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DID SHE POISON HIM?

A Le Sueur County Tragedy Which Is Exciting a Deal of Comment.

Joseph Hounder, a Prosperous Farmer, Dies Soon After Rising.

A Girl Whom He Formerly Courted Dies the Day After the Funeral.

She Leaves a Letter Directing That She Be Buried by His Side.

Special to the Globe.

LE SUEUR, Minn., Nov. 25.—St. Henry, a country neighborhood twelve miles distant from this city, is in the throes of a tremendous sensation, in which love, jealousy, revenge and death figure. Two people in the full enjoyment of health but two days ago are now cold in death. Tuesday morning word reached here that Joseph Hounder, a prosperous farmer, had suddenly died of heart disease. On Wednesday the information also reached here that Miss Agnes Bhear, a sister of Hounder's wife, had died in the same manner. Hounder was buried on Thursday, but, pending the interment of Miss Bhear,

A Letter

written by her was found which throws some light on the tragedy, and the funeral was postponed until the coroner could be summoned and an inquest held. While the letter does not own that the writer was the cause of Hounder's death, it gives directions that she should be buried by his side and shows clearly that she contemplated suicide. At the scene of the double tragedy today hundreds of people gathered, and the excitement was intense. It seems that Hounder had but just arisen on the morning of his death, and had taken nothing but a chew of tobacco, when he complained of feeling strangely, and almost immediately fell over, dying within an hour. The girl was at the house while he was being put in his coffin, and declared that she, too, soon would go. Leaving the premises at 9 a. m. following the day of his death,

She Was a Corpse

within an hour after reaching home. Miss Bhear was twenty-six years of age, and had kept company, it is said, with Hounder some time, but last August, while at Minneapolis, he married a younger sister. He was a popular young man in prosperous circumstances, without an enemy in the world, and his sudden death, in so mysterious a manner, followed so soon by that of his former sweetheart, leads to the belief that her unrequited passion prompted her to take his life as well as her own. It is probable that the remains of Hounder will be exhumed, and that the inquest now in session will also examine into the cause of his death.

IS IT A LOTTERY?

A Peculiar Case Comes Up in Montana.

Special to the Globe.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 25.—Two indictments have been presented in the United States circuit court here by the grand jury against Henry Haupt, of Butte, for violating the law prohibiting the use of the United States mails for lottery purposes. Last September the papers published a special telegram from Washington to the effect that the postmaster general was unable to find a law under which to exclude from the mails circulars of the Montana Mining, Loan and Investment company, which has its headquarters at Butte, and has branch offices at Chicago and New York. A few days later Assistant United States District Attorney John McDonald received the following telegram from James M. Fyner, assistant attorney general: "The Haupt scheme, on investigation, is found to be a violation of the lottery act. Order not rescinded, nor is such action contemplated." Haupt's scheme has been extensively advertised in the United States. It is outlined by himself as follows: "The object of the company is to make money for its stockholders, which its plan fully shows. All the moneys are received from stockholders, and 50 per cent of the receipts are loaned back to the stockholders, 25 per cent go to the expenses and 25 per cent is invested in a manner to secure good profits for the benefit of stockholders. He claims that at present there is no better field in which to make profitable investments than in Butte or Montana mines and realty. Haupt also says the company has agents all over the United States and Canada.

Haupt pleaded not guilty, and the cases were ordered transferred to the southern division of the court at Butte, which will convene in January next.

HOW THE HOOSIERS VOTED.

Indiana's Last Official Returns Arrive.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25.—The official returns from the last county in Indiana were received at the state house today. The footings show that Bracken, the first elector on the Democratic ticket, received 262,700 votes. Pierce, the first elector on the Republican ticket, received 255,615 votes. Bracken's plurality which is, in effect, Cleveland's plurality, is 7,085. None of the electors on either ticket receive as many votes as the first. The Democratic electors receiving the smallest number of votes fell 2,167 behind Bracken. The Republican elector receiving the smallest number of votes fell 1,845 below Pierce. The average vote received by the fifteen electors on the Democratic ticket was 260,720.

Claude Matthews received 260,601; thus Mr. Matthews ran only 119 behind the average electoral vote. The average number of votes received by the Republican electors was 253,920. Ira J. Chase received 253,625 votes, thus falling 295 below the average electoral vote. The average plurality of the electoral vote is 6,880, while the plurality of Mr. Matthews is 6,976.

Had a Mysterious Origin.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 25.—Fire was discovered in the cigar manufactory of Louis Kindling & Co., South Water street, at 11:30 tonight, and before it could be put out a loss of nearly $40,000 was inflicted. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

WAS IT THRUN?

Insurance Companies Claim It Was Not.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Nov. 25.—What is believed to be an attempt to defraud insurance companies by a bogus death has developed here through an attempt to collect $2,000 from the American Mutual Accident association, of this city, on the life of F. J. Thrun, of Marathon county, whose representatives claim that he is dead. The residence of Thrun was burned on Oct. 28. It was a one-story building, and two men who were around and told of the fire said Thrun escaped without difficulty. He has not been seen around since, and a charred skeleton was found in the ruins. The insurance people did not believe it was Thrun, and caused an inquest to be made. The jury decided it was. The insurance carried was as follows: The American Mutual, $2,000; the Northwestern Mutual, of Milwaukee, $1,000; the Northwestern Aid, of Madison, $1,000; the Travelers', of Hartford, Conn., $1,000, and an application had been made for a $1,500 policy in another association.

SHOT EIGHT DUCKS.

President-Elect Cleveland Enjoys His First Day's Gunning at Broadwater Island.

Four Red Heads and Four Brant Brought Down by His Trusty Shotgun.

EXMORE, Va., Nov. 25.—President-elect Cleveland today shot eight ducks as the result of his first gunning since arriving at Broadwater Island. Four were red heads and four were brants. After waiting for the water and wind to subside, Mr. Cleveland, accompanied by Charles J. Jefferson, entered a sailboat and was taken to the shooting blinds, about half a mile out in the bay. Upon arriving at their location, the decoys were placed, and Mr. Hargis, in charge of the boat, sailed around the blinds some distance in order to frighten the ducks and send them within reach of the waiting sportsmen.

As the sun grew warmer and the wind became a trifle less strong the ducks, which have during the two preceding days hovered over the water in large flocks, began to settle, and the prospects for sport became rather poor before the president elect arrived at the blinds. As a consequence Mr. Cleveland had but little opportunity to test his ability as a marksman, but was successful in the few shots which he was able to secure. Upon landing he expressed himself as feeling well, having suffered but little inconvenience from the cold. He was in good spirits and declared that he had greatly enjoyed the sport.

The programme for tomorrow had not been determined this evening, and will depend largely upon the weather. If the northwest gale continues it is probable the day will be devoted to partridge shooting on Squire Upshur's farm of 1,000 acres, almost directly across the channel opposite the southern end of Broadwater island. The farm is rather marshy along the coast, but slopes upward to a level dry prairie. Three hundred acres are covered with a growth of bean brush, which is a favorite refuge for partridges. The game is said to be abundant, and good shooting is anticipated. While no definite time has been fixed for Mr. Cleveland's departure, it is known that he will remain until the first of next week. Up to this time mail for Broadwater has been very light, only one letter being received today for the president-elect. It was addressed to "Hon. Grover Cleveland, Hog Island, Va."

Election Officers Arrested.

LITTLE ROCK, Nov. 25.—The federal authorities continue to make arrests of election officers recently indicted by the federal grand jury for alleged violation of the election laws. Louis Eaton, John Pardsells and Ephraim Heard, of Posteri township, Jefferson county, were arrested today. They are charged with refusing to allow a voter to cast his ballot.

Called on Mrs. Cleveland.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Nov. 25.—Mrs. Francis Freeman gave her first "at home" this afternoon. Many of her friends and those of Mrs. Grover Cleveland took advantage of the opportunity to pay their respects to Mrs. Cleveland. Mrs. Cleveland and the Freemans attended the concert at the Lakewood hotel this evening.

Speculating on Leo's Successor.

ROME, Nov. 25.—The low condition of the Pope's health is causing much speculation as to his probable successor. Cardinal Zeigliara is believed as the likeliest candidate.

Captured Two Roslyn Robbers.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 25.—The men who robbed the bank at Roslyn, Wash., Sept. 24 last, and secured $10,000, were captured this afternoon.

Ice in Mud Lake.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Nov. 25.—Ice two inches thick has formed in Mud lake, and down-bound vessels experience considerable difficulty in getting through.

"No Bill" Against Lizzie.

BOSTON, Nov. 25.—Nov. 25.—Tauntou specials declare that the grand jury will find "no bill" against Lizzie Borden.

LATE LOCAL.

A. J. Loulligar, who resisted an officer in his arrest of Lesser, was locked up.

O. L. Hixon was arrested last night for robbing a store on Seventh street.

Wm. Tesser was arrested last night for robbing an old soldier named J. B. Peyen of $10.

Martin Doyle, aged fifty-five, an old settler in St. Paul, died yesterday at Wyatta, Minn.. His remains will be brought to this city for burial. He is an uncle of Tobias Horne, the detective.

Thursday evening the buffalo robe of Dr Richardson was stolen from his horse which was hitched in front of his office, 138 East Sixth street. Yesterday morning Detective McGuiggan found it in a second-hand store on Minnesota street, where the thief had sold it.

The notorious Pat Hill is under arrest on the charge of being one of the two footpads who held up a Wabasha street bartender in front of O'Leary old packing house, on West Tenth street, a few nights ago. The footpads only had time to rifle a pocket containing 52 cents before some one came along and frightened them away. Otherwise they would have secured nearly $50 and the bartender's gold watch. Pat Hill's hearing in the municipal court is set for this morning.

IT'S GETTING CHILLY.

Montana Thermometers Begin to Push the Mercury Far Below Zero.

The Weather So Cold That Live Stock May Suffer Seriously.

A Rice County Schoolmaster Takes His Life With a Razor.

The Official Count Must Decide North Dakota's Vote on Electors.

Specials to the Globe.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Nov. 25.—The coldest wave ever known in this section of the state at this season, according to old timers, now prevails. The snow, which ceased falling during last night, amounts to about eight inches. The thermometer this morning registered 20 deg below zero. Should this weather continue several days, stock must suffer.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Nov. 25.—Three inches of snow fell last night, and today the weather is mild and sleighing good.

BRITTON, S. D. Nov. 25.—It has been snowing here all the forenoon from the southeast, and is still snowing. Nearly an inch of snow has fallen already. Threshing in this county is all done except a few scattering jobs.

MILLER, S. D., Nov. 25.—A severe snow storm set in last night and still continues, being drifted into piles by a hard west wind. A large part of the grain has not yet been threshed, while stock will suffer, farmers not yet being prepared for winter.

TAYLOR'S FALLS, Minn., Nov. 25.—A severe southeaster set in at noon today and continues at midnight. About four inches of snow has fallen.

HURON, S. D., Nov. 25.—The snow storm which set in Thursday has developed into a severe blizzard. A northwest wind has been blowing since 3 this afternoon, piling the snow in drifts and filling railway cuts. Special bulletins were issued tonight, saying the temperature would be 20 degrees colder before Saturday morning. Warning flags have been displayed all day. The storm extends over the central and eastern part of the state, being colder and more severe in the northern part. Reports from northern points say it is intensely cold, the snow a foot deep, and little fuel.

RED WING, Nov. 25.—The river is froven over here. Lake Pepin is frozen over, and people are crossing on the ice.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 25.—A great storm is raging here. Rain began falling last night. This morning trees, telegraph and telephone wires were loaded down with ice. The streets were in such shape that only sharp-shod horses could travel. During the afternoon the wind changed to the northwest, and snow began falling, and tonight we have a juvenile blizzard. The town is dark on account of the electric wires being knocked out.

INSANE SCHOOLMASTER.

He Kills Himself in His Schoolhouse With a Razor.

NORTHFIELD, Nov. 25.—Word has just been received of the suicide of Andrew Oleson. He taught school in the township of Greenvale and was last seen alive Wednesday evening, as he sat writing in the schoolhouse. As he was late for church Thanksgiving morning, search was made, and he was found dead in the schoolhouse with his wrist cut with a razor which lay on a seat by his side. Numerous letters were found on his desk, one addressed to the pastor of the local church. The man was fifty-five years of age and thought to be insane. The letters and body were left undisturbed awaiting the arrival of the coroner and the dead man's son, who lives in Faribault.

NORTH DAKOTA'S VOTE.

It is Exceedingly Close on Electors.

BISMARCK, N. D., Nov. 25.—Complete returns from twenty-eight counties out of thirty nine give the Weaver electors 240 majority. Seven of the counties yet to hear from are known to have gone for Harrison. These should give the Harrison electors sufficient majorities to elect them, yet the official count may be required to determine the result.

AGED COUPLE MARRIED.

A Nuptial Event Which Excites Much Comment.

Special to the Globe.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Nov. 24.—The marriage of H. S. Jones, a widower aged seventy-nine, to Mrs. Elizabeth Toy, a widow aged fifty-five, has caused quite a little excitement. Jones came here in 1860, and has accumulated a good-sized fortune. His children, one of whom is the deputy sheriff-elect, made a strong fight against their aged father's marriage, and had petitioned the court to appoint a guardian for him. He settled matters by giving a valuable piece of property to one, $10,000 to a second, and $7,000 worth of property to a third. The old couple were married on Thanksgiving day by Rev. C. A. Payne.

Murdered Over Politics.

Special to the Globe.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Nov. 25.—A special dispatch from Neihart, a mining camp sixty-five miles out on the Bell mountain branch, says that Martin O'Brien, formerly of this city and now a resident of that camp, was shot dead yesterday morning in a saloon owned by Charles Wooster. The coroner's inquest brought to light facts which show that it was a cold-blooded murder. O'Brien came of respectable parents residing at Faribault, Minn. Wooster is under arrest. The shooting is said to have arisen out of political differences.

Five Buildings Burned.

KASSON, Nov. 25.—About 1 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the Troost building and consumed a row of five two-story wooden buildings on the south side of Main street. Walker's hotel, the bank, livery and printing house escaped, though enveloped in a shower of blazing brands. Loss, $6,000, $300 being covered by insurance.

Failed to Convict.

Special to the Globe.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Nov. 25.—The jury in the case of William Dunn et al., charged with assault with intent to kill, brought in a verdict of not guilty this morning. The case grew out of the trouble at the steel plant last summer. J. W. Jones and another non-union workingman were waylaid and badly beaten, it was alleged, by striking Amalgamated men. There are two other cases on the docket growing out of the same difficulty. The district attorney will enter a nolle since he has failed to secure a conviction in the Dunn case.

Carlton County Casualties.

Special to the Globe.

CARLTON, Minn., Nov. 25.—Charles Peterson, twenty-one, living near Moose lake, was drowned in land lake Thursday while crossing on the ice from hunting.

The foreman of a lumber camp, near Cloquet, lost his way walking to town Thursday and froze both feet. He was sent to Minneapolis today.

Teamster William Crow, thought to be a Minneapolis man, left Cloquet Monday with a team for camp. He was intoxicated. Wednesday evening his team returned alone. Thursday Indians found the body of the man frozen five miles from Cloquet.

NOT AFRAID OF BUFFINGTON.

News of the Architect's Proposed Suits Reaches Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—It was announced here today that Leroy S. Buffington, a Minneapolis architect, is about to begin suits against the owners of all the sky-scraping buildings in Chicago. He claims that the structural iron work has been put up in a manner conflicting with patents which he holds. He will claim damages to the extent of 5 per cent of the cost of each building. This means that he will claim $4,500,000 from Chicago, and, as he has declared that he will extend his suits to New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, San Francisco, Denver and Omaha, he is looking for damages amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars. Buffington claims that his patents were issued May 22, 1888. Chicago men say they are not afraid of him and that he has no case against them.

GOT HIS HAND IN.

Erwin Will Defend the Rest of the Homesteaders if It Takes a Year.

The Senatorial Investigating Committee Leaves Pittsburg for New York.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 25.—It has been learned that the jury in the Critchlow case stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction of manslaughter on the first ballot. The three were farmers, and were won over without much trouble, as they were all anxious to go home for Thanksgiving. Maj. Montooth, counsel for the defense, said this afternoon that as yet he did not know that any arrangements had been made for bailing out Critchlow on the other offenses with which he is charged—riot and the murder of Capt. Kinney last July. He did not believe the other Homestead cases would come up before January. The law provides that jail cases shall be tried first, and the petty offenders, he thinks, will be disposed of first. Messrs. Erwin and Argo, the Western lawyers, having volunteered to defend the Homesteaders, will remain in the city until all the cases are settled, if it takes a year.

The senatorial investigating committee left for New York tonight. No further testimony was taken today, the members of the committee spending the morning in visiting the various iron and glass industries on the South side. The inspection of these plants, Senator Peffer said, had nothing to do with the investigation of the Homestead troubles. In the afternoon the committee went to Homestead, where they inspected the battleground where the riot of July 6 occurred, and made a general survey of the surroundings, with a view of obtaining a more definite idea of the locality.

TWO MORE IN DOUBT.

Cleveland May Get Three of the Ohio Electors.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 25.—It now appears as though Ohio may have intended to have gone for Cleveland by a slight margin. Tonight the state statisticians in Columbus completed their election count upon individual presidential electors. It shows that Lorenzo D. Vickers, Republican elector for the Eleventh district, is defeated by James P. Seward, whose name appears first on the list of Democratic electors. Seward received 404,115 votes and Vickers 402,399. The abstracts of five counties have been sent back for correction, and it is possible that they may imperil two other Republican electors, Stark, of the Twentieth district, and Allen, of the Twenty-first, whose plurality is slight.

THE CURTIS TRIAL.

New Witness Introduced by the Prosecution.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—In the trial of Actor M. B. Curtis today for the murder of Policeman Grant, a new witness testified. This was John A. Parker, a painter, who was playing pool in a saloon near the scene of the shooting. He saw Curtis and the policeman going down the street toward the station and no third man was with them. The remainder of the day was occupied with witnesses who testified at the first trial.

Movements of Steamships.

BREMERHAVEN—Arrived: Fuerst, Bismarck, New York, beating best previous run by two hours.

KINSALE—Passed: Italy, from New York.

MOVILLE—Arrived: Devonia, New York.

BOSTON—Arrived: Norseman, Liverpool.

NEW YORK—Arrived: Greece, London; City of Berlin, Liverpool; Hermann, Bremen; Lahn, Bremen; Rhineland, Antwerp; Caracas, La Guayra; Dubledam, from Amsterdam.

BOULOGNE—Arrived: Spaarndam, New York, for Rotterdam.

BALTIMORE—Arrived: Missouri, London.

PHILADELPHIA—Arrived: British Princess, Liverpool.

Badger Boys Drowned.

GREEN BAY, Wis., Nov. 25.—Two sons of Charles Cotton, a railroad engineer, and a boy named Fox were drowned while skating on the river this morning. They were between ten and thirteen years of age. The bodies have been recovered.

Fire in London Docks.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—An immense dry goods warehouse at the London docks is in flames. The fire has burned for two hours, and all the contents of the warehouse have been destroyed. The loss will be heavy.

BLAINE ALL RIGHT.

His Family Take Exception to Statements of His Being Worse.

Such Reports Misleading and Not Warranted by the Facts.

His Physician Says He Will Be Out Doors in a Few Days.

It Is Learned That He Will Soon Go to Some Southern Point.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Mr. Blaine's condition was again the subject of universal interest today, made so by the publication of a statement that his ailment had taken a turn for the worse and that his life was in imminent danger. If Mr. Blaine's physician and the members of his family are to be believed, such statements are misleading and are not warranted by the facts. Last summer a year ago he left this city to see his daughter, Mrs. Damrosch, before she sailed for Europe. It was only on this occasion that he felt ill and was removed to his cottage at Bar Harbor, where he has passed the summer and early fall in convalescence. The cause of illness then was not an organic complaint, unless a peculiar stomach can be so regarded. In plain English, he ate what was not good for him—namely, rich food, and ate very much of it.

Being run down in health and mentally fatigued from the labors of his office, the affairs of which were then

In a Critical State,

with the Chilian and Italian imbroglios then fermenting or about to become serious in phase, Mr. Blaine, who is by no means in the vigor of youth, was made very ill and required several months to recuperate. Last summer he had another attack, but since his return to Washington he has been in a state of health that may fairly be described as his normal condition, capable of earnest work, fond of open air rides and walks, but very sensitive to irregularities of diet and to sudden changes of weather.

It is said by persons familiar with his habits that for years he has been subject to slight illness from these causes, and, having a wholesome belief in the efficiency of doctors, was quick to note the slightest unfavorable symptom to take to his bed and to send for his physician. As near as can be learned the attack from which Mr. Blaine is now suffering is very similar and no more dangerous than those which have produced it. He caught cold and he was imprudent in his diet. Some congestion followed and there was a fever in train. The stomach was made torpid and there was

Difficulty in Digestion.

Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, it can be said that Mr. Blaine has shown no signs of mental aberration or delirium.

There has been much difficulty encountered in the effort to get reliable news as to his condition, and this has fostered the origin and spread of exaggerated stories of Mr. Blaine's condition. The reason for this is two-fold. In the first place James G. Blaine Jr. is absent from Washington, leaving none of the family at the house except Mrs. Blaine and Miss Harriet Blaine, who did not feel warranted in the task in answering the numerous calls for information; in the second place, the attending physician is oppressed by a feeling that a public statement of a patient's condition would be a violation of professional etiquette by the physician. In the morning it was stated by the attendants who answered the bell at Mr. Blaine's residence that Mr. Blaine had passed a comfortable night, and was resting very easily. The attendant added:

"The family were very much surprised to see the highly exaggerated accounts of Mr. Blaine's sickness in the papers this morning. They cannot understand how such reports could have obtained circulation, and wish it stated that they are

Without Foundation."

Later in the day Dr. W. W. Johnson, who is in charge of the case, called at the house and had a short consultation with Dr. Hyatt, who has been treating Mr. Blaine specially for a stubborn bronchial affection. Subsequently Dr. Johnson informed a representative of the Associated Press that the published reports that Mr. Blaine is seriously ill are entirely without foundation. The fact is, he said, there is nothing really serious the matter with him. The slight cold with accompanying fever from which he suffered last week has entirely passed away, and he is so much improved today that he is able to be dressed and to move freely about his room.

Dr. Johnson said he did not care to talk about the case, but in response to the persistent inquiries, he said he felt sure Mr. Blaine would be able to go out of doors in a few days, and that he is well able even now to stand a journey in case such a course is deemed necessary for the better treatment of his case. It is learned from another source that Mr. Blaine will soon be removed to some point in the South, with the hope that the warmer climate will have a beneficial effect on his bronchial troubles, which have been aggravated since the cold spell set in here.

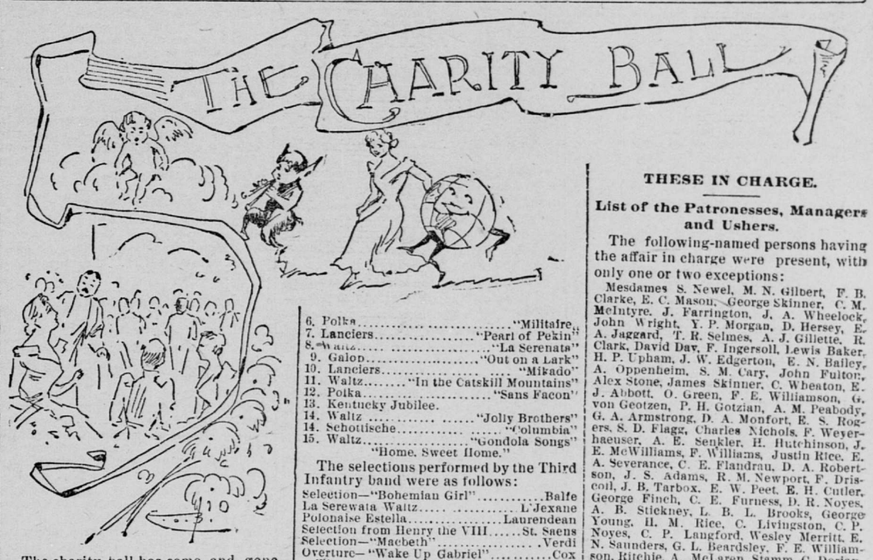
At midnight everything was quiet at the Blaine mansion, and the change for the better in Mr. Blaine's condition manifested this afternoon was said to be fully retained. As a proof of his improvement in health it was stated that Mr. Blaine had today received Murat Halstead and had informed him of his intention to start for Pasadena, Cal., about the 1st of the month. Dr. Johnstone, one of the attending physicians, it was understood, would pass the night in the Blaine residence as a matter of precaution.

Killed on a Crossing.

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 25.—At Waunakee this morning the vestibuled St. Paul-Chicago train on the Northwestern road struck a carriage driven by James O'Malley, killing the latter and the two horses and smashing the vehicle into a hundred pieces. O'Malley was thrown a distance of ninety feet.

Senator Kenna Worse.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Senator Kenna was rather more uncomfortable today than for several days, although on the whole his family regard his condition as very much improved over what it was a week ago. While the senator is still quite sick, no alarm is felt as to the outcome.



The charity ball has come and gone. For weeks it has been the bright expectation of fashion and the hopeful dream of the unaccepted. Both were there, and if either were disappointed there was nothing on the surface to indicate it. It was a scene of loveliness never surpassed in St. Paul.

The charity ball is the tribute of wealth and fashion to the unfortunate. There was a time in the history of the great crowned heads of Europe when they found their common subjects becoming estranged from them and threatening revolts. Some wise court conceived the idea that there should be a time at least once a year when the bars should be thrown down and the upper ten come in social contact with the lower five. There is a sweet influence in charity which reaches all human hearts. To make these social gatherings popular and bring out the exclusive barons the charity ball was contrived. For more than a century it has been one of the social events in England, Germany and France. Queen Victoria has been its greatest patroness. And it is even more democratic in that country, which is the home of royalty and caste, than it is in this the home of democracy. Though democratic there, it is none the less an event of fashion, and the fairest of the land would not miss for the world being there attired in her sweetest gown.

A Popular Fad.

The past twenty years or more the charity ball has been a popular social event among the four hundred of America. The shield of exclusiveness is pierced by the sweet influence of charity, and the fairest of our fair land is always there. It is not considered in good taste to make the charity ball anything less than a most fashionable occasion, for the lower five must be made to feel that the upper ten will take as much pains to attire for their company as for their own exclusive set. The queen of society and the belle of the Four Hundred finds it a pleasure to make herself agreeable to all without regard to social rank when she enters the charity ball.

The attendance last evening was not quite as great as on some former occasions of the kind, but a prettier charity ball was never given here. In all its appointments it was original, unique, fashionable. A greater variety of original and beautiful costumes was never worn by the fashion of the city. There was the lady in a rich gown of velvet, en traine, decollete, sleeves with a stately puff above the shoulders, and just a little of the pretty arm exposed between the bottom of the sleeve and the top of her long glove. And there was another with a beautiful Josephine costume, perhaps of a white, cream or delicate blue. And so the styles ranged through all the charming effects of form and hue devised by taste and the conceptions of great stage artists.

Beauties of the Scene.

The arrangement of the Metropolitan opera house was novel, and contributed a most enjoyable effect. The beautiful playhouse never looked so charming. A platform was erected from a point near the rear end of the stage out over the parquette, circling about in front of the foot seats of the parquette circle. It was placed there as smoothly and prettily as though it had been a part of the original design of the house.

The scenic effects surrounding the stage were most artistic. Seibert's orchestra appeared to be seated in a lovely grove at the rear end, surrounded in front by rocks and pretty shade trees. Back of it and on the sides was a wood covered with foliage tinted with all the gorgeous hues after the first autumn frosts. Along the extreme rear were water sprites and nymphs nestling about and above water fountains of unique design. Exotics were tastefully arranged about the nooks and recesses. The stage stood nearly half-way above the floors of the lowest tier of boxes, and neat circles were cut in it in front of the openings, so that in these boxes guests could see the stage and yet be sufficiently concealed from view to enjoy quiet tete-a-tetes.

From the balcony, gallery, parquette circle and proscenium boxes the stage and dancing floor, when covered with dancers, was a fairy scene, and its effect was made bewitching by the variety of costume and beauty of the fair ones.

Music and Dancing.

In addition to Seibert's orchestra, which was there in full force and its best training, was the Third Infantry Band of Fort Snelling. The latter occupied the gallery, and when the orchestra finished one of its divine overtures or waltzes it played one of its own exquisite arrangements. Though the company was not made aware of the fact by any of its performances, the band came on three hours' notice, and hence without any preparation. Late in the afternoon Col. Mason, the commander of Fort Snelling, was asked by telephone if the band could come, and very quickly he replied in the affirmative. The band came without compensation, and contributed it efforts to sweet charity.

The programme was neat and pleasantly arranged. It contained four promenades and twelve dances. The motto engraved on the front side was: "In faith and hope the world will disagree, but all mankind is concerned in charity." On the last page it was stated "For St. Luke's hospital." Seibert's music was included in the programme in connection with the marches and dances. The programme was as follows:

PROMENADE.

1. Marche et Cortage.....“La Reine de Saba”
2. Promenade.....“Tell-Overture”
3. Promenade.....“Cavalleria Rusticanna”
4. Promenade.....“National Overture”

DANCING.

5. Waltz.....“La Fiancee”
6. Polka.....“Militaire”
7. Lanciers.....“Pearl of Pekin”
8. Waltz.....“La Serenata”
9. Galop.....“Out on a Lark”
10. Lanciers.....“Mikado”
11. Waltz.....“In the Catskill Mountains”
12. Polka.....“Sans Facon”
13. Kentucky Jubilee.
14. Waltz.....“Jolly Brothers”
14. Schottische.....“Columbia”
15. Waltz.....“Gondola Songs”

“Home, Sweet Home.”

The selections performed by the Third Infantry band were as follows:

Selection—“Bohemian Girl”.....Balfe
La Serewata Waltz.....L'Jexane
Polonaise Estella.....Laurendean
Selection from Henry the VIII.....St. Saens
Selection—“Macbeth”.....Verdi
Overture—“Wake Up Gabriel”.....Cox

The last two parts were played in the balcony during lunch, the sole honor of entertaining the company during this time being accorded the generous Fort Snelling performers.

The Formal Reception.

It was 8:30 when Mrs. Gov. Merriam, Mrs. F. B. Clarke, Mrs. Hoxsie, Mrs. Judge Gilfillan, Mrs. Gen. Bend, Mrs. Galusha, Mrs. Abell, and several more of the patronesses, appeared upon the platform, took a position on the west side of the stage proper and gave a reception to the guests of the floor. This lasted thirty minutes, during which time the orchestra played its list of promenades, the Third Infantry band occasionally playing a part between.

Though very large, the platform proved almost too small to accommodate comfortably the immense company which appeared upon it to dance each number. Nor was half the company upon the stage at any time. There were so many pretty little places, in the boxes and elsewhere, that knots of two or three couples were constantly in possession of them enjoying the charming scene.

The lunch was spread in the front entrance in the foyer. The front door was closed, and a large round table was set in the middle of the entrance room. In the foyer was a number of tables. In the center of each table was an immense vase full of roses and other costly cut flowers. The lunch consisted of salads, cakes and other light food. Fogg, the caterer, held forth in the room on the east side of the entrance. The music was so arranged that it could be heard distinctly at all tables. The arrangements were perfect in all details, and a more enjoyable time was never had at any charity ball. The charity ball of 1892 has left a bright recollection in the hearts of all.

THESE WERE THERE.

A Nearly Complete List of Those Who Participated.

Among the participants in the ball were:

Gov. and Mrs. W. R. Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Squires, Judge and Mrs. Charles E. Flandrau, Col. and Mrs. Mason, of Fort Snelling; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheelock, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Baker Jr., Col. and Mrs D. A. Monfort, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Sweeney, Col. W. B. Bend and ladies.

Messrs. and Mesdames W. H. Vittum, J. S. Fulton, Adams, H. P. Rugg, David F. Peebles, Judson Sharpe, Oscar B. Hillis, F. B. Kellogg, C. B. Brown, W. J. Footner, William Rickel, W. A. Abbott, Tams Bixby, M. F. Kain, Lane K. Stone, Ansel Oppenheim, A. Flournoy, Cass Gilbert, Frederick Driscoll, C. E. Secor, C. A. Severance, L. N. Scott, J. L. Lovering, A. Michaud, E. S. Sanborn, Thomas D. O'Brien, C. J. McConville, John W. Merriam, C. B. Hoxie, C. D. O'Brien, W. G. Strickland, E. W. Peet, W. F. Peet, Frank Seymour, C. O. Rice, F. W. M. Cutcheon.

Misses Clara Haas, Bessie Rugg, Annie Towle, A. Hennessey, of Albany; Sawyer, Horn, Meadows, Campbell, the Misses Andrews, the Misses Galusha, Demegre, the Misses Lewis, Lamprey, Blanche Larpenteur, Mabel Lovering, May Dougherty, Eddy, Balch, of Minneapolis; York, of Boston; Newport, Wheelock, Dufrene, Anna L. Duffy, Alice Monfort, Perkins, Margaret Smythe, Severance, of Minneapolis; Hawks, Cook, Agnes Balch, of Minneapolis.

Messrs. B. L. Beckfield, A. J. Horn Jr., Will Shell, Minneapolis; George H. Colgrave, J. E. Hawks, Ambrose Tighe, Howard Ramaley, E. A. Towle, Dr. Donnelly, Robert Merriam, Michael Boyle, George Finch, W. Bates, John Ranson, Nicholas Dunn, Lou Wilkes, Dr. Robert Wheaton, E. Hotaling, G. P. Rugg, A. D. Richardson, Lieut. Wolfe, Lieut. Moffett, of Fort Snelling; Bianch Carpenter, Ed Campbell, H. Hummason, Whitney Wall, Henry Ege, N. Wagner, Harry Warner, George G. Robinson, Conde Hamlin, H. L. Davis, A. H. Padgett, Dunbar Hunt, Park Wedelstaedt, Oscar Nelson, L. M. Hastings, Luther Newport, W. L. Kelly Jr., Hal Murphy, George W. Langevin, C. E. Wheeler, Minneapolis; W. E. Neuler, Minneapolis; Charles Wright, Minneapolis.

THESE LOOKED ON.

Some of the Occupants of Boxes and Balcony.

Among those having seats in boxes and the balconies were the following:

Box A—Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kirk.
Box B—A. H. Wilder and party.
Box C—Gov. William Rush Merriam and party.
Box D—Theodore Borup and parly.
Box E—Mrs. John L. Merriam and party.
Box F—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Upham and Miss Grace Upham.
Boxes G and H—Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Oppenheim, M. Hellein, Mrs. Devens, Shepard Stone, Roland Delano, L. Oppenheim, Miss Greve, Mr. Wallace, H. P. Upham and C. Cooke.
Box I—Dr. Shadle and party.
Box J—G. F. Hall and party.
Box K—Mrs. Jaggard and party.
Box M—Judge Young and party.
Box N—Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Newel, Miss Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. C. Lamborn.
Boxes O and P—George R. Finch and party.
Box X—Mrs. Abbott and party.
Box Y—J. B. Tarbox and party.
Box Z—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Hillis and party.

Mesdames Bishop Gilbert, McMasters, T. J. Flanagan, Dufrane, J. B. Cook, F. W. Robinson, Jennie Hanson, of Litchfield, Moore, Florence Clark, Moore, Lamprey, Kolmann, Coltmire, Gordon, J. D. Bass, Simpson; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lavalle, L. T. Levasseur, L. W. Wilkes, M. C. Healion, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newell, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Ordway, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gilman, Dr. and Mrs. Park Ritchie, Dr. and Mrs. Archie McLaren, Mrs. James Elmer, J. S. Robinson, Mrs. Elmer, Tracy Lyon, Capt. and Mrs. John Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Chittenden, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Devitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKey, Mr. and Mrs. B. Roussler and daughter, W. J. Fergusson, C. R. McCandlass, Mark W. Fay, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Golbraith, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Markoe, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ford.

Mesdames A. Horn, E. Crittenden, Joseph Prendergast, P. P. Bortnold, Ena Lytzen, Mark Ferrey, C. A. Prescott, D. P. Roussopoulos, Henry Martin, M. A. Ditmars, W. J. Chamberlin, N. Bouse, W. F. Wilson.

Misses Pennington, of Stillwater; Mary and Nettie Prendergast, Katie O'Connell, Fitzpatrick, Nellie Bowman, May Slocum, Bean, Farrell, Marty, Tilton, Crogan, K. Stover, May Chamberlin, Helen May Clark.

Messrs. Robert Rantoul, P. Cummings, P. D. O'Connor, Mark J. Fitzpatrick, H. T. Henderickson, Capt. H. Crandall, A. O. Whipple, Devil's Lake; W. Johns, W. H. Edwards.

THESE IN CHARGE.

List of the Patronesses, Managers and Ushers.

The following-named persons having the affair in charge were present, with only one or two exceptions:

Mesdames S. Newel, M. N. Gilbert, F. B. Clarke, E. C. Mason, George Skinner, C. M. McIntyre, J. Farrington, J. A. Wheelock, John Wright, Y. P. Morgan, D. Hersey, E