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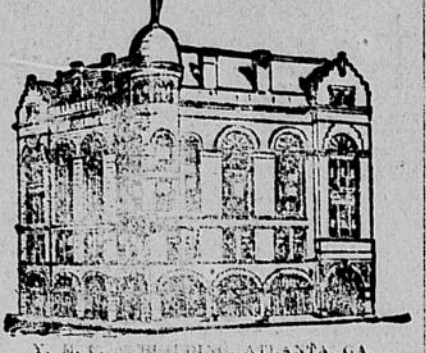
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 Orders left on my slate in the post office will receive prompt attention.
HARRY WASSAR.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 24, 1887.
 Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz:
 Edwin Ladbury, H. E. No. 6050, for the southeast quarter of Sec. 6, township 143, n. r. 58, w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Thomas Curtis, Edward Keyes, Charles E. Duncanson and Charles Curtis, all of P. O. Ashburn, Barnes county, D. T.
 The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Judge of district court, or in his absence before Peter E. Nelson, Judge of the probate court at Valley City, Barnes county, D. T., on Thursday, the 14th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.
MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register
 H. Winterer atty.

Notice to Creditors.
 Territory of Dakota, County of Griggs, ss. Probate court.
 In the matter of the estate of Platt S. Buell, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Platt S. Buell, deceased, and has been duly qualified as such.
 All persons having claims against the estate of said Platt S. Buell, are hereby notified and required to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, at the office of the probate court for Griggs county, at Cooperstown, D. T., on Tuesday the 26th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.
MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register
 Glass & McClaren, Attys.

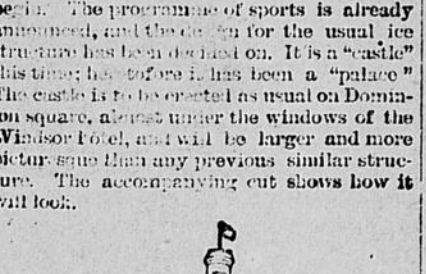
NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 4th, 1887.
 Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Armand Pederson, D. S. No. 16341 for the s. w. 1/4 of section 4, T. 143 n. r. 59 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Sigwart Tandø, Ole Aelakson, Tollef H. Tolbisson and Fingard Larson, all of Lee P. O., Nelson county, D. T.
 The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, Clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Wednesday, the 27th day of April, A. D. 1887, at his office.
MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register.
 J. O. Ole, atty.

THE ATLANTA Y. M. C. A.
 Their New Building, which will be one of the Best Equipped in America.
 The Atlanta association to-day is the most flourishing organization of the kind in the south. Organized in the summer of 1873, a quiet and successful work was carried on until the spring of 1885, when the twenty-fifth international convention of the Young Men's Christian associations of the United States and British provinces convened in Atlanta. With this convention began a new era in the history of the Atlanta association. At the close of the convention a movement was put on foot to secure funds for a building. The amount required was first placed at \$40,000. A meeting of business men was called the next night after the convention adjourned at the home of one of the leading capitalists, at which time \$20,000 was subscribed voluntarily. In two days the amount required was raised to \$60,000, in four days to \$75,000. In less than three weeks nearly \$80,000 were subscribed for this noble project without the circulation of a single subscription list. The pledging of the money and the manner of doing so was phenomenal, and without parallel in the history of association work. The cry of the city was, "A home for our young men." Men, women and children would meet members and friends of the association on the streets and offer their subscriptions. The average daily increase was nearly \$5,000, until the grand total was reached, when it was found that there were over 1,600 names on the list of subscribers. A lot was secured on one of the principal streets, plans selected, and a magnificent structure is now in process of erection.



THE ATLANTA Y. M. C. A.
 The building will comprise four stories, besides basement, and is being built of North Carolina sandstone, terra cotta and pressed brick. Situated on a corner, with a front of 80 feet on one side and 110 feet on the other, with an alley at the rear, it has perpetual light and air on three sides. The basement will contain a gymnasium, which extends into the first story, 40 feet wide by 60 feet deep and 28 feet high. A gallery is placed midway at the sides which will be used as a running track. In addition to the gymnasium the basement will contain a room with 500 lockers, bath rooms with shower and stationary baths, a bowling alley 60 feet long, storage and engine room. The entrance to the building is broad and imposing, of solid and massive masonry. The first story will contain five stores in addition to gymnasium. The corner stone was laid with imposing ceremonies on Oct. 20. The governor, chief justice of the state, mayor of the city and other prominent citizens made addresses. The second story will contain a reception room, which is the key to the whole building, offices for secretaries, large reading room, parlor, library and chapel, with a seating capacity of 250. On the third story will be located the main floor of the auditorium, which, together with gallery, will have a seating capacity of 800. There will also be five rooms on this floor for chess rooms. On the fourth and last floor there will be three studios, a conservatory and kitchen, with dumb waiter running to second story. The building, when completed, will be one of the finest in the country, furnished and equipped with all the most approved appliances, an ornament to the city and a lasting monument to the enterprise, morality and Christian liberality of the people. The success of the effort was largely due to the local press.

THE MONTREAL CARNIVAL.
 Preparations for the Festival-Castle of Ice.
 On Feb. 7 next the Montreal carnival will begin. The programme of sports is already announced, and the design for the usual ice structure has been determined on. It is a "castle" this time; has before it been a "palace." This castle is to be erected as usual on Dominion square, almost under the windows of the Windsor Hotel, and will be larger and more picturesque than any previous similar structure. The accompanying cut shows how it will look.



THE ICE CASTLE.
 Instead of following the designs of former winters at Montreal and St. Paul, the architects have placed the principal tower at the northwestern angle rather than at the center, the whole design being intended to give greater variety of view as an observer makes the circuit of the structure. The plan is an irregular square, including an area of some 14,000 feet, entirely clear, open to the sky. From each angle of the square a tower rises, that on the southwestern corner being a reduced copy of the great tower at Windsor castle. It is to be provided with a circular staircase in ice, leading to a parapet commanding a fine view. A height of 102 feet will be attained by the principal tower, shown in the foreground of the sketch. The tower on the eastern angle will rise to a height of 80 feet, and be placed diagonally to the wall. At the northern angle will be a fourth tower, 32 feet square and 50 feet high. Curtain walls with loopholes and battlements connect towers and turrets together. Special provision has been made in the design for effective aid to electric illumination and pyrotechnics.

A BALTIMORE CLUB.
THE NEW AND SUBSTANTIAL HOME OF THE CRESCENT CLUB,
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The Crescent club of Baltimore was organized in 1874, and it has already become one of the most influential of the political clubs of the country, numbering among its members cabinet ministers, senators and representatives, foreign ministers and consuls and the prominent men in Maryland politics, from the governor down.



THE CRESCENT CLUB HOUSE.
 They have recently purchased a fine residence in one of the desirable locations in the city. Through some alterations and additions the building has been transformed into one of the most comfortable of club houses. Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, from which our sketches were made, thus describes it: It is a double house with broad hall and brownstone front. On one side of the hall there is a saloon parlor, the full depth of the house; on the other side there are two connected rooms, which now become the "reception rooms." On the second floor the whole house has been thrown into one room, exclusive, of course, of the stairway. This is the club room. In the space occupied formerly by the back yard, a large room has been built for the general meetings of the club. This house has been decorated and furnished in a very artistic style. The large vestibule through which the visitor enters the hall has been redited and mounted in brass. On the left side, as you enter, are the reception rooms. These rooms are furnished with dark, carved oak, cushioned with dark green, embossed leather. The carpet is a dark one, in harmony with the curtains and furniture. The effect of this suite of rooms is very striking.



THE PARLOR.
 The parlor on the opposite side of the hall, is remarkably brilliant. It seems crusted with gold. On each side of the room is an Ionic column, fluted shafted, and backed by a corresponding plaster. These columns and their capitals have been gilded. The entablature which supports the floor above is finished like the cornice. The pilasters are finished like the wall. The walls are Lincolnshire Waiton hangings gilded in two shades of gold, and fairly blaze with light. The ceiling is of raised felt paper, painted in pale, delicate buff, with the figures picked out in somewhat stronger tints. The carpet repeats the general impression of the ceiling. Such wood work as shows is painted in ivory white and enriched with gilding. The mirrors over the mantels have heavy carved gold frames. The chimney is backed with tiles. The furniture is in part covered with a rich brown that harmonizes with the curtains and in part with a dark turquoise blue that gives a charming contrast of color.
 On the second floor the three rooms have been thrown into one for the club room; the pillars that take the place of the walls that were removed, and which now support the floors above, have been paneled, and some of the interspaces filled with carving, gilded, that produces a happy effect. The room has an air of substantial comfort. At one side of the room there is a dais upon which a handsome mahogany table stands, behind which is the seat of the presiding officer. Facing this is a large mahogany table where the secretaries may sit. In one corner of the room stands a grand piano.
 The floor above this contains a billiard room, a committee room, several sitting rooms and one large room as a reading room and for general social purposes. These rooms are handsomely and appropriately decorated, and furnished for solid comfort as well as for beauty. The billiard room is especially pretty, the ceiling being decorated with balls and cues in high relief very happily composed. There is also a secretary's room, fitted up like a luxurious office, with appropriate furniture. The restaurant is very neat and attractive.

Clerks Who Speculate.
 I think that young man makes twenty cents every time he buys stamps here. I know the firm he works for, and it is unlikely they would send him for ninety stamps every time. He always gives me \$3 and pockets the change. There is another young clerk whom I have got my eye on. He has brought here from time to time stampal envelopes with the name of the firm for which he works branded upon them. These he had exchanged for postage stamps. If the envelopes were spoiled in directing or mutilated in any way there would be no suspicion, but they are whole and without a scratch upon them. These fly young men need watching.
 —Postal Clerk in Albany Journal.

MaJ. Gen. Pope who is now on the retired list, has located in St. Louis.
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