'TIS NOT HIS JEWEL

CONSISTENCY DOES NOT SHINE IN THE DIADEM OF MAYOR DORAN.

BEFORE AND AFTER VIEWS

OF THE CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S POLCY RESEMBLE THE PATENT MEDICINE ADS.

THEY ARE SO VERY DIFFERENT.

"Personal Fitness" Compared with "Political Influence" as Shown in Recent Police Changes.

In his inaugural address, delivered some three weeks ago, Mayor Doran said: "It was to be regretted that theretofore political influence rather than personal fitness has been the test applied to applicants for positions on the police force."

The Mayor might at the time have had some idea that he would take the personal fitness end in making his appointments, but if so, he has neglected to put the plan in force. Some twenty-five new men have been appointed to poisitions on the police force since the Mayor commenced his reorganization of the department, and the end, according to the Doran strikers, is not yet in sight. In nearly every case the appointee had nothing but political pull and favors rendered during the campaign to recommend him. Personal fitness, which the Mayor regretted had not been the test for appointment before he took charge of the department, has been applied since June 2, but only to discharge men with, and not for appointing purposes. The men who have "resigned" or been discharged to make room for faithful followers and shouters have had unheard of charges filed against them. They have been refused a hearing, even after the charges were specified, and an investigation demanded. Over one-half of those who have either resigned, been removed or reduced in rank by the reorganization scheme are experienced and efficient officers.

Lieut. Sexton, for thirteen years a member of the force, and who retained his position as sergeant under Chief Garvin, was one of the first victims.

Lieut. Dennis Murphy, appointed to the force in 1872, has served continuously ever since, and had by hard work and efficiency gained the position of lieutenant at the central station. He was reduced to a sergeant and detailed at one of the substations.

Detective Thomas Kenaley, one of the most faithful, experienced, and efficient men in the sedvice, was discharged, but had the satisfaction of being told by the mayor there were no charges against him.

Henry Meyerding, a member of the force since 1887, and for the past four years a detective, was also let out. There was an effort to retain Meyerding by influential citizens, without regard to party lines, but it was a failure.

John Enright, a member of the department for eight years, who has always attended strictly to his duty and given entire satisfaction, had to walk the plank.

W. J. McGuiggan, now partly incapacitated by reason of injuries received while in the service was forced to resign. He had for ten years been connected with the department as patrolman and detective. The excuse was made in his case that only able and active men could be retatined.

James Brogan, a patrolman at the central station for over five years, admitted by his superior officers as being one of the best policemen on the force, also had his head cut off.

Edward M. Allen, another patrolman with a record of five years' service, had to make way for a political hustler who had strong backing.

Albert Westenhagen, another veteran with six years of faithful duty to his credit was requested to hand in his resignation.

The list could be extended and faithful officers who have served less time mentioned, but the evidence would be the same in each case. The changes would not seem so directly opposite the position assumed by the new mayor, had the appointees or promotions to fill the vacancies been selected with a view of maintaning the efficiency of the department. If the appointments made thus far on the police and detective force are what the mayor considers "personal fitness" for the positions, there must certainly be something wrong with the chief executives power of discernment.

The fact that a large number of the men who have been let out during the past few weeks were retained during the "reform" adminsitration of Mayor Wright would indicate that they were able under that efficient executive to prove their fitness for the positions they held.

A number of the members of the council who, it might be explained, are new to the political ways, took the mayor at his word and have recommended men for positions who were fitted for the place. To their chargrin others who have not even been given a place in the city directory for the past three years have received appointments.

The speeches made by the leaders of the party in the council and articles in the party organs calling attention to the wonderful display of non-partisanship on the part of the mayor sound and read well, but that is all.

MALONEY IS NAMED.

He Is Appointed License Inspector as Expected.

Mayor Doran formally appointed Thomas B. Maloney, license inspector yesterday, vice Charles T. Jessrang who resigned. The Globe announced on Friday morning that the mayor had selected Mr. Maloney for the office, not withstanding the protest of the First ward Young Men's Republican Club.

Mr. Maloney is a middle aged man, perhaps 50 years old. He denies that he is affiliated with the A. P. A. or that he belongs to the Prohibition party.

The fact that Mr. Maloney is over 35 years of age, however, is causing considerable comment on the part of certain assemblyman, and First ward Republicans. The office of license inspector exists only by virtue of a resolution of the council authorizing the mayor to detail a patrolman to do a license inspector's duty. In other words the city's license inspector is a patrolman.

Section I of Chap. XVI of the charter prescribes that "no person shall be eligible to the appointment as policeman, patrolman or other police officer who is not a citizen of the United States or under the age of 35 years, etc. Some contend that this provision, strictly construed, applies to the cheif of police, captains and others. But the section previously enumerates the chief of police, the captains, the detectives, the sergeants and all policemen, patrolmen and police officers, while the eligibility clause above quoted reads "policeman, patrolman or other police officer," that is other than the chief, captains, detectives and sergeants.

There is a possibility that the assembly will deem it improper to confirm the appointment of Mr. Maloney as he is clearly ineligible under the law.

MAILMEN WILL PICNIC.

Carriers Will Have Their Annual Outing the 30th.

Tuesday, June 30, the St. Paul letter carriers will hold their annual outing and games at Hotel St. Louis, Lake Minnetonka. If necessary, two special trains will leave St. Paul over the Milwaukee road to carry the excursionists. Trains leave at 1:30 and return at 8 and 11 p. m. The carriers association will serve meals and lunch on the ground, and will assume all responsibility for the comfort of their guests. The proceeds will be used to purchase uniforms for the band, which will go along, together with an orchestra. Two pavilions will be provided for dancing. Following are the committees having the affair in charge:

Committee on Arrangements—T. S. Poucher, chairman; C. P. Bailley, H. J. Goette, E. J. McManus, W. H. Allen, B. Furnell, J. J. Rochford, Thomas O'Dea, J. P. Lyon, J. J. McGuire.

Committee on Transportation—W. H. Allen, chairman; J. F. Cullen, Fred Kinney, G. A. Hoffman, E. T. Lightbourne, J. P. Lyon, James Norris, George R. Exley, E. J. McManus, B. Furnell, O. J. Mooney.

Committee on Dancing—W. H. Allen, J. H. Foley, J. J. Luby, M. B. Sweeney, O. L. Roach, A. J. McCarthy, A. C. Cloeser, Thos. R. Nagle, T. J. Doyle, J. M. Clarke, W. R. Maxwell, E. Lundblad, with J. J. Rochford as chairman.

Committee on Music—W. R. Maxwell, chairman; F. P. Lonergan, John Fishel.

Committee on Investigation—J. P. Maley, chairman; Geo. W. Hardacre, Thos. S. Poucher.

Committee on Sports—Geo. Gauthier, chairman; J. V. Clarke, A. J. Rock, Geo. T. Drake, Wm. A. Robertson, F. P. Lonergan, Fred Kinney, H. A. Monroe, Fred Wilcockson, Thos. Jones, J. W. Boyle, J. P. Darmody, O. J. Spengler, S. J. Jenks, M. B. Sweeney, E. J. McManus, R. J. Clarke, J. P. Brannon, J. P. Whalen.

Committee on Printing—E. T. Lightbourne, chairman; Jas. Norris, L. E. Clearman, Geo. T. Drake, A. W. Lilley, C. S. McDougal, A. L. Taylor, J. M. Clarke, J. M. Pesek, T. S. Poucher, F. H. Grant.

Press Committee—E. T. Lightbourne, chairman; G. A. Hoffman, H. J. Goette, Thos. O'Dea, Wm. A. Geraghty, Al. W. Dilley, J. J. Dillery, T. S. Poucher.

Refreshment Committee—H. M. Barrett, chairman; J. E. Lackey, S. J. Jenks, C. R. Lowe, J. J. Luby, J. J. MWcGuire, E. W. Wyland, P. J. Dwyer, O. L. Roach, M. Lawless.

Each carrier will sell tickets exclusively in his own district, and citzens should bear this in mind.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John Schmidt, Amelia Arndt; Albert W. Mundt, Lizzzie Weniger; Henry H. Strinkamp, Mary Schmidt; Andrew Towers, Martha Slebbun; George C. Serbert, Burt Miller; James J. Kokesh, Hanna Housa.

BIRTHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bohlen.....Girl
Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Litcht.....Boy
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strobel.....Boy
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Kann.....Boy
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schafer.....Girl
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jansen.....Girl
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Wagner.....Boy
Mr. and Mrs. Madison A. Robinson.....Girl
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gallas.....Girl
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Million.....Girl

DEATHS.

Wm. Scheffnell, 73 E. Fairfield Ave....48 yrs
Martha O. Pfalz, 1114 Mississippi St.....6 dys
Mixhael Wadelowsky, 997 Jessamine St.....10½ months

TREAD-WELL.

Low Shoe Bargains.

Ladies' Hand-Turned Low Shoes, all sizes,

50 cents.

Ladies' Tan and Black Hand-Turned Low Shoes, all sizes,

79 cents.

Ladies' Tan and Black Hand-Sewed Shoes, in all styles and widths,

98 cents.

Ladies' White Basket Cloth Low Shoes, regular price $2.00; this week,

98 cents.

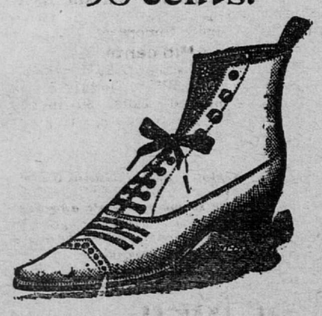
Ladies' Fine Hand-Made Low Shoes, all styles, worth $2 and $2.50; this week,

$1.48.

MEN'S SHOES!

Men's Fine Satin Calf Shoes, in all styles,

98 cents.



Men's Black and Tan Shoes, all styles, Big Bargain,

$1.48.

Wear the TREAD-WELL

$3.00 Shoes.

All kinds of Leather—Calf, Kangaroo, Vici Kid, Patent Calf; all styles and widths.

Men's, Boys', Ladies' and Children's Tennis Shoes,

39 cents.

Best Tan Polish, 25c kind, **5 cents** this week.

Wholesale Prices at Retail.

129 and 131 E. Seventh St.

SHAKE THINGS UP

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES MAY BE REORGANIZED AT AN EARLY DATE.

INACTIVITY OF CHAIRMEN

SEEMS TO BE DEVELOPING "DRY ROT" IN THE WORK OF COMMITTEES.

PRINTING BRANCH IS SNUBBED

By the Rejection of Its Contract for Printing a Souvenir Encampment Book.

Events seem to be shaping themselves for a general reorganization of the citizens' committee having in charge the preparations for the thirtieth national encampment of the G. A. R. This entirely probable change, however, does not contemplate any substitute for General Mason, the president, nor general secretary Pinney, both of whom have been proved to be the right men in the right place.

But it has been apparent for some time that several of the chairmen of committees were apathetic in the performance of their duties, and this evident "tired feeling" has been communicated to almost the entire personnel of the committees which these gentlemen direct. Several members of the executive committee also come in for their little share of censure in this respect, and to sum up the situation, in the words of a very prominent encampment official, "there must be a change at once, or St. Paul might as well give up the idea of holding the national encampment in September."

"I am not coloring or overstating facts a particle," continued this gentleman, "when I say that at least two-thirds of the members of the different committees have been proved totally unfit, or rather unsuited, for the work that must be done. They do not seem to have the least idea of the value of the short time still left to complete preparations, nor do they seem to have the least conception of the vast amount of work that yet remains to be done. They run to Gen. Mason or Secretary Pinney, and expect them to do the work which they should do themselves, and which they must do if the encampment is to be held. It is a physical impossibility for two men to do all the work, with only a few active, intelligent assistants.

"And the executive committee, where you would naturally expect to find the most earnest and devoted workers, seems to have as bad an attack of dry rot as the rest. There are a few there whose only purpose seems to be to object to what the active and more intelligent and progressive members and committees do."

"For instance, these objectors fought Chairman Espey's well arranged amusement programme, and defeated that gentleman's well directed efforts. They have opposed everything up to the present time that did not meet with their extremely parsimonius and illiberal views. They loudly call upon the gentlemen of the various committees to 'get out and work,' only to reject and disapprove of the work of the best committees when it is reported to them for final action. So it is small wonder that there is apathy and even disorganization. Though a large number ofthe committeemen are, as I said, unfit, yet the few remaining good ones are rapidly becoming disgusted with the action of these members of the executive committee.

"The last instance of this inactivity on the part of these leaders was shown Thursday evening in their refusal to sanction the unanimous action of the printing committee in the matter of awarding the contract for the official encampment book. Chairman Hornick's committee had unanimously decided to give the contract to L. N. Scott, who gave the committee his assurance that the book would be a creditable one in all respects. The price offered was a very liberal one in the opinion of the committee yet these men deliberately turned down an active and hard-working committee and postponed approval. The consequence was that the bid was withdrawn yesterday and there are several gentlemen on the printing committee who are heartily tired of their thankless position. The time is so short that another bid on a cash guarantee basis will not probably be made by any one with any knowledge of the advertising business.

"I could cite you a thousand and one instances of this kind, but it would not be profitable. The only thing I see to do now is to follow the lead of Louisville and reorganize, retaining the best men and incontinently firing these men who either do not do anything or else come to meetings to object to what the rest of the committeemen do. St. Paul has a big contract in the encampment and the sooner the citizens' committee discovers this fact, and the total inadequacy of the preparations up to date, the sooner these useless members of the executive and other committees will be weeded out."

ANOTHER APPEAL FOR AID.

Demand for Accomodations Exceeds the Supply.

There has never been a time within the history of this city, that whenever this people have been called on to do any necessary work, that they have not responded nobly We must now sustain our justly earned reputation for hospitality, and liberality, and accord a hearty welcome to the G. A. R. veterans. If the people have not all responded to our appeals for quarters for the G. A. R. encampment, we are confident that the only reason is, that they have not realized what the size of the encampment is to be, and the immense number (150,000) that will surely be in attendance. We now wish to state that we desire all persons situated near street car lines having any room for the accommodation of people to apply either to the soliciting committee or at this office for blanks to fill up. Do not wait to be called on, but help us in our labor, and call at G. A. R. headquarters, 520 Endicott building. We now ask the people to arouse, and let us give the veterans and their families the best reception and most hospitablee treatment they have received at any encampment. The time is but short in which to work. Will you all help us? Yours,

C. W. HORR, Chairman.
Joe. J. Bingham, Secretary Accom. Com.

COMING RIVER EXCURSIONS.

Father of Waters Will Carry Many Pleasure Seekers.

There will be a large excursion leave Jackson street at 9 a. m. 4th of July morning for Red Wing and return, stopping at Red Wing for several hours for the celebration at that place, which is to be very elaborate. Among the events will be a competitive drill between Co. C of St. Paul and Co. G of Red Wing for a prize valued at $100.

The Junior Pioneers are making great preparations for their seventh annual outing down the Mississippi river on the steamer Daisy and covered barge to Lone Rock on the 27th inst. The Second Regiment band will be in attendance. Sports of all kinds will be the order of the day, including a base ball game between the upper and lower town nines, a fat men's race, tub race, tug of war, baloon ascension, dancing on the barge, etc. Tickets for the round trip can be had from any of the members or of Edward Dahl, the secretary, in the office of the board of public works, or Robert H. Seng, the county assessor.

The young folks of the First M. E. church have selected an ideal way of spending the glorious 4th, and, not wishing to keep a good thing all to themselves, have invited their church friends in the city to join them in their second annual steamboat excursion. The steamer "Daisy" and barge will leave the Jackson street dock at 9 a. m., going down the river to Lake Pepin, time permitting, and returning about 10 o'clock in the evening. An excellent lunch will be dispensed by the ladies of the church and good music will add to the pleasure of the occasion.

GROCERS WILL PICNIC.

And All Stores Will be Closed Tuesday.

Tuesday the retail grocers and their employees will hold their sixth annual picnic at Russell beach on the Chisago lakes. The program as arranged comprises athletic sports and contests for which many valuable prizes are to be awarded. The day will be universally observed by all retail dealers' stores being closed all day Tuesday, June 23. The net profit of the whole affair is to be donated to the entertainment fund of the Grand Army of the Republic encampment.

HOW TO SHELTER EXHIBITS.

Problem That is Puzzling the State Fair Managers.

Next Saturday at 11 o'clock at the Ryan the board of managers of the State Agricultural society will hold a special and important meeting. Among the matters to come up are the completion of the program, the selection of attractions, election of a newspaper agent, the determination of methods of advertising, and, last but not least, the providing of shelter for the exhibits which are exceeding the accommodations at present provided under roof.

THIS PENSION DATES BACK

To the Days When the Patriots Fought Nobly.

Pensions arising out of the Revolutionary war are seldom granted at this late day. A resident of this city however now enjoys the destinction of receiving such a pension. A few days ago congress voted and President Cleveland approved a bill granting Mrs. Jerusha A. Brown a pension. Mrs. Brown resides at 770 Wabasha with her husband, E. M. Brown. Something less than two months ago the venerable couple celebrated their golden wedding, which event was duly chronicled.

Mrs. Brown's father was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and served under George Washington. Representative Kiefer introduced the bill granting Mrs. Brown a pension. After it had passed the house, U. S. Senator Pettigrew toook care of it in the senate, where it was also cordially endorsed by Senators Nelson and Morrill.

TODAY AT COMO.

Special Musical Program the Sunday Attraction.

A special programme has been arranged for today at Lake Como. The Clara Schumann ladies' orchestra will give concerts both afternoon and evening. The programmes are as follows:

AFTERNOON.

March .....Selected
Overture—Bridal Rose .....Lavalee
Spanish waltzes .....Rosas
Gavotte—Loving Hearts .....Tobani
Medley .....Selected

INTERMISSION.

Trombone solo .....Selected
Miss Oda Rudolph.
Selection—Ernani .....Verdi
Blumenlied .....Tobani
March—Arlon Carnival .....Reseli
Finale .....Selected

EVENING.

March .....Selected
Overture—Mignon .....Thomas
Thuringen waltzes .....Kiesler
Bell Solo .....Selected
The Roof Garden .....De Witt

INTERMISSION

Cornet solo .....Selected
Brownie Greaton.
Selection—Isle of Champagne .....Morse
Gavotte—Artful Love .....Lehman
Dance Eccosias .....Harvey
Finale .....Selected

THE BUSY WORLD.

Mrs. Fisher of 298 Duke St., was pleasantly surprised by her friends last Thursday evening, cinch and dancing were enjoyed by all. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Marxen, Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ulmer, Mr. and Mrs. Breher, Mrs. Bock, Miss Hickey, Mr. and Miss Swift.

Miss May Dana daughter of M. McG. Dana D. D. of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of this city is the guest of Miss Mason of Wakasha St.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

T. J. Granger, an employe of the Great Western road who was injured at Elmer, Minn., was brought to this city yesterday morning. He was caught between the cars and sustained serious injuries. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital by the central police patrol wagon.

Rex Dunlap, the morphine fiend, was arraigned in the police court yesterday morning and his case continued until Monday.

Three bike riders were before Judge Twohy yesterday. One of them forfeited $10 bail and the other two were fined $2 each.

Hereafter all supplies for the police department will be purchased only after written requests have been filed with the chief. This plan has been adopted in oredr that purchases can all be made by one person and by so doing economy practiced.

An International Affair.

Jacob Mantylo, the crippled Finn, who was refused transportation by the Thingvalla line, and returned to St. Paul, is at the city hospital. Secretary Huthchins of the relief society, has written Vice Consul E. H. Hobe, who has forwarded his letter to the Imperial Russian consul General of New York—as Finland is a province of Russia—in order to secure protection for this unfortunate man and see that he is returned to his parents.

REGISTERS ARE FULL.

So the Postal Civil Service Examination is Cancelled.

The eligible registers for St. Paul post office being quite full, and being considered ample to meet the demands of the service until next spring, the examination intended to be held in August next has been canceled by instructions from the United States Civil Service Commission. The local board is also advised to receive no applications for examination until further instructions are received from the commission, but the applications already filed will hold good for the February, 1897, examination.

CUT IN RATES.

Coast Steamship Lines are Involved In a Fight.

Tacoma, June 12.—A rate war is on between the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., and the Northern Pacific Railroad Co.'s Alaska steamship service. The coast steamship company's cut rates are announced to take effect on the sailing of the Alki, next Monday. On the other hand the rates to the same Alaska points. Wrangell, Juneau and Sitka are advanced on the City of Topeka, sailing July 1st. The Alki rates will be $10 and $5, cabin and steerage respectively to Juneau and Sitka; $7 and $3.50 to Wrangell, while the City of Topeka fares will be $15 and $7.50 to Juneau, $12 and $6 to Wrangell and $20 and $10 to Sitka.

Benham Succeeds Shelby.

By a circular issued by General Traffic Manager Shute of the Great Northern, yesterday, the office of assistat general traffic manager is abolished, and W. L. Benham is appointed western freight manager with office at Seattle.

IT'S WORK ENDED.

Senate Committee Has Concluded the Bond Investigation.

New York, June 20.—The senate committee appointed to investigate the government bond transactions of the last two and a half years closed its labors in this city to-day. James Kitchen and Ernest Thallman, who had been subpoenaed as witnesses to substantiate the allegations of William Graves, in relation to the refusal of Secretary Carlisle to deliver him (Graves) $4,700,000 of the last bond issue, did not appear. Graves asked the committee for permission to file a brief, but Senator Harris for the committee denied the request, saying that the committee had not been created for the purpose of trying private grievances and that Graves' complaint would not have been entertained at all had it not concerned a high government official.

None of Graves' allegations, the senator continued, had been sustained. Subsequently Senator Harris told Graves that he would consider any written statement that Graves might transmit to Washington. The committee will not reconvene until after the meeting of the next congress.

Interest begins July 1st, on deposits made now at our State Savings bank, Germania Life Bldg., 4th and Minn., St.

The St. Paul park linen mill will have 25 new looms in operation in a short time and will employ 50 men.

LADIES! Another Sacrifice.

All our Beautiful Shirt Waists for Ladies will be closed the coming week at the

NET COST

to manufacture. The Greatest Bargains ever offered for the choicest line of Ladies' Waists ever shown in St. Paul.

The Boston St. Paul

See what we say on Page 7.

FORTUNE ON A CARD

THE STORY OF THE GREATEST FARO GAME REPORTED IN SPORTING ANNALS.

GRANNAN, THE PLUNGER,

THE HERO OF THE AFFAIR AND AL SMITH HIS OPPONENT.

PAT SHEEDY TELLS THE STORY.

Big Casino a Mascot for the Horseman—His Nerve in Stock Dealing.

Patrick F. Sheedy in New York World.

There have been much talk and speculation about the famous game of faro played by Riley Grannan, the plunger, and Gambler Al Smith. The true story of the game has never been told, and many efforts have been made to obtain it from Pat Sheedy, the king of gamblers, the only person present besides the principals. Mr. Sheedy now for the first time tells the story in his own words.

I have been asked to write the story of the greatest faro game that was ever played so far as I know. All sorts of statements have been made to the effect that in that game I conspired with another man to fleece a friend. I want it understood that this article is not written to vindicate myself. Those who know Pat Sheely do not believe ill of him. Those who don't know him, are no concern of mine.

The story of that great faro game is mighty interesting, and I have told it for that reason. I don't care a bit how you may think I show up myself. Now, I'll tell you the story of how Grannan came to lose $20,000 dealing snap faro without a limit. It was the greatest game in the history of gambling. At one time Grannan was $75,000 loser, and if Smith and me had been fleecing him we'd have quit right then and not waited until he had got almost out of the hole.

It was last November. Grannan had won $60,000 down at Sheepshead Bay, and Smith was talking of his good luck. We were all three at the Gilsey house drinking. Smith allowed it was a shame he'd never had a chance to make $60,000.

"Playing faro isn't like playing the races," said Smith. "On the track you put down your $100 and pull off $600, but at faro they spring the limit on you. If they'd run the faro games without a limit, I'd be a millionaire."

"Come off!" says Grannan. "You're talking through your hat."

"Now, see here," Smith says, getting hot. "What you don't know about faro would fill a library. What I say is that it isn't right that a fellow should have so many chances at racng and not any at faro. Now, take you. You're a man who knows all about horses, but nothing about cards. I don't know a thing about horses myself. I don't believe I know any more about horses than you do about cards. Yet you go and make $60,000 in one day and I don't get any show at all."

Smith kept grumbling on in that strain. We were all drinking pretty heavily. Then up jumps Grannan.

"See here," says he, "you say you'd be a millionaire if there wasn't any limit to faro. Well, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll run a game with you. I'll keep the bank and there won't be any limit."

"You're smoking," says I, meaning that they acted "dopy," just as if they had been hitting the pipe.

"No, I'm not," said Grannan. "I've had a few drinks, and so have all of us, but I'm as good as my word, and I'll bank the game. Smith says he's a sucker at the horses and I'm a sucker at faro, and I'll be blamed if I don't show you whether the last part of that's so."

Both men had their blood up, and we were all a little thick. We went round to a poker room, No. 46 West Twenty-ninth street, that I had an interest in. There wasn't a layout in the place, and we rigged one out on a dining room table.

I kept telling them they were smoking and that some one was going to lose about $40,000,000, but they would not listen. They were eager to begin. I wasn't going to be in the game. I had to sit and look on.

The only unlimited faro game I'd ever seen before then was at Morris Martin's, 100 Adams street, Chicago. Smith and I played there, Martin dealing without splits. We took $9,000 away from him and it broke him. That did one good thing anyway—it drove Morris Martin out of the faro business.

Now, Smith and Grannan went at that thing perfectly fair and square. Grannan isn't any sucker. Would you call a man a sucker who made $300,000 at Sheepshead Bay?

People who saw Smith and Grannan and me in each other's company used to think we were doing wonderful things together. They would point Smith and me out as marvels, but Smith and I lost pretty nearly all the time, and often enough in those days when I was admired as a millionaire, I didn't have enough money to buy my breakfast.

All the little doormat stealers in the Tenderloin who say they live off gambling tell how Smith and I put this job up on Grannan. There wasn't any job. If I played with Grannan, there wouldn't be any sentiment in it. I'm out for the stuff when I play. If there was to be any sympathy, it would be after the game. Then I might hand a man his money back if I felt sorry for him, but then, again, I might not.

Now, what use would there be in my playing with Smith? He never had a dollar in his life that I had to ask him for. I can tell when he's broke just by looking at him, and he can tell when I am broke just by looking at me. There doesn't have to be any talking. Then what I've got is Smith's, and what Smith's got is Sheedy's.

There isn't any fascination in gambling for me. I'd rather be anything else than a gambler. I think I'd drive a street car if I knew how. But when I play with any one I'm not handing any bouquets to myself that I won't win. I will win if I can.

Well, in that game there wasn't a dollar shown. Grannan began as banker, without any limit. After three deals they swapped places, and Smith dealt, giving Grannan a limit of $200.

They started in betting $200 or $300 each. We weren't any of us too sober, and it seems like a dream now. Talk about hitting the pipe! It was the biggest faro game ever played. There isn't any doubt about that.

At one time Grannan was $75,000 loser. Then Smith whipsawed, putting $20,000 on the nine to win and on the five to lose. The nine lost and the five won, giving Smith a loss of $40,000. That left Grannan $35,000 loser up to that point. That one play meant a difference to the men of $80,000.

I kept telling them they were making monkeys of themselves, and that they were smoking. They wouldn't listen to a word. They went on increasing the size of the bets until I thought they'd be playing for the city hall presently. I threatened to chuck them out in the street, as I didn't know what would come of this thing.

Then, as a last resource, I decided to turn out the gas. I ran up stairs to the meter, but the cook wasn't there, and I couldn't work it. I knew that if I turned the gas out down stairs they'd light it again, but with the gas stopped at the meter, the game would end, for they'd be too drunk to find the meter, anyway.

I just tore up a board from the floor and broke up two sticks. With these I made a little lever and turned the gas off. I heard a cry of rage on the floor below as the great American faro players found themselves in the dark.

I came down covered with dust and cobwebs, and found them laughing and swearing alternately. We bundled out into the street. Grannan, they said, had quit $20,000 loser.

When they walked up the street, Grannan seemed perfectely delighted with himself. He kept saying: "My, ain't I a bird!" I never saw a man more self-satisfied. He was morally certain he was a bird. There wasn't anything he didn't know.

They began to talk Casino. I got tired and went home. Then the great American faro players went somewhere and played eight games of casino for $1,000 a side. Smith lost all the games. That left Grannan a loser $12,000 net. He wanted to play for $10,000 a game, but Smith wouldn't, which was not unlucky for Smith, as eight games at $10,000 per amounts to $80,000.

Grannan had big casino in every game. "I guess you've got your name on that card," said Smith, and he kept examining it for Grannan's monogram.

Next day Grannan said he'd like to buck up against Wall street. I told him those fellows would not only skin him, but grind up his bones and sell them for fertilizers, but he was temporarily stuck on himself and he was bound to stick Wall street. The things he was going to do to the Wall street brokers made my hair stand on end. Speculation was going to run on a different basis on the stock exchange after Grannan once got fairly started.

I took him down to Isidor Wormser, who is an old friend of mine, and introduced him. Grannan didn't want it known that he wasn't up to all the ropes, and when Mr. Wormser asked him if he was a bull or a bear he said he was a little of both.

So Grannan put up $20,000 on wheat on a margin of three points. He was pretty sure wheat was going up. Wormser told him to play the market the other way, but Grannan wasn't taking any tips.

"I guess if I've got $20,000 worth of wheat I'd better go short of sugar," said Grannan.

"You'll be short of sugar quick enough," said I.

"We'll see about that," replied Grannan. Then he turned to Wormser and said: "Sell $20,000 worth of sugar stock."

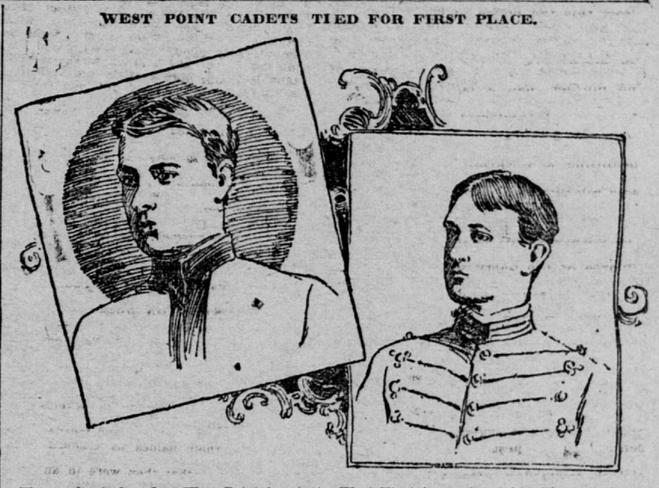
"Sugar's going up," says Wormser.

"I've played wheat to win, and I'll back sugar for a place," replied Grannan, "and kindly do as I say. This Wall street business is a big snap."

Well, the upshot of it was that wheat went down and sugar went up, just as Wormser said they would. He got out of his sugar deal before he was wiped out, but he dropped $10,000 in the sugar bowl and $20,000 in the flour barrel, making $30,000 in all.

Now, I have told you how Mr. Grannan quit a loser of $42,000. He had the most fun at faro and it came cheaper. But I wouldn't recommend a man to go in for the great Grannan game of unlimited faro very often. Once in awhile doesn't matter so much.

WEST POINT CADETS TIED FOR FIRST PLACE.



The academic board at West Point has just decided an interesting contest. The honor at stake was the distinction of graduating at the head of the outgoing class. The two contestants were George M. Hoffman of Pennsylvania, on the left, and Edwin R. Stuart of West Virginia on the right. They stood even as to scholarship, the examinations of each and their averages during the four years' course being exactly alike. Cadet Stuart, however, had a slight better record as to discipline, and this fact decided the contest in his favor.

QUEER MARRIAGES.

That Is to Say, Curious Nuptial Customs.

Pearson's Weekly.

A singular marriage custom prevails among the French-Canadians in Quebec. After the morning marriage service in the church the bridal party, in caleche or carriole, make a tour of calls upon relatives and friends during the day and then return again to church for vespers.

Before the dance at the bride's new home comes the supper. When the company rise from the table the bride keeps her seat, and some one asks with great dignity: "Why does madame wait? Is she so soon in bad grace?"

She replies: "Somebody has stolen my slipper; I can't walk."

Then they carry her, chair and all, into the middle of the room, while a loud knocking announces a grotesque ragged vendor of boots and shoes. He kneels before the slipperless bride and tries on a long succession of old boots and shoes of every variety and size until at last he finds her missing shoe.

The groom redeems it for a good price, which is spent in treating the company. If the groom is not watchful they steal her hat and cloak, which he redeems in the same way; and they have known to steal the bride, for which there must be liberal pay. The church forbids round dances, so they content themselves with contra-dances. The event of the evening is a jig, in which a guest volunteers to outdance the bride. If successful the visitor demands a prize from the groom.

Impossible.

"Do I understand you to say that this man never made a statement that wasn't true?"

"That was what I said."

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