WILL MEET CORBETT

FITZSIMMONS SAYS THAT HE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND AND WILL FIGHT AGAIN.

MARTIN JULIAN CONFIRMS.

WILL GIVE THE EX-CHAMPION A CHANCE TO REGAIN HIS LAURELS.

DATE OF BATTLE UNCERTAIN,

But It Will Not Be in the Near Future—Day's Sporting Gossip.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Martin Julian, manager for Bob Fitzsimmons, stated in an interview today that the lanky champion has changed his mind and will again meet ex-Champion Corbett in the prize ring.

Fitzsimmons was non-committal, refusing to confirm or deny the story, and contented himself with declaring that he has not said that he will fight Corbett again. Julian's statement was sufficiently emphatic, however, to indicate that he confidently expects the men to meet again.

"Some day before very long we will give Corbett another chance," he said. "No, not now, that is a certainty. But before long; how long I cannot say."

Asked if that was not a concession on the part of Fitzsimmons, Julian replied that it was not, as that idea had been in the mind of Fitzsimmons for some time. It is announced that Dan Stuart, who managed the Carson City battle, will meet Fitzsimmons and Julian here this week and endeavor to arrange for a meeting between the big men for next summer.

WON IT IN THE EIGHTH.

Hot Indoor Base Ball Game Won by Company C.

All the recent furore about whether or not Minnesota militiamen are to be permitted to play indoor base ball this winter seems but to have whetted their zest for the sport, for certainly never in Minnesota, and probably never in the world, was there played at any game a finer game of indoor ball than that which was played at Faribault Saturday night.

The St. Paul troopers, who returned yesterday, report that the picturesque ice county metropolis is at fever heat of enthusiasm over the sport, and look forward to some further exciting battles.

Company C team constituted the visiting aggregation, although they had the moral and other support of the company of ex-Corporal Clark and ex-Private Potts, of Company I, of Minneapolis, who recently left the militia under disgrace of "dishonorable discharge," because they were more devoted to their athletics than to Gen. Lend.

Till the eighth inning not a run was scored on either side. Indeed, second base was the farthest that any one up to then succeeded in getting, while strikeouts were so frequent as to become monotonous in their excess of irritant quality. The hall was packed, and the enthusiasm was at fever heat when Snow, of the St. Paul company, walked to first by courtesy of the Faribault pitcher, and stole second and third consecutively, much to the chagrin of the southerners, who, in their excitement, neglected to subject the home plate to proper surveillance, and let the visitors put Snow all over it, assisted by the most wonderful base running in the history of Northwestern indoor ball. In the ninth they were retired in one, two, three order. Faribault was then determined to do or die, but their ambition was in vain. Two men did get to bases; but, with only one out, Robinson settled down in the box and struck out the next man, the third out being effected on an audacious trial to repeat Snow's home steal of the previous inning.

The battery work of Robinson and Snow, and Quimby and Milligan was the feature of the game, each pitcher striking out twenty-two men. The teams played as follows:

Faribault.	Co. C.
Milligan	C. Snow
Quimby	P. N. C. Robinson
Frelette	First B. Potts
Maloney	Second B. Cook
Hall	Third B. Clarke
Lester	R. S. S. Barlow
Fowler	L. S. S. Bennett
Herot	L. F. White
Jesper	R. F. F. C. Robinson

After a rest of ten minutes the second game was started, the players in the same position with the exception of Cook, who took Robinson's place, and, aside from being a little wild, pitched a very good game. Faribault played the same team and won by a score of 6 to 2.

The Faribault team is without a doubt one of the strongest teams in the Northwest, and is composed of members of the Second regiment, Minnesota national guard. Their pitcher Quimby, is simply a wonder, having great speed and perfect control.

Dec. 31, 1897, and Jan. 1, 1898, an indoor base ball tournament will be held at Duluth. Company C, First regiment, plays Company A, Third regiment, Friday night, Dec. 31, and Faribault Company B, Second regiment, plays Company G, Third regiment, New Year's afternoon, the two winners playing the final game New Year's night.

FOR RIDERS OF BICYCLES.

Some Odds and Ends of Interest to Wheelmen.

Bicycles are now carried as baggage without extra charge on American railroad lines aggregating over 68,000 miles in length, an increase of about 10,000 miles since last February. Coast line and river steamers and ferries, having a combined length of route of 36,000 miles, are also carrying bicycles the same as other forms of baggage and without extra charge. The principal coast line steamers on both the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts are included in this list, and all the big trans-Pacific lines to China, Japan and Australia are in line with the same policy. In France all railroads carry bicycles as ordinary baggage, and the increase of receipts within the last year, due to wheelmen's patronage, has been very substantial. The same effect is noted in this country, as shown in the case of the Long Island Railroad company, which last year carried about 30,000 cyclist passengers, and this year about 150,000, each paying a full first-class fare.

A committee of the L. A. W. will meet a committee of the Canadian Wheelmen's association at Buffalo this month to discuss matters of interest to the two organizations.

Cycle path construction along the lines of country roads will be pushed more vigorously in 1898 than ever before. From the practical experience thus far gained it is shown that the best surface for cycle paths is composed of a thin dressing of crushed sandstone. This material packs easily, forms a smooth, elastic surface, with just enough grit to "bite" the tire and prevent slipping, drains quickly, resists the formation of mud, and for ten months in the year supplies an ideal wheelway. It is superior to the cinder surface in that the latter sticks to the rubber tire and is easily picked up and loosened by passing wheels, and in dry weather is blown off and scattered by strong winds. A cycle path should be not less than five feet (better six feet) in its narrowest part.

A bill will be introduced in the New York legislature at its coming session, providing for the general construction of cycle paths throughout the state.

The executive committee of the League of American Wheelmen has arranged for the purchase of a large supply of maps from the geological survey department of the United States government and will dispose of these maps among state divisions where they can be used to facilitate touring and encourage the recruiting work of division officers. These maps are of the finest quality, being made at great cost from accurate government surveys. They show all roads and streets, town and county lines, and even the location of houses and other buildings, and are therefore splendidly adapted to the wants of touring cyclists. These maps are being mounted on muslin and folded in convenient form for the pocket, and will be ready for general distribution by February.

More than 52,000 new members have joined the League of American Wheelmen since the meeting of the national assembly at Albany last February.

Informal announcement has been received that the Swiss, Belgian and Italian governments have decided to admit touring L. A. W. members across their frontiers without requiring the payment of duty or the deposit of money at the customs stations. This privilege will be formally proclaimed as soon as necessary papers are executed and filed by the officers of the L. A. W. Sample membership tickets have been forwarded to Paris, Berne, Brussels and Rome for distribution among the customs stations, so that an L. A. W. membership ticket can be recognized by comparison with the one on hand at each station.

CAPTAIN FOR MILLERS.

Campau Selected by the Managers of the Minneapolis Club.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Two deals in players were made by Western base ball league magnates today. Detroit gave up Beard and Trost in exchange for Buckley and Butler, of Columbus, the exchange depending upon the willingness of the players. The other deal makes Campau captain of the Minneapolis club. He is released by Grand Rapids in exchange for Roat and Eustace.

Absolutely no action has been taken in the franchise matter. None of the applicants was in much favor with the meeting. As a matter of fact, the Anson bubble has caused the delegates to be willing to linger for a time. At a late hour last night, while the base ball men were still talking over the business, it seemed entirely probable the matter would be referred to a committee for final action at the schedule meeting of the Western league in Kansas City, in February. This was on the authority of one of the leading men of the league. The league wants Anson in the worst way. The league will probably wait until it finds out definitely if it can get him.

A canvass of the delegates, while they were not in the meeting, resulted in establishing the fact that Omaha was the one place of all others thought the most advisable of selection by the league. It is a larger place in a base ball sense than any of the others, and many of the men present at the meeting thought no mistake would be made in that selection. Grand Rapids, while known as a great base ball place, is regarded as something of a hoodoo, because of the great amount of trouble the league had there last season. A large indebtedness had to be assumed by the league. That place is regarded as having the least chance of any of getting the franchise.

James McKee, the man who is pleading for an Omaha franchise, was prominent in base ball in 1874. He is a thorough manager, and would make an ideal man for the league. He is traveling for a Rockford shoe house, and if he secures the franchise will probably make Hugh Nicol his manager. N. C. Clarke, who also wants the franchise in Omaha, is a brother of Gordon and Henry Clarke, prominent two years ago on the University of Chicago ball team. "Fred" Pfeffer and King, the score card man, also want it.

IN POOR HEALTH.

Miss Mabel Davidson Compelled to Relinquish Her Engagements.

Miss Mabel Davidson, the fancy skater, who went abroad in November, 1896, and spent last winter skating in London and Paris, is broken down in health. When Miss Davidson left America she was in perfect health, but skating in the damp climates she encountered abroad gave her a cold which caused hemorrhages, and has developed into a mild form of consumption. This ill-health, coming as it has at the height of her succes, is a great disappointment to the young lady, but her friends hope that rest and a few months of the climate of Colorado, after the holidays, will restore her to health.

Base Ball Magnate Dying.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Charles Byrne, president of the Brooklyn Base Ball club, is lying at his home in this city in a very critical condition, and while the attending physicians say that there is no immediate danger of death, they have little hope of Mr. Byrne's recovery. A complication of diseases has set in and during the past two days the patient has been unconscious most of the time. This afternoon at the sick man's home it was said that he was resting more easily than for the past forty-eight hours. During the day there has been no change either for the worse or better, as far as could be seen.

BASE BALL BRIEFS.

Adrian Constantine Anson, knight of the cue, terror of the game on the prairies, Ranjit Singhi of the American wicket, pride of the handball courts, quondam actor, and now captain, manager, first baseman and catcher of the Chicago base ball club, arrived in Chicago last night from his trip to England with A. G. Spalding.—Chicago Sunday Tribune.

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It is no longer "Hutchison, p.," nor do the fans now shout "Hurrah for Willy Bill Hutch." It is "W. F. Hutchison, auditor." The old Colt who came so near winning the pennant for Chicago during two seasons by his great work in the box is now located at Mansfield, Mo., where he is looking after the construction of the St. Louis, Mansfield & Ava-Southern railroad. In a letter to the sporting editor of the Tribune Hutchison says: "I am back in the business that I followed before I took up twirling the sphere for the Chicago ball club." The letterhead reads:

"Ozark Construction company, Springfield, Mo.; W. F. Hutchison, Auditor."

A copy of the Mansfield (Mo.) Mail gives a long account of the opening of the new railroad, leading off with the "speech in full of Mr. W. F. Hutchison."—Chicago Tribune.

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"Billy" Barnie and his All-American team arrived in Chicago Friday from the West. The squad has been playing games on the coast. Most of the travelers left the city last night for their homes in the East.

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Charley Norton, formerly manager of the Minneapolis team, expects to have a team in the Eastern next year.

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The Southern league is revived with the following cities: New Orleans, Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, Atlanta, Savannah, Charleston and Augusta.

RED ROUGH HANDS

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HARVEST OF PLUMS

SEVERAL HONORARIUMS TO BE CONFERRED BY GOV. CLOUGH VERY SOON.

PLACES ON STATE BOARDS

ARE COVETED BY THE FAITHFUL WHO WOULD SERVE THEIR COUNTRY.

SOME CHANGES IN PROSPECT.

In a Few Instances the Substitution of New Names for Old Seems Inevitable.

The first of the year marks the expiration of the terms of a large number of appointive state officers, and already delegations are thronging Gov. Clough's chamber day by day in behalf of this one and that one.

There is no prospective vacancy on the board of regents of the university, the expiring members being Senator C. K. Davis and Judge Greeleaf Clark, both of whom, it is believed, will be reappointed.

John H. Rich, of Red Wing, and Chris Amundson, of St. Peter, are the members of the state board of corrections and charities whose terms expire.

On the board of managers of the state insane hospitals, President John W. Mason, of Fergus Falls, and Dr. C. L. Wells, of Minneapolis are the members whose time is out.

The lunacy commission, consisting of Drs. H. W. Brazie, of Minneanpolis, D. B. Collins, of St. Peter, and Charles E. Riggs, of St. Paul, are all expiring next month.

John Cooper's term on the board of managers of the reformatory is nearly out, but his reappointment is looked for.

No change is due in the prison board. The term of the late John F. Norrish would have expired next month any way, and it is presumed that B. F. Nelson, the new member, will be continued.

On the state board of health, however, some changes are possible. There are three terms expiring, those of Dr. H. M. Bracken, of Minneapolis; Dr. Henrik Nessen, of Albert Lea, and Dr. Henry Hutchinson, of St. Paul. Only one of these places is directly profitable, and that is the one for which a fight will be made, Dr. Bracken's snap, as secretary.

There is a similar number of prospective vacancies on the state board of medical examiners, Drs. Charles Simpson, of Minneapolis; Thomas McDavitt, and Justus Ohage, of St. Paul; Dr. McDavitt is secretary of the board. Dr. Ohage has made an enviable record on it.

What is to be done about the case of L. A. Harding, whose term on the state board of pharmacy expires next month, is a problem. Harding, himself, would like to stay, but the charges against him have been so bitter, and if well-founded, serious, that it is considered in many quarters very doubtful if the governor will grant him this favor. Harding now has a libel suit against one of the Minneapolis papers pending, and it is possible that Gov. Clough will hold the appointment in abeyance until the suit comes to a trial.

The member of the state dental board whose term expires is Dr. L. C. Davenport, of Moorhead.

Besides these board appointments, there is a vacancy in the probate judgeship of Wilkin county, which the governor is called upon to fill soon.

FOREFATHERS' DAY.

Congregational Club Will Celebrate It Tomorrow Night.

December 21, 1620, the Pilgrims first landed at Plymouth Rock. Hence that date is set apart as Forefathers' day, and the Minnesota Congregational club will duly celebrate the same tomorrow evening, at 6 o'clock, at the First Congregational church, Minneapolis. The invitations of the club have always been artistic and novel, but the one which appears with this announcement is unique among them all. It was designed by Miss Mary Cheney.

On a broad inner page, in quaint wording, "Ye most worthie friende" who receives the invitation is made to understand that the club with "righte merrie and earnest hearte will commemorate ye landing of ye Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock," and the invitation is extended to join in the celebration at the First Congregational church tomorrow evening, "at six by ye candle lighte." The toasts include:

"The Twentieth Century Pilgrim," the Rev. E. S. Pressey; "The Days of the Spinning Wheel in New England," Rev. F. A. Sumner; "The Old Meeting House—What Does It say?" Rev. S. G. Updyke; "Around the Old Fireplace," Rev. C. B. Moody.

At the conclusion of the toasts there will be a stereopticon address by Rev. C. H. Taintor, of Chicago, with the subject: "The Men of the Mayflower, or the Story of the Pilgrim Fathers." This address will be given in the auditorium of the church. The supper will be served at 6:30. It will be a ladies' night, and friends of members will also be invited.

SONG AND STEREOPTICON

Combine in a Praise Service at the People's Church.

Quite a novel and interesting feature was introduced in the services at the People's church last evening. It was called "A Christmas Stereopticon Song Service," and was given before an audience which well filled the spacious auditorium. Rev. S. G. Smith explained the pictures which were representations of the paintings in the historical art galleries of the old world of the Madonna and Christ Child and scenes in the life of Christ. Sandwiched in between these products of the old masters and scenes in Palestine, which were also shown, were the words and scores of familiar hymns which the audience joined the octette in singing. Before the singing of each hymn, Dr. Smith gave a sketch of the author and a history of the hymn, many of them proving very interesting. The speaker thought the modern paintings of the Madonna and the Christ Child were even better than those of the old masters, of which copies were distributed over the world. He thought those belonging to the older period were almost too conventional. One of the pictures shown was the Madonna with the Saints, by Botticelli, in the old gallery at Florence, which he thought was only second to the Madonna as painted by Von Bodenhausen, and exhibited in the same gallery.

In closing Millet's "Angelus" was shown.

PETITION TO THE MAYOR.

Reserve Town Residents Want Better Police Protection.

Since the mounted police have been withdrawn from the southern section of the Eleventh ward the people out there are beginning to wonder what advantage it is to them to be within the city limits. To cover the entire town of Reserve, including Fort Snelling so far as this side of the river is concerned, they have one solitary patrolman. Before the mounted police were withdrawn officers traversed the entire territory at least a few times every day and night and their presence, or the possibility of their being around, even, had its deterring influence upon a class of criminals who now feel that they can do pretty much as they please. For this reason the people of Reserve are circulating this petition and will in a few days present it to the mayor:

To the Honorable Frank B. Doran, Mayor of St. Paul: We, the undersigned, residents of the Fourth precinct of the Eleventh ward of the city of St. Paul, hereby respectfully represent that since the withdrawal of the mounted police from this part of the precinct we have been and are now practically without police protection, exposed to wood thieves, chicken and vegetable thieves, and all manner of depredations as we never were before since the extension of the city limits over us. When we had the mounted police, their coming and going at all hours of night and day, protected us from all manner of disorderly characters who now appear to regard the farmers and residents of Reserve as a helpless prey. We therefore respectfully and earnestly petition that our former police protection be restored to us by the extension of the mounted police service throughout the precinct as it formerly existed.

PHYSICIANS BURNED OUT.

Drs. Coon and Rothrock Suffer by a Sunday Fire.

Fire in the Albert flats, at West Fourth and St. Peter streets, shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, damaged the building and the apartments of Drs. Coon and Rothrock, where the blaze started, to the extent of $1,000. The loss is covered by insurance. The fire was discovered in the rooms of the physicians, who were absent at the time. It had gained a decided start, and the use of the heavy hose by the fire department caused some slight damage to Stierle's bicycle store, at 39 West Fourth street, under the seat of the fire. The contents of Dr. Coon's and Dr. Rothrock's apartments were totally ruined. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Hebrew Charity Ball.

The Hebrew Ladies' Charity Loan society held its annual ball at Central hall last evening. In addition to the dancing programme there was a contest for the most popular young lady, in which Miss Mary Meltz won a solid gold watch and Miss Rosenberg second prize. In a contest for a gold ring, Miss Stein won. In the raffle for a silver set, the winning number was drawn by Miss Rachel Michael. About 200 were present. The society's officers are: Mrs. Eva Lavansky, president; Mrs. Weinstein, vice president; Mrs. Grinblot, treasurer; Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Ginsberg, Mrs. Levin, trustees.

Hack Drivers' Election.

The Hack Drivers' union at the annual meeting at Assembly hall last night elected the following officers: Martin Igo, president; James Kennedy, vice president; Charles Lick, treasurer; John Terreau, financial secretary; Isaac Godbout, corresponding secretary; John Kribbs, Jacob Jarres and Thomas Ireton, trustees; Harry Dubord, sergeant-at-arms.

After the meeting a supper was served. Dr. Hesselgrave was chosen medical adviser of the organization.

Two Ordained Priests.

An interesting service was had at St. Clement's Episcopal church yesterday morning, when Deacons John Caldwell, of Kenyon, and W. E. Cooper, of Luverne, were raised to the priesthood. Bishop Gilbert conducted the services of ordination, and the sermon was preached by Archdeacon T. H. M. V. Appleby.

PRISON INVESTIGATION.

The St. Paul Globe is discussing the probability that should the prison investigation condemn the methods of punishment indulged by Deputy Warden Lemon, the prison commissioners may defy the verdict and retain the deputy. This may be the case, but there is no occasion to anticipate it. When it is done then will be the time to discuss such improvident action. No board or administration is above public opinion, and if it shall appear by the report of the investigating committee on that Mr. Lemon has been unnecessarily cruel, and inflicted injuries unjustifiable upon the prisoners, he cannot be retained for any great length of time. If, however, his indulgencies have amounted to petty annoyances and bickerings, his methods must go, even should he be retained. It is not Lemon personally, but the methods he employs, that are under investigation.—Mankato Review.

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There has been evidence enough to make it certain that Deputy Warden Lemon is an unfit man for his position. This has, in fact, been well understood for several years, and he would have been dismissed if it had not been for his political pull.—Albert Lea Standard.

The Standard has undoubtedly diagnosed the case correctly. The Times has, we believe, made statements of like purport, in days gone by, but the Lemon organs have charged us with being "sore." From present indications, Mr. Lemon and his backers will find a great many "sore" newspapers in the state. They do not approve of cane discipline.—Preston Times.

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It looks now as though Deputy Warden Lemon would get squeezed out of his fat "job." He has been shown to have a temper that is too liable to slip its halter.—Litchfield News-Ledger.

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The prison investigating committee adjourned to meet the 10th. While nothing will be likely to come of it, we believe some of the officials are entitled to a retirement at least.—Echo Enterprise.

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At the request of the Globe the prison investigators began holding star chamber sessions last week. The Globe has been howling about misconduct in prison officials, and now the commissioners yield to its request for a secret examination of witnesses. It is contrary to good morals in such matters, but perhaps not much more than should be expected from the quarter from which the row originated—Windom Reporter.

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The state prison investigation has now reached that stage when it reminds one of the man who was convicted of larceny, who declared that it was an outrage to convict him on the testimony of only two men who said they saw him steal the goods, when he could find 100 just as good men who would swear that they did not see him steal them. Convicts are being brought up to swear that they were never kicked and never saw any one kicked.—Northfield Independent.

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The prison investigation goes merrily on, and when the end is reached you will hear Lemon say, "Never touched me!"—Morris Tribune.

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A prison is a poor place for officials who have no feeling of sympathy with misfortune and whose hearts do not respond readily to the dictates of humanity. The injury that they may do will be incalculable. If there are any such in the Stillwater prison they should be discharged.—Minneapolis Times.

Large Display of Presents.

See Adam Fetsch's large stock of smokers' presents.

RATCHFORD'S FRIENDS UGLY.

Think He Was Thrown Down in Saturday's Balloting.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Tomorrow's session, many of the delegates say, will bring to a close the work of the Federation of Labor convention, while others insist that two days will be required to complete the consideration of all important matters. The defeat of M. D. Ratchford, president of the United Mine Workers, for the position of fraternal delegate to England, has caused a good deal of talk, and the departure of Mr. Ratchford and his colleague, T. L. Lewis, on an early train this morning gave emphasis to some of the rumors. It is intimated by some that Ratchford was "thrown down" in the balloting, and some of his friends claim that the rulings upon the different ballots and the decisions as to the number of votes required to elect were against him. Some of Ratchford's friends have been very severe in their criticisms of the president's rulings, but there seems to be no disposition to bring the matter before the convention, though, if any opportunity is offered to get in a blow against the rulings complained of, it will probably be taken advantage of. Mr. Ratchford himself, if he feels as his friends say he does, did not show it, but to all appearances left in the best of humor. Before leaving, he said the convention had done some most important work, and especially in forwarding the eight-hour movement and the action taken in regard to the restriction of immigration along the lines of an educational test. Both movements, he claimed, were closely related, and, with both secured, the supply of labor will diminish and better wages follow.

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CHARITY IN MIDWAY

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDWAY RELIEF SOCIETY HELD LAST NIGHT.

MARKED ITS TENTH YEAR.

BETHLEHEM GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OBSERVED ITS ANNIVERSARY.

PASTORS AND LAYMEN JOINED

In the Programme for a Platform Meeting Which Was Very Largely Attended.

The Midway Relief society held their annual meeting last evening in the Merriam Park Presbyterian church, which was participated in by all of the churches of the Park, including the congregations of the Merriam Park Methodist and Olivet Congregational churches. The meeting was quite well attended, and a collection was taken up to enable the executive committee of the society to carry on the work of relief during the winter.

The report of the treasurer and secretary was read, which showed that the society, although very much in need of funds, had been doing an excellent work in caring for a number of families residing in the Park who were without means of support, and the committee had been instrumental in securing work for a number of these. The treasury had been heavily drawn upon during the last month on account of the unusual number of emergency cases which had come under their notice.

Maj. Coykendall, president of the society, followed with an outline of the objects of the society, saying that he hoped the people of the Park would respond generously to their appeal for subscriptions. The near approach of the holidays, he said, would necessitate a large amount to be paid out for Christmas dinners. He thought they owed a helping hand to their less fortunate brothers and sisters, in giving them a Merry Christmas and a brighter prospect for the new year, by their material assistance in securing work for the poor, which was even more essential than the giving of money.

The election of officers then took place, Maj. Coykendall being re-elected, as was the entire executive committee.

Rev. H. A. Risser, of the Olivet Congregational church, and Rev. John Pemberton, of the Merriam Park Methodist church, assisted in the services, the address of the evening being delivered by Rev. A. B. Meldrum, of the Central Presbyterian church.

After the business of the society had been finished, a short praise service and season of prayer was held, followed by Dr. Meldrum's sermon, which was based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke x., 25. During the course of it he said:

"When Christ related the beautiful story of the Good Samaritan He turned the tables on the lawyer who asked the question 'Who is my neighbor?' by answering the vastly broader question which lies at the base of all philanthropy, 'Whose neighbor am I?' Of what use is the most orthodox creed if it be destitute of Christian charity? A man may have a creed a yard long, but of what earthly use is it if it never moves a man to loving and generous action? It is a mockery and a sham. Faith without works is dead. The good Samaritan was one of the despised sect—he was an alien and a heretic; he was treated with mocking hatred and scorn by the Jews. But over these influences love triumphs. His conduct showed that it is love which makes man neighbor to man. This is just what Christianity is, true neighborliness, humanity of disposition, friendliness, compassion, and this is the test that determines eternal life. There are poor folks all about, whose hearts crave for sympathy and friendliness more than their bodies crave for bread and butter. Christ gave Himself for mankind. Love is the only redemption power in all the world. It is by this the world is to be uplifted and saved. The man lying by the roadside all bruised and crushed and bleeding is your brother. The hungry and destitute ones all about us are our brothers and sisters, if we have the love of Christ in us. We are brethren not by blood, but by virtue of the love and sympathy he needs—by the fact that he needs our kindly offices, and by the fact that it is within our power to render him aid. That is the spirit of Jesus Christ. What is Christianity? What is the religion of Him who said: 'Whosoever shall so do my will, the same is my brother, my mother and my sister.'"

KLONDIKER WEDS.

Swiftwater Bill Takes but a Week for Courtship.

"Swiftwater Bill" is married, says the San Francisco Examiner.

He made acquaintance of his wife a week ago yesterday, was engaged to her on Friday, and married her on Saturday. Now the Baldwin hotel register bears the entry, "Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gates and maid."

The wedding took place in the apartment adjoining Justice Barry's courtroom at 6 o'clock on Saturday evening. The justice was the celebrant. The certificate shows that W. C. Gates, twenty-eight years old, and Miss Gracie Busch, twenty-one years old, the former of Dawson City, the latter of San Francisco, had obtained the necessary license.

The bride is a sister of the Dawson City dancer, Miss Gussie La More, at whose feet this same "Swiftwater Bill" placed a kerosene can containing $50,000 in dust and asked her to marry him. The dancer was coy. She promised to answer the ardent miner in the spring.

Now, while the dancer is preparing to toss her toes skyward before New York audiences, her sister, who never faced an audience from behind the footlights, signs herself Mrs. W. C. Gates.

"Mr. Swiftwater, my husband, was asked by my sister to call when he came down from the Klondike, and I saw him for the first time last Saturday," said Mrs. Gates, last evening. "Gussie has gone on to New York. Of course I knew who Mr. Swiftwater was, and I liked him as soon as I saw him. I suppose he liked me, too, just a little. He gave Gussie $50,000 in a kerosene can, but she could not make up her mind to marry him right off. I don't believe in long engagements, anyhow, and as I was never in love before—though I have had plenty of real swell offers, as every one knows—I made up my mind I would marry him as soon as he wanted me to."

"I think when a man makes up his mind to do a thing he should do it as soon as he can," said Mr. Gates. "I never knew how much I loved Gussie La More until I met her sister, and I love her more still. There was nothing to prevent our getting married, and as we were both of one mind we got married."

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GETS A THOUGHT PICTURE.

Son of Thomas A. Edison Announces a Wonderful Invention.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Thomas A. Edison Jr. has photographed a thought. At least he feels so confident that he had done so that he is going on with his experiments.

By means of the Roentgen rays applied to the back of a man's head he photographed round objects, which Edison believes to be the quarter of a dollar upon which the subject had, according to directions, concentrated his thoughts. This image was secured on an extremely sensitive plate, the making of which is Mr. Edison's secret.

Mr. Edison is not very sanguine that he will be able to photograph a complex thought—such as a landscape, for instance. The most that he now hopes for is that he may be able to photograph a single object on which the subject will concentrate his mins—as in his first experiment—so as to demand some exercise of faith and imagination. Yet it is convincing to him, and also to others who witnessed the experiment.

Mr. Edison declined to tell where his experiment was conducted. He is equally reticent as to who were with him at the time the quarter of a dollar thought was photographed.

"I shaved the object's head," he said, "preparatory to the experiment. Then metallic discs were applied to each side of the head, just above the ears. Another similar disc was applied to the top of his head. Finally a sort of mask covered all his head and face, leaving holes for the eyes and for breathing. The three discs were batteries. The experiment took place in a room that was absolutely dark. With the subject seated in front of a brass tube with his eyes about three inches from a minute opening in the end of the tube, the X rays were applied to the base of the head.

"The construction of the interior of the tubes through which he looked is partially a secret. I may say, however, that there were several prisms in it. These were to collect all the light rays which came from his eyes. The prisms did not cross the interior of the tube, but left a small opening in a direct line from his eyes to the other end of the tube. This was for the direct passage of the X rays. At the farther end of the tube was attached the plate.

"Before the photo was made I attached a new quarter of a dollar to a piece of white paper and told the subject to fix all the power of his mind upon it. I told him to go over in detail every outline made by the mint stamp, to fix his mind on the formation of every letter, every line of engraving. Then, as quickly as possible, I placed him before the tube in the dark room and told him to again fix his mind on the quarter—to recall every mark he had noted.

"Then I applied the Roentgen rays and exposed the sensitive plate at the end of the tube, into which he was looking, for about a minute—as long as the subject could stand it. In fact, he stood it apparently as long as he had control of himself. I tore the disks from his head and he wandered aimlessly about the room.

"To my amazement I found that the man was completely hypnotized. He had no will of his own. He was completely subject to me. He would do whatever I told him. I dashed cold water on him and he finally recovered himself, though for a time he was dazed. He could not get his mind on anything but that quarter of a dollar. I met him several days after on the street. He was as well as ever, but said the image of the coin was constantly dancing before his eyes.

"I developed the plate, and a distinct round object stood out upon it. To me it was a satisfactory photograph of the quarter of a dollar. At all events, I am satisfied with the experiment.

"I am more convinced than ever of the correctness of the theory on which I started. That theory was that, if the mind were concentrated upon an opaque object, a photograph of that object might be thrown upon a photographic plate with power enough to be caught and held by it, if the plate were sufficiently sensitive.

"I do not know that the Roentgen rays are essential. I am inclined to think they are not—that the light rays from the eyes alone are all that is necessary. I am going to make my next experiments without the X rays.

"As to what practical use may be made of the process, that remains to be seen. I can believe it may be the means possibly of discovering criminals. If a person distinctly sees the face of another person who commits a crime, that face may be photographed just as the quarter of a dollar was photographed by subjecting the person who saw it to the same process that the man who saw the quarter of a dollar was subjected."

FATHER OF 32 CHILDREN.

Suit Over the Estate of Morgan A. Dayton.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Morgan A. Dayton, who died in Milton in 1891, had a decidedly old-fashioned family. He had been the husband of five women and the father of thirty-two children. The now numerous Dayton family in the lower portion of Ulster county is nearly all his children or grandchildren, and it is now said that his direct descendants would make a village of a larger population than Milton itself. Most of his family settle around home, but a son, Morgan A. Dayton Jr., is a prominent business man in New York. One of the first wives died about 1841, and in the settlement of her estate Morgan A. Dayton Sr. was appointed guardian for one of his daughters, Anna Augusta, and received a fund of $844, the income from which he was to receive during his life, and upon his death the principal was to go to the daughter. He gave a mortgage to secure the principal of the fund to his daughter. His numerous family, however, so far depleted his resources that when he died he had not sufficient real or personal property to pay his debts. About one-half of the face of the mortgage was paid to the husband and four children of the daughter, she having died several years ago. The mortgage is now being foreclosed to secure the balance. Charles Dayton purchased the property without ascertaining the existence of the mortgage and is defending the suit.

Cut on the Union Pacific.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 19.—Notices have been posted in the Union Pacific shops at Cheyenne and Laramie reducing the time of the men employed from five to four days a week and from eight hours to seven hours per day, taking effect immediately. In addition the employes are given a lay-off of ten days during the holidays. This is equal to a reduction of 30 per cent in wages. The reduction is said to be caused by a falling off of business on the Union Pacific equal to 40 per cent of the business done during the summer months.

Loss of Pardee Hall Is Felt.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 19.—President Warfield, of Lafayette college, has issued a call for a meeting of the local members of the board of trustees to be held tomorrow, when arrangements are to be made for continuing the different courses of study disturbed by the burning of Pardee hall yesterday. Among the property saved by the students have been found Dr. C. T. Porter's Pennsylvania Flora and the new instruments lately added to the department of geology.

Bought in by the 'Frisco Road.

VINITA, I. T., Dec. 19.—The sale of the Central branch of the Atlantic & Pacific, a branch of the 'Frisco, took place here yesterday. E. C. Henderson bid $2,500,000. It was sold to him, and by him transferred at once to the 'Frisco company, which owns the bonds. Mr. Henderson is the general counsel of the 'Frisco company. The sale was under decree of foreclosure of the federal court. The line extends from Seneca to Sapulpa.

Engine Jumped From the Bridge.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—While piloting a heavy freight train up the Merchants' bridge incline today an engine of the Terminal Railroad association jumped the track and plunged to the ground below. Fireman Al Pensinger was instantly killed. Engineer J. H. McCullough was dashed head first through the cab window and injured, and W. H. Cobb, yard agent of the East Side yard, had several ribs broken. Pensinger was married and leaves a widow.

Hunting for a Divine.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—Experienced men dragged the Susquehanna river all day for the body of Rev. S. S. Spearrier, who, it is thought, either committed suicide or was murdered and thrown into the river on Thursday night. They found nothing whatever, owing to the murky condition of the high water. The police are still hunting for clues to establish the man's fate, but have not met with success.

Marietta in a Storm.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The United States gunboat Marietta has arrived here, after a stormy passage from the north. Many of her staterooms were flooded and her rails bent and twisted from the force of the waves that had swept over her. So bad was the storm at one stage that it became necessary to put out a sea anchor, in spite of which she drifted over 240 miles.

The Silverdale Unlucky.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Fire has broken out in the after hold of the British steamer Silverdale, from Galveston, via Newport News, for Bremen, before reported put into St. Michaels with her rudder broken and other damage. Efforts are being made to extinguish the flames.

The Ladies of the Maccabees, Hive No. 7, met Tuesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing year. The installation of officers will take place the second Tuesday in January.

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