WRIT OF QUO WARRANTO

EX-ALDERMAN BELL'S GIFT TO MR MORIARTY, OF THE SIXTH

LATTER NOT AT ALL WORRIED

Judge Brill Granted the Writ Yesterday Morning — Hearing Is to Take Place Jan. 5.

Ex-Alderman Michael J. Bell's Christmas present to Alderman Michael J. Moriarty is a quo warranto writ issued from the district court of Ramsey county, asking upon what authority he is occupying the aldermanic seat for the Sixth ward.

It is more than likely that the gift will be welcomed as a harmless Christmas pleasantry, and when the legal formalities have all been complied with, it seems a certainty that the present will have cost the ex-alderman more than he had counted upon. Mr. Moriarty will doubtless remember this to the credit of his predecessor, and in a year from now, will suitably render his acknowledgments.

The writ was taken out yesterday morning before Judge Brill, and the supreme court, in passing the matter up to the district court, used the following legal phraseology:

"Now comes the state of Minnesota by W. E. Douglas, the attorney general thereof, upon the relation of M. J. Bell, and informs the court and gives it to understand, that the city of St. Paul is, and for many years past has been a municipal corporation of the state of Minnesota."

Correctly informed as to the official standing of the city, the learned judge had no difficulty in arriving at a decision, and as formality requires, granted the writ.

The hearing was fixed for Saturday, January 5.

MUST STAND FOR FINE.

COOK'S PLEA FOR NEW TRIAL DENIED—INTERESTING DOCKET.

Judge Hine denied a motion for a new trial in the assault and battery case of Hart N. Cook, and imposed a fine of $20 on the latter. In his decision Judge Hine stated that in carefully going over the evidence he could see no reason why the verdict of the jury should be changed. The fact that the case deals with serious problems as to the rights of the chief of the fire department, should not take it from purely legal grounds.

Theodore Laschinsky informed Judge Hine yesterday that he had been suffering from a severe stomach ache on the evening before. He drank some whisky and was immediately relieved. The cure filled him with so much joy that he began to sing, but a rude patrolman who had no ear for music took him into custody. The song cost him $10.

Pat Loftus, an old man just released from the workhouse, applied at police court for another sentence. Incidentally he requested that his pension be raised. His first wish was granted but the judge was not able to help in the pension matter.

John Hegstrom was charged with violating a state game law by fishing in the river with "tip-ups." His case was continued until tomorrow.

The cases of Herbert Faribault and August Beyer, charged with stealing 900 pounds of turkey from G. H. Riegers butcher shop, 554 Robert street, Friday night, were continued until Wednesday.

HAS ONLY JUST STARTED.

Lochren's Decision in Telegraph Case Does Not Settle the Matter.

The verbal decision of Judge Lochren in the case of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway company vs. the Western Union & Northwestern Telegraph companies, has not yet been transcribed by the court reporter. After the judge has seen the transcription, he will correct it, and it will be several days before the text of the decision is available.

This decision does not by any means end the big case. When the judgment of the court is ready, one of the attorneys in the case, probably Mr. Taggert, for the Western Union, will prepare a decree, which, after it has been submitted to M. D. Grover of the Great Northern, will be presented to the court for signatures.

This decree will constitute the final judgment of the court, and then an appeal will lie to the circuit court of appeals.

All this will take up time; in the case of Dale, Manson, Hitchcock, et al., now before the circuit court of appeals, six months were consumed in securing the decree necessary before the next court could be entered.

FREED FROM HIS DEBTS.

Dow Morrison Wipes Off a Few Old Liabilities.

Dow Morrison, who was dicharged in bankruptcy Oct. 30, 1899, yesterday obtained from Judge Lewis an order certifying him to be legally exempt from paying certain judgments obtained against him several years ago.

Among them were the following: Chas. Persons, $13.73; Talboys & Knapp, $54.68; St. Paul National Bank, $2,377.38, and $114.24; Henry Horman & Co., $34.28.

Grand Jury for January.

The grand jury for January has been drawn, and the following will present themselves in the district court when court opens after the holiday recess: Louis Arnott, John H. Allen, Theodore Borup, Fred S. Blodgett, William L. Berson, Charles M. Benham, Thomas L. Blood, Charles B. Bowlby, Edgar C. Bowen, Howard L. Collins, J. C. Donahower, Sam Dearing, John Dole, William J. Footner, Richard L. Gorman, Benjamin L. Goraking, Andrew Holm, Frank Horejs, Charles Karst, Louis Kohlman, Thomas W. Tensdale, William H. S. Wright and E. A. Young.

Claims He Was Injured.

Robert Totten has commenced an action against the city railway company to recover $600 for injuries which he says he sustained by being run down and thrown from his wagon at Fourth and Robert streets, Sept. 5.

Milroy Is a Sane Man.

William M. Milroy, arrested a few days ago on a charge of insanity preferred by his wife, was examined in the probate court yesterday and discharged by Judge Bazille, who deemed the man perfectly sane.

Bailiffs' Case Is Continued.

An echo of the suit brought by ex-bailiffs Adams and E. Parrish was heard in the district court yesterday morning, when Judge Bunn continued the case until Jan 8.

SCHOCH

Merry Christmas

TO ALL.

These Big Stores will be

OPEN TILL 12, NOON, TODAY.

(CHRISTMAS DAY.)

Plenty of everything for everybody, all at Schoch's lowest prices.

Radway's Pills

Small, act without pain or griping, purely vegetable, mild and reliable. Regulate the Liver and Digestive Organs. The safest and best medicine in the world for the

CURE

of all disorders of the Stomach, Liver, Bowels, Kidneys, Bladder, Nervous Diseases, Loss of Appetite, Headache, Constipation, Costiveness, Indigestion, Biliousness, Fever, Inflammation of the Bowels, Piles and all derangements of the Internal Viscera. PERFECT DIGESTION will be accomplished by taking RADWAY'S PILLS. By so doing

DYSPEPSIA,

Sick Headache, Foul Stomach, Biliousness will be avoided, as the food that is eaten contributes its nourishing properties for the support of the natural waste of the body.

Price 25c a box. Sold by Druggists or sent by Mail.

Send to DR. RADWAY & CO., 55 Elm St., New York, for Book of Advice.

CHRISTMAS MORNING FIRE

CHAFFEE, HART & CO.'S GROCERY STORE IS SCORCHED.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning, Chaffee, Hart & Co.'s grocery store at 125 Dale street, was damaged about $100 by fire of unknown origin.

The fire department was called last evening to extinguish a small blaze in the display window of Mrs. M. Cross' millinery store, 158 East Seventh street.

TO TRY IT AGAIN.

Milwaukee Couple, Tired of Divorce Are Remarried.

A Christmas eve romance was happily terminated in Court Commissioner Gallick's office yesterday morning, when Earl J. Douglas was united in bonds of matrimony to Blanche M. Douglas, from whom he was divorced about six months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas lived in Milwaukee and, not finding the tide of true love to run as smoothly as they had anticipated, jointly obtained a divorce. The wife came to this city to live with relatives, and the husband pined in solitude in the city of many breweries. The separation told on him, and he began to think that his former condition was better than his last.

He commenced correspondence with his former wife, and discovered that she was of about the same mind. The upshot was that Mr. Douglas again laid his heart and hand at the feet of his ex-spouse, and she accepted the tender. He accordingly came to this city Sunday, and yesterday they were reunited in the bonds which scarcely six months ago they had found too irksome to endure.

CUT OVER THE EYE.

Charles Watt's Christmas Not a Hymn of Peace.

Assistant Police Surgeon Gilfillan early this morning took four stitches in a deep cut over the eye of Charles Watts, who was brought into the central station by the police, from a saloon at Seventh and Bradley streets, where Watts was hurt in a fight. His wound is not serious. His assailant has not been arrested.

Beaver Kittens Are Coming.

A letter was received by Gov. Lind yesterday from Thomas W. Gibson, secretary of parks, of Toronto, Canada, in regard to the shipment for the Minnesota state park of beaver from Algonquin park. The letter states that a number of beaver kittens will be sent next spring.

Tuesdays and Fridays.

"The Chicago and Florida Special" will be run by the Pennsylvania Lines every Tuesday and Friday for ten weeks, commencing Tuesday, January 15th, 1901, the first train over the "Pan Handle Route" leaving Chicago at 12:00 noon of that date, via Cincinnati and the Queen and Crescent Route. This service will be superb. A solid train of the Pullman Company's finest vestibuled dining, sleeping and observation cars (no coaches), through in thirty-two hours from Chicago to St. Augustine, Florida. Please call upon, or address, Mr. H. R. Dering, Assistant General Passenger Agent, 248 South Clark Street, Chicago, for particulars.

His Friend Made Tracks.

A man giving the name of Arthur Holt was arrested last night for disorderly conduct. He was fighting with another man on Payne avenue, and when the police appeared on the scene, his antagonist disappeared, and has not been seen since.

Only the Buggy Injured.

A team which George Bush was driving last night became unmanageable at the corner of Seventh and Mendota, at 11 o'clock. The buggy was smashed, but the driver escaped without injury.

WEATHER FOR TODAY.

Minnesota—Fair, warmer Tuesday, except probably snow near Lake Superior; Wednesday fair; warmer in eastern portion; fresh northerly winds becoming variable.

Wisconsin—Fair Tuesday; warmer in western portion; Wednesday fair; warmer; variable winds.

Iowa—Fair; warmer Tuesday; Wednesday fair; warmer in eastern portion; winds becoming variable.

North Dakota—Fair; warmer Tuesday; Wednesday fair; southerly winds.

South Dakota—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; variable winds.

Montana—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; probably colder in northern portion; westerly winds.

ST. PAUL.

Yesterday's observations, taken by the United States weather bureau, St. Paul. P. F. Lyons, observer, for the twenty-four hours ended at 7 o'clock last night. —Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation.

Highest temperature	13
Lowest temperature	11
Average temperature	12
Barometer	29.52
Humidity	83
Precipitation	05
7 p. m., temperature	11
7 p. m., weather, cloudy; wind, northwest.	

RIVER BULLETIN.

Station.	Danger Line.	Gauge Reading.	Change in 24 Hours.
St. Paul	14	2.2	—0.1

—Fall.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

	*8p.m	High		*8p.m.	High
Buffalo	36	40	Salt Lake	40	40
Boston	52	58	Battleford	10	10
Cheyenne	34	58	Bismarck	12	22
Chicago	26	22	Calgary	34	40
Cincinnati	53	44	Duluth	12	14
Cleveland	34	40	Edmonton	32	34
Jacksonville	60	68	Havre	38	40
Marquette	22	28	Helena	36	40
Montreal	34	38	Huron	26	..
Nashville	46	50	Medicine Hat	38	44
New York	43	56	Minnedosa	—2	16
Philadelphia	52	60	Pr. Albert	16	16
Pittsburg	40	44	Qu'Appelle	14	14
'Frisco	56	58	S. Current	28	34
St. Louis	22	36	Williston	22	24
Ste. Marie	28	32	Winnipeg	—4	8

—Below zero.
*Washington time (7 p. m. St. Paul).

OCEAN LINERS.

NEW YORK—Arrived: La Normandie, Havre. Sailed: Minnehaha, London.
QUEENSTOWN—Arrived: Pennland, Philadelphia, Liverpool.
SYDNEY—Sailed: Mariposa, San Francisco.
BOSTON—Arrived: Ultonia, Liverpool.
LIVERPOOL—Arrived: Cufic (returning), Tunisian, Portland; Cevic, New York.
BREMEN—Arrived: Fredrich der Grosse, New York.

GAME LAWS WELL KEPT

COMMISSIONER BEUTNER FILES HIS BIENNIAL REPORT WITH THE GOVERNOR

ROAST FOR SAM FULLERTON

Ex-Commissioner Did Not Keep Books and Left Office in Bad Shape—New Fish Site Necessary.

The biennial report of the state game and fish commissioner has just been filed with Gov. Lind. The report will be submitted to the legislature as soon as it convenes. It is a lengthy document and contains much detailed information relative to the workings of the department and the success it has met with in every part of the state.

One of the striking features of the report is the roast that is handed to Sam Fullerton as a Christmas present. The former executive agent kept no books or records to show what the commission had accomplished, and as a result, the present commission was greatly handicapped in the prosecution of its work. The above is rendered more interesting when it is known that Fullerton wants to become executive agent for the second time and hopes to secure something from Gov.-elect Van Sant.

According to the financial statement, a balance was received from the preceding board of $238. The amount received from the state treasurer was $16,500, making the total $16,728. The disbursements were $15,663.90 and the balance on hand Dec. 1, $1,064.10.

It is recommended that the legislature amend the game laws by adding a section providing that every non-resident hunter pay a license of $15 and every hunter $1, and that such licenses be issued by the executive agent of the commission alone.

Over a hundred deputies served under Executive Agent John Beutner. It is recommended in the report that deputy wardens receive salaries and expense money instead of fees for conviction.

The second feature of the report is the recommendation for the purchase of a suitable site for a fish hatchery. The rental of the present site is $600 per year, and besides, the commission trespasses on other property for the spring water necessary, and may be shut off at any time.

The report of the fish hatchery for 1900 shows distribution of fry throughout the state as follows: Trout, 2,505,000; bass, 15,000; pike, 31,000,000.

The commission says the laws were never so well enforced as now. The fact that no arrests are reported from some districts is accounted for by the statement that there were no violations of the law in those districts.

There has been a considerable increase in the amount of game, which is accounted for mainly by the prohibition of a spring shooting. The quails have increased at a startling rate.

SIBLEY AND RAMSEY, TOO

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROPOSES MONUMENTS TO THEM.

The chamber of commerce at its meeting yesterday passed resolutions favoring the location on the state capitol grounds of statues to former Governors Sibley and Ramsey, as well as to Senator Davis. William Pitt Murray made the suggestion as to Sibley, and added that it might not be a bad idea to add Gov. Ramsey, as he was old enough not to go back on his past record, even if he was not quite due for a monument yet. John Caulfield amended Mr. Murray's motion, and both statues were recommended.

The mercantile committee reported that the tax on tea in bonded warehouses was not exorbitant, as had been complained. The committee also reported that the report that a Minneapolis firm had been given control of the product of the local grass twine factory was not true. The firm controlled the country trade in grass twine products. A St. Paul firm also handled grass twine articles.

Acknowledgments from the war department, Senator Towne, Congressman Morris, Eddy, McCleary, Heatwole and Tawney of the receipt of the resolution by the chamber of commerce upon the war revenue tax were received and read.

A resolution from the Denver Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade was presented, asking the co-operation of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce in forwarding the question of reservoir construction in the arid regions of the West.

A communication from the inter-state commerce law convention was read and referred to the committee on legislation.

Mr. Clarke presented a resolution, calling for opposition to the Grout bill, providing a tax of 10 cents per pound on oleomargarine. The prohibition of the oleo industry would affect extensive stock interests in this state. The proposition was laid over until the next meeting, Jan. 7.

There was referred to a committee a resolution by Maj. Espy setting forth the fact that, to increase the rental of the present armory building from $3,600 to $4,000 a year would permit the construction of an armory building worth $50,000. This building should contain a drill room, which would be large enough for an auditorium. The last clause of the resolution empowered the committee on municipal affairs "to confer with the officials of the armory building and city government to arrange for the management of said armory building, when erected."

The committee on legislation recommended the adoption of the resolution offered by Director W. L. Chapin, which follows:

Resolved, that in the opinion of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, it is desirable that congress in modifying existing revenue laws, should proceed in such a manner as to make it possible ultimately to abolish import duties on articles which have become the subject of monopoly or the control of which has passed substantially to a limited number of persons or corporations.

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the senators and representatives of this state in congress.

Resolution was adopted.

Meeting adjourned for the holiday vacation to Jan. 7th.

Fight Your Liver

If you want to. But look out, or it will get the start of you. If it does, you will have dyspepsia, indigestion, biliousness, sick headache, poor blood, constipation.

Perhaps you have these already. Then take one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime. These pills gently and surely master the liver; they are an easy and safe laxative for the whole family; they give prompt relief and make a permanent cure. Always keep a box of them in the house.

25 cents a box.

If your druggist cannot supply you, we will mail you a box direct from this office upon receipt of the price, 25 cents. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

EAT PURE FOOD CALUMET BAKING POWDER INSURES IT

MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, COLORED, HAS SECURED A COMMODIOUS BUILDING

AT MACKUBIN AND AURORA

It Is Expected That the Congregation Will Grow Rapidly—Liberal Provision for a Minister.

For the past five years the services of the St. Philip's Episcopal church, colored, have been held in a store room on Rice street, near Tilton. The members of the Episcopal city missionary board have felt for some time that steps should be taken to provide more suitable quarters for this congregation. With that end in view, a committee was appointed last fall to raise money and find the desired location. Those appointed on the committee were F. O. Osborne and J. F. Williams, of St. Clement's church; Col. Pond and Harvey Officer, of St. Paul's, and B. F. Beardsley, J. F. Langton, Robert Whitacre and Mr. Ingalls, of Christ church.

After casting about for a time, it was decided to purchase the property abandoned two years ago by the Epworth Methodist church, at Aurora and Mackubin streets. The property had gone into the hands of the Minnesota Savings bank, and was purchased from the receiver of that institution for $1,850.

There is now a membership of 100 at St. Philip's church, and it is believed that the work will progress rapidly after the congregation becomes well settled in the new quarters. The city missionary society will make liberal provision for a minister. The opening services will be held in the first week in January, and will be attended by prominent churchmen from this diocese.

The committee feels that the greater part of the success of the undertaking is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Osborne.

CHARGE IT TO HARRISON

CHICAGO ANTI-VICE CRUSADERS BLAME THE MAYOR.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mayor Harrison and not Chief of Police Kipley is declared responsible for the present conditions in Chicago by the central committees of the Ministers' association, which met today to discuss the anti-vice crusade. The ministers' central committee appointed a sub-committee, which will meet Monday and frame a vigilance committee of representative laymen for the purpose of making personal investigation into sources of lawlessness and evil in the city.

The members of the sub-committee are Rev. Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Rev. Dr. John P. Brushingham, and Rev. Dr. R. A. White.

Chief of Police Joseph Kipley, whose failure to arrive here from Washington on the regular Baltimore & Ohio train gave rise to rumors that he had disappeared, was found at his home today.

"I left the regular train at Garrett, Ind., last night to escape the reporters who, I was told, were waiting for me," said Mr. Kipley. "I caught an oyster train later and arrived at 3 a. m. Reporters chased me all over the South because of that foolish rumor that I was trying to evade the grand jury investigation. I'm ready for the jury if it wants me."

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Finding of Woman's Corpse Causes Business Man's Arrest.

SOUTH BERWICK, Maine, Dec. 24.—Edwin H. Knight was arrested at his home at South Berwick Junction today on a warrant charging him with the murder of Mrs. Fannie Sprague, at South Berwick, last May. Mr. Knight is forty-one years of age, a native of South Berwick, and a successful business man. The crime for which Mr. Knight was arrested was disclosed by the finding of the mutilated body of Fanny Sprague in a heap of rubbish in a barn on the Knight farm at South Berwick Junction. An attempt had been made to burn the body, but the smoke was seen and the fire extinguished by two men who were sent to the barn on an errand. After putting out the fire, the men found the body.

Knight was arraigned before Trial Justice Lord, and two doctors told of the condition of the body and witnesses gave testimony as to the whereabouts of Knight on the day in question, the intention being to show that there was opportunity for him to have committed the crime, and, also to show that the stories told by Knight are contradictory. Counsel for Mr. Knight announced that he would offer no defense, and Trial Justice Lord stated that he considered the evidence sufficient to warrant his holding Knight. Accordingly the prisoner was bound over to the January term of the supreme court at Sayo and ordered him confined in the jail at Fred, without bail.

DEATH OF ALBERT BRADY.

Was Secretary of the S. S. McClure Publishing Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Word was received today that Albert Brady, secretary of the S. S. McClure company had died Sunday in Rome, Italy. Mr. Brady was suffering from heart trouble and for a year had been unable to attend to business. He went to Germany last spring for treatment, and was was in Rome with his family on their way to spend the winter in Egypt, when he died. Mr. Brady was born in Wapello, Io., thirty-eight years ago. His early education was in the public schools at Davenport, Io. He was graduated from Knox college in the class of '82, being a classmate of S. S. McClure and John S. Phillips. The intimate association of these three which began in the management of a college paper continued until later they joined in the founding of McClure's magazine. After graduating, Mr. Brady entered into partnership with his brother Oscar Brady, in the management of the Davenport Daily Times. In 1893, he came to New York, and became secretary of the S. S. McClure company. He married Harriet Wakefield, of Bloomington, Ill., who with two children, survives him. The body will be brought to this country for burial.

Minneapolis News.

SHE IS NOT A SHOPLIFTER

MISS BELLE HOWARD IS TO MARRY A RICH MAN

ARREST WAS A BAD MISTAKE

All the Goods Found in Her Room Were Purchased for Her Trousseau—To Wed an Englishman.

Miss Belle Howard, who was arrested here last week on a charge of shoplifting, but later acquitted, is the daughter of a wealthy Montana ranchman, and was in Minneapolis to have her wedding trosseau made.

A piece of cheap lace had accidently become mixed up in a purchase. The arrest which followed was dwelt upon by a morning paper as a very important one, and Miss Howard was stigmatized as a professional crook. Her room was searched and $500 worth of goods found, all of which was proven to have been purchased Miss Howard is to wed Captain Neahe, a wealthy Englishman.

MUST TEACH THE POLICE.

They Should Know How to Pull Alarm Boxes.

Chief Canterbury, of the fire department, held a confrence with Supt. Doyle, of the police department, yesterday and suggested that specific instructions be given the police officers, and particularly the special officers, how to pull the fire alarm boxes. This was the result of a happening Sunday morning which resulted in a delay of about five minutes in arriving at the International Stock Food company fire. Had the box been properly pulled, says the fire chief, it is possible that the department would have arrived in time to prevent the great loss that resulted. Canterbury maintains that box No. 91 was not pulled, but that the officer only opened the door, and let it go at that. The third alarm was pulled from this box, and the lever registered the alarm all right then.

Condition of the Sick Men.

H. H. Harris, the editor of the Minneapolis Democrat, who has been seriously ill with peritonitis for over a week, was slightly better yesterday, and it is now believed that he will recover.

The condition of Wilson A. Plummer remains unchanged, although the indications are that he is gradually growing weaker, and that death is only a matter of a short time.

Scorched the Dry Kiln.

What might have proven a disastrous blaze at the Barnard Bros & Cope Furniture Manufacturing establishment, Second avenue north and Fifth street, was stopped in its incipiency last evening. The fire started in the dry kiln, but was discovered by the watchman, and the private hose of the concern put in operation before the firt department arrived. The fire went through the roof of the structure which connects the two buildings, but was extinguished with but little damage done.

Sexton's Head Was Cut.

John A. Sexton was taken to the city hospital last evening with a bad cut over his left eye. Sexton had fallen on the slippery sidewalk at Third avenue south and Third street, and struck his head against the curb. Three stitches were taken in the wound.

Robber Known in Minneapolis.

Edward Donovan, the highway robber, who was killed by a Chicago policeman, last Friday night, was at one time affiliated with the criminals of Minneapolis. During the spring of 1899 he worked in connection with Ed Harris and Magnus Osberg, but managed to evade justice.

FILED ON EVERYTHING.

Mining Men Put in Claims for Philippine Properties.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Inquiry at the state department discloses the fact that no official notice ever was taken by the department of a statement affecting in some measure, Oscar F. Williams, who had been consul to Manila before the Spanish-American war. Capt. Burritt was the author of this statement, and, being in charge of the mining bureau in the Philippines, in the course of his annual report to Gen. MacArthur, commenting upon the finding in an irregular fashion of an enormous number of mining claims, said:

"The record discloses an undefined but apparently close relation of Hon. Oscar F. Williams, as United States consul, with the inspectorate of mines, that is of such a nature as to seem to require a statement of the facts appearing in the records of this bureau."

Capt. Burritt then recites some cases where the consul has certified to certain claims sometimes after the claims already had been allowed by the Spanish mining officials. The general statement of the report is that certain mining men, foreseeing the overthrow of Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines, had filed claims for everything in sight, in a mining way. But Consul Williams is no longer United States consul, nor is he an official of the United States government, so that it has no longer any authority to call upon him in connection with this matter. The mining claims filed in the irregular fashion referred to are, however, yet within reach, and it is said at the war department that the Philippine commission is about to take them up with a view of passing upon their validity. Mr. Williams is now at his home in Syracuse, N. Y.

NOVA SCOTIAN FORESTS

Will Be Turned Into Pulp by an American Syndicate.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 24.—An American syndicate known as the North River Lumber and Pulp company is erecting a large pulp mill near the North river, Saint Anne's district, and a similar mill on the same river in Victoria county. Large timber tracts have been acquired and it is thought about 1,000 men will be employed in both mills. The product is to be shipped to the United States.

RELIEF FOR MISS SMITH.

Guest of Minister Conger Can Get Her Clothes Back.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary Spalding today took favorable action on the appeal of Miss Condit-Smith from the action of the customs authorities at New York, in seizing her trunks on her arrival from China. The basis for the action is set forth in the following statement made by Mr. Spalding:

"Regulations provide for free entry of the personal effects of United States ministers and their families returning from abroad.

"It appears that Miss Condit-Smith was at Pekin at the time of the siege, a guest of the minister of the United States. Her entire wardrobe, with the exception of the clothes she wore, was either destroyed or used to clothe the others who had lost everything or torn up for bandages or otherwise used for the wounded confined; that the clothes contained in her two trunks brought by her to New York are duplicates both in number and value of the clothing purchased abroad for the necessities of her journey and to replace that which she lost or charitably donated during the siege.

"As she was a guest of the minister and a member of his household during the siege, the privilege of free entry of personal effects accorded to the immediate members of the family of a United States minister is accorded to her."

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

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A Merry Christmas!

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Reduced Fares . . For the Holidays

December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 31st, 1900, and January 1, 1901, the Burlington will sell holiday excursion tickets at ***one and one-third fare for the round trip,*** good to return up to and including January 2nd, 1901. For full particulars inquire of our ticket agents,

TICKET OFFICE: 400 Robert St. (Hotel Ryan.) Telephone, Main 36.

CRITICISM OF THE NOTE.

Novoe Vremya Doesn't Like Pekin Ministers' Work.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Novoe Vremya sharply criticises the joint note of the powers to China as being too long to produce effect. It says the accusations against the emperor and dowager empress are unfounded, and that the accusation that Prince Tuan is alone responsible for the treachery is ridiculous. The paper adds:

"Rulers sometimes betray their own country, but treason towards foreign powers is a new conception. The statement in the ultimatum that the troops will not be withdrawn before the conditions are accepted cannot mean Russia, whose troops have already vacated Pe-Chi-Li, whereas Manchurian affairs do not concern the powers. The note will not bring peace. The powers possibly repent not having imitated Russia's example."

The minister of the interior has started from St. Petersburg and minister of war has left Yalta to meet the returning troops at Theodosia, M. Dewitte, the minister of finance is expected here Jan. 16, according to the Rissiya.

A special dispatch to the Novoe Vremya from Vladivostock says the exploitation of the principal Manchurian railroad line and the construction of branch lines to Port Arthur will be turned over to the government. Russia has always carefully insisted that the Manchurian enterprise was purely the affair of a Russian private corporation. The news, if true, is of great importance politically.

The same corespondent wires that the demobilization is ending everywhere in Manchuria. Baron Kaulbars is distributing the railroad proptective guard along the road. The Chinese population along the railroad is suffering from famine. The Russians up to the present had plenty of supplies.

MURDERED BY BANDITS.

Prominent Texas Farmer Is Tortured by Robbers.

BONHAM, Tex., Dec. 21.—At Gober, a few miles south of here, J. J. Johnson, a prominent farmer, was murdered by robbers. His body was found in the yard badly bruised, and the flesh burned from his breast and arms. It is supposed the bandits burned their victim in an effort to force him to tell where his money was hidden. Two arrests have been made.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Father Locks His Sons in, and They Play With Matches.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—Three sons of Dick Lamberson were burned to death in their home in North Little Rock this afternoon. Their father had locked them in the room of the second story while he went to the depot. They started a fire while playing with matches and were burned to death before the firemen could rescue them. Their ages were nine, seven and five.

ONE DEAD, ONE DYING.

Toronto, Ont., Dwelling House Fire Has Fatal Results.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 24.—In a fire which destroyed the store and dwelling of Robert Litheo, on Queen street, today his son Henry was burned to death and his wife was so severely injured by jumping from a window that her life is despaired of. The other members of the family saved themselves by jumping.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John J. Cook, Gertrude Blanchard.
Hirley G. Reese, Ida C. Walstrom.
Emil J. Douglas, Blanche E. Douglas.
Edward M. Elkholm, Lizzie Anderson.

BIRTHS.

Mrs. J. B. Spellocy, 423 Mississippi, boy.
Mrs. P. Steinberger, 164 Sherburne, girl.
Mrs. Gustav Maratzky, 256 Stryker, girl.
Mrs. Arnold Schaefer, 583 Dearborn, girl.
Mrs. A. L. Anderson, 38 Garfield, girl.
Mrs. Benjamin Mash, 589 Mississippi, girl.
Mrs. Geo. Wagner, 319 Rondo, girl.
Mrs. M. B. Mormon, St. Luke's, girl.

DEATHS.

Mary McManney, 36 yrs., 660 Western.
F. G. Davis, 43 yrs., city and county h's't.
Thos. Cloonan, 75 yrs., 166 Edmund.
Jenny Gottlieb, 2 mos., 146 Fenton.
Myrtle Wahlberg, 5 weeks, 660 Sims.
Ethel Schaber, 3 mos., 1122 Minnehaha.

DEATHS.

MAHONEY—At late residence, 231 Cliff street, Dec. 22, at 6:45 p. m., John Mahoney, aged thirty years. Services at the Cathedsal Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Interment at Rosemount, Minn.

MILLER—In St. Paul, Dec. 22, 1900, Chas. M. Miller. Funeral from residence of his mother, Mrs. Lucia M. Miller, 631 Westminster st., today at 2:30 o'clock. Please omit flowers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE STATE SAVings Bank have declared a semi-annual dividend at the rate of 3 per cent per annum for the period ending **Jan. 2, 1901.** Depositors entitled to interest will please present their books for entry **after Jan. 20.** The new interest period begins **Jan. 1, 1901. ALL DEPOSITS MADE ON OR BEFORE JAN. 3 WILL BE ENTITLED TO 6 MOS. INTEREST JULY 1, 1901.**

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