AROUND THE CITY HALL

MAYOR KIEFER ADMIRING HIS PALM.

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Mayor Kiefer was the recipient of several Christmas presents yesterday. Among them was a palm and jardiniere from the patrons of the juvenile department of the public library. Some months ago, when it was a question whether this department of the library would not have to be closed or moved outside the city hall for want of room, the mayor gave up his private office to the department. The gift yesterday was accompanied by a card, on which was inscribed: "The children of the juvenile department of the public library wish Mayor Kiefer a merry Christmas."

Henry H. Fuller, of the city engineer's office, remembered the mayor by presenting him with a handsomely bound copy of his book, "The Art of Memory," with the compliments of the author, possibly to help him in remembering who to keep when the board of public works remodels the city engineering department.

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F. L. Sampson, of the Second ward, is being pushed by his friends as a candidate for a position on the water board.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HOTELS.

Fewer Guests and More Presents Than Are Customarily Seen.

The hotel corridors last evening presented a deserted appearance. The seats in which the loungers are wont to linger fondly after the shades of night have fallen were vacant and even the cigar stands were lonesome. The clerks sat and twisted their thumbs for lack of other things to do, and the colored porters stood about quietly and talked in whispers. The wind occasionally swept in as a door was opened and a chill current of air floated down to the desk, but it brought no Christmas guests.

The hotel registers yesterday were only half filled with names, and most of those who registered merely stopped to take a meal before visiting friends in the city. It was the quietest day in the hotel business during the entire year, but the veteran hotel men said it was just like a year ago and every previous Christmas.

It is customary for the hotels to put up an extra dinner Christmas, and the same will be done this year, but it will be prepared tomorrow instead of today.

There was enough for the clerks at the various hotels to do yesterday, for from early morning until late in the afternoon expressmen were delivering packages for guests. The clerks had to check them off and the porters had to carry them to their respective recipients, and all hands were kept on the jump. One hotel clerk told a reporter for The Globe that he never knew a Christmas when so many presents were delivered at hotels.

A great many guests were the happy recipients of checks yesterday, and they drained the ready cash drawers of the hotels getting them cashed.

MRS. RYBERG BETTER.

Christmas Will Be Brighter Than It Promised After All.

Mrs. Maude Ryberg, who attempted to end her life by taking a dose of chloroform early yesterday morning, was so far recovered yesterday as to be up and about the house. The woman's act is said to have been caused by despondency over illness of her husband and financial stress.

Her effort to take her life brought the condition of the Rybergs to the attention of the authorities and today they were provided with the articles that will allow them a brighter Christmas than they yesterday thought possible. The board of control furnished wood, Relief Agent Hutchins sent over food and supplies, and the firm for whom Ryberg worked recently made a cash donation.

The Rybergs have been married but a short time and are very young. The husband is but eighteen years of age, Mrs. Ryberg being one year his elder. They have no children.

READY ABOUT NEW YEAR.

New Rooms of the St. Paul Athletic Club.

President P. A. Egan and Secretary J. J. Grathwol, of the St. Paul Athletic club, announce that the club will move into its new quarters about the first of the year, although not in time to have the McMillan-McLeod wrestling match, which is set for Friday night, in the new building. Much of the gymnasium apparatus is already in place, however, and the block on Sixth street is beginning to assume the appearance of a modern athletic club second to none in the Northwest.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

Broken Steam Pipe in Lanpher, Finch & Skinner's.

A broken steam pipe caused considerable excitement about the store of Lanpher, Finch & Skinner shortly before 6 o'clock last evening, and resulted, indirectly, in some damage to the stock. The bursted pipe filled one of the floors with steam, and an employe, believing the building was on fire, turned on the automatic fire sprinkler. Some one else sent in a "still" alarm, calling out the fire department.

The water from the sprinkler leaked through the five floors of the building, dripping on parts of the stock directly underneath, until the salvage corps arrived and covered up the endangered property.

Reached a Ripe Old Age.

Miss Ellen Manning, an old and highly respected lady, of Dakota county, died on Thursday afternoon last, after a short illness, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gilroy, River road, Dakota county. She was 91 years of age. Miss Manning was born in Nova Scotia, and was one of a family of fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls. Five children of this uncommonly large family, James Manning, who died four years ago, and John Manning, who died nine years ago; Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Gilroy and Miss Manning, immigrated to this country over thirty years ago, and permanently located in Dakota county. Miss Manning was a woman of unusually strong physical and mental endowments and was greatly beloved for her many amiable and Christian qualities. She had a large circle of friends who, together with her immediate relatives, will deeply mourn her. Her funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Saturday from St. Patrick's church, Inver Grove, where solemn mass was held by Rev. Fr. McGrolick, and her remains were interred in the burying ground at that place.

St. Paul Ladies Complimented.

In the current number of Harper's Bazar, under the head of "Club Women and Club Work," there appears a very complimentary article upon the achievements of the ladies' auxiliary of the Northwestern Manufacturers' association of St. Paul. Accompanying the article is a portrait of Mrs. Ansel Oppenheim, president of the auxiliary.

Christmas will be most bountifully observed at Hotel Metropolitan, where the evening dinner will be a delight to lovers of good things. This grand old hotel was never more famous for good cheer.

XMAS 1898.
Watches $2.50 to $300.
Diamond Rings, $3 to $500
SILVER—NOVELTIES—GOLD.
EMIL GEIST,
66 E. Seventh Street, St. Paul.

IS JOHNSON'S CAPTAIN

COL. ROBINSON, OF MAYVILLE, IS MANAGING M. N.'S SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN

ALL DOUBTS ARE REMOVED

Lumber King Admits the Soft Impeachment, and Backs It With the Declaration That He Is in the Fight to Stay—He Says the Opposition Cannot Find a Satisfactory Leader.

"When they tell you that M. N. Johnson is beaten," said Col. W. Robinson, the Mayville lumberman yesterday, "just give them another guess, for they may need it. As the thing stands today, Mr. Johnson is assured three times as many votes in the caucus as any other candidate can boast, and, while he has not yet an apparent majority, I have no fear that he will come into the caucus with sufficient strength to beat all the opposition which is not yet able and, so far as I can see, promises no hopeful prospect of being strong enough to combine its many conflicting interests on any basis that may menace the election of Mr. Johnson."

"That does not sound as though you were supporting Mr. Johnson perfunctorily, as has been suggested by some of the papers," suggested a Globe reporter.

"I am in this fight to stay," replied the Tams Bixby of the Flickertail state. "I did not go into it without careful consideration. They say that, as I was a candidate four years ago, it is possible that I am figuring on coming in on my own behalf, after the fight gets the factional lines well split up. That is not deserved. I am not a candidate, and I do desire Mr. Johnson's election. I have been invited to manage his campaign, and I have accepted the trust and I propose to fulfill it to the best of my ability."

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The Johnson men claim that Cooper will not be able to hold the members from the Sixth district if the prospects for Mr. Johnson being elected should be good, and that, while Messrs. Stewart and Murphy may give Cooper a few complimentary votes, they are Johnson men at heart, and will switch at a time when their accession will do his cause the most good. Mr. Bacon is put down as being really a Little man, having become well acquainted with him while serving at Bismarck, though he also is expected to cast a few votes for Cooper at the start.

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The Fargo Forum's lately started boom for Gen. Allen as a senatorial candidate seems to be generally regarded as indicating that Maj. Edwards is inclined to don the war paint unless sufficient inducements are offered by Congressman Johnson to get him to smoke the pipe of peace. The congressman's influence was antagonistic to the major in the latter's campaign for the gubernatorial nomination last summer, and there are other indications that the major has not forgotten it.

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Taylor Crum, of Fargo, is said to be an applicant for a clerkship in the legislature this winter. Until a few years ago Taylor was one of the prominent Democrats of Cass county, but of late he has showed signs of a change of heart, and now apparently thinks he has been a Republican long enough to entitle him to a seat at the pie counter. Some time ago he got into trouble with the district court and was disbarred, but is still in partnership with his wife, who is a practicing attorney. Taylor's legal experience would fit him for clerk of the judiciary committee, but at present his chances do not seem to be of the best.

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When the sixteen fusionists get together and hold their caucus to decide for whom they will vote for United States senator, a motion is likely to be made binding them to accept no patronage at the hands of the Republicans in the way of clerkships. Its supporters will argue that with their small numbers they could not expect to secure the appointment of more than two or three clerks at the outside, and that merely as a matter of good politics they would do better to refuse to accept anything. This would then leave them free to oppose any extravagant expenditure of money for useless clerk hire, such as has characterized every session hitherto.

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Col. Robinson, Alex McKenzie, Senator C. B. Little, Senator Fuller, of Jamestown, and former Marshal Cronan, left last night for home.

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Jud Lamoure will spend the day in St. Paul.

REPRESENTATIVE H. C. STIVERS, BRAINERD.

H. C. Stivers, member of the house of representatives, was born in Pomeroy, O., Sept. 30, 1848. He settled in Dodge county, Minnesota, with his parents in 1857. He enlisted in November, 1863, at the age of 15, in Company K, Second Minnesota cavalry volunteers, and served until after the close of the war. He has been in the newspaper business in Morrison and Crow Wing counties from 1876 until now. He was elected mayor of Brainerd in the spring of 1890, and was elected representative in the legislature at the fall election of the same year. He was Democratic nominee for speaker of the house at the session of 1891. He was again elected to the house at the 1898 general election.

HOLDS THE CITY LIABLE.

Katherine O'Reilly Hurt by Slipping on an Icy Walk.

Katherine O'Reilly, through her attorneys, O'Reilly & Burns, yesterday began suit in the district court against the board of water commissioners to recover $3,100 for injuries alleged to have been received through negligence of the board's employes in allowing a sidewalk to overflow and freeze.

It appears from the complaint that Dec. 18, 1897, the water board flooded a lot at the northwest corner of Western and Ashland avenues for use as a private skating rink. In the flooding, it is alleged, some of the water overflowed onto the sidewalk and froze. Dec. 22, when the complainant happened along, her feet flew up and she came down heavily on the smooth ice, fracturing and breaking the bones of her right leg. As a result Mrs. O'Reilly was laid up for four months, sick, sore and lame, and believes that she is permanently injured.

She expended $100 for medical attendance and desires the return of the money, with a bonus of $3,000 besides.

McIntire Case Goes Over.

The case of The States, ex rel. Alexander Perry, vs. M. L. McIntire to secure the removal of the latter as license inspector was set for hearing at special term yesterday and both the parties were in court, accompanied by their attorneys. The point in question was whether the attorney general was justified in filing a stipulation quashing the case. Judge Bunn, who has granted two continuances in the matter, was out of the city and the case was continued until next Saturday at special term, by stipulation of the attorneys.

SPECIAL TERM NOTATIONS.

In the case of Samuel W. Harding vs. the Great Northern railway et al., Judge Brill at special term yesterday issued an order that judgment stand and that defendant G. H. Bauman be granted leave to answer.

Judge Lewis at special term of court yesterday granted an application for the appointment of a receiver in the case of the Scandinavian-American Bank vs. the Mechanical Building Society. William Louis Kelly Jr. was named as receiver, with bonds fixed at $4,000.

Judge Willis yesterday granted the application of Mrs. Charity Monroe for permission to adopt Gladys Marshall, the 5-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mamie Marshall. The mother was in court and gave her consent to the adoption. The parents of the child are divorced and the father is in the Klondike.

The case of The State, ex rel. Railroad and Warehouse Commission, vs. the United States Express Company was ordered placed on the January calendar by Judge Kelly yesterday.

In the assignment of P. V. Dwyer & Bros. Judge Willis yesterday received the final accounting and discharged the receiver.

WANT NEW LAWS.

Business Men of the State to Discuss Needed Legislation.

A prospectus of the state meeting of business men, to be held in this city Jan. 5, says:

First—To reasonably limit the value of a homestead to be exempt.

Second—To reasonably lessen and restrict the personal property exemption.

Third—To make reasonable proportion of salary, earnings or wages attachable for debt.

Fourth—To make wife jointly liable for payment of debts.

Fifth—To make the earnings and property of minor members of the family liable for debt.

Sixth—To provide so municipal officers or employes' salary, wages or earnings are attachable for debt.

Seventh—To provide so that nothing shall be exempt as against court and officers' fees when creditors, endeavoring to collect, are compelled to proceed through litigation.

It is intended to apply the foregoing only to indebtedness created for the necessaries of life, which are enumerated in the prospectus, and which include not only food, clothing and rent, but medical, surgical and dental services as well.

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT.

Third Infantry Band Will Give One Next Sunday.

The Third Regiment band, under the direction of Leader Charles Graves, will make its last public appearance before leaving for Manila at a concert next Sunday afternoon. The band has now been restored to its former strength and musical standard, both of which were sadly impaired for a time by the ravages of disease and the wounding of a number of members in the engagement at San Juan hill.

It is expected that the regiment will leave for Manila some time before Jan. 10.

FUNERAL OF MRS. COOK.

It Will Be Held Monday From the Family Residence.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Nancy Cook, who died Friday night of pneumonia, will be held from the family residence, 33 East College avenue, Monday at 1:30. The interment will be at Oakland cemetery.

It had been intended to hold the services at the First Baptist church, but this was foregone on account of the Christmas festivities.

REMEMBER! WHAT WE SAY
If You Have La-grippe.
The Oxydonor will cure you easily, within three days, if you use it under our direction. We warrant a cure. Get one, use it, and you can prove it. No evil effects ever follow treatment with the Oxydonors.
—C. S. Wilson,
610-611 N. Y. Life Bldg., St. Paul.

Christmas Cantata.

Rev. Albert L. Koeneke, pastor, will preach at the Dayton's Bluff German M. E. church this morning. In the evening the full chorus under the leadership of W. F. Meyer will render the Christmas cantata, "The Prince of Peace." Monday evening the Sunday school of the Dayton's Bluff German M. E. church, F. W. Petter superintendent, will give an entertainment, and thereafter the children will receive their presents. The church will be decorated.

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Judges Enjoy Yule Logs.

Judge Bunn has gone to Wisconsin to spend Christmas with relatives.

Judge Sanborn is home for Christmas and will leave again for St. Louis after the holidays. He is with Judge Caldwell and Judge Thayer, holding the winter term of the United States circuit court of appeals. He says that Judge Caldwell is in good health, having quite recovered from his recent indisposition.

57 WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

GOV. LIND'S MESSAGE

AN IDEA OF THE REFORMS HE MAY BE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS

HOLIDAYS AT HEADQUARTERS

Secretary Rosing Will Spend the Next Two Days at Cannon Falls—A Number of the State Papers Are Boosting George N. Lamphere's Candidacy for Labor Commissioner.

Those familiar with the task before Gov.-elect Lind appreciate the difficulties he is laboring under, preparing for the duties he will so soon take up, and hope that he is making progress with his message, wherever he may be. It is understood that he will have it ready for the press, which may be entrusted with advance copies for their convenience, by the day preceding its delivery, and the proper distribution of the same will be entrusted to the press bureau at Democratic headquarters, Merchants' hotel, to whom applications should be made.

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Except as to certain details of recommendation, there is no great ground for speculation as to the message itself, as it is well known along what lines it will treat. The governor himself summarized the reforms to be aimed at as follows, during the campaign:

The selection of a board of railroad and warehouse commissioners that will establish lower and reasonable railroad rates, and a fair system of grading and inspecting grain, so that our farmers may be relieved from the injustice which they now suffer.

To save what has not been squandered of our state lands, and to subject those which have been given away to taxation.

Reform in taxation so that income bringing wealth shall not escape, and capital employed on our farms and in our industries shall not be made to bear the whole burden as now.

Reform in the administration of our public institutions, so that they will be conducted for public and not for personal or partisan ends.

To enforce economy in the expenditure of public money, and to eradicate such abuses as resulted in the sale of the binding twine made in the state prison at public expense, at 6½ cents—the farmers subsequently being compelled to pay 12 to 15 cents for the same article.

It was to these and other reforms that the governor in his canvass pledged the next two years, which he hoped would be the best two years of his life, and the people of the commonwealth have full faith that he will abundantly make good the pledge. They feel like co-operating with him all in their power. He declared that he would discharge his duty fearlessly and fairly, with no other aim than to serve the best and highest interest of the people and state, and the people know that he will do it. His elaboration of his plans for this service, which will be given in his message, makes it awaited with deep interest. It is safe to say that no governor has ever been inaugurated in Minnesota concerning whom there has been equal interest.

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Dr. Triplett, Prof. Tuve and others from Dawson, here to outfit for the new reform paper for that place, completed their business yesterday. Prof. Tuve is no novice in the reform work, and that he will put vim and vinegar into the new paper goes without saying. Lac qui Parle county Republicans, journalistic and otherwise, have too long had matters their own way. The paper will be a six-column folio, the name to be Lac qui Parle Vidette, and will commence publication the first week in January.

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Democratic headquarters at the Merchants' will be closed on Monday. Secretary Rosing left last evening to spend Christmas at his home at Cannon Falls, and will return Tuesday.

Gov. Lind will spend Christmas at his home, New Ulm, but will not be able to see visitors there nor until he comes to St. Paul, which will be some time during this week.

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A number of the state papers are saying a good word for the candidacy of Mr. Lamphere for labor commissioner. Here is a sample from the Hutchinson Leader:

George N. Lamphere, the able editor of the Moorhead News, has developed into a most formidable candidate for labor commissioner. One powerful organization backing him is the Railway Employes' Political League of Minnesota, a political but non-partisan organization. This body of men has come out very forcibly in Mr. Lamphere's favor, and it will be very hard to bring anything to offset this advantage. If appointed Mr. Lamphere will prove a fearless, honest and incorruptible commissioner.

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In the legislature of 1891 was a ruddy-faced and stylish-appearing real estate man from Minneapolis, by appellation William Harcourt Lynn, who had previously been a resident of Granite Falls, this state. Lynn became enamored of a widowed society woman in the Mill City, Mrs. Nellie B. Mead by name. At any rate they were married, although some skeptics never could be convinced but that it was her dowry which commanded the interest of the Chesterfieldian speculator. Subsequently their divorce confirmed the skeptics in this belief, but Mead bobbed up serenely, wedded to a sister of Don Rafael Iglesias, and came to this country with the Costa Rican president on his recent visit to this country.

The whilom lawmaker was arrested in Baltimore, Md., Tuesday of last week by Deputy Sheriff Wallering, and is held under cash bail of $2,500. He was arrested on an order granted by Judge Bischoff to Frank S. Lusk, a cattle raiser and railroad contractor, of Lusk, Wyo.

Mr. Lusk charges that Mr. Lynn and an associate, Francis C. Hatch, have failed to account to him for profits in a Costa Rica railroad scheme involving $1,000,000. Gen. John S. Casement, of Ohio, who is also a member of the party of President Iglesias, and is constructing the Costa Rica & Pacific railroad, is named in the affidavit submitted by Lusk.

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The Jordan Independent has the following on Warden Wolfer's annual report which some of the Twin City newspapers think so well of they have published it twice:

During the past week the warden of the Stillwater penitentiary has promulgated the biennial report of the prison board, on the state's binding twine concern. It throws little or no light upon the points made against the management in the campaign, but instead confirms the claim that the institution is conducted in violation of the spirit in which it was founded, to wit: In the interest of the farmers. The business has run at a profit of $132,889.68 to the state in the past two years. At whose expense? Why, the patrons, the farmers. And this supplied only one-fourth of the twine needed by the farmers of the state, hence to have fulfilled the spirit of the law would have required the state to have made four times the profit, or more than $500,000 out of the farmers. Nothing is proposed to remedy the confessed failure of the system of issue or supply. It is a sad commentary on the management that during Republican control, ever since the establishment of the institution, no successful attempt has been made to protect the farmers and carry out the real purpose of the state. Gov. Lind will undoubtedly meet the matter in his recommendations to the legislature.

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Lieut. Gov. John L. Gibbs, of Geneva, was at the Merchants' yesterday, but the president of the last senate declares that he is out of politics and taking no part at all in the machinations of the new year in the old party.

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Sheriff Julius H. Block, of St. Peter, who has been resident director of the state insane hospital there, was in the city for a flying trip yesterday. Mr. Block's term expires with next week, and the gossip to the effect that Dr. A. W. Daniels, of St. Peter, will be his successor is generally accepted as authentic.

"If he is to be my successor," said Mr. Block, "the change will put on the board one of our oldest and best practitioners, and a man of high standing in the community. The institution will be in good hands. I think it will be a mistake, however, if the Stockwell bill for the placing of all the state penal, correctional and philanthropic institutions under a single board of control carries. They require too close supervision for any one board, in my judgment, to give them the personal attention which is necessary.

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"Will I resign?" John Zelch repeated, in response to the question of a reporter of The Globe, who found him in conversation with Private Secretary Rosing. "Not me. I'm going to stay and be turned out. I can take my medicine along with the rest of the Republicans, and I guess they are going to get the same dose all along the line."

Nor did Gov.-elect Lind's confidential clerk suggest any false logic in the boiler inspector's conclusion.

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Dr. W. F. Milligan, of Wabasha, a former member of the house of representatives, was in the city yesterday.

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To The St. Paul Globe:

I wish to say a word to organized labor in St. Paul regarding the appointment of a labor commissioner to succeed Le Grand Powers. The question for us to settle is, who is the right man in our ranks, and he will receive the appointment. There are three candidates mentioned from St. Paul, John H. Wilson, Matt. Bantz and Louis Nash, and to my mind Louis Nash is not only the best qualified, but the most deserving of the three. Mr. Bantz is alderman of his ward at the present time, sufficient honor at one time. Mr. Wilson, though a good union man, no doubt, has shown no inclination to devote his time and money toward the amelioration of the conditions of those less fortunate than himself, as Mr. Nash has done for the past ten years. There is no question in my mind but Louis Nash is the choice of organized labor, and Gov. Lind can afford to make the appointment in his favor without any fear of offending the friends of other candidates from labor's ranks, with all due respect to the opinion of the Pioneer Press editor, who characterized Mr. Nash this morning as a "rattle-brained labor agitator." The fact remains that he is recognized as one of the truest friends of the toiling masses within the state of Minnesota, and Gov. Lind will insure the friendship of honest citizens by making appointment in his behalf. Yours truly,

—John O'Toole,
The Oldest Union Man in St. Paul.

NEWS OF THE LODGE ROOMS.

A new camp of Royal Neighbors was instituted on Dayton's bluff, Reaney and Seventh streets, Odd Fellows' hall, by Deputy Oracle Bamford, Dec. 21. The petition for charter contained thirty-five names, twenty-five of these being beneficiary members. The total amount of insurance applied for was nearly $20,000. Ten members came in by card from Maple Leaf camp, making forty-five members, and twenty-five are to be initiated at the next meeting. The work of soliciting the new members has been done by Past Oracle Mrs. George Bowen and Mrs. Sophie Rolfing, who have been untiring in their efforts to put the camp on a working basis. The camp was named Prosperity camp. The officers elected were: Mrs. George Bowen, oracle; Mrs. Sophie Rolfing, vice oracle; Mrs. Kilmardin, chancellor; Mrs. Kinsburg, recorder; Mrs. Cuthill, receiver; Miss Cox, marshal; Mrs. Kurzrelmeier, inner sentinel; Mrs. Crocker, outside sentinel; Mr. William Rolfing, manager; Mrs. Santee, manager; Miss Malone, manager. This camp will be known as the auxiliary to Forest camp, M. W. of A., and starts out with bright prospects. The camp will meet every first and third Wednesday at Odd Fellows' hall, Reaney and Seventh.

Dayton's Bluff camp, Woodmen of the World, meets Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. Installation of officers takes place. Camp 29 gives one of its popular masquerades Dec. 31 at Luecker's hall.

Garfield Post No. 8, G. A. R., at a regular meeting adopted the following resolutions: "Whereas, It has seemed good to the All-Wise Commander to remove by death our comrade, Charles Thoele; therefore be it, Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the widow and children, and can only direct them to the Giver of all good for comfort and consolation, knowing in this life he proved himself a man and a lover of his adopted country; and be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and also spread upon the minutes of this post."

Starlight camp, Royal Neighbors, met at Central hall Friday evening and adopted fourteen new members. The camp will install officers jointly with North Star camp, M. W. A., on Jan. 6, at Central hall.

A camp of Royal Neighbors with twenty-five charter members was instituted at Duluth last Monday evening by Deputy Supreme Oracle Mrs. C. Bamford. All the members apply for insurance in the beneficiary department.

Ruby camp, Royal Neighbors, of St. Cloud, will hold an open meeting on Jan. 12 to install officers jointly with the local Modern Woodman camp, the ceremony to be followed by a ball. Deputy Supreme Oracle Mrs. C. Bamford, of this city, will install for Ruby camp, and Deputy Head Council E. M. Tousley will install the officers of Granite City camp.

Minnehaha camp, Modern Woodmen, met last Thursday night and conferred the first degree upon seventeen. Next Thursday work will be in the second degree, and on Jan. 5 the camp will hold its first meeting in Bowlby hall. A joint installation of the officers of Minnehaha No. 674, M. W. A., and Royal Oak Camp No. 153, R. N. A., will take place, the attendance being limited to members and their wives.

Astoria council, Modern Samaritans, held its annual election last Tuesday and installed five candidates. The officers for 1899 are: Charles E. Stubbs, G. S.; Charles Bronson, V. G. S.; G. A. Chaffee, P. G. S.; A. H. Hooper, scribe; H. B. Humason, treasurer; John Davern, levite; A. E. Venzke, centurion; L. O. Whitcomb, watchman; J. W. Heald, chief messenger; J. N. Mounts, trustee. The installation ceremonies will be conducted by the imperial officers.

The regular meeting of the Lady Washington Sisterhood No. 12, D. of M., will be held at Central I. O. O. F. hall Dec. 22.

Cataract council, Royal Arcanum, has elected the following officers for 1899: Regent, Rabe Plank; vice regent, F. O. McClain; orator, Sharp Stevens; past regent, G. A. Bahr; secretary, Clinton Brooke; collector, H. W. Richardson; treasurer, George S. Greenleaf; chaplain, John A. Keller; guide, Edward R. Reed; warden, E. A. Morgan; sentry, Horace Brooke; trustees, O. R. Gutzman, H. W. Jimerson and Stanley W. Bezoier; representatives to grand council, G. A. Bahr and W. W. Bardwell; alternates, H. W. Jimerson and Joseph Chapin.

St. Paul commandery, Imperial Knights, initiated a class of ten last Thursday evening and read fourteen new applications. Following the election of officers and the disposal of regular business, the meeting was closed and progressive cinch indulged in. Prizes were captured by Sir Knights Frank E. Eldredge and Philip Gilbert. The officers elected by St. Paul commandery for the ensuing year are as follows: Commander, George Thare; vice commander, John H. Harris; counselor, William E. W. Owen; past commander, Philip Gilbert; secretary, A. H. Cregerson; treasurer, W. A. Rudd; chaplain, John E. Doherty; marshal, Guy A. Wilbor; guard, J. W. Richardson; sentinel, Frank J. Mahoney; trustees, W. J. Footner, Grier M. Orr and F. E. Perkins.

University lodge, United Workmen, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. A. Peterson, master workman; H. A. Purcell, foreman; M. M. Winkle, overseer; James Tyrar, financier; G. R. Daly, trustee; William E. Morgan, recorder; G. A. Boetter, receiver; H. W. Crummer, guide; McKee, inside watchman; G. Gerlich, outside watchman.

Capital City lodge, United Workmen, will publicly install officers Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, when the grand master workman will be present. The officers to be installed are: Past master workman, James E. Elstone; master workman, Byron Bradley; foreman, George W. Jones; overseer, Adolph Johnson; recorder, John Bergman Jr.; receiver, Charles L. Holland; financier, August F. Pabst; guide, Louis H. Sickles; inside watchman, H. D. Hart; outside watchman, Gus Halvorsen; trustee, three years, Samuel Bull. Nobility lodge, Degree of Honor, will give a social hop and cake walk Dec. 29. Teutonia lodge, D. of H., will give a dance Friday evening, Jan. 6. Capital City lodge will be visited by the visiting committee next Wednesday evening.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS.

Paladin Commandery Following the Custom, Distributes 700.

Paladin commandery Knights Templars following the usual custom of the order yesterday distributed 700 Christmas baskets where the same would be appreciated and do the most good.

At the State House.

The employes of State Auditor Dunn yesterday presented Mrs. Dunn with a leather rocker, while Deputy Auditor Sam G. Iverson was remembered with a handsome diamond pin. Neat presents were given all the employes of the office by the auditor.

All the employes in the office of Treasurer Koerner were remembered in a substantial way, while the governor gave glove bonds to all the female employes at the capitol.

You can avoid paying commission and exchange by borrowing direct from The State Savings Bank. This home institution has a large amount of money to loan at lowest rates, gives the "on or before" privilege and requires no "gold clause."

HANAN'S
GREETING:
The best we can wish you is a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with the hope that the New Year may be as prosperous for you as you have made the Old Year for us.
The season just passed has been a most satisfactory one, both to us and to our customers—to us because our business has been phenomenally good, and to our customers because they have been enabled to buy Fine Shoes in a variety and at a price never before equaled in St. Paul.
We attribute no small part of our success to honest advertising. The common idea that an advertisement is an exaggeration, and that you must divide the statements by two or three to get at the real truth, does not apply to our advertising. You know the reputation of the Hanan Shoe for worth; test our advertising for plain truth.
HANAN SHOE CO.,
SIXTH AND WABASHA STS.

HAPPY LITTLE ONES

WAIFS OF ST. PAUL THE GUESTS OF THE LOCAL LODGE OF ELKS

PRESENTS GIVEN TO ALL

St. Paul Elks Yesterday Afternoon Entertained 298 of the City Needy Children at Their Lodge Rooms—A Real Santa Claus Distributed Candy and Presents From a Huge Christmas Tree.

Did you ever see 300 young and happy children all in a bunch? That was the inspiring scene which was witnessed at the hall of St. Paul Lodge of Elks No. 59 yesterday afternoon.

No merrier Christmas was ever given to the needy children of St. Paul than was supplied by the Elks, and the members of the lodge present as well as numerous visitors seemed to enjoy the event as much as the recipients themselves.

There were 103 families represented by 298 children. Through Mr. M. L. Hutchins, secretary of the Relief society, the names and addresses had been secured and each family was sent a postal invitation, the production of which in the hall entitled them to all of the good things offered. Where children were sick, some member of the family came with the postal and secured their presents. A gorgeous Christmas tree, handsomely and elaborately trimmed, was lighted, and Al Flournoy took the part of Santa Claus in an admirable manner. He came in with a shout and a bound amid the applause of the spectators, and danced a jig to the music of the orchestra, greatly to the delight of the little ones. A veritable sleigh had been supplied by the Michigan Carriage company, and Otto Albrecht had loaded it with robes, making a fitting throne for old Santa. The Elks' hall is ornamented with two mammoth elks and they were attached to the sleigh by fleecy harness, their bodies encircled with sleigh bells and their antlers lighted with lamps in glass globes. When Santa Claus, with his long white beard and flowing white hair, took up the reins, it looked for all the world as if he was about to make the trip so often pictured to the children in their story books.

The Elks had very sensibly decided to make their gifts those of value, and the offerings consisted of high artic overshoes, mittens and toques, to which generous parties had contributed candy and nuts for all, dolls for the girls and picture books for the boys. Every child, as the names were called, came forward and was fitted with overshoes and mittens, to which were added the other supplies, and the delight of their faces as they were being outfitted would have made a splendid picture, if it could have been caught by the camera. There was certainly no adult present, whether an Elk or not, who did not feel the warming of the cockles of the heart, to see the brood of happy faces which filled the hall. The Elks have had many joyous occasions in that hall, but never one equal to that of yesterday.

W. J. Tomkins, the secretary of the lodge, with A. L. Rich, T. C. Jones and J. H. Bourgeault, furnished an orchestra which favored the children with music while the gifts were being distributed. There were also numerous songs interspersed, Santa Claus taking a leading part in the accompaniment, while the way the orchestra rendered "Ebenezer," with C. D. Strong as soprano accompanist, literally brought down the house. The committee having the matter in charge was composed of District Deputy H. H. Rice, Dr. E. H. Whitcomb and Henry Kelsch. But they had numerous assistants yesterday, among them being Exalted Ruler J. T. Schusler, Treasurer A. E. Whitney, Henry Whaley, Ike Lederer, J. F. Fleigler Jr., Robert Seng, Al Fisher and a host of others.

Aside from the expenditure of $350 by the lodge for the purchase of presents, there were numerous contributions by members of the organization, as follows: Henry Whaley, of Gordon & Ferguson, furnished three dozen gloves and mittens; W. I. Baldwin, of the Meinecke Toy company, supplied 108 dolls, picture books, ornaments and trimmings for the tree, trimming the tree as well; Adolph Michaud, of Michaud Bros; John F. Kelly, of Foley Bros. & Kelly, both supplied candy and nuts; Harry Hardick, of the Minnesota News company, contributed picture and story books; Charles F. Pusch supplied caps and mittens, while Dow Smith, superintendent of the street car company, supplied street car tickets, which were given all the children and their parents for their return home. The Chicago Great Western railroad also furnished story and picture books. The children were cleanly and intelligent in appearance, much more so than might be anticipated from those in the lowly walks of life. While it is probable none desire individual mention, there were two little boys, twin brothers, five years of age, which attracted so much attention that it does not seem improper to speak of them. Their mother died when they were born, and they are now in care of their aunt, who accompanied them to the hall. Their father's name is Andrew Weidell, and he is now at Manila in the Thirteenth Minnesota. He had named the boys respectively Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson, and left them with his late wife's sister, but, during his absence, they became in straightened circumstances and she was compelled to call upon Mr. Hutchins for relief. The little fellows were exactly of one size, with curly hair and rosy cheeks, bright eyes and faces radiant with intelligence. They showed that they were carefully cared for and were pretty enough to sit for a painting.

Every one who went to the Elks hall yesterday afternoon, whether as participants or onlookers, had a merry Christmas in advance of the day, and the Elks are entitled to be congratulated for the inception of the unique plan for a merry Christmas. They certainly have received thanks and blessings in a hundred homes which, for once at least, have been made more merry than is their wont.

Will Ring Out the Old.

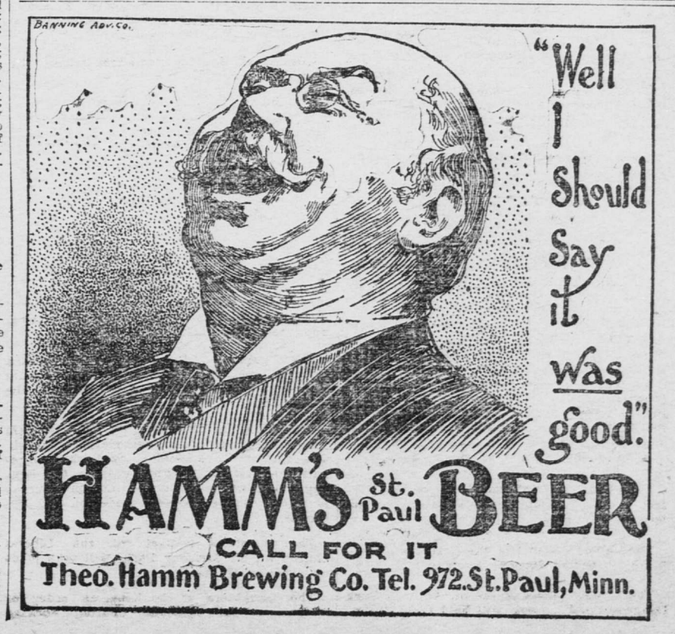
St. Paul lodge, No. 59, will give a ladies' social session next Saturday night. There will be dancing until a few minutes before 12, when the guests will dance the old year out and the new year in.

Doings of St. Nicholas.

Dr. Norton, in the guise of Santa Claus, visited the Protestant orphan asylum at St. Albans and Marshall avenue, yesterday afternoon, and gladdened the hearts of the small girls with dolls and the boys with sleds.

All the employes of The Globe mechanical department took a cigar last night with Fred Schweizer, who has not forgotten them for many years. He sends his Santa Claus to them every year with a fragrant box of Nameless.

Dwight M. Baldwin Jr., proprietor of Dwight's flour, made at Graceville, distributed 2,000 small loaves of bread about the city today.

General Manager Yates, of the A. D. T. remembered each of his messengers with a pair of gloves, and all the older employes with a Christmas turkey today.

The employes of the Metropolitan opera house invejled Manager L. N. Scott back onto the stage today and presented him with a handsome leather chair as a Christmas gift.