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BEETHOVEN'S BIRTHDAY

A Recital by Miss Elaine Lovrenzon at Villa Maria.

FRONTENAC, Minn., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Beethoven's birthday was celebrated at the Villa Maria, a home for the aged, attended by Gen. I. Garrard, Mr. and Mrs. George Garrard and daughters, Beethoven and Evelyn Jones, and other members of the institution and Mrs. Hoffmann, of New York city.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, of St. Cloud, Celebrate Anniversary.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—An informal family gathering observed the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, of St. Cloud, Minn., at the home of the latter, which was held last evening. The house was very prettily decorated with chrysanthemums, pink and red carnations, and other flowers...

ACQUSED OF PERJURY

Washington County Middle Over an Assignment of Judgment.

STILLWATER, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A case of more than ordinary interest was tried in the Washington county court today. The case was the assignment of judgment to James Kelley, of Stillwater, by John Shields, of the G. A. R. camp, will take place Jan. 7.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

PRESTON, Minn., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—William Brown, a resident of Preston, Minn., was injured in the left groin with a forty-four caliber revolver this morning, and is not expected to recover. The revolver was owned by his sister-in-law, who was badly burned by a gasoline explosion yesterday morning.

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STILWATER NEWS

Edward Bloom, a resident of Scandia, this county, employed by Lambers Bros., in one of their camps on Willow river, was brought here yesterday morning, having fractured his right leg below the knee. While engaged in skidding the skid flew back and struck Bloom's leg. He was taken to the city hospital, where the fracture was reduced.

S. O'Brien returned yesterday from his logging camp at Hayward, Wis., to report that it is impossible for loggers to haul, there being no frost in the ground. Before hauling can be prosecuted it will be necessary to have colder weather.

The Christmas exercises of Ascension church Sunday school will be held at 4 o'clock next Monday afternoon.

Moses Bergstein, of Oak Park, was arrested on a charge of assault and battery, the complainant being James T. Barron. The hearing was postponed until next Monday morning.

D. M. Swain stated yesterday that it would be impossible for him to fulfill the contract calling for the construction of a steambot on the levee in this city during the coming winter. Under the terms of the contract the boat was to be completed by May 1, and Mr. Swain being unable to make the necessary arrangements to have the boat completed at that time, it was awarded to boat builders at Jeffersonville, Mo.

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Albert Lea, Minn., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Gus Avson, a red-headed man, is now in the county jail. He was arrested on a charge of larceny of a horse. The horse was stolen from Clear Lake, Wis. The team is also here and will be turned over to the owner. Reynolds, charged with this crime, and tried to dispose of the team, and was arrested by the deputy sheriff at Clear Lake.

Officers are expected here at once to take Reynolds back for trial.

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CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR

VARIOUS AGENCIES AT WORK TO CHEER THE DISCOURAGED. The Elks' Christmas programme at the Grand Monday afternoon will begin at 2:30 o'clock and will run for an hour before the gifts are distributed. W. J. Tomkins will have charge, and will himself conclude it with a urbane representation of Santa Claus. At G. Flournoy will entertain and several members of the "Trip to Chifalotown" company will present rousing spectacles. Wolff and Barrett will do a new specialty.

IRON FURNACES ARE BUSY

Notwithstanding the Fact That at This Season Their Business is Usually of the Dullest. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: Better conditions on the whole and increased production of activity (distribution of all staple lines of merchandise at the principal cities have imparted a slightly more aggressive tone to general business conditions. At this time, in ordinary years, furnaces close down in large numbers and idleness is general at mills and shops where iron and steel are handled. Instead of reduction of working force or concessions in price this year, however, reports from the principal cities indicate the existence of continued production of iron and steel and new sales are made at the former level, despite much talk of cheaper iron next year. Fuel declined about 25c a ton, but this is not a material factor in the price of iron material has been reduced. It is seldom possible to secure prompt delivery of partially manufactured forms or finished products, and each week brings more orders from abroad, while the November statement of British exports shows another decrease compared with last year in these products. The iron industry has been unusually quiet in the wool market the last week's figures of sale at the three chief Eastern markets amount to 7,800,000 pounds, against 8,700,000 in the preceding week, and 5,267,344 two weeks ago, while a year ago the aggregate had fallen to 7,312,000 pounds from an average of over 11,000,000 in the previous year.

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"DR." BUSHNELL'S DEFENSE OF HIS STANDING AS A PHYSICIAN.

Chief O'Connor received a telegram from J. W. Hogan, chief of police of Janesville, Wis., in which he stated that he would arrive in St. Paul today to take charge of Dr. Bushnell, who was arrested here Thursday night. Bushnell, a doctor of medicine, and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, was arrested on a charge of practicing medicine without a license. Dr. Bushnell is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and a member of the American Medical Association. He is a resident of Janesville, Wis., and has been practicing medicine there for many years. He is a well-known and respected physician in his community.

HAS A NEW LAWYER

MICHAEL WILL CONDUCT HAAS' END OF PROCEEDINGS.

The supplementary proceedings before Attorney Farham, to have been held yesterday, to compel disclosures as to why Building Inspector Haas should not pay a judgment now standing against him in the district court, have been postponed until next week. Attorney Michael, who represented Mr. Haas in the matter, has been supplemented by Attorney J. C. Michael, who will hereafter conduct the case.

COOK'S CASE UP AGAIN

THIS TIME THE CASE WAS REALLY ARGUED—UNDER ADVISEMENT.

Argument for a new trial was heard in the case of Hart N. Cook, in the police court yesterday. Judge H. C. Crosby, for the defense, urged that the testimony did not warrant a verdict against Mr. Cook. Judge Hine took the matter under consideration until Monday. Maggie Moore and Mrs. McGuire, the two women who were rearrested for disorderly conduct, were brought before Judge Hine that they would return to their home in Winona, each sentenced to thirty days in the workhouse. The two women are sisters. Judge Hine received a letter from their father stating that the two daughters had come to the city looking for work. He inquired into the particulars of the case and will probably order to have them released by the payment of their fines.

STUDY OF THE BIBLE

Don O. Shelton Urges It on the Y. M. C. A.

Don O. Shelton, member of the International committee of the Y. M. C. A., gave a lecture on the study of the Bible in the local association last night. Mr. Shelton is interested in the Bible work of the association, and is engaged in organizing classes for Bible study in the association. To say the least, his talk showed that he felt the necessity of the work was very great. He urged that the Bible is not a book to be read, but a book to be studied. He urged that the Bible is not a book to be read, but a book to be studied. He urged that the Bible is not a book to be read, but a book to be studied.

MANY YEARS A BISHOP

MR. IRELAND'S FIFTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARCHBISHOP.

Yesterday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Archbishop Ireland's consecration to a bishopric, but his many friends were unable to congratulate him on his silver anniversary as the prelate will return today, Sunday morning, to the latest. During a little less than half the time that he has been a bishop, Mr. Ireland has been an archbishop as well. It is not unlikely that by the time he is ready to celebrate his silver anniversary as the latter he may be able at the same time to celebrate an anniversary as a cardinal.

FREE LAND IN MANITOBA

Two Thousand Farmers From Minnesota Said to Have Migrated.

According to a representative of the Canadian Immigration Commission at Washington, St. Paul and the counties adjoining during the past year have contributed to the homestead district of Manitoba no less than 2,000 sturdy farmers. They were all secured under the free homestead act, and are now, in return for the land given them free by the Canadian government, engaged in populating and reclaiming a section of Manitoba, therefore a drug on the market. In addition to the 2,000 secured here an additional 3,000 have been taken from other counties of the state, making Minnesota's known contribution to the Queen's domain not less than 5,000 sturdy farmers.

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