

## MINNEAPOLIS.

## 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 city council tomorrow as a snow ordinance, originated by himself.

A local clergyman regaled his congregation yesterday morning with a discourse on the tervil topic, "Hell and Its Environment." His description of the place was so realistic that his congregation felt moved to ask if 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 considered dangerous from the fact that he has been injured and allowed to run wild in the city. His back yard for the past six months. It is said that it was Danny, and not a poodle dog, that bit Capt. Jim Hankinson, such is the casual way in which the police surgeon to keep his eye on Danny, for there is no telling what may happen.

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

Maj. Henderson, of Minneapolis, sends greetings to his old friend Maj. McLaughlin, of Chicago, this wise: "I wish you were here, but I can't come. It's tough, old man, but we can console ourselves with the thought that the people don't appreciate a good thing when they have it."

## AMUSEMENTS.

The much advertised farce-comedy, "On Yonson," began a week's engagement at the Bijou yesterday, playing to a good house in the afternoon and evening. The crowd at the evening performance was so appreciative that at times it seemed the ceiling would fall. There is no necessity to describe the performance in detail, for the comedy has been reviewed in the city before. As it was then it is now, with a few 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 extensive. Gus Hege in the title role was greeted with enthusiasm, though his Swedish dialect is by no means any better than when he first essayed the character of Ole Olson. Miss Sadie Connelly, as Mrs. Lavin, 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 Mrs. Lavin, made a hit and the audience discovered she was a very pretty woman. Miss Maude Edna Hall, the leading lady, demonstrated her acting in a very impressive way. She played the part of Grace Jennings.

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

The Chicago lady quartette will give a matinee and 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 Morrissey arrested an old timer, named Tena Johnson, and locked her up at the central station on the charge of being a vagrant. Her crime was the luring of a busy laborer into her room in the North Star building house, on Washington street, and robbing him of his money. She was sentenced to thirty days in the workhouse, but was 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 Police Surgeon Gilson.

## Burglar Murphy Captured.

Tom Murphy, an enterprising burglar, broke the shutter off the rear of Barman's saloon, on Hennepin avenue, opposite the city hall, last night. He then snatched the window and crawled in, proceeding to regale himself with fine cordials and cigars.

A mammoth burglar, Jay Aspley, in the center of the saloon, apparently hypnotized. Just as Murphy was walking off with a lot of goods, Patrolman Charles Fleming, who was on duty, fought, nabbed him and locked him up at the central station.

## PRICE OF BILLIARD BALLS.

Owing to the scarcity of elephants' tusks the cost has doubled.

New York advertiser. "Never in the history of the game were billiard balls as expensive as at present," said Oliver Brown, manager of the Astor house billiard rooms. "A set of those ivory balls now costs \$25. Fifteen years ago the balls could be bought for \$15. 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 turned roughly in a lathe. They are then placed in canvas bags and taken to become thoroughly seasoned. When an order arrives for a set of balls they 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 ground down in the same manner as the new ones. Then when they become useless in this capacity they are again reduced in size and find their way into the lumber bottle."

**The Superior MEDICINE** for all forms of blood disease, **AYER'S Sarsaparilla** the health restorer, and health maintainer. Cures Others will cure you.

## 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 fawn-colored "Benny" and a trustful expression, called at police headquarters yesterday and requested to see the officer in charge in his private room. His name was Dan Wassmer, he said, and then he hit 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 then he smiled and gave the gentleman with the fawn-colored "Benny" his earnest attention, for he recognized in the sigh the sure indication of a breaking, unrequited heart.

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effort to secure the aldermen into agreement after election and no to the time of the last Republican caucus, a week ago today, the aldermen were allowed to do as they pleased. They were 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 placed in the balance of the scales, Bradish would come easy. Miner and Skoog are supposed to be unfavorable to Bradish, although they have exhibited an accommodation with him. Bradish has been pronounced by Jim Tripp to 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 the street railway has taken in Bradish's election 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. Lotteries in the lobby of the Nicollet have been almost daily with Goodrich and the faithful. One could see McAllister, Lyle, Flinders, Woodward, Bradish and the rest of the crowd, exchanging a word or a nod with Cal and retire for a conference. So openly has this sort of thing gone on that no one is surprised. Bradish has been injured by it. Miner and Skoog have been compelled to take cognizance of it and have been reminded of their anti-railway pledges.

Other and weightier reasons than the one of Skoog's opposition to Bradish have been evolved. The, for him, unfortunate remarks dropped by Bradish at the last council meeting with reference to labor organizations, the basis for the reasons the bosses are urging against Bradish. What Bradish 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 council, the Republican party in Minneapolis will stand in the attitude of endorsing 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 caucus nominee for president, the Republicans can organize the council for a certainty, and probably fill all city offices with their own men. But the labor is gall and wormwood to Gray and Brazier and Lyle, 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 presidency.

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 don't know who will be chief of police to-morrow afternoon. It is all most 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. Don't you see, it seems out of the reckoning. The Nash forces made a last assault upon the mayor-elect's position yesterday. Nash has been questioning the proper time for the best informed for weeks, and that opinion has been correct. But Nash's friends do 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 order.

Mr. Eustis has, in the opinion of many, made a serious mistake in turning the question of chief of police. Nearly two months have passed since it was settled that he would appoint a new chief of police. During all that time all of the candidates who were worthy serious thought, save V. M. Smith, have been discussed. Now the hour, almost, for making the appointment has come and still Mr. Eustis is in doubt.

With relation to this appointment is taken to indicate lack of decision, vacillation, or a habit of procrastination, any of them, and even the mighty prompter himself—himself—he was Mr. Eustis. The old Princess theater, A. S. 18, in the old species that 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 fond of eating persons than the old ones. They know so well, but are getting away from the heat. Run a locomotive into India or Yuma and you will see a part of the machine is the hottest.

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

"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 relations, soon finding him to be a brother and a friend. The more perfect it is in the heart of any man, the more exalted are his words and adaptations in virtue to all men's many needs."

**HEAT OF COLORADO DESERT**  
Experience of a Railroad Engineer in the Terrible Atmosphere.

A TELEGRAPH Southern Pacific engineer told the Santa Barbara Independent something about the heat on the Colorado desert as follows:

"You don't know what the weather is here. I've just come from a trip to the Colorado desert. I can tell you that the ride between Beaumont and Yuma—170 miles—in the hot season is a long one. The heat is terrible. Remember that this is a hot country and no water. Every train that goes over there has to be cooled. This is absolutely necessary in more than one sense."

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 it is strictly enforced. 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 the getting of a water supply from the tanks 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 110 degrees. It did not fall much, if any, below the 100 deg. noon during the trip. The heat was 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 fond of eating persons than the old ones. They know so well, but are getting away from the heat. Run a locomotive into India or Yuma and you will see a part of the machine is the hottest."

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## MR. BLAINE IMPROVES.

The Distinguished Invalid Is Reported Better by His Physician.

He Exhibits Little Despondency and Speaks Hopelessly 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 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. 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 condition of his health 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 a comfortable place to live, have kept 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. 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. In his conversations he keeps as far as possible from all allusion to his illness. There are times when he discusses his plans for the future, especially those of a literary nature. It is understood that of his political he does not speak except in a desultory fashion, as they had lost a certain interest for him the other day. 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 in the proper time. Mr. Blaine's apartments were in darkness. His physicians have retired for the night.

**COMMON INFREQUENT.**  
SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—James S. Grosvenor, L. Wilson and E. E. Litchfield, of New York, and S. Seabury, of New Jersey, have entered suit against Commodore Folger, chief of ordnance, for infringement of a patent for improved breech-loading cannon. Lieut. Seabury, of the navy, claims to have invented the improvement, and that the others have been using it without his permission. The whole case is a matter of some interest. Their patent was filed in 1880. The guns were made in Great Britain, France, and Spain.

Not, however, the issue of the patent, Lieut. Seabury claims he exhibited a model and drawing of it to Commodore Folger and that he was promised a trial of his invention by the navy department. Soon after this Commodore Folger, it is said, secured from the navy department, 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 the construction of the new cannon, and the navy department is charged with 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 the construction of the new cannon, and the navy department is charged with the charge of infringement by changing the form of certain parts of the invention.

**RAILWAY EARNINGS.**  
They Were Gratiatingly Large During the Past Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A preliminary report on income and expenditure of railways for the year ending June 30, 1892, compiled by the statistician to the interstate commerce commission, will show an increase of \$2,000,000,000 in the gross earnings of the railways. The gross earnings of the railways for the year ending June 30, 1892, were \$2,000,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000,000 over the earnings of the previous year. The increase was due to an increase in the freight service of \$1,000,000,000, and to an increase in the passenger service of \$1,000,000,000. The freight service was increased by an increase in the volume of freight traffic, and the passenger service was increased by an increase in the volume of passenger traffic.

**It Was But a Dream.**  
Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Teacher—Well, Tommy, I suppose you had a very pleasant time Thanksgiving day. (Not feeling well) Yes, thank an awful nice time till after dinner.

**Was It Theft?**  
Harpers' Bazar.

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—That's just what I'd like to know. I thought he did, because I heard him say when he was going out, "I'm going to take just one umbrella. Why, what's the matter, Maud?"

**Just Plain Hunting.**  
Buffalo Evening News.

Nimrod—Any good hunting around here? Farmer—Yas, oceans of it. Nimrod—What kind of game can you shoot? Farmer—Never seed any game—just plain hunting.

**THE PATH OF PEACE.**  
Who sent you here? Just who n my heart was torn. And tortured with love's latest agony. To walk his way alone, you come to me. With those big eyes, mysterious and strange. And sad, sweet face, as solemn as a grave. What I 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. Those lightest look seems to intoxicate. Must leave me now? Yes, yes, the hour lies. He has brought the nearer heaven's gate. My hand—hand—'twixt loving hand has led. Me from the shores of sin; from sloughs to stone. He's taught my fair 'twixt feet to tread. The path that leads to peace—'twixt stone. —Clyde Warren in New York Sun.

advantage, and therefore it has been suspended. The presumption is based on the fact that Canada still imposes a duty of 10 per cent on all tea and coffee imported via the United States. It is a duty which has been in existence for a number of years. It has effectively driven all tea and coffee traffic with Canada from the United States. The United States, let her abolish that 10 per cent duty on tea and coffee."

**THE CANADA LYNX.**  
Lots of Them to the North of Lake Nipissing.

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 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 there was a snarl through any part of the animal it seemed probable its den was in the vicinity.

As soon as our dog came up he followed the fresh scent and found the lynx about 300 feet up the ledge crouching under a large rock. The lynx was so abrupt that I had the utmost difficulty in getting up. Even the weight of the gun told against me at times. The position of the lynx was such that it was impossible to see him without climbing on a large boulder directly in front of the place where the animal refused to move. The boulder, and, stepping down, looked in at the lynx barely ten feet away. I was so much taken by the exertion that it was necessary to wait a half minute or so to recover my wind.

I remained on guard in front of the animal, and when sufficiently recovered knelt down and fired. One spring would have reached 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 shot the animal's head, and the lynx sprang up in deadly testimony of them—these people who do not go, who have received somewhat in the feeble inheritance of the blood of the Seven Tribes for them to live and die in India.

Nothing will ever exterminate Eurasia; it clings to the sun and the soil, and is marvellously propagative within its own borders. There is no remote chance of its ever being resorbed by either of its original elements. The prejudices of both Europeans and natives are far too vigorous to permit of much internecine warfare with a lot of people who are neither one nor the other.

Occasionally an up-country planter, predestined to a remote and "jungle" existence, comes down to Calcutta and draws his bride from the upper circles of Eurasia—this not so often now as formerly. Occasionally, too, a young shipman with blood of Scotland fresh on his cheeks is carried off by his landlady's daughter, while Tommy Atkins goes to the wars, and the native standard.

**May Introduce a Skirt Dance.**  
Clothing and Furriers.

Mrs. Drowsie—What, my dear, you are not going to wear that bright-colored neetie in the pulpit are you? Rev. Mr. Drowsie—Yes, I am. That's the only way I can keep the audience awake.

**Pears' Soap.**  
People have no idea how crude and cruel soap can be. It takes off dirt. So far, so good; but what else does it do?

It cuts the skin and frets the under-skin; makes redness and roughness, and leads to worse. Not soap, but the alkali in it. It neither redens nor roughens the skin. It responds to water instantly; washes and rinses off in a twinkling; is as gentle as strong; and the after-effect is every way good.

All sorts of stores sell it, especially druggists; all sorts of people use it.

**AMUSEMENTS.**  
**BIJOU.** Grand New Year's Matinee Today.

**YON YONSON.** Coming "The Boat of the Sea."

**DR. NELSON'S CATHARTIC.** Regular graduate. Devoted to the study of the human system. Guarantees to cure, without cost or mercury, chronic constipation, indigestion, biliousness, headache, neuralgia, rheumatism, skin diseases, blood, throat, nose and skin diseases, and all other ailments of the system. Price, 25 cents. Sold everywhere. Write for circular. Address, Dr. Nelson, 101 and 103 Washington St., South Corner of 4th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

## Prelude.

Begin to get ready, to commence to arrange for that New Year's party, for the New Year's party for that spare room. Move in the matter at once. We can furnish special designs, give you any woods, any finish, or any kind of covering, and can make anything to order, at no extra expense, if we have just a little time.

**Desk Talk.**

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