



Manchester Enterprise

By MAT D. BLOSSER

MANCHESTER

In the south-west corner of Washtenaw County, 22 miles from Ann Arbor, the County Seat and University City, 25 miles from Ypsilanti and the Normal School, 20 miles from Jackson, the Prison City, 54 miles from Detroit, 51 miles from Toledo.

Societies

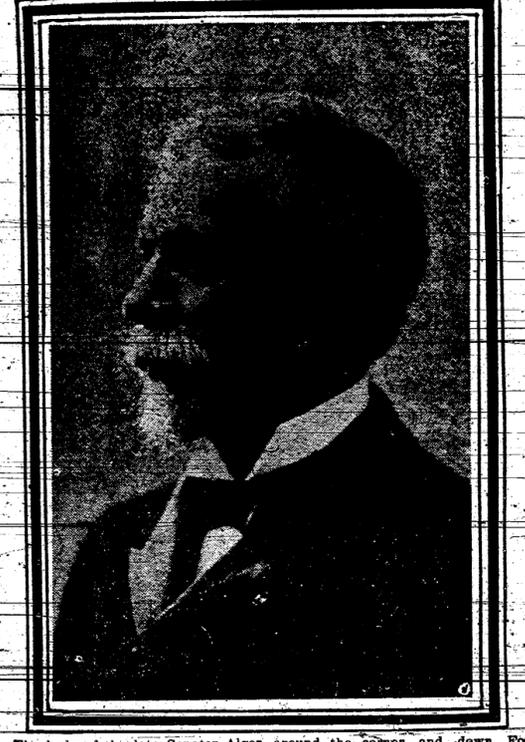
- MANCHESTER LODGE NO. 146, F. & A. M. meet at Masonic Hall Monday Evening.
MERIDIAN CHAPTER NO. 48, R. A. M. meet at Masonic Hall, Wednesday Evening.
ADOMIRAM COUNCIL NO. 24, R. A. S. M. meet at Masonic Hall, Friday Evening.

Business Cards

- A. J. WATERS, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office over Union Savings Bank.
FREEMAN & WATKINS, Attorneys and Counselors.
E. M. CONKLIN M. D., Physician and Surgeon.
W. A. KLOPFENSTEIN, Physician and Surgeon.

GENERAL ALGER'S FUNERAL

Simple Service at the Home, Monday, Followed by Burial With Military Honors, Closed an Honorable Career.



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MICHIGAN EVENTS NOTED

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW DOES NOT SUIT PRISONERS.

RAISE FUND FOR REPEAL. Likely to Enliven Interest in the Bill for Repeal—Italian's Story of Being Robbed in Kalamazoo.

Convicts Raise Money. In one of the Michigan prisons there are a number of professional criminals who propose to attempt to secure the repeal of the indeterminate sentence law of the state.

Was Robbed. Joseph Corridano, an Italian, who says he is on his way to San Francisco to start an Italian newspaper, was found in the gutter in Kalamazoo last Saturday night in a dazed condition.

Killed the Motorman. Motorman Henry Brees was instantly killed in Bay City Monday morning when his car was struck by a Detroit & Mackinac passenger train.

Ground to Death. Missing his footing as he attempted to swing upon a passenger coach, Joseph Egan, aged 27, night yard conductor, fell and was cut to pieces in Kalamazoo Monday morning.

Wayne's Good Roads. By a decision handed down by Judges Mandell, Brooke and Murphy in Detroit, the county road tax law, in its application to Wayne county, has been declared unconstitutional and the tax levied there is null and void.

Workman Electrocuted. Charles N. Geddes, aged 42, was electrocuted Monday morning in a Battle Creek factory. He was employed in setting a fuse and received a charge of 600 volts.

Muskegon Chamber of Commerce is going to make a try for the trade of resorters this summer.

Offended at the offer of the limburger cheese which he was eating for his lunch, a number of inmates of the Marquette jail set upon a fellow prisoner and gave him a bad beating.

Edward Kilian, a Lansing prohibitionist, is against the big cigar factory which Lansing is trying to land. He says it's a bad thing for the boys and girls who will work in it.

Miss Nettie Reese, of Port Huron, collapsed on her way home from a masquerade party and the three physicians who worked for nearly four hours to restore her to consciousness attribute her condition to over-exertion at the dance.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

Alfred Watkins voluntarily told the Lansing police that he had stolen a watch in Jackson, and the authorities there, confirmed his story.

Machine shops and roundhouses are to be built in Benton Harbor, the Pere Marquette having removed its freight division from New Buffalo.

Port Huron ranks fifth in the amount of wages paid daily to its factory employes. This is the report of the state labor commissioner.

Standish sportsmen oppose the bill introduced by Rep. McCarthy to prohibit the killing of deer, partridge and quail in Arenac county for five years.

L. B. Carpenter, representative of the Standard Oil Co. in Standish, has gone to Ann Arbor to receive the Pasteur treatment. He was bitten by a dog.

To put Van Buren county officers on a salary basis is said to be favored by a committee of supervisors which is investigating the county officers. County expenses are too heavy.

A movement is on foot to form an association for the protection of fish in the lakes of Genesee county. Long Lake, the mecca of many resorters, will be watched at once by a special deputy.

George Swisher, while operating an over-shot planer in the Buchanan cabinet works, had the iris of one eye cut by a splinter as clean as if it had been done by a knife. It cost him his sight.

The day of the big wind in Pontiac Luke Shaattuck's buggy was swept up by the zephyr and placed on the back of his horse. Shaattuck fell out of the carriage when it was elevated, but was not hurt.

A quiet but effective effort at forming unions for the American Society of Equity is progressing in Michigan. The "farm trust" has been called, hopes eventually to control the selling price of many farm products.

Eight Coldwater families have had some of their water shut off. They have been in "despair," but William Burch and Sam Ruff are in a critical condition, and have been removed to the city smallpox hospital.

"I want to die with an empty stomach," Bergan D. Christopher, a Summit township farmer, said when stricken with the illness which caused his death. For the week previous to his death he refused to eat anything.

A teacher famine is on at Lansing. The school board has been almost at its wits' end to keep a complete staff, and in case of sickness of regular teachers, has been forced to go out of the state for substitutes.

The Michigan Asphalt Co. of Alpena will install a 250-ton crusher which will have a capacity of 3,000 tons of crushed stone a day. The company will also put up a new steel and cement building 25x32 feet.

Some Cleveland capitalists are considering building an electric line from Negadance to Marquette. The disposition of the plan depends on a good deal on the attitude of the owners of the property along the proposed right of way.

"Mrs. Boutts, of Charlotte, whose husband was slain three years ago, has been granted an allowance of \$1 a week by the superintendent of the poor. She has four children, one of whom was born after her husband's death.

Albert Henning and J. T. Hoover, of Whitaker, and two men from Detroit were hauled into Sunday with a ferret. Someone tipped them off to Deputy Game Warden Rehn, of Rawsonville, and he came over and arrested them.

Electrocution, not apoplexy, was the cause of the death of F. W. Kane, a Port Huron molder who was found dead at his work. A postmortem revealed this. He was using a head-dress light. His arm was badly burned.

Although he is in his 81st year, Elijah Glenn of Battle Creek works daily at the forge. He shoes horses and attends to other duties. At one time he employed 50 men in the wagon making trade, but was unsuccessful in business.

Rep. C. H. Waters will introduce in the legislature a bill to amend Saginaw's charter, "to prohibit absolutely the further leasing or taking out of coal from under public streets, avenues, parks and public property of the city and state."

College students were not able to alight from a Lansing street car as promptly as they desired Friday night, and many went out through windows, breaking several. The vestibule of the car was badly damaged by students who were in a hurry to reach the theater.

Bert Desmond, a Port Huron bartender at the Hotel St. Cloud, and a friend were having an argument when the latter picked up a glass which he thought contained water and dashed the liquor into Desmond's face. It was carbonic acid and Desmond will probably lose his sight.

The Spaulding Lumber Co. has transferred to the Oliver Mining Co. 75,000 acres of woodland, 60,000 acres of which are located in Menominee county. This is said to be the largest single transfer of land made in northern Michigan. The consideration in the deed is \$129,000.

The transfer will mean a boom for some of the smaller towns in the northern part of Menominee county.

Roy Campbell, who had been missing from his home in Detroit for a week, was arrested at a Spring hotel and held until the return of his father. Roy wrote a letter home that he had been on an operation, and the news nearly prostrated his mother.

The officers who recently arrested Fred Black, of Goodells, on a charge of counterfeiting, are not satisfied that they have broken up the gang, and other arrests are expected. It is said that Black and his friends have had considerable means of support for two years.

F. W. Pierce's three-story building in "Ossoso" was unroofed Saturday night.

REPORT ON FUEL MONOPOLY IN EAST

COMMERCE BOARD TELLS HOW COAL OUTPUT IS CONTROLLED BY RAILROADS.

Combinations and Agreements Have Practically Ended Competition—Publicity and Ban on Ownership Given as Remedies.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The interstate commission Friday transmitted to congress its first report on its investigation on discriminations and monopolies under the joint resolution of congress of March 7 1906, known as the Tillman-Gillespie resolution.

The report deals with bituminous coal carried east of the Ohio river and in territory bounded on the south by the Norfolk & Western railway, on the north by Canada, and on the south by the Atlantic seaboard.

The roads involved are the Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio, Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania, Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh, Beech Creek division of the New York Central & Hudson River, Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern, Buffalo & Susquehanna and West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh (now the Western Maryland railroad).

Own Large Interests in Coal Lands. The report is only a partial one and will be followed by another, after further investigation. It is practically a summary of the information gleaned as a result of the investigation thus far made, together with the presentation of facts pertaining to the general inquiry. The report concludes with recommendations for legislative action, based on the developments thus far.

Publicity as a Remedy. The recommendations are: 1. That every common-carrier engaged in interstate transportation of coal be required to make public the system of car distribution in effect upon its railway and the several divisions thereof, showing how the equipment for coal service is divided between the several divisions of its road and how the same, in times when the supply of equipment does not equal the demand is divided among the several mining operations along such road and that the carrier further be required to publish at stated periods and at each divisional headquarters upon its line of road the system of car distribution made to each in mining operation under such system.

2. That where the capacity of the mines is the basis for the distribution of equipment, a fair, just, and equitable rating of the mines be required; and that provision be made for the representation of owners of the mines at the rating thereof.

3. That after a reasonable time the carrier engaged in interstate commerce be prohibited from using "inadequate" or "predatory" cars for the handling of coal traffic.

4. That carriers engaged in interstate commerce be forbidden to exercise reasonable time to own or have interest, directly or indirectly, in any operated coal properties, except as to so far as exclusively for their own fuel supply and that ownership, either directly or indirectly, by officers or employees of common carriers of any coal properties or any of the stock of such companies along the line of the road by which they are employed be forbidden.

OLIVER GETS CANAL CONTRACT. Given Ten Days to Associate Himself with Two Others.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Following a conference at the White House Sunday, it was officially announced that the contract for building the Great Northern canal would be awarded to William J. Oliver, who, with Augustus M. Bangs, was the lowest bidder in the recent competition, provided that within the next ten days he associates himself with at least two independent contractors whose skill and experience, combined with his own, shall cover the field of the work to be performed under the contract.

When informed of the statement issued by the direction of the president, Mr. Oliver's representatives said: "There is absolutely no doubt about Mr. Oliver's being able to fulfill the requirements of the canal commission. There are now at least 20 of the most responsible contractors in the United States who have expressed a willingness to join Mr. Oliver in the work of constructing the canal. At the time mentioned in his original bid, those names will be submitted to President Roosevelt with proof of their financial ability. Before entering into another arrangement, Mr. Oliver wants to know positively that the contractor he chooses will be acceptable to the government."

Jealousy Causes Tragedy. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 28.—John Glacken, a salesman, shot and instantly killed Maria Morris in front of her home early Saturday and then fired two bullets into his own body, causing wounds that are believed to be fatal. Glacken, the police say, was jealous of the woman and shot her because she had refused his proposal of marriage. Glacken is 26 years of age and the woman one year older.

SWETTENHAM STEPS OUT

KINGSTON UNDERSTANDS GOVERNOR HAS RESIGNED.

People of Ruined City Are Relieved of Rates and Taxes for Fifteen Months.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 28.—It is understood that Gov. Swettenham tendered his resignation to Lord Elgin, secretary for the colonies, a few days ago in consequence of the Admiral Davis incident and his inability to solve the problem created by the earthquake.

On Saturday the governor visited the temporary offices of the municipal council and informed the vice chairman, who is acting in the absence of Mayor Tait, who is injured, that the government had decided to relieve the people of Kingston from all rates and taxes for a period of 15 months beginning the first of January. This announcement has been received with gratification by the residents of the city, who will be encouraged to start the work of rebuilding as early as possible.

Most Rev. Enos Nuttall, archbishop of the West Indies, in an interview said that the municipal council was unable to deal with the present extraordinary emergency and should be abolished and one commissioner with full powers should be appointed to govern the city during the period of reconstruction. He also declared that in addition to the generous contributions from the United States, Canada and elsewhere, it was absolutely necessary to obtain an imperial grant and a large imperial loan to rebuild Kingston, more particularly in view of the attitude of the English fire insurance companies, which have disclaimed all liability for losses sustained during the earthquake and fire.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 26.—The lack of cooperation on the part of the central control here is greatly hampering the work of extending relief, providing shelter for the earthquake sufferers, pulling down the unsafe walls and repairing the damaged buildings, for which Gov. Swettenham is severely condemned. The Daily Telegraph in an editorial says: "His excellency is still carrying around the city, poking his nose into various corners and attending to petty details which his subordinates ought to attend to. The result is that when prominent officials and other gentlemen in charge of important work call at headquarters house to consult him they cannot find the governor. There is a total absence of a deliberate, organized movement. This is a state of affairs on which the British and colonial governments cannot construalate themselves."

A report issued by Health Officer Ogilvie warmly thanks the crew of the American battleship Missouri for their assistance in erecting tents and commends the services of Surgeon Norton of the Missouri in establishing the American hospital in Winchester park. The report states that the sailors were guilty of some fooling is authoritatively denied.

ROAD'S CHARTER ATTACKED. Proceedings in Minnesota Against Great Northern's Parent.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26.—Attorney Gen. Young began two separate proceedings in the supreme court Friday to compel the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad company to show cause why its charter should not be forfeited.

This company, formerly known in this state as the Minnesota & Pacific Great Northern Railway company, and the Great Northern is joined in this issue, as it is the owner of the Manitoba company's stock.

Attorney General Young's complaint covers 15 typewritten pages and goes into the transactions of the Great Northern Railroad company with its constituent companies forming the "new" known as the Great Northern Railway company.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 24.—In the Ramsey county district court Wednesday Judge Oscar Hallam signed an order, enjoining James J. Hill and other officers of the Great Northern Railway company from making the proposed increase of \$60,000,000 worth of additional stock of that company or issuing the same or part thereof during the pending litigation without first making an application in writing therefor to the Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission and securing its approval thereof, as provided by section 2372 of the revised laws of 1905 of Minnesota.

METEOR CAUSED EXPLOSION. Novel Explanation of the Terrible Disaster at Sandford, Ill.

Torre Haute, Ind., Jan. 26.—That a meteor set off the car of powder and caused the disaster to Big Four accommodation train No. 2 at Sandford, Ind., on last Saturday night, is the assertion of R. S. Brown, of Edgar county, Illinois. He stated Friday that on the night of the disaster a large meteor passed over his place and it appeared like a great ball of fire and made a noise like a strong wind.

The meteor, said Mr. Brown, was moving in the direction of Sandford and left a trail of sparks. Almost immediately after its appearance the explosion of the car of powder occurred. Other people living in the vicinity of Vermillion, Ill., and Sandford, Ind., stated that they saw the meteor.

MISTAKE OF A COLLEGE GIRL

Charles Dana Hazen, head of the history department of Smith college, had excused one of his pupils from recitation on account of sickness. Shortly after the recitation hour the professor had occasion to pass through the main street of Northampton, and much to his surprise saw his excused student coming from the opposite direction.

This was a critical moment for the college girl, who took in the situation with a glance. Something must be done at once to escape his notice. The book store nearby was her only resort, and if she could have reached it on time she would have been all right. In her excited state of mind she got into a saloon just one door from her intended hiding place. On discovering her mistake she rushed into the street and into the arms of the professor.

Hand-Made Island. In the Lake of Neuchâtel there may soon be a new hand-made island. The Swiss have voted in for improvements on a grand scale, and here is a benefit calling for execution. There is a submerged mountain in the lake, and such a chance must not be missed. Such a handsome, ready-made foundation is not to be found in every lake.

William Roth, a pintoed on the wreck on the Lake Shore at Riga Sunday night, prevented a possible loss of life by deterring a passenger from striking a match. The coach was filled with gas, which would have exploded.

The stock of 400 sheep of Corwin Skidmore, in Tyrone township, is being devastated by some mysterious disease.

It is estimated that the loss in the collision between two Michigan early freight trains at Tekonsha early Wednesday was \$300,000. Fireman Edward Blackburn, who was killed, survived by a widow and five children.

Impure Air. The importance of clean air and the constant supply of fresh air in living-rooms and wherever man abides...



To Defend Thaw. D. M. DELMAS

A FORT OF '76 FOUND.

SECRET REFUGE IN BOSTON RE-CALLS REVOLUTION. Wonderful Network of Concealed Rooms and Trap Floors Discovered. Accidentally in a Raid Made on a Gambler's Den.

Small but compactly arranged rooms, which were discovered by police officers in their search, and will not until the entire trade of the buildings is torn up.

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RICHES OF HOLE SAM

TOTAL WEALTH REACHES STUPENDOUS FIGURES.

More Than Half a Dozen Americans Worth More Than \$1,000,000 Together—All Records Broken.

Washington.—The United States is the wealthiest nation in the world. The total wealth of the country is estimated to be \$1,000,000,000,000.

SEA TERROR WITH TWO RANGE OF OLD ONES.

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ON SECRET SERVICE

By COL. JASPER EWING BRADY

(Late Chief of Telegraphs and Chief Signal Officer, U. S. A.—San Diego, Cal.)

"WANTED: A NAME"

The opportunities for Cheney to do special work for large firms and private individuals became very manifest when he was called upon to relinquish his government position and start out for himself.

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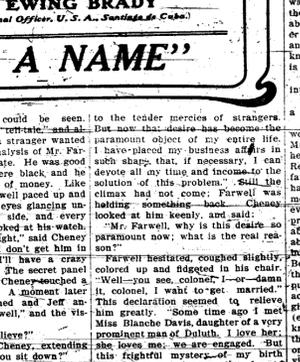
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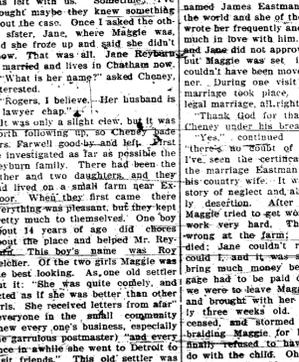
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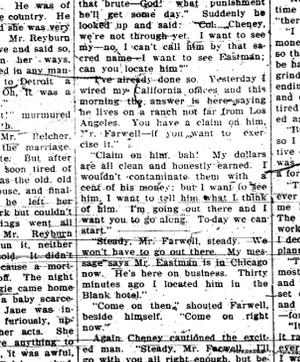
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SEEKS JOY IN WORK

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

We have a new advertisement for Geo. Haeseler this week.

J. H. Kingsley received a new water wheel for his electric lighting plant on Saturday.

The lady macabees will give a party to the Sir Knights at the hall next Tuesday evening.

The G. A. R. flag was put at half-mast last Saturday on account of the death of Senator Alger.

The ladies of the O. E. S. are planning a New England supper and unique program for Feb. 23d.

Julius Wuerthner, who has been appointed page in the house of representatives, is at home this week.

We are having fine winter weather now, cold, but sunny, during the day time and moonlight at night.

Railroad workmen have demolished the old water tank at the depot, the new tank and stand pipe having been put in operation.

Patrons of the railroad are very well pleased with the new station house, but say that it seems pretty small for a town of this size.

We understand that there is some talk of building an electric line through Manchester, in fact there is a probability of two lines striking here.

There will be a special meeting of the star chapter Friday evening for initiation of the young lady candidates. Refreshments will be served as usual.

Some farmers are using traps in their team work and a number use cat-tails. There is not much snow on the ground but the roads are smooth and sleighing is fairly good. Of course the sleighing is good.

Secretary Root of Manchester lodge F. & A. M. received a telegram from the lodge at Lodi, Calif., saying that Fred Hall is very low and not last long. This is sad news to his many friends here.

Law White fell on the walk in front of Sigel's several weeks ago and has been confined to the house since then. The doctor says the spinal nerve was injured. He is at the home of his sister, Mrs. Horace Wisner.

John Wuerthner & Sons are advertising a pre-inventory sale at greatly reduced prices, to begin Feb. 2nd, and continue until the 15th. We are having very winter weather now and many will want clothing. Read the advertisement.

John Unterkircher, who has been farming on the Selts place, two miles south of the village, has decided to quit farming and will have an auction Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 12, when Frank Merithew will sell his horse, cow, farming tools and implements, corn, etc.

A young man was in town Monday getting information for the purpose of making a new map of the business portion of the village for the use of all fire insurance companies. There have been some improvements made by property owners to protect their buildings against fire.

In mentioning the resignation of A. W. Spence last week, the agent made us say that he had been agent for the Lake Shore for 24 years. We wrote it 34. He has worked for the company 32 years and none will say that he has not been a faithful servant. He ought to be retired on a pension.

Yocum Marx & Co. here had a splendid trade during their special sale and their customers have been given some rare bargains. They have decided to discontinue keeping fur overcoats in the clothing department and their advertisement in another column will be seen their offer to clear their present stock below cost. They are offering other goods at one-fourth off.

The Knights and Ladies of the Macabees will present before last the funny rural comedy drama, "Vermont Folks," a play similar to the Old Homestead made famous by Denman Thompson. A beautiful picture of home life in old Vermont. Bob Green, the chore boy, Hank Marlowe, a would-be detective, Upson Asterbit, a New York duke, and Sally Green, the hired help, will furnish plenty of fun. Mr. A. E. Dake, late of the Chicago Stock Co., will direct the play and he comes highly recommended from Plymouth, Holly and other towns where "Vermont Folks" was given, a first class entertainment is assured.

Sunday Rev. E. G. Kuenzler, after three years faithful service as pastor of the St. Paul's church in this city, will preach his farewell sermon to the congregation with whom he has so long been associated and by whom he is loved and appreciated. Rev. Kuenzler goes from this city with the best wishes of every member of the congregation. He goes to New Albany, Indiana, to a congregation three times as large as the one he left here. He is a young man with a bright future and this move is but a step that will lead to grander and greater things. Monday night the congregation will meet to take leave of their loved pastor in the church. Middleboro, Ohio, News, Jan. 26. The many friends of Rev. Kuenzler, who was raised here in Manchester, will rejoice at his success.

INSTITUTE

Held by Farmers at Manchester, Monday, February 4.

The interest taken by all who have been asked to assist in making the farmers' institute a success is very pleasing to the grangers and others who have the matter in charge.

The program published and printed in these columns last week, will be carried out in a very satisfactory manner and the farmers in this section ought to turn out and take part in the discussions of the papers to be read.

The ENTERPRISE would especially urge the german farmers to attend, to come if they do not take any part in the exercises, they will be able to learn something about farming and the music and singing will be worth listening to. Arbeiter hall ought to be packed with people.

H. B. Cannon of Rockford is a practical farmer and knows how to tell what he knows. He will have a paper at the morning session on "The feeding and care of the dairy herd," in the afternoon his paper will be about "The soil, the farmer's friend," and he will also lead the discussion on Wm. E. Pease's paper on "Corn and its care." In the evening he will talk on "Habit" and "Poultry Keeping."

George S. Rawson of Bridgewater, one of our progressive farmers, will speak on "Lamb Raising" and J. W. Wiltner of Rock, one of the prominent farmers of Norvell, will lead the discussion. This is a subject that should be well understood and the breeding and feeding of lambs should be made more of a feature by our farmers. Come and learn how to handle this profitable and growing branch of husbandry.

Roll of Honor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Number enrolled for month..... 232
Number belonging at end of month..... 271
Average number attending..... 275.52
Average daily attendance..... 262.35
Aggregate tardiness..... 44
Number of non-residents..... 29

GRANAR ROOM.

Names preceded by (a) have been neither absent nor tardy during the semester.

- Stella Conklin, Lynn Glover, Edna Henderbott, Condie Jester, Edna Kuebler, Edna Lamming, Charles Laemmle, Myra Moore, Edith Schneckard, Omaha Schauble, Frieda Trant, Henrietta Wolf, Alma M. Schmid, teacher.

INTERMEDIATES ROOM.

- Agnes Bauser, Alvin Clark, Leona Davider, Fred Haugstein, Arthur Jester, Clarence Knopp, Louise Jester, Jennie Lowery, Clarence Mahle, Carl Schauble, Frederick Poelker.

SECOND PRIMARY.

- Marjorie F. Kingsley, Agnes W. Jolley, teachers, Kittie Beutler, Roy Blaindell, Amanda Brann, Glen Blythe, Elizabeth Dierle, Ernest Filber, Amanda Haaser, Eugene Jodels, Iva Kern, Roy Lamming, Margaret Maloney, Margaret Marie, Edmund Macomber, Oswald Marx, Chas. Riedel, Roy Stoot, Guy Tracy, Lillian Waller.

FIRST PRIMARY.

- Marie L. Dekker, teacher, Robert Blaindell, Laura Beutler, Helen Dietle, Clarence Knopp, Arthur Pace, Roland Giestre, Jackie Houg, Frankie Hough, Clarence Jodels, Lila Kern, Roy Kern, Bernice Koelberger, Norma Mahrie, Lowell Parr, Alvin Roller, Lydia Schauble, Donald Sillworth, Russell Sillworth, Clarence Wright.

WARD SCHOOL.

- Louise J. Schmid, teacher, Lynn Burch, Viola Dietle, Hilda Feldkamp, Cecil Pace, Paul Heim, M. Iva Hempel, Melvina Koebbe, Milton Kiebler, Jerry Kuebler, Ernestine Overmuth, May Riedel, Bertha Selig, Roland Schmid, Carl Van Valkenburg, Alfred Wint, Carl Wiedman.

School Notes.

The best spellers in the third grade for January are Helens Landwehr, Viola Dietle, Roland Schmid; first grade, Mae Riedel; Hilda Feldkamp.

The Alpha Sigmas was well attended Monday night and the program as announced in the ENTERPRISE was carried out. The musical program was well received. Misses Ida Barber, Ruth Agor and Mabel Spaford appeared before the society for the first time. Each was escorted and the Misses Barber and Agor responded with pleasing numbers. A stirring feature of the program was the singing by the glee club, this being their first appearance. The critic of the evening was Linn Weaver.

I have Page and Lyon fence on hand for immediate delivery Wednesday and Saturdays. Cedar and steel posts, fence stretchers etc. on hand. Phone 101-J. M. D. C. N. 1123

News of the Week

Gleaned by Our Active Country Correspondents.

BRIDGEWATER STATION.

Michael Klager took in five poultry Tuesday.

William Bentscher was a Manchester visitor, Monday.

Lullia Blum is seriously ill with pneumonia since Sunday.

Herman Wackenhut was in Saline on business, Wednesday.

Mrs. Fellenberger is slowly on the gain after a two weeks' illness.

Joseph Gauss went to Buffalo with stock last Saturday, returning Tuesday.

Wm. Schumaker and Ben Holzhauser were in Saline on business, Friday evening.

The Misses Hannah, Ida and Amanda Haeseler of Freedom visited with F. W. Schoen and family Sunday.

Mrs. George Boettner visited her mother, Mrs. Jacob Lutz, at Saline, Sunday. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Wackenhut, who remained for a week's stay.

The funeral service of Mrs. Louisa Roegg, mother of Mrs. J. Vollmar, which was held at St. John's church last week Wednesday, was well attended. Among the out of town friends were Rev. Jaeger of Dearborn, Rev. Lutchen of Ypsilanti, Mr. & Mrs. F. Getchlag, Mesdames C. Boots, John Goldsmith, Jennie, Krause, Bruener and Krakow of Detroit, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Miller and Mrs. Carl Schouberg of Lake Ridge.

SOUTH-WEST MANCHESTER.

Mrs. Geo. Kern is able to ride out after an illness of five weeks.

Fred Zimmerman is entertaining one of his brothers from Riga this week.

Bob Wellwood had the misfortune to lose a horse last Sunday morning.

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Horvix (and Elmo attended Mrs. Horvix's sister's funeral at Napoleon, Monday.

Sunday school and preaching has been discontinued at the Evans' lake school house until the first of April.

Ed. Horvix was busy the first of the week superintending the work of filling the large ice houses of the Ives brothers.

The little child of Lase Bean suffered from a severe hemorrhage of the head, Monday. He is still very sick with the grip.

Mr. & Mrs. James Moore and daughter Kate have written home that they are enjoying their relatives in Texas. Mr. Moore was not well when he left home and was sick all the way. They visited many points of interest on their way to the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Moore's friends hope he may fully recover and enjoy his visit and his trip home again.

IRON CREEK.

Ralph Noggle is numbered among the sick.

Mrs. Mary Johns of Evans Lake is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Vern Kirk.

The following pupils of district No. 3 have been neither absent nor tardy during the fourth month of school: Roy Alvord, Alvin Gauss, Lydia Gauss, Herman Gauss, Louise Gauss, Cora Grossman, Theo. Grossman, Erwin Grossman, Grace McKee and Velma Palmer.

About 20 neighbors and friends of Mr. & Mrs. D. M. Alford gave them a pleasant surprise at their home Thursday evening. A delightful evening was spent in music, dancing and card playing. After refreshments were served, a beautiful rocker was presented to them as a token of the respect and esteem in which they are held in the community which they are about to leave and in which they have dwelt so long.

NORTH SHARON.

Prof. F. C. Irwin of Detroit spent several days at home last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Jenks of Lima spent Sunday at Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Dorr's.

Miss Louise and Edna Doss of Manchester were guests of their sister, Mrs. Carl Dorr the first of the week.

Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Lemm are much elated over the arrival of a daughter at the home of their son, Louis Lemm, at Detroit, Thursday, Jan. 24.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ellis and children, Ivy and Mahlon, were visiting at the home of Mrs. Huldah Ellis at Gram Lake the first of the week.

Mrs. Dillie Hall of Ann Arbor has been a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Serris, during the past week.

SHARON.

The infant daughter of Mrs. Godfrey Fitzmaurice is still dangerously ill.

Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Keeler went to Manchester Tuesday to attend the funeral of Prof. Lealand.

Miss Lizzie Haeseler, who is clerking for Babcock & Foster at Gram Lake, was at home over Sunday.

Miss E. Claire McNany, who is attending school at Adrian, visited from Friday evening until Monday morning with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. McNany.

The social held at A. H. Knibb's last Friday night by the young people of St. John's church was a success. Forty-three dollars were sold, the proceeds of which were \$42.12.

A box social will be held at the Bridgewater town hall Friday, Feb. 1, 1907.

Fresh Oysters to Bulk at the Manchester City Hotel.

NORVELL.

Mrs. Nettie Church is visiting relatives in Jackson this week.

A force of 50 men are working on the pond and in the ice house.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Horning went to Nilas Wednesday to visit Mr. & Mrs. Henry Horning.

Charles Weeks has hired out for the coming year to Boell White of Clark's lake and will move about the middle of March.

The party given by the gleaners Tuesday evening was well attended. We hear they are to have a social and entertainment soon.

Everyone expresses deep regret for the death of Conductor Robb. He always had a pleasant word for all and he will be missed.

The macabees at Napoleon had a joint installation of officers Tuesday evening. Supper was served in the town hall and the work was exemplified in macabee hall. Some from here attended.

Ben Bauer was taken suddenly sick Sunday night while doing his chores and had to be carried to the house and a physician was summoned. It was some time before he came to consciousness.

WAMPLER'S LAKE.

Many will commence their ice harvest this week.

Jerome Carpenter of Holloway is visiting his old school friends here.

Ernest Schmiedler has a fine flock of spring lambs that are standing this cold wave in nice shape.

Miss Flora Roberts visited the latter part of last week at the home of her uncle, Winfield Roberts, in Brooklyn.

Mr. & Mrs. John Knight moved to Kropp's last Friday and are busy settling in the house they rented on fair-ground street.

Mr. Foster of Toledo is in these parts again renewing the franchise for the electric road from Toledo to Jackson, and is staying with Geo. Craw at "the farm." Together they visited several parties between the lake and Brooklyn Saturday. Mr. Foster assures the people that there is no doubt about the road being built.

BROOKLYN.

Several Brooklynites will soon commence putting up ice.

Mrs. Herb Reed and Miss Eliza Cash were in Jackson Friday.

The market supper and dance was quite well attended last Friday night.

Miss Hattie Cole of Wampler's Lake and Eimer Case of Norvell attended church at Brooklyn Sunday.

The farmers' institute will be held this week at Masonic hall and the committee has been busy of late making plans for a good time.

As Rev. S. J. Hall was called to attend a funeral Sunday, Mrs. Byers gave a very interesting talk at the baptist church in place of the morning sermon.

Carl Roberts of Detroit (having a week's vacation and is visiting at the home of his father, Winfield Roberts in Brooklyn, and at the home of his brother Floyd in Jackson.

BRIDGEWATER.

Mrs. Horace Fisk is on the sick list.

Mrs. Julius Rothnie is under the doctor's care.

Miss Mary Deaxy spent Sunday with her parents in Dexter.

F. Fambacher and family entertained company from Manchester Friday.

Miss Lydia Schauble will spend a few weeks with relatives in Chelsea.

Miss Lydia Schauble and Clarence Jones spent Sunday with Manchester friends.

Arthur Mitchell and family moved to Tacomah Friday. His brother Ray will take his place on the farm.

CHELSEA.

Lewis Immer, who was arrested for buying a slot machine in his saloon, waived examination, Saturday, and was bound over to the circuit court.

President Glazier and some of the council members are bound to purge the village of the bad gambling device, if possible. The saloon keepers are fighting them though, and there is likely to be a pretty scrap before it is over.

CLINTON.

John Lockwood of Milan, formerly of the Clintonian, was in town last Friday.

George Waterhouse has a position in the woolen mills at Reesburg, Wis., and went there Friday.

Mrs. Post and Vivian Hallsday went to Gram Lake last Friday to see Leon Bostedor who has consumption.

At the present high prices all kinds of farm products bring and spot cash at that, the ordinary individual believes that the farmer is the most independent business proposition in the world. Yet we hear of farmers leaving a productive, well stocked farm to start a store or take a position in one. What can they be thinking of? Better stick to farming. Frank Dettling went to Adrian Wed.

Mr. J. A. Goodyear was in Jackson yesterday.

Wade Magno, who was injured in the railroad wreck at Riga, is getting along well, and came home today.

The Young People's Mission society of Emanuel's church will have a box social at the home of George Meriz, two miles east of the village on Friday evening, Feb. 1. A fine program has been arranged and everybody invited to attend. Ample room will be provided for those who have no way of going.

Those of the Spaford family who have been sick are recovering. Mrs. T. J. Farrell is also improving slowly. Miss Marian Farrell is again at her place in the post office. Miss Pearl Teeter has been ill the past few days. Leo Maloney is sick with rheumatism. Henry Calhoun and son Harry are also sick.

After living more than four score years of active and useful life, one in which the golden rule, Do unto others as you would wish them to do to you, has been a cardinal virtue with him, our respected townsman, Stephen M. Merithew, passed to his reward at the home of his son, on Sunday last. The funeral was attended by a large number of his old friends from Sharon and other surrounding towns as well as from this village. Rev. Moon pronounced an eulogy that was appreciated by all.

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Home Market.

APPLES—40c per bushel. BEANS—\$1.00 @ \$1.25 @ bu. BUTTER—Good demand at 15c lb. EGGS—Strong and higher, \$4.25 @ \$4.50. Light and coarse steers, \$3.75 @ 4.00; fat cows, \$3.00 @ 3.25; heifers, \$3.50 @ 3.75; canners, \$1.00 @ 1.25; calves, \$6.00 @ 7.50. CABBAGE—3c @ head. CORN—Good demand 20c @ 22c @ bu. DRIED APPLES—3c @ lb. EGGS—Strong, at 22c a dozen. HOGS—Best, good demand \$5.35 @ 6.25. HAY—No. 1 new Timothy \$12.00; No. 1 new mixed, \$7.50; Clover, \$6.50 @ \$7.50; Marsh hay, \$3.50 @ 4.00. OATS—New, good demand at 33c @ 35c per bushel. ONIONS—40c @ 50c @ bu. POTATOES—New 35c @ 40c @ bushel. POULTRY—Live weight. Old hens, 7c; spring chickens 8c; ducks, 10c; geese 10c per pound. RYE—New, good demand, 62c @ 65c per bu. STRAW—Rye \$3.00 a ton. SHEEP—Strong and higher, \$5.00 @ \$5.25; ewes, \$3.50 @ \$4.75; yearlings \$3.25 @ \$5.75; spring lambs, \$6.50 @ 6.75; light and common, \$5.75 @ \$6.00. WHEAT—70c @ 74c @ bu. Low grade, 65c @ 68c.

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Born.

HARRIS—In Bridgewater, on Sunday, Jan. 27, 1907, to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Harris, a son.

HASELSCHWERDT—In Sharon on Wednesday, January 23, 1907, to Mr. & Mrs. John Haselschwerdt, a daughter.

Died.

LELAND.—In Mt. Vernon, Ohio, on Friday night, Jan. 25, 1907, of pneumonia, Prof. J. G. Leland, aged 36 years.

MERITHEW.—At the home of his son, F. D. Merithew, in this village, on Sunday, Jan. 27, 1907, of old age, Stephen M. Merithew, aged 83 years.

RUSHTON.—In Napoleon, on Saturday, Jan. 26, 1907, of cancer, Mrs. Wm. Rush-ton, aged 54 years.

The funeral was held on Monday, Rev. Frank Lyon of Toledo officiating.

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# From the State Capital

Information and Gossip Furnished by Special Correspondent at Lansing.

**Lansing.**—It was definitely decided by joint resolution that the legislature will adjourn from January 25 to February 5. Under the no pass conditions the various committees will flock by themselves and take the cheapest routes. The upper peninsula people are anxious to extend the glad hand and will frame up all the entertainment possible.

**Vast Sum for Michigan.**—Michigan receives a tremendous appropriation, under the river and harbor bill, distributed as follows: St. Mary's river, at the falls, \$6,200,000; Detroit river, alternative channel, \$6,700,000; Detroit river, old project, \$300,000; Ludington, \$839,087; Harbor or Refuge, \$150,000; Holland, \$138,452; Grand river, \$38,000; Muskegon, \$75,000; harbor at Saugatuck and Kalamazoo river, \$75,000; Saginaw river, \$75,000; Grand Haven, \$50,000; South Haven (conditional), \$40,000; Marquette, \$30,000; harbor of refuge at Grand Marais, \$30,000; Manistique, \$25,000; Manistee, \$25,000; Frankfort, \$20,000; Charlevoix, \$20,000; White Lake and Pentwater, \$20,000; Petoskey, \$17,500; St. Joseph's harbor and river, \$16,000; Cheboygan, \$15,900; mouth of Black river, Rouse river, Monroe harbor, \$12,000; harbor of refuge at Portage lake, Manistee county, \$10,000; Arcadia, \$6,000; Black river at Port Huron, \$6,000; Ontonagon, \$5,000; Alpena and Thunder Bay river, \$4,900; Clio river, \$2,500; Ebeewaing river, \$2,000.

**Bill Asked for by Lutherans.**—Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction French has prepared a bill to amend the compulsory attendance law which he understands will be satisfactory to the German Lutheran ministers and teachers, and it is believed will tend toward the advancement of the educational interests of the state. This amendment will necessitate instruction in the parochial schools corresponding to that of the first eight grades in the public schools, and it is believed this will have the effect of lengthening the courses now pursued in these schools.

**Increase in Railway State Tax.**—During the four years from 1922 to 1921 the railroads of the state paid \$5,173,036 in taxes, while the state tax assessed for the period was \$12,629,233. From 1922 to 1925, inclusive, the railroad taxation was \$12,901,721, as against a state tax for the same period of \$13,502,215. In the first period the railroad tax was 41 per cent of the state tax, while in the last four year period the railroad tax exceeded the amount of the state tax. From a revenue producing standpoint, the commissioners report the railroad tax is a great success.

**Monroe Gets in Ahead.**—Senator Kline got the jump on the Custer monument commission by introducing a bill asking for \$40,000 to erect a monument at Monroe. The Custer monument has been financing on asking for \$100,000 to erect a monument on the grounds of the capitol, and Senator Fyfe was to introduce such a bill.

**Ask Purity in Revision.**—Secretary Wilcox, of the Detroit Municipal League, is getting the views of members of the legislature regarding the constitutional convention. He is opposed to having the delegates elected at the time would be too ground that the time would be too short after the constitution is passed. His idea is that a special election should be held so that the people can have before them the fitness of the candidates and obviate the political element as much as possible.

**Students Head Saloon War.**—The liquor crusade inaugurated by Roy H. Taylor, son of Rev. F. M. Taylor of Marshall, T. E. Sherrill, Ray W. Merrill, of Flint, and George W. Hart, of Coral, all Albion college students, resulted in the arrest of 11 saloon keepers at Marshall and nine saloon keepers and two druggists at Albion, charged with keeping open Sundays and holidays. President Diekels, of Albion, three ministers, and several good government advocates are the complainants.

## FRENCH GIRL ARTIST WINS FAME



Although she is only 25, and one might think, although too pretty to be a real genius, no one can question the claim of Mile. Louise Lavrut to be one of the most gifted women artists of the day. Having won some of the highest honors in the French art world, Mile. Lavrut recently went to London to give an exhibition of her paintings, and considering her great ability and the fact that she has the backing of the king himself, it is not surprising that her visit proved more or less of a triumph. Commissions for portraits of leading members of the fashionable world are coming in faster than they can be executed by the young French artist.

The story of Mile. Lavrut's career is a truly wonderful tale. She showed an aptitude for drawing when she began to walk. When at school at the Legion of Honor establishment in Paris, which she was allowed to draw with crayons and her studies attracted the attention of Jules Lefebvre, who was at that time one of the visiting professors. He wanted the child, and finally, after much opposition from her family secured permission for her to attend the Julian academy.

After a thorough grounding in the elementary art there she was allowed to enter the studios of Jules Lefebvre and Robert Fleury. When 11 years old her first picture was exhibited at the Salon. She was kept hard at work in the studios of her two masters until at 13 her picture at that year's Salon brought her an honorable mention. Then she established her own studio and began taking commissions.

The next year she received the bronze medal for the third best picture in the Salon. The municipality of Rheims bought the picture. Success continued to come rapidly. Mile. Lavrut was made an officer of the academy and was promoted to Chevalier of the Order of Public Industry. Last year won the blue ribbon of the art world, the gold medal, of the French Salon for the best portrait of the year. The French government then bought several of her pictures, and she became the rage in Paris. Her gold medal picture is a portrait of the two daughters of the Duchess de Tarente.

## A UNIQUE PHOTOGRAPH PARTY.

Two Girls Gave a Novel and Original Entertainment with Pictures.

Two girls who are enthusiastic amateurs in the use of the kodak gave a delightful and original party last year, says a writer in The Housekeeper. The invitations sent out were kodak pictures of the two entertainers in different poses, but in each instance a newspaper, book, fan or umbrella concealed the faces. The invitations ran:

"These headless ladies at home, January 12, 8 o'clock."

Not a little guessing and comparing notes was necessary among those invited to decide with certainty upon the identity of the would-be hostesses. The guests were received in a pretty room, half studio, half sitting room, where, after a few minutes' lively conversation, they were given cards decorated with tiny photographs of the house in which the party was given, with pencils attached.

Their attention was then called to the numbered photographs tacked up on the wall, each representing some well known book. The titles were to be written opposite the number on the card corresponding to that of the photograph. In one or two instances where the book title was not widely known, the name of the author was printed on the card.

Miss Alcott's "Little Women," "The Men and the Old-fashioned Girl," "Seson Thompson's Wild Animals Have Known," and Holmes' "Over the Top," and "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" lent themselves readily to photographic illustration. Among others were "The Masquerader" (a lady in domino and mask); "Prince (prints) of India"; "The Crisis" (in judge making); and "To Have and to Hold" (a wedding).

Thirty minutes were allowed for making out the list of titles. The prize for the most complete list was a handsome photograph in passepartout of a locally celebrated spot. The consolation prize, the most of the family cap, was given judiciously.

For supper were selected by matching kodak pictures cut in half. The menu was written on the back of a mounted photograph of the principal public building of the city. The evening closed with fun and flashlights.

**Mud Houses Built By Wasps.**—A naturalist has thus described the habits of a species of wasp that makes its nest of mud, says the Dundee Advertiser. The mud of which their nests are composed, he said, is often carried for some distance, and it is essential for them to use good, stiff clay. At the edge of some pond or stream you may see these insects roll sticky little balls out of the stiff mud with their strong jaws. With this heavy load of mud they rise slowly and, having gained some height, they get their bearings and fly in a straight line to their nest. In this they resemble the bees, indeed, all the wasps and bees seem to have a wonderful faculty for flying directly home from any point. When the wasp has gained the place selected for a building site she puts the tiny ball of mud against the wall of the building and ribs it tight very rapidly. The outer surface of the nest shows a series of rings with sharply defined lines between most of them, but the interior is always extremely smooth and almost a perfect sphere. While building, her feet continually run in and out of the tiny cylinder, examining it minutely with her feelers. If a rough place is felt on the inner surface she carefully sets to work and rubs it smooth. When the cylinder is finished the wasp goes hunting for spiders.

**Chess as a Mind Drill.**—When the Romans placed over the door of the temple of Janus "Ex Oriente Lux et Ludum Scachorum" (out of the East came light and the game of chess) they spoke of the two greatest benefits that the stored East had given to the young and aggressive West: the light of religion and the greatest mental achievement of man since he came from Eden's frowning portals.

In the middle ages, when the monks and abbots watched from afar the brutal soldiery of Christendom swooping down like a pestilence on the sunny plains of the South they chanted "A furor Normanorum libera nos, O Domine" (from the fury of the Normans deliver us, O God) and returned to chess—all that was left a noble soul in a vain and turbulent world.

Chess is the finest mental discipline the world has ever known. As a mind trainer it ranks above Greek and dialectics.

But above all is the science of battle, it is war without bloodshed; it is strife on equal terms, which all the race loves and to which from the cradle to the grave all mortality is subject.

**Spoiling a War Story.**—There is a certain war veteran in Boston whom we will call William Brown. He has an honorable record and is fond of relating incidents of the rebellion. He often tells how he got a cut on the head from the sword of a Confederate cavalryman. There is a small, rare picture which was the result of this wound. Many a time when he works in the same office with him have heard this story.

He now has a brother Charles who came into the office the other day to make a call. Bill was at his desk writing when Charles walked up to him and offered him a slip on the shoulder, said innocently, "Well, I see you still have that cut on your head where Peter's dog bit you when we were boys." From that time on Bill's war stories get little credence from us.

**Amusing Comic Dramatist.**—A highly interesting discovery is announced from Egypt. M. Lefevre, one of the inspectors in the service of the Egyptian department of antiquities, has been fortunate enough to discover a large number of interesting papyrus codex of Menander, containing indexes of 1,200 lines. The publication of this most welcome discovery should enable modern scholars for the first time to form an independent judgment on the style and genius of the famous comic dramatist.



## THE SPARK GOBLINS.

What Little Polly Saw and Heard Before the Fireplace.

It was a clear, cold winter's night. The stars were like needle-points of light; over the earth lay a white snow-blanket to keep a thousand tiny creatures warm.

They were snugly curled up in their burrows and nests underground, while Polly was curled up in the big armchair, watching the blazing logs and the sparks that jumped out with a crackling sound and were carried up the chimney.

The fire was burning low, and the little girl gave the biggest log a push with her foot. How the sparks flew! All but one hurried off out of sight; that one alighted on the brass knob of the right-hand andiron.

Stooping forward to brush it off, Polly jerked back her hand with a cry of wonder. The spark had legs and arms and wings; it was, in fact,



Polly Was Curled Up in the Big Armchair.

a little manikin that could have stood comfortably in her thimble and rested its arms on the rim.

His whole form quivered and glowed and sparkled, while he looked up at Polly with a roguish twist of his head.

"Thank you," said the goblin, with a low bow.

"What for?" stammered Polly.

"For setting me free."

"Were you in that log?"

"O, yes, there were hundreds of us there. Most of the crowd are left as an unusually large spark flew off in the rising smoke."

"The howl came you there?" inquired the little girl, hardly able to believe her ears and eyes.

"Why we often creep into the trees in the summer time, to take a nap, and the wood grows so fast that we can't get out until the tree crumbles away, or somebody burns it. Every one of us has a story. Here is mine."

"I came from Greenland, where I lived in an Eskimo hut. How the snow piled on every side, and the bears roared and the Northern Lights streamed up at night!"

"The night lasted four months, and when it was day I flew southward until I reached a great pine and climbed under the bark to keep warm. That was 40 years ago. All that time I have waited for freedom. 'Good-by!' and away he went up the chimney, after the rest."

"O, dear!" began Polly, disappointed at the shortness of the story—when Crick! Crack! and two more fiery little goblins were before her, perched on the andiron knobs.

"I came from the Tropics," began one without the least introduction.

"The lions roared and made me tremble. Huge palms waved over my head, and one day a gray moptail crashed through the forest. This was an elephant."

"A hurricane rose and blew me thousands of leagues northward to the great pine. Then I— Here a strong draft puffed him off the andiron and up the chimney."

"I lived in the mines far under ground," began the other hurriedly, "where gold and silver glistened and miners worked, night and day, and I found my

way up through the deep shaft and flew eastward till my wings were tangled in a tassel of the tall pine. Good-by!"

Crick! and his place was taken by a glowing little fellow whose wings fluttered impatiently while he talked.

"My story is the shortest of all," said he. "I was blown up into the clouds in winter time. They held me fast till I escaped on the back of a snowflake. Whew, how cold it was! But now I'm warm!" and away he went, like a shooting star up the down.

Crack! "I live in the depths of the sea with a mermaid. Ah, me, how I loved her!" One day a storm arose and drove us apart. I saw my pretty maiden no more. Ah, me!"

The speaker grew paler and Polly cried in alarm. "O, don't cry, please! You might put yourself out!"

She hastened to revive him with a puff of the bellows, which brightened him up again and helped him off to join his comrades.

Crack—crack—snip! It was a jovial little chap this time, with a laughing face.

"My home was in Santa Claus' workshop at the North pole," he began with a chuckle. "I had to braid the doll's hair and drill the tin soldiers till they stood bravely in a row. I helped about the animals for the Noah's ark. There was one polar bear who used to sit for his portrait two hours every day. It was very hard for him to look pleasant so long at a time."

"Last Christmas-eve I was in the sleigh with my master. The reindeer were lively, it was so cold, and just as we were skimming over a great pine forest the off leader in the team went knee deep into the top of the pine. As he struggled to recover himself the sleigh lurched and I was thrown—"

At this point Polly's excitement was so great that her foot slipped and struck the andiron. The log broke and the two halves fell with a crash that sent a whole swarm of sparks—were they goblins?—scurrying up chimney.

"Bedime, dear!" said a gentle voice.

"O, mamma, can't I hear just one more goblin?"

But mamma stroked the brown curls and led her little girl off up stairs, while Polly eagerly told her all her wonderful adventure in the fire—Wills Boyd Allen, in Boston Globe.

**HEAD AND HANDS.**

Manual Training Places Young Man in Better Position to Earn Livelihood.

So crowded have become the so-called "learned professions" in Germany that the universities are considering plans for reducing the number of students and raising the mental standard of those who enter. The board of the University of Halle advocates the increase of tuition fees and the extension of general education to those who are not prepared for the learned professions, and in need, most of the occupations which require only head-work are overfull, many occupations which require the work of both head and hand are never fully supplied.

There are men working at shoe-making who earn \$40 a week, and bricklayers and ironworkers and mechanics and many other mechanics whose earnings are as large or larger. Moreover, most of them are men who had little chance for higher technical education. If they had had that chance they would be earning even more; for there is hardly a large industry in America which does not employ constantly for trained and skilled foremen and superintendents.

Are not these things matters which young men ought to consider? asks the Youth's Companion. "Is it worth while to take \$12 or \$15 a week and call it a salary, rather than \$25 or \$35, and call it wages? Is the soap necessary to get your hands clean worth as much as that?"

The opportunities to use head and hands together are the greatest which exist for the young man of to-day. In earnings in health, in the opportunity to marry earlier and establish a home, in independence and freedom from worry, the advantage is all with the youth who has courage to leave the crowded field of the professions for the free air of constructive industry.

An edition for blind readers is now published by the London Daily Mail. The paper is issued every Saturday, and besides giving the news of the week is edited with special regard for the misfortune of its readers. It is said that in England one out of every five who are without sight can read the Braille characters in which the paper is printed.

It is now possible to hear and see plants grow. In the apparatus of two Germans the growing plant is connected with a disk having in its center an indicator which moves visibly and regularly, and this movement, magnified 50 times over a scale, shows the progress in growth.

The Ameer of Afghanistan comes out of the effect east, but the plan of his government to maintain communication with him by wireless telegraphy during his visit to India savors of the triumph was rather than of the easy-going orient.

Remarkable Austrian Church. A small watering-place in Austria, named Eichwald, can boast of possessing a remarkable church. It was first built by an Italian architect at Venice at the expense of Prince Carlo Aldringen, who is a great admirer of Italian architecture. When it was finished the church was taken to pieces and packed in thousands of numbered cases for transportation to Eichwald. At that place it was eventually rebuilt and then made over to its inhabitants as a gift from the prince.

To Cure Stammering. Stammering can be cured, according to a writer in the London Lancet, by simply making an audible note in expiration before each word. A certain Englishman, who made a large fortune by curing stammerers, made his patients say "her" before each word beginning with a consonant. Stammerers can sing as easily as other persons.

## HOW TO MAKE A BARREL STAVE SLED



Boys always find fun in making something out of very little. It is one secret of success in life, and a boy who knows how to turn his hand at almost anything gets more real joy out of living than if he had a father with a long purse, and had nothing to do but stand round and order things done.

Here, for instance, is the barrel stave sled; you will see how it is made by just studying the picture. Be sure to select stout barrel staves and wood about three-quarters of an inch

thick for cross-pieces and seat. Fasten the parts together with stout wire nails, driven through from the bottom up, and carefully chiseled at the top so that the ends will not tear the rider's clothes. The sled explains the Boston Herald, it is to be used on crust.

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Recent events have made imperative some consideration of the ethics of giving testimony. Every one dispenses a talebearer. Even the children call such a person a "tattletale," and justifiably look down upon him. The informer is a spy, a breaker of good faith, a violator of the sacred laws of hospitality. Loyalty to family and to friends is the cement which holds society together. Trouble comes when men act upon a mistaken view of what constitutes loyalty to society at large, that society which is but an aggregation of families and friends. The existence of orderly government depends on the observance of certain laws, unflinching disobedience to which produces anarchy. When crime is committed, every person with knowledge of it is under moral obligation, when asked, to tell what he knows. In some cases the obligation extends so far as to require him to volunteer information against his friends. The maintenance of order and safe government is of so much greater importance than the protection of law-breaking friends, that the state justly conceals the crime or who assists the guilty to escape. This rule is the result of long experience and its justice is nowhere disputed. Yet, in practice, it is difficult to enforce it, says Youth's Companion, because of the prevalence of false standards growing out of abhorrence of the informer. There is no high school principal or college president who has not come in contact with these false standards in his attempt to maintain discipline. There is scarcely a large city in the country in which members of the police force have not at some time or another been actuated by belief in the mistaken notion. In the army and the navy a similarly false idea of the obligations of company loyalty has many times confronted the commanding officers, as if the men regarded it as of greater importance that half a dozen friends should be saved from the consequences of their misdeeds than that the body of national defenders should be preserved from those who would undermine the foundations of all orderly institutions.

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