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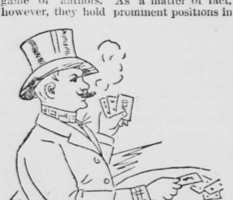
SHALL WE PLAY CARDS?

Rev. Scudder Lectures on a Difficult Subject to a Crowded Church.

That Rev. Scudder's course of practical church lectures is proving attractive, was evident in the crowd that filled the church last night; occupying even the aisles and the vestibule. His topic was Shall We Play Cards? and the text, Psalm xl, 9: "I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo. I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, Thou knowest." The speaker proceeded as follows: This is what I expect to say, my friends. after the conclusion of this and other lectures on questionable amusements. I am aware I am treading now on slippery ground, but trust the grace of God will keep me from any serious mishap. When, as in our first lecture, we discussed purely innocent and healthful amusements, we had plain sailing. We could run up our flags and streamers, put a band on the quarter-deck and have a good time; but now, as we discuss what are called the questionable amusements, I feel as if we were running into a chop sea where contrariety of opinion makes navigation more difficult. The bunting will have to be taken in, and we shall be compelled to shorten sail. Now and then we shall ship a heavy sea, and before we get through this lecture course some of you who have bad habits are certain to be sick. True religion is opposed to everything that is sinful and degrading, and the one supreme law it lays down as covering this entire class of amusements is this: If indulgence in any particular sport or diversion tends to drag you down, you have no right to indulge therein. You are violating your conscience and injuring your soul. In the realm of morals, if your right hand offends you, you must cut it off. What is temptation to one man is not to another, and it is each man's duty to study himself and act in accordance with the general law I have mentioned. The church cannot legislate for all and lay down any iron rule in this matter, for each man's conscience is the supreme court of appeal, and to God alone must each one render an account for the deeds done in the body. I have my opinion, however, and to this you are welcome. Card playing, billiards, dancing and theater-going have in point of fact been the agencies in many cases of leading people astray, although at the same time it must be confessed that many have indulged in these diversions and yet have not forsaken the path of virtue. The reason why these amusements have been called questionable is in view of the facts that card-playing has in numberless instances led on to gambling, billiards to drinking, and dancing and the theater to debauchery. Many of those who have fallen point back to these amusements as the occasion of their fall. Now, if, as a public instructor occupying this sacred desk, I am asked by a sea of earnest, youthful faces what is the proper course to pursue, not knowing your individual temperaments, surroundings and liabilities to err, I say most emphatically that the old Puritan way of abstinence in which I was brought up is the only way that is absolutely safe. It may be a narrow-gauge road perhaps, but it is a safe road nevertheless, and I am not afraid to recommend it. I cannot say that in behalf of the broad-gauge road of indulgence in these amusements, for on the latter there is a possibility of your jumping the track, rolling down the embankment and ending a total wreck. No young man or young woman in the city of Minneapolis will be able to look at me in the day of judgment and say: "You, sir, gave me bad advice, and following it, I went to ruin."


HARMLESS AMUSEMENT.

Looking at society as it is to-day, I find that the broad-gauge road is very popular however, and that multitudes of our young people are traveling upon it. They don't care to consult ministers, or any one else for that matter. Under these circumstances it would be folly to open quarrel with them, for it would do no good. Rather than do that, I will take a red flag in my hand and wave it at such points as I think are dangerous. I do not regard card-playing, in itself considered, a sin, any more than playing checkers, or chess or backgammon, and any one who says it is, must be well on the way towards softening of the brain. The sin lies in the associations into which these spotted and pictured cardboards have fallen. Rid these cards of their evil associations and the subtle power they possess to lead the weak from that which is innocent to that which is pernicious, and they are perfectly harmless, as innocent as the game of authors. As a matter of fact, however, they hold prominent positions in the haunts of vice. You will find them in the bar-room, the brothel, the burglar's den and the gambler's hell. The odor of sin is on them, and the safe way, especially for excitable persons and such as are easily led, is to let them alone.


RED FLAG NO. 3.

But now the question arises in many Christian households, what are we to do with our children. If we tell them not to play cards they will play anyway, and in all probability they will choose improper companions and places in carrying out their purpose. There are thousands of such homes in christendom, and the question for the mother and father to decide is, shall we play cards with our children around our own fireside or shall we prohibit all playing and feel assured from their dispositions that they will play elsewhere and in worse company. I know a lady who forbade her boy to play cards, but found him by accident one day in the barn playing high, low, jack with his companions. With true motherly wit she said: "Boys, if you must play you had better play in the parlor; come in and I will play with you." Thus have cards been reluctantly introduced into many excellent religious households, and their evil associations reduced many fold. Parents have been compelled to treat their children the same as Pasteur treats such patients as are bitten by mad dogs. They inoculate them with the very virus with which they are already tainted, but virius No. 2 is comparatively harmless and intercepts the activity of virius No. 1. Judicious vaccination at home prevents catching the small-pox abroad. If the boy will play at all hazards, and there is no escape for it, perhaps it is better that the parents should teach him, cast about the same the hallowed influences of home and show him plainly the dangers to which he will be subjected later in life and fortify him against them. Thus many Christian people have argued, and thus it is that cards are seen so often in these days in the best of homes.

Now what are these dangers? They are three in number.

Red Flag No. 1.—Never put up a cent on any game of cards as long as you live. A stake upon the table is like a sleeper across the track. It is liable to derail you and pitch you into the quag-mire of gambling. There is a tremendous temptation for card players to bet. It gives more zest to the game. Nickels grow into dimes, dimes to quarters and so forth until gambling becomes a habit, and card playing without gambling becomes insipid. Many a young man has gone to perdition by not minding this danger signal. If you will play cards, I beseech you never bet on them.

Red Flag No. 2—Beware of evil companions, and never play in places where you feel you are compromising your manhood. Confine your playing to the home circle, to the company of brothers and sisters, or such as in your judgment are fit to associate with them. It is a bad sign when a young man outgrows his home and wants to spend his evenings out. Nine times out of ten he switches off his coach among the cattle cars, where the odor is not the best and the associations vile. Stick to your home, young man. It is the best spot I know of to develop manhood, and right here I lift up a voice of warning against the game of billards as now played in public places. The billiard table is almost always near the bar; if not in the same room, then very close at hand. Billiards, in itself, is a magnificent game, but, alas, how often and how easily Satin pushes the young men about who indulge in this game—about as easily as they push about the ivory balls. I believe in all kinds of harmless amusements and can enjoy them as lustily as any man, but until billiards are disassociated from drink, I think the average young man had better abstain.

Red Flag No. 3—Beware how you waste time at either of these amusements. The temptation to do so is very great. Many a card player and billiard player graduates into a right down loafer. Business energy is sapped, spiritual growth is resisted. Progressive euchre parties until 1 o'clock at night are unwarrantable dissipations. Wasted moments never return, opportunities lost are lost forever

"Why will ye waste in trifling cares,
That life which God's compassion spares?
While in the various range of thought,
The one thing needful is forgot."

The subject of the next lecture of the course will be Shall We Dance?

SPRING'S COMING.

Building Projects Taking Shape--The Real Estate Situation.

The status of the real estate market is practically unchanged, only one or two sales having recently been affected which are regarded as important. The general tone of the market is healthful, and the unusual activity warrants the bright hopes that are entertained for the coming of a season of remarkable prosperity.

The East side folks are endeavoring to awaken the interest that has so long laid dormant. A meeting is called for Wednesday evening at the First Congregational church under the auspices of the East Side Improvement association. Addresses will be made by Mayor Pillsbury, President Northrup, Prof. Folwell, Col. W. S. King, Rev. J. L. Scudder, Judge J. M. Berry, E. S. Corser, and J. T. Wyman. An effort will be made to secure the hearty support of the citizens in an endeavor to make public and private improvements that will enhance the value and beauty of property for both business and residence purposes.

The recorded deeds for the week past make a showing that is quite remarkable for the season of the year, as follows:

	No.	Value
Monday	26	$30,251
Tuesday	43	83,212
Wednesday	39	50,668
Thursday	33	45,088
Friday	30	52,675
Saturday	40	65,189
Total	211	$327,083

During the preceeding week 175 deeds were filed, the considerations of which amounted to $485,769.

BUILDING MATTERS.

The final acceptance and publication of the plans for the Exposition and Masonic temple buildings has awakened considerable interest and pride as to the character of the public buildings to be erected this summer. The library building's plans are yet in the hands of the committee

Almost daily announcements are made of building projects of gratifying character. The contract for building the Catholic orphans' asylum has been awarded, and the cost is estimated at about $25,000. The asylum will be lacated at the corner of Chicago avenue and Forty-sixth street, and will be three stories high, of Kasota stone and pressed brick. It is to be completed by Oct. 1.

The plans have been prepared for the hotel building to be erected by L. Garrity adjoining the Windom block on Washington avenue south, costing $20,000.

It is reported that H. L. Gordan is to build a block on Fifth street, between Nicollet and Hennepin avenues, which will be five stories high, to cost $30,000.

The Minneapolis Gas Light company has commenced the erection of a tank building to cost $50,000 at the foot of Fourteenth avenue south.

The Third Universalist society will erect a church at the corner of Twenty-seventh street and Blaisdell avenue, costing $20,000.

T. D. Skiles will build a three-story building at the corner of Washington and Thirteenth avenues south, costing $20,000.

The superstructure for St. Joseph's Catholic church in North Minneapolis will go up this year.

Inspector Pardee last week issued permits as follows:

	No. of Permits.	Estim'd Cost.
Monday	19	$24,525
Tuesday	12	38,560
Wednesday	9	10,209
Thursday	17	38,775
Friday	11	12,980
Saturday	10	34,660
Total	78	$160,629

During the preceding week forty-one permits were issued, amounting to $133,175.

WRESTLING MATCH CRITICISM.

Peculiar Course Taken by a Morning Paper.

The Tribune's connection with the recent Moth-McLaughlin wrestling contest, is open to the severest censure. That paper has posed, however ridiculous it may appear, as sans peur et sans reproche, as it would allege, upon sporting events. Yet, how delusive are superficial indications! Since Charles Moth's advent in Minneapolis, the Tribune has made a special feature of disparaging his prowess as an athlete, his integrity as a man and his liberality as a sporting man. The motive which has actuated the paper is as transparent as the limpid waters of Minnetonka, to speak poetically. Moth has persistently refused to fee the Tribune. But about the Moth-Laughlin wrestling match. The reporter who has such matters assigned to him confided to not a few that he was to receive $50 for his work in connection therewith. How did he propose to bring this end about? Perhaps it was not by a blackmailing scheme, but it was by something that savored of it. Col. McLaughlin was called East. The reporter asked him if he could be permitted to act as a sort of an agent. That boon was accorded him. The match with Moth was made. Col. McLaughlin foolishly posted in the reporter's hands $100 as a forfeiture to insure good faith. Charles Moth posted a like amount, and upon the recommendation of a friend who saw throug the flimsy sham drew out his money, making the check worthless. But the colonel's $100 was held. The match

came off, the reporter claimed $50 for his services and the proprietor of the paper sent a bill to the box office for $80 for "write ups," with a discount of $30 owing to the news feature of the same. It is needless to say that neither Moth nor McLaughlin were verdant enough to pay the bill, inasmuch as not a line had been authorized. But what about McLaughlin's $100? That is still held. The reporter, in whose hands the sum was placed, resorts to the subterfuge that he transferred it to one of the proprietors for safe keeping, and that he cannot get it. Furthermore he claims that it is due the office for advertising the contest and for his personal efforts in bringing about the match. The Tribune's accounts of the match were highly colored in favor of the Detroiter with the view of inducing him to relinquish all claims to the money. Col. McLaughlin has made a formal demand for the $100 in vain, and the reporter has circulated the story that $50 of it went to him. Ald. Sly, who has acted as Col. McLaughlin's backer throughout the campaign, has stated that the reporter got the money, and the affair seems bewilderingly complicated. On the other hand Col. McLaughlin stoutly refuses the demands of the Tribune and denounces it as an outrageous scheme to appropriate his money without even the most flimsy excuse, and if it is not forthcoming by 10 o'clock this morning legal process will be resorted to. To this end one of the leading attorneys of Minneapolis has been consulted. This $100 explains one important incompatibility in the reporter referred to. At the wrestling match, just as the referee made his decision creating the formidable kick, the reporter said "Moth was not thrown. He made a bridge," etc. The report which appeared in his paper said that Moth was thrown upon "three points;" that he came down "with a dull and heavy thud," etc. (It should have been "dull and sickening thud," to make it more sensational.) Nor is this all. After giving Moth the "worst of the deal," or a "roast," this irrepressible reporter with a prodigious gall waited waited upon Moth and asked for more money. The $50 from McLaughlin only sharpened his appetite, and his greed for gain impelled him to pursue an unprecedently cheeky cause. It is needless to say that Moth refused to be gulled. His indignation was aroused, and the audacious reporter was forcibly reminded "who and what" he was.

HOW PINS ARE MADE.

Machines Which Cut, Head, Point, Polish and Paper Them.

About a year ago Joseph McCam, a veteran pin-maker who for several years worked in one of the half dozen pin factories that now turn out the 1,500 tons of pins yearly made in this country, began the construction of a machine with several new appliances that gave increased speed to manufacturing and extra value to the pin for the manufacture of these little household articles. The machine is now complete, and whether quiet or in motion, it is an interesting piece of mechanism, composed of many small, bright and neat nickel plates of many different shapes, and the whole not larger than a street "waffle" factory. The machine eats brass wire and spits out 500 polished pins every minute with no assistance except that of a small four-horse-power engine heated with gasoline to convey motive power. The wire of which the pins are made is wound about a reel two feet in diameter depending from one side of the machine. Two iron feed rollers, so connected with the other mechanism as to draw the wire from the reel and deliver it to the machine just as fast as the latter can convert it into pins, are the first machinery seen in following the brass wire from its coil on the reel. The feed rollers push the wire into a die three inches beyond them, in which two motions of of a hammer crushes the head on the pin and simultaneous with the last strike of the "header" the wire is chipped off by a steel blade the proper length for a pin. Thus headed and cut the desired length, the pin leaves the "header" secured in the rim of a vertically disposed metal wheel. After a quarter of a revolution of that wheel has been made, the pins are deftly removed by a circular horizontal metal plate, and as it revolves, holding firmly myriads of pins in the rim, it brings them in contact with four rotary files in such a manner as to put perfect points on the pins. The pins go from the plate on which they are pointed to the polishing part of the machine, and drop beneath it into a pan perfect pins. Close beside the machine which makes the pins is another glittering machine of about equal size and scarcely less interesting. It, too, is given motive power by the engine, and when a large pan of pins has been thrown into a little box that forms its tops it straightens them out, sticks them in papers and folds the papers exactly as they are seen in commerce. No part of the work is done by hand from the placing on the reel the unbroken chain of wire to the removing the papers neatly folded with 360 pins stuck in each paper. The machine is on exhibition at Sackett & Wiggins' museum.

THE ITALIANS.

Arrival of the Mapleson Grand Opera Company.

Over one hundred members of Maplesen's Italian Opera company arrived yesterday. Col. Mapleson and the principals, including Mme. Lillian Nordice, who arrived Saturday, and Mlle. Alma Fohstrom and others to the number of twenty-three, are at the West. Thirty-eight of the stars of lesser magnitude are domiciled at the Clark house, and the balance, including the chorus singers, are scattered about the city, many of them having in accordance with their well-known love for economy, which is a national characteristic, sought out some of the cheapest lodging houses in the city. Coming up from the depot these latter people carried in their arms all sorts of curious bundles, and jabbered Italian like a lot of magpies. Their sharp, black eyes immediately sought out the signs "warm rooms," and they would stop in little squads on the sidewalk while one of their number went up to make a talk with the proprietor. If his terms suited, they stayed; if not a grunt from the leader was a signal to move on.

At the West hotel a number of the high-toned were scattered about the exchange and seemed to be having a decidedly pleasant time conversing together. Col. Mapleson, who, according to Eugene Field, led the English forces at the battle of Waterloo, was as backward as usual in declaring that he had the " 'grandest opera company the world h'ever saw, b'gad, sir.' " C. W. Shepherd, manager of the hotel, not the opera company, was found in his private office giving orders for the steward to open up another barrel of maccaroni, and to have maccaroni stewed, fried and broiled three times a day.

The Clark house seemed to be fairly running over with the gorgeous gentlemen who fill up the back of the stage in the ensemble. One dark-complexioned gentleman standing in front of the stove with parted coat tails delivered himself as follows:

"Deesa climate ez vera tough. Eet es empossibila to smoke ze ceegareta; et geves one za bronchitas damn! Ah! De olda man, why booka us in deesa bleaka countra. Peste! Dure ees noting hera but beera! beera!! No Malvasio, no cheanti. Non mi recordo when sucha place have I struck."

ITALIAN OPERA

The Leading Amusement Attraction --General Notes.

The current week will be a notable one in amusement circles. The leading event will be the three-night engagement of the Mapleson Italian Opera company, which begins at the Grand this evening with "Faust." There can be no doubt of the success of the season in every sense, and the heavy advance sales assure crowded houses. Excursions will be arranged from surrounding towns and no Minnesotian can complain of a lost opportunity. The cast for "Faust" is as follows:

Faust	Sig. Giannini
Mephistopheles	Sig. Cherubini
Valentino	Sig. De Anna
Wagner	Sig. De Vaschetti
Siebel	Mlle. De Vigne
Martha	Mme. Lablache
Margherita	Mme. Lillian Nordica

"Carmen," with Mme. Minnie Hauk in the title role, will be the bill to-morrow night, and "Maritona," introducing Mlle. Alma Fahstrom, the Wednesday night bill.

Harmonia hall contained an exceedingly large and well composed audience last nigt, and a splendid concert was its reward. The program published yesterday was changed a little, owing to the accident to Director Stauff. The chorus members were omitted and in their stead the Danz orchestra and Mr. Benedict each gave an additional number, so the result was not altered.

Maggie Mitchell will fill the last half of the week at the Grand, and of course will be greeted with crowded houses. She cannot do otherwise than please.

Robson & Crane, with their newly-mounted "Comedy of Errors," will fill all of next week at the Grand.

The dime museum has the best of its last week's attractions and several new ones. The Rolla mystery and the pin machine continue the leading attractions.

Lang's Comedy Comiques will play "Schemes" at the Comique this week.

A DAY OF MEETINGS.

Important Political and Commercial Events for To-day.

To-day will be pregnant with important meetings of all characters and will be a more than usually interesting Monday. In the morning, despite the fact that it is a legal holiday, the board of trade will discuss weighty matters of municipal moment. The City Pastors' association will hear religious dissertations and the liberal ministers likewise. In the afternoon, a special council committee, with the water board, will investigate the highly important question of a supplementary pumping station. At 4 o'clock the regular weekly meeting of the exposition directorate will occur. The city prohibition convention, to nominate a full ticket, will assemble at Harrison hall at 2 in the afternoon. The important night meeting is the assembling of indignant Eighth warders to protest against interference with the motor line. It will be a rouser. The carpenters will meet at 819 Minnehaha avenue to form a union and the railway employes will dance at Harmonia hall.

THE IRISH CAUSE.

Michael Davitt Branch Has an Enjoyable Meeting.

The Michael Davitt branch of the Irish National league last night was attended by an audience that filled the hall. In opening the meeting a report upon the lecture of Ignatius Donnelly was submitted, showing a hopeful prospect of filling Harmonia hall.

Miss Worthingham gave a piano selection. This was followed by P. H. Gibbons upon Irish literature. A reading, "The Young Men of the Period," by Miss McGork. Miss Garrity gave a musical selection on the piano. R. H. Shadrick made one of his characteristic speeches, advocating the course of the league. His remarks elicited unstinted applause. He reviewed the situation and recounted the the benefits which have accrued from the assiduous efforts of the patriots. Miss Dorer followed with a piano solo.

Col. M. W. Glenn did not know why he was called a politician in Minneapolis. He did not deal in it for a living, but on the contrary had nearly been driven to the poor house on account of it. He had resolved to keep his lips sealed on politics in a land league, but would urge that everybody aid the cause of the league by attending the lecture by Hon. Ignatius Donnelly, and perhaps a paramout reason for refraining to mention politics was that if he should be so weak everbody would say than he was a candidate for mayor, and that he was not.

Chris A. Gallagher responded to a call and unnececessarily apologized, as a member of the entertainment committee, for a few short-comings. He then read Will Carleton's "Gone With a Handsomer Man." Mr. Gallagher's style was quite dramatic, and his hearers were thrilled with pathos.

Miss Worthington gave another piano solo, and the committee on the lecture met and perfected final arrangements, and discussed the invitation of all the Irish organizations of the city to participate in the parade that will occur in connection with the lecture.

On the East Side.

The audience that gathered at Germania hall filled the auditorium to overflowing last night, and the literary and musical feast offered by the members of the Dillon branch proved of a delectable order. The program was opened by a piano duet by Misses Esther Hoy and Mollie McCarthy, and Rev. Father O'Reilly delivered an excellent and able address upon the Irish question. He counselled moderate means to seek proper redress for the wrongs and outrages suffered by Ireland. Rev. O'Reilly spoke at some considerable length and gave pertinent advice to the members of the league. Miss Annie Keough recited Fontenoy; John Swift sang a comic song, and Messrs. J. H. Bayliss and E. L. Winter played a banjo duet. The remainder of the program included several numbers, musical and literary, and the occasion was highly enjoyable.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

The first of the conventions will be held to-day and the Prohibitionists, as usual, are first in the field. The gathering will take place at Harrison hall at 2 p. m. and prospects of a large assemblage are good, The leading candidates for the mayoralty are Dr. L. W. Denton, William M. Lawrence and Silas Moffitt, while in certain quarters the name of Ald. Albert Lawrence is whispered in subdued tones. Dr. Ed. Phillips said, yesterday: "We will surprise our Democratic and Republican friends with the number of votes we can poll. No, we don't expect to elect our mayor, but we do expect to elect an alderman or two." How this was to be done he did not say.

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Echoes of the Windom hall conference of Saturday night went sailing about the city, yesterday, in Republican circles. It has become evident that Ald. Sly's idea will prevail and the registration section will be knocked out of the plan. The reference made by Supt. Tousley to the workingmen was greeted with "Rats!" wherever read. The workingmen are after Tousley's scalp.

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The following paragraph, taken from a morning paper, furnishes a sample of erratic reportorial work:

> The Prohibitionists have canvassed their mayoralty timber, and nearly settled on William M. Lawrence of the Seventh ward. If he is willing to make the run they will give him the complimentary nomination. At least that was the talk of the Fourth ward caucus last night. Mr. Lawrence's prominence in the city and council, his success as a business man, recommends him to them as the man for the place. Unless he declines W. M. Lawrence will head the Prohibition ticket.

As a matter of fact, W. M. Lawrence is not of the Seventh ward, nor was he ever a member of the city council. He is a laundryman and lives in the Fifth ward.

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Rev. W. W. Satterlee, the arch Prohibitionist, was asked yesterday if it were true that Ald. A. Lawrence of the Eighth ward had renounced his prohibition proclivities.

"I do not think Brother Lawrence was ever guilty of uttering anything that could be so construed. I have conversed with a number of the Republicans of the Eighth ward who have interviewed him on the subject, and they say that Mr. Lawrence declared himself in language that could not be misunderstood. He said he was an out-and-out third party Prohibitionist. It is true that he has done some things which need an explanation, yet our party feels pretty generally satisfied with his record in the council. He voted for a license, but it was not as between prohibition and license, but as between a high and low license that he chose high license."

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The French Independent club of the First ward met in Germania hall yesterday afternoon and discussed the aldermanic situation. They had selected as their candidate Mr. L. Henault, but, of course, realized that it would be impossible to elect him without the indorsement of one of the dominant political parties. The Democratic aspirants to the office were in attendance and a sort of a consultation was had. Speeches were made by several, and the beauty of the whole was the harmony. There was little opposition to Democracy, and the expressed opinion of the majority was that the Frenchmen of the First ward will abide the choice of the Democratic primaries.

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The Democratic candidates for nomination in the First ward, who attended the meeting of the French Independent club yesterday, were Messrs. H. M. Burke,

Joseph Butler, John Norton and Mr. Brown. They were all most cordially received and each hope to have the support of the Frenchmen, in case they can secure the nomination.

ABOUT THE CITY.

"Who can we get to supply the pulpit in in Dr. Hutchins' absence?" was a question which agitated the Plymouth church committee the other evening. Some one suggested that President Northrup might be secured. "Call him up by telephone," said one of the brothers. After Central had signified that the proper connection ha been made the following conversation took place over the wire:

"Is that Mr. Northup?"

"Yes."

"Can you supply Plymouth church pulpit next Sabbath?"

"Well, I might, I used to preach once, but I'm in the feed business now."

Here the Plymouth brother rang up Central and informed her that she had given him the wrong Mr. Northrup, while one of the committee casually remarked that the church needed feed badly enough, but of the other kind.

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For fifteen years Fred L. Smith has occupied the office of secretary of Excelsior Lodge of Perfection, A. and A. S. R., in this city. The lodge held its tri-ennial election yesterday and Fred peremptorily refused to longer wear the honors and carry the burden of secretary's duties. It goes without saying that he has for many years devoted a valuable amount of time in the Masonic harness.

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Aided by the proceeds of the recent benefit, the Press club proposes to make a vigorous effort to reach the goal for which it started. At yesterday's special meeting it was decided to to expand its quarters extend its library, and largely improve its social possibilities. Savage as they are, in their duties, the newspaper men in Minneapolis, when together, are "brithers a'." They propose to enjoy themselves and improve their work at the same time.

Scottish Rite Election.

Excelsior Lodge of Perfection No. 2, Ancient and accepted Scottish Rite Masons, Southern jurisdiction, held their tri-ennial election of officers yesterday, resulting as follows:

Venerable Master—D. M. Goodwin.
Senior Warden—J. M. Williams.
Junior Warden—C. D. Hammond.
Treasurer—J. H. Thompson.
Secretary—Murray A. James.

MINNEAPOLIS SPORTS.

Col. McLaughlin states that he will now locate in Minneapolis permanently.

T. W. Eck expects a Buffalo home-trainer from Chicago this week. It will be the first thing of the kind ever see nin this city. Mlle. Armaindo is going to train on this, and she says she is going to show the people that she can beat a record.

There will be six races at the Washington rink this week—bicycle races on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and skating races on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Friday a fifty-mile bicycle race, Whittaker against five riders, who will change every ten miles, while he goes the full distance. Saturday, commencing at 2 p. m., one-hundred-mile race with twelve starters.

There is now no doubt that the proposed Northwestern base ball league will be organized. A meeting will be held in Eau Claire next Monday for that purpose. The league will be composed of the following cities: Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Eau Claire and Oshkosh. There is some question regarding the wisdom of leaving out Stillwater. That city has always manifested a lively interest in base ball matters, and would probably prove a better paying point than some of the cities contemplated. Mr. Loftus, the veteran, will go to Milwaukee to manage that team, Mr. Lucas will manage Duluth, Ted Sullivan St. Paul, and probably J. E. Whitcomb Minneapolis.

S. G. Whittaker of St. Louis, the fifty-mile amateur champion of the United States, arrived in Minneapolis Saturday night to compete in a series of bicycle races against five of the fastest riders in this city. Whittaker is not only a fast bicycle rider, but holds all the American tricycle records from 6 to 10 miles, his time being within 23 seconds of the fastest in the world. He will ride a royal mail racing wheel which weighs 26 pounds. This wheel is the same make as Mlle. Armaindo uses in all her races. The first race will take place to-night at the Washington rink and the distance will be 20 miles. Five of the amateurs will be pitted against Whittaker, who will ride the whole distance, while his competitors will change every four miles. This will be a hard race for the St. Louis boy, but he says he will be equal to the occasion. No doubt the fastest time ever made by an amateur in the world will be made by the champion to-night. T. W. Eck, the manager of Washington rink, says he is only going to give races to the fastest and best amateur and professional bicycle riders and skaters in the country, and the public may rest assured that every race which takes place in the rink will be on its merits, and in all races the riders or skaters must make fast time to get a prize. No hippodrome races will be allowed. Ehlert left last night for his home in Chicago, and says whenever they get any more fast skaters in Minneapolis to send for him and he will try conclusions with them. He made the fastest five miles ever skated in the Northwest, at the rink Friday night. Time, 17 minutes, 38 2-5 seconds.

POLICE GATHERINGS.

The funeral of the late Lieut. West will occur from the family residence in the Sixth ward at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The man assaulted on First street, in the demi-monde locality, is said to be improving. His face, however, will always bear the scar.

A sneak thief entered a Manitoba caboose at the East side station yesterday while a freight train was temporarily side-tracked, and stole an overcoat and a pair of overshoes.

MINNEAPOLIS GLOBULES.

"Faust" at the Grand this evening.

"The next mayor" will be nominated by the cold waterites to-day.

Park avenue was quite gay yesterday with fast steppers and fancy sleighs.

Rev. W. W. Satterlee has been appointed to supply the Methodist pulpit at Richfield until the next conference, on account of the resignation of Rev. Mr. Thompson when he united with the Episcopal church. Mr. Satterlee will leave this morning for Rochester, Minn., to attend the Prohibition convention from the First district.

Prof. Richard Stempf, director of the Harmonic and Philharmonic societies, was thrown from a sleigh on Portland avenue yesterday afternoon. The fall brought serious injuries. His left shoulder was dislocated, and a very severe bruise inflicted on his face besides internal injuries. Dr. Ames reduced the dislocation and dressed the other wounds.

MINNEAPOLIS PERSONALS.

E. W. Aldrich has returned from California.

T. F. O'Hair, the Delano attorney, is at the Clark.

Howard Pew of the Duluth Evening News is in the city.

W. J. Murphy of the Grand Forks Plain Dealer is in the city.

W. J. Donnelly, business manager for Nat Goodwin, is at the Clark.

Rev. R. J. Hutchins and family leave for Oberlin, O., this week.

T. O. Bivin of McPherson, Ia., is stopping over in the city for a week.

Thomas F. Shea, business manager for obson & Crane, the comedians, is in the city.

What a Woman Does When Angry.

San Francisco Report.

To the innocent young man, if there are any such, a woman's toilet is a deep mystery. He declares that feminine garments are built on the most complicated designs and then displays his back-buttoning shirt and unmanageable pantaloon legs as an improvement. Perhaps dislocated shoulder-blades, resulting grom refractory collar buttons, are preferable to compressed waists. But I warrant that more profanity has fallen on these unoffending buttons than on all the corsets in America. A woman doesn't swear; she cries or bites something.

The Servant Smiled and Then Left.

Boston Budget.

An economical housewife who believed in bestowing useful gifts gave to her maid-of-all-work on Christmas day a lamp for the kitchen, a flat-iron holder and a sink-scraper. Then she said, as she handed them to the domestic:

"I thought I would buy these for you rather than the foolish things that people usually give to girls."

The neat-handed Phyllis took them with a grim smile, and the next day she left her place and took her presents with her. Moral: "Stinginess is not always wealth."

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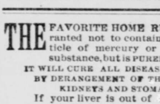

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Secretary.......J. M. Gibbons.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1885.

Loans on real estate	$2,546,448 00
Loans on collateral security	1,681,211 25
Premium notes or loans	1,096,160 8
Value of real estate owned	1,329,892
Market value of bonds and stocks owned	10,045,539 50
Cash on hand and in bank	800,057 09
Accrued interests and rents	208,585 37
Net deferred and outstanding premiums	138,651 79
Total admitted assets	$17,846,546 65

LIABILITIES.

Net present value of outstanding policies, American Experience Table of Mortality with 4½ per cent. interest	$14,076,599 41
Total gross policy claims	184,447 00
All other liabilities	87,785 94
Total liabilities	$14,348,832 35
Surplus over liabilities	$3,497,714 30

INCOME IN 1885.

Total premium Income	$2,111,430 42
From interest and dividends	726,956 41
From rents and all other sources	204,395 73
Total income	$3,042,782 56

EXPENDITURES IN 1885.

Losses and matured endowments	$1,379,823 00
Dividends and other disbursements to policy holders	712,461 40
Total payments to policy holders	$2,092,284 40
Management expenses	445,830 83
Total disbursements	$2,538,115 23

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1885.

	No.	Amount.
In force at end of 1884	500	$1,425,879 00
Issued during 1885	56	200,600 00
Ceased to be in force during 1885	35	98,500 00
In force Dec. 31, 1885	521	1,537,979 00
Total premium receipts		32,339 43
Losses paid in 1885		12,000 00
Losses incurred in 1885		12,000 00
Distribution of surplus to policy holders in this state in 1885		6,265

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,
ST. PAUL, February, 1886.

I. A. R. McGill, Insurance Commissioner of the State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the New England Mutual Life Insurance company above named has complied with the laws of this state relating to insurance, and is now fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact its appropriate business of life insurance in this state for the year ending Jan. 31, 1887.

A. R. McGILL,
Insurance Commissioner.
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Change of Street Grade

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
ST. PAUL, Jan. 30, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of St. Paul, at their meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 2d day of March, A. D. 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at the Council chamber in the City Hall, consider and may order a change of grade on the following streets between the points named, viz:

Grotto Street,

From Marshall to St. Anthony avenue.

Arch Street,

From Columbia to Linden street.

Columbia Street,

From Glencoe street to Pennsylvania avenue

Fairfield Avenue.

Between Dakota avenue and State street.

All in accordance with and as indicated by the red line on the profiles thereof and as reported upon as being necessary and proper by the Board of Public Works of said city, under date of Jan. 18, 1886, which said reports were adopted by the said Common Council of said city at their meeting held Jan. 19, 1886.

By order of the Common Council.
THOS. A. PRENDERGAST, City Clerk.
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