

Minneapolis ministers have started on the warpath against Sunday papers, and are endeavoring to secure boycott pledges from members of their congregations. They even threaten to ostracise such ministers as do not agree with them either as to the evil of Sunday papers or the advisability of applying their remedy. Boycotting is pretty mean business, but they are probably equal to it. When they get through they will feel like the boy who placed his head up against a mule's heels—that they have gained much experience at the expense of their beauty.

Sprague will present a far different appearance next summer from that of old. An electric light system is being introduced for both streets and buildings, and a splendid system of water works has been put in. The supply of pure water for domestic, fire and irrigating purposes is unlimited, and green grass, flowers and shade trees will show the effect. Twenty-five fire hydrants afford ample facilities for combating the destroying element. The city is enjoying unprecedented growth and prosperity.

Another prize fighter has been beaten to a jelly in the ring and died of his injuries, and yet the contest for securing the Sullivan-Jackson mill still goes on in communities that would object to being called lawless and degraded. There is yet to be heard a public protest from the presumably better class of people in any one of the cities now struggling for that doubtful honor. Is there a city that does not want to be a "pugilist's paradise" and has the courage to say so?

One of the first acts of the free and independent ball players after breaking away from the league and setting up in business for themselves, was to adopt a rule giving two umpires to each game. Hitherto the entire eighteen players have been deprived of a full enjoyment of their inalienable rights by having but a single umpire to kick at, but now with only nine to a man they can give free wing to their fancy when they do not like the decisions.

Another deposit of tin ore is reported, this time in Langell valley, Klamath county, Oregon. This makes three now known in the United States. One of these is now being worked in the Black hills, and the other is a recent discovery in Washington. If the Oregon and Washington deposits prove valuable, it will probably not be many years before the United States will cease to import that most valuable metal, and possibly begin exporting it.

Monday morning, the 16th, the eight democratic senators of Montana, who had been served with pro-

cesses by the sergeant-at-arms, came into the senate chamber and took the oath of office. The senate is now fully organized and the first step towards a straightening out of the legislative complication has been taken. Organization of the house will be next in order, but upon what basis it will be made no one can predict.

Congress starts in with a thousand bills before the holidays. As that is more than twice as many as will be passed, and as there are more where these came from, some one is doomed to disappointment. Tariff, irrigation, fortification, ballot protection and rivers and harbors will probably consume the bulk of the time of both houses, and on these questions many great speeches will undoubtedly be—printed.

The supreme court of Oregon is evidently anxious to "break the record" of courts of appeal in saving the necks of convicted criminals upon purely technical and immaterial grounds. The grangers were right in voting against the amendment to the constitution increasing the salary of supreme judges. They are over paid now. Let the money go toward paying the expenses of new trials they decree.

Governor Toole, of Montana, could not stand it any longer to have his maiden message bottled up, and so he blazed away with it at the unorganized legislature. The message was not sufficiently antisepticized to keep, and he was compelled to get rid of it for fear it would spoil on his hands.

Now that it is learned that Treasurer Burke made way with \$800,000 of the Louisiana state funds, the Louisiana lottery will have to take another hitch in its pants and buckle down to business to help the state out.

The Canadian climate has lost some of its charms since the new extradition treaty was sent to the senate, and the dominion will probably in future not receive as many of our shrewd financiers as formerly.

Talmage's church will soon have a new organ with a bass drum attachment. Talmage seems to have taken other pointers from the salvation army besides that of making a monkey of himself in the pulpit.

Senator Manderson has introduced a woman suffrage bill, and congress will be given a chance to wrestle with that question if it ever gets out of the committee's hands.