FOR

MEN.

Virgoe Middleton & Co.'s English Bath Robes for Men, reduced from $18.00 to $10.00

Welch, Margetson & Co.'s English Flannel Bath Robes, reduced from $15.00 to $9.00

Alfred Buyaman & Co.'s Blanket Robes, reduced from $10.00 to $6.00

Eiderdown Bath Robes, reduced from $5.00 to $3.00

Eiderdown Bath Robes, reduced from $3.00 to $2.00

$1.50 English Neckwear, reduced to 50c

$1.00 Fisk, Clark and Flagg's Neckwear, reduced to 50c

$2.00 Imported De Joinvilles, reduced to $1.00

FOR

WOMEN.

Women's Morning Gowns, reduced from $7.00 to $4.00

Women's Morning Gowns, reduced from $5.00 to $3.00

OPEN EVENINGS TILL XMAS.

The Boston St. Paul

ESTIMATE GOES UP

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ADDS $34,580 TO THE FIGURES OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER

AND FINISHES ITS LABORS.

THE BRIDGE REPAIR FUND WAS BOOSTED FROM $10,000 TO $42,-500 ITSELF.

SOME COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Showing Mr. McCardy's, and the Committee's Estimates and the Amount Allowed Last Year.

The conference committee completed its work on the tax estimate yesterday afternoon and adopted it as amended by passing the formal resolution submitted by the comptroller. The recapitulation showing the estimates as originally submitted by the comptroller and as amended by the conference committee and likewise the amounts allowed for 1896 is as follows:

Recapitulation.	Comptroller's Estimate.	Conference Committee's Estimate.	Allowed by Council, 1896
1—Interest and sinking fund	$295,800	$295,800	$295,800
2—Redemption of bonds fund	150,000	150,000	.....
3—Certificates of indebtedness department fund	55,000	55,000	110,000
4—Fire department fund	200,000	200,000	200,000
5—Police department fund	198,600	198,600	185,000
6—Lighting fund	156,000	155,000	120,000
7—Water supply fund	2,500	2,500	2,500
8—Board of control fund	21,666	21,666	21,200
9 and 10—School fund	233,750	233,750	150,000
11—Building inspector's department fund	5,900	6,200	5,900
12—Health department fund	8,980	9,980	10,700
13—Court house and city hall maintenance fund	19,650	19,650	16,609
14—Workhouse fund	16,000	16,000	28,214
15—Engineering department fund	24,220	25,000	32,000
16—Board of public works fund	17,100	17,100	15,874
17—City officers' salary fund	46,820	46,820	47,490
18—Street, sewer and bridge maintenance fund	150,000	150,000	140,000
19—Bridge repair fund	10,000	42,500	15,000
20—Judgment fund	17,500	17,500	44,759
21—Printing and stationery fund	6,000	6,000	20,000
22—Municipal court fund	12,578	12,578	13,887
23—Library fund	15,000	15,000	15,000
24—General fund	223,170	223,170	210,388
Totals	$1,885,244	$1,919,824	$1,700,477
Less general fund credit	375,000	375,000	400,000
Amount necessary to be raised by taxation	$1,510,244	$1,544,824	$1,300,447

It will be observed by reference to the foregoing table that the conference committee has increased the comptroller's estimate to the extent of $34,-580. The increase is found in the eleventh, twelfth, fifteenth and nineteenth items, the last named having been raised from $10,000 to $42,500. Of the $32,500 increase in the bridge repair fund, $17,500 is to be refunded in the building of the new Raymond avenue bridge, while the bridge repair fund was raised from $10,000 to $25,000.

The committee increased the allowance for the health department from $8,980 to $9,980, added $780 to the appropriation for the engineering department, and allowed the building inspector's department an additional $300 to make up a deficiency of that amount in this year's fund.

Prior to the adoption of the budget, the committee adopted the various items showing the disbursements made from the general fund. The only change effected was that decided upon last week when the committee set aside the sum of $7,770 to pay for proposed Gaultier street sewer, and deducted that amount from the item, miscellaneous, leaving it $52,000.

The only sub-item under the general fund that provoked any discussion was that of $20,000 for the garbage fund.

Ald. Bigelow thought that provision ought to be made for the city's employing an inspector to look after the collection of garbage and see that work is performed according to the terms of the contract. Ald. Bigelow accordingly moved that the sub-item read "garbage fund and inspection of collection."

Mr. Bement seconded the motion. Comptroller McCardy did not approve of the amendment.

Mayor Doran said that the fund ought to be large enough to enable the city to secure a contract that it could enforce without inflicting any injuctice upon the contractor.

Ald. Bigelow's motion prevailed, Comptroller McCardy alone voting in the negative.

The sub-items under the head of general fund as adopted by the committee are:

Armory rent	$2,600
Police station rent	1,200
Boarding prisoners	3,600
Insurance fund	5,000
Garbage fund and inspection of collection	20,000
Police fund	35,000
Interest fund	45,000
Fire department fund	35,000
City officers' salary	26,830
Certificate of indebtedness department	55,000
City park fund	50,000
Redemption of bonds	30,000
Redemption certificate of sale on exempt and illegally assessed property	5,000
Gaultier and Sycamore sewer	7,770
Miscellaneous	52,000
Total	$375,000

The report and resolution adopting the budget will be submitted to the common council at the next regular meeting during the first week in January.

FOR THE GOLD STANDARD.

Coal Prices Are Also Considered by the Chamber.

The chamber of commerce yesterday issued its dictum on the banking question as follows:

Resolved, That the gold money standard should be steadfastly kept in this country. The government should retire from every form of banking business, whenever other agencies sufficient for the functions of that class have performed by the government, can be organized and gotten into successful operation.

Changes in the money system should be effected gradually, and by modes that will avoid contraction of the volume, or impairment of the quality of the currency as a feature of an improved money system, the national banks should be retained, and their usefulness extended by allowing the establishment of branches and by reduction of the required minimum of capital to $25,000 or less in small communities.

The new coal investigation committee reported that the town was at the mercy of an illegal coal combination, that the local price should be about $7.25. The recommendations were as follows:

Resolved, That we do hereby recommend that the railroad and warehouse commission, upon complaint being filed, will make investigation touching the character of the tariffs or rates of transportation of coal from Duluth to St. Paul.

Resolved, That we recommend that special effort be made to secure the erection of coal storage docks in St. Paul of sufficient capacity for the storage of one season's supply of fuel.

Resolved, That we do hereby recommend that the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis construct a freight air-line to Duluth.

Col. Clough in reply said that the roads which were mainly devoted to the transportation of coal were in a condition of chronic insolvency. Three or four roads control the coal business and are insolvent, because there has been an overproduction of coal for the consumption demanded, and the cost of consumption and distribution has not been met. There are three roads from the head of the lake, all of them engaged in hauling coal. These roads are from 165 to 170 miles long, and haul about two million tons of coal a year, including both kinds of coal. Only a small part of the coal hauled by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific comes to St. Paul; the amount coming here for consumption is very small. The rate on coal for St. Paul was $1.50, 8 or 9 mills a ton a mile.

He knew the report was absurb and demanded of the committee their authority for the statement that an air line railroad could be built to Duluth at a cost of $3,000,000.

Gen. Becker, member of the railroad commission, was referred to as authority.

Col. Clough insisted that the route to Duluth is one of the most difficult and expensive on account of the topography of the country and the nature of the soil.

Capt. Castle said the similarity of bills showed a combination and the fact that a discount of 50 cents is allowed, that the agreement is not lived up to. He wanted Col. Clough to explain why the railroads charged $1.50 a ton for hard coal when they charged 75 cents a ton for soft coal.

Col. Clough explained that certain lines of railroad, with the idea of stimulating business which had no existence in fact, roads running from the Illinois coal fields, had fixed that rate for hauling soft or bituminous coal. It was not a compensatory rate and would bankrupt them if persisted in. A little of this coal was brought to the head of the lakes, and the St. Paul-Duluth roads brought it to St. Paul at the same rate, since they could, under the circumstances, do no better.

Maj. Espy defended the report. As to the matter of rates charged by the railroads, the head of the lakes rate to St. Paul was 50 cents high. Col. Clough had cited the rates charged by other roads. The rate from Scranton to Buffalo was 7 mills per ton per mile, and on the Reading road the rate was 5 mills a ton a mile to Buffalo. As to the air line road and its practicability, he cited Andrew Carnegie as his authority as to the feasibility of a freight road solely.

Gen. Andrews said it was expected that if the Twin Cities built and controlled a railroad to Lake Superior, it would result in making coal and other heavy goods about as cheap here as at Chicago and Duluth. Such result would increase the growth of the Twin Cities, and that would add greatly to the traffic of the present railroads. It would build up new communities along its route to be tributary to these cities. The city of Cincinnati built a railroad to the seaboard, and if the Twin Cities intend to be really great they must be enterprising.

CELEBRATION OF FORESTERS.

Two Local Courts Unite in an Entertainment.

The annivessary entertainment of the St. Paul courts, Landmark, Snelling tnd St. Paul United Order of Foresters, took place at Central hall last night. It was proved a most enjoyable event notwithstanding the disappointment occasioned by the absence of W. A. Stotts, of Chicago, the supreme chief ranger of the order. Mr. Stotts was unable to attend owing to the death of his daughter, which occurred last Saturday.

There were over 200 ladies and gentlemen present. The early portion of the evening was devoted to a musical and literary programme, interspersed with addresses by Mayor Doran, Rev. Dr. Samuel Smith, Judge Willis and Judge Schoonmaker, the chief ranger of Court St. Paul, who delivered the address of welcome. Mayor Doran welcomed the Foresters on behalf of the city. Dr. Smith, who is a member of the order, talked interestingly of the objects it sought to attain, and of the harmony that should exist between fraternal orders and the churches. Both were working to the same end. Judge Willis spoke in a similar vein extolling the spirit that inspires the organization of fraternities, as identical with the fundamental principle of Christianity.

Rodenkirchen's orchestra furnished the instrumental music, the Imperial quartette sung several selections, and Miss Julia Griffin and Frank Wilson contributed vocal solos.

A dancing programme of 12 numbers whiled away the later hours very pleasantly. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

EXPRESS EMPLOYES HURT.

Horse Runs Away With a Delivery Wagon.

A serious runaway accident occurred on Mississippi street yesterday morning, when a horse attached to a Great Northern express wagon became unmanageable and dashed down the street. Three persons were in the wagon at the time, and when a collision occurred with a lamp post they were thrown to the pavement. Eugene Hill, the driver, residing at 489 Marshall avenue, was bruised about the body and sustained a severe contusion of the left hip, which necessitated the services of a physician after he had been removed to his home. F. H. Garland, an agent of the express company, struck the curbstone in falling and was badly cut about the face and head, in addition to suffering painful though not dangerous bodily injuries. Mr. Garland was removed to his home, 376 North St. Albans street, in a carriage. John Strass, a barn man, escaped with injuries more slight than his companions, and received only a few minor bruises and a general shaking up. The animal responsible for the accident, was a new horse, and was being tried for the first time.

THAT PHALEN TRACT.

Park Board Talks Over Its Resolution on the Purchase.

The action of the board of county commissioners in voting to expend $20,-000 for the purchase of some fifty acres of land lying adjacent to and north of Phalen Park, which land the county proposes to donate to the park board for an extension of Phalen park, was informally discussed at the regular meeting of the park board last night.

The commissioners looked up the resolution adopted last spring, which recomended the purchase by the board of county commissioners of the tract in question and discussed its phraseology for some time.

The board approved bills amounting to $684.46.

School Loans Approved.

The following loans to school districts have been approved by the state board of investment:

County.	District.	Amount
Big Stone	58	$500
Beltrami	4	296
Hubbard, Indian, Park Rapids.	..	3,500
Lac qui Parle	99	400
Redwood	73	400
Swift	2	2,000
Watonwan	47	350
Total		$7,446

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

WHERE ARE YOU AT?

SANTA CLAUS IS AT 49 EAST SEVENTH STREET PLAYING ON A PIANO.

Greatest Christmas Opportunity in the Whole Northwest—Grab Quick.

You can't hope to have all the good things in this world, but that's no reason why you shouldn't have such portion of the good things as are within your grasp and almost knock you down in inviting you to come and get them. Instinctively when you have concluded reading that sentence it flashes before your mental vision at once that the Munger assignee piano sale, at 49 East Seventh street, is one of the good things within your reach, and you do not necessarly read these words to find it out. You know it, I know it and we all know it.

Day after tomorrow will be the day before Christmas. You will surely be doing some Christmas shopping in the meantime. If you want to find the greatest Christmas bargain in the city, you will come and look at the pianos I am selling for Mr. Munger's creditors. It is hard to tell you in cold type just what a great opportunity this sale offers. You need an ocular demonstration. The sooner you come the greater stock you will have to select from. Santa Claus seems to have told everybody that he is looking no further for the best place. He's camped right down at this sale, regarding it the very best thing offered for this Christmas. I can add that it is the very best thing which ever will be offered any Christmas. It's a situation which don't come once in a lifetime. The creditors have got to realize, and new upright pianos, made by the most famous manufacturers in the country, are offered at from $95 to $200, in order to enable them to realize. This is a saving of from $100 to $250 for the purchaser, stool and scarf free, and $10 monthly payments.

There may be other bankrupt stocks of pianos thrown on the market in the future, but there never will be another one comprising such names as Decker, Weber, Haines, Everett, Blasius, A. B. Chase, Henry F. Miller, etc, because Munger had the field here before the other dealers were born. That gave him the combination, which, now that the field is divided, can never be reproduced.

The number of purchasers there have been at this sale is marvelous. It shows how St. Paul people appreciate bargains, and that "nothing succeeds like success." If I should publish the list of sales actually made, there would be a lot of dead piano dealers in St. Paul before noon today.

I sell new pianos, with a five years' guarantee from manufacturers worth from one to five million dollars. The guarantee of the average dealer isn't worth the match it would take to burn it. How many guarantees given by St. Paul dealers two years ago are good now? Piano dealers may come and piano dealers may go (and they do), but the manufacturer, with from one to five million dollars capital, makes himself into a corporation and goes on forever. That's the kind of guarantee I furnish.

I don't offer soiled or second-hand pianos as new and refer to my Christian career to prove it. Everything is as light as day, and the very few pianos in the Munger stock which had been slightly used are so represented, and prices made accordingly. Every instrument is worth more than the price asked, and that is what has turned over the town. I don't offer my personal goodness for sale, but I do offer good pianos at marvelous prices, and guarantee every instrument to be exactly as represented. You get what you pay for and more, too, because every single piano is worth more than the price asked at assignee sale.

I don't suppose other dealers like this, but if they should some time be interested in a similar sale they will understand what low prices mean better than they do now, when they add from $100 to $300 profit to an inferior piano.

Out of town trade solicited. Remember the place, 49 East Seventh street, between Cedar and Minnesota. Open evenings. —A. E. Whitney.

Agent for the Munger Assignee Sale of Pianos.

THREE AWAIT DEATH.

Gov. Clough Has That Many Warrants to Sign.

There are now three men awaiting the death penalty in this state, whose cases are before the governor for the naming of the date of the execution. Soular and Verrell, who killed a man in St. Louis county, have been in jail at Duluth several months since their conviction, but, as yet, the governor has failed to act in the premises. Kelly, recently convicted in Chisago county, is also awaiting the same stroke of the pen, although he was convicted much more recently.

COAL PRICES CUT.

Dealers Are Selling Quietly at $7.50 Per Ton.

None of the retail coal men will officially confirm the fact, but it is known, however, that hard coal is being sold to consumers as low as $7.50 per ton, in lots of 15 or more tons. The drop from $7.85 is said to have taken place yesterday, although if any one asked the retailers, the answer would probably be that coal was still selling for $8.35. One retailer asked about the situation yesterday, admitted that the above situation was true, and that buisness, for his company at least, had never been better, the sales surpassing the same period last year by something over 1,500 tons.

FOUND

During the crush of yesterday a number of articles were left in the store. They may be had at the cashier's desk by proving property. A sum of money, one muff, two packages, one sealed envelope, two handkerchiefs and one veil.

BOOKS!

AT CUT PRICES.

The Idiot—$1.00 ..... $ .75
Mad Sir Uchtred—$1.25 ... .90
Rodney Stone—$1.50 ..... 1.05
Stark-Munro Letters—$1.50 1.05
About Paris—$1.25 ..... .95
Sorrows of Satan—$1.50 ... 1.05
Murder of Delicia—$1.25 .. .95

The best $3 Bible ever made. Our price $1.45

You can save money here.

Store Open Evenings.

St. Paul Book & Stationery Co.

THE Greatest Variety of Attractive Articles in Bric-a-Brac for CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

R. WILSON & CO., 73 EAST SIXTH STREET.

FIELD, SCHLICK & CO.

Open Evenings Till Christmas.

Many people will be pleased to learn that this store will be open until 9 o'clock every evening until Christmas.

The store is in Holiday attire. Every department is prepared to supply your Christmas wants in useful or ornamental things. And every department will do its best for you in the way of money-saving prices.

New Silks for 69 Cents, Worth $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50.

New Silks for Evening Gowns, for Evening Waists, for Street Dresses, Petticoats, etc.

Heavy Brocaded Evening Satins,
Heavy Brocaded Evening Taffetas,
Heavy Black Brocadcd Gros Grains,
Double-Faced Novelty Silks,
Changeable Rustle Taffetas,
Changeable Taffetas in Delicate Tints,
Heavy Cream Brocaded Satins,
Heavy Cream Brocaded Taffetas,
Heavy Monotone Silks,
Heavy Persian Silks,
Printed Warp Taffetas,
Brocaded Taffetas in Delicate Tints,
Black Silk with Colored Figures.

All of these and many others, for

69 Cents

a yard. Expect much and you will not be disappointed. The best stores in New York and Chicago sell them for $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50.

ALL OF THESE FOR 19 CENTS:

Imported Black China silks, worth 39 cents;
Imported White China silks, worth 39 cents;
Colored Wash Chinas, worth 48 cents;
Remnants of Plain silks and Figured Taffetas, worth up to 65 cents.

All of the above for **19 Cents** a yard.

BLACK SILKS FOR CHRISTMAS.

We can save money for you on Black Silks, if you'll give us a chance. These offerings should appeal particularly to men. Just throw out a hint and ask them to step into our Silk Department. We'll do the rest.

Peau de Soie..	Value.....	$1.00	$1.25	$1.50	$1.75	$2.25
	Sale price..	58c	69c	88c	98c	$1.48
Satin Duchesse	Value....	$1.00	$1.25	$1.50	$1.75	$2.25
	Sale price	50c	69c	98c	$1.18	$1.48

Dress Goods for Christmas.

Our sale of Christmas Dress Patterns has captured the hearts of women. Five or six hundred Dress lengths are so arranged that the entire assortment may be inspected in a few minutes. Time is money—and **you save both** by buying here.

Full Dress Lengths for **$1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, and up to $10.00.**

Another feature is the great **new** stock of Dress Goods, bought right after the election. The Novelty Suitings at **50, 60** and **75 cents** are wonders.

All-Wool Suitings, 48 inches wide, for **47 cents.**
All-Wool English Checks, **85 cents.**
Imported Novelties—Silk and Wool Mixtures—for **$1.00.**
Novelties that sold for $2.00 six weeks ago are now **$1.25.**
All-Wool Canvas Suitings, **$1.25.**
All-Wool Granite Suitings, only **85 cents.**

Christmas Gloves and Handkerchiefs

This always was the greatest store for Kid Gloves and Handkerchiefs. Greater than ever this season.

1,000 pairs of genuine French Kid Gloves for **85 cents** a pair today. Some stores sell them for $1.50.

We are sole agents for "Jouvin" Gloves—the best in the world.

Real Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs, **75 Cents, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $3.00, $4.00 and up to $10.**

Special Sale of Irish and French hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs:

35c and 50c kinds for ..... **25 cents**
75c kinds for ..... **50 cents**
$1.00 and $1.25 kinds for ..... **75 cents**

John S. Brown & Sons' plain hemstitched Irish Linen Handkerchiefs. We import them direct and sell them on a wholesale basis:

18-cent quality for ..... **10 cents**
25-cent quality for ..... **18 cents**
40-cent quality for ..... **25 cents**

No further reductions by the dozen.

Stationery.

200 fancy boxes of Christmas stationery must be closed out today. We need the room for other things. Don't expect to find any of these after tonight.

500 fancy boxes of Hurd's Celebrated papers in cream and delicate tints for

25 Cents

a box today; regular price, 50c.

500 fancy boxes of Illustrated Writing Papers for Children, 15c, 19c, 25c and 30c a box for today.

Christmas Specialties.

Paris and Vienna Fans, plain and decorated, black and colors, **25 cents to $25.**

Real Tortoise Shell Hair Pins and Combs, finest qualities at the lowest prices in this country.

Sterling Silver Novelties at prices that will surprise the closest buyers.

The assortment of Leather Goods is the best we ever had—and we always had the best stock in St. Paul:

Coin Purses, Pocket Books, Card Cases, Letter Books, Bill Books, R. R. Pass Books, Writing Pads, Writing Sets, Dressing Cases, Brush Sets, Music Rolls, Collar Boxes, Ink Stands, Address Books, Diaries, Chatelaine Bags.

The **50c** Bargain Table is catching the town. Every evening we fill it up with odd pieces and broken lines which accumulated during the day. In this way you can get many things worth from 75c to $1.25 for **50 cents.**

For Men.

Store open every evening until Christmas.

There's no excuse for spending money for poor goods. And there's no reason why you should pay fancy prices for good things. All sorts of stylish and worthy Men's Furnishings at prices that make economical buyers happy.

New lines have been added to the stock of Silk Neckwear.

Puff and Imperial Teck Scarfs in single boxes, regular 75c and $1.00 qualities, for **58c**

Jap Silk Handkerchiefs, with colored borders or plain hemstitched, 40c and 50c kinds, for .. **25c**

We're long on Mufflers and Bath Robes. These reductions should clear the stock in the next few days.

50c Mufflers for **39 Cents.**
75c Mufflers for **55 Cents.**
$1.00 Mufflers for **79 Cents.**
$1.25 Mufflers for **90 Cents.**
$1.50 Mufflers for **$1.15.**
$2.00 Mufflers for **$1.55.**
$2.50 Mufflers for **$1.95.**

Terry and Eiderdown Bath Robes.

$2.50 kinds for **$2.00.**
$3.00 kinds for **$2.35.**
$3.50 kinds for **$2.85.**
$4.50 kinds for **$3.75.**
$5.00 kinds for **$4.00.**

Dent's $2 Gloves for **$1.80.**
Perrin's $2 Gloves for **$1.80.**
Jouvin's $2 Gloves for **$1.65.**
Cartier's $1.50 Gloves for **$1.25.**
Fowne's $1.75 Gloves for **$1.25.**

Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, **80 cents** per half dozen.

Knit Gloves and Mittens, **25** and **50 cents.**

Handkerchiefs of Silk or Linen, **10c, 15c, 25c, 50c** and **80c.**

Lined Gloves and Mittens, **50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00** and **$2.50.**

Silk Umbrellas for men and women. No charge for engraving silver-mounted ones.

Store open evenings until Christmas.

FIELD, SCHLICK & CO.

SAINT PAUL.

SCENES IN JUDEA

MRS. VON FINKELSTEIN-MOUNTFORD ENTERTAINS ST. PAUL FOLK WITH TABLEAUX.

CONCERT AT CHRIST CHURCH.

MRS. YALE AND OTHERS RENDER A PROGRAMME OF GREAT MERIT.

BOOK AND PORTRAIT SOCIAL.

Odd, But Pretty Party Given Last Evening by the Misses Hill, of Summit Avenue.

Mrs. Mountford, the Oriental lecturer, presented her first entertainment in the People's church before an attentive and interested gathering. Mrs. Mountford is a fluent speaker and possesses no small amount of dramatic power. Her voice is penetrating and well trained, and she speak her lines clearly and distinctly. She is a person of strong individuality and keeps her hearers interested throughout the entire evening. The entertainment she gives is entirely different from anything ever given in St. Paul. Mrs. Mountford, having been born and bred in Jerusalem, is in touch with all the incidents of every-day life among her people and gives by means of tableaux and living pictures exact reproductions of the scenes in that country as she has witnessed them. Through her many Bible incidents, which to many have seemed little less than miracles, are shown to be simply scenes natural to life in the Orient. The entertainment last evening was devoted to "Village Life in Palestine," and many delightful street and country scenes were illustrated by a number of figures in Oriental attire, Mrs. Mountford explaining the whole with a continual flow of eloquent words.

The stage settinge were rich and handsome and the costumes worn, while appearing exceedingly odd to American eyes, were artistic and effective. She explained the meaning of "salutation" in the Orient and said that no doubt the reason Jesus warned his messengers, whom he sent out to teach the Gospel against "saluting" any man, was because it takes at least three-quarters of an hour to "salute" in that country. She also gave a pleasing illustration of the return of the prodigal son, and showed a very beautiful coat of many colors such as was worn by Joseph, and which was not a patchwork affair, as many believe, but was handsomely woven. She explained that the men are known by their outer coats, which tell their social station and that the seamless garments are worn by the preachers and public speakers and are woven for them by the women. When they have a border about the hem, they are the garments of the healer and physician. She said that the women in the country towns are not veiled, except on great occasions or when they wish to be a bit coquettish. But the city women are heavily veiled. And she said that the Bible will always appeal to humanity because it gives such a graphic picture of human nature. The entertainment this evening will consist of pictures of "City Life in Jerusalem Among the Four Hundred."

A Santa Claus entertainment will be held Christmas eve in Burr street church for the children.

The Audubon club meets this afternoon with Mrs. Flood, 530 Collins

The Ideal Euchre club meets tomorrow with Mrs. Rossum, of Nelson avenue.

The Monday Afternoon Whist club met yesterday with Mrs. Schussler, in the San Mateo flats, Laurel avenue.

The Snow Storm club meets this afternoon with Mrs. Joseph Bell, of Marshall avenue.

The Kootenai club dances in Woodruff's hall, Merriam Park, this evening.

The Oxford Dancing club announces its next hop to come off Jan. 5, Oxford hall.

The Minnehaha club gives a party New Year's night in Twin City hall.

The Esaias Tegner club gives its Third hop in Litt's hall, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fagley, of Holly avenue, entertain a cinch club this evening.

An entertaining programme was delivered in the parlors of Christ church last evening under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The audience, though small, was appreciative, and each number was warmly applauded.

A charming social was held last evening at the Hill residence, when the Misses Hill were hostesses to the book and portrait party. A number of pretty tableaux were given, and the evening was passed enjoyably by the large number of guests attending.

A large dancing party was given last evening in the hall at the Albion by a group of fifty young society men of the hill. The party was as pretty an event as has been given this season among the members of the younger set and was attended by over 100 young society people. The chaperones were Mrs. E. S. Chittenden and Mrs. H. A. Castle.

A special meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Grace M. E. church will be held this afternoon with Mrs. Thomas Mitcheson on Burr street.

Christmas exercises will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Cleveland High school, and the same kind of a celbration will be held that afternoon in John Ericsson school.

Mistletoe Chapter, O. E. S., held its public installation last evening in Masonic hall on West Seventh street. The officers installed were: Worthy matron, Addie Trudgeon; associate matron, Emma Busby; worthy patron, Hugh McCaffrey; conductress, Annie Sweeny; associate conductress, Daisy Yorke; secretary, Helen Sloggy; treasurer, Hattie Gardner; Ada, Maggie Yorke; Ruth, Lillian Gregory; Esther, Beatrice Mueller; Martha, May Smith; Electa, Mary Earhoff; chaplain, Lizzie Fisher; warden, Mary Sherry; sentinel, Mr. Sherry.

The largest party ever held in the rooms of the Irish-American club took place last night, and the interest shown augurs well for the success of the New Year's party to which the club is now looking forward interestedly. Prizes were won as follows: First, Mrs. W. H. Keane and J. D. Rheinhold; second, Miss Julia Donnelly and H. Moeller.

The following musical selections were given yesterday by the pupils of Miss Aspenwall's class at St. Catharine's school:

Low	Hunting Chorus (for four hands)
Schmoel	Polka
Lichner	"In the Spring"
Schmoel	Polonaise in D
Spindler	Staccato (wrist study)
Ravina	Bolero in A Minor
Haydn	Minuet
Bohm	Riccardo (for violin)
Schubert	Impromptu
Bach	Invention in C (for two voices)
McDowell	Shadow Dance
Tschaikowski	Sleigh Ride (2 pianos, 4 hands)
Godard	Mazurka in B Flat

The programme was well given. Assisting was Miss Leadwel, violinist.

St. James A. M. E. church opened an attractive fair in Market hall last evening, the same to continue until Friday evening of this week. The booths are all in the national colors and are prettily arranged and in charge of people of the church. In the center of the hall is a postoffice, which was well patronized during the evening. A grocery department is another attraction and in the other booths handsome displays of fancy work, useful odds and ends and beautifully dressed dolls are displayed. The booths are in charge of the following women: Candy, Mrs. William Joyce, chairman, assisted by Mesdames C. Findly, W. E. Stanton, J. McClain, S. D. Croford; fancy, Mrs. O. H. Allen, chairman, assisted by Mesdames A. G. Russell, Milton, Adams, Howard, Turner, R. C. Minor. China, Mrs. Adam Williams, chairman, assisted by Mesdames S. B. Jones, Petter, Bell, McIntyser, Gray, Terrill, Widoth, Hauser. Rescue booth, Daniel Harding, chairman, B. S. Walker, secretary, assisted by D. W. Kemp, W. M. Riff, W. 7. Stanton, John Summers, Jonas Strong, S. D. Kemp, B. O. Cobbe. Ice cream, Mrs. A. J. N. Henry, chairman, assisted by Mesdames L. Morris, Cooper, C. Anderson, A. Brock, C. Roberts and B. Clay. Postoffice, Mrs. J. R. White, and grocery, J. P. Anderson. The supper room is in charge of Mesdames Reeves, Parker, Bradley, Francis, Huston, Hampton, Drumens, Grooms and Charlton. A scripture cake is one of the attractions, and last evening there was a mixed programme. The programme this evening is as follows: Instrumental solo, Miss Emma Porter; reading (from Faust), Charles Miller; duet, Miss Lizzie Kellum and Bradley Walker.

Miss Yetta Kahm, of St. Joe, is at the Aberdeen.

Mrs. C. Ward, of Ada, Minn., is visiting Mrs. D. C. Lightbourn, of 319 Fuller street.

Miss Nellie B. Hope left last evening for Chicago for a short stay.

Mrs. Ambrose Tighe, of Dayton avenue, has gone to Chicago.

Miss Elsie Nicols has come home from Vassar to spend the holidays at her home on Nelson avenue.

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