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MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

NORTH STAR SCRIBES MEET

Minnesota Editors in Session at Minneapolis to Exchange Views, Banquet Together and Have a Good Time Generally.

The Attendance of Journalistic Bright Lights One of the Largest in the Twenty-Eight Years of the Association.

Mayor Eustis Welcomes the Tripod Contingent to the City of Minneapolis in a Characteristically Cordial Address.

Short Talk by Smith B. Hall, President of the Minneapolis Press Club—Response by President Johnson, of the Association.

"Early Journalism in Minnesota" Discussed by H. P. Hall, of the Globe—C. C. Whitney on "Conducting a Newspaper."

Entertaining Papers by Conde Hamlin and Col. J. H. Stevens—The Banquet and the "Smoke Social" Great Successes.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Minnesota Editorial association assembled under auspicious surroundings at Century hall, Minneapolis, at 11 o'clock yesterday. Owing to a slight misunderstanding as to the hour of meeting there was some delay in getting together, but the time was not lost, for while waiting for late comers the first on the ground improved the occasion to cultivate one another's acquaintance and discuss measures looking to the improvement of the organization.

Century hall had been beautifully draped with flags and bunting for the occasion, and the dimensions and ar-

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rangements of the room were peculiarly fitted for the size and character of the assemblage.

Previous to the commencement of business those present were shown a unique piece of work in the shape of a card of regrets from the editor of the Prison Mirror, who, from his stronghold behind the towers and walls of the institution at Stillwater, sends his greeting to the association, accompanied by satisfactory reasons for his absence. The card is about 18x24 inches in size, the message being inscribed in most beautiful penmanship, the border, head and foot lines being a scroll in pen etching that is the work of a real artist. The message itself was couched in the following language:

To the honorable, the bulwarks of enlightenment, the galaxy of editors of the Minnesota State Editorial association in Minneapolis assembled:

Be it known that we, the editor of the Prison Mirror, in duty bound, do feel

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painfully constrained to inform you that our absence is necessitated, much against our will, by an overwhelming detention and contract—matters of state appertaining to the judiciary department. Your honorable association will, we pray, take cognizance of an impediment that bars and hampers us in our imperative functions, recking, as it does, with deep, uncessating qualms of regret—and for this unavoidable absence please pardon us.

In closing we present to you in dedication the following quatrain from our Shorn Poet:

"Ye editor doth boldly stand,
And over us holds dominion.
He wields a scepter in his hand;
We yield to his opinion,"

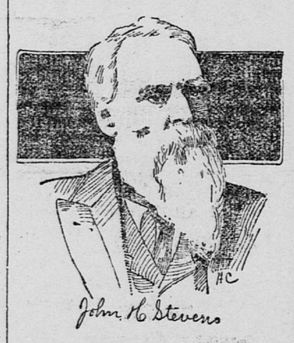
and subscribe ourself, very merrily yours, L. P. SCHOONMEKER.

The penmanship was done by Wilcox, one of Minneapolis' distinguished guests at the stone building. The poet's name is not given, but it is presumed his punishment is commensurate to the offense.

THE BALL SET ROLLING.

The meeting was called to order by J. A. Johnson, president of the association, who briefly and in a complimentary vein introduced William Henry Eustis, one of the mayors of Minneapolis, who, in his own happy and original style, at once made everybody welcome and at home in their temporary surroundings.

Mr. Eustis paid a handsome compliment to the intelligence of the country press. The country editor, he said, was more honest and more independent than the city editor. The press was the power of the age, and the country press was the exponent of all that was highest and best in journalism. Just as the springs and tributaries went to make up the great river, so the country paper was the fountain head of public



sentiment. The country editor has the whole week to deliberate over the matter which fills his paper, and in consequence the contents were more carefully prepared than in the city papers, where all is rush and hurry to get to press. What gunpowder has done for

the science of war the printing press has done for peace.

The country editor writes his matter at his leisure, reads it over to himself, and frequently to the female members of his family, thus submitting it to the refining and purifying influence of the fair sex, and it is thus that we find in the country papers all that is pure in sentiment and healthy in moral tone.

The shot fired at Sumter was heard around the earth because the newspapers took it up and transmitted it to the world. But for the newspapers all events would be comparatively trifling. The press was the best thermometer and the great barometer of the advance of time. Controlled by fair-minded and honest men the country press was, and would continue to be, the safeguard of the public weal and the court of appeals for those who had wrongs to redress.

Mr. Eustis' address was warmly received and heartily applauded by as appreciative an audience as it was ever his good fortune to address.

PRESIDENT S. B. HALL'S WELCOME.

Following the address of Mayor Eustis, Smith B. Hall, president of the Minneapolis Press club, was introduced, and, on behalf of the Press club and the working newspaper men of the city, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

Mr. Hall announced that all the theaters of the city had thrown open their doors to all members of the association, and would reserve seats for members on application at the box office. The city railway company volunteered to furnish free special cars to any number of ladies and gentlemen who might desire to make excursions through the city. The doors of the press club, Mr. Hall announced, would be wide open during the entire session, and all were invited to make themselves at home in the cozy apartments in the Rochester block.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Briefly and in suitable terms President J. A. Johnson, of the association,

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responded to the addresses of both Mayor Eustis and Mr. Hall. He then announced that the first feature on the regular programme was the annual address of the president, and he proceeded to read his official utterances, his delivery being clear and distinct, with no attempt at rhetorical effect.

(Mr. Johnson's address in full is given on the sixth page.)

CONDE HAMLIN SPEAKS.

Following this order, N. A. Nelson, of

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the Washington County Journal, presented the letter of regret from the editor of the Prison Mirror, and an engrossed resolution from the prison board inviting the association to pay a visit to the prison while in session. The matter of the visit to Stillwater was deferred to the individual wishes of the members, and the president introduced Conde Hamlin, of the Pioneer Press, who read a paper on "The Relation of the Newspaper to Material Prosperity."

(Mr. Hamlin's address appears on the sixth page.)

OLD PEASE'S WIG.

In line with Mr. Hamlin's paper, C. C. Whitney suggested that O. C. Gregg, of the farmers' institute, be invited to address the association. Owing to the crowded programme for the day, it was decided to defer Mr. Gregg's address to a later date.

At this point G. S. Pease, of the Anoka Union, slightly disfigured and almost completely disguised in a bronze wig, was called for and escorted to the platform, where he was hilariously greeted and unmercifully guyed by his fellow workers, who, however, accompanied every jest with unmistakable evidences of the universal esteem in which "the old man" is held.

At 12:15 the meeting adjourned to 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the chairman

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announcing a committee of three on resolutions. The committee consisted of F. E. Lange, of Duluth; H. E. Hoard, of Montevideo, and F. A. Day, of Fairmont.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 by President Johnson, who read a communication from the St. Paul Press club inviting the members of the association visiting St. Paul to make themselves at home in the club rooms, corner of Fifth and St. Peter streets.

Col. J. H. Stevens was then introduced for the reading of journalistic reminiscences. Because of poor sight and voice Col. Stevens was unable to read the paper himself, and, after some preliminary remarks, he introduced Prof. Dobbins, who read the paper in a very acceptable manner.

(Col. Stevens' paper is given on the seventh page.)

At the close of this reading B. B. Herbert outlined the programme of the national editorial convention and excursion, the former of which meets at Asbury Park, N. J., next July. In compliance with the motion by Irving Todd the chair appointed Irving Todd, Soren Listen and J. S. Putnam as a committee to select delegates to the national association. The next paper on the programme was that of H. P. Hall, on "Early Journalism in Minnesota," but as Mr. Hall had not yet appeared his number was passed on the list, and C. C. Whitney was called to the platform for his excellent paper entitled "How to Conduct a Newspaper." (His paper is given in full on the seventh page.)

The reading of this paper was followed by an interesting discussion, participated in by George N. Lanphere, Frank A. Day, Dr. Barret, Murphy, and others. Dr. Barret was especially happy in his dealing with the question of cut prices, and John J. Ryder strongly supported the position taken by Dr. Barret. Mr. Paradis, of the Midway News, also strongly fortified the other speakers, who made a stand for full rates, but took the ground that it was practically and actually impossible to maintain such rates in a city or largely populous community were competition is rife. In the large cities, he said, there were so many small publications in which practically no capital was invested, that it was not practicable to bind them by the rules of an association. Mr. Lange, of Duluth, cited the fact that in his city there was the same class of competition as that referred to by Mr. Paradis, but he said he met such competition by simply ignoring it, and holding out for the natural patronage of his friends.

At the conclusion of the discussion upon Mr. Whitney's paper, the association listened to a paper by H. P. Hall, of the GLOBE, on "Early Journalism in Minnesota." (Mr. Hall's paper is printed on the fifth and sixth pages.)

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Those present, as disclosed by the

Treasurer.

records of the secretary and treasurer, were as follows:

H. B. Martin, the Union, Minneapolis; A. Crosby, Republican Gazette, Wilmar; C. D. Raymer, Literary Light, Minneapolis; H. O. Bassford, Register, Austin; A. J. Rush, Times, Lake Benton; J. D. Burns, News, Waconia; J. L. Stack, advertising agency, St. Paul; Luth Jaeger, The North, Minneapolis; E. C. Huntington, Reporter, Windom; John Q. Adams, Appeal, St. Paul; C. D. Belden, Transcript, Austin; David Ramaley, A. O. U. W. Guide, St. Paul; Irving Todd, Gazette, Hastings; H. Stockenstrom, Hemlandet, St. Paul; A. W. Sheets, Argus, Long Prairie; Winn Powers, Oddfellow's Review, St. Paul; A. C. Belyea, Herald, Elbow Lake; F. A. Day, Sentinel, Fairmont; W. R. Edwards, Republican, Tracey; W. H. Bohannon, Leader, Lamberton; E. L. Peet, Spectator, Minneapolis; James Leicht, Herald, Winona; H. E. Hoard, Commercial, Montevideo; A. B. Allen, Republic, Jackson; John E. King, Democrat, Adrian; C. C. Goodnow, Farmers' Leader, Pipestone; E. J. Lynch, Journal, St. James; N. A. Nelson, Journal, Stillwater; C. R. McKenby, Sentinel, North St. Paul; W. G. Smith, School Educator, Minneapolis; E. S. Lambert, Globe, Fergus Falls; L. E. Davidson, Bulletin, Perham; C. F. Schonlan, Valley Signal, Houston; W. D. Belden, Argus, Caledonia; Frank Bartholomew, Herald, Spring Grove; V. W. Lathrop, Trumpet, Tracey; O. H. Phillips, Record, Dodge Center; W. A. Hotchkiss, Republican, Preston; W.

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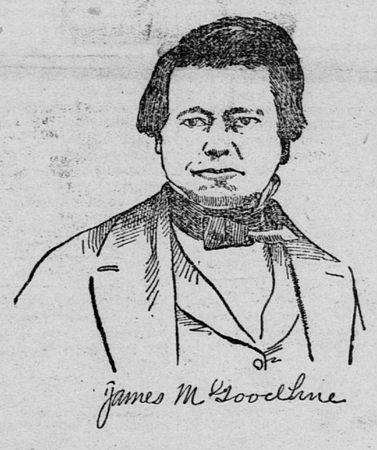
President Minnesota Editorial Association.

R. Hodges, Herald, Sleepy Eye; O. H. Bronson, North Star, Richmond; H. P. Hall, GLOBE, St. Paul; B. B. Herbert, National Journalist, Chicago; A. J. Myers, Sentinel, Lake City; G. N. Byington, Rural Center, Walnut Grove; W. B. Mitchell, ex-editor, St. Cloud; George N. Lanphere, News, Moorhead; W. E. Lawson, Times, New London; A. B. Lange, Scandia, Duluth; L. M. Fisher, Masonic Record, St. Paul; C. R. Shepherd, Union, Bird Island; Alvah Eastman, Journal-Press, St. Cloud; J. L. Putnam, Tribune, Granite Falls; W. J. Monroe, Sun, Morris; Fred. Burress, Journal, Tower; James Ruane, Gazette, Slayto; E. A. Paradis, News, Merriam Park; F. A. Meyst, Record, Minneapolis; D. W. Bath, Mail, Minneapolis; H. G. Day, Standard, Albert Lea; E. E. Adams, Journal, Fergus Falls; C. A. Birch, Argus, Willmar; Frank Hoskins, Advocate, Henning; F. E. Burum, Avalanche, Sauk Center; A. N. Dare, Star-News, Elk River; L. P. Hunt, Free Press, Mankato; L. T. Meacham, News, Plainview; G. S. Pease, Union, Anoka; P. C. Neumeier, Post, Stillwater; F. B. Reed, ex-editor, Hastings; S. J. Turnblad, Postern, Minneapolis; C. H. Du-



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bois, N. W. Illustrator, Minneapolis; S. A. Langevin, Times, Preston; George A. Kirkpatrick, Star, Rushford; C. D. McKillip, Republican, Faribault; C. A. French, Times, Monticello; E. K. Roverud, Journal, Caledonia; Thomas O'Brien, Journal, Eden Valley; J. H. Manchester, News, Lake Benton; A. Sammon, Enterprise, Graceville; Soren Listoe, Nordvesten, St. Paul; J. A. Johnson, Herald, St. Peter; M. J. Dowling, Star-Farmer, Renville; J. S. Vandiver, Saturday Review, St. Paul; J. D. O'Brien, Irish Standard, Minneapolis; J. F. Murphy, Herald, Waseca; W. E. Easton, Gazette, Stillwater; Miss H. G. Perry, Journal, St. Peter; J. P. Heatwole, News, Northfield; Bronson Strain, Review, Battle Lake; John J. Ryder, News, Luverne.

THE BANQUET.

Most Brilliant Function in the History of the Association.

The banquet tendered the delegates to the State Editorial association by the city of Minneapolis at the West hotel last night, under the auspices of the Press club, was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever given. The spacious and brilliantly-lighted dining room of the West presented a scene of animation and beauty seldom seen even in this famous hostelry, noted for its brilliant functions. The hour of the banquet was set for 6 o'clock, but owing to the late hour at which the afternoon session was concluded it was fully an hour later when the delegates and their

ladies and the invited guests filed into the dining room. It is estimated that nearly five hundred people sat down to the sumptuous feest prepared by Col. West, and so ably served by Emil Scaglia, the accomplished chef of the hotel. The menu included all of the substantials and delicacies for which the West is noted in and out of season, and the several entrees were discussed with a relish only known to the epicurian taste of the average editor. During the banquet popular and classical airs were discoursed by the Danz orchestra, which occupied a position in the entresol.

Seated at the head table were Gov. Nelson, Mayor Eustis, Lieut. Gov. Clough, John A. Johnson, president of the association; Smith D. Hall, president of the Minneapolis Press club, and other notables.

It was 9 o'clock when Mayor Eustis, the toastmaster of the evening, called the assembly to order with the introduction of the Masonic quartette, which rendered a selection, after which the mayor made one of his felicitous off-hand speeches. In commencing he said the people marked time by epochs; a few years ago the site of Minneapolis was inhabited by Indians, and now there was a city of 200,000 people. The city of Minneapolis contained among its citizens the first white child born in Minnesota. The city presented a marvel in the growth of metropolitan cities, and was entirely unique in its way. He

then proceeded to eulogize Col. John H. Stevens, as the individual in question, and in conclusion he introduced Col. Stevens as the foremost pioneer editor and resident of Minneapolis and the state.

Col. Stevens was called upon, and he said if he had not been an editor or farmer he would have been a millionaire, as the city of Minneapolis now stood on the ground where his farm used to be. He gave a brief but interesting resume of the early days, and concluded by paying a tribute to power of journalism.

Mayor Eustis then proceeded formally to welcome the editors to Minneapolis, saying the city had nothing it could give them, but they had things they could give the city.

The mayor wound up by a happy allusion to Mr. Johnson, as he turned over the keys of the city to the president of the association, saying that Minneapolis had one Johnson who could beat the record on skates or anything else, and he hoped the president would keep up the reputation of the family.

President Johnson made a happy response, saying that he not only accepted the freedom of the city, but it accepted the city itself. He made a happy hit in drawing a contrast between the city and the country newspaper men, saying that the latter had a great advantage. They could see the gray dawn, if they rose early enough, and could warble sweet lullabies and break forth in song, and perhaps get ten days for doing so. He alluded to the splendid hospitality accorded the association by Minneapolis, saying that the present was the most brilliant affair ever given.

Mayor Eustis, in a happy vein, then introduced Gov. Nelson, who spoke on "Our Commonwealth." The governor spoke of the power of the state and said that while he represented the state, President Johnson represented a much nobler estate in the commonwealth of the press.

Upon his arrival in Chicago in July, '49, he had worked there on the Free Democrat, published by John Wentworth. As the office boy he was the connecting link between the paper and the public, and he regretted that he had ever left his first love. The great powers, he said, in the United States were the school house and the press. He had felt the power of the latter, especially when he ran for office, but had taken his medicine on the theory of "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." This was so, he said, with regard to his friend Hall, Brother Hall, of the GLOBE, who had chastised him

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in an exuberance of brotherly love and a Christian spirit. Gov. Nelson then narrated an experience he had with Mr. Hall upon the occasion of the latter's visit to Washington, in which he had reminded him of the aid he had contributed towards his election by his opposition, and since when they had been the best of friends. In conclusion, he testified in eloquent language to the high esteem in which he held the fraternity in general, and to their power and influence in the community.

After a selection by the quartette W. B. Chamberlain spoke on the subject of "Minneapolis Newspaper Men." In introducing Mr. Chamberlain, Mayor Eustis eulogized the members of the local press. Mr. Chamberlain said big guns were well enough in their way, but that they sometimes refused to shoot, and upon such occasions the little ones were called into requisition. He referred to the caliber of the other guns with their bristling batteries of wit, their artillery of repartee and anecdote. He then drew a graphic and amusing picture of the life of the average city newspaper reporter, whose sad lot it is to be shut out of meetings and whose fond hope and dearest dream is to become a fat, sleek and prosperous country editor. The contrast between

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the two men was vividly depicted, and in conclusion he said the country editors are the salt of the earth and that they hoped some day to be occupying as good salt cellars as the visiting editors.

The next speaker was H. P. Hall, who responded to the toast, "The Capital of Minnesota and the St. Paul Press Club."

Mr. Hall was introduced in a happy manner by the mayor. Mr. Hall alluded to the hospitality of the two cities. He then progressed in early stages to his theme, saying that he welcomed them in behalf of the Capital city as much as if the association was in St. Paul. He read the following telegram he had just received:

To H. P. Hall, West Hotel:

ST. PAUL, Feb. 15.—Extend courtesies of the Commercial Club of St. Paul to the convention.

W. J. FOOTNER, President.

Mr. Hall paid a strong tribute to Col. William S. King, one of the early newspaper men of the state and city, stating he had done more than any one man to make Minneapolis, his work being at a crystalizing era when the question was whether there should be a city here or not. He read the following extract from a letter from Col. King:

"How I wish I was going to be at home to drop in at your convention. Some of the dear old boys of the 'bygone days' will be there, and I would so like to greet them and take them by the hand again. With some of them I have had some most lovely battles in the past, when we have 'bit, kicked and scratched each other like the devil,' but God bless them all, I love them still as 'the years roll by.'"

Mr. Hall concluded with a warm compliment to Minnesota hospitality.

The toast, "The Fathers of the Craft," was responded to by Hon. S. P. Jamison. Gen. Jamison digressed sufficiently from his theme to pay several pretty compliments to local newspaper men and others of the craft. Then in a happy conversational vein he spoke of the early days, saying that his only regret was that he did not buy Minneapolis in the early days. However, he was not like Col. Stevens, who had owned the city, and all he, the speaker, could have bought, would have been about a foot and a half at that time.

Dr. Fred Barrett, of Tower, responded to the toast, "The Solemn Aspect of the Publisher's Life." He said he did not know of any solemn moments in the life of the country newspaper man, except it was on occasions like the present. He said they were banqueted and given a lot of things they did not know how to eat, and as for himself he never felt so hungry in his life. They had come from the country to be told how to make butter by a city editor, and it was these and other things that made them solemn. Dr. Barrett made a good many happy hits, which were warmly applauded.

After another original selection by the quartet, in which the couplets were made to rhyme with Smith Hall, of the Times, and Mayor Eustis, Rev. Dr. Shutter spoke on "Statesmanship and the Press." Just as he was about to speak a sensation was created by the appearance in the hall of Robert G. Ingersoll, who was seated next to the mayor. In introducing Dr. Shutter, Mayor Eustis said he knew the ministers of Minneapolis were conversant with local statesmanship from personal experience. In responding to his toast, Dr. Shutter said he would be brief for the reason that Col. Ingersoll came after him, and he said the latter was usually after the ministers. He then referred the great functions and power of the press, and contrasted its staying qualities as compared with that of politics. The press, he said, is the statesman's opportunity. It is his rostrum, and it multiplies his oratory. The newspaper discovered men; it brought them out, and laid

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their ideas before the public; it makes his opportunity, and if there is anything in him it brings it out.

The press is the statesman's school house.

He then proceeded to enlarge upon the scope of the press, which he described as universal in its character. It is the great educator, and the people's university. If called on to give up one or the other as between the college and the newspaper, the former would have to go.

The banquet was brought to a happy close with an eloquent address by Hon. Robert G. Ingersoll. In introducing the orator, Mayor Eustis said they had kept the best wine for the last of the feast. In his remarks, Mr. Ingersoll said that he did not believe newspaper men were better than lawyers, doctors or other men. All were engaged in trying to make a living; it is a magnificent thing to make a living; it is a lucky thing to be alive. The great and noble feature of journalism is its hatred of provincialism; commerce is the great missionary; just as the people come to know each other the old hatred goes out. What the press did was to do away with provincialism; it made the people homeogeneous and educated them on the same subjects, and thus made men brothers. Perhaps they did not always tell the truth, but they overpraised as many men as they slandered. They were like the man in Maine, who owed about as many men as he didn't. He then referred to the Democratic editors, saying that even they had the manhood to tell the truth. Speaking of

the tariff, he said he wanted everything made in the United States that could be. What was wanted is more mixture of mind and muscle. The industries of the United States should be fostered. The money should be kept in this country, and the iron and lumber produced on our soil should be manu-

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