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CITY NEWS.

Tom Clancy, a switchman living at 429 Jackson street, fell and sprained his knee on the sidewalk near his home, yesterday morning. He was removed to the city hospital where it was found that his injuries were not serious. John Wardell lost a new suit of clothes from his buggy Monday night. He was talking the suit home from D. Foley's retail shop. Mr. Wardell lives on Randolph street and the suit fell out of the buggy between the store and his home.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

City Engineer Claussen was presented an elegant oil painting of himself by his office force. The presentation was made by Fred Steeg. The employees of the Minnesota club presented George R. Robinson, superintendent of the club, with a beautiful cut-glass punch bowl and set of glasses. William Strubb, chef at Carling's restaurant, was remembered by the employees with a handsome solid gold Old Fellow's charm. The married employees at the Merchants hotel were not forgotten by Santa Claus yesterday and were presented with turkeys, while the unmarried ones each received a box of cigars. Manager Kibbe, with a neat little speech presented Col. Allen with a handsome oil painting of himself, which he had sketched in the shape of a letter from Harris Richardson, which read as follows: "My Ohager: For the holidays, the best work ever done in St. Paul for the poor, in my opinion, and all honor to you, Yours, with the compliments of the season."

Stops the Cough And Works Off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price, 25 cents.

VERXA. PRICES FOR TODAY: Fresh Eggs, per dozen, clean, 19c. Pure Lard, per pound, 7 1/2c. Celery, per bunch, 9c. Oranges, per dozen, 15c. Cranberries, per quart, 9c. Candy, per pound, 8c. Radishes, per large bunch, 2c. Lemons, per dozen, 8c. Sugar, 23 pounds best Granulated (with every order for \$5.00 or more) for \$1.00.

CIGARS.

EIGHT DECAT, 25 in box, \$1.00. LITTLE HARKINER, 25 in box, 1.00. CRESCENT, 10 in box, 1.25. HAVENET, 50 in box, 1.25. CAMEL, 100 in box, 1.50. A fine lot of cigars in box of 10, 10c and 1.00.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Pancy California Fruit, each 10c. Pancy Malaga Grapes, per pound, 15c. The large Florida Pineapples, each, 50c. Pancy Florida Russet Oranges, per dozen, 1.50. 5 pounds best Catalpa Grapes for, 30c. Extra large Solid Head Lettuce, 7c. Crip, tender, large Leaf Lettuce, 3 bunches, 10c. Fresh Parsley, Mint, Cauliflower, Tomatoes, Spinach, Cress, Radishes, Table Onions, Mushrooms, Cucumbers, Sage, Thyme, Wax Beans, Round Onions, Horse Radish Root and Cabbage.

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EVERY THOUSAND NEW POSTAL MACHINE HURRIES THE MAIL TO THE ADDRESSES

ST. PAUL OFFICE'S RECORD

At Noon Yesterday the Christmas Mail Had All Been Delivered to Those to Whom It Belonged. Christmas has just passed, and many are the presents that were sent through the post office. "Indeed," Santa Claus must have been busier than usual this Christmas as there was an increase of about twenty-five per cent. in every department, especially in the registered letter department. From the receipts of the registered department it would seem that the business was not so much advanced as to use as safe a method as possible in sending their Christmas tokens. As a result of the extra heavy business this year, eighteen extra carriers were employed during the three days to help distribute the enormous amount of mail matter. There were also eight extra clerks employed for the last eight days.

In spite of the fact that the Christmas business this year was so much heavier than usual, everything had been delivered yesterday noon that had arrived, with the exception of the registered mail. In this department a number of sacks full of mail arrived last yesterday, which necessitated the office force in this department working till late yesterday afternoon. A special feature of the extra business was the fact that the increase was general throughout the city to all of the stations, and not alone at the main post office. Supt. Hallack is to be congratulated for the way in which he superintended the work during the busy season. It is not expected that there will be a very heavy rush today, but to guard against any surprises that might arise, the extra force will report for duty this morning.

NEW MACHINE A WONDER

Without a doubt the St. Paul office is now better equipped than ever, as Christmas eve was witnessed with a new Hix & Doppia letter stamping machine, which it is claimed, will stamp 60,000 letters or postal cards an hour. This is an enormous amount of work for one machine to do in an hour, and nevertheless it is a fact. The machine is owned by the International Postal Supply company, of New York, and is rented to the government for \$400 per year. It is run by electricity, and is operated by a control knob on March 5, last, and already has done ninety-four in use by the government. It is a self-feeder, and the entire machinery of the workings, lays in a trough filled with oil. Every letter that goes through is registered by a counting machine, so that at the end of a day's work you can tell just how many letters were stamped during the day. The new machine is proving very satisfactory and is welcomed as a Christmas gift to the St. Paul office.

DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

CHRISTMAS MASSES BEGAN AT 5 O'CLOCK. From 5 o'clock in the morning until noon the Cathedral was the center of attraction for thousands of Christmas worshippers. The first mass was at 5 a. m., and other masses followed until 10:30, when the pontifical high mass was celebrated by Archbishop Ireland. Christianity in the Cathedral was presented by the pastor, Rev. John J. Lawler, whose treatment of his inspiring subject was comprehensive in grasp and elegant in diction. The choir, assisted by Danz orchestra, sustained its reputation for faithful work in its splendid rendition of Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis." The beautifully ornamented sanctuary formed a background which brought out in pleasing effect the richness of the robes worn by the clergy.

PASSING OF THE INDIAN.

The cigar and tobacco journal of this city has just published a very handsome Christmas edition, extensively illustrated and in keeping with the standard the paper has set up for itself during the last few years. Locally, however, a more than ordinary interest attached to a chapter on the passing of the cigar store Indian. After treating in extensive form the Indian who ornaments the front of a well-known cigar store, the journal says: "Other substitutes, equally grotesque and frequently more inappropriate, are encountered in the streets of every metropolitan city. Here is to be seen a dandy in shirt sleeves, and there a young prince of the middle ages. Yet neither is at all a typical of the trade or suggestive of either smoking or chewing. The dandy would be a more fitting advertisement for a hen roost, while the young prince would be seen to better advantage in the interior of some aristocratic harem on Summit avenue. "The latter wears a close-fitting, slashed doublet of green velvet. Across his shoulders he wears a graceful robe lined with ermine. But his other adjuncts are mysterious. The vine leaves, about his brow, the tall basket heaped with grapes at his feet, the regulator of his waist, the ancient Bacchus or a youthful Satyr, while the blazing gaslight that he uplifts with his left hand recalls nothing but tall Miss Liberty of Bedloe's island on the shore of New York."

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Feeds the Hair

Have you ever thought why your hair is falling out? It is because you are starving your hair. If this starvation continues, your hair will continue to fall. There is one good hair food. It is Ayer's Hair Vigor. It goes right to the roots of the hair and gives them just the food they need. The hair stops falling, becomes healthy, and grows thick and long. Ayer's Hair Vigor does another thing, also: it always restores color to faded or gray hair. One dollar a bottle. If your druggist cannot supply you, send us \$1.00 and we will express a bottle to you, all charges prepaid. Be sure and give us your nearest express office. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Send for our handsome book on The Hair.

SANTA CLAUS AND DOLLS

quite credible. They consisted of an old-fashioned fireplace and chimney, freckled and bearded, giving the whole a realistic aspect. Music during the afternoon was furnished by Schelgen's orchestra.

COMRADES OF THE CIVIL WAR ENTERTAINED YESTERDAY AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME

Not within the limits of the Twin Cities was there a more interesting or a more joyous Christmas observance than that which was held at the Soldiers' home at Minneapolis. A tree was illuminated with utmost care and there was music by the singing band of the home, while bonbons and cigars were there for every inmate of the home. For each soldier of the Civil War there were two or three attendants from among those who served in the war in the Philippines with the Thirtieth regiment. The arrangements were looked after by Commandant Compton and Mrs. Compton, Dr. C. S. Pine, surgeon of the home, Mrs. Pine and daughters, and Adjutant Frank J. Mead.

TEMPERS PAY THEIR TRIBUTE

The annual Christmas observances were held at the Soldiers' home at Masonic hall yesterday morning. F. Dix, eminent commander, acting as toastmaster. The toast was proposed to Most Eminent Grand Master Reginald H. Lloyd, "A Merry Christmas and May the Coming Century Fulfill the Golden Promise of Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men." This was fittingly responded to by Hon. Moses E. Clapp. The following response from the grand master was read: "Tempers: I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. When all keep the new commandment of our redeemer the golden promises will be fulfilled. You are obliged to labor unceasingly to bring to pass that perfection of man's moral and intellectual development. In the gospel of St. John, 13 chapter, 34 verse, you will find the new commandment. The message of the grand master was responded to by Rev. Alexander McGregor of Park Congregational church.

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Field, Schlick & Co. Underwear samples. The last sale and the greatest sale of the year.

This morning at 9 o'clock we commence selling the entire line of underwear samples from the Munsing mill. We bought all the samples used by this firm during the past season—in all about 50 dozen of the celebrated Munsing suits, vests and pants. They were bought at a heavy reduction, and will be sold the same way. For instance: A large lot of Munsing union suits for women—open across-shoulder, Oneita styles—always sold regularly at 3.00—will be in this sale at 1.69. This is about half price—an extraordinary bargain.

A large lot of vests and pants—the regular Munsing goods that are always sold regularly at 1.50 will be in this sale at 92c. For men there is a small lot of suits in sizes 2, 3 and 4—they are sold regularly at 4.00—in this sale the price will be 2.25. These are but sample quotations showing the really great bargains that will be given in this sale of the celebrated Munsing underwear samples.

Ladies' suits: clearance 13.50 for suits formerly sold at 29.50, 27.50, 25.00, 22.50 and 20.00—radical reductions. 47 high-grade tailor-made suits receive the final price cuts today—they are made of fine Scotch and English men's-wear tweeds, Bradford cheviots, French zibelines, camel-hair cloths and coverlets.

7 of these suits were priced 29.50. 11 of these suits were priced 27.50. 15 of these suits were priced 25.00. 8 of these suits were priced 22.50. They were the best values in the city at these prices. They are correct late styles made in the best possible manner. But new suits will soon be here, and while the styles will doubtless be much the same yet we wish to start the season with clean racks—so we say take choice of any of these for 13.50. We promise you that no equal bargains can be found in the Twin Cities, or any other cities for that matter.

Christmas goods 25% discount. The biggest holiday business in the history of the store must now be followed by sweeping price reductions to close out all gift goods that remain. Lines are sadly broken. There's a little lot of this, a few pieces of that, and so on. Choose from them now at 25 per cent discount from "before Christmas" prices—selling begins at 9 a. m. today. In this sale are: French china plates, Sterling silver novelties, Rich American cut glass, Fine leather goods, French bisque figures, Paris and Vienna fans, Vienna beer steins, Tortoiseshell goods, Choice bric-a-brac, Real ebony military brushes, Imported atomizers, Real ebony hand mirrors, Vienna glassware, Gold-finish photo frames, Indian baskets, Hand-painted linen goods.

As a bargain opportunity this discount sale stands without a counterpart in the Twin Cities. Selling begins at 9 a. m. today. That you should be among the first to pick and choose is apparent.

GOING HOME TO TRAIN OUT. RESIDENT OF ALASKA SAYS MINNESOTA WINTERS ARE TOO SEVERE. NOME THE COMING ELDERADO. Experienced Miner Predicts a Remarkable Future for the Cape and Contradicts Recent Adverse Reports.

Arrested the Other Man. Andrew Lindquist, living near the corner of Eighth and John streets, took a strong dislike to one of his boarders and last night tried to eject him from the house. He called the patrolmen to his help, but the patrolman decided that Lindquist was the disturber, so placed him under arrest on a charge of disorderly conduct.

AFTER 6 O'CLOCK TONIGHT. LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE. ONE-HALF THE DAY RATES. NORTHWESTERN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE CO.

WEATHER FOR TODAY. Minnesota—Fair Wednesday; except show near Lake Superior; warmer in the afternoon; Thursday fair; northern winds, becoming variable. Wisconsin—Fair Wednesday; warmer in western portion; Thursday fair; variable winds. Iowa—Fair Wednesday; warmer in eastern portion; Thursday fair; variable winds. The Dakotas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; cooler in the west; Friday and Saturday fair; variable winds. Montana—Fair in eastern, snow or rain in western portion Wednesday and probably Thursday; variable winds.

Yesterdays' observations, taken by the United States weather bureau, St. Paul, Minn., for the 25th of December, 1900: 7 a. m., temperature, 20; 8 a. m., 20; 9 a. m., 20; 10 a. m., 20; 11 a. m., 20; 12 m., 20; 1 p. m., 20; 2 p. m., 20; 3 p. m., 20; 4 p. m., 20; 5 p. m., 20; 6 p. m., 20; 7 p. m., 20; 8 p. m., 20; 9 p. m., 20; 10 p. m., 20; 11 p. m., 20; 12 m., 20. Highest temperature, 20; lowest temperature, 20; average temperature, 20; humidity, 20; precipitation, 20; wind, 20; direction, 20; force, 20; barometer, 20; state of sky, 20; clouds, 20; visibility, 20; general remarks, 20.

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