado of brown lincrusta walton. The paper imitates tapestry in white and goblin blue. At one side of the room is the dumb waiter, which communicates with the wonderful kitchen up stairs, with its mammoth range and its hundred and one conveniences. The sideboard is crowded with silver, each piece marked with the club name. There are individual soup bowls, and sugar bowls, and bake dishes, and butter plates, and pickle forks, and everything else in silver the heart of man can wish at dinner. The club linen would delight the napery-loving souls of our grandmothers. The club china has not arrived yet. It is to be of English ware. Each piece has a magenta border, broken to admit the monogram to two C's, one tall, and one short.

J. RODGERS

Of pictures there is no lack in the rooms. Etchings, photo-gravures, engravings, with here and there a charming color bit in the shape of a pastel or a water color, are hung wherever the light is good. There is a sorrowful and beautiful Ophelia in the library, one of the best pictures the club has and an interesting football scrimmage in the billiard room, so catholic is the artistic taste of the organization. Yesterday, in addition to the pictures, the rooms were lavishly dressed with flowers. Palms were everywhere. They stood between windows, in corners, on the hearths, and waved from tall jardinieres. Roses—La France, Catherine Mermet and Marechal Niel—sent forth their soft fragrance from bowls and vases on the tables and the piano. Every mantel was banked with flowers and greenery. Above the mass of roses, great white lilies, ferns and myrtles on one of the two mantels in the reception room hung the monogram of the Commercial club in white and red carnations. There were palms and flowers in plenty in the cafe, and there, all the afternoon long, the crowd of waiters hurried hither and thither, serving the cakes, sandwiches, coffee and ices which formed the light refreshments.

The reception committee, each man with a Jacqueminot rose and a carnation on the left lappel of his cutaway coat, stood in the corridor, and, escorting the guests from room to room, did the honors of the club. Not one of them failed to tell proudly that everything in the rooms, from the wall paper to the silverware, was bought in St. Paul. The men on the committee were:

E. A. Whitaker.

Messrs—
D. F. Colville,
H. M. Bylisbey,
William Winslo w,
Victor Robertson,
E. H. Burch,
A. E. Boyeson,
W. J. Footner,
W. A. Topliff,
E. W. Pease,
E. B. Putnam,
J. C. Norton,
O. T. Roberts,
W. C. Read,
L. W. Arnold,
John Rogers Jr.,
Harris Richardson,
W. J. Strickland,
C. H. McGill,
Gen. W. B. Bend,
Col. F. P. Wright,
J. L. Stack.

DIAGRAM OF THE NEW COMMERCIAL CLUB QUARTERS.

A HOST OF LADIES

Who Graced the Occasion With Their Presence.

The guests were women prominent not only in society, but in all the lines of work wherein Northwestern women are interested. It was a representative gathering in every sense of the word, and the women who helped to make it so were:

Mesdames—
C. E. Ellis,
Paul Porter,
B. P. Baker,
O. S. Pine,
J. M. Beere,
Kahn,
J. Rothschild,
J. W. Chamberlain,
E. Baker,
E. H. Dearth,
J. L. Stack,
O. S. Johnson,
J. E. Sawyer,
G. H. Walker,
Van Mannen,
G. C. Robertson,
J. H. Foote,
Scaneton,
E. W. Leonard,
Henry Martin,
George Laing,
A. P. Moss,
W. D. Roussopoulos,
William George,
T. Z. Cowles,
T. F. McCormick,
D. M. Dyer,
S. H. Dyer,
D. H. Michaud,
Edwin L. Chittenden,
Francis W. Morse,
Andrew Henderson,
S. P. Crosby,
W. A. Dana,
D. E. Platter,
Walter Dadmun,
W. H. Crary,
C. G. Harges,
Frank Wilson,
A. K. Pruden,
W. A. Naylor,
Woolsey,
J. A. Gragg,
J. A. Stees,
H. M. Sloan,
F. S. Blodgett,
D. F. Polk,
George W. Dellinger,
H. A. Muckle,
George L. Lord,
E. A. Murray,
E. F. Delano,
G. D. Tait,
Stanley Olmstead,
James D. Gilbert,
S. J. Gottschammer,
Ramsden,
M. Ryan,
J. F. R. Wells,
J. W. Owens,
W. R. Cook,
William Wallace,
F. W. Morse,
R. J. Markoe,
H. T. Black,
John Rogers Jr.,
George Thompson,
C. B. Yale,
Milch,
M. F. Kain,
Hardman,
Frederick Johnson,
Morris,
Spatz,
J. J. Cocoran,
F. B. Ross,
Trumbull,
A. E. Boyeson,
J. W. Scott,
Dwyer,
Munn,
F. J. Haynes,
W. E. Magraw,
R. Demming,
C. W. Sleeper,
Oliver Crosby,
J. H. Sleeper,
G. R. Morton,
W. P. Jewett,
C. S. Fee,
Henning,
Fernstrom,
Otto Gersting,
Charles Shandrew,
E. J. Meier,
Frederick R. Yerxa,
Ed Rabitaille,
E. H. Lavasseur,
O. T. Roberts,
G. H. Martin,
Tams Bixby,
Orlando Reynolds,
George W. Rodenberg,
C. E. Merritt,
P. A. Lavalle,
W. A. Gates,
B. F. Ferris,
J. A. Stephenson,
D. Aberle,
M. H. Flarsheim,
R. J. Lewis,
S. S. Wemott,
W. C. Edwards,
M. W. Fay,
Samuel W. Boyd,
C. L. Easton,
A. D. S. Johnston,
A. W. Perry,
J. S. Whitacre,
S. J. Templeton,
W. A. Frost,
Albert Crandall,
J. B. Woolworth,
William Churen,
B. Kuhl,
John H. Coxhead,
A. A. Doolittle,
E. A. Paradis,
George Sommers,
James King,
John Hart,
D. Moreland,
P. J. McLaughlin,
Alexander Donald,
D. L. Kingsbury,
R. E. Humphrey,
J. S. Moody,
Fitzpatrick,
Youngman,
Norton,
A. Ramsden,
J. Scholtz,
Ed. Whittaker,
H. A. Castle,
Frederick Wright,
James Angell,
Schuler,
Brown,
John Dodge,
Schulze,
Wyas,
Brock,
Henry Constans,
O. F. Brown,
William Angell,
P. B. Groat,
Sloan,
Williams,
Archibald Guthrie,
L. Hayward,
J. K. Bacon,
Arthur Rogers,
Arthur,
Russell,
L. L. May,
Charles Frey,

Misses—
Fairchild,
Talimadge,
Ida Wilson,
Perriseau,
Michaud,
Jennie Perriseau,
Kate Chittenden,
A. C. Devereux,
Mattie Dahn,
Anita Stenan,
Clark,
Atwood,
Louise Atwood,
Mary Gayer,
Jallasch,
Lizzie Oliver,
Gersting,
Anna Schlenk,
Schlenk,
Clara Kuhl,
B. V. Bryden,
Cutting,
Bixby,
Mary Pratt,
Frederika Sommers,
Reardon,
Heaney,
Emma Lyons,
Hope,
Luther,
Wemott,
Conantz,
Mabel Davidson,
Cimmm,
Matheis,
Butler,
Stella Dufresne,
Jones,
Schulze,
Ellison,
Myra Butler,
Lill Morton,
Gliberti Learock.

DEDICATED BY MEMBERS.

Business Legions Enjoy the Inaugural Club Evening.

The beautiful, subdued tones of the club rooms were viewed last night through the mellowing chiar' oscuro of a heavy veil of cigar smoke. It was the formal opening of the rooms of the members. The club roster contains a thousand names, and certainly no one of those names was unrepresented. In fact, if there could have been a drawback it would have been found in the too numerous outpouring of the enthusiastic Commercialites. The electric lights were scarcely illumined before the arrivals began, and if, during the evening there were any withdrawals, the vacancies were so rapidly filled that they could not be noticed. Most business men smoke; all club men do; and 500 Havana torches going at once soon draped the room in a purple gray cloud that still further softened the prevailing shades of the decorations. The men there assembled were a study. Here an old and grizzled veteran in commercial warfare conversed with a young volunteer who had his spurs to win; there a banker and a professional man chatted; everywhere was a commingling of all ages and every pursuit, with not one representative but was an interested club member, enthusiastic for the welfare of St. Paul. Most of these had never before seen the club quarters, and all were ardent in their praise of the results and their congratulations to the committee to which the task had been entrusted.

It was five minutes to 9 o'clock when George Thompson, chairman of the entertainment committee, by the judicious expenditure of his admirable lung power, stilled the hum of conversation in which over 900 people were engaged, and introduced J. J. Corcoran, president of the club, as chairman of the evening. He then introduced Hon. M. D. Munn, who was chosen to make the inaugural address in the absence of Gov. Merriam, who had been originally selected for that office. Mr. Munn began his address by saying that the Germania Life Insurance company, of which the rooms had been leased, had contracted to expend only $7,000 in remodeling the building, any additional expense to be borne by the club. The expense of making the necessary changes had exceeded the specified sum by several hundred dollars, but Mr. Doremus, representing the company, who had delayed his departure for the East in order to be present on this occasion, had notified the organization that the company would settle the entire bill, which announcement was greeted by hearty applause. Mr. Munn then continued:

M. D. MUNN.

"I occupy a most peculiar position tonight," he said. "In my relations this even-