

VICE AND ITS REIGN

ARE UNINTERRUPTED AT THE OLD OLYMPIC, NOW THE CENTRAL GARDEN.

SODINI FROM MINNEAPOLIS

HAS BEEN RUNNING THE RESORT WITHOUT APPARENT POLICE MOLESTATION.

THE ROUGE-PAINTED DAMSELS

Bell Beer at Elevated Prices to Young Men and Old Alike.

Vice, whether it appear in all its naked ugliness, or be masked under the rouge-pot, rustling silks, flounces, tights and tinsel, is never anything but vice. The hedonistic street walk is recognized and easily avoided. It is unfortunate, she incontinent finds herself behind unwelcome stone walls. The house with a letterless advertisement in colored lights is not entered unwittingly or by one against his will. Yet vice in low form, in thin-skirted disguise, will flout tawdry gauds and disport immodest legs beside a main thoroughfare of the city, and through this flimsy veil, lure the unwary and the curious from the way of morality, and no red light will point a warning finger nor an indifferent law stretch forth a hand to turn him from the first step down the path which leads to ruin.

A man was passing along East Seventh street about 9 o'clock the other night. A noisy band played had music in an open lobby just off the pavement, and posted on either side of the doorway were flash pictures of women in tights and suggestive attitudes. As he stepped up to the office and asked for a ticket, he noticed that there was a "ladies' entrance" on the other side, and a gentlemen's on the other, and it seemed to him that if ladies visited the place, it could surely not be very bad. So he had bought a ticket to the gallery, where he thought he should be less likely to be seen or recognized, if by any possibility an acquaintance should be present, and went up stairs. He paid 25 cents for the ticket, while he could have got one for the pit for ten; and he wondered at this, because in other theaters to which he had gone, the seats on the floor of the house cost the most, and those among the "gods" less. He did not know until after he had reached the gallery that the extra charge of 15 cents was for the felicity of having a goddess in pink tights sit on one's knee and join him in a glass of beer or wine or whisky, which cost 25 cents, and the price of which would be 5 or 15 cents in the pit.

There were tables with small chairs around them and men with hats on, smoking and drinking beer and whisky with women in tights and loose dresses and slippers, heavily rouged, beside them. The women were the actresses, and one of them came over and invited him to a seat. The cigar was the best quality of tobacco which could be called by the name. The girl got a brass check for 10 cents, her commission of 25 per cent on the price of the ticket.

The performance began with an "act," which consisted largely of songs of a wide range from the simply vulgar to the sentimental, some contorted work and tricks by a trained dog. But nobody in the gallery seemed very much interested in the performance. At all events, it could with difficulty be heard, by reason of the loud talk and laughter, though at the close of each "specialty" there was considerable applause, and some of the men shouted in a manner meant, no doubt, to convey a sense of an appreciation which they felt. They were paying no attention to the performer. The actresses who were not in this act remained in the gallery, where they were talking with the men. He noticed one of the latter, who had apparently drunk a good deal, lean over and kiss his female friend on the cheek several times. Afterward, a number of the pairs disappeared down a stairway and when he asked the girl where they were going, she said "under the stage, where there were a number of 'private' wine rooms." There had been private boxes also in the place at one time, but they had been compelled to take them out.

Then she left him to "do her turn," and shortly reappeared on the stage below, where she sang to a group of men in the audience, which contained a request that he would "come to her" and be folded in her arms. He waited until she returned to the gallery and then she remarked that she was thirsty again and he bought a small bottle of beer at fifty cents. He asked her where she lived and she told him she had a room in the building—nearly all the girls had—with a little painted thing, whom she pointed out. No; she didn't have to go outside to reach it; there was a stairway leading up from behind the gallery. There was also a stairway there which led down to another private wine room. She had to leave him then, but would he give her a quarter to buy a "nice chicken sandwich," for she was hungry.

Another girl came and sat down beside him. After she had drunk some beer, she asked him would he care to go down to the wine room behind the gallery. He went, and because she was big and heavy and he was not, he sat upon her knee. He bought some more beer and asked many questions about the place. Yes, there were comfortable rooms, not like this, which had only a couple of chairs and a table in it with a curtain for a door—but with beds in them and so on, where the girls sometimes took the men. She did not sleep in the place, though some of the fourteen girls in the "company" did; but he could go with him to see one of the comfortable rooms if he liked and after the show was over, at midnight, he might accompany her home.

Another small bottle of beer was ordered and she took her 10 per cent brass commission check and tucked it in the top of her stockings, which reached far above the knee. He did not think he would stay any longer than that night, perhaps he might come again. They returned to the gallery. Before the footlights the orchestra was still playing. A girl in pink tights was singing "Just to Please the Boys." Another girl sang "Come Back to Erin." A stout blonde in the gallery was talking in a coarse, hectoring voice to a fellow "artist" about the hard work and late hours. The air was close and heavy with tobacco and with the reek of spilled beer. The woman spoke to him again.

"Don't forget those slippers—pink."

HOLLY! Mist clo and Christmas Greens at L. L. May & Co.'s, 25-27 W. 5th St.

five and a half double E. Good night. Scenes like those described above are of nightly—Sundays not excepted—occurrences at the Central Garden theater on East Seventh street, which is the place referred to, and under an administration which is called a reform one. The resort was formerly known as the "Olympic," but for several years was closed. Some months ago the place was reopened and has been running ever since. The proprietor, J. C. Sodini, formerly kept a similar resort in Minneapolis, and has been arrested numerous times in that city for the manner in which he conducted a so-called theater in violation of the ordinance established by the city. Since coming to St. Paul, however, he has not been annoyed by the police in a legal way, and, despite the fact that the attention of the public and the administration has been repeatedly called to the manner in which the resort is conducted, nothing has been done to suppress it.

WILL PAY HIM \$2,000. Ways and Means Committee Offers N. O. Ross That.

The claim of N. O. Ross, of Indianapolis, against the city of St. Paul for damages for an infringement of his patent in using his electric device for automatically opening the doors of fire engine houses, was discussed and acted upon yesterday by the committee on ways and means of the board of aldermen. Mr. Ross filed his first claim about four years ago, and then brought suit in the United States court to establish the infringement. He won the suit, and the only question remaining is that of damages. About three weeks ago Mr. Ross notified the common council that he would settle with the city for \$4,000, otherwise he would proceed to take testimony as to the damages which he would receive in court. The amount of the settlement was \$2,000, and the city was obliged to pay him considerably more than \$4,000.

The fire department of St. Paul used the invention of Mr. Ross for automatically opening its engine house doors for a period of nine years. Upon first receiving notice of infringement, the department ceased using the apparatus and has since employed another and a mechanical device, which, so the committee is of opinion, the city should have used. The committee on ways and means met jointly with the board committee. After a general discussion of the case, the committee recommended the sum of \$2,000 in full settlement of his claim, and to allow him thirty days in which to accept or reject the offer. Mr. Ross declined the offer of \$2,000, while Mr. Donahower thought that \$1,500 would be sufficient. But inasmuch as the costs in a proceeding to determine the amount of damages would have to be paid by the city, even if Ross was awarded only nominal damages, it was deemed advisable to make an offer of \$2,000, thus allowing Ross about \$600 damages, the remaining \$1,500 comprising his costs and disbursements.

HUNG UP MURPHY'S. His License Application Not Granted by Aldermen.

The aldermanic committee on license met yesterday afternoon and passed upon about 100 applications for saloon licenses for the year 1897. Over 60 of the applications were accompanied by surety company bonds, and the names of the Provident Trust company appeared on the majority of them. The others were bonds of the National Surety company. All of the bonds signed by the surety companies were approved. There were 35 individual bonds submitted. All save two of these were approved, the sureties being recognized as responsible men, worth at least \$4,000. In two cases, however, the bondsmen were unknown to the committee, and the action on the applications was postponed until the sufficiency of the bonds can be ascertained. The committee also deferred action on the application of Ed. L. Murphy for a license. There is a provision in the state law whereby no license can be issued to any person within a year of his conviction of any state law or city ordinance regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors. Last March, Mr. Murphy was convicted of running a disorderly place, and a question arose as to whether the ordinance or law violated by Mr. Murphy was one "regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors." Mr. Murphy, who was present, informed the committee that his counsel had advised him that the ordinance under which he was convicted did not regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors. In the absence of the corporation attorney, the committee decided to postpone further consideration of Mr. Murphy's application until next Tuesday afternoon.

MARRIED A TITLE. Rt. Hon. Victor Stanley Goes East With a Bride.

The Rt. Hon. Victor Stanley, of Lancashire, England, eldest son of the Earl of Derby, and first heir to the title and the Derby estates, was in the city last evening, accompanied by his bride, Mrs. Stanley, who arrived from Victoria, B. C., on the Northern Pacific, at 6:35 o'clock, and after a dinner in the union depot, took to their quarters in the city. The couple will settle upon the Derby estates. Victor Stanley is the son of an Englishman who inherited his title from a long line of ancestors. The earl's eldest son, who was in St. Paul last evening, was dressed in the latest English fashion. He is a very affable and interesting man, and when asked to discuss English politics, by a reporter for the Globe, he politely declined. The bride is a member of one of the noble families in British Columbia. She was formerly Miss Annie Pooley, daughter of Hon. C. E. Pooley, queen's counsel. She is a very young and beautiful woman, with an English face, and light hair. The two were the recipients of considerable attention at the union depot prior to their departure.

"CUTEST STORE IN AMERICA." The Reputation One of St. Paul's Best Known Retail Establishments Is Rapidly Acquiring Abroad.

When people from towns like Chicago visit a store in St. Paul and pronounce it a "little gem," and further show their appreciation of the novelty and up-to-date-ness of the stock by buying articles which they cannot get at home, it is indeed something of which the manager has good reason to be proud. What's the matter happening here right along. The store is that of E. A. Brown, the Jeweler, at 110 East Sixth street. Mr. Brown's recent return from the East, bringing a host of the very latest novelties in jewelry, precious stone mountings and glassware with him, has had the effect of making his palatial little store a regular rendezvous for art lovers and people looking for unique and beautiful holiday gifts.

DESPICED LESS MERRY. Patrick Hussey, who was arrested Friday night for being disorderly, did not turn up in the municipal court yesterday, and rather than forfeit the \$30 bail put up by Mrs. Hussey, mother of the offender, who is a poor woman, Judge Twombly continued the case until Dec. 15. The people think that by that time they will be able to locate the ungrateful fellow, who seems likely to have run away with her last cent rather than to receive the punishment he deserves.

GIFT TO THE STATE

EX-GOVERNOR JOHN S. PILLSBURY PROMISES IT SOME VIRGIN FOREST AREAS

IF IT WILL PRESERVE THEM.

CONFERRERES YESTERDAY PREPARED A BILL FOR SUBMISSION TO LEGISLATURE.

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION, TOO,

Will Meet Soon to Take Action Upon the Bill as Agreed Upon by Others.

"Minnesota, I think, will soon have fine forest reserves," said Gen. C. C. Andrews, state fire warden, yesterday afternoon. "Ex-Gov. John S. Pillsbury has given me assurances that as soon as the legislature passes a bill looking to the proper care of such forest areas, he will donate to the state some tracts of fine timber in the Northern part of the state."

A joint committee, representing the various organizations in the state interested in forest preservation, met yesterday to consider a bill drafted by Capt. J. N. Cross for presentation at the approaching session of the legislature. Capt. Cross was requested to prepare such a bill at the summer meeting of the horticultural association, and in addition to the consideration which it received by the general committee, will be further considered by a committee of the forestry association. Those present at the meeting were D. R. McGinnis, S. M. Owen, A. W. Latham, Wynan Elliott, Capt. Cross, Minneapolis; J. O. Barrett, of Brown's Valley, and Prof. S. B. Green, of the agricultural college.

The bill, a lengthy one, was accepted by the committee after a few minor revisions. The bill provides for a forest reserve area to be owned and controlled by the state, this area to be created from lands set apart for the purpose by the state, or given to it by persons, corporations or the United States government for that purpose. All such lands are to be exempt from taxation except that any part of the incomes from them which go to private persons shall be taxed.

To look after this forest reserve area there is created a state forestry board, which shall consist of nine members, as follows: The fire warden, the professor of horticulture in the agricultural college of the university, three persons to be named for terms of four years by the regents of the university for their expert knowledge, respectively, of forest creation and preservation in the prairie regions, in the forest regions, and the third for his knowledge of the sources of supply of the various streams of the state; four persons to be elected by the following named bodies for terms of two years; the state forestry association, the lumbermen's association, the state sports society and the fish and game commission. The board shall appoint a secretary, but no member of the board shall be paid for his services. The state treasurer is to act as treasurer of the board. The bill prescribes the duties of the board at length and authorizes it to appoint an executive committee with executive authority. The boards of town supervisors and county commissioners are constituted town and forestry boards.

The specifications of the manner in which private persons may deed forest or barren lands to the state for the creation or preservation of forests, reserving the use of the lands to themselves for all purposes, such as mining, which do not interfere with the forests, are lengthy and detailed. The income of the state does not seem to be divided into three equal parts once in every five years, and these three parts shall be given to the state, the educational institution or system which the donor of the lands may designate (or the public school system and university in general, if the donor so desires), and the third part shall be given to the donor of the lands or his heirs until the expiration of a period of seventy-five years following the date of the deed.

This provision is a very important and unusual one, and it is believed that it will be a great stimulus to private owners to deed their unused lands to the state should they be of a nature suitable for forestry purposes. The state is authorized to lease for any purpose low meadow tracts or other tracts for pasture where doing so will not interfere with the growth of forest trees, and to sell dead and fallen timber and to deed parts of such tracts where public improvements demand alienation of them by the state.

GEORGE W. GENUNG DEAD. Father of Mrs. G. F. Gifford Passes Away.

George W. Genung, father of Mrs. G. F. Gifford, of St. Paul, died at 5:20 last evening at his home in Ithaca, N. Y. Mr. Genung had been in failing health the past two years, but had not been obliged to take to his bed. He spent some time here with his daughter last November and December. He was born in New York state July 3, 1831, and was therefore a little more than sixty-five years old. Mrs. Gifford will leave for the East this evening to attend the funeral, which will take place at Ithaca on Tuesday.

Home money to loan at lowest rates without charge for commission, with out gold clause, and with the "on or before" privilege at our State Savings Bank, Germania Life Bldg., 4th and Minn. Sts.

CHASED HIM TWO MILES, But Police Caught a North St. Paul Man.

George Baker, a resident of North St. Paul, started out on a tear Friday, and after imbibing enough for commission, without charge for commission, with out gold clause, and with the "on or before" privilege at our State Savings Bank, Germania Life Bldg., 4th and Minn. Sts.

Why Hood's Sarsaparilla is so successful as a remedy for catarrh? Because catarrh is due to impure blood and

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. It is tasteless, mild, effective, All druggists, 25c.

FIELD, SCHLICK & CO.

A REVELATION IN SILKS

Last week was the busiest Silk week of the year. Another windfall of good fortune is in store for all who want Silks this week. How we got these Silks, or how we can sell at such prices, does not matter. We have the Silks. They're paid for, and we can sell them as cheaply as we please. They're yours at the lowest prices ever known, provided you don't delay.

READ EVERY ITEM.

A lot of China Silks in Brown, Navy and Black, and 20 delicate tints, regular 29c quality, for

12 1/2 Cents a yard at 9 o'clock.

100 New Patterns of Novelty Silks in Waist lengths, Dress lengths and by the yard, worth 75c, 85c and \$1.00, for

29 Cents a yard at 9 o'clock. These are brand new and very desirable, and they ought to be closed out before the store closes.

Black China Silks Less Than Half-Price:

150 pieces of Black China Silks in lengths running from 5 to 50 yards were bought for Less Than Half-Price. They're full 27 inches wide, and worth in regular stock 75c, 85c and \$1.00. Take all you want for

39 Cents a yard tomorrow.

REMNANTS. Plain Silks in lengths for Waists, Trimmings, Linings and Ruffles, regular 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 qualities, for

25 Cents a yard at 9 o'clock.

Silks for 48 Cents Worth \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

This is a big lot of part pieces of Novelty Silks for Dresses, Waists, Trimmings and Facings:

French Plaid Taffetas, Figured Taffetas, Dresden Silks, Persian Effects, Changeable Taffetas, Striped Taffetas, Ombre Taffetas, Chameleon Taffetas,

And many other kinds worth from \$1.00 to \$1.50, all for 48 Cents a yard. Sale begins at 9 o'clock.

The Very Best. 100 Styles of the Richest Novelty Silks that ever left the Looms. Silks worth \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25 a yard, all for

97 Cents a yard.

The Christmas sale of Black Silks will be strengthened by the addition of nearly 100 pieces to replace those sold last week.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Worth, Sale Price, and another Sale Price. Items include Peau de Soie, Satin Duchesse, etc.

The time to buy is when you can buy at such prices.

Not in the Past 40 Years Have You Known Dress Goods to Sell Like This:

And there's no uncertainty in buying Dress Goods here. You know our standard. The best, and nothing but the best, at prices no other merchant in the Northwest can touch.

They're all New Goods, too, all bought since the election. The styles are as good as the qualities.

We have cut 600 Dress Patterns to replace those sold last week. This is done simply to save your time and ours. It enables you to take in the entire stock almost at a glance. And, as time is money, we shall sell these much cheaper than the same goods are selling for by the yard. We are frank about it. There are no tricks in this business.

Full Dress Lengths for \$1.50. Full Dress Lengths for \$1.75. Full Dress Lengths for \$2.00. Full Dress Lengths for \$2.25. Full Dress Lengths for \$2.75. Full Dress Lengths for \$3.00. And in easy stages up to \$7.50.

Don't pass these Counters in the Main Aisle. A big lot of Wool Dress Goods, in fancy styles, full 50 inches wide, in mixtures of Brown, Blue and Green... 39c 47c 44c 25c

Another lot of Fancy Mixtures, full 50 inches wide, bought to sell at 85c, will go at 9 o'clock at 47c. Choice styles of All-Wool Suitings, in all the fashionable colors, full 50 inches wide, 44c. BLACK GOODS—Strictly Pure Wool Black Serges, 44 inches wide, Monday, one day only 25c.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.....

We make no attempt to enumerate or describe in detail the grand display of Holiday Goods. Only a personal inspection will do justice to the stock.

These few extra special offerings will show the advantages of trading here:

2,850 yards of ALL-SILK FANCY RIBBONS. RIBBONS, in newest styles and colors, 4 1/2 and 5 inches wide, worth 75c, 85c and \$1.00, all at one price tomorrow 58c. Black Spanish Lace Scarfs, \$2.50 to \$10.00. Black Spanish Lace Fichus, \$2.50 to \$15.00. Real Valenciennes Laces, 29 cents and upwards. Real English Thread Laces, 21 cents and upwards. Paris and Vienna Fans, 25 cents to \$25.00. Special attention is directed to the lots at 50 cents, 67 cents and \$1.00. Triplicate Mirrors, \$5.00 and upwards. Imported Trimmed Baskets, only one of a kind, \$2.50 and upwards. Sterling Silver Novelties in an endless variety at Popular Prices. LEATHER GOODS, plain and silver mounted—the best collection we ever had. That's saying a great deal. Coin Purses, Pocketbooks, Card Cases, Letter-Books, Bill Books, Railroad Pass Books, Writing Pads, Writing Sets, Writing Desks, Folios, Dressing Cases, Brush Sets, Music Rolls, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Photo Cases, Ink Stands, Chatelaine Bags, Hand Bags, Address Books, Diaries, Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

FIELD, SCHLICK & CO.

Lining Leaders.

The price of hair cloth has gone up and is still rising. We have 60 pieces of Imported Hair Cloth, warranted real Horse Hair, soft finish, gray only (no black), which we can sell for

23 Cents tomorrow—one day only. The next lot will cost more to import. 100 pieces of Rustling Taffeta, in black and all colors, a full yard wide, the real silk tulle kind, all you want for

11 Cents a yard tomorrow—one day only

Christmas Handkerchiefs.

We are prepared to do the Handkerchief business of the town.

We Have the Goods. We'll Make the Prices.

The first lot will not last till Christmas; it's right away or never.

200 dozen strictly pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, with Hand-Embroidered Initials, for

15 Cents each tomorrow, but not more than 2 dozen to one buyer. They have the newest very narrow hems, and they're worth 25c apiece.

A special lot of Pure Irish Linen Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs, with scalloped edges or Hemstitched, laundered and unlaundered, imported to sell for 35c, 40c and 50c, all for

25 Cents each, just to force early buying. They are pure linen and embroidered by hand.

For the same reason we'll make these special prices on High Grade Handkerchiefs tomorrow:

75c kinds for 50 Cents. \$1.00 kinds for 75 Cents. \$1.50 kinds for \$1.00. \$3.00 kinds for \$2.00.

Jouvin Gloves.

In making presents of Kid Gloves, why not get the best? The name of "Jouvin" on a glove stamps it at once as "the best in the world." One pair of "Jouvin" Gloves will be more acceptable than two pairs of any other kind.

Genuine "Jouvin" Gloves are sold here only. Imitations are offered elsewhere. Consider the store that offers them.

Christmas Stationery.

We ask every one in St. Paul to see our Wabasha street window display. It will prove that the production of

Fine Stationery Crests, and Address Dies.

We show six hundred (600) designs in Louis XIV., Colonial, Scriptogram, Monogram, Cipher, and Address Dies, and our prices are half what Tiffany and other great Eastern stationers ask for the same class of work.

Orders for Engraved Cards and Monogram Paper will be executed in three days. 200 boxes of "Brownie" Writing Paper for children.

20 Cents a box; regular price, 40c. 200 boxes of Juvenile Paperettes in white and all the delicate tints.

15 Cents a box; formerly 25c. 1,000 "Dresden" Boxes of Hurd's cream and delicate tinted Papers,

30 Cents a box, until the lot is sold out.

Fancy Aprons.

We always have a big sale of Christmas Aprons. This year's stock is better than ever. No prices can be quoted on the Fancy and Novelty Aprons. See the Aprons and you'll find the prices low enough.

300 fine Swiss Muslin Aprons, with plain and fancy designs, 25c. 240 finer Swiss Muslin Aprons, trimmed with lace and ribbon, 50c. 180 fine India Linon Aprons, with 3 tucks and 2-inch hemstitched hem, regular \$5.00 Aprons, for 35c.

Oriental Rugs.

Hand-made gems of weave and color from the provinces of the Orient. If time was money then these prices would be doubled and trebled.

23 Rugs at \$6.90. 45 Rugs at \$8.50. 58 Rugs at \$10.00. 65 Rugs at \$15.00. And from \$15.00 to \$150.00.

FIELD, SCHLICK & CO.

Linen Room.

A special importation of Fine Damask Table Sets in handsome boxes for Holiday Trade. We bought them just before the election, and you can save money on every set.

Cloths are 2 1/2, 3 and 3 1/2 yards long; Napkins 3/4 and 1 1/4 sizes. A set consists of Cloth and a dozen Napkins to match.

Table Sets for \$5.50. Table Sets for \$7.00. Table Sets for \$8.00. Table Sets for \$10.50. Table Sets for \$11.00. Table Sets for \$14.00. Table Sets for \$16.00.

Add 25 per cent and you have lowest retail values. They ought to go in double-quick time.

Stamped Linens.

This isn't selling—it's giving Stamped Linens away. About 1,000 odd Stamped Linen Doilies, 20 different styles, for

1 Cent each at 9 o'clock—not before. They're worth 10c, 15c and 20c each.

And a big Job Lot will go like this: 10c Doilies for 5 cents. 20c Doilies for 10 cents. 35c Center Pieces for 18 cents. 65c Center Pieces for 35 cents. \$1.00 Squares for 45 cents. \$1.50 Lunch Cloths for 75 cents. \$1.65 Carving Cloths for 90 cents. \$3.00 Lunch Cloths for \$1.50.

Some are plain; others are stamped. Some are hand hemstitched, and some have fine hand-drawn work inside of hem.

250 Down Pillows, 20 inches square, covered with fine Cretonne, for 50 Cents each tomorrow.

Ladies' Black Spun Silk Stockings, \$1.00 per pair. Pure Thread Silk Stockings, best \$2.00 kinds for \$1.75, or 3 pairs for \$5. A dollar box of "Onyx" Fast Black Cotton Stockings for 75 cents; 3 pairs in a box.

For Men.

Take a walk through our Men's Furnishings Department when looking for a present "For Him."

New Bath Robes of Eider Down or Terry Cloth, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 each. Silk Mufflers—Black, Cream or Fancies. \$1.00 kinds for 78 cents. \$1.25 kinds for 89 cents. \$1.50 kinds for \$1.20. \$2.00 kinds for \$1.40.

Neckwear in latest shapes and newest patterns. But that's not all. You'll find Newest Prices here, too.

Neckwear made of Silks used in 50c qualities for 25 cents. Neckwear made of Silks used in 75c qualities for 50 cents. Neckwear made of Silks used in \$1.00 qualities for 69 cents.

Silver-Mounted Umbrellas. No charge for engraving. Handkerchiefs—All kinds. Suspenders—All kinds. Gloves—All kinds.

Mail Orders.—Send them in early. You know our way of doing business. Anything that does not please you, either in quality, style or price, may be returned at our expense. Your money back by return mail.

FIELD, SCHLICK & CO.

Wabasha, 4th, 5th and St. Peter Sts. ST. PAUL.

That the best line from Chicago to Cripple Creek, Colo., and all points shown in the

accompanying map is the Chicago & North R. R. Write or call to-day, for lowest rates and full particulars. R. Somerville, General Agent Passenger Department, 101 Adams Street, Marquette Building, Chicago, Illinois.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRINTING ANNUAL REPORT.

Office of Board of Water Commissioners. Sealed proposals will be received until 12 o'clock M., December 21, 1896, for printing and binding and furnishing the paper for 600 copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Water Commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Bidders are referred to the copy of report for 1895, for the kind of composition and binding and the general style of the work to be done.

The paper is to be 60-pound S. & S. C., of good quality for all the work except the two tables. Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements, which are to be printed on commercial bond paper.

In addition to the 500 bound copies, will also be printed 200 copies of the "whole" bound, on the same paper, folded, gathered and tipped and properly packed in convenient packages. If more than 200 copies of the bound should be required, give price per 100 copies additional.

The above to include change of folios in printing, to be designated by City Expert. Bids will also be received for lithographing inserts of plates, also half-tones—70 copies each, folded and tipped in proper places.

The large tables of Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements and other tables are to be measured into pages according to their printed surface, divided by the number of square inches in a single page.