THE PLANS LOOK WELL.

Low Railroad Rates and the Big Boom Have Sent Land Way Up.

INSIDE THE MAMMOTH BUILDING.

Logging Camp Restaurant and Other Features That Are Novel.

NOT A FRONTIER TOWN BY ANY MEANS

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. MINNEAPOLIS, May 20,-"Can Minneap elis take care of the crowd at the coming National Conven-

I asked this question of a rather roughlooking Minneapolis citizen who sat oppo site me in the sleeper on my way from Chicago to Minneapolis. "Take care of the convention!" was the asked.

peapolis can take care of two such crowds G. A. Brackett, Chair and not feel it. By man Citizens' Com- Gingernati! you people of the East can't understand the possibilities of the West. We work quick out here and the bigger the thing is the better we like it!"

"But how can you feed and sleep such a growd?" I asked. "There is no trouble about that," was the Minneapolis man's reply. "We have plenty of potatoes and turnips, and we can haul in enough straw for bedding. We can take care of them." And with that the citizen burst into a horse laugh and repeated, "Let 'em come. By Gingernati, peated, "Let 'em come. By Gingernati, and men who want to invest in Northwestern lands. These are commanded won would

bodies, however, the idea that some people of the effete East have of the wild and woolly West-an idea which will be changed after they come to the

convention. Minneapolis has as good food and as fine hotels as any city of the East. She is really ready for the conven tion, and she could R. B. Langdon, Chairtake care of it if it man Finance Com-

were called together mittee. to-day. I have spent some time in looking into her preparations, and I predict that the delegates and visitors to this convention

delegates comfortable. Minneapolis has some of the finest residences of the United States, and a number of its rich men, I am and I can best give some idea of it by re-peating a chat I had resterday with Colonel McCrory, the Secretary of the Committee on Arrangements for the Convention.

A Convention Crowd of 75,000 People, Said Colonel McCrory: "We expect to have at least 75,000 strangers here at the

our applications for quarters are coming people expect the number will reach undoubtedly be one of the biggest con-ventions ever held. The States of Ohio and Iowa will empty themselves out here in June, and we will

W. E. Steele, Chairman from 680 Republican Accommodation Com-mittee. from each club. This will make 6,800, and we will have a bigger delegation from Iowa. The Iowa men have been here to look up

The Iowa men have been here to look up accommodations, and they are organizing to come in crowds. We have had delegations here from all of the Western States, and Illinois is organizing to bring a big crowd here. There will be a single club of 400 from Philadelphia, and the States of Oregon and Washington will be largely represented."

"What are the railroads going to do?" I "What are the railroads going to do?"

"They will make one fare for the round reply. "Well, I trip and some of the roads will do much should smile! Min-better. For instance, a rate will be made which will bring people here from Port-land, Me., and take them back at about half a ceut a mile, or \$13 50 for the trip of nearly 3,000 miles. What Low Railroad Rates Mean.

"These reductions will bring enormous crowds and the rush to the Northwest will take advantage of the low rates, and the number of summer visitors, which we always have, will add to the list. There are

now thousands of people who come here to spend the summer on account of the climate and our lakes, and the

in Russia last week to buy him 100,000 acres and all conveniences for writing, and in no of land, and I bought him 75,000 acres at room will there be more than two beds or prices ranging from \$8 to \$20 per agre. At tour men. Some of the newspaper men will this time last year I could have bought the have rooms to themselves, and the prices

How They Figure on Sleeping Rooms, "Yes, without doubt," was the reply.

that is making it do all it can to make the | the big hotels at Lake Minnetonka in 20 minutes, and these, together with St. Paul, which is no further off and is reached at a 10-cent fare by electric and steam cars, can And How It Will Take Care

of the Thousands of Convention Visitors.

States, and a number of its rich men, 1 am told, intend to move their families out to the hotels on Lake Minnetonka and to give up their houses to some of the delegates. The people are throwing open their homes to the convention as though it was a religious syned or conference, and increased hotel and rooming accommodations have been provided. The crowd will be a large one, and I can heat tip to feed the crowd is beyond question. We make, for instance, 35,000 barrels of four a day at our mills here, and this would make enough bread to feed New York and Brooklyn and leave some thousands of barrels over for cakes and provided. The crowd will be a large one, and I can heat tip to year. rels over for cakes and pies. We have big meat packing establishments here, and you can get anything to eat in Minneapolis that you can get at any place in the United States."

There will be a great many newspaper correspondents at the convention, and all the big papers of the United States have arranged for quarters. The accommodations in this respect will be better than at any previous convention, and more than 250 of working journalists have already applied for quarters. The Chairman of the Press Commit-tee is ex-Senator Gil. Pearce, who is now ed-itor of the Minneapolis Tribune, and the Secretary is J. Newton Nind, one of the well-known newspaper men of the North-

Where the Newspaper Men Will Be. He tells me that there will be no trouble about accommodations, and that the New York Life Insurance building will accommodate 200. This building is to be given up entirely to the press, with the exception of three rooms which have been reserved for the president of the company who is coming to



the convention with his family. The build-ing is within ten minutes' walk of the conturned here since the big crops. We expect thousands of farmers and men who want to invest in Northwestern lands. These are coming now, and you would be surprised at the Mrs. Mayor Winston, change that has taken President of the Womplace.

"Lands in the Dakotas and this State have nearly doubled since those big crops, and the prospect is that these crops will continue. The outlook for this year is far better than it was for 1891, and we are going to have a boom. I got an order from a man in Russia last week to buy him 100,000 acres have been fixed according to the number in a room. The price of a room with one bed and, all told, I shall not be surprised if we have more than 75,000."

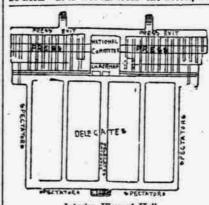
have been fixed according to the number in a room. The price of a room with one bed for one person will be \$4; less, if two occupy a room with one bed in it, and still "Well, suppose you have that many; less if there are four in a room with two can you take care of them?" building and telegraphic arrangements.

Reports May Be Dictated,

write at all. They dictate their reports to shorthand men or directly to the type-writer. The Press Committee is now test-ing the pretty typewriter girls of St. Paul and here, and they are also experimenting with the various shorthand men, so that such correspondents as want such assistance

can be supplied with efficient help at once on application to the committee.

In company with the Hon. R. G. Evans, of the National Republican Committee, and Colonel McCrory, I took a look this afternoon at the hall where the convention is to be held. It is not far from the hotels, and



Interior View of Hall.

is reached by the electric cars and is within a few minutes' walk from the railway sta-tions. The building itself is worth notice. It covers nearly three acres of ground, and It covers nearly three acres of ground, and has within half an acre a base area equal to that of the Capitol at Washington. It is built of brick and stone, and its walls are from two to four feet thick. You must imagine hundreds of flags floating from its roof and from its towers. You must drape bunting over the doors and along the winders. dows and on the wooden stairways leading up to the second story on every side, and you get an idea of the hall as it will be within two weeks.

Room for Twelve Thousand People. The interior arrangements are now about completed. The hall proper is on the second floor, and it consists of a full acre of space built up inside the building and entered by about two-score entrances. This hall is in the form of a square with seats rising from a central space of about half an acre, backward on the four sides until they reach the wall. Above these seats there is a wide gallery which also slopes upward with its seats in tiers, so that the view of every man in the hall cannot be obstructed by the people in front of him. The hall will seat about 12,000 people.

The seats are wooden chairs arranged in

sections and numbered. These chairs are nailed to boards, and there is about three feet of space allowed to each spectator. The acre of space in the center is for the dele-gates, and this is seated with opera chairs, and in the orchestra circle, back of these, are seats for the alternates. Around the space reserved for the delegates is a little wooden fence three feet high, and directly in front of the delegates there is a rostrum of the same height extending out in the middle perhaps six feet into the delegates' space. Upon this arm of the rostrum the nominating speeches will be made, and directly back of it will be the seat of the President of the convention. At the right and left are the quarters for the working newspaper men. There are enough of seats to accommodate about 300. The newspaper men will write on poplar tables, and each man will have plenty of room.

Wonderful Acoustic Properties There will be pneumatic tubes connecting with these tables by which the dispatches can be shot down into the telegraph offices and the telegraph arrangements are already in. The acoustic properties of this hall are perfect. It was here that the great Christian Endeavor Convention of a year or so ago was held, and a large number of the speakers at this convention were girls who read their reports in an ordinary tone of

tone and his voice could be heard in the gal-leries up against the wall.

The hall is perfectly ventilated and thor-oughly lighted. There is a glass roof of about an acre directly over the delegates, and this can be raised here and there. The

lighting is an important matter, for it will be remembered at the convention that nominated Hayes some trouble arose with the gas, which prevented the convention from meeting at night, and thereby brought about Hayes' nomination. The situation was such that Blaine would have surely been nominated, and Secretary Charles Foster told me not long ago that it was the failure of the gas that made Hayes President of the Inited States. It is not senseably known. United States. It is not generally known, but this failure was not accidental, but intentional, and the man who was in charge of the hall made a misstatement in regard to

It's Lighted by Electricity. There is no chance of such a thing happening at Minneapolis. This hall is lighted by electricity, and there are more than 1,200 incandescent lights and 150 are lights in the convention building. In addition to this the hall and building are equipped with gas, so that if one thing fails the other can be turned on, and there can be no fraud about the lights. The building is thoroughly fireproof, and the exits are such that it could be emptied in six minutes if a fire should break out. There are 28 staircases leading to the valleries, and about the only woodto the galleries, and about the only wood-work in the building is that which has been put up to make it available for the conven-

The construction of this building will give you some idea of how they manage things in the Northwest. It cost \$325,000, and it is one of the largest and most permanent exposition buildings in the world. It is thoroughly solid and a large part of the interior and the floor beams are of iron. The floors are three inches thick and there are the set of floors. There are altoare three sets of floors. There are alto-gether about seven acres of floor space in the building, and it is, all told, a structure which in Washington or New York would consume from six months to two years in

It Rose in Eighty-Four Days. It was built here in 84 days. Minneapolis took a notion in January, 1886, that it would have an Exposition, and on the following May the corner stone was laid and a number of advance agents were sent out by the town to Europe to gather up art works



Senator Washburne's Residence. and other exhibits. Before August was

well under way the building was done, and by the last of the month the exhibits were in and a very fine art collection had been brought here from Europe. The Exposi-tion will be held this year, beginning on August 31 and closing September 24. And am told that it will have an average daily attendance of at least 12,000 people.

There are some curious things about this

convention that will be interesting to the visitor. The band, for instance, will be seated on a platform right above the delewill be better cared for than any convention in our history.

The people are making the matter a personal one, and the town has a city pride

The present hotels and their sunexes will accommittee is trying to provide accommittee is trying to provide accommittee is trying to provide and were heard in every part of the accommodate 25,000, and we can take care of a corps of tested stenographers and type-writers for the correspondents. Many of the best newspaper men of to-day do not the rostrum in an ordinary conversational reports and their sunexes will accommittee is trying to provide and their sunexes will accommittee is trying to provide accommittee is trying to provide and their sunexes will accommittee is trying to provide accommittee is trying to provide the latter than any convention reports and their sunexes will accommittee is trying to provide accommittee is trying to provide the best for the correspondents. Many of the matter a personal one, and the town has a city pride private families. Then they can go out to the best newspaper men of to-day do not the rostrum in an ordinary convention.

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carriage because it's cheap.

ing up space which could otherwise be used for seating spectators. The convention hall will have a finished appearance. Minne-apolis has gotten an army of decorators at work and even the posts which heretofore have been painted a dirty blue, and which looked rather unsightly have been covered with bronze.

The Pillars Will Be in Its Way These posts are twice as big around as a telegraph pole and the chief objection to them is that there are so many of them in the hall. They cannot, however, obstruct the view for any great length of time as the speaking will be all over the hall and they speaking will be all over the hall and they can come in the way of only a few of the spectators. There will be a restaurant in the convention building, but this will probably be only for the delegates, the employes and the newspaper men.

The queerest restaurant is one just out.

side the convention ground. This is to be called the Logging Camp and it is to consist of a big log cabin or a number of cabins built after the style of the logging camps of Mishing and the North North States. Michigan and the Northwest, and here a regular lumberman's dinner will be served. There will be coffee and corn bread and bacon, and this dinner promises to be both popular and curious. Minneapolis is a great lumber town, and by this it calls attention to its immense lumber interests. It is, in fact, the greatest lumber producing point in the world—at least Minneapolis people say so. By the last census it had \$6,500,000 worth of lumber a year, and this is 50 per cent more than the class that the same than the same t cent more than that of any other city in the ountry.

Sawing Up the Logs. One of the sights to the convention visitors will be these immense booms of logs on the Mississippi, and the sawmills working at them. These sawmills work day and night, and they use electricity to light the mills at night. They take up the largest of pine logs, run them into the mill, and with one sawing turn them into boards by great gang saws which will cut a number of boards at a time. Minneapolis, in fact, cuts about 350,000,000 feet of lumber every year with these mills, and she turns out enough boards to make a boardwalk a foot wide

twice around the world, taking in sea and

land, every year.

The convention visitors will be aston-The convention visitors will be astonished at how these people do business in the Northwest. Minneapolis has as fine buildings as you will find in any of the big cities of the East, and it has a half dozen buildings which would be a credit to New York. The most striking thing, however, to a stranger about Minneapolis is its immense elevators. These rise in every direction and they are as it were monuments. tion, and they are, as it were, monuments for this great grain center. One of these elevators hold 2,500,000 bushels of grain and the 21 elevators which are now in oper-tion here, hold more than 16,000,000 bushels. The most of the grain stored in them is wheat, and the immense crops of last fall have packed them to bursting.

The Streets and the Street Cars. I am surprised at the electric street railways of Minneapolis. There are here in this city and in St. Paul 284 miles of street railways under one management and they run these cars by electricity. The overhead wire is used and the cars go as fast as 12 miles an hour. There is an electric line between here and St. Paul and there are lines running out to the suburbs and you can go to St. Paul for a dime and to any place throughout the city for a nickel.

Speaking of board walks, Minneapolis has

as well paved streets as you will find in any city of the country. There are 40 miles of such streets here. And the most of these are made of granite and cedar blocks. The cedar blocks are the most popular except where heavy hauling is required in which case granite is used. The city extends over a large territory and like many Western towns, its corporation limits reach out into the country. It is ten miles long and six miles wide and as its area is, all told, about 24 miles, it has plenty of room to grow. It has many residences as fine as that of Sen-ator Washburn, which is here shown.

OR, FOUR YEARS ON A NEW BEDFORD WHALER.

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH BY CAPTAIN J. H. B. ROBINSON.

The Straightforward Tale of a Plain Sailor's Actual Adventures on a Cruise in the Stormiest Seas of the World.

> CHAPTER XIL AMONG THE KANAKAS.

For several days after the death of ou third mate we were busy cleaning the ship. We usually scrubbed the decks at daylight and finished all necessary work before the sun was high. For several hours in the middle of the day we performed no labor, on account of the intense heat, and we improved the time to lay in a supply of lime juice for use in other latitudes. Limes are to be had in abundance, and each man filled every available receptacle with lime juice, which is a certain protection from scurvy, besides being pleasant to drink with water as a beverage.

One day a number of the natives were in the steerage. I had given my "flem" an old cap, which delighted him beyond measure, although a more useless present could not have been made, as they use no head covering on the hottest days. As we were seated around the steerage on chests and inverted buckets, while natives sat cross-legged on the floor. I performed a simple sleight-of-hand trick, thinking to amuse and mystify them.

amuse and mystify them.

The mystification was complete, but instead of deriving any amusement therefrom they rushed on deck to a man, shouting:

"Covey-covey! Too much devil!"

It required all my powers of persuasion to induce them to come near me until at least I was forced to available my trick to

last I was forced to explain my trick to them, and even then they looked upon me with distrust for a long time.
On the first day I had liberty ashore my

'flem," whose name I found was Manassa met me on the beach and escorted me to his hut, where he entertained me in a most hospitable manner. He placed before me chicken, eggs and the choicest fruits the island afforded, and tried in every way to testify his delight at my visit and his desire to place his earthly possessions at my

than climbed, to the top without any ap-parent distress. I tried it. I will only say that I failed signally, to the enjoyment of the natives present.

The green nuts are not harder than a pumpkin, and it is only necessary to pierce the outer fiber with any sharp substance and ator Washburn, which is here shown.

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The outer noer with any snarp substance and a which throws the face into insignificance, as a peacock's tail does its proud owner.

With the exception of a cloth about the the fresh water is obtained during rains, when it is saved in huge hollow logs. The unknown, and accustomed from infancy to

cocoanut tree furnishes an unfailing supply of drink, meat, clothes, and in fact almost everything the natives use. In spite of the good which the missionaries are supposed to have done in these islands, I am still of the opinion that they would have been far better off in every way had the white man never found them, for their readiness to embrace our religion is much more than counterbalanced by the facility with which hey adapt themselves to our only those who have actually been among the islands in the South Pacific can fully realize the truth in this apparently heath-

enish statement.

My friend saw me admiring a tortoise shell comb and he immediately forced it upon me, at the same time telling me the upon me, at the same time telling me tole name "hals." He also gave me a mat made of coconnut fibers, which is "fala" in their language. I felt ashamed to accept what must have taken days to plait, even in their rude way, and I gave him my jackknife. I believe he would have risked his life to possess such an article and he went through the most extraordinary pantomime to ex-

The orange trees are scattered all over the island, and we had rare sport in using the fruit as baseballs, and astonishing the na-

tives by our skill in catching them at a great distance.

Food, generally speaking, is called "ki-ki," which also means "hungry." Anything good is "la-la." "Covey-covey" signifies "bad."

They greet each other with the same sal-utation always. It is "Ofa," and this answers for all hours of the day and night. The men are slow to anger, but brave when aroused. Their huts are models of neatness, and, were it not for the universal habit of anointing the whole body with cocoannt oil, the same could be said of the occupants.

disposal.

It was on this occasion I first saw a Kanaka ascend a cocoanut tree. I expressed a desire for a green cocoanut, which in their language is called "neo," and my host deliberately walked to the foot of a tall tree without a limb for at least 30 feet, and placing his hands and the soles of his feet on either side of the tree walked, rather than elimbed, to the top without any appears to a European.

Nature has given them long, straight, black hair, but even here "fashion" steps in and decrees it more stylish to change the natural hue of their tresses to something lighter. Accordingly they literally plaster their heads with a white clay, which is considered "the thing" in hair. When any expecial gathering is to occur the head is especial gathering is to occur the head is thus "done up" for a day or two previous, and on the eventful day the clay is thoroughly removed. The hair is then daubed with oil and combed, standing out in all directions in an immense shock, which throws the face into insignificance

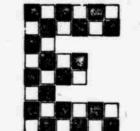
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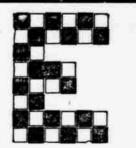
-Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

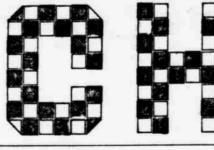
How many a man has had to congratulate himself with these words as, looking around his well-furnished house, his mind reverts to

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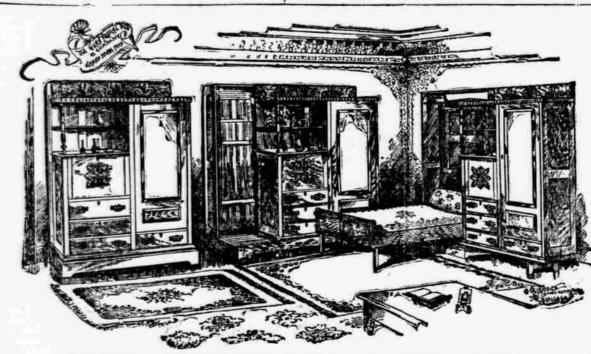
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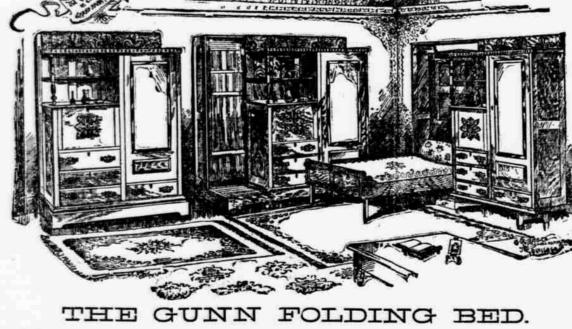
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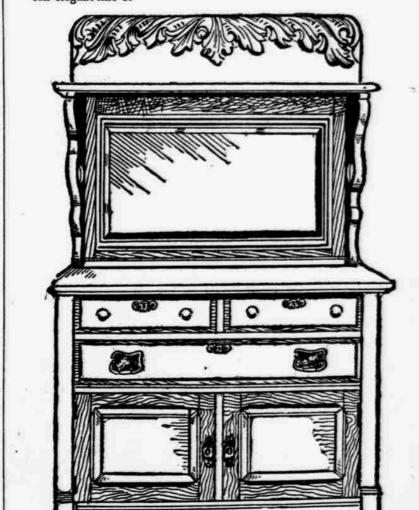
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