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It is doubtful if a banquet was ever given in St. Paul at which flowed more freely than at the dinner given by the Commercial club to the members of the Ramsey county bench and bar last night. Not less than 125 guests were present, and while most of the speakers turned their ready tongues to the humorous rather than the serious, and kept those present convulsed with laughter almost continually, yet many thoughts worthy of much consideration were given expression.

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John H. Ives, Col. W. P. Clough, Assistant County Attorney Donnelly, O. B. Hillis and D. F. Peebles. Welcomed by Footner. President W. J. Footner, of the Commercial club, welcomed the guests, and said it was the first time the Commercial club had an opportunity to invite the legal fraternity to a dinner and that the success was due to the committee on arrangements. Mr. Footner then introduced Ambrose Tighe as toastmaster of the evening.

Mr. Tighe said the success of the dinner was due to Timothy R. Palmer. The club appointed him as chairman of the committee. He went to his office and wrote an invitation to five members of the bar to meet him for the purpose of making the arrangements, and when the hour for the meeting came he was engaged, but he sent a messenger, saying that he had a very important case in the high court of justice presided over by Justice Nelson. Mr. Palmer finally called on Secretary McGinnis, the steam engine of the Commercial club, who went ahead with the work. Continuing, Mr. Tighe said: "Gentlemen, my instructions are to be brutal in order that others shall be brief. We have no set speeches, but will try and give all those desiring to speak a chance."

"Thanks," said Mr. McGaffery, and the voice was drowned in a roar of laughter. "One of the subjects for discussion is the revision of the statutes," went on Mr. Tighe, "and every lawyer should be in favor of revision, for it increases litigation. Another subject is the jury system. We have been anxious to be litigated that every man is entitled to a trial by jury. But there have been decisions by federal judges within the past few months which, if allowed to stand, threaten to completely overturn our Anglo-Saxon system of justice."

Mr. O'Brien said: "I do not know what subject I am to talk on. For my own part, I should prefer to criticize the bench, because it is the only opportunity I have ever had. [Laughter.] I think, however, we shall have to wait until a new bench is elected. One thing, I hope the bench will make more rules, and, if it does, that it will let the question of attorney fees alone."

of these few is Gen. Becker. I can only say to the younger men present, that by pursuing a course of honor and industry they will reach the positions of eminence that have been attained by the men of those early days whose names have come down honored."

Judge Egan was next introduced as James "Jashtian" Egan, and a roar of laughter went up that re-echoed through the whole building. Judge Egan said: "I have heard that Judge Willis has been sentenced to some penal institute in Paris, and he wants to be heard. Judge Otis maintains that his ancestor, rang the old bell of liberty, and he wants to be heard. So I suppose I must be brief. We are a republic, and one of the evils of our judicial system is the lack of uniformity between the laws of our states. I had better be careful, for there are members of the legislature here, and they may abolish the constitution and destroy our occupations. There are two questions that ought to receive attention. One is the emancipation of jurors, and the other is a multiplicity of other things. I realize that being a humorist detracts from one's intelligence and I have for a long time been impressed with the fact that the members of the bench and bar are of the same mold. If you are superior to the judge, so much the better for you. We should come into close association and learn each others' composition. I mean that the lawyer should know the judge, and if he is not honorable and truthful, bounce him. [Laughter.]"

Hon. Daniel W. Lawler was the next speaker. He said: "Our accomplished toastmaster, Gov. Altgeld, of Illinois [laughter], has not given a faithful report of the work of the Commercial club in charge of this banquet. A secret ballot was taken by the committee for the selection of speakers, and, by a singular coincidence, each member of the committee had one vote. These are the speakers who have addressed the hall this evening. The other day when a horse case was being tried before Judge Egan, a wisp of hay was offered to the judge, and he said: 'I don't want it; give it to the jury.' I am always reminded when I think of Judge Egan, of the occasion when he announced with such solemnity: 'Gentlemen, the first case on the calendar is No. 1.' I well remember a speech Judge McCaffery made at a certain meeting nine years ago, in the course of which he declared as proof of his American citizenship and patriotism that his grandfather was at the battle of Bunker Hill. When I asked him afterward what he was giving us about his grandfather, he replied: 'Why, of course he was. He was a private and fought under the British flag.' [Wild applause.]"

Mr. Tighe moved to have Justice Nelson's speech published, that it might go down in history with the poem he himself read at last year's dinner. "C. D. O'Brien was called for and said: 'I am glad to see that Ramsey county are indebted to the Commercial club for one of the happiest reunions we have ever had. I congratulate the club on the usefulness of purpose in bringing the different elements of society together by the different means it employs. I also congratulate the club on the good sense shown by the severity of the commodity of the bar at such gatherings. The things we have here tonight are much brighter and contain more wisdom than they would have had wine and whiskey flowed freely. The lawyer is the guardian of his client, and at times in the heat of argument he goes beyond the line of prudence. It should be remembered that it is often due to the feeling of indignation he feels about the injury done to his client.'"

ST. PAUL IN THE LEAD.

It May Secure the Pan-American Congress of Religion, WHICH WILL MEET IN JULY

And Attract the Eminent Divines of All Denominations.

SHEERIN NOW IN CHICAGO, Working to Secure the Gathering--Commercial Club Acts.

In all probability St. Paul will entertain the Pan-American Congress of Religion, which will meet in the United States next July. Secretary Samuel Sherin has been in Chicago for some time devoting his best interest to secure the congress for St. Paul, and has taken quarters at the Palmer house. His assistants upon the executive committee are ably seconded by Archbishop Ireland and many other prominent Catholics; Rev. Bishop J. H. Vincent, D. D. of Kansas; Rev. Bishop J. H. Hurst, of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Bishop Mahan N. Gilbert, of Minnesota. There will be a meeting of prominent people in Chicago this week to further perfect plans and decide upon time and place for this greatest of all religious meetings. A number of prominent St. Paul people will go on to Chicago at once to aid Mr. Sherin in his efforts to secure the congress for St. Paul.

Yesterday afternoon the Commercial club, always alive to ideas that will benefit the city, held a special meeting and appointed a committee of five with J. J. McGaffery as chairman, to work for the location of the congress here. The indications at present are that the efforts of these combined forces will be successful. None of the many large meetings held heretofore attracted so many eminent divines, and educators as will this one. People of all religious beliefs in every portion of North and South America will be invited. The congress will last one week, and have two general sessions each day and ten sectional meetings each afternoon. Many of the highest dignitaries of church and state, and wealthiest philanthropists of North America have promised co-operation in the promotion and conduct of the congress. The management of the congress is vested in the executive committee of fifteen persons and a board of commissioners, composed of one person of each state and country represented. There will be the following sections: 1, editors' section (religious and educational papers); 2, publishers; 3, book dealers and authors' section; 3, college section, theological and higher education; 4, church, schools, academies, seminaries, etc.; 5, woman's section; 6, religious charities, hospitals, orphanages, reformatories, etc.; 7, temperance section; 8, denominational section; 9, young people's section, all young people's societies; 10, economic section, sociology, etc.

Each of These Sections will have a president, vice president and secretary and a distinct programme of its own. The questions to be considered in the congress will be the great social and moral questions of the day, in which all humanity is most interested. The organization has been effected, but not yet completed in all its details. Rev. Samuel G. Smith, D. D., pastor of the People's church, St. Paul, is president, and S. Sherin, who was secretary of the local executive committee of the National Educational association at Asbury Park in 1894 and St. Paul in 1890-96, has been elected secretary and general promoter of the congress. Dr. S. G. Smith has a national reputation as an orator, leader and philanthropist and of the highest executive ability, is well fitted to take charge of a work so immense in extent and importance as this congress will be. Time and place will be announced in a few days. It will likely be held in July; and as to place, there are several cities anxious to entertain it. Among those mentioned are Asbury Park, N. J.; Detroit, Toronto, St. Paul or Minneapolis; and Atlanta, Ga. The railway companies have been asked to make a reduced rate of one cent for round trip, plus 1 cent membership fee, the fee to cover price of book of

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Change of Method Dangerous--Royalty on Ore is All Right.

Charles McIlrath, state auditor of Minnesota from 1881 to 1882, is at the Winona on his annual visit to St. Paul. Although at present a resident of New York, the ex-auditor still regards St. Paul as his home. To the GLOBE man he talked interestingly of the development of the business of the state since the early days. "I may say that I practically established the land department of the auditor's office," said Mr. McIlrath, "and I am not at all ashamed of the results achieved. I maintain, however, that an expert should handle that part of the business, because it is expert work. During my service as auditor I followed the plan of disposing of the stumpage slowly, only as the people wanted it, so that the market was never depressed. We aimed to never get less than \$5 a thousand, and secured sometimes as high as \$7, after the advent of the railroads. Naturally, these sales of stumpage will need to be carefully attended to by the proper officers, or abuses will creep in."

"Touching on the public school fund and the proposed change in the method of loaning same, Mr. McIlrath gave expression to some decided opinions. "In my view," said he, "a board ought to be established to have control of the loaning of that fund. The board ought to consist of the treasurer, auditor, attorney general and the governor, and in an advisory capacity the president of the state university and perhaps others high in educational affairs. In the early days we added as much as \$50,000 to the fund by the increase in value of investments and by funding bonds at advantageous periods. "I consider it a very wise provision which compels investments of the school funds only in state or public school bonds. The proposal to permit loans to come from this fund to erect schools and bridges is unwise. I would lead from it to build a court house or school house, because the people can see and appreciate those things; but to invest the money in roads and bridges on township, or even county, bonds would result in a great loss to the state. Wisconsin and some other states tried that plan, and the loans were never repaid in many instances. The present law is all right, especially if a board was created such as I have referred to, and then permit it to loan as the best judgment of the members might dictate. "To return to the stumpage question, permit me to say that I consider the Minnesota system, which is modeled after that of Michigan, the only safe system for preserving the interests of the people and the state--to sell the stumpage and retain ownership of the land. And in this connection it seems to me the present mineral law is all right. The charging of a royalty on tonnage of ore mined is the best method for the state, and should have careful attention and supervision to prevent the possible growth of fraudulent practices. "Years ago I estimated that the public school fund would grow to \$18,000,000. It has had to do that, although opportunities for investment are not good today, perhaps, as they were when we could invest in United States bonds that afterward commanded a premium. The annual income to the state from this royalty on ore is certain to amount to a very large sum in the course of a few years. Let it stand as it is, so far as the system is concerned. "Questioned as to his views on the outcome of the senatorial contest Mr. McIlrath said he had known Gen. Washburn very well for years. He was surveyor general of public lands for Minnesota when I was state auditor, and has had large part in Minnesota affairs for years. He naturally was prominent in politics, and I consider him a really able man. But Gen. Washburn is arold and aggressive. He has come to a leading place since my time, and I know him but slightly. He is a man of the people, however, and might make a good governor. I look to see him do equally as well in the senate."

Seven Pillars of Society. Rev. Addison Moore will this morning at Woodland Park Baptist church preach the first of a series of seven sermons on "The Beatitudes, or the Seven Pillars of Society," the sermons being as follows: "This morning, 'The Pillar of Power'; Feb. 3, 'The Pillar of Pain'; Feb. 10, 'The Pillar of Possession'; Feb. 17, 'The Pillar of Plenty'; Feb. 24, 'The Pillar of Pity'; March 3, 'The Pillar of Purity'; March 10, 'The Pillar of Peace.'"

Chief Lawler Coming. Capt. S. R. Van Sant, department commander of the G. A. R., received a letter yesterday from Commander-in-Chief Lawler stating that he will be present at the annual state encampment to be held in this city Feb. 27 and 28. The crowd have made up a roll of one and one-third fare for the round trip. There are several candidates for department commander to succeed Capt. Van Sant. Among those mentioned are Capt. Reed, of Glouce; Judge Torrence, of Minneapolis; and Gen. Mullen, of Wabasha.

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