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THE AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The opening of the parliament of the new colonial republic of Australia introduces into the world problem of nations another factor which must be reckoned with in all diplomatic and commercial calculations. While theoretically a part of the British empire, it is as distinctly a nation as many of the European powers. The future of Australia is destined to be as great as its past has been wonderful. The new commonwealth is in possession of a continent in which all of Europe, except Russia, could be placed and still leave room for a good-sized empire. This compact continent affords all the natural resources that modern civilization demands. While it boasts of being the biggest thing south of the equator, it is also the farthest place from anywhere. It is a world in itself, possessing a superb isolation which will remain forever a veritable Gibraltar of national defense.

Nor are the climate and the natural resources of Australia its only attractions. It is fortunate in the possession of a people which have for years led the world in social and political reforms. There the science of human government has reached its highest perfection. It may be that the climate and the surroundings are conducive to right thinking and right living, but it may be reasonably inferred that the present high degree of political evolution has been the result of the two great examples which Australia has had as models. For she has taken the best of both England and America from which to build her political temple.

The ceremonies attending the opening of the new parliament were in every way befitting the birth of a republic. While allegiance is sworn to the British crown, the only link which binds this candidate for national honors to the mother country is a governor general—in all things else it is a republic of the most advanced type.

What interest has the United States in the birth of this commonwealth? Nothing politically, but much commercially. We say nothing politically. This is hardly true, as Australia is one of our nearest neighbors when we consider the Philippines. And as a neighbor we are interested in the success of many economic experiments which if successful we might do well to copy. It is, however, in a commercial way that the average American citizen is interested in Australia. Nearer by several thousand miles to the United States than it is to England, this English-speaking country is by nature tributary, in a commercial sense, to the American republic. If properly handled the commerce of the Pacific, including that of Japan, China, the Philippines, Siberia and Australia will surpass that now covering the Atlantic. To the west we are now beholding the dawn of a new era. The march of civilization, over to the west, has crossed the Pacific and is now gathering about the cradle of its infancy. In the very gateway of this progress to the orient by the way of the occident sits the United States. Will it rise to the level of its destiny and seize these golden opportunities? Will the American flag in the near future be seen floating over steamship lines to Sydney and Melbourne, as well as Manila and Tokio, and Shanghai and Port Arthur? Here is an opportunity for the subsidy statesmen to magnify their genius. It is to these fields of new enterprise that new lines of ships should be established if government money is to be employed. Following the lines of least resistance, the new commonwealth of Australia should afford the most available market for American produce.

AS THE GLOBE SEES IT.

The general public can hardly be expected to comprehend the real significance of the transaction which has brought so much public criticism on the administration of the office of the county auditor. It is one transaction among many which are carried out day after day by those who, from the possession of the burrowing propensity are able to possess themselves of information which is not generally available concerning taxes and other liens affecting real property.

The system which enables money to be made on others' misfortunes or delinquencies regarding their real property possessions by those who have no moral right to it whatever, is really responsible. In this case in practical operation it is seen that a large sum of money is made through the possession and questionable utilization of knowledge which the owner of the property involved or of the tax certificate affecting such property alone should be able to use. Had the proper care been taken by the county auditor as secretary of the board of county commissioners before certifying to the correctness of the prior proceedings no certificate of redemption would have been issued and no such transaction would have been possible. Not having taken the care that was demanded of him, the board of county commissioners, through the county auditor, certified to the correctness of a transaction which, while it may be legally allowable, is a palpable fraud on the real parties interested.

This offending is chargeable to the county auditor as ex-officio clerk or secretary of the board of county commissioners. But a different and more serious offending is chargeable against him in his character as county auditor. Whether Mr. Johnson or his deputy, Mr. Griswold, or any other of his clerical force, posessed knowledge of the real nature of the transaction involved, the Globe does not pretend to know; but it is certain up to this time that the county auditor must be held at least morally responsible. For the redemption of a tax certificate which is in the hands of the receiver of an insolvent corporation the county auditor issues his redemption warrant on behalf of the county, in favor—of whom? Of the holder or owner of that tax certificate? Not at all. He issues it to those whom a moment's inquiry would have enabled him or his assistants to learn, if they did not already know, had not a dollar of interest in the tax certificate or in the property affected by it.

That warrant directed the payment by the county of something like $4,800 to a man or men who have not a dollar of substantial interest in the transaction. With that warrant in his or their possession, or with the money realized from it, they go to the receiver whom they know to hold the tax certificate and buy it from him, paying him, virtually, if not actually, from the proceeds of the warrant which the county auditor's office puts in their possession, pocketing something like $1,200 by the transaction.

It will be thus seen that, either consciously or unconsciously, the money of the county is furnished by the county auditor's office to one or more individuals to carry through a transaction which is utterly without moral status.

Why did Auditor Johnson or his deputy or clerk issue that warrant before they knew that the parties to whom they issued it were the bona fide owners of the tax certificates? Why did they, or any of them, issue the redemption warrant before they had the tax certificate in their possession? Why did the county auditor, or any of his clerks, vouch to the board of county commissioners for the correctness of the proceedings taken up to the time of the issuance of the redemption certificate, without having knowledge of the legal correctness of those proceedings?

There may be collusion or there may not be, between Mr. Johnson or some one or more of his clerical help, and the person or persons who engineered this transaction whereby the country's money was made available to furnish capital to individuals to purchase this tax certificate. About that the Globe knows nothing, and has at this time no opinion to express. But it does know that the transaction in itself in all its phases is one which reflects very seriously on the official character or methods of the county auditor.

If it should prove to be the fact as intimated, if not alleged, by State Auditor Dunn, that questionable transactions of this general character are frequent, toward which the county auditor or his office force bear the same relation as they do in this case, the matter is one which has a much broader scope than it derives from this particular transaction.

Whether Auditor Johnson likes it or not his official character is gravely impugned. The transactions of which this one is a sample usually involve a fraud or wrong on somebody or other. With a rigid performance of their duties in the premises by the public officials whose actions are involved there could be no such transactions carried out. Every public official identified in any way with the payment of taxes knows what opportunities for illegitimate, if not illegal, gain such transactions afford. Mr. Johnson cannot plead ignorance in such cases. He has been too long in office, and he is altogether too shrewd and too worldly a man to have any misconceptions or misunderstanding in this behalf. If, knowing of the recurrence of such transactions from time to time, as he must, he did not take, as he appears not to have taken, the steps necessary to prevent such operations, he is to be regarded as a very complaisant, a very negligent or a very ignorant official. Whichever of these characters he chooses finally to fall back upon in explaining this transaction, or in his effort to break the force of Auditor Dunn's imputation, it will be a very difficult performance on his part to completely clear his official skirts. Nothing which he has thus far advanced can be regarded as having this result, and nothing short of the most exhaustive examination, of all such transactions in the past during Auditor Johnson's administration of his office can be effective in this regard, or can satisfy the public that there has not been official collusion somewhere.

The only thing that was lost in the late craze in New York was our confidence in the sanity of some man.

The wheat crop in Kansas stands at 100 per cent and that of Nebraska at 99 per cent. This means $199,000,000 if the hot winds don't come too soon. The states of Carrie Nation and William J. Bryan may yet be the salvation of the general country.

The Herriman crowd has control of the Northern Pacific, IF, and right here is the trouble, IF the shorts can deliver. But the shorts can't deliver. God knows they would if they could. This leaves, according to the Times, Jim Hill in the saddle with J. Pierpont Morgan still leading the N. P. Mule.

The Pioneer Press claims to be the head and front of the Babcock movement to remove the tariff from all trust-made goods. It may be that the idea originated in the gray matter that guides the editorial policy of the Press. We have no disposition to question the statement. But we do marvel at the lack of parental interest which the Press has shown in so promising a child. If the kid were legitimate why did the Press not acknowledge it last fall when it was being clothed and fed by the Democratic press? And why was the Press silent when Babcock presented it to the world as his own?

The Chinese indemnity has been fixed at $315,000,000. It is a big sum for the Celestials to pay unless they do a little speculating in stocks. If Li Hung Chang had been on the right side of the market when the crash came, he could have satisfied the powers with one day's profit. Li has missed the opportunity of his lifetime—and that is no lie.

There is an attempt to account for the phenomenon of the bleeding picture by ascribing the presence of the blood stains to a fungus growth which will give off a fluid resembling blood. The best way to account for such a fake is by ascribing it to a sickly superstition aided and abetted by cunning fraud. You can't get blood out of a turnip these days, much less out of a picture.

The fate of Conger is another warning to American heroes who have made their reputation abroad, to stay away from home if they want to remain in the hero class. Minister Conger thought it would be dead easy to come home at the right time and capture the nomination for governor of Iowa, but he finds that he is not in it. Distance in his case as well as in others lent enchantment to the view. He now announces that he will go back to the missionaries in China, but it is more than probable that the president prefers a man with more statesmanship and less prejudice for that post.

The secretary of Mayor Ames was out late Thursday night. This in itself is nothing startling or unusual. Coming home, however, he heard, or thought he heard a click like the fall of a nickel into a slot machine. This so excited him that he drew his gun and fired two shots at the man in the moon. To round out the story the administration police produced a gun, a mask and a beautiful pair of whiskers, which, no doubt, were dropped by the man in the moon. The worthy secretary avers that after he had fired as above stated he was unable to whistle. Other men who come home late at night often find themselves unable to whistle.

The examination of lieutenants from the volunteer service for positions in the regular army will result in many broken hearts and disabled illusions. Politics has forced the president to appoint to places in the regular army, many ambitious youths who have distinguished themselves drilling the boys of the militia companies at home. The regular army has, however, the last say, as these youths must pass the examination prescribed by the West Pointers. The result can be guessed. The West Pointer has no love for the uncultured volunteer—he despises him as he does a plebe. Will he allow him to pass an examination for a position in the regular army? Not if he knows himself. When the reports are sent in of these exams there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

The "I am holier than thou" convention, called for a short "holiness convention," in session in Chicago is having all kinds of success reforming the world. It is going to do away with all sports, football, baseball, golf, riding and driving. Pictures of Venuses and other works of high art that follow the lines of nature are to be cut from their frames and burned. Three-fourths of what is regarded as the best literature by the wicked world is to suffer the same fate and the hungry mind is to be given large doses of Sunday school books. The naughty theater and concert hall are to be purged and disinfected and the drama retired in favor of experience meetings. A Rev. Taylor spoke feelingly of divorces. He said: "I had five divorces in my church last year. I preached a sermon in which I said: 'Don't you ever dare to marry again. It will mean the eternal fire of hell for you.'" The reverend gentleman must be living with his second wife—he seems to speak as one having authority.

AT THE THEATERS.

METROPOLITAN.

"The Village Parson" will close a week's engagement at the Metropolitan opera house with a popular price matinee this afternoon and farewell performance tonight.

"When We Were Twenty-One," the play by H. V. Esmond, and in which Nat Goodwin and Maxine Elliott achieved so conspicuous a success, will be the Metropolitan's offering next week. George Clarke, who is said to be a most capable actor, will play the part of Richard Carewe.

GRAND.

Performances this afternoon at 2:30 and tonight at 8:15 will conclude the engagement in this city of the Swedish comedy-drama, "Carl Carlson," which has been holding forth at the Grand the current week.

"The Telephone Girl" will be seen at the Grand the coming week commencing tomorrow night.

KNEISEL QUARTETTE.

One who has recently been revelling in the many beautiful things to be seen and heard in the large Eastern cities, writes in a private letter of the Kneisels: "The playing of the Kneisel quartette stands out vividly, giving an exquisite and never-to-be-forgotten delight. The Beethoven quartette was a truly marvellous realization of what strings can do. It is impossible to give in words an adequate description of the music—music in every sense of the word—produced by these men. St. Paul is certainly to be congratulated that it will soon be able to hear and judge for itself."

STAR.

The present engagement at the Star closes with a matinee and evening performance today. Tomorrow what is promised to be the strongest company of the season will begin a week's engagement.

STUNTS OF THE FUNNY MEN.

Balling.

Detroit Journal.

"Spheres of influence," exclaimed Britannia, fretfully, "do ball one up so!"

Now it was plain to be seen that her hair was coming down behind, but we had not the heart to tell her of this.

Quite Strange.

Philadelphia Record.

Blobbs—It seems funny that living altogether on the ocean they should never get their sea legs on.

Slobbs—Whom are you talking about?

Blobbs—The mermaids.

With a Grateful Zest.

Chicago Record-Herald.

"I can relish prunes even when strawberries are in the market."

"How's that?"

"Why, I'm so glad they are not dried apples."

A Craze With Him.

Philadelphia Press.

"I understand," said Mrs. Browne, "that your husband is off on a fishing trip. He is a very enthusiastic angler, isn't he?"

"I should say!" replied Mrs. Malaprop. "He's a reg'lar anglo-maniac."

TALKS WITH THE TRAVELERS.

Frank Waterhouse, the extensive steamship owner of Seattle, Wash., arrived at the Ryan yesterday and will probably remain in the city until tomorrow. He is on his way from London, Eng., to Seattle. His mission abroad was to arrange for the construction of a number of large steamers with which he will equip a trans-Pacific line, extending from the Western American coast to the Orient. Mr. Waterhouse is the man who operated the system of transportation between the Northern Pacific coast points and Cape Nome, and from this enterprise he is accredited as reaping a fortune in itself. His interests are among the most gigantic in the country, and that he easily takes his place with the largest ocean liner operators of America is not questioned. Mr. Waterhouse was not available for a continued interview as to his plans last night. He is accompanied by his manager, Mr. McGinnis.

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State Senator H. F. Barker, of Cambridge, was at the Merchants' yesterday.

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Among the Clarendon's arrivals yesterday were two rather noted Chippewa Indians, B. S. Fairbanks and Michael Lahapell, of White Earth. The former was one of the leading factors in the Indian disturbance at Leech Lake a year or two ago, and one of the men who is involved in the difficulties that arose some few days ago over the "dead and down" timber in the lake region. Fairbanks is prominent among his people and possessed of a considerable estate. Like his fellow natives, he believes the Indians' claim on the timber that has been cut and that which they still want to appropriate is a just one and based upon inherent rights, but to this matter his mind is not at present directed. He evidently thinks there is not much cause for apprehension over the reported outbreak, and with his friend was on his way to West Baden, Ind., for a pleasure visit.

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State Senator Dan Shell, of Worthington, was registered at the Windsor yesterday.

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Reminiscences of Minnesota's early days were recalled to a group of prominent citizens of the state last night as they sat in the lobby of the Merchants' hotel. Preparations of the state's forty-third anniversary celebration today suggested the vein of conversation. John Cooper, of St. Cloud, president of the State Fair association, and Mr. Randall, of St. Paul, secretary of the same association, and W. F. Lee, of Long Prairie, member of the state board of control, formed the company. Mr. Cooper's mind was reverted to Oct. 15, 1856, when he landed at the foot of old Jackson street, a passenger on a boat which had come up from St. Louis. He came from his native state, Pennsylvania, and boarded the steamer at the Southern city. Immediately upon landing in St. Paul, which was then a mere village compared to its present size, he went to the Merchants' hotel, at that time by all odds, the leading hostelry of the place. It was not of its present enormous proportions however, but occupied only a small space and was a modest looking two-story building, with only the accommodations of a frontier inn. Mr. Cooper engaged in farming and one of the first men he worked for was Col. Allen, now the proprietor of the Merchants'. He soon began to accumulate and now is one of the state's leading stock raisers and agriculturists.

Mr. Lee arrived in Minnesota a year later than Mr. Cooper, coming directly from his native state, Illinois. Both of these gentlemen migrated to the North Star country during its territorial days and have witnessed its marvelous growth as a state.

Mr. Randall is a native son and came into the state one year after it was transformed from a territory. He was born at Winona in 1858 and moved to St. Paul in 1879.

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Representative Fox, of More, was a guest at the Merchants' yesterday.

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R. S. Flinn and wife, of Hanford, Cal., were at the Ryan yesterday. Hanford is one of the most enterprising and rapidly growing cities of the Golden West. It is in the heart of the great fruit and raisin belt and adjacent to the vast Coalinga oil wells where the phenomenal productions of oil were first found in California. Mr. Flinn is a conductor on one of the California roads and with his wife is on a pleasure trip.

AROUND THE HOTELS.

At the Windsor—Walter Couthrey, Brainerd; H. Dykman, Breckenridge; E. J. Murphy, Anoka; Dan Shell, Worthington; Charles S. Marden and wife, Gainesville; H. C. Hotaling and wife, Mapleton; C. N. Herreid, Eureka, S. D.; G. Hoyme, Eau Claire.

At the Clarendon—Mr. and Mrs. John Henry, Springfield; B. L. Faribault; Michael Lachapell, White Earth; P. H. Rahilly, Lake City; Mrs. D. Carn and son, Atwater; L. O'Donnell, West Superior; C. W. Karn, Horse, Mont.; C. M. Weiss, Winnipeg.

At the Metropolitan—W. B. Duncan, Grand Forks; L. B. Williams, Chicago; M. Sternberg, Mankato; George M. Strachan, St. Cloud; R. Forde, Waterloo; F. A. Coleman, Fort Dodge.

At the Ryan—S. S. Sargent, Grand Forks; E. J. Meier and wife, Fargo; James A. Brown, Fergus Falls; B. F. Farmer, Spring Valley.

At the Merchants'—D. H. Keyes, Cumberland, Wis., M. L. Hubbard, Mindoir, Wis.; I. H. Moulton and wife, La Crosse; H. W. Kinkaid, La Crosse; W. A. Frost and wife, St. James; T. W. Colby, Ashland; H. C. Briggs, New London; W. W. Brooks, Duluth; H. L. Comstock, Cumberland; Fred Collette, Begby; William Clifford, Duluth; Thomas Cleary, Benton, Mont.; G. Southeroth, C. B. Southeroth, Northfield; Mrs. A. B. Stockwell, Aberdeen; Charles H. Haupt, Fergus Falls; W. W. Siveight, Hutchinson. Jesse Cassidy, Fargo; T. L. Hill, Chatfield; J. H. Boke, Mankato; E. R. Smith, Duluth; H. F. Barker, Cambridge; J. C. Pope, Mora; T. R. Foley, Aitkin; A. C. Kuhfeld, Moorhead.

POLITICS OF THE STATE.

Lieut. Gov. Lyndon A. Smith, of Montevideo, has managed to break into the list of Republican congressional candidates in the new Seventh district. He owes his announcement to the Chippewa County Herald. Speaked Dowling, State Senator Ed Young and Congressman Eddy are the leading candidates, and it is doubtful if Mr. Smith's boom develops any positive strength.

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"Gov. Van Sant has very adroitly drawn the sting from the pen of the editor of the Fairmont News. Mr. Everett has been appointed deputy oil inspector for Jackson and Martin counties, and the Weekly Bulletin of Defense will hereafter be treated with that consideraion which it deserves at the hands of those who have partaken of the flesh pots at the disposal of the administration. Thus another lame duck is provided for. From a cursory glance we are inclined to think that there are so many stinging pens in Minnesota that the governor will hardly have places enough to draw the string from all of them."

"The above clipping from the Northfield News, a Republican paper edited by Congressman Heatwole, is an indication of what is in store for Van Sant in the future. Many of the leading Republicans are not proud of the record the governor is making."—Perham Enterprise.

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During the past two weeks 200 Republican editors have met Gov. Van Sant between the Merchants' and the capitol. In each instance the conversation was the same, word for word. This is one of the instances where a press bureau service becomes ridiculous.—Nobles County Democrat.

The Battle Lake Review, cognizant of the great Republican Press bureau's activity, says:

"Why, John, that is possible; they were probably all members of his staff."

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The disappointment felt by those who sought to grind out political capital from the recent grain inspection episode, wherein Speaker Dowling, as the advisor of B. F. Benson, figured conspicuously, is reflected in a labored editorial by the Renville Record of this week. This paper, which it will be observed, is published in Dowling's town, slaps the warehouse and railroad house commission for exonerating Deputy Knatvold of a charge, which it claims, was not preferred against him. It was a bitter pill to Dowling and his friends.

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J. Adam Bede, like Abraham Lincoln, believes in the common people, and now that the new primary law has been enacted he will make another run for congress.—Appleton Tribune.

Now the thing for J. Adam to do is to get the "common people" to adopt reciprocity so that a mutual faith may be established. If he does this he will have some of his Republican contestants beaten on the start.

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Chief Oil Inspector Fred C. Schiffman has appointed as his deputy in Houston county, H. G. Potter.

OF SOCIAL INTEREST

The pupils of the Visitation convent gave their annual recital last evening in the assembly hall of the convent. The hall was filled with the parents and friends of the students, and the excellent programme revealed the proficiency the pupils have attained in music, elocution and physical culture. The stage was attractively decorated with cut flowers and palms. Pretty hangings and rugs gave it a cosy appearance and made an admirable background for daintily clad and self-possessed young girls, who took part in the programme. The Misses Watrer, Kennedy, Moore and Macdonnell played the "Tannhauser" march for an opening number, and their brilliant rendition of it was warmly applauded. The Misses Galbraith and Hock played a duet, "Pas des Cymbales," by Chaminade, revealing excellent technique and fine execution. Miss Xanten, who has a most promising contralto and is a very engaging stage presence, sang Bartlett's "A Dream." A well drilled chorus sang with spirit Roechel's "Cascade." A scene from Lord Byron's "Hunchback," given by Miss McMullen as Helen and Miss Hock as Julia, served to display histrionic talent and admirable training on the part of both. These two young women, together with Miss Hardenbergh, Miss Xanten, Miss Cunningham, Miss White and Miss Hanauer, chattered French like Parisians in the Atelier de Musique scene from "La Bienfaitrice." A class of cherubic little girls went gracefully through some light gymnastics with dumbbells, and an older class gave some very artistic "mouvements plastiques." The physical culture classes are under the direction of Miss Whitridge, and the work of the classes last night reflected great credit on their teacher. Miss Whitridge apparently possesses a genius for artistic groupings. The fourteen movements plastiques that were given were decidedly effective.

The Visitation convent will close June 13. The two graduates for this year are Miss Mary Flynn and Miss Agnes Norton.

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The semi-annual rally of the Christian Endeavor societies and the Epworth leagues of the Midway district was held in the Presbyterian church of Merriam Park. Mr. Milham, president of the entertaining society, presided. Musical numbers were given by the Macalester quartette and Miss McGaudy and Mr. Taylor, of the Hamline chapter of the Epworth league, gave readings. Mrs. Craig, Miss Erwin, Miss Schnell and Messrs. Moore, Halstead, Koch and Miller received the guests.

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The sacred cantata, "Under the Palms," was sung last evening at the First Baptist church by a chorus choir from the Central Park M. E. church, assisted by Miss Edyth Wesner, soprano; Miss Elizabeth Wood, alto; F. B. Forster, tenor, and E. E. Woodworth, basso. Miss Florence Longley read the text and Miss Hope's orchestra accompanied the voices.

The music of the cantata, while melodious, does not make any great demand either on the chorus or the soloists. The chorus last night was composed of women and children, and while not remarkable for its volume, was musical and true, and was well handled by the musical director, Miss Mona O. Suesa. The children's chorus was especially melodious, and the two songs, "Behold the Land," and "He Is Help to Thee," were especially well sung by it. The quartette did some excellent work. Mr. Forster's sweet and well trained tenor was heard to advantage in the solo, "If With All Your Hearts," from "Elijah." Miss Weimer, who sang the role of Miriam, has a sweet and high soprano voice, and she sings with much expression. Her solo, "We Remembered the Graves," was especially well sung. Miss Wood sang the alto role in a satisfactory manner.

The accompaniment of the strings was especially well suited to the style of music sung. Miss Nellie A. Hope, director of the orchestra, played first violin, and her solo work was very effective.

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Mrs. W. H. Sanborn gave a large luncheon yesterday at the Aberdeen in honor of Mrs. Elmer B. Adams, of St. Louis; Mrs. Charles G. Hartin and Miss Lucy Sanborn. This evening Mrs. Richard Billings, of Floral street, will give a dinner for Judge and Mrs. Adams.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Brooks, of Holly avenue, entertained a party of ten at dinner Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Evans, who leave Sunday evening to spend the summer in Europe.

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Mrs. N. S. Dousman entertained at dinner Wednesday evening at the Aberdeen. Covers were laid for twelve.

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The usual table d'hote dinner and dancing party that mark the summer Saturday evenings at the Town and Country club will be given this evening.

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Mrs. A. J. Diamon, of Iglehart street, entertained a party of forty women at euchre Monday afternoon. Those making high scores were: Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Tobin, Mrs. Maloney, Mrs. Garrity and Mrs. Allison.

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The St Paul district W. F. M. S. will hold its semi-annual meeting in the Methodist church in Stillwater, on Thursday, May 16. There will be a basket luncheon.

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The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Central Presbyterian Church met yesterday afternoon in the church parlors. Mrs. Thomas Shawe presided. B. H. Schriber spoke on "Porto Rico." The Ladies' Aid society of the church will hold an all-day meeting next Thursday afternoon.

Miss Alice Doran, of Summit avenue, is in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Blair, of St. Louis, are at the Aberdeen.

Miss Keogh, of Fargo, is the guest of Miss Wilson, of Marshall avenue.

Miss Elsie Shaw, of East Ninth street, has returned from Cleveland, O.

Mrs. S. H. Dyer, of Osceola avenue, is entertaining Miss Pennock, of Boston.

Mrs. William Kennedy, of the Buckingham, will spend part of the summer in New York.

Mrs. Henry Clarke and Miss Clarke, of Worcester, Mass., are guests at the Aberdeen.

Miss Marion Morgan, of Rochester, Minn., is the guest of Miss Pearce of Marshall avenue.

Mrs. Emil Zimmerman and daughter, of the Elsinore, will return May 15 from the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davidson, of the Aberdeen, have gone to their summer home at Morgan, Minn.

Mrs. Jay E. Haynes, of Dayton avenue, will have as her guest next week Mrs. E. M. Roberts, of Winona.

Miss Marjorie Smith, daughter of Mrs. Vina Smith, has returned from Galveston, Tex., where she has spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cook have returned from their winter trip to the East coast of Florida and are stopping at the Ryan.

Mrs. E. J. Cropsey, of Carroll street, entertained informally Tuesday afternoon for the members of the Informal Card club.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thein, of East Isabel street, entertained informally at dinner Thursday evening. Covers were laid for ten.

Mrs. C. B. Mounts, of Hudson avenue, will give a May party this afternoon on the Kelly grounds, Hoffman avenue, for the Sunday school children of the Atlantic Congregational church.

Mrs. Walter B. Sanborn, of the Aberdeen, will leave June 1 to attend the commencement exercises at Vassar college, from which college her daughter, Marion, graduates. Mrs. Sanborn will spend the summer in the East.

TARIFF REVISION AN ISSUE.

Mr. Babcock's Proposal Approved by Many Republicans.

Washington Cor. New York Post.

If the editorial paragraphs of Western newspapers furnish any test of Western opinion, and by that the country is seemingly governed, Mr. Babcock's tariff proposal is a coming issue. Beginning with Ohio and Indiana, and going west to the Rocky mountains, Republican sentiment in favor of the Babcock idea is unmistakably gaining ground. Wherever the politicians have congregated formally it has been strongly indorsed. Influential Republican newspapers in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Kansas, and Nebraska, to say nothing of the Democratic press everywhere, have discussed the Babcock bill most seriously, and almost invariably to praise it. Mr. Babcock says he has received hundreds of clippings from Republican newspapers in all parts of the country, and that nine out of ten of them are on his side. Hundreds of letters tell the same story. The authors of many of them are politicians, and in their several homes are officially connected with the local party organization; they say that in their judgment the time is at hand for the Republican party to bring its high protective doctrines down to solid ground. The president's recent speech at Memphis is affording them distinct encouragement.

Mr. Babcock's bill will be referred to the ways and means committee next December. Last spring, when it was first introduced, every Republican member of the committee except its author opposed it. He is now counting strongly upon popular support from the West, and he has friends at work in several of the states preparing for an opening next year. If some of the strongly Republican states should, in state conventions, go upon record in its favor, congress would have to listen to the proposal seriously. It meets with great support among the Democrats, but Mr. Babcock thinks this is far from being an indication of weakness.

Unless the signs fail, the first real contest will come in organizing the ways and means committee. That committee is composed of seventeen members, ten of whom in the last house were Republicans, and seven Democrats. The latter will probably vote as a unit, with Babcock, for the bill; and so the committee, without any proselyting, will stand eight to nine against the bill. The margin would be uncomfortably close. If Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts, who is always liberal and progressive, should go over to the Babcock bill, it would secure its favorable report from committee. This situation might be remedied by cutting the Democratic representation on the committee down to six, and by giving the place made vacant to a Republican stalwart. Or, the membership of the committee might be raised from seventeen to twenty-one, the speaker making sure that three of the four new members were "safe" against the Babcock proposition. A good excuse for increasing the size of the committee is afforded by the increase in the membership of the house, after 1902, under the new reapportionment law.

Must Be Coaxed, Though.

Washington Post.

Doubtless Hon. John Barrett, provided he is properly importuned, will consent to tell his colleagues something concerning himself and the Philippines.

Where Knocks Are Thickest.

Philadelphia Ledger.

Senator McLaurin now appears as a political storm center.

GLOBE'S CIRCULATION

FOR APRIL.

[Advertisers may remember that the average daily circulation for December last was 17,201. For April last it was 19,060. Therefore an increase of nearly 2,000 has been made since the beginning of the current year.]

Ernest P. Hopwood, superintendent of circulation of the St. Paul Globe, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the actual circulation of the St. Paul Globe for the month of April, 1901, was as follows:—

Total for the month..571,800
Average per day.....19,060

ERNEST P. HOPWOOD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, 1901.

H. P. PORTER.
Notary Public, Ramsey Co., Minn.
[Notarial Seal.]

FURTHER PROOF IS READY.

The Globe invites anyone and everyone interested to, at any time, make a full scrutiny of its circulation lists and records and to visit its press and mailing departments to check and keep tab on the number of papers printed and the disposition made of the same.

SET OF BOILERS LETS GO.

Terrific Explosion at Homestake Mining Company Plant at Lead.

LEAD, S. D., May 10.—At 8 o'clock tonight a set of boilers at the Highland hoist, operated by the Homestake Mining company, blew up with terrific force. The shock was felt in all parts of this city, the hoist being half a mile away. A fire alarm was turned in and all of the fire departments responded. The first arrivals at the scene witnessed a pile of iron and wooden debris, with portions of machinery scattered for several hundred feet around the hoist. Fire started in the building, but it was soon under control. Ed Bretsford, engineer of the dynamo and air compressor, was pinned down by a portion of the boiler and almost instantly killed. Mandy Klingler and John Cowlin, two helpers about the hoist, were severely injured, but will survive. Several other men were more or less injured.

THEY'RE OFF AT BUFFALO.

Carpenters Employed at Exposition Grounds Out on a Strike.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 10.—This evening sixty-five carpenters and joiners employed at the exposition grounds went on strike. Unless the men's demands are granted by the exposition managers, the walking delegates threaten to call out every man employed in the exposition grounds. The men do not ask for higher wages, but the trouble is over "unfair lumber," which the men claim is furnished by mills employing non union labor. The strike is the outgrowth of the strike of mill hands. Most of the mill owners settled with the men, but a few are still holding out. The exposition company held contracts with the latter firms and some of their lumber was delivered at the exposition grounds this afternoon. The union men were not asked to handle it as the mill owners sent out their own carpenters, but they objected to it going into the buildings on which they were employed and as soon as the non-union men started to work this afternoon a general strike of union carpenters was ordered. Unfavorable weather throughout the day kept down the attendance at the exposition.

Means of Identificaton.

Leslie's Weekly.

"Are these your clothes or mine?" asked the athletic man of his wife.

"Look in the hip pocket," was the reply. "If it's smelling salts they're mine; if it's brandy they're yours."

LATEST TICKS OF THE TELEGRAPH.

Minister Found Guilty.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 10.—The jury in the case against Rev. F. W. Emerson and Dr. M. R. Mitchell today found a verdict of guilty. They were in the mob that broke into a joint in North Topeka. Mr. Emerson is pastor of the leading Christian church here.

Stock to Be Increased.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Notices were mailed to the stockholders of the Chicago Edison company tonight that at the annual meeting to be held June 1, a proposition to increase the authorized capital stock to $10,000,000 will be submitted to vote.

Hanged for Killing a Girl.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—E. H. Methever, who murdered Dorothy McKee at Long Branch in July, 1899, was hanged at San Quentin prison today. Methever was in love with the girl, but she spurned his affection. He was fifty-eight years of age.

Victory for the Strikers.

CLEVELAND, O., May 10.—The strike of the Union plasterers, inaugurated here a few days since, has practically ended in a victory for the men. They demanded $3.50 instead of $3 per day.

Salisbury Is Better.

LONDON, May 10.—Lord Salisbury, bronzed and looking exceedingly well, returned this evening from Beaulieu, in the south of France.

Italy Has a Surplus.

ROME, May 10.—Signor Gucciardinici announced today in the chamber of deputies that it was possible to count on a surplus of 50,000,000 lire out of which 18,000,000 could be expended on railways. Provision is also made for a sinking fund.

Saloons May Open Sunday.

OMAHA, Neb., May 10.—The following order was issued to the chief of police by Mayor Mores this afternoon: "The order heretofore issued relating to Sunday observance is hereby revoked. The order relating to midnight closing will continue to be enforced."

Nash in California.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., May 10.—Gov. Nash and the Ohio party spent today at Santa Barbara. They will arrive at San Francisco tomorrow evening.

Big Fire in Utah.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 10.—The cooperative store at American Fork, Utah, was entirely destroyed by fire today. Loss, $65,000.

Koreans Have Backed Out.

LONDON, May 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Kobe dated May 10, says that Korea has canceled the French loan of 5,000,000 yen, and the contract to construct a railway from Seoul to Wijou.

Appointed to West Point.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The war department announces the appointment of the following cadets to West Point: Leonard S. Arnold Newark, Ark.; James S. Harrison Jr., Evansville, Ind.; John Lund, Cedar Falls, Ia.; James S. Dusenbury, Port Harrelson, S. C.; Edward F. Vaeth, St. Genevieve, Mo.; George Osborne, Sweet Springs, Mo.

Object to a Spaniard.

TOLEDO, O., May 10.—One hundred and twenty-five employes of the Kenton Hardware Manufacturing company went out on a strike today because Joseph Ripart, a Spaniard, was made superintendent of the shops. They claim they will not work under Ribert because of his nationality.

Judge Is on the Faculty.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., May 10.—Former Judge Thomas O'Hara, of this city, has been chosen a member of the faculty of the Illinois university law school, Chicago, and will enter upon his duties at the next semester.

Wu and Conger Meet.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Minister Wu and Minister Conger have paid an agreeable exchange of visits since the arrival in Washington of the American representative to China. The meeting was purely social, the American minister paying a call at the Chinese legation, and Mr. Wu returning the compliment.

Hardware Firm Fails.

CLEVELAND, O., May 10.—The Horix Manufacturing company, manufacturers of hardware specialties and capitalized at $50,000, was placed in the hands of a receiver today.

Loses Money on Telegraph.

LONDON, May 10.—Henneker Heaton, Conservative, in the house of commons today, drew attention to the annual loss of £700,000 in the telegraph service, aggregating £8,500,000 since the government took the lines.

Rioters to Be Tried.

IOLA, Kan., May 10.—The four men arrested for rioting Wednesday night, when the Italian workmen were forcibly removed from their bunks to the station and sent away, have given bond, and the preliminary trials have been set for May 18.

Boer Rumor Denied.

LONDON, May 10.—The war office here denies the statement published in New York, that Lord Kitchener has telegraphed advising yielding all the demands of the Boers, with the exception of independence, owing to his conviction that they cann