LODGE ROOM GOSSIP

SAINTLY CITY COUNCIL, UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS, WAITING FOR TUESDAY.

ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL.

EVENT TAKES PLACE AT THE RYAN, FOR WHICH PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

LOCAL SECRET SOCIETY DOINGS.

Joint Installation of Officers of Constellation and St. Paul Chapters, O. E. S.

Saintly City council will hold its fourth anniversary celebration at Hotel Ryan Tuesday evening, with a reception, banquet and ball. A general invitation to join in the festivities of the occasion is extended to all commercial travelers and their friends who are vouched for by members of the order, and a large attendance is expected. The members of the Minneapolis council have been invited and will come down in a body. Seibert's orchestra has been engaged for the occasion, and for the benefit of those who do not dance a musical and literary programme has been prepared to take place in the Ryan parlors adjoining the ball room. The committee of arrangements mean to make this fourth annual gathering one of the most pleasing parties of the winter. The committees in charge are as follows:

Reception Committee—C. W. Rice, W. O. Barndt, S. C. McCoy, James Lambie, J. D. Riley, H. W. Doolittle, E. M. Estey, G. W. Goff, H. C. Penfield, E. E. Goodrich, H. L. Parsons, Edward Hyde, C. H. Hoyt, H. B. Gallup, L. J. Vokoun, C. E. Griswold, R. F. Nachtrieb, L. A. Hertl, E. E. Sharp, W. B. Hathaway, F. H. Jerrard, J. M. Ornes, L. Herman, S. J. Hutchins.

Committee of Arrangements—J. M. Dresser, G. W. Rodgers, H. R. Kittle, J. J. Cook, G. S. Wiseman, F. E. Noble.

Floor Committee—E. Holloway, C.W. Smith, L. E. Krieger, E. G. Spindler, John Munroe, E. H. Nyhus, W. W. Spence, W. H. Williams, W. F. Lewis, J. F. Crawford.

Saintly City council will hold a special session for the initiation of candidates Monday evening, Dec. 27, at the Central hall, intersection of West Sixth and West Seventh streets. A large number of applications for membership are on hand, and, as a special effort is being made to induce traveling men to join at this meeting, a large class is assured.

At the last meeting of the council, held Dec. 4, eleven applications for membership were received, nine new members initiated and one reinstated.

Brother Charles Paulk, whose death occurred at St. Luke's hospital on Dec. 7, was one of the most popular and widely known traveling men of the Northwest, having represented Nicols & Dean for the past fourteen years.

Brother W. H. MacLean is very sick at St. Joseph's hospital, and would be pleased to have any of the U. C. T. boys call.

Three claims for indemnity have been paid to members of Saintly City council the last month. They were: Mr. F. L. Stauffer, $250; Mr. J. C. Leitner, $92.50, and Mr. O. N. Dunham, $17.86.

A new commendable feature that has been established in connection with Saintly City council is the death and burial fund, whereby a member is guaranteed, in case of death, a sufficient sum to pay funeral expenses.

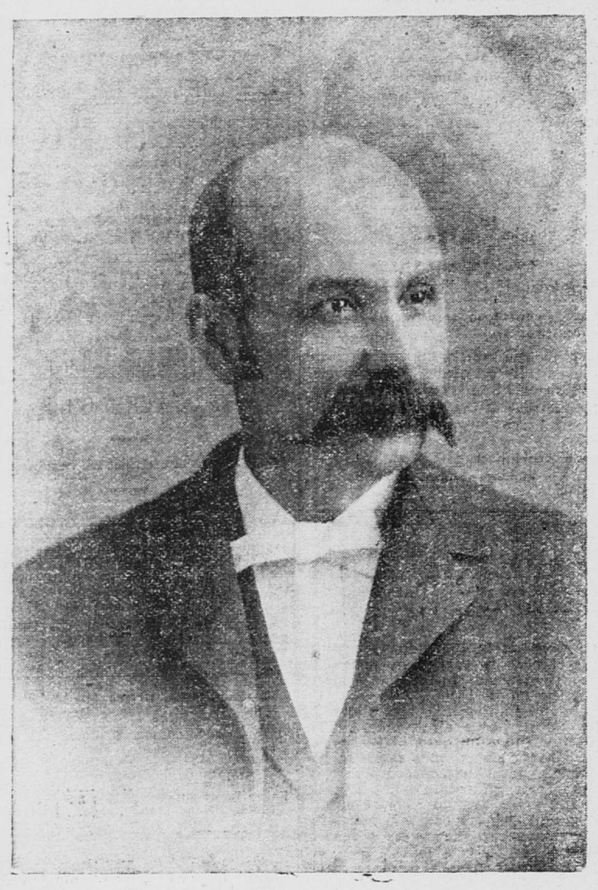
Saintly City council, which is the third largest council of the order, has a membership of 275, which is rapidly increasing. The year just closing has been one of great prosperity to the order, which comprises 114 councils of 8,000 members throughout the United States, and particularly here in the Northwest has the order made a phenomenal growth, large councils being located at Duluth, Crookston, Owatonna, Winona, Mankato, Austin, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Fargo, Grand Forks, Sioux Falls and Huron.

It is a peculiarity of this order that only travelers engaged in the business of soliciting orders for merchandise at wholesale are eligible for membership, and traveling men in general find it to their advantage to become members, as its social and business influence is becoming a marked factor in the commercial world. Its main object is to provide against the dangers that constantly menace the profession, and therefore its first consideration was to establish an indemnity fund, which provides that for a disability that requires a member to stop work there shall be paid him the sum of $25 per week for any necessary period not exceeding one year, while for death from accident there shall be paid to the beneficiary the sum of $6,300.

There is also a widow and orphans' fund which places the family of a member of the order beyond the possibility of want should he be taken from them.

To be sociable, helpful, fraternal, and to elevate the morals of the profession, are also objects that are by no means lost sight of.

The order, which is a secret society, in the ordinary acceptance of the term, was incorporated by the laws of the state of Ohio, Jan. 16, 1888, and the record is that the total cost has not exceeded $11 per annum.



A. W. LILLEY.

Venerable Consul Minnehaha Camp 674, Modern Woodmen.

KLONDIKE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Decked Out With Gold Pieces and Strings of Nuggets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—James I. Clements, "the Eldorado king of the Klondike," who is at the Lafayette hotel, last night displayed one of the costliest, if not the costliest Christmas tree which will be seen the world round. It would make Santa Claus himself stand and blink in wonder. On this richly laden tree were 750 $20 gold pieces and Klondike nuggets and presents worth $5,000 which brought the total up to $50,000. Last year the man who fixed up the Christmas tree dined on caribou meat, with the top of a tin lard bucket for a plate, and his fingers serving the purpose of knife and fork.

The tree occupies space in the Hotel Lafayette and those fortunate or unfortunate enough to be allowed to feast their eyes upon this prodigal display of wealth were granted permission by the proud owner of it to sift the $20 gold pieces through their fingers, to lift double handfuls of gold nuggets and guess how much they were worth. And all visitors carried away little nuggets, whether "the Eldorado king" had ever seen them before or not.

Yesterday he purchased a tree five feet high and had it taken to his rooms in the Hotel Lafayette. The tree was placed on a table in the middle of the room. With much trouble the nuggets were strung on strong silk cord and hung about the tree. On the table at the base of the tree the gold pieces were dumped. A central office detective was detailed to watch the tree.

There are three periods in all life—the time of the bud, of the flower and of the perfect fruit. It is thus that girlhood emerges into womanhood and womanhood into motherhood. Almost all of the ills from which women suffer have their inception in weakness and disease of the feminine organism, which bears the burdens of wifehood and motherhood. These disorders usually begin with puberty, childbirth or with the "turn of life." Thousands of women suffer silently for years in this way, rather than undergo the examinations and local treatment insisted upon by the majority of physicians. This is unnecessary.

An eminent and skillful specialist, Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., long since discovered a wonderful medicine that will cure all troubles of this nature in the privacy of the home. This medicine is known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate and imporant organs that make wifehood and motherhood possible. It makes them strong, healthy and vigorous. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones up the nerves. It banishes the indispositions of the period of impending maternity, and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. It transforms weak, sickly, nervous invalids into happy, healthy wives and mothers. All good medicine dealers sell it, and no honest dealer will urge a substitute upon you.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation.

Fifty Per Cent Off.

All the art novelties and decorated china left from the Christmas sale will be disposed of during the week for one-half the marked prices, at St. Agatha's Conservatory, 26 East Exchange street.

PRESSING HIS CLAIM.

Ladue Insists He Is the Owner of Dawson City.

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—Joseph Ladue, the reputed founder of Dawson City, is here to see the minister of the interior in regard to the issue of patents for the land in the Yukon district, which is now held by the Joseph Ladue Mining company. With him are Col. John B. Riley, formerly United States consul general at Ottawa; Hon. Smith M. Weed, of New York, and Thomas M. Conway, of Pittsburg.

The company which Mr. Ladue promotes will exert every influence in the endeavor to establish a claim to the townsite of Dawson City and to secure a patent to cover the same.

There is every reason to believe that this claim will be disputed in many particulars, and Mr. William Ogilvie, the Dominion surveyor of the Yukon, who is now in Ottawa preparing his report to the government concerning his Alaskan explorations, will be referred to for information as to the true inwardness of Ladue's claims.

In respect to the routes to Klondike, Mr. Ladue advises the use of the Dalton trail as the most feasible route at this time of the year, and this is the route he will probably take when he goes in next spring. He also claims that the only practical way of getting supplies over the passes into the Klondike is by carriers.

Spiders on the Wires.

Spiders are tangling up the Japanese telegraph lines. They start their webs on the wires, and are so numerous as to cause a serious loss of insulation. Sweeping the webs off does little good, as the spiders begin all over again.

ELI'S MUSICAL SONS

THEIR COMING VISIT IS LOOKED FORWARD TO WITH SPECIAL INTEREST.

HOLIDAY WEEK BIDS FAIR

TO PRESENT UNUSUALLY ENJOYABLE MUSICAL PROGRAMMES TO LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS.

LOCAL CHURCHES CONTRIBUTE

To the Variety and Excellence of the Harmonic Bills Placed Before Local Auditors.

One of the principal musical events of the season, the real merit of which from a purely artistic standpoint is apt to be overlooked by lovers of vocal music, will be the concert to be given by the Yale Glee and Banjo clubs at the People's church the evening of Jan. 4. So much attention is given by the alumni of the various institutions to entertaining the musical organizations of their respective alma maters whenever they make a visit, that the social side of a glee club concert is usually emphasized at the expense of the musical side. It is, nevertheless, a fact that the singing of many of the college organizations, aside from the distinctive quality of some of the songs, is of no small value artistically. The Yale club opened its series of concerts at Brooklyn Wednesday night, and, to judge by the comments of the local press, the performance was of a high grade. There undoubtedly exists a tendency in the public mind to underrate the work of glee clubs. It is true that experience in this city has to some extent justified this. A great many institutions have been represented by clubs the sole object of whose existence seemed to be to provide an excuse for a lark. Their work lacked seriousness and showed an evident lack of care in training. At Yale, however, an entirely different spirit is manifested. A place on the club is sought after as eagerly as a place on the athletic teams. It can only be secured after a severe competitive trial before a jury of competent musicians, and when once secured a thorough-going and systematic course of training must be undergone. The reward, of course, comes in the pleasures and excitement of the trip and in the honor attaching to membership, though the inspiring motive back of the success attained in past years is the determination of every Yale man to offer nothing in the name of the university except the very best that it is possible to give. With this motive, these methods and with a membership of over two thousand upon which to draw for material, it is not to be wondered at that the Yale club should rank high as a musical organization nor that its programmes should prove attractive to lovers of real music.

Van Rensselaer Wheeler, formerly employed in a Minneapolis dry goods store, and now a musician of some note, locally, is now singing in the cast of Smith and De Koven's romantic comic opera, "The Highwayman," at the Broadway theater, New York.

An agreeable offset to the wholesale charges of selfishness and jealousy commonly made against artists—musicians particularly—is the kindly and substantial forethought which the great Verdi is showing for his fellow countrymen who have devoted themselves to art, and still are spending their last days in poverty and loneliness. He is erecting an $80,000 building just outside of Milan to be used for homeless artists. The structure is to be fitted up with pleasant private rooms, reading rooms and concert hall, and will accommodate 100 person easily.

A French paper paid Verdi a beautiful compliment on his eighty-fourth birthday by securing a number of complimentary opinions from famous men on the merits of the composer's works, and then publishing them on the morning of his birthday.

Whenever Gounod's "Redemption" is performed there follows the inevitable conflict of critical opinion as to the artistic qualities of the great work. To those whose religious beliefs are fostered, stimulated and in a measure confirmed by the sensuous effects of ceremony, incense and music, the "Redemption" is eloquent, affecting and convincing. Gounod's interpretation of the mystery of the Redemption as a sentimental affair is one shared in by the great body of those in whose religious education the appeals have been made to the heart and not the head.

There will be a special Christmas concert at the People's church this evening. The following programme will be given by the choir, augmented to thirty voices, under the direction of Mr. Rhys-Herbert, Mr. C. G. Titcomb presiding at the organ:

Anthem—"O Come, Redeemer of Mankind" ..... West
Solo—"The Light of the World" ..... Adams
Mr. O. Morris.
Anthem—"Thus Speaketh the Lord of Hosts" ..... Stainer
Duet—"The Lord Is a Man of War" .. Handel
Messrs. McIntire and Griswold.
Anthem—"The Angel Gabriel" ..... Smart
Offertory—"O Divine Redeemer" ..... Gounod
(With violin, piano and organ accompaniment.)
Mrs. Charles B. Yale.
Anthem—"Sing Praises" ..... Cruickshank
Anthem—"Zion Awake" ..... Costa-Root

A Christmas entertainment will be given by St. Paul section of the Socialist Labor party at Assembly halls this afternoon. The programme is:

"Marseillaise" ..... Music by orchestra
Welcome ..... Chairman
Speech—"Christmas Is Coming"—
Herbert T. Shaw
Violin solo ..... Miss Mary Hendrickson
With piano accompaniment by Miss Josephine Hendrickson.
Song—"Sweet Bunch of Daisies"—
Mrs. H. Anderson
Dialogue .. Ellen Johnson and Lena Beckman
Song—"Good-Bye, Mick" ..... James Flynn
Recitation—"The Three Lovers" .. N. A. Forseen
Song and Violin Solo—"The Evening Sun" ..... Einhart Mattson
Specialty ..... Sam Johnson
Overture ..... Orchestra
Speech—"Woman and Child Labor"—
O. C. Malmberg
Song—"German Song" ..... John Buesing
Piano solo ..... Josephine Hendrickson
Vocal Duet—"Labor Free to All"—
Annie and Tillie Peterson
Song ..... H. Carling
Vocal Duet—"I Sing, Because I Love to Sing" .. Mrs. H. Anderson and Miss Lena Beckman.
Song—"Better Than Gold" ..... H. Anderson
Song—"Sweet Home" ..... Agnes Mattson
With violin accompaniment by Einhart Mattson.
Vocal duet ..... Florence and Mabel Bergeson
With violin accompaniment by Miss Monge.
Song—"The Irish Emigrant" ..... James Flynn
There will be dancing after the entertainment.

The Christmas music at the First M. E. church, Summit avenue and Third street, will be of great interest. The choir will consist of Miss Grace Morehouse, soprano; Mrs. Hayes, contralto; Mr. Harry George, tenor, and Mr. Chas. H. Bigelow Jr., baritone, with Mrs. Russell R. Dorr at the organ. The programme is as follows:

Organ Prelude ..... Mendelssohn
Anthem—"Bethlehem" ..... Bartlett
Duet—"I Will Magnify Thee" ..... Mosenthal
Miss Morehouse and Mr. George.
Solo—"Cantique de Noel" ..... Adam
Harry George.
Organ Posttude—"Hallelujah Chorus" .. Handel

This evening Mr. George will sing the fine tenor solo, "Oh Lord, How Long?" from the "Triumph of David," by Dudley Buck. This is Mr. George's last Sunday in St. Paul, as he has a year's contract with the Westminster Presbyterian church, of Minneapolis, commencing Jan. 1, 1898. It is a matter of sincere regret that he could not have been retained in a St. Paul church.

The Arion singing society, the oldest choral organization in St. Paul, is making preparations for its twenty-second anniversary, which takes place New Year's eve. Five choruses will be rendered by the society, and Miss Anna Grode, daughter of John S. Grode, (formerly director of the Arion), has kindly consented to participate. The Misses Carrie and Amelia Miller and William P. Burke will also be heard in vocal selections.

"Thus Spake Zarathustra," by Richard Strauss, the symphonic poem of which so much has been said since it was brought forward in Germany a year or so ago, was rendered in New York Thursday night, the performance taking place in the Metropolitan opera house. Philip Hale estimates the performance thus:

"It is perhaps foolish to speak of Strauss' symphonic poem after only one hearing, yet first impressions are not wholly to be despised. Mr. Strauss has said that he did not intend to write philosophical music: 'The symphonic poem is intended as my homage to the genius of Nietzsche, which found its great exemplification in his book, "Thus Spake Zarathustra."' We have a right then to regard the work as absolute music. Does this marshaling of so many instruments make thereby truly greater effect? The work is indeed stupendous; there is surprising color in the detail; there is a giant's command and a giant's abuse of harmonic treatment. But in this colossal tone-poem I find little true bass. Everything seems suspended in air; there is seldom any true foundation.

"Nor are the themes free from vulgarity. I except the noble opening, which is marvelous in breadth and superb simplicity. After this opening nearly everything is an anti-climax. In spite of the composer's command of orchestration, he is not always happy in his mixing of instrumental color, as when he tries to express altitude by piccolos with violins. The close with the warring tonalities, B major and C major, is effective in a disquieting, perplexing way. There are passages of beauty in the 'Nachtwanderlied;' but the fugue is as a mole in the ground and the waltz is banal with all its dazzle and rhythm. To me the work is not as noble as the composer's 'Tod und Verklarung,' and it raises grave doubts as to whether Strauss has anything more really worth the saying. It was read with intelligence and sympathy by Mr. Paur, and played by the orchestra with amazing 'maestria.'"

The St. Paul Mozart club will celebrate Christmas at Mozart hall tonight. A very interesting programme made up of musical selections and various tableaux, to be followed by dancing, has been arranged. A feature of the evening's entertainment will be a Christmas tree. Admission will be strictly by card and only those who possess the required invitation will be admitted. The programme arranged is as follows:

Fishers' Chorus—"La Muette de Portici" ..... Auber
Address ..... President P. J. Giesen
Duet—"Puritani" ..... Bellini
Martin Giesen and P. V. Larsen.
Male Chorus ..... "Die Linde"
Baritone Solo—"Di Provenzo il Mar"—
Mr. H. Aronson
Male Chorus .. "Noch Sind der Tage der Rosen"
Tableaux.

Prof. William Manner will direct the musical programme.

The second of this winter's series of Seibert orchestra concerts will occur at the Metropolitan this afternoon. The programme offers a variety of good music. The opening number, "Gayest Manhattan," is a lively march; the second is the "Jubel" or Jubilee overture, by Weber, which will be new to local music-lovers. Number three is the famous "Peer Gynt" suite, one of the best known and most popular compositions of Seibert's repertry. One of the strongest features of this concert will be a tenor solo by A. P. Quesnel. The programme in detail is:

March—"Gayest Manhattan" ..... Recker
Overture—"Jubel" ..... C. V. Weber
"Peer Gynt" Suite ..... Grieg
(a) Asas Tod.
(b) Tanz in der Halle des Bergkoenigs.
Tenor Solo—A. P. Quesnel—
(a) "L'Etoile" ..... Faure
(b) "O, How I Love Thee!" ..... Parry
Overture—"Bronze Horse" ..... Auber
Two Spanish Dances .... Moritz Moszskowski
March Movement, Symphonie "Lenora" .. Raff
Selection—"Lucia di Lammermoor" .. Donizetti

The "Just For Fun Club" will meet on New Year's eve at the home of J. Henry Grant, 584 Canada street. A parlor musical will be given by the members of the club, which will include the following programme:

Philomel Polka, piano, four hands .... Kunkel
Miss Nellie M. Grant and Edna C. Gooch.
Song ..... "Elsie From Chelsea"
Miss Susan Richeson.
Piano Solo—"Minnuette" ..... Schubert
Miss Bessie Parnell.
"La Fille du Regiment," piano and violin ..... Donizetti
J. Henry Grant and Miss Nellie Grant.
Piano Solo—"Whispering Wind" .. Wallenhaupt
Miss Jessie Lamb.
Duet Song—"Two Little Birds Are We."
Miss Susan Richeson and Bessie Graham.
Sonatina, four hands, piano .. De F. R. Kuhlan
Miss Nellie M. Grant and Edna C. Gooch.
Song ..... "Marguerite"
Miss Bessie Graham.
March—"El Capitan" ..... Sousa
Miss Marie Toomey.
March from "Tannhauser," piano and violin ..... R. Wagner
J. Henry Grant and Miss Nellie Grant.
"A Hot Time in the Old Town To-night" ..... By entire club

Begins to "See the Cat."

One of the evil effects of the Dingley tariff is that by putting an embargo upon imports it fosters monopoly. There is no question as to this, for every day we read of the manufacturers of the country grouping themselves into trusts and combining together to control the output and advance the prices. Only last Friday the representatives of nearly every iron and steel company in the United States met at Philadelphia and formed a gigantic trust, and every one knows that the purpose of such a combination is to manipulate prices. The trust-forming epidemic is the effect of ultra protection and to remove the cause is simple, yet difficult. The power to put any article, the price of which is arbitrarily enhanced by a combine, upon the free list is all the legislation needed, but there is no hope of such a measure being enacted, for the whole manufacturing interests of the country have a combine to prevent any such legislation.—Morris Sun.

Smokers' Holiday Presents.

Call at Adam Fetsch's, Fifth and Robert, for smokers' presents.

SEASON OF CHEER

HOLIDAY HOUSE PARTIES MORE POPULAR THAN EVER IN OLD ENGLAND.

FESTIVITIES OF ROYALTY.

A GRAND TREE LOADED DOWN WITH PRESENTS AT OSBORNE HOUSE.

PLANS OF EXPLORER JACKSON.

He Hopes to Push North to the Pole With Sledges, Dogs and Ponies.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The temperature is seasonable, the yellow fogs in the middle of the week having given way to comparative brightness. The week has been the coldest of the season, ten to twenty degrees of frost being registered and skating has commenced. All who could do so have gone to the country where Christmas house parties are more numerous than usual. Of the United States embassy, the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay and Mrs. Hay alone remained in town. Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy and Mrs. White, spent the first part of the week at Hatfield, where the Marquis of Salisbury has been entertainig a large shooting party. Then Mr. and Mrs. White went to Blenheim, where they participated in the Christmas rejoicings which included two balls and the presentation of two playlets, in whicht he Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and Lady Randolph Churchill had parts. James R. Carter, second secretary of the United States embassy, and Mrs. Carter have gone to Biaritz, and Lieut. Colwell, the naval attache to the United States embassy and Mrs. Colwell are in Paris.

Queen Victoria has a merry party at Osborne. There was a grand Christmas tree loaded with presents for the royal children, the members of the household and servants. The party includes the Battenburgs, Connaughts, Lornes and Albanys. A royal baron of beef cut from a Devon ox, fed on the royal farm at Windsor and roasted at Windsor by cooks sent by a London caterer, was forwarded to Osborne on Friday with the boar's head and woodcock pie which traditionally occupy the queen's sideboard at Christmas. This year's boar's head is from the Coburg preserves in the Thuringian forest.

The Prince and Princess of Wales early in the week purchased presents as customary from the royal tradesmen who displayed the wares in an apartment of Marlborough house which the ropalties selected. The Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, and the Duke and Duchess of Fife all assembled at Sandringham for Christmas, where the usual festivities took place.

HOUSE PARTIES.

The Earl and Countess of Craven (formerly Miss Cornelia Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin) are entertaining a house party at Combe abbey. They gave their tenants a ball on Christmas eve. Lord William Beresford and Lady Beresford (formerly Mrs. Louis Hammersley, of New York, and later wife of the eighth Duke of Marlborough, who died in 1892) are also entertaining at Deepene.

Lord Alfred Rothschild made his usual distribution of 6,000 presents to the omnibus drivers and conductors, every man getting a brace of birds.

As soon as Jackson, the explorer, completes the work connected with his Franz Josefland expedition, he will start for the North pole. He informed a representative of the Associated Press that his original plans were identical with those of Lieut. Peary, except that he intended to take the east coast of Greenland, instead of the west, mapping out undiscovered land en route. But since he heard the Peary lectures, Jackson has changed his plans, considering that the American has prior claims. Jackson now proposes to proceed via Davis straits and Baffin's bay, up the west coast to Ellsmere land and Grinnelland, and thence across to the furthest point reached by Aldrich in 1876, whence he will push north, making in the direction of any land visible from the coast. The date of his departure is unsettled. Jackson will have only one companion outside of his crew. Talking over his pians, he said: "I hope to push my ship considerably beyond Coburg island at the entrance to Jones sound, and at the furthest navigable point I shall establish a base, and thence push north with sledges, dogs and ponies and with one companion. I expect to be absent two years."

The alleged attempt of the Prince of Monaco to "bleed" the Casino company has led to the publication of a pamphlet by a group of shareholders, full of interesting reading. While everybody is aware htat the Casino contributed largely to his revenues, few people knew that, besides the subsidy of the prince, the establishment keeps up the judges, police, lighting, water, postoffice, clergy and charitable institutions. Last season's expenditures of the principality, apart from the maintenance of the Casino, which was £834,000, amounted to £130,000, of which sum the prince had £50,000, the courts, police, etc, £20,000; clergy and schools, £9,000; charities, £6,000; prizes for sports, £11,000, and the postoffice and losses, £2,000. The dividends on shares absorbed £576,000, making a total revenue of £1,540,000, which the "fools of the world" left at the Monte Carlo gambling tables. An interesting item is "press subventions—£25,000."

MONTE CARLO REVELATIONS.

The pamphlet says that it is absolutely necessary to expend a large sum in securing the good will of the Continental press and it is said that over half the stories of suicides are only bids upon the part of Rivera newspapers for a share of the "boodle."

It appears that the Prince of Monaco attended a recent meeting of the shareholders and offered to renew the concession for fifty years, the terms being a gradual increase of his personal subsidy until the sum reaches £100,000 annually, a new port to be built at the cost of £320,000, an opera house to be built costing £80,000, and various other items making a total of £190,000 additional annually. Although the prince has signed the new concession it remains to be seen whether the forthcoming meeting of the shareholders will approve of accepting these exorbitant terms.

Paris police statistics just published effectually prove murder does not pay from a financial point of view. They enumerate twenty-one murders by which the assassins averaged $16 and all criminals were guillotined. The statistics also cite cases of over a hundred or more or less of famous murders yielding in many cases but a few cents. The biggest haul was $65, although in many cases large sums were overlooked.

An anti-sugar bounty league was formed on Wednesday under the presidency of Lord Stanmore with the object of abolishing or neutralizing duties. Prominent firms in England connected with sugar refining and the chief proprietary and mercantile interests connected with the colonies, have joined the league. One speaker emphatically stated that unless something was done speedily the West Indies will raise the Stars and Stripes.

King Humbert recently received in audience Mr. Remsen Whitehouse, of New York, and accepted a book on Prince Amadeo, the deceased brother of his majesty.

Lord Russell has taken Denbigh house at Kensington, formerly occupied by Robert T. Lincoln.

Mrs. Bernard Beere has been cordially welcomed back to the stage after a long illness. She played Anna Carew in a revival of Tom Taylor's "Sheep in Wolf's Clothing."

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PRISON INVESTIGATION.

The prison investigation at Stillwater is as badly jumbled up as the Luetgert trial in Chicago. However, it has been shown that Deputy Warden Lemon deserves to be locked up in the solitary for a while and a thug with an ax in hand placed as guard over him.—Menomonie Times.

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After a ten days' rest the prison investigation commission began work again last Friday and are still hearing evidence. Up to this time, while considerable evidence has been adduced, whether true or colored by personal unfriendliness to him we cannot say, as to the harshness of Deputy Lemon, against whom the investigation is mainly directed, as yet we have not seen a word that reflects upon the ability, integrity or kindness of Warden Wolfer.—Benson Times.

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The Minnesota prison investigation thus far has unraveled nothing. One day we read of ex-convicts who had undergone the utmost cruelty and privations, and the next we see authentic refutations of any cruelty whatever. The judges are placed in about the same position as Solomon was with the baby and its two mother claimants.—Perham Bulletin.

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While the prison clubbing investigation is under way, St. Paul police methods might fittingly come in for a share of the examination.—Norwood Times.

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It seems that the guards at the prison must have Lemon-aid, with a "stick," every time a prisoner fails to obey orders.—Battle Lake Review.

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The penitentiary investigation seems to prove a case of lots of smoke and but little fire.—Lamberton Star.

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The report of the prison investigation commission may not be a complete whitewash, but it will amount to the same thing.—McIntosh Times.

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The defense is now having its inning in the prison investigation and is showing things up in a different light. The cruelty alleged was in most cases where prisoners rebelled against the rules and were violent, and brute force was necessary to subdue them. There seems to be a few instances where this was not the case, just enough to lend color to the Globe's charges, but we doubt if there is a penal institution in the country that could make a better showing if subjected to a searching inquiry such as has been made in this instance.—Wheaton Gazette-Reporter.

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The investigation of affairs of the Stillwater penitentiary in relation to the abuse of prisoners has not developed anything very seriously wrong. It is evident by a careful reading of the testimony, however, that Deputy Lemon is a man of hasty temper, and as such should not occupy the position he does. Not a word has been raised as to Warden Wolfer, but he has made an unfortunate selection in his deputy.—Heron Lake News.

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The prison investigation has closed until Jan. 15, 1898. Yesterday Deputy Warden Lemon was on the stand and explained or denied everything charged to him in a manner that carried conviction with it. Warden Wolfer and Dr. Merrill also testified and gave the commission evidence of importance. There is little doubt of the result of the investigation. Thus far no damaging testimony has been produced against the warden, the deputy warden or assistants. When the whole thing is simmered down it is our candid opinion that it will show that the officials have not used any more force in the discharge of their duties than was absolutely necessary. We have the strongest faith in the ability of Warden Wolfer and Deputy Lemon to discharge their duties in a fair and impartial manner.—Stillwater Gazette.

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The investigation of the management of the state prison at Stillwater is nearing an end. By next week the result of their finding will be announced. While many of the sessions have been held in secret, enough has been made public to lead an outsider to believe the management of the institution is not what it ought to be. It has been shown hat Warden Wolfer has allowed the deputy warden and his assistants almost entire control. It has been shown that these men have violent tempers and totally unfit to have charge of criminals. While the prison is not supposed to be a place of luxurious ease, it is not intended to be controlled by incompetent officials. The verdict of the investigating committee will be looked for with interest, and will be accepted as final by the people.—Graceville Enterprise.

Who Licensed That Doctor?

Mary Klein, the typhoid fever patient from the township of Otto, who was brought here a week ago on the charge of insanity, died at the Briggs hospital the first of the week. She leaves a husband and four children. This is the second case of this kind within a month, both sent from the same part of the country. The last was Bernhard Larson, of Oak Valley, who was brought here by a New York Mills deputy sheriff, who reported that Commissioner Sitz ordered him to bring the patient. The physician, who was no doubt responsible for both of these mistakes, is not known—here; but he probably is in his own part of the county, where his practice will probably not increase.—Wheelock's (Fergus Falls) Weekly.

Don't Monkey With the Buzz Saw.

But the people are in favor of the enforcement of the civil service law, of its honest enforcement, as indicated by the decision of Judge Jackson, and if any party dares to undertake to maim or cripple this righteous law they will be likely to hear from the people at the next election in support of the courts and the laws, honestly administered.—Northfield Independent.

MAJESTIC BUILDING MORTGAGES.

Steps Have Been Taken to Foreclose Them.

DETROIT, Dec. 25.—The filing of a notice of lis pendens has revealed the fact, hitherto suppressed, that two mortgage foreclosure suits have been commenced against the fourteen-story Majestic building, corner of Woodward and Michigan avenues, one by the New York Life Insurance company, on its $800,000 first mortgage, and the other by Jacob Seligman, and the Fisher estate, on their second mortgage of $300,000. The building company has failed to pay the interest on the first mortgage, although granted an extension, and the foreclosure suit is brought by the insurance company to protect itself. The Majestic building company is made up of the contractors who took the property and mortgages off the hands of Godfrey and Hyde, the original owners. The heaviest stockholder is Winslow & Co., of Chicago. From present indications the property will soon change hands.

STRICT INSPECTION.

It Is Being Insisted Upon by the Bull Clique.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A question as to the quality of about 80,000 bushels of wheat in the hold of the steamer Iron King, belonging to the Seaverns company and which they tendered to the Leiter clique as contract grade, has developed the fact that the bull crowd is insisting on the strictest inspection of all wheat tendered for December deliveries. When this wheat was first tendered it was refused by Leiter, who claimed it was not of contract quality. In this he was backed up by the board of appeals of the board of trade. Later, however, the board reversed its decision. The Leiter people refused flatly to bow to the decision and now it is said the case will be taken to the board of trade directory or to the courts.

DR. EVANS' HEIRS.

It Is Probable That They Will Contest His Will.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The will of Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the American dentist, which gives the bluk of his large estate to the Thomas W. Evans museum and institute, of Philadelphia, probably will be contested by relatives who are dissatisfied with its provisions. Dr. Evans made thirty bequests to members of his family, but they aggregate only $250,000, the remainder of his property, estimated to be worth millions of dollars, having been bequeathed to the new museum and institute. A delegation of dissatisfied heirs will arrive at Havre tomorrow, and nothing definite will be known as to the probable contest until Monday or Tuesday.

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CARRIAGES FOR FUNERALS, $2.50, at Cady Bros.' livery, 475 Rosabel st., between Eighth and Ninth sts. Telephone call, 500.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOTICE—The trustees of The State Savings Bank, Germania Life Ins. Bldg., 4th and Minn. sts., have declared a semi-annual dividend at the rate of 4 per cent per annum for the period ending Jan. 1, 1898. Depositors entitled to interest will please present their books at the bank on or after Jan. 20, 1898. The new interest period begins Jan. 1, 1898. All deposits made on or before Jan. 3, 1898, will be entitled to six months' interest July 1, 1898. Jul. M. Goldsmith, Treasurer.

MEMBERS OF CAPITOL LODGE, No. 51, K. of P., are invited to attend the funeral of Brother W. B. Worrell, formerly a member of this lodge, who died suddenly yesterday morning. The funeral under the direction of Minneapolis Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., will take place from the residence, 2801 First avenue south, Minneapolis, this Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Members of Capitol should meet opposite the Ryan hotel, on Robert st., at 1 p. m.

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