NOTE AND COMMENT.

Several days ago an aspiring poet submitted to the editor of a local paper a poem on "Beautiful Snow." The rhyme was rejected, so the poet gave it to an alderman from the East side, who will spring it on the council this afternoon as a snow ordinance, originated by

A local clergyman regaled his con gregation yesterday morning with a discourse on the fervid topic, "Hel and Its Environments." His description of the place was so realistic that his congregation felt moved to ask in he spoke from actual experience.

It was stated at police headquarters last night that Maj. Norton was to be appointed as secretary to the new chief of police. When the officers at headquarters heard of it they went out into the still, crisp night and kicked themselves.

It has not been decided yet that the new chief of police shall retain Danny. The horse is cons dered dangerous from the fact that he has been overfed and allowed ta run wild in Maj. Henderson's back yard for the past six months. It is said that it was Danny, and not a poodle dog, that bit Capt. Jim Hankinson. If such is the case, it will be well for the police surgeon to keep his eye on Danny, for there is no telling what

A man was arrested last night for breaking into a paint shop. He told the officers at the station that he had wagered with a friend he could paint the town on Sunday even under a Republican administration, and was merely preparing to carry out his plan merely preparing to carry out his plan

Maj. Henderson, of Minneapolls, sends greetings to his old friend Maj. McClaughry, of Chicago, thus wise: "Together we stood and together we fall. It's tough, old man, but we can console ourselves with the thought that the people dou't appreciate a good thing when they have it."

AMUSEMENTS.

The much advertised farce-comedy, "Yon Yonson," began a week's engagement at the Bijou yesterday, playing to a good house in the afternoon and stand-ing room in the evening. The crowd at the evening performance was so uproarious that at times it seemed the very ceiling would fall. There is no neces-sity to describe the performance in detail, for the comedy has been presented in the city before. As it was then it is now, with a few minor changes that do now, with a rew minor changes that do not materially change the play. The scenery is as good as ever, the set put on in the second act, representing a logging camp, being perhaps a trifle more elaborate and extensive. Gus Heege in the title role was greeted with enthusiasm, though his Swedish dialect is by no means any better than when he first means any better than when he first essayed the character of Ole Olson. Miss Sadie Connelly, as Mrs. Laffin, got a laugh whenever she appeared on the stage, and her inimitable dancing was accorded a hearty ovation. Miss Merri Osborne, in the character of Jennie Morris, made a hit and the audience discovered she was a very pretty woman. Miss Mauk Edna Hall, the leading lady, also demonstrated she was a clever actress. She played the part of Grace

Today at 2:30 a special New Year "Yon Yonson" matinee will be given at the Bijou.

The Chicago lady quartette will give a matinee and evening concert at the

Lyceum theater today.

Joseph Murphy's admirers will have an opportunity of seeing him in the great Irish comedy drama "The Kerry Gow" at the Grand Opera house this afternoon. Popular prices will be in order.

Taken to the Hospital.

Saturday Officer Morrisey arrested an old timer, named Tena Johnson, and locked her up at the central station on the charge of theft from the person. Her crime was the luring of a tipsy laborer into her room in the North Star lodging house, on Washington avenue south, kept by Sodina; and robbing him of his money. She was sentenced to allowed to remain in the central station until yesterday, owing to one of her arms being broken. Last night she was sent to the city hospital, by order of Po-

Burglar Murphy Captured. Tom Murphy, an enterprising burglar, broke the shutter off the rear of Barnum's saloon, on Hennepin avenue opposite the city hall, last night. He then smashed the window and crawled in, proceeding to regale himself on fine cordials and cigars. A mammoth bulldog lay asleep in the A mammoti building lay aspect in the center of the saloon, apparently hypnotized. Just as Murphy was walking off with a lot of goods, Patrolman Charles Fleming, after a desperate fight, nabbed him and locked him up at

PRICE OF BILLIARD BALLS. Owing to the Scarcity of Ele-

present," said Oliver Brown, manager of the Astor house billiard rooms. "A set of those ivory balls now costs \$34. Fifteen years ago the balls could be bought for \$18. The increased cost is due to the scarcity of ivory.

"When the elephant tusks, from which the balls are made, arrive at the factory they are cut up into blocks and

factory they are cut up into blocks and turned roughly in a lathe. They are then placed in canvas bags and hung up to become thoroughly seasoned. When an order arrives for a set of balls they are taken from the bags, reground and polished.

are taken from the bags, reground and polished.

"It is necessary to let the balls remain idle for a few days before they are placed upon the table, in order that they may become accustomed to the atmosphere of the billiard room, for they are very susceptible to temperature and easily become warped.

"With ordinary care a set of billiard balls will last for two years. At the expiration of that time they are apt to become crooked and wobble on the table. They are then taken to the factory and

They are then taken to the factory and ground down for use in the game of pola. Then when they become useless in this capacity they are again reduced In size and find their way into the loether bottle."

The Superior MEDICINE

for all forms of blood disease,

Sarsaparilla

the health restorer, and health maintainer.

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MINNEAPOLIS. HE LOST HIS WIFE.

Dan Wassmer Wants the Police to Help Him Find His Belle.

She Has Gone to Chicago and Says He Will Never See Her Again.

Bradish Seems Beaten for the Presidency of the Incoming Council.

Eustis Will Have to Flip a Coin to Decide Who Shall Be Chief.

A thin gentleman, wearing a fawncolored "Benny" and a trustful expression, called at police headquarters yesterday and requested to see the officer in charge in his private room. His business was very important, he said, and then he hitched his "Benny" and heaved a sigh. When the officer heard the sigh he bethought himself of the merry bygone days when he was in love, when he sat up all night writing letters to his adored one and sighing the while like an overfed furnace. He resolved to give the gentleman with the fawnolored "Benny" his earnest attention, for he recognized in the sigh the sure ndications of a breaking, surcharged

heart.
"Me name is Don-" began the gentleman in the "Benny," and the officer mentally exclaimed:
"Be gobs, I wondher if it is Don

Casar, or Alonzo."
But it was neither, for the attenuated gentleman concluded his sente, se with "Wassmer." "Don Wassmer"—a decidedly romantic name for a thin man, thought the officer. After the usual preliminaries and a hacking cough the thin man burst into tears and said he had lest his dear little wifer. She had æsar, or Alonzo. had lost his dear little wifey. She had left him and to save his soul from ever-lasting perdition he could not find her. "An' is she sthrayed?" asked the of-

ficer.
"Nay, nay," was the gentle expostu-lation from the thin man. "She has not strayed, in the literal meaning of the word, and yet she has. She is lost to me, she has, I fear, strayed, from the path of rectitude, from her loving and

devoted Don."

Wassmer then went on to say that his Wassmer then went on to say that his wife had gone away from her home, on Thirteenth avenue south, and left him all forlorn. She went away on Dec. 14, and since that time he had neither eaten nor slept. He was of a nervous temperament, and her absence made him light and care the given and during perament, and her absence made him dighty and very imaginative, and during the past few days he had done nothing but count heads on the street, hoping to discover in the madding throng that surged up and down the crowded thoroughfares some glimpse of his lost love's head. Her name was Belle, he said. He had married her in Chicago, whence he had come but two short months ago. He first believed she had gone back there, but recently he had come into the possession of several letters which made him positive she was in Minneapolis. She had written to a gentleman in Chihim positive she was in Minneapolis. She had written to a gentleman in Chicago enclosing several letters which she asked him to forward back to Minneapolis. One letter was to a young lady friend of the family and the other was to him—to the forlorn and lonely hubby. The letter to him was a brief note and merely added fuel to the consuming

flame.

At this stage of his story thin Mr.

Wassmer dropped several tears on the lappel of his fawn-colored "Benny" and drew a packet of letters from the inside

drew a packet of letters from the inside pocket. They are below and will explain themselves:

Send this letter back as quick as possible.

Minneapolis, Minn.—James Conover, 428 Sixty-first street, Chicago: You are a stranger to me, but through Miss Clara Newland I heard of you, and would like to have you do me a favor. I will enclose a letter here in your note, and wish you would send it to Clara for me. Do you see the point. I want your note, and wish you would send it to Clara for me. Do you see the point. I want a party here to think I am in Chicago. Hoping you will do that, I close, A STRANGER. Chicago, III., Dec. 16, 1892.—Miss Clara Newland.—Dear Friend: I reached here safe and sound yesterday, although quite tired. I suppose on account of my worry. I have been thinking of Minneapolis and wonder how the "old man" is by this time. I hope you will go up on Cedar and write me the news. I am with a very nice family, and think I will get along all right, although it will be hard for me at first. I have one girl to take care of. She is four years old. I get \$3 a week and my board, room and laundry done. I want you to make Don believe I am in Chicago. Poor fellow, I feel sorry for him; but then we were fighting all the time, and I not only made him unhappy, but every-body else so. Weil, Clara, I must close now; will write more next time. Give my love to France Mary and all the rest. I will enwrite more next time. Give my love to na, Mary and all the rest. I will energy and to to Don and you can tell him met me on the street. Write soon.

With love,

When thin Mr. Wassmer handed the officer the little note intended for himself he sighed bitterly, and once more the officer thought of his youth, green fields and sweetly-smelling flowers. Here is the note to "Don:"

Don: You have said I have caused you uch trouble, but now I will cause you no one. Wishing you the best of luck, I reain Your Runaway Wife. phants' Tusks the Cost Has Doubled.

New York Advertiser.

"Never in the nistory of the game were billiard balls as expensive as at present?" caid Oliver Brayer manager.

"Oliver Brayer manager and explain matters. He loved her; he downdown the could but see her for a few moments and explain matters. He loved her; he downdown her and way willing to put in

BRADISH LOOKS BEATEN.

effort to coerce the aldermen into agreeing. After election and up to the time of the last Republican caucus, a week ago today, the aldermen were allowed to do as they pleased. They failed to agree. Now the bosses are looking ahead "for the good of the party." This interference by the bosses concerns Jim Bradish more than any one else. It is admitted that if the presidency could be settled, and Miner and Skoog placated, the balance of the slatemaking would come easy. Miner and Skoog are supposed to be unfavorable to Bradish, although they have exhibited an accommodating spirit, Miner having been promised that Jim Tripp would be pensioned by the city instead of the Eighth ward. But events of the past week have worked against Bradish with Miner and Skoog. The abnormal interest which Skoog. The abnormal interest which the street railway has taken in Bradish's candidacy has not helped him. Cal Goodrich has been at the city hall almost every day in consultation with city officials and aldermen who are faithful to Bradish and the street railway interest. Loiterers in the lobby of the

est. Loiterers in the lobby of the Nicollet have been almost daily witnesses of conferences between Goodrich and the faithful. One could see McAllister, Loye, Flanders, Woodward, Bradish and the rest conference. So openly has this sort of thing gone on that no one could miss noticing it. Bradish has been injured by it. Miner and Skoog have been

by it. Miner and Skoog have been compelled to take cognizance of it and have been reminded of their anti-street railway pledges.

Other and weightier reasons than Miner's or Skoog's opposition to Bradish have been evolved. The, for him, unfortunate remarks dropped by Bradish at the last council neeting with reference to labor organizations form the basis for the reasons the bosses are urging against Bradish. What Bradish said was an insult to all members of labor said was an insult to all members of labor organizations, and to all men who believe that laboring men are entitled to recognition. If Bradish be elected president of the counsel, the Republican party in Minneapolis will stand in the attitude of indorsing what he said. For the past few days the bosses have been endeavoring to swing the Republicans into line for Fred Snyder. Snyder would satisfy Miner and Skoog. If he can be made the Republican cancers pomisaid was an insult to all members of labor be made the Republican caucus nominee for president, the Republicans can organize the council for a certainty, and probably fill all city offices with Republicans. But the boom for Snyder is gail and wormwood to Gray and Brazie and Loye, the old aldermen who want to be president. They do not like to see an inexperienced newcomer like Snyder elevated over their heads to the presi-

All in all, the prospects are bright for a fight over every selection for office to be made by the new council.

FLIP A COIN. How William Henry May Yet Pick

a Chief of Police. We won't know who will be chief of

police before this afternoon. It is almost certain that Mayor-elect Eustis has not decided in his own mind yet. Opinion among the guessers is that the final choice lies between V. M. Smith and Winn Brackett. The majority think that Brackett has the call. Tom Downs Brackett has the call. Tom Downs seems out of the reckoning. The Nash forces made a last assault upon the mayor-elect's position yesterday. Nash has been considered out of the question by the best informed for weeks, and that opinion has been correct. But Nash's friends did not despair. John Goodnow, Nash's chief manager, is nothing if not persistent and persevering. He organized a storming party, and last night the final assault was made. The Nash forces retired in bad nade. The Nash forces retired in bad

Mr. Eustis has, in the opinion of many, made a serious mistake in treat-ing the question of chief of police. Nearly two months have passed since Nearly two months have passed since it was settled that he would appoint the new chief of police. During all that time all of the candidates whoever were worthy serious thought, save V. M. Smith, have been under discussion. Now the hour, almost, for making the appointment has come and still Mr. Eustis is in doubt. His course with relation to this appointment is taken to indicate lack of decision, vacillation, or a habit of procrastination, any of them anyof procrastination, any of them any-thing but a qualification for an execu-

"It wouldn't surprise me," said one of the disgusted Nash men last night, of the disgusted Nash men last hight, "if Eustis would finally pick a chief of police by flipping a coin."

From the first the guessers have said: "The chief wil! be Brackett or"—any one of the dozen other aspirants. This condition of Brackett against the field is taken to argue well for Brackett.

RELIGION IN LIFE.

Rev. William Wilkinson Wants More in Everyday Affairs. Yesterday in St. Andrew's church. Rev. Wm. Wilkinson said in his ser-

"It is the wisdom of men to bring the philosophy of heaven into the ordinary life of earth. There is today no truth more needful to be taught clearly and with emphasis, than that which says, those who name the name of Christ be careful to maintain good works. If men who are not in the church are made to understand that prayer divorced from practice, creed apart from justice, are to be made to do duty, they will soon despise religion and those who profess it. It is a fact a study of all moral and ethical systems will prove that those who, alas! have often pretended to love them most, have frequently made the letter to take the place of the spirit. Long after the Jew had ceased to care for practical right-eousness he was very exact in his line of times and seasons of set fasts and and explain matters. He loved her; he adored her, and was willing to put up with anything and everything. She could scold him and even beat him if she so listed. All he wanted was to hold her once more in his arms. The officer promised to give him all the assistance in his power, and advised the unhappy husband to go home, eat and then get a little sleep.

Don Wassmer left the police head-quarters, and when last seen was taking a reef in his "Benny," and sighing for "Belle."

BRADISH LOOKS BEATEN. of life which will commend itself to the

He's Opposed by the Bosses and a of all men.
"It is the glory of some men that they ultivated sense of right in the breast Big Fight Seems Certain.

Have you ever considered that Mayorelect Eustis may not assume command of the municipal craft today? Such a contingency is possible and within the range of probability. The mayor will not be sworn in until the council shall have been organized. The council may not be organized today.

It is extremely likely that one of the prettiest fights in years will be seen in the council chamber today. Not in years, if ever, has the council been so close on party lines and partisan organization so doubtful. In the first place, there is the presidency in doubt. As the Globe alone pointed out after the last Republican caucus, no slate that will hold has been fixed up et, Bradish has no sure thing on the presidency. To be sure, he had out after the last Republican caucus, no elate that will hold has been fixed uplet. Bradish has no sure thing on the presidincy. To be sure, he had in the last laucus more votes than any on her of the candidate, but he did not lave a majority of the Republican vous, to say nothing of an assurance that all the Republicans would stand by him even if he were nominated in caucus. Then the friends of George W. Cooley claim that he is gaining strength for city engineer and that all the Republicans will not vote for Rinker. It is certain that some of the Democrats will vote for Cooley if the contest narrows down to a question of Cooley or Rinker. The old question of what to do with Jim Tripp, the Eighth ward pensioner, will also cut some figure. Another complication arises from Alderman Woodward's desire to boss matters.

The Republican aldermen will try to caucus this morning. It is not at all likely they will come to an agreement. The fight has been too hot over some questions to be quelled in so short a time. The boss Republicans of the city, however, will make a determined

commonplace. It is the almighty power in morals, clear and productive. Its triumphs are in every land in all time. It will make a plain man shine with the

It will make a plain man shine with the sheen of God.

"True religion has two windows. One looks up to its founder and king, the Lord of Hosts. The other looks round to man in all his relationships, and to him it is a brother and a friend. The more perfect it is in the heart of any man, the more exquisitely are all its adaptations in virtue to all men's many needs."

HEAT OF COLORADO DESERT Experience of a Railroad Engineer

ATELY a Southern Pacific engineer told the Santa Barbara Independent something about his experience on the Colorado desert as follows:

"You don't know what hot weather is here. I've just come in from a trip to Yuma. A. T., and I can tell you that the ride between Beaument and Yuma—170 miles—in the hot season is a trip you will not soon forget. Remember that this is a hot country and no water. Every train that goes in the Terrible Atmosphere.

and no water. Every train that goes over the road takes one or more water cars. This is absolutely necessary in re than one sense.

Any traveler can signal any train go-Any traveler can signal any train going either way on this strip of track and ask and receive from the water tanks a supply of water. This is the rule of the company, and I pity the engineer who would disobey the rule and not stop at the signal. I don't mean to say there is a man who would refuse to do this, even if it wasn't the rule. I can tell you of more than one case where

tell you of more than one case where the getting of a water supply from the train was the preservation of the lives of travelers.

"Let me tell you something of the heat. When I was in India last the thermometer stood at 116 deg. in the shade at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It did not fall much, if any, below the 100 deg. notch during the night. The air is did not fall much, if any, below the 100 deg, notch during the uight. The air is pure and dry, and the people sleep in the open air. The great trouble one finds there is not only the heat but the mosquitoes. They are very ferocious—regular cannibals. People now complain of a new species that is even more tond of eating persons than the old species that we know so well. But I am getting away from the heat. Run a locomotive into India or Yuma and you can't tell which part of the machine is can't tell which part of the machine is the hottest.
"The journals, driving boxes, eccen-

tries and pins are no hotter than the other parts of the iron work. Section hands will drop a crowbar on the ground in the sun. In five minutes they can't touch it with the naked

hand.
"You would be interested in the Indians at Yuma during the hot weather. They wil! go to the Yuma river and scoop up a big batch of wet mud and plaster their heads all over with the sticky substance. Then they will seek a clump of greasewood trees and take a

"Another thing you will find curious and interesting. This is the great desert of pure white sand. It is always shifting and changing as the wind changes. I've known of its covering the track to a depth of from seven to ten feet inside of an hour's blow. You will see at Seven Palms the telegraph poles with the bottoms gouged out. You know the piles are eaten away by a species of sea worm and the teredo, but there are none of these animals at Seven Palms. The sand blowing against the poles is what does the mischief, just as a sand blast will cut away the hardest glass."

A GUESS AT THE GREENROOM



HEN I was a lad i
the painting room o
the old Princess
theater, A. D. 1846, re,
marks G. A. S. in the
LondonSunday Times,
whenever a tragedy
was performed there
used to be laid down
a huge carnet of green a huge carpet of green baize. Often and often have I asked the stage carpenters, the prop-erty men, and even the mighty prompter himself—he was Mr. Emden, the father of the extant Walter Emden, the well-theatrical architect—what was

known the meaning of this theatrical board of green cloth, but I never could obtain a satisfactory explanation of the mystery. satisfactory explanation of the mystery.

Nor, although long years afterward I
was enabled to solve the riddle, can I
remember now whether it was James
Robinson Planche or E. L. Blanchard
who enlightened my ignorance. The
meaning of the green cloth was simply
this: In the English tragic drama the
become and beginns are mountfully heroes and heroines are mournfully addicted to dving in sight of the audi-

ence.

Now, in the atter part of the eighteenth century, and during the first fifty years of the present one, the nobility and gentry were in the habit of presenting their cast-off drawing-room and highly all the reast-off drawing-room and highly all the general first parts of the made of the senting their cast-off drawing-room and birthnight dresses, often made of the richest silk, satins and brocades, profusely embroidered with gold and silver, to the most conspicuous among the players; and the dramatist artists, when it was their business to give up the ghost in presence of the audience, very sensibly objected to having their fine clothes spoiled by coming in confine clothes spoiled by coming in contact with the not always clean boards of the stage. So it occurred to some thoughtful manager to lay down a green cloth on which kings and queens could expire with due dignity, but without solling their gay apparel.

soiling their gay apparel.

I have a theory—only a theory—that the "greenroom" at a playhouse derived its name from the tragedy, green cloth being kept there in case of need, and that the "green coat," or footman, "super," was so called because it was part of his duty to lay down and take up the green cloth. the green cloth.

'Twas But a Dream.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.
Teacher-Well, Tommy, I suppose you had a very pleasant time Thanksgiving day? Tommy (not feeling well)—Yes, had an awful nice time till after dinner.

Was It Theft? Harper's Bazaur. Bobby (at the breakfast table)-Maud. did Mr. Jones take any of the umbrellas

or hats from the hall last night? Maud—Why, of course not; why should he, Bobby?
Bobby—That's just what I'd like to know. I thought he did, because I heard him say when he was going out, will me group to the like to the start him say when he was going out. "I'm going to steal just one, and-Why, what's the matter, Maud?

Just Plain Hunting. Buffalo Evening News. Nimrod-Any good hunting around here?

Farmer-Yaas, oceans of it. Nimrod--What kind of game can you Farmer-Never seed any game-just plain huntin'.

THE PATH OF PEACE.

Who sent you here? Just whe n my heart was And tortured with love's latest agony;
When to myself I solemnly had sworn
To walk life's way alone, you come to me
With those big eyes, mysterious and strange,
And sad, sweet face, as solemn as the

grave.
What I had thought the end was but a change;
Again I find myself a woman's slave. But do not frown-don't take away those eyes
Whose lightest look seems to intoxicate.
Must leave me now? Yes, yes; the hour flies,
But thou hast brought me nearer heaven's

But thou hast crought here gate.

Thy gentle hand—thy loving hand has led the from the shores of sin; from stone to stone

He's taught my falt'ring feet to tread

The path that leads to peace—I walk alone,

—Cy Warman in New York Sun.

MR. BLAINE IMPROVES

The Distinguished Invalid Is Reported Better by His Physician.

He Exhibits Little Despondency and Speaks Hopefully of the Future.

Little Prospect That He Will Be Removed to the South Soon.

Suit Against the Chief of Ordnance--Other Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- "Mr. Blaine is

a little better," Dr. Johnston said this

That he has lived the old year out and witnessed the coming of another year is a surprise to many who have means of knowing just how ill Mr. Blaine has been, and who also know how sick he is today. While there are rumors from time to time that Mr. Blaine is to be removed to some warmer climate, no preparations have thus far been made by the family for such a journey. The fact that Mr. Blaine is not able to sit up seems to be taken as evidence that the period of his removal is very remote at least. His physician will not discuss the question with any but members of Mr. Blaine's family. It is understood that personally Mr. Blaine prefers to remain in Washington pending the termination of his illness. He is fully aware that, unless his physician accompanied him on his journey and remained with him, he would be running a great risk. This fact and another, that he could not find elsewhere the comforts of his own home, make Mr. Blaine, it is said, very much averse to being removed. Sick as Mr. Blaine is, he still exhibits much of that wonderful will power and nerve that have carried him through more than one crisis. In these latter days he exhibits less of the despondency over his physical condition than that which characterized him when he was much stronger than he is today. In the presence of his family he tries to be cheerful and hopeful of the future. His apprehensions he keeps as his own secret. There are times when he discusses his plans for the future, especially those of a literary nature. It is understood that of his politics he does not speak except in a desultory fashion, as if they had lost to a certain extent for him their interest. It is also understood that in case he should not be able to carry out certain of his literary plans, he has arranged to have papers relating to public matters in his possession edited and published at the proper time. At midnight Mr. Blaine's apartments were in darkness. His physicians have retired for the night.

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COMMON INFRINGEMENT.

Snit Brought Against the Chief of Ordnance.

Washington, Jan. 1.—James S. Grosvenor, L. Wilson and E. H. Litchfield, of New York, and S. Seabury, of New Jersey, have entered suit against Commodore Folger, chief of ordnance, for infringemet upon a patent for improved breech-loading cannon. Lieut. Seabury of the navy, claims to have introduced the improvement, and that the others have bought shares in the invention. They claim that Commodore Folger and others have conspired to desprive the complainants of their rights by building a similar gun for the government. Their patent was filled in 1890. The guns were made in Great Britain, France. Italy, Spain and Germany. Shortly after the issue of the patent, Lieut. Seabury claims he exhibited a model and drawing of it to Commodore Folger, it is said, planned with Ensign R. Dashiel, of the navy, to design a cannon similar to Seabury's and to evade the charge of infringement by changing the form of certain parts of the invention. The model and drawings of Seabury, it is charged, were used in this work and the resources and facilities of the ordiuance bureau called into play. The trial of the design was successful, and it is charged that a large number of cannons are in process of construction at the navy yard under direction of Dashiel, who claims to be the inventor. An injunction is asked to prevent further infringment and a decree compelling Commodore Folger the inventor. An injunction is asked to prevent further infringment and a decree compelling Commodore Folger to pay the damages plaintiffs have suf-fered.

RAILWAY EARNINGS.

They Were Gratifyingly Large During the Past Year. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- A preliminary

report on income and expenditure of sailways for the year ending June 30, 1892, compiled by the statistician to the interstate commerce commission, will soon be made public. 'I'he gross earnings of 128,349.99 miles of railway are shown to have been \$951,025,159, from which the gross earnings of the entire railway systems of the United States are estimated to have been \$1,222,711,-698. This is an increase of \$125,950,303 over the earnings of the previous year, or an increase of \$608 per mile of line. The operating expenses for the year were \$814,822,080, being an increase of \$82,834,189, which leaves an increase in net earnings of \$43,116,114, or \$2,472 per mile of line. A comparison of passenger and freight service shows the largest proportion of increase in earnings from operations to have come from freight service. The actual increase in revenue from passenger service was \$31,500,028 or \$247 per mile of line as against an increase in the revenue from freight service of \$81,506,671, or \$349 per mile of line. It is 506,671, or \$349 per mile of line. It is observed that the railways on which there has accrued the largest increase there has accrued the largest increase in gross earnings per mile of line are the lines connecting the wheat-growing localities with the seaboard and the lines in the Southern states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico. It is significant, however, to notice that on these railways there has been an increase in operating expenses nearly equal to the increase in gross revenues. The report shows that the aggregate gross earnings of sixty-two roads, each of which enjoys an income in excess of \$3,000,000, is \$794,476,631, being an average income of \$12,814,161. The average gross revenue per mile of line for all roads is \$8,840.

no advantage, and therefore it has been suspended. The presumption is based on the fact that Canada still imposes a on the fact that Canada still imposes a duty of 10 per cent on all tea and coffee imported via the United States, a duty which has been in existence for a number of years. It has effectually driven all tea and coffee traffic with Canada from transit through any part of the United States. Apparently it has proved advantageous to Canadian transportation interests and therefore is still maintained. In the language of a prominent official tonight: "If Canada wants to show that she is possessed of a good and friendly feeling for the United States, let her abolish that 10 per cent duty on tea and coffee."

THE CANADA DYNX.

Lots of Tnem to the North of Lake Nipissing. Forest and Stream. In December, 1890, we were going up

the Sturgeon river on the ice. At a point about eight miles north of Lake Nipissing we saw an animal across the river, about a mile in advance. Not knowing exactly what it was I ran ahead with a .40-82 Winchester. On coming to the track in the snow I saw at once that it was a Canada lynx, and as there was an enormous bluff or rock on the shore in the direction taken by

evening. When asked if Mr. Blaine sat up any yesterday Dr. Johnston answered in the negative. It is now fourteen days since Mr. Blaine suffered a relapse which many of his friends feared would speedily prove fatal. In getting up. Even the weight of the rifle told against me at times. The position of the lynx was such that it was impossible to see him without climbing on a large bowlder directly in front of the place of the animal's refuge. I mounted the bowlder, and, stooping down, looked in at the lynx barely ten feet away, but I was so much blown by the exertion that it was necessary to wait a half minute or so to recover my

I remained on guard in front of the animal, and when sufficiently recovered knelt down and fired. One spring would have reached me, and its momentum must have precipitated me 200 feet down the face of the cliff. The position taken by the animal was such that he could not be seen except from the one point. He appeared rather frightened than vicious, so far as I could judge when first seen his eyes were glaring green from beneath the rock, when ready to fire his position was changed. The head was not visible, but the breast

The head was not visible, out the breast only was exposed. The 300-grains bullet proved too much for him.

Hunters in Northern Ontario do not consider the lynx at all dangerous. If taken in a trap they do not hesitate to attack the animal and beat it to death with a club. My own experience tends to confirm the notion that they are covered to

THE MIXED RAC E OF INDIA.

The Inclinations of the People Are More European Than Native.

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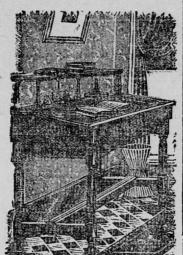
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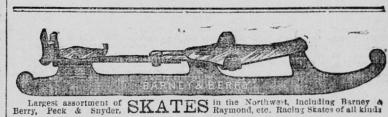
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