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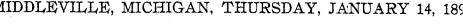
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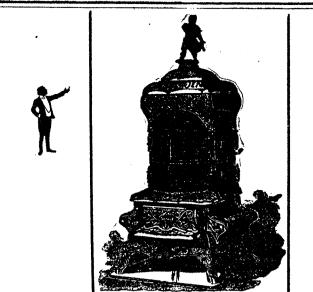
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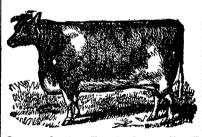
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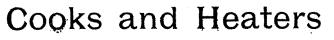
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

Drowned in Gun lake, Willie Lewis, son of Henry Lewis, aged 15 years. The children in the vicinity of Streeter's landing go to school in the Ritchie district, which is east of Streeter's, and most of the distance being water, when frozen makes nice skating to and from school. Of late the lake had not been frozen except next to the shore which was safe and water not deep, but Thursday night it froze quite hard and formed new ice. The Lewis boy and another boy about the same age named Herrington ventured out on the new ice and went through together. Young Herrington went down twice and as he rose the third time he grasped a pole which young Streeter had thrown across and was saved, but could not speak for some time after he was taken out. The funeral of the Lewis boy took place, Sunday, at Orangeville, his former home. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have the sympathy of everybody in the hour of their bereavement.

Martin Hubbard, a former resident of this town and a brother of I. N. Hubbard, was buried last week. He resided near Wayland and was a brother-in-law of L. B. Pryor.

J. W. Briggs and wife visited in Grand Ropids last week, returning home Monday morning.

The wedding bells continue to ring. This time it is Frank Bradley and Ella Tucker of Ohio, who were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Friday,

We have, also, the pleasure of recording the recent marriage of Lewis Johnson of this town to Miss Webster of Wisconsin. May the blessings of heaven rest upon them on their journey through life.

BOWNE BUDGET.

Alonzo McDiarmid, a young man of this place, met with a serious accident last week at Elmsdale. While waiting at the depot for the west bound train, and having along time to wait, he went down the L. & H. R., R. track to watch some parties load logs. He was watching them unconsious of his surroundings, when an empty flat car, (which was switched off on a side track) struck him in the back and knocked him head-long, passing over his breast and left arm and breaking his under jaw. His arm was taken off Monday and he is gaining slowly at this writing, but there are faint hopes of his recovery.

Walter Salsbury, a former resident of this place, is moving his family from Grand Rapids to Lowell.

Phena Salsbury spent last week in the city assisting her brother Walt., in packing his household goods.

Ed. Headworth is about to sell his farm and move to Dakota.

Farm buyers are plenty in this vicinity and a considerable real estate is changing hands.

Clayton Johnson and Arthur Clark attended the Lowell district council at church and we trust much good may be South Boston last week. The next council will be held at the same place

There were thirty baptized at this place last Sunday night. The meetings are still continuing, this being the seventh week. Fifty-one have decided to tread the paths of righteousness:

Alfred Miller and wife of Irving are visiting the latters parents at this place.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Our roads are like the way of the

ransgressor, "hard and rough."

Henry Adams and family spent Sunday with Daniel Getman and wife of East Caledonia.

Dr. Grabiel's brother of Caledonia called on Chas. Pike today.

Edward Morgan and wife visited our school today; also Miss Bernie Miller of Parmelee.

Miss Ida Long went to Grand Rapids Your correspondent is attending the

meetings at Parmelee quite regularly for him. Meetings also began at Shiloh Sunday night.

Mr. Stillson and family, who were visiting in this vicinity, returned to their home in Grand Rapids yesterday. Monday, Rusticus received a letter

from an old army friend (O. B. Morgan of Stanford, Conn.) whom he has not seen for thirty-two years. The friendship formed then will end only with death (perhaps not then.)

Mr. Andler and wife visited Mr. Kenyon's people Sunday.

"Jake" Fulweiler of Caledonia, was in this place today, buying stock.

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EAST CALEDONIA.

Rapids last week, visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Perkins of Freeport, called a

Wm. Schrader's Sunday.

W. H. LyBarker and Oscar Stone were in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

John Kepkey and wife of Parmelee. visited at D. H. McWhinney's, Friday.

Lewis Smith, who has been on jury the past month, has returned. The young people of LaBarge pleas-

games and music. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peet Sundayed

at M. Teeple's of Paris. The Epworth League of this place will be entertained by the Christian Endeavor of LaBarge, at the church

attended the Epworth League at this place Friday evening.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Attend the Epworth League next Sunday evening. These meetings well

in the Y. P. S. C. E. course, will be the Hastings and the little girl elecutionappreciation of good judges of music and only second to the best. Be sure to come and enjoy, then judge for your-

There will be revival meetings in the Congregational church next week every evening. A good attendance is hoped for and that great interest may be manifest from the first. This is a time earnestly looked and prayed for by the done. Let every one show their inter-

up her school work, but it is hoped she

suffers greatly at times. Her sisters are with her all the time and everything is done that can be done for her comfort. She has the love and sympathy of all her friends and neighbors. The Dorcas society will be entertained by Mrs. Walter Robertson next

H. C. Strong was in Hastings, Tues-

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Harrington visited their parents in Allegan and Barry counties, a few days ago.

A. L. McDowell spent New Year's with his son Homer McDowell, of Holt. The East Leighton Literary will be held next Saturday night, at the "Brick." Come and enjoy a nice pro-

Miss Zina Willson, who has been visiting relatives in Hart, returned Sat-

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiggins returned from their visit to Chicago, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson were the guests of his brother, R. Johnson, near Middleville last Sunday.

While chopping wood one day last week, Ralph Watkins had the misfortune to sever his big toe from his foot, also cutting the other quite badly. He is doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. James Clark, who has been very ill, is at present slowly recovering. L. B. Corning has accepted the po-

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jupstrom, of west county line, a little girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentz of Grand Rapids. spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs John Thede, jr.

Died, at Napierville, Ill., Jan. 3rd, Rose, wife of Prof. S. L. Umbach. Mrs. Um bach will be remembered as Rose Meck, a former teacher in this district (No. 2.) She was a lady of rare accomplishments and Christian character, beloved by all who were favored with her acquaintance.

NORTH IRVING.

New windows adorn the residence of F. Roberts.

E. Springer of Plainwell is visiting

nis children, F. Roberts and wife. Etta Hubbard was at Nashville last

Friday. Ex-Sheriff McKevitt's goods passed through South Division st. last week on their way to the farm west of Mid-

Mrs. Southerland's two sisters, Mesdames Dennis and Whitlock, have been visiting her.

Mrs. Mary Trego and Mrs. Hutchinson attended the funeral services of a sister in Indiana recently.

Special meetings are being held here at present.

Grandma Matthews is very sick at

resent. L. A. Avery of Irving attended League at this place Sunday evening. Bernie Roberts returned home last

Ella Ingram is visiting Grand Rapids

Good attendance at Reading circle Saturday evening. Charles Sylvester and Mr. Chase of

Irving were in attendance at services here, Sunday evening. Several of our boys indulged in a

good hunt, Saturday. A few from this place attended the Aid at Mrs. Chas. Benton's, last Friday.

A goodly number of our people attended the lecture, Friday evening, and pronounce it fine, and truly it was. Let each one apply the practical points. and when we have a chance to hear Prof. Humphry again, do so. It will be time well spent.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

Friday morning, while Willie Lewis, aged 15, and three companions, Daisy Scutt, Sadie Streeter and a boy named. Harrington were crossing Gun lake on one knows always stands high in the their way to school the ice suddenly broke letting the two boys into the water. The girls gave the alarm and help arrived in time to save the Harrington boy, but too late to save poor Willie. His body was under the water about thirty minutes. The funeral was held in the Baptist church of this village at-1 p. m. Sunday. A large congregation assembled to express sympathy and respect to their old neighbors and friends: in their hour of trouble.

E. Nichols and Mrs. E. Young of Charlotte attended their nephew's funeral, Sunday.

The Baptist S. S. elected their officers Sunday, electing R. Norton as superintendent for the coming year.

Mr. Glenn Bell of New York is visiting his sister, Mrs. Charles Beattie. The week of prayer was observed by

the Baptists of this village. The League of Loyal Workers will give a measuring social at Mr. Carpenter's, Wednesday evening. All are invited.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Revival meetings are still in progress at the M. E. church. Much interest is

Mrs. Albert Williams offered a prize to the one in her Sunday school classwho was the most regular attendant throughout the year. Claire Watson was the winner. He received a fine volume of Pilgrim's Progress.

School commenced Monday with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barber of Caledonia, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Carpenter on Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Tungate spent Sunday at home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woolston of near Middleville, were in Parmelee, Sunday. Americus Cline is loading a car with hay at this station,

There was no school Tuesday on account of the teacher's illness. George Cook is still a sufferer from

inflammatory rheumatism. Mrs. E. K. Parmelee has returned from her visit in Grand Rapids. Miss Clara Carpenter visited Miss

Mabel Carpenter at Duncan Lake last Saturday.

Try the Chicago Record a week for 12 cents as the News Stand,

PRICES.

Mrs. M. Teeple and Miss Carrie Stride are numbered among the sick. Mrs. Lewis Smith was in Grand

O. B. Barbour was quite badly kicked by a colt Friday, but not seriously.

antly surprised Edna Rathbun, Thurslay evening, at the home of D. H. Mc Whinney. The evening was spent in

Sunday evening, Jan. 24. A number of the LaBarge people

deserve our best interest and help. The concert Friday evening, the next

event of this week. Great pains have been taken that the "borrowed" talent be that of the best. Prof. Mills of Grand Rapids with Miss Schaantz as organist. Mrs. Belle Hendershott of ist are some of those that will take a part in this entertainment. There will also be some home talent which every

selves, Friday evening of this week.

est by their presence on the first (Monday) evening. Miss Grace Hills has been very sick the past week and is still unable to take

will soon be well again. Mrs. John Wilcox is very low and

MARVELS OF ACCURACY AND OF PROMPTNESS.

How Record of Debates in Congress Is Under Any Circumstances, Often 'Mid Scenes of Greatest Confusion.

Not Any Easy Work.



member of of Representatives rises in his place to deliver a marks, which he intends later to distribute among an admiring constituency, an official stenogra-pher is at hand to take down the words

of the statesman, which next morning appear duly set forth on the printed pages of the Congressional Record. When the reporter has taken down about 1,000 words he retires, his place being filled by another to continue the work. The first man goes into a room and dictates into a phonograph the "English" of his stenographic notes and returns to the floor. An amanuensis then transcribes the report of the speech from the phonograph to typewritten paper, which is revised by the stenographer, and goes to the government printer to be printed in Record. The routine is thus continued among the five reporters. This, in brief, is the system of reporting speeches, the most perfect of any system in any national legislative body in the world.

The adoption of an official system of

congressional reporting in 1848-9 was due to the one fact, more than any other, that the phonetic shorthand of Isaac Pitman, invented in its crudest form in 1837, and rapidly improved during the years immediately following, furnished a reporting instrument vastly superior to the rior stenographic systems in simplicity, in ease of acquisition, and in adaptation to rapid note taking. The introduction of this system into the United States about 1844, in connection with the "spelling reform" agitation, was the means of educating a new broad of reporters, most of them bright, progressive young men,

reporting service could not be obtained if the official reporters were liable to displacement for partisan reasons at the end of every two years.

So, in appointing as official reporters of House gentlemen who had been rendering satisfactory service as reporters Made-Reporters Able to Take Notes thus appointed should be regarded as reof the Globe, he declared that the officers movable only for cause. What was thus possibly a mere dictum of Mr. Blaine's was subsequently made a rule of the House, which, however, would of course prove nugatory but for the daily exhibi-tion of efficient services which it insures.

The difficulty of the work done by the official reporters of the House is conceded. not only by all who from day to day observe the proceedings, but by the opinion of the reporting profession throughout the country. For instance, the late Andrew J. Graham, whose shorthand system is practiced by so many able reporters, declared in print that there was probably no more difficult reporting in the world than that of the House of Representatives; and Mr. Benn Pitman, the greatest rival of Mr. Graham as a shorthand au-



TRANSCRIBING.

thor and publisher, has said that "after listening as I did on one or two occasions to the debates, with their interruptions, catch remarks, asides, doubtful cheers and unquestioned jeers, and afterward reading the report, I felt that if there was one feat to be accomplished in this world more difficult than another it was to make an accurate report of the proceedings of the American House of

The peculiar difficulty of this work arises from a number of different causes.

who were soon able to surpass in short- The rapid utterance of many members is

ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE.

So it happened that when, through consubsidies to leading newspapers of Washington, quasi-official corps of reporters were introduced into the Senate and the House, they were composed almost entirely of Pitmanic writers, who represented in their work a new era in the history of shorthand. Subsidies soon gave place to formal contracts for complete reports, and the Globe, which in the days of Andrew Jackson and later had been a leading political organ, became in 1848-9, and continued until 1873, under ever ready to move, as the tempestuous what in those days were deemed liberal waves of debate flow in one direction or contracts, the official repository of the

Reporters not strictly officers of Congress, but hired by the publishers of the Globe (their appointments, however, requiring the approval of the Speaker, or of the printing committee of the Senate). were admitted to the floor to take full notes of the proceedings, which were printed at the office of the Globe, in a building on Pennsylvania avenue, be-tween 3d and 4½ streets, which is still

standing.
In 1873 the publishers of the Globe failed to obtain a renewal of their contract, and the two Houses took under



DICTATING TO THE MICHINE.

heir sole control both the reporting and the printing of the debates. The "Congressional Globe" gave place to the "Congressional Record." The reporters became in a thorough sense officers of Congress, and their reports, like other government work, were thereafter published at the government printing office, the Record department of which is now one of its largest divisions.

Importance of the Work The official reporters of the House of Representatives are appointees of the Speaker: but their tenure of office is not dependent upon the alternations and fluctuations of partisan majorities. In 1873. when their official status was established, Mr. Blaine, then Speaker, took the lead in placing the official reporting upon a civil service basis. He was able to appre ciate the demands of reporting work. His far less difficult body to report than the

hand skill the representatives of the older by no means the principal trouble, though representative body recruited from lead ing men of every State and neighborhood must, of course, contain striking instances of the volubility to which the people of each locality are accustomed in the court room and on the platform. The fact that the so-called "reporters' desk" can never be used by the reporters while taking notes, because from no fixed point in the House can any one hear all speakers who may rise in different parts of the hall, requires that the reporter shall be ever on the move, or at least another.

With notebook in hand (no comfortable desk facilitating his work) he must pass quickly from one part of the hall to another, writing not only as he stands, but as he walks. Of course the babel of confusion on the floor which strikes every visitor to the House gallery makes the reporter's task of hearing at times extremey difficult. And when, as often happens. hot and angry words are flung from member to member, the reporter (cool, if pos sible, while others are full of excitement) must strain every nerve that he may not lose a syllable of the wordy battle, for at any moment some stern voice asserting itself above the disorder may cry out "Mr Speaker, I call the gentleman to order and demand that his words be taken which means that the words which have been "taken down" under the most trying circumstances are to be instantly written out by the official report-

er and read in the presence of the House The variety of subjects discussed, with their local, literary or historical allusions, requires that the reading and intelligence of the reporter should be as broad as that of the member. The physical and mental strain which the wark entails continues sometimes without let up for many hours: and the product of work performed under conditions so severe is blazoned the next morning in cold print before every eyesubject, if erroneous, to public correction. Yet the corrections generally are few and trivial. Throwing out of consideration the correction of votes, which, being mere transcripts of the clerk's record, the official reporters are not responsible for, and throwing out also corrections of typogaphical errors, there is scarcely one correction a month. It may well doubted whether any work of similar character, even though done under less trying conditions, can show so small a percentage of reporting errors and so clean a record of habitual and amazing

accuracy In February, 1894, a debate on Hawaiian affairs occurred in the House lasting five and a half hours, during which the stenographers took down 63,000 words, keeping up an average speed of 200 words a minute, probably the greatest piece of reporting ever accomplished.

American System Superior. The French Chamber of Deputies is

culty and responsibility of congressional rember addressing the Chamber speaks PINGREE ISGOVERNOR reporting. He recognized that efficient from the tribune, like a preacher in a pulpit, instead of here, there, anywhere as in the House. But in France it takes nearly thirty men to do the work done by five in the American House. Every word in the Chamber of Deputies is taker down by three sets of men checking each other. This is made necessary on account of the inferiority of the French short hand, and the lack of individual dexter ity, in comparison with the extreme speed and accuracy of the congressional report

The English House of Commons is not now, and never has been, reported ver batim. The Hansard report is partly made up from newspaper compilations and is not published for several days after the proceedings take place. Some of England's greatest men, among them Gladstone, have several times made efforts to secure the adoption of a system similar to the American, and a committee of the House of Commons is now again considering the matter. There are a few men in England who are sufficiently skillful shorthand writers, but it would take several years of training to make a corps as invincible and handy as that of either house of the American Congress.

In Germany the debates are officially reported, but there, too, as in France, the note takers cannot make a strictly verpatim report. They rely on each other for assistance in patching out a rapid speaker, and the debates are not printed on the morning after the delivery.

The Parliament of Canada is reported very well, in English and French, but only the debates, and not the legislative action in detail, are published in the re port. In short, the reporters of Congress are the only ones in the world who make a record that is complete, as prompt as coming of the morning each day, and which, when printed, is practically free

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

Fully 90,000,000 People Face to Face with Starvation and Death. Horrible in the extreme is the condi-

tion of some 90,000,000 people in India, who are now passing through the stages of a famine that may prove to be the most appalling in history. Not in all parts of India is there famine nor danger of famine; but in a region 1.000 miles long and 500 miles wide the people are face to face with starvation and death Ordinarily there are millions of people in India who from the cradle to the grave must be content with one meal a day, and that chiefly of grain; there are other mil-lions who can indulge in the luxury of two daily meals, and there are many more-the very poor-who habitually subsist on wild flowers, plants and other veg etation of spontaneous growth. At best, therefore, a large number of people live on the threshold of want. Should the grain crop fail, those who usually partake of two meals a day are forced to be content with one, or less, and the number of those who are forced to a diet of flowers and weeds, with inevitable disease as a consequence, increases. Such is the condition this year. The grain crop has failed and famine and pestilence stalk over the land.

In the afflicted region the people are perishing at the rate of 12,000 a month and this number may soon be doubled and quadrupled, for as people grow weak-er from lack of food they will perish more rapidly. Children and women may be seen sweeping up the dust of the roadside and winnowing it in their hands in search for a grain of corn, and for a few cents parents are even selling their children to be killed and eaten. The condition of things is horrible beyond words.

Along the lines of the railroads halfclad men and women-mere living skeletons-flock into the stations to beg food, or the means of purchasing it, from trav-

HONOR FOR MACEO.

The Hero and Martyr's Name Wept

and Cheered For in New York.
That Macco, even though dead, is an inspiration to his countrymen, wherever found, to continue the struggle for the independence of the unhappy island was exemplified in New York the other night when 1,500 Cubans and friends of Cuba assembled to pay honor to the deceased leader's memory.

Fully half of the audience was com-

omen, sisters, and sweethcarts, many of them, of the soldiers in the southern island fighting for liberty. With all the heat of their hot blood, they wept, they cheered, as speakers told of Maceo's death and of his deeds. But they did more than that.



FOR CUDA'S FREEDOM.

When an opportunity came for contribu-tions to aid Cuba, the women tore the ings from their fingers, the watches from their pockets, the lockets from their necks, willing sacrifices for the liberty of the native land.

To crush the spirit of liberty in such a people will require more than one war if Spain should prove triumphant in this. The spirit of liberty thrives the best when the most repressed, and Maceo's name in the years to come will be one that will never fail to touch the tenderest feelings and the deepest emotions of those for whom he sacrificed his life. In life he was a hero; in death a hero he still will be to his people and more—he will be a martyr.

The Brazilian treasury delegate writes to the London Times with reference to the sale at Hamburg of 34,000 bags of Brazilian coffee, which, it was reported vere believed to be a consignment of the Brazilian Government to the Rothschilds of London in lieu of bills to pay the interest on the Brazilian debt. The treasury delegate writes that the Rothschilds already had sufficient funds to pay for the coupons on the external debts.

Charles B. Parrish, one of the oldest experience as member and Speaker had House of Representatives of the United and wealthiest coal operators in Pean-familiarized him with the peculiar diffi- States, one special reason being that the sylvania, died suddenly at Philadelphia.

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Took the Oath of Office.

Hazen S. Pingree made his entree inte he capital city as Governor-elect of this commonwealth in a most unostentatious manner Friday. There was an entire absence of that "flapdoodle" which he so roundly denounced when he vetoed the arrangements which were making for somewhat impressive and elaborate monies. He was accompanied by Mrs. Pingree and their young daughter and son and about a score of personal friends. who have stood by him valiantly during all of his campaigns.

After spending an hour at the Hotel Downey, where Gov. Pingree will make his headquarters during the legislative session, the party walked to the capitol. They were met by Gov. Rich, who welcomed his successor heartily and escorted him to the Governor's private office, where the new executive subscribed to the oath of office, administered by Chief Justice Long, of the Supreme Court There was no ceremony whatever, the



entire business occupying less than two

minutes.

The reception-room adjoining the private office and connected therewith by double doors, was filled with a company of several hundred people, most of whom applauded when he had repeated the last words of the oath. His predecessor was the first to congratulate. Gov. Pingree and the members of his family immediately held an informal reception, shaking hands with all present.

The oath was administered at 12 o'clock, and for the balance of the day the Governor listened to the pleas of candidates for office and their friends. This ccupied his entire time until he left on the late train for Detriot, his wife and children having returned in the afternoon. The only appointment announced was that of S. Arthur Tomlinson, of Oakland, to be executive clerk and clerk of the pardon board.

The only State officer to be sworn in with Gov. Pingree was Land Commissioner French. The other officials elect were a trifle disappointed because the Chief Executive had not invited them to share the honors of the day with him, and shortly before he reached the capitol Lieut. Gov. Dunstan, Secretary of State Gardner, State Treasurer Steel and his deputy, E. P. Waldron; Attorney Gen-eral Maynard and Supt. of Public Instruction Hammond sent for Chief Jus-tice Long and had him administer the eath to them in the private office of the Secretary of State.

CHILDREN OF THE STATE.

How They Are Cared for at School

at Coldwater.
The report of the State public school at Coldwater for the full biennial period ending June 30, 1896, covering that portion of the superintendency of A. N. Woodruff from June 30, 1894, to Sept. 1, 1895, and that of the present superintendent, A. J. Murphy, from the last named date to the close of the biennial period, ne filed at Langing

The total number of children received since the opening of the school in 1874 is 3,991. Of this number 2,655 were boys and 1,336 girls. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, 118 boys and 60 girls were received at the school. During the last year covered by the report 140 boys and 93 girls were received, the increase in the attendance being quite marked. It is an interesting fact that 33 1-3 per cent. of all children received have been girls, while during the past

year 40 per cent. have been girls.

The Kittie Bagley fund of \$1,000, the interest of which was so generously given as an endowment for the burchase of Christmas presents, is greatly appreciated by the Superintendent, who has especial reason to be thankful for the warm and practical friendship of the late John J. Bagley. The substantial remembrances of Gen. R. A. Alger are also greatly appreciated.

In July, 1894, there were 200 children in the school, of whom 177 were boys and 43 girls. One hundred and five were on trial in homes, of whom 74 were boys and 31 girls, and 884 were on indenture. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, 178 were received, making a total enrollment of children cared for in the school, and on trial, of 498. July, 1, 1895, there were 221 in the school, of whom 178 were boys and 43 girls. There were 132 on trial and 905 on indenture. During the following year 233 were received, making a total enrollment of 586. July 1, last, there were in the school 137 children, of whom 121 were boys and 16 girls. There were 142 on trial, of whom 91 were boys and 51 girls, making a total in the immediate care of the school of 279, together with 1,037 others from whom reports are being received, or a grand total of 1,316 in the care of the

At the farm residence of Alfred J. Hawes, about six miles south and west of Lexington, Mr. Hawes sat near the stove fondling his beautiful little 6-yearold daughter on his knee and Mrs. Hawes was clearing up the house, and when she came to the lounge noticed a gun under it. She pulled it out and in some way the hammer caught in the carpet and the contents of the gun were discharged into the breast of the little daughter, killing her instantly. The child receiving the entire charge saved the life of the father. The grief of the mother is heartrending. No blame is attached to her.

SMALL PROFITS OF MURDERERS Few of Them Realize Riches by Means

of Their Crimes Much has been published in England

about the professional assassins of Paris, writes our Paris correspondent. and in many cases fabulous gains have been attributed to them as a result of their crimes, but these exist more frequently in fiction that in fact. Statistics recently compiled by the prefect of Paris police throw a good deal of light on the assassin's trade as practiced in modern times. Especially interesting are they in view of the popular, but very erroneous, idea that the assassin's trade is a profitable one. That it is quite the reverse seems to be clearly proved by a record of the profits gained by notorious assassins during the last

thirty years. Biographies of a large number of French murderers, some of whom paid the penalty of their crimes on the guillotine, while others were transported to New Caledonia, show that the average murderer makes far less money at his abominable trade than is made by any third-rate artisan or even day aborer.

Here, for example, are the names of a few criminals and a statement as to the actual money profit that resulted in each case: Sejournet committed one crime, and his profit was £2 5 shillings; Rossell, one crime, £1 10 shillings; Ducret, one crime, £8 worth of jewelry; Cathelin, one crime, about 5 shillings. These are not princely profits, but they are large compared with others. Three men for example-Georges, Voty and Franck-committed a horrible crime and only made about sixpence apiece. Several others were less fortunate, for they gained nothing at all. Other knights of the road found to their dismay after dispatching their victims that they had no money on them, and they were consequently bound to be satisfied with such booty as they could obtain in the shape of watches and other jewelry, which, of course, is less desirable than money, as it is not always easy to dispose of.

True, a few assailants have made a considerable sum of money. Three, Martin, Begheim and Lapommeraye, were especially fortunate or unfortunate in this respect. Martin found £200 in his victim's purse. Begineim got £1,400 worth of jewelry and Lapommeraye also acquired a large sum of money at one stroke. These men, however, did not live very long to enjoy their wealth, as justice overtook them and quickly dispatched them to another world. Such men are rare, however, so rare that a careful calulation shows that the average amount made by French assassins during the last thirty years does not exceed 9 or 10 shillings

for each crime. Such being the case, the wonder is that there are so many murderers. And a greater wonder is, why, if they are determined to kill for the sake of obtaining money they do not arrange to kill persons who are known to be wealthy and do not seize an opportunity when their intended victims have their pockets stuffed with gold. A distinguished official of the police force in Paris says that the assassins act in their usual foolish manner simply because they are imbeciles.-London

Not Hers.

A reminiscence of Mrs. Stowe published in the Atlantic Monthly says that she always spoke and behaved as if she recognized herself to be an instrument breathed upon by the Divine Spirit. She was never afflicted with a personal consciousness of her reputation, nor was she trammelled by it. The sense that a great work had been accomplished through her only made her more humble, and her shy, absent-minded ways were continually throwing her admirers into confusion.

Late in life, when her failing powers made it impossible for her to speak as one living in a world which she seemed to have left far behind, she was accosted in the garden of her country retreat in the twilight one evening by a good old retired sea captain who was her neighbor for the time.

"When I was younger," said he, respectfully, holding his hat in his hand while he spoke, "I read with a great deal of satisfaction and instruction Uncle Tom's Cabin.' The story impressed me very much, and I am happy to shake hands with you, Mrs. Stowe, who wrote it."

"I did not write it," answered the white-haired old lady gently, as she shook the captain's hand.

"You didn't!" he ejaculated, in amazement. "Why, who did, then?" "God wrote it," she replied simply.

I merely did His dictation," "Amen!" said the captain reverently, as he walked thoughtfully away.

Mr. Asbury Pappers.

"The hare," began the prosy boarder, 'has long been chosen as an emblem of timidity----

"Come to think of it," interrupted Asbury Peppers, amid the grateful glances of other boarders, "I have noticed a tendency in my own hair lately to make tself scarce."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Simple Arithmetic.

"Cook, how long did you boil these eggs?" "Noine minutes, mum."

"But I told you that I wanted my eggs boiled three minutes. "That's thrue, mum, but 'tree eggs,

mum, an' t'ree times 'tree is noine."-Harper's Bazar. A Sufficient Reason.

Dumbleton-I observe that you have made your play continuous—that is. you have not divided it into acts. Flasher-There was no need of it.

Dumbleton-No need of it? What do you mean by that?

Flasher-Why, we only intend to play it in prohibition towns.

SOLONS IN SESSION.

LEGISLATURE IS FORMALLY OR-GANIZED AT LANSING.

Speaker Gordon Re-elected by Unanimous Vote-Other Officers of the House-Rigid Economy Urged-Op-

Lawmakers at Work.

pose Legislative Junket.

The Thirty-ninth Legislature of Michigan was organized Wdenesday, but there was several days' work ahead for the presiding officers to make up their standing committees. Each body convened at noon and proceeded to elect the officers nominated at Tuesday night's caucuses as follows: Senate nominations: Presias follows: Senate nonlinearing dent pro tem, John L. Preston, of Lapeer; Secretary, Charles O. Pierce, of Oscoda; Support afterms. A. N. Armstrong, of Sergeant-at-arms, A. N. Armstrong, of Cass; Assistants, Moses Parshelsky, of Wayne and C. C. Miller, of Livingston; Enrolling Clerk, Mrs. C. W. Bertch, of Mackinac; Assistant, Frank M. of Eaton. House: Speaker, William D. Gordon, of Midland: Speaker, pro tem, Orville B. Fuller, of Ford River; Chief Clerk, L. M. Miller, of Lansing; Sergeantat-arms, R. H. Gibson, of Greenville; Enrolling Clerk, F. W. Redfern, of Maple

Speaker Gordon was honored by being re-elected by a unanimous vote, the nineteen silver members joining the eightyone Republicans in casting their votes for him. The silverites first cast their ballots for John Donovan, of Bay, who became famous by being the only Democrat elected to the Legislature of 1805. They changed to Gordon before the result

was announced.

Both Lieut, Gov. Dunstan and Speak of Gordon, on taking the chairs, emphasized the necessity for the practice of rigid economy in every direction. The latter advised that the legislative junket to the various State institutions be abandoned and that instead of the entire Legislature making his trip the standing committee of each institution make the inspection, and to so arrange their time of going that not enough would be absent at any one time as to retard the work of the House He advised that the House he in session at least five days each week and that every effort be made to shorten the session. He also recommended that a standing committee be appointed to prepare bills designed to weed out all the obsolete laws on the statute books, and so arrange others which have become involved by requent amending that they will be the more readily understood.

Gov. Pingree came out from Detroit and was promptly pitched upon by the horde of office-seekers who had been waiting for his coming. They occupied his entire time and will do so for several days. No nominations were sent to the Senate for confirmation.

The Work Ahead,

The Legislature will, it is expected, consider many important matters of legislation. Possibly the more striking of these are included in the legislative program of Gov. Pingree, which calls for the local taxation of railroad, telegraph, telephone and other corporate property; the prohibition of stock-watering and over-capitalization; the prevention of the consolidation of railway and street car companies; the abolishing of political conventions. and the nomination of candidates at a single caucus; prohibition of the coercion of voters; home rule for Detroit; 2-cent passenger fares on railroads; the submission of proposed franchises to the people.

The convict labor question will reattention, the State Federation of Labor having decided to devote its undivided efforts to securing a bill prohibiting the employment of convicts on contracts. An effort will be made to secure an amendment to the Constitution, so an indeterminate sentence law may be legally en-All the farmer organizations are united on a platform which demands the abolishing of the fee system of paying public officials; that Michigan prisons made self-supporting; that no changes involving additional expense be made in the road laws; that a more effective system of collecting taxes on non-resident property be devised; and that the tax system amended so as to make corporate and private capital bear their share of the burden. An inheritance tax law, and an increase in the specific tax paid by rail-roads, etc., are also proposed.

Economy in all State and county affairs will be the watchword, and appropriations will be pared to the quick.

Minor State News.

The car ferry Pere Marquette, built at Wheeler & Co.'s yard for the Flint and Pere Marquette Railway, was launched at West Bay City. The new craft is believed to be the largest and strongest car ferry affoat and is intended to ply across Lake Michigan the year round. 350 feet long, 56 feet beam and will carry thirty loaded cars, with full outfit of fuel.

The annual free entertainment given by George H. Southworth, of Marshall, to the juveniles of Marshall was the center of attraction Friday. The opera house was crowded to overflowing. The entertainment consisted of stereopticon views of note, both foreign and domestic, interspersed with vocal music rendered by eminent vocalists. The Battle Creek orchestra furnished the music. The entire exhibition was well managed and highly enjoyed by all.

About a year ago Harry Munger was convicted in the Circuit Court of the lar-ceny of a bicycle in Battle Creek from Gavin Ritchie. He hired the wheel of Ritchie to wheel about the city, and instead rode it to Lansing and sold it. He was released upon suspended sentence. The other day he was ordered arrested by the prosecuting attorney and was taken to Marshall to be sentenced. Instead of changing his career, Munger has kept up his old habits. He stole \$16 from a man in Convis Township, whom he was working for, and also stole his wife's watch and sold it to a railroad newsman,

Davies county is the banner tobacco county in Kentucky. Her product for 1895 is reported at 13,575,120 pounds. Graves County is a good second, with 12,416,900 pounds, and Henderson comes third, with 11,931,350 pounds. Hookins County shows up with 9,103,-000 pounds, with Webster close up. with 8,285,966. Logan County reports 7,042,300, and several countles are credited with over 6,000,000 pounds. The total yield of the State for 1893 was 229,972,482 pounds.

SHE RELATES TO A REPORTER THE SECRET OF HER JOY.

For Many Months She Was Sad and Worried Because of Illness-She Gives Thanks for the Discovery to Vhich She Attributes Her Present Good Health.

From the Chronicle, Chicago, Ill.

Eleven years ago there came to Chicago from Toledo, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Sanders. They had been hard working and industrious people, but had met with serious trouble. Mr. Sanders was a blacksmith, but was obliged to give up his work at the forge owing to the loss of an eye, from a spark from the anvil. Mrs. Sanders, like many another woman, became broken down in health by hard work. She was a seamstress, and, careless of her health, sewed early and late. The confinement and the stooping incident to such work broke down her health, and it was thought she was going into quick con-From the Chronicle, Chicago, Ill.

health, sewed early and late. The confinement and the stooping incident to such work broke down her health, and it was thought she was going into quick consumption. Instead, she developed a violent case of typhoid fever, to which, by the way, any one is liable whose system is run down and whose vitality is depleted. This confined her not only to the house, but to her bed as well. When she finally rallied, it was to find herself so weak and debilitated that for six long months she was barely able to crawl about, and her physicians could not restore her strength. She was reduced to a skeleton, could not eat, could do no work, and as she expressed it, she could not have endured this much longer.

This description of the after effects of typhoid will be recognized as faithfully true by any who have had the disease; and it is these after effects to which a physician must give faithful attention. His patient is not out of danger until the strength and appetite return.

Mrs. Sanders, however, became convinced that her physicians were not helping her to mend, and sought other means. She came to the conclusion that a preparation which would enrich the blood would build up her health. She accordingly made use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, now extensively used as a blood purifier. The effects were satisfactory. They were more than that, they were wonderful. She began to mend almost at once; her pains decreased, her strength and weight and appetite came back, and she became robust. To any one suffering from the effects of overwork or worry, or from a debillitated state of the system, from whatever cause, this article will be of interest, and these pills a welcome remedy. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders live at 1155 Lincoln avenue. Chicago, and to prove the accuracy of the statement and her honesty of purpose, she swore to the facts as below:

(Signed) "MRS. S. J. SANDERS."

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fifth day of October, 1896.

A. F. PORTMAN. Notary Public.

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, scintica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effect of la grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, all forms of weakness, either in male or female. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent postpaid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the 100) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Showing our best side to others will cause them to show their best side to

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

All that Was Left.

Two cronies, fond of their dram, got in their usual supply the other night of the strong stuff. They had their dram together and went to bed, leaving the bottle not quite empty. One of them, wakening through the night and feeling not a little thirsty, got up and gulped the contents of the bottle, after which he returned to bed and lay quietly down. Not long after this the other one got up and made straightway for the bottle. Watching from underneath the blankets his mate cried out: "What are ye lookin' for, Wull?" Wull, taken by surprise, replied, "Oh, nothing!" "Well, ye'll get it in the bottle," re torted the other.

WOMAN'S STRUGGLE.

All women work. Some in the homes.

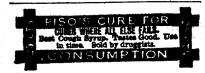
Some in church, and some in the whirl of society.

Many in the stores and shops, and tens of thousands are on the never-ceasing treadmill earning their daily food. All are subject to the same physical



ham's "Vegetable Compound" is the unfailing cure for this trouble. It strengthens the proper muscles, and displacement with all its horrors will no more crush you.

Backache, dizziness, fainting, "bear ing-down," disordered stomach, moodiness, dislike of friends and society-all symptoms of the one cause—will be quickly dispelled, and you will again



STATISTICS OF COMMERCIAL COLLAPSES IN 1896.

of Failures for 1896 Has Been Larger than in Any Previous Year Except 1893-Figures from Dun's Review Are Correct.

Commercial authorities state that the number of failures for 1896 has been larger than in any previous year excepting 1893, and about 14,890, against 13,-197 last year, and that the aggregate defaulted commercial liabilities alone have peen about \$224,700,000, against \$173, 196,060 last year, an increase in number of about 12 per cent. and in liabilities of about 29 per cent. This report would be more disheartening if the comparison of failures by months did not show that over \$36,000,000 of the increase was in the two months of extreme political agitation—August and September—and was due to conditions which happily passed with those months. With about 21 per cent. increase thus explained, the remaining increase of less than 9 per cent. does not appear great. While the returns for December are not yet exact, the his tory of the year's commercial disasters is otherwise correctly stated in the fol-

wing:	
1896.	1895.
January\$21,735,743	\$15,336,804
February 13,130,451	11,994,268
March 22,558,941	20,482,611
April 12,487,697	10,966,459
May 12,296,348	10,227,606
June 15,660,508	19,832,196
July 15,501,095	10,443,198
August 28,008,637	10,778,399
September 29,774,917	10,955,652
October 14,880,266	15,386,750
November 12,700,856	12,150,329
December 26,000,000	24,651,858
For the last quarter of 18	93 the figures
are:	

October\$28,167,814 November 16,202,80: December 19,654,171

The comparison with returns of the closing months of 1893 has not heretofore been published, as the reporting force at all the offices had not then become sufficiently familiar with the improved method to insure entire accuracy, but as now printed the returns are substantially correct. The manufacturing failures in that quarter were about \$27,505,355 in amount and the trading about \$30,515,365, with \$6,004,067 of brokers and other commer cial concerns. The manufacturing failures by months are separately shown as

	1896.	1895.
January	\$8,585,096	\$3,308,905
February	5,502,308	3,904,779
March	9,419,322	13,010,307
April	6,652,521	4,520,649
May	4,624,228	3,400,901
June	8,209,984	12,156,408
July	7,568,940	2,866,517
August	13,100,249	4,131,488
September	11,810,007	5,207,110
October	6,939,394	6,801,941
November	4,659,615	4,247,983
December	11,200,000	10,263,085
For the last o	uarter of 1893	:

December	11,200,000	10,263,083
For the l	ast quarter of 18	93:
October		\$12,916,660
November		6,223,447
December		8,365,248

The trading fai	The trading failures by months:					
	1896.	1895.				
January\$1						
February	6,606,076					
March 1	2,675,607	6,834,041				
April	5,529,745					
Мау	7,094,767	6,142,205				
June	7,324,786	7,231,021				
July	6,906,335	6,704,539				
August	9,056,008	6,266,841				
September 1	2,775,874					
October	7,416,822	8,280,188				
November	7,480,238	6,987,043				
December 1	3,500,000	13,828,679				

For the last quarter: October\$11,952,551

In 1894 the January failures reached \$32,319,232, a higher aggregate than in any other month for three years, because the yearly settlements brought home disaster to many who had been weakened by the panic of 1893. There followed a swift decline in magnitude of liabilities, and throughout 1894 the range was comparatively low, both in manufacturing and in trading, and it did not greatly change until December it reached \$22,-895,953, in which month a considerable rise nearly every year precedes the annual settlements. In 1895 the failures following such settlements were unusual ly low, and the range would again have been low through most of the year except for specially large manufacturing failures in two months, May and June, which included the Cordage Company for nearly \$10,000,000, the Walter Wood Harvester Company and the Manning brewery. The December rise was slightly greater than in 1894, and subsequent failures in January indicated that the wrecks had been less thoroughly cleared

This year the marked rise in March was directly traced to the fact that several large manufacturing and two large dry goods houses had failed to distribute goods produced or purchased in 1895, and the subsequent decrease promised a fair summer record when there came the political agitation and alarm already mentioned. This disturbance affected manufacturing concerns first and most largely. though others of importance afterward

suffered. The ratio of liabilities to all firms in business is about 30 per cent, smaller than in the third quarter with its disastrous excitement, although slightly larger than in the fourth quarter of last year. This raises the average for the year about 30 per cent. above last year's, but not near to that of 1893 or some earlier years of

The ratio of defaulted liabilities to paynents through clearing houses, which are taken as roughly representing the volume of solvent business, was in the fourth quarter \$3.77 to \$1,000, against \$3.46 in the same quarter of last year, but \$6.06 n the previous quarter of political alarm. This makes the ratio for the entire year \$4.37, which has been surpassed 1878 only in the years 1884 and 1893. Compared with last year the increase is nearly a third, although most of the excess occurred, as has been shown, in only

wo months. Besides the commercial failures, as above reported, there were 195 failures of banks during the year, with liabilities closely approximating to \$50,000,000. For

FAILURES OF A YEAR | but the aggregate of liabilities was only \$20,710,210. The railroad receiverships during the year 1896 embrace 4,559 miles, with stock issues amounting to \$73,397, 800 and bonded and other indebtedness amounting to \$153,252,724. The bonded indebtedness was slightly larger than in 1805, but the stock very much smaller.

SWEPT BY A BLIZZARD.

Many Western States Are Struck by

a Furious Storm. Press dispatches tell of a furious blizzard which has swept over almost the entire Northwest. The visitation has also extended to the Southern States, where manifested itself as a tornado and drenching rainstorm. In Nebraska the storm was accompanied by heavy snow with the thermometer at zero. graphic reports from the extreme western ction of the State, where most of the suffering would occur during a blizzard, indicate that little snow has fallen. It is in the western counties where several lives were lost during the great Nebraska blizzard in trying to reach their homes In Western Missouri, throughout Kansas and in the territories trains were delayed by snow drifts. A fall of about forty de grees has been experienced at most points.
Reports from 100 Minnesota and North

South Dakota points indicate that it has been the greatest storm of the win-ter. In Northern Minnesota it snowed steadily for twenty hours. At Niles. Mich., for seventy-two hours rain fell steadily, and fears were entertained that a repetition of the famous flood which occurred eight years ago would take place. In Northern Illinois rain fell almost incessantly for sixty hours, and the mercury was steadily above fifty degrees. All vegetation was pushing forward, and it is almost positively certain that if the mercury drops below zero within a week there will be wholesale destruction of wheat and fruit prospects.

The greatest suffering from the storm

in Arkansas is reported at Benton, where half a dozen small frame houses were demolished and several freight cars standing at the station were overturned. Several persons were more or less injured and many had narrow escapes and thrilling experiences, but no fatalities oc-curred. The storm was severest in the southern portion of the State, and it is not unlikely that casualties occurred in some of the numerous lumber camps in that section. All the towns between Little Rock and Texarkana suffered more or less damage, and reports from the country give several instances of damage to farm houses and cabins.

The relief train of the Kansas City, Shreveport and Gulf arrived in Shreve-port. I.a., from Morringsport, the scene of Saturday's severe storm, bringing in the wounded. Two of the four Good-man children killed were found 100 yards from their home with their clothes stripped from their bodies, which were bruised and mangled. The path of the storm was narrow and short, but terrific in destructiveness. The body of a man who was blown from the bridge has been recovered, but is not identified. A man whose name is not given is missing. It is be-lieved he was killed, but the body has not been found. A number of women visited the hospital and provided garments for the injured.

The most disastrous wreck that has occurred in Missouri for years happened near New Haven. The Missouri Pacific track is built on the bank of the river most of the way to St. Louis. At the point where the wreck occurred the small streams from the bluffs had washed out the road, and when freight No. 128 was passing this place the track gave way the engine sinking in the river and eight-een cars following. The killed are: J. G. Evans, engincer; Fred Hanekap, fireman James McGuire, head brakeman. A num ber of other trainmen are reported se riously injured. Two carloads of mules went down in the wreck, besides a large amount of freight.

SUICIDE OF A BANKER.

W. A. Hammond, of National Bank of Illinois, Kills Himself.

William A. Hammond, second vice president of the National Bank of Illinois. ended his life in the Evanston waters of Lake Michigan at daybreak Saturday. Six hours later the waves threw his dead body upon the shore. The body of the banker was found half a mile north of the pier, where the shore current and a south-east gale had carried it. Mr. Hammond had been charged with wrecking the National Bank of Illinois, of which he was he active manager, by his heavy finan-



W. A. HAMMOND.

cing of the Calumet Electric Railway. and other schemes, with bank funds. Th shame and wrong of his position since the failure of the bank are believed to have unbalanced his mind and driven him to suicide.

Mr. Hammond was 45 years old. In 1883 he married Miss Ida Strong. have four children. Mr. Hammond began learning the banking business as a clerk in the National Bank of Illinois, when that concern was first organized. obtained his situation on the strength of his personal connections and the good reputation he enjoyed in society. father was the Rev. H. L. Hammond, one of the best-known Congregational clergymen. Gradually he rose from clerk to paying teller, to assistant cashier, to eashier, and finally to second vice president. For several years past the control of the bank was largely in his hands, as President Schneider grew too old to be active in the management. It was expected that Mr. Hammond would succeed President Schneider as the head of the institution.

The directors of the Butler & Pitsburg Railroad met at Pittsburg and passed a resolution in favor of amalgamating with the Pittsburg, Shenango and Lake Erie to form the Pittsburg, Bessemer and Lake Erie Road. The combination will have a capital of \$10,000,000.

Messrs. Moody and Sankey are to hold the year 1895 there were 182 failures, a series of revival services in Cincinnati.

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Completely Eradicated by This Great Medicine

The fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to cure a great variety of diseases is due to its peculiar combination, proportion and process, which enables it thoroughly to purify the blood. A great variety of diseases are caused by impurities in the blood and it is by removing these impurities that Hood's Sarsaparilla strikes at the root of the disease and effects a positive cure where other medicines only relieve the

symptoms. "Hood's Sarsaparilla has done a grea good in my family. My wife's throat was in a terrible condition, being covered all over with sores. The roof of her mouth was also affected, and there was a hole in the right side of her tongue. Her lower lip was in a bad condition and her

Whole Body Was Covered with red blotches. Some of the leading doctors prescribed for her, and she was under their treatment for some time without benefit. I did not know what to do next, but finally resolved to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I believe if she had not begun the use of this medicine, she would now be beyond the reach of any remedy. The first bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla did not seem to do much good, but before the second was gone she was cured. She has taken three bottles in order completely to eradicate the disease, and she never felt better in her life than she does at the present time. I will never be without Hood's Sarsaparilla in my house. I believe it has no superior as a medicine." James

Ingenuity of the Small Boy.

H. O'Neil, 4433 Halsted street, Chicago,

A boy of 6 years begged a cent of his father and received it with the injunction that it must not be spent for candy. The father asked the boy at night how he had spent the cent, and the boy said he had traded it to Sammy Green for a knife; Sammy bought candy with it and divided the sweet stuff, and then the knife was returned to Sammy.

Calendars and Coupons.

So many beautiful calendars and entertaining novelties have been issued by the proprietors of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that we are hardly surprised to receive this season not only one of the very prettiest designs in calendars, but with it coupons which entitle the recipient to attractive novelties. Every one who gets a Hood's Sarsaparilla calendar for 1897 secures something that will prove interesting and valuable as well as a beautiful specimen of the lithographer's art. The calendar is accompanied this season by an amusing little book on "The Weather." Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar. or send 6 cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Very Well Fixed.

Ham-What position would you think Joe Jefferson occupied in the theatrical firmament?

Fatter-I should call him a "fixed" star.--New York Journal.

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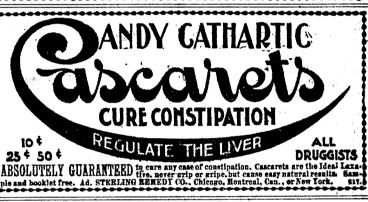
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Delaware isn't a large State, but none of the legislatures now in session are attracting more attention than hers.

If Senator Wolcott can convert Eng-

land to bimetallism he will find himself

a very popular man when he returns. Ex-Senator Ingalls will also make a campaign in 1909, not for the Presidency but for the Senate. There are otherslots of 'em.

Dr. Talmage wants to enlist a brigade of cavalry for the war against sin. As the doctor is a fine horseman he should be its commander.

We do not believe that New York's new governor is as black as he is painted by some of his opponents, notwithstanding his newspaper pictures.

Gov. Pingree made a good start by paying his railroad fare, instead of riding on a free ticket. If he keeps it up he will do better than his predeces-

Senator Wolcott's trip to Europe will io this country a great favor if it settles once for all whether international bimetallism is something real or merely a political mirage.

Perhaps it was because he believed in the aphorism that "money makes things hum" that Representative and Senator-elect Money, of Miss., went on that Cuban investigating trip.

The Cuban question, or any other that is likely to come up at Washington, is not in it with those Senators who are candidates for re-election beore State legislatures now in session.

The banker who loses money deposited with him for safe keeping, by reckless attempts to get rich through dangerous speculation, is deserving of greater punishment than the professional thie f

A number of towns in the state no larger than our own have electric lights and, with an immense amount of water-power going to waste, it would seem as though our village was not as progressive as she should be along this line.

It pains us to learn that the financial editor of the London Times predicts that money will be scarce and high all this year. We hope he is mistaken, because if money gets any scarcer and higher than it has been our arms are ikely to be stretched out of all proportion by our efforts to reach a little of it.

Spain is hard to please. It is kickng about the inaction of Gen. Weyler when that doughty soldier is tearing up and down a little enclosure surrounded by his troops and issuing a daily bulletin announcing the collapse of the rebellion. Incapable Weyler may be, and doubtless is, but inactive,

We are indebted to Jason E. Hammond, Sup't. of Public Instruction, for his New Year's greeting of a copy of the "Michigan Souvenir." This neat little book contains an interesting history of our state, giving its founders, principle industries, area, population &c. It also shows a great increase in enterprise.

Our Dumb Animals gives a very complete article on "Premature Burial" in the January number and many good suggestions are made. The latest book out on the subject contains about 400 pages, written by Wm. Tebb, F. R. G. S., of England and Col. Edward Perry Vollum, M. D., late Medical Inspector of the United States Army, etc. As some of the removals of bodies in our home cemetery has revealed the fact that the remains were found face down and in other unnatural positions, it would seem there is even here in our own community a chance for more care to be taken along this line.

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

Mary E. Wilkins is engaged in writing a series of striking sketches of New England neighborhood life for The La dies' Home Journal. They will portray a small community's social indulgences, sketching the old-fashioned quilting party, the time-worn singing-school and an apple-paring bee.

THE GRANDEST REMEDY.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought sull medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discoving and true council by use of true but. ery, and was cured by use of two bot-tles. For past three years has been at-tending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for coughs, colds and consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at J. W. Armstrong's drug store. 2

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At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the Probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, on Saturday, the 9th day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-

Present, JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Prothe matter of the estate of Mary A.

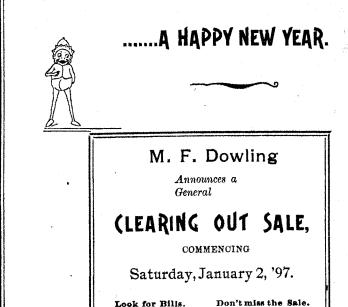
In the matter of the estate of Mary A. White, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Oscar White, son of said deceased, praying for reasons therein stated that an order or decree be made by this court determining who are or were the lawful heirs of said deceased and their respective rights therein.

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Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the ninth day of February, A. D. 1887, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof. by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middle of the pendency of the petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middle of the pendency of the petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middle of the pendency of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof. By causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middle of the pendency of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof. By causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middle of the pendency of said petition and the hearing.

JAMES B. MILLS, (A TRUE COPY) 2-4p Judge of Probate.



Probate Order

STATE OF MICHIGAN, 58,

COUNTY OF BARRY, 58,

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Barry, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings, in said county on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Probate:

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Present, JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Probate:

In the matter of the estate of Milo N. Corning, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Joseph Jackson, creditor of said deceased, praying that administration of said estate be granted to Joseph Jackson of Wayland township, Mich., or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday, the 5th day of February, A. D., 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Hastings in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Middleville Sun, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN. | 88, COUNTY OF BARRY. | 88, At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the probate office in the city of Hastings, in said County on Wednesday, the 23d day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.

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Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Myrtic Carlille, a minor.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Charles E. Harper, guardian of said minor, praying that his annual account filed on the 26th day of December, 1896, may be heard and allowed.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday, the 18th day of January A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required te appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the prebate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUR, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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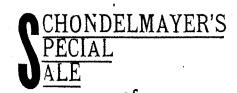
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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Come, hear and see The "Old Malds Three" And the "Prince and Sallors" From over the sea,

At Jordan opera hall, Jan. 27, under the auspices of the Baptist Aid society. Send a 2 cent stamp for a handsome set of Jaxon Soap pictures.

Attend the Baptist Aid society tea at the church parlors this week Friday.

You will miss a treat if you don't hear the Apollo Quartette at the band con-

We noticed farmers plowing, the 8th day of January, something unusual for Michigan farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hendrick gave a very large rising pedro party at their home, Friday evening.

Mesdames Wilkinson and Ackerson give an elaborate card party at the home of the latter this evening,

The concert to be given by the Coris to raise funds to purchase uniforms.

Last week's shipment of live stock from this place was five car loads, while this week's shipment consisted of six decks.

Mrs. Gertrude Case Hamilton, a former teacher in our public schools, died at her home in Moline, Ill., last week. The funeral was at South Lyons last Friday.

Dr. C. M. Cook, dental surgeon of 525 Jefferson Ave., Grand Rapids, will be at St. James hotel, Monday, Jan. 18. Teeth extracted or filled absolutely without pain or danger. References, S. M. Davis, Chas. Guffin, Mrs. German and scores of others. Best set teeth, \$5.00. Crown bridge and all modern Grand Rapids association of Cong dentistry at reasonable rates. At hotel, churches and ministers, held at Hud-Irving, Tuesday.

The report of the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., held at Adrian, Mich., is now published. These reports are prepared by Grand Secretary | physician, J. P. Ferguson, on Sunday. Mrs. A. A. Matteson, of this place, and much praise is due to her excellent uated a large quantity of puss, which work. The book contains the by-laws and constitution of the association, besides interesting addresses of Grand officers, and many notes of interest to Masonic workers. The half-tone engravings of Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Lida A. Pratt, and Worthy Grand Patron, C. A. Conover, are as fine as any ever published in these reports.

The Cold Spring Creamery Co., which 230 ibs of milk from which was churned and purer life. Therefore, be it Resolved, That we, as brothers and churn yield per 100 ibs of milk was 4.88. 607, K. O. T. M., of Middleville, Mich., include horse sheds, ice-house, separator, etc., \$940.73. Paid for tubs, \$549.31. The salt used during the year cost \$111.50. Fuel, \$335.77. The milk Be it further received each month was as follows: Resolved, That we tender a copy of received each month was as follows: January, 179,606; February, 164,563; March, 211,423; April, 307,081; May, brother and a copy be filed with Mid-448,814; June, 528,278; July, 463,015; dleville Tent No. 697, K. O. T. M., and August, 458,015; September, 399,808; October, 309,892; November, 221,575; Wille Sun for publication.

W. E. Webb, December, 176,360; Total, 3,868,230. There is no question but that the creamery is one of the best enterprises in the number upwards of three hundred.

J. W. SAUNDERS.

Master Glenn Blake was home from school the first of the week on account of illness.

Illinois.

Fenton.

Tuesday.

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Grand Rapids.

business, Tuesday.

two weeks' illness.

Monday from Homer.

ids last week Thursday.

was in the village Saturday.

were in the Rapids Tuesday.

ship is quite sick with a fever.

ill, is able to be about the house.

J. D. Dietrich was in the Rapids Sat-

Mrs. Janes and son Frank, returned

Postmaster Mattason was in the Rap-

Hon. John Carveth of Grand Rapids,

Mesdames Wilkinson and Ackerson

Lee Pryor of Yankee Springs town-

Mrs. C. T. Spaulding, who has been

C. N. Webb, book-keeper at the fac-

Mrs. W. N. VanEvery, returned Mon-

H. C. Fenton of Grand Rapids spent

Sunday with his mother, Mrs. James

Will Lamoreaux is among the new

employes at the Keeler Brass Co's.

tory, is out after a few days' illness.

day, from an extended visit to Niles.

Miss Mamie Parker of Grand Rapids is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs.

P. Parker. Orin and Charles Leonard and families contemplate visiting with relatives

in Greenville. Ex-Sheriff McKevitt is in Hastings today, subpoensed there in case of the

people vs. Furniss. Arbor, Monday to attend the funeral of inquirers on the subject.

a younger brother. Creek, Neb., are guests of his parents north of the village.

Nicholas Vandermulen of Grand Rap- hogs, 12,740; number of pounds, 2,802,ds was the guest of Miss Nell White 800; average price per tb, 3c-\$84,084. the first of the week.

sick for several weeks, is now able to sit up a short time each day.

Nearly all the teachers of our public school will attend the teachers' asso-

ciation at Nashville this week Saturday. Mrs. C. A. Galusha has gone to Grand Rapids for a two weeks' visit

with her daughter, Mrs. N. P. Hoskins. Dr. S. C. Rich, M. S. and G. L. Keeler Dr. G. W. Matteson and J. W. Saunders were in Grand Rapids on business Tues-

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Thomas of Dorr were guests of the former's parents, A. net Band, on the evening of the 20th, D. Thomas and wife, the first of the

> Prof. H. W. Walrath will render one of his superb clarinet solos at the band concert. This alone is worth the price of admission.

Mrs. Green, who has been spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Gardner, returned to her home in Hastings Saturday. Archie Secord left recently for Cath-

cart. Ont., where he was called to the bedside of his brother James. Archie never forgets to drop a dollar in the slot for the Sun.

Rev. H. Appleton and Mrs. J. B. Campbell were in attendance at the sonville, Monday and Tuesday.

The critical condition in which Leon Bass has been for a number of weeks has changed for the better. Attending opened the abdominal cavity and evachas given him great relief.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

WHEREAS, By the death of our beloved Sir Kt. Chaplain, Rev. Frederick N. Janes, his loved ones are called to grieve the loss of a faithful, patient and oving companion and one who, all along life's journey permitted his be-nignant influences and christian character to permeate the society into which his chosen vocation called him, is one of the most thriving creameries thereby assisting others by his Christin the state. during 1896 received 3,868,- like example to attain a higher, nobler

The haulers were paid \$4,446.03. Pado hereby extend our sincere sympathy trons received for butter, \$22,185.70, or upon to endure this sad bereavement an average of 17.10 cents per pound. and assure them that while our circle There have been improvements, which has been broken for the first time, the influences and spotless character of our deceased brother still remain with us to guide us to the haven of rest where we shall again meet in a Grand Review.

> these resolutions to the family, brother and sister, respectively, of our deceased

> > Sir Kt. Lieut. Com.

Readers of THE SUN answering advillage for the farmers and they appre- vertisements found in its columns will ciate the fact, as their patrons now please say the advertisement was "Read in The Middleville Sun."

Holy strivings nerve and strengthen, Long endurance wins the crown; When the evening shadows lengthen, Thou shalt lay the burden down. —Selected.

John Olin and family have moved to Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best Look for program of Miss Clever's entertainment in next week's issue. *

Frank D. Pratt was in Hastings on J. E. Ackerson is able to be out, after

Dr. Phelps has sold a portion of his livery stable outfit to Elmer Aubil.

The band will be assisted in their concert, by the very best local talent in music, both vocal and instrumental.

John McQueen of Caledonia, has sold his elevator at that place and the one at Dutton, to ex-Warden Geo. Davis of Grand Rrpids.

Bills are out announcing an auction sale to take place one-half mile west of the Gates school house on Thursday, January 21, by John Sherman.

One of our correspondents was in error last week, in sympathizing with the friends of Miss Grace McCann of Irving, as it was Hattie Gage that was drowned.

Reubin Yerrington received \$164.50 life insurance carried on his mother's A. O. Church returned recently from life in the Old Elkhart company, this a trip through the southern part of being fifty cents on the dollar of what he had paid in.

> Miss Esther Smith was pleasantly surprised at her home, four and onehalf miles southwest of the village, Tuesday evening by a number of friends who enjoyed themselves to the best of their ability.

> Last evening the L. M. C. met at the home of Miss Xenia Thomas and two candidates for membership were rushed through. A general good time was enjoyed with games and refreshments which consisted of sauer kraut, suckers, hearts and hot ginger ale.

L. L. Hamilton, agent for the Mich. Home and Hospital Association, was in the village last week, and secured nineteen members to their life and accident insurance. Dr. Nelson Abbott is local secretary, and Dr. A. Hanlon, medical Rev. B. Moore was called to Ann referee, either will be glad to post any

C. A. Banfield, our stock buyer, gives Chas. Leonard and family of Mira the following report of stock purchased by him and prices paid, from Oct. 1, 1895, to Jan. 6, 1897: Total number of No. of sheep, 4,420; average weight, 82 Mrs. R. E. Combs, who has been quite this; total, 362,440 this; average price per fb, .0312; total, \$11,308.12. No. of milch cows, 120; average price, \$30 per head; total cost, \$3,600. No. of beef cattle, 390; average weight, 700 fbs; total weight, 273,000 fbs; average price, 21c per fb; total cost, \$6,825. No. of calves, 195; average weight, 125 fbs; total weight, 24,375 fbs; total cost, \$890.30. It will be seen by the foregoing figures, which are only those of one buyer, (and there are others who make frequent shipment) that our village is getting to be one of the best live-stock markets in the state. There is shipped from this station from four to seven cars of stock nearly every week, besides the large quantities of veal and poultry. Our farmers are fortunate in this respect, and many of them appreciate it.

The following officers were elected at the M. E. Aid society Friday, Jan. 8:

President-Mrs. C. Clever. Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Geo. Sanford. Secretary—Mrs. C. N. Webb. Treasurer—Mrs. E. P. Whitmore.

At a regular meeting of Hill Post No. 159, G. A. R., held Jan. 2, 1897, the following named officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Commander—J. S. Johnson. Senior Vice Com.—H. B. Caryeth. Junior "—O. Thomas. Treasurer-A. A. Tewksbury. Adjutant—D. W. Johnson. Sergeant Maj.—W. H. Severance. Officer of Day.—E. A. Stevens. Officer of Guard.—John Beach. Chaplain-E. P. Whitmore.

At the annual meeting of the Congregational church and society, held yesterday, the following officers were

Deacon—J. W. Saunders. Trustees—Chas. Campbell, Mrs. P. H. Richards. Clerk-Miss Fannie E. Pratt.

Clerk—Miss Fannie E. Pratt.
Treasurer—Mrs. A. A. Matteson.
Church Board—Chas. Cook, sr, Mrs.
C. T. Spaulding, Mrs. C. M. Paull, Mrs.
M. A. Dietrich, Mrs. M. M. Hodge.
Organist—Miss Nina C. Shaw.
Ass't Org.—Mrs. J. W. Armstrong.
Chorister—Mark S. Johnson.

Ass't Chor .- Mrs. J. W. Armstrong.

THE LEAF SOCIAL

Of the M. E. Aid society that was postponed will be held at the residence of Mrs. N. Griswold on Friday evening, January 22. Each gentleman is charged ten cents and the ladies five cents at the door. This entitles them to entertainment and refreshments. Come Ladies' 2.75 early and have a good time.

FOR RENT-Several desirable houses. H. E. HENDRICK.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE-For village property, 40 acres of land, on easy terms. Inquire at SUN office.

O. A. Carpenter of Parmelee has left at this office, a Cyclometer. Owner please call, prove property and pay for

I am paying the highest market price for poultry. 53-3 Wm. Corson.

FOR SALE OR RENT .- My house and ROBERT ALLEN lot with barn,



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HANLON'S (REAM LOTION,

The best Skin Preparation.

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Subscribe for THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN.

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All Clothing, Cloaks, Carpets, Curtains, Dress Goods, Domestics, Underwear, Hosiery, Blankets, Shoes, Furnishing Goods, Notions, Groceries, Etc.,

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LOWEST PRICES EVER MARKED IN BLUE FIGURES.

Groceries.		Domestics.	
22 lbs. gran. sugar	\$1.00	Good yd wide Sheeting	40
24 lbs. light C sugar	1.00	L. L. Sheeting	41/20
50c Tycoon Tea	.40	Fruit of Loom	- 7c
32c " "	.25	Lonsdale bleached	7c
9 bars Lenox Soap	.25	Heavy wide Shirting	80
Arm and Hammer soda	.05	Very Best Prints	5c
All package coffees		Staple Ginghams	50
Very best XXX oil	.07	Buffalo Flannels	2 9c

Shoes.

Ladies' \$3 and \$3.50 at \$2.48 Ladies' \$12 to \$15 at \$9.75 Ladies' 2.00 Ladies' 1.50 Blue Mark on all Men's and

Children's Shoes and Rubbers except Snag Proof.

Cloaks.

2.00 Ladies' 8 to 10 at 1.78 Ladies' 6 to 8 at Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, good patterns, full skirt, \$1.35 and \$1.50 grade at \$1.19.

SALE (LOSES SATURDAY JANUARY 23.

All goods as advertised. Come early in forenoon and avoid the afternoon crowd.

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MIDDLEVILLE, - - MICHIGAN.

PRICES IN SAN FRANCISCO GO SKYWARD.

WHEAT GOES SOARING

Good No. 1-Horrible Butcheries by the Epaniards at Guanabacoa-Lady Scott Goes to Jail.

Wheat is Scarce.

Wheat in San Francisco has become a scarce article, and is daily advancing. Shippers would willingly pay \$1.60 per cental for good No. 1 shipping wheat, and it is known among a few that they have paid as high as \$1.621/2 for something extra choice within the last three days. Owing to the growing scarcity of wheat in California, the San Francisco market possesses a firmness independent of the other leading markets. It is said that there is not more than 250,000 tons of wheat remaining in the entire State to supply the export demand, and home requirements, before another crop is har-There has been a decrease of 74,715 tons within one year. Freights are in oversupply and weak. Vessels are not quotable over 17s 6d, United King-This is believed to favor a rise in wheat. The bulls believe that wheat will reach close on to \$2 per cental before The daily receipts of wheat at Port Costa and other tidal points of delivery are very small.

CREAT PIT FULL OF CORPSES.

Fresh Evidence of a Spanish Massacre Dis-

covered at Guanobacoa. Evidences of awful butcheries at Guanabacoa accumulate daily. Advices from Havana report that a great pit filled with corpses and human fragments was discovered in a canefield not more than a mile from that place. A careful investigation revealed at least twenty whole bodies and many more legs and arms, other parts of the dismembered bodies being missing. Of the bodies remaining entire, four were those of women, three of young misses, one of a girl not more than 10 years old, four of boys and the rest of men. Permission to bury the remains was brutally refused, with a threat that if this slaughter was complained of many more would be added to what Spanish officials called the "Cuban dirt pile. The edict refusing permission to remove furniture and other things, unless asked for twenty-four hours previously. is taken advantage of by the Spanish soldiers to wreck buildings, and revile and insult, if not kill, persons suspected of Cuban leanings. Some families in the poorer section of the city, who did not know of the edict, started to move. After they had loaded their furniture on wag ons the police and soldiers fired on them, killing eight persons, including several innocent passers-by. In the official report it was stated that the troops had been attacked and that several rebels had been killed. A girls' school near the center of the town was entered by troops one day last week and the principal, an elderly, Cuban-born woman, was compelled to kneel to the officer in command and beg pardon for using translations of textbooks printed in the United States. The girl pupils were insulted and rudely treated until the school was broken up in dis-

SAWED OUT OF JAIL.

Three Prisoners Surprise Minneapolis Offi-

cers by Escaping. At Minneapolis, there was a surprising jail delivery the other night from Hennepin County's new jail, located on the top floor of the recently completed court house building. Owing to the fact that the jail is 100 feet above the ground and the only possible exit is down through the building. escapes were supposed impossible, and the cage was built of soft steel. Three prisoners sawed their way They were John Quinn, a 19-yearold highwayman; Frank Frost, charged with holding up a street car, and Mickey Ryder, accused of forgery. They took out a pane of the skylight, crawled into the attic loft and made their way down through the building unobserved.

LADY SCOTT GOES TO JAIL.

She is Sentenced to Eight Months' im-

prisonment Without Hard Labor. Lady Selina Scott, mother-in-law of Earl Russell, who pleaded guilty in the central criminal court, London, of criminally libeling his lordship in connection with John Cockerton, an engineer, and William Aylott, a valet, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment without hard labor. Cockerton and Aylott, who also pleaded guilty, received similar sentences.

Missouri Town Inundated.

The entire town of Linn Creek, Mo. is under water, the Osage River having risen seventeen inches higher than ever before known. The water is five feet deep in the court house and the ferryboat from the river, which is a mile from the city, is making regular trips through the main streets, carrying merchandise, provisions, household goods, etc., from the inundated buildings.

Flee from the Plague.

The mill operatives and their families are quitting Bombay en masse, thus adding a quarter of a million unemployed to the country districts. It is now estimated that 325,000 persons have fled from the city as a result of the spread of the bubonic plague, scattering contagion in the villages up the country.

Woman Highly Honored. The Minneapolis Board of Education elected Mrs. Jenuie C. Crays president. It is the first case in the Northwest where so important a body as the Board of Ed ucation in a city the size of Minneapolis has placed a woman at its head.

Servant Girl Burned to Death.

Lulu Jones, aged 24, a servant employ ed at the home of ex-Assistant Postmaster General Rathbone in Hamilton, O. was burned to death, and Mrs. Rathbone. in attempting to save the girl's life, was painfully burned about the arms and face. The girl's dress caught fire from a range.

Fanged by a Nob.

At Unadilla, Ga., Anthony Henderson was lynched for the assassination of old man George Sumner and attacking Sumner's daughter. He made a full confession of the crime.

WEYLER IN DISFAVOR. Spanish Government Will Felieve Him o Command in Cuba.

junta to the effect that the Spanish Government has positively determined to re call Capt.-Gen. Weyler. Gen. Primo de Rivera, it is said, will succeed Gen. Weyler in Cuba. He is a captain-general in the Spanish army, and in favor with the Canovas government. Minister Taylor, it is said, informed Secretary Olney several days ago that the authorities at Madrid were on the point of relieving Gen. Weyler of his command in Cuba, and of Shippers Will Willingly Pay \$1,60 for Rivera. Reasons were given in brief why a change was deemed advisable, and a statement was made as to the probable time when the orders would be promulgated. It is learned that the Madrid government is displeased at the fact that Gen. Weyler, with about 200,000 troops, has not put down the Cuban revolt. He has expended large sums of money, but so far has made no decided headway in accomplishing his main object, that of quelling the insurrection and restoring peace and good order in Cuba. His troops have been victorious on occasions, but they have also met defeat and the total result, considering Spain's outlay in life and treasure, is far from satisfactory. Too much may have been expected of Weyler; just as the exaction was great in the case of Campos. Still, the one great requirement-success-has not quently fallen in official esteem in Madrid. fulfilled, and Weyler has conse-

DISCRACE KILLED HIM.

Suicide of William A. Hammond, Vice Presi dent of the III-Starred Illinois National. William A. Hammond, second vice president of the National Bank of Illi-nois, committed suicide early Saturday morning at Chicago by drowning himself in Lake Michigan. He had been brood ing over the failure of the bank, and smarted under the public accusation of The suicide having been its wrecker. of the Vice President is the second that has occurred in connection with the failure of the National Bank of Illinois Banker Otto Wasmansdorff, of Wasmansdorff & Heinemann, which was dragged down with the larger financial

failure. Lazore Lavoy died—his friends say of a broken heart—while writing a letter of resignation to his employer, who had notified him that owing to some of the firm's cash being tied up in the bank his salary would have to be reduced.

NINE MEN LOST THEIR LIVES.

One other life is directly charged to

ending his life with a revolver.

That Number Were Certainly Drowned the Wreck of the Commodore. A St. Augustine, Fla., dispatch says Nine men certainly lost their lives in the wreck of the steamer Commodore. Their yawl was drawn down by the sinking vessel and Capt. Murphy and his companions in the other boat were forced to see them drown without being able to help them. Accounts differ as to the numbe of men on board the vessel, but it is believed that all are now accounted for. It is not yet possible to obtain the names of the lost with any accuracy.

Church War at Bay City.

Another bloody riot took place at St. Stanislaus' Polish Church in Bay City, Mich., Tuesday, in which the parsonage was looted by an infuriated mob and the priest and his bodyguard forced to surrender. Over 100 shots were exchanged and a score or more injured. The police were powerless to cope with the mob and the rioting continued for almost two hours. The rioters ransacked the house and threatened to tear it down unless the priest went away. He finally did so at the advice of the police. The mob swarmed through the house and were restrained with difficulty by the police from carrying off everything which was not destroyed. Over 100 bottles of wine and many boxes of choice cigars were passed out to the crowd from the cellar and the house was littered with the broken bottles. All the insurance companies have canceled risks on the church property, valued at \$100, 000. The firemen were ordered to arm themselves to protect the house in case of fire. Mayor Wright ordered a special detail of police to guard the premises. The riot resulted from the dissension which has divided the church for the past nine months. One side wants to see the books and the priest, by the bishop's orders, replace a few Sundays ago, and the matter was then submitted to Martinelli. It broke out again through Father Bogacki's refusal to bury one of the warring faction

from the church. To Kill Kansas "Speak Easys."

It is reported that the leading prohibitionist and temperance workers of Kansas have decided to ask the Legislature this winter to pass a law establishing a State liquor dispensary in Kansas. Many assert this is the only method by which they can ever hope to crush out the drug store system of saloons and joints.

Rear Admiral Skerritt Dies.

Rear Admiral Joseph S. Skerritt, re ired, died at Washington Friday. His death, while sudden, was not wholly un expected, as he had been in ill health since his retirement from active service in July, 1894. The Admiral was in his fifty-fourth year and is survived by a widow, three daughters and two sons.

Japan to Recognize Insurgents. The reports from Manilla state that the revelations brought about during the trial have caused a great sensation. One insurgent said that he knew Japan intended to send a squadron to the Philippines. and to recognize the insurgents as bellig erents, provided all the provinces joined

in the rebellion. Altgeld Preaks the Fardon Fecord.

Governor Altgeld has broken the pardoning record. Twenty-six criminals, in all grades from larceny to murder, were turned loose without condition Tuesday or were given generous commutations of sentence. And the worst in the bunch who gain freedom are going right back to Chicago.

Oldest Railroad Director Dies. Samuel M. Young, the oldest railroad director in the world, died at Toledo Ohio, in his ninety-first year. He came nearly three-quarters of a century ago from Lebanon, N. H. The late Chief Justice Waite was a law student in Mr. Young's office.

St. Paul Fank Assigns. The Germania Bank of St. Paul did not open for business Monday, but an nounced its assignment to Peter M. Kerst, who for the last year or two has been its cashier. The bank stood a run for nearly two weeks,

DEATH IN A CONVENT.

News has been received by the Cuban SEVEN URSULINE SISTERS PER-ISH BY FIRE.

> Cremated in the Convent of Our Lady of Lake St. Johns-Another Tangle in Illinois National Bank Affairs-Too Many Kansas Banks.

Nuns Victims of Fire. Seven Ursuline nuns gave up their ives at the post of duty Wednesday. They were victims of the destruction by fire of the convent of Our Lady of Lake St. Johns, Roberval, Quebec. This convent was controlled by the Ursulines of Quebec, a cloistered order, and one of the oldest religious orders in Canada. loss is \$75,000 and the insurance only \$12,000. The religious names of those burned are as follows: Sister Providence, Sister Ursule, Sister Anne, Sister Louise, Sister Antoine de Padua, Sister Dominique, Sister Paul. The family and Christian names of the dead are: Eliza Gosselin, Miss Rose Gosselin, Miss Emma Lestourneau, Miss C. Garneau, Miss Laura Hudon, Miss Bouille, Miss Louise Girard. The sisters, believing themselves responsible for the lives of their pupils, refused to leave the burning building until all the girls had been found and saved. In their search through the halls they were overpowered with smoke, suffocated, and then incinerated. The village is stunned with grief over the loss of the devoted sisters, who, although cloistered from the sight of men were well known to the women. The convent will be rebuilt. The monastery was a stone building five stories high and of 120 feet frontage, and was built eight years ago. The Ursuline nuns of Quebec, by whom it was controlled, have vast property. It was in a cavity made by the bursting of a shell within their convent at Quebec that General Montcalm was buried after his death upon the plains of Abraham.

PAPERS ARE MISSING.

Startling Disclosures in the Affairs of the

Lursted Illinois National Bank. New and startling complications are forthcoming as the result of the National Bank of Illinois failure at Chicago. W. V. Jacobs, who conceived the Calumet Electric Railway and was forced out of control in 1893, is unable to push claims against the officers of the National Bank of Illinois because all papers and books relating to his connection with the Calumet Electric Railway have been stolen. According to Col. Jacobs, the crime was committed by one of his confidential clerks, against whom a charge is now pending in the United States Court. Claim is made that the theft of the papers in his possession was the sequel of a conspiracy which promises sensational developments. In addition to the significance attached to the stolen papers in relation to the failure of the National Bank of Illinois, the publication of a duplicate foreign exchange credit from the defunct bank to Col. Jacobs places an entirely new face upon the suit which is now pending in regard to the sale of the Englewood and Chicago Electric Street Railway Company. The printing of two facsimiles of the credits is expected to lead to the conviction of the culprit who is charged with the theft.

MUST CONSOLIDATE.

That of Forced Liquidation the Alternative

for Kansas Banks. State Bank Commissioner John W. Breidenthal predicts the number of Kansas banking institutions will decrease materially within the next two years, if not be cut in two. He says there are too many banks in Kansas now for the amount of business transacted, and he is advising consolidation in every place where it is feasible. "It is simply a question of time whether many of these institutions shall go into voluntary liquidation or be forced to suspend," said the Commissioner, "and in order to prevent the latter I have advised a general consolidation all over the State, especially in the smaller towns." The oversupply of banks came into existence during booms and, while capital has since diminished, there has been no perceptible decrease in the number of institutions. The deputy commissioners who have just returned banks, report that in nearly every town or city the bankers are figuring with each other on a plan of consolidation in accordance with the advice of the Commis-

SWINDLERS CAPTURED.

After a Year of Successful Operating Forgers Come to Grief.

Imprisoned in the Woodlawn police station at Chicago are five young men who comprise a gang of the most daring bank swindlers and forgers that has operated in this country in twenty years. Over a score of Chicago business men have been made victims of the swindlers and the banks of Chicago, as well as of St. Louis. Burlington, Iowa, Pittsburg, Cincinnati and a number of other towns, have lost by their operations over \$100,000 within the past year. The prisoners are: Arthur L. Foreman, alias Howard E. Stone; Elmer Russell; Eddie L. Root, alias O'Rourke; Charles McCuen, William Bert. The police are now searching for Paul Moran, who lives with his parents in 33d street, and who is suspected of being a member of the gang. Confession has been made.

Live Stock Inspection for 1896. More than twenty-three million head of live stock, afterward killed for food. were inspected by government officers during the last year. The number inspected before being transferred from one market to another, was 12,641,000 additional during the same period.

To Open Up Toll Roads. Owing to the recent disturbances and

the threats of organizations against toll gates, Judge Garrison H. Hillis, of Vanceburg, Ky., announces an extra term of court to devise plans by which the toll gates can be legally disposed of instead of being destroyed by mobs.

Victoria May Abdicate.

The Westminster Gazette gives prominence to a report that Queen Victoria has decided to commemorate the fact that she has enjoyed the longest reign in English history by abdicating in favor of the Prince of Wales.

Ship Furns in the Sound.

The three-masted schooner L. M. Bonnell, whose hailing port, destination and owners are unknown, was burned to the water's edge in Long Island Sound.

THEY GULTIVATED FISH. Commission Planted Lobsters in the West

and Trout in the East.

sued on an enlarged scale, but the field has been very much broadened. Steps have been taken to propagate the mack-erel, which valuable fish is constantly failing, and 24,000,000 eggs were collect The total take of salmon eggs, 37, 000,000, amounted to three times as many as were ever collected before in one sea The commission is about to make another attempt to colonize the Pacific salmon in the East. To accomplish this 5,000,000 eggs will be transferred from the California stations to New York, Vermont and Maine. To give the Pacific coast people the opportunity to feast on the best fruits of Atlantic waters the commission made starts toward introducing there the Eastern lobster and ovster and diamond-back terrapin. In return the commission felt that the Atlantic coast and the lake dwellers would like to have the great steel-head trout, one of the finest game and food fish of the Pa cific coast, where it attains a weight of 30 pounds, on a maximum, and an aver; age of 10 pounds, so plants aggregating fry to the number of 180,000 were deposited in the waters of Lake Superior and Lake Huron. Summing up the work of

THREE ST. PAUL BANKS FAIL.

the commission, the report shows that in

the case of the twelve more important

food fish the increase in planting has

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The Germania Bank of St. Paul, a

ranged from 10 per cent to 86 per cent.

State institution, capital \$400,000, did not open for business Monday, but announced its assignment to Peter M. Kerst, who for the last year or two has been the cashier of the bank. The Allemania Bank, capital \$400,000, having a clientage similar to that of the Germania, clos ed its doors also soon after the other bank had announced its assignment. A few minutes later the West Side Bank, organ ized in 1886, with a capital of \$100,000 closed its doors. During the day numer ous reports of trouble among the other banks were current, and a few banks suffered runs of greater or less intensity but the savings banks were protected by the law that allows them to require sixty days' notice before paying out deposits, and the national banks are in strong condition and have no fear.

Ohio Family Killed by Gas-In their residence near the furnace of the Struthers Furnace Company at Youngstown, Ohio, Joseph Best, his wife and 2-year-old daughter were found dead early Friday morning, having been asphyxiated by gas. Four boarders employed at the furnace were taken out in an unconscious condition, and after hard work restored. The house occupied by Best was one of a row owned by the furnace company, and the family had seven boarders, three of them being at work at the furnace, and when they returned found the family dead. Two years ago a child was asphyxiated by gas in the same house and the family had a narrow es-

Davis Will Decision Affirmed.

The order of the Boston Probate Court in the Davis will case, directing the sale of 90,000 shares of Butte and Boston mining stock at \$2 a share, from which an appeal was taken by the heirs, has een affirmed by Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes of the Supreme Court.

Sad Inauguration of Gov. Briggs. At Bismarck, N. D., Frank A. Briggs took the oath of office and assumed his position as Governor Tuesday. While the oath of office was being administered the Governor received a telegram announcing the death of his daughter, Stella, at Minneapolis. He left at once.

Cuba is Well Patrolled

The Spanish authorities feel: little apprehension from reported filibustering expeditions, owing to the thoroughness with which the Cuban coast is being patrolled by the Spanish forces.

Mexico Is Shaken.

severe earthquake is reported along the Pacific coast in Mexico. At Acapulco the shock destroyed several houses and three persons were injured by falling walls.

They Were Not Citizens. Thirty-six city employes of Milwaukee were dropped from the service as a result of the civil service rule that all employes shall be citizens of this country.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago-Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 79c corn, No. 2, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2, 15c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; butter, choice creamery, 18c to 20c; eggs, fresh, 17c to 19c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 35c; broom corp. common green to fine brush, 2c to 51/4c per pound.

Indianapolis-Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, good to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 89c to 91c; corn, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c.

St. Louis-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 91c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 21c; oats, No, 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 36c.

Cincinnati-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 94c to 96c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 19c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs.

\$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75 wheat, No. 2 red, 91c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye. 37c to 39c.
Toledo-Wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 94c;

corn. No. 2 mixed, 21e to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 17e to 18c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; clover seed. \$5.30 to \$5.35.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 77c

to 78c; corn, No. 3, 19c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 39c to 40c; pork, mess, \$7.25 to \$7.75. Buffalo-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 94c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c. New York-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 89c to 91c; corn, No. 2, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; butter, creamery, 15c to 21c; eggs, West-

The annual report of the Fish Commis INSURGENTS OVERRUN THE sion to the President shows that not only CUBAN DISTRICTS. has the ordinary work been steadily pur

> Even Havana It Is Said Is Full of Patriots-Loud Bill Relating to Second Class Mail Matter Passed by the Na tional House.

insurgents Growing Stronger. The New York World publishes a let ter from a special correspondent at Arroyo Arena, province of Havana, who says: "I have been fortunate enough to get into Havana, get out of it again, and to find an insurgent force, all in just 12 hours. This place is six miles from San Pedro, where Maceo is reported to have been killed. It is not true that either Pinar del Rio nor Havana provinces have been 'pacified.' The insurgents are not thinking of making peace. They are more active and hopeful than ever. There never were but 6,000 rebels in Pinar del Rio province. They are still there. Gen. Weyler at the head of 30,000 Spanish troops did not conquer them. All reports from Spanish towns or forts are utterly untrustworthy. Maceo never fought in heavy columns. His bands were always scatttered. He never had more than 200 men with him. His plan was to harass, tease and tire out the enemy. The situation here looks better for the insurgents to-day than when I left Pinar del Rio last August. Even the Spaniards admit that none of the insurgents have sur-From these appearances at least it does not seem that the insurgents in this district ravished by bloody San Quintin battalion and 12 separate rilla organizations are being much harass-

LOUD BILL COES THROUGH.

Law Relating to Second-Class Mail Matter is Passed by the House

The Loud bill to amend the law relating to second-class mail matter was passed by the national House after two days of debate by a vote of 144 to 105. The opposition to the bill made a strong fight against it. The statements made on floor as to its effect on certain particulars were very conflicting. The most important provision of the bill denies to serial publications admission to the mails at 1 cent a pound rates. It is as fol-"That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to admit to the second-class rate publications purporting to be issued periodically and to subscribers, but which are merely books or reprints of books, whether they be issued complete or in parts, whether they be bound or unbound, whether they be sold by subscription or otherwise, or whether they purport to be premiums or supplements or parts of regular newspapers or periodicals." The bill also denies to newspapers the "sample copy" privilege, and the privilege enjoyed by newsdealers of returning unsold publications at the second-class rate.

BIG COMBINE IS BROKEN.

Central Lumber Company of California a

Thing of the Past. The Central Lumber Company of California, the most stupendous trust ever organized on the Pacific coast, is a thing of the past. No such combine was ever effected for the control of a market on the coast, as it controlled every cargo mill on the coast but three. The projectors, confidently believing that the demand in 1896 would exceed that of 1895, thought price cutting would be impossible. But the demand did not come up to expectations, and the anticipation of enhanced values caused the piling of great stocks of lumber. Then the retailers and members of the Central Lumber Company clashed and the breach was never healed. Lumber is now selling at barely cost in San Francisco.

DAMAGE BY THE CYCLONE.

George Mills Fatally Hurt at Motz, Ark.-

Red River on a Rampage.

The cyclone Saturday night did great damage along the Cotton Belt Road, full reports of which have just been received. At Motz., Ark., the gin house and grist mill of George Mills were completely destroyed and Mr. Mills was fatally injured. Many others were more or less injured. A tremendous rise is reported of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf

Senatorial Contests Settled.

The contest at Harrisburg, Pa., for the succession to the seat in the United States Senate occupied by J. Donald Cameron. was finally settled in the joint party caucus-of the Republican members of the Legislature, who chose State Senator Bois Penrose, of Philadelphia. At Sacramento, Cal., George C. Perkins was declared the nominee by the joint Repurblican caucus. It is settled that Charles W. Fairbanks will be the next United States Senator from Indiana.

She's a Countess Now.

The wedding of Miss Edith Lyman Collins and Reschid Bey, Count Czaykowski, councilor of state of the Turkish embassy at Rome, Italy, was celebrated in Paris Thursday. Miss Collins inherited the bulk of her wealth, reputed to be something like \$7,000,000, from her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Robert Nivan, who died last June in Paris. She was a daughter of Commodore Vandevbilt.

Gotham Jewelers Fall. J. H. Johnston & Co., of New York,

dealers in diamonds, jewelry and silver-ware, assigned to John R. Keim and Arthur H. Masten. The liabilities are reported to be \$219,000 and assets about Miller Goes Back to Juli.

O. E. Miller, President of the Miller Hernia Treatment Company of Chicago, who was recently convicted at Denver in connection with President Dow and Teller McClurken of defrauding the Commercial National Bank of \$120,000, has been returned to jail.

Gen. F. A. Walker Dead. Gen. Francis A. Walker, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and widely known as a political economist and litterateur, was stricken with apoplexy at his home in Boston,

Fo'ivia Warned.

The New York Herald's correspondent in LaPaz, Bolivia, telegraphs that the press, almost without an exception, demands that the Government hasten military preparations, in view of the fact that Peru is making formidable efforts in the way of arming.

FULL OF FIGHTERS. BACK AT WASHINGTON

LABORS. Senate Joins with the House in Op-

CONGRESS AGAIN RESUMES ITS

posing Death Penalty for Certain Crimes-House Is Interested in the Loud Postal Bill.

The Routine Work. After its two weeks' recess Congress has again assembled.

The Senate Tucsday passed the House bill abolishing the death penalty in a large number of cases. The measure is in the line of recent State laws abolishing capital punishment and applies the same principle to Federal offenses, although the change is not extended to a total abolition of the death penalty.

The House entered upon its work im-

mediately after reassembling Tuesday by taking up the Loud bill to amend the laws relating to second-class mail matter. The whole day was devoted to general debate on the measure under a special order. Mr. Loud (Cal.), the author of the bill, was its champion on the floor, and Mr. Quigg (N. Y.) had charge of the opposi-

In the Senate Wednesday Cuba was the subject of a speech by Mr. Call. The House bill was passed to provide for the appointment by brevet of active or retired officers of the United States army. The bill providing free homesteads for bona fide settlers on public lands acquired from the Indians was taken up and debated at length. The joint resolution requesting the British Government to pardon Mrs. Florence Maybrick was indefinitely postponed. The Loud bill to amend the law relating to secondclass mail matter was passed by the House after two days of debate. most important provision of the bill denies the serial publications admission to the mails at 1 cent per pound rates.

The Pacific Railroad funding bill came up Thursday in the House under a special order which allows two days for general debate and one day for amendments and debate under the five-minute rule. A huge map of the roads, with their feeders, was hung up. There were only four speakers—Mr. Powers of Vermont, the chairman of the Pacific Railroad Committee, who opened with an exhaustive two-hour argument in support of the bill; Mr. Hubbard of Missorui, the minority member of the committee, who has charge of the opposition, and Messrs. Grow of Pennsylvania and Bell of Texas, who spoke respectively for and against the measure. The Senate had a long and busy session, passing a number of bills on the calendar, including several amendments to the law of navigation and also the bill authorizing the President to reappoint to the navy Commander Quackenbush, whose case has occasioned much controversy. The Senate adjourned until Monday.

OPPOSE FREE LANDS.

Government Should Not Buy Farms to Give Away.

A minority of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is decidedly opposed to free lands for settlers. The report opposes the bill on the general grounds of the vast expense its adoption would entail upon the government. Commencing with the year 1889 the government has purchased 33,252,540 acres of land from the Indians, agreeing to pay \$25,261.937 for it, besides \$3,000,000 set apart as trust fund for the benefit of the Indians of the Great Sioux reservation. says the report, "all the land already opened to settlement upon Indian reservations heretofore ceded shall be taken up, the sum to be paid therefor by the settlers will be \$35,353,006.86. This bill proposes to release the settlers from the

payment of this sum." The report calls attention to the fact that it was provided in the acts bearing upon those settlements with the different tribes of Indians that settlers should pay sufficient for the lands to reimburse the government for the money paid the Indians. Several million acres of land are

embraced in these pending agreements. The bill as it passed the House applied only to lands in Oklahoma, but by the amendments made by the Senate committee the provisions of the bill are ex-tended to all ceded Indian lands, the amount being more than three times that contemplated in the bill as it passed the House. All the lands on the Indian reservation thus opened for settlement have been paid for by the government before the opening of the same, except in the case of the Cherokee outlet, where payment was to be made in installments, and the sum of \$4,980,000 still remains unpaid, and in the case of the Great Sioux, Chippewa and Colville reservations, where the Indians are to be paid as the government shall receive money from the

settlers upon disposal of the lands. Another amendment proposed to the bill in effect requires that the government shall, upon releasing the settlers from payment of their obligations, pay the Indians for these lands the sum per acre which by law is now to be paid by the settlers. "If," says the report, "this amendment shall be adopted and the bill pass, the government would be called upon to pay in the future, including the amount not yet due in the Cherokee let purchase, a sum approximating \$15 .-

000,000," The report calls attention to the fact that negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of other Indian lands, which are being conducted upon the policy that the government shall be reimbursed for its outlays.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Vivian St. Martin, the famous geographer, is dead at Paris. Willie, Maud, Hall and an infant, sons

and daughters of Jesse Goodman, were killed outright in a train wreck at Mooringhouse, La.

The Cardinal Archbishop Sanfeliel, of Naples, is dead. He was born in 1834 and was created a cardinal at the consistory of March 24, 1884.

Grace Vaughn, the actress at present with "A Bunch of Keys" company, has filed a suit for divorce in Chicago, against Andrew Rawson Jennings, son of the Cleveland Standard Oil magnate. charges contained in the complaint are

Ouray and San Miguel Counties, Colorado, are on the verge of a miners' strike that may surpass the one now in progress in Leadville. The cause is the importa-tion of non-union miners from Missouri into the Virginius mine and Revenue tunnel, situated about nine miles west of Ouray. REV. DR. TALMAGE CALLS A HALT ON DISSIPATION.

An Eloquent and Picturesque Sermon on the Topic "The Song of the Drunkard"-The Power and the Evils of Intemperance in the Use of Liquor.

Our Washington Pulpit.

This discourse of Dr. Talmage is from a most unusual standpoint, an arousing call to reformation from dissipated habits, and must do wide good. The text was Psalms lxix., 12, "I was the song of the drunkards."

Who said that? Was it David or was it Christ? It was both. These Messianic Psalms are like a telescope. Pull the instrument to a certain range, and it shows you an object near by. Pull it to another range, and it will show you objects far away. David and Christ were both, each in his own time, the song of the drunkards. Holiness of doctrine and life always did excite wicked merriment. Although David had fully reformed and written a psalmody in which all subsequent ages have sobbed out their penitence, his enemies preferred to fetch up his old career and put into metric measures sins long before forgiven. Christ, who committed no sin, was still more the subject of unholy song, because the better one is the more iniquity hates him. Of the best being whose voice ever moved the air or whose foot ever touched the earth it might be said:

The byword of the passing throng

The ruler's scoff, the drunkard's song. For practical and saving and warning and Christian purposes I will announce to you the characteristics of that well known cadence mentioned in my text. First I remark that the song of the drunkards is an old song. Much of the music of the world and of the church is old music. First came the music of per cussion, the clapping cymbal, which was suggested by a hammer on an anvil, and then the sighing of the wind across the reeds suggested the flute, and then the strained sinews of the tortoise across its shell suggested the harp. But far back of that, and nearly back as far as the moral collapse of our first parentage is the song of the drunkards. That tune was sung at least 4,243 years ago, when, the deluge past, Noah came out of the ark, and, as if disgusted with too much prevalence of water, he took to strong drink and staggered forth, for all ages the first known drunkard. He sounded the first note of the old music of inebriacy. An Arab author of A. D. 1310 wrote: "Noah, being come out of the ark, ordered each of his sons to build a house. Afterward they were occupied in sowing and in planting trees, the pippins and fruits of which they had found in the ark. Th vine alone was wanting, and they could not discover it. Gabriel then informed them that the devil had desired it, and indeed had some right to it. Hereupon Noah summoned him to appear in the field and said to him: 'Oh. accursed! Why hast thou carried away the vine from me?' 'Because,' replied the devil, 'it belonged to me.' 'Shall I part it for you?' said Gabriel. 'I consent,' said Noah, 'and will leave him a fourth. That is not sufficient for him,' said Gabriel. 'Well, I will take half,' replied Noah, 'and he shall take the other.' 'That is not sufficient yet,' responded Gabriel. 'He must have two-thirds and thou one. and when thy wine shall have boiled on the fire until two-thirds are gone the remainder shall be assigned for thy use." A fable that illustrates how the vine has been misappropriated.

It Is an Old Song.

Benhadad and thirty-two allied kings, rioting in a pavilion, took up the same bacchanal. Nabal was rendering that drunkards' song when his wife, beautiful Abigail, came back from her expedition to save her husband. Herod was singing that song when the daughter of Herodias wheeled in the dance before him. Belshazzar and a thousand lords renewed that song the night the handwriting came out on the plastering of the wall and the tramp of the besieging host was heard on the palace stairs. Ahasuerus sang that song when, after seven days of carousal, he ordered Vashti to come into the presence of the roaring guests without her veil on-a January storm trying to comof the drunkards is an old song. Oh, this old song! All the centuries have joined Among the first songs ever sung was the song of the drunkards.

It Is Expensive.

Again, this song of the drunkards is an expensive song. The costliest thing on earth is sin. The most expensive of all music is the song of the drunkards. This evil whets the knives of the assassins, cuts the most of the wounds of the hospital, makes necessary most of the almshouses, causes the most of the ravings of the insane asylum, and puts up most the iron bars of the penitentiaries. It has its hand to-day on the throat of the American republic. It is the taskmaster of nations, and the human race crouches under its anathema. The song of the drunkards has for its accompaniment the clank of chains, the chattering teeth of poverty, the rattle of executioner's scaffold, the creaking door of the deserted home, the crash of shipwrecks and the groans of empires. The two billion twenty million dollars which rum costs this country in a year, in the destruction of grain and sugar, and the supporting of the paupers, and the invalids and the criminals which strong drink causes, is only a small part of what is paid for this expensive song of the drunkards. It Is a Song of the Multitude.

Again, this song of the drunkards is a multitudinous song-not a solo, not duet, not a quartet, not a sextet, but millions on millions are this hour singing Do not think that alcholism has this field all to itself. It has powerful rivals in the intoxicants of other nations-hasheesh and arrack and pulque and opium and quavo and mastic and wedro. Every nation, barbaric as well as civilized, has its pet intoxicant. This song of the drunkards is rendered in Chinese, Hindoo, Arabian, Assyrian, Persian, Mexican—yea, all the languages. An zones join it. No continent would be large enough for the choir gallery if all those who have this libretto in their hands should stand side by side to chant the international Other throngs are just learning the eight notes of this deathful music which is already mastered by the orchestra in full voice under the baton in full

A Suggestive Song

suggestive song. You hear a nursery refrain, and right away you think of your childhood home, and brothers and sisters with whom you played, and mother, long since gone to rest. You hear a national air, and you think of the encampment of 1863, and the still night on the river bank, and the campfires that shook their reflections up and down the faces of the regiment. You hear an old church tune, and you are reminded of the revival scenes amid which you were brought to God. Nothing so brings up associations as a song sung or played upon instrument, and the drunkards' song is full of suggestion. As you hear it on the street quite late some night you begin to say to your-"I wonder if he has a mother? Is his wife waiting for him? Will his children be frightened when he enters the front door and staggers, whooping, up the stairs? What chance is there for that young man, started so early on the down grade? In what business will he succeed? How long before that man will run through his property? I wonder how he got so far astray? Can any influence be wielded to fetch him back? He must have got into bad company who led him off." So you soliloquize and guess about this man whose voice you hear on the street under the starlight.

There must be two, and still better if four, and still better if six, to give zest to the song of the drunkards. Those who have gone down could mention the name of at least one who helped them down. Generally it is some one who was a little higher up in social life or in financial re-Our friend felt flattered to have an invitation from one of superior name. Each one drank not only when he felt like it, but when the other felt like it. Neither wanted to seem lacking in sociality when he was invited. So 100,000 men every year are treated into hell.

Effect of a Song. There looms up in my memory one of the best and noblest friends I ever had. He had been for thirty years a consistent member of the church. I knew not that at about 21 years of age he had followed the sea and habits of inebriacy had been fixed upon him. But converted to God he began a new life. Yet it was a thirty years' war against the old appetite, but about this struggle I knew nothing until he was dead. While absent during my summer vacation I received a telegram announcing his death and asking me to come and officiate at his obsequies. I arived at the moment the service was to begin, and had not much time to make inquiries about his last hours. In my remarks, without any limitations, I extolled his virtues while living and spoke of the heavenly raptures into which he had entered. Afterward I found that he had died of delirium tremens in the hospital, because he was so violent he could not be sufficiently restrained in his beau-tiful home. He had been seized in the street with violent pains of body and went into an apothecary store to get medical relief. Something there given him set on fire his old appetite for strong drink, and, utterly irresponsible, he went from liquor store to liquor store, until, a raving maniac, the officers of the law bound him and took him to the hospital, where he died. Some time after I said to the doctor in the hospital: "Of what did he die?" And the answer was: "Congestion of the brain." I said: "Doctor, I want to know the bottom facts, for I was his pastor, and he was one of the best friends I ever had. Was it delirium And the dector responded, tremens? "Yes." Did I regret that at his obse quies I had extolled his virtues and spoken of the heavenly joys upon which he had entered? No. I do not think that my friend was any more responsible for the mode of his taking off than a typhoid fever patient in delirium is responsible for leaping out of the fourth story window. But while we were heartbroken about his going away, I think that in the saloons, to those who heard of his membership of the church and the tragedy of his departure, he became, as did the and the Christ of my text, the David song of the drunkards.

Easily Learned. Again, the song of the drunkards is easily learned. Anybody can learn it. In a little while you can touch the highest note of convivality or the lowest note of besottedness. Begin moderately, a sip here and a sip there. Begin with claret, go on with ale and wind up with cognac. First take the stimulant at a wedding, then take it at meals, then take it between meals, then all the time keep your pulse under its stealthy touch. In six months the dullest scholar in this lyonic music may become an expert. First it will be sounded in a hiccough. After awhile it will be heard in a silly ha, ha! Further on it will become a wild whoop Then it will enable you to run up and down the five lines of the musical scale infernal. Then you will have mastered

it-the song of the drunkards. The most skillful way is to adopt the modern theory and give the intoxicant to your children, saying to yourself, "They will in after life meet the intoxicants everywhere, and they must get used to seeing them and tasting them and con-trolling their appetites." That is the trolling their appetites. best way of teaching them the song of the drunkards. Keep up that mode of education, and if you have four boys at least three of them will learn the drunkards' song and lie down in a drunkards' grave, and if I ever laid a wager I would lay a wager that the fourth will lie down with the other three. Or if the education of the children in this music should be neglected, it is not too late to begin at 21 years of age. The young man will find plenty of young men who drink. They are in every circle to be found. Surely, my boy, you are not a coward and afraid Surely you are not going to be hindered by sumptuary laws or the prejudices of your old father and mother? They are behind the times. Take something. Take it often. The earlier you begin to learn the song of the drunkards the easier it is, but none of you are too old to learn. You can begin at 50 or 60, under prescription of a doctor for aids to digestion or breaking up of infirmities,

it again and again. Futhermore, the last characteristic of the drunkards' song is so tremendous that I can hardly bring myself to mention it. Once start that tune, and you keep it up. You have known a hundred men destroy ed of strong drink. You cannot mention five who get fully started on that road and stopped. I have been at a concert which went on for two hours and a half, and many people got up and left because it was too long. But 95 per cent. of those who are singing the drunkards' song will to the last breath of their lungs and the last beat of their hearts keep on rendering Again, the song of the drunkards is a it, and the galleries of earth and heaven

and close life by rendering the song of the

drunkards so well that all pandemonium

will encore the performance and want

ed spectators.

A Word for Prevention. This sermon is not so much for cure as for prevention. Stop before you start, if you will forgive the solecism. The clock of St. Paul's Cathedral struck 13 one midnight, and so saved the life of a sen-The soldier was arrested and tried for falling asleep at his post one midnight. But he declared that he was awake at midnight, and in proof that he was awake he said that he had heard the unusual occurrence of the clock striking 13 instead of 12. He was laughed to scorn and sentenced to death. But three or four persons, hearing of the case, came up in time to swear that they, too, heard the clock strike 13 that same midnight, and so the man's life was spared. My hearer, if you go on and thoroughly learn the drunkards' song, perhaps in the deep midnight of your soul there may sound something that will yet effect your moral and eternal rescue. But it is a risky 'perhaps." It is exceptional. Go ahead on that wrong road, and the clock will more probably strike the 12 that closes your day of opportunity than that it will strike 13, the sound of your deliverance.

Short Sermons.

Womanhood.-Let woman have every advantage of the higher education and culture, but let all these advantages be employed to make her more womanly Anything that is calculated to diminish the power of the delicate feminine quality which refines and purifies is not an advantage; it is a positive detriment, not alone to woman but to the race. The womanly element has been a saving influence of mankind.-Rabbi David Philipson, Hebrew, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Intensity.-How intense is modern civilization! How rapidly does it consume the nerve and deplete the brain! In the city men go down ere the life course is half run. Those alone can hope for leadership who have spent their youth in the open air, hardening the muscles, compacting the nerve, developing great blood vessels and arteries, through which the blood can run in rich, free currents, and be glorified in fine thinking.—Rev. N. D. Hillis, Independent, Chicago, Ill.

Religion of the People.--In Europe and Asia, governments have been imposed upon the people by the ruling classes. In our land, government has grown up from the will of the people, and is the product of popular thought, popular development of the people themselves. So the religion of the New World, when it rises, must be a religion that has sprung from the hearts of the people; one that expresses American thought, American civilization and American spirit.—Rev. A. L. Hudson, Unitarian, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Almighty Dollar.-This is the age of money. The idol is the almighty dollar. Get wealth, no matter how, only so you get it, is the cry. It is power and it conceals a multitude of faults. Children are absorbing the evil estimate of greatness, and are preferring it to education, and even character. The rich are being stunted by it, and the poor are being made mad by it. The world needs to see that life is more than wealth .- Rev. Lee S. McCallester, Universalist, Detroit, Mich.

Moral Law.-In ceasing to do evil men cannot justify themselves by the deeds of the law. It is Christ alone that makes that possible. This does not divorce morality from religion. Religion is necessarily moral, but morality is not religion. The great moral force in the Christian religion is faith in God and in his Christ, and love to man begotten of that faith. The great wrong for which man is punished is forget ting Christ. It is the rejection of his offer of salvation.-W. R. Bingham, Presbyterian, Oxford, Pa.

Liberal Christians.—A man can make no mistake in having an honest reverence for the word of God, that has done so much for humanity. He can make no mistake in entertaining a deep and sincere reverence for the Christian church, that has done so much for the world. He can make no mistake through the past a word of inspiration and of hope for the uplifting and the redemption of his soul.—Rev. J. A. Milburn, Presbyterian, Indianapolis, Ind.

School Literature.—Secularism is negative and dogmatic; theosophy is vague and so broad as to have no convictions, and what it does have are negative. This is a free country. If a few people want to mystify themselves and call it progress, and a few others want to indulge the illusion that they have abolished God, nobody will be found to deny their privilege. But when they attempt to tell us what literature shall not be read or studied in our public schools, because, forsooth, they have put it on their new index expurgatorius, and to dictate a new basis for moral principles, and to say that Christian ethics shall no longer be recognized, they have undertaken a large task. But their arrogance and intolerance becomes ridiculous.—Rev. A. B. Storms, Methodist, Detroit, Mich.

Knew Too Much.

Justice Pratt often said that there were too many law books. Meeting a young law student who had just offer ed himself for the admission examination, Justice Pratt asked him what he had read in preparation for the ordeal. The youthful limb of the law named about all the elementary treatises from Blackstone's "Commentaries" to date. Besides these, he had studied the codes, read Woolsey's "Political Science," Lieber's "Code of Political Ethics," and, he said, "all the leading cases cited." "My heavens, boy!" exclaimed Justice Pratt, "you've rend enough to ruin your chances as a lawyer for life."

Linnaeus and Cuvier were the inthers of ornithology, each classifying the birds, according to structure and peculiarities, into six orders.

You can make lots of headway sometimes by admitting you are wrong when you are not.-Life

and hell will stay filled with the astound- NEWS OF OUR STATE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHI-GANDERS.

Marriage of a Famous Woman Preacher - Muskegon Policeman Must Answer for Pearson's Death-Caditlac Has a Blaze.

Tied Her Own Hymenial Knot.

The parson has always been a prominent and essential feature of a conventional wedding and has been given a distinct place in romance as the formal knottier and the possessor of the privilege of kissing the bride. In recent years the function has lost some of its glamour owing to the admission of women into the pulpit, and now in a ceremony at Kula-mazoo, the function disappeared entirely owing to a versatile bride, who attended to all the details herself. Miss Caroline J. Bartlett was married to Dr. A. W. Crane, and as Miss Bartlett is the pastor of a church she was qualified to appear in the dual capacity of pastor and bride. She exercised all her privileges, and it is presumed was careful to omit "obey when she interrogated herself as to her future intentions.

Charged with Murder. Almost directly after the body of Will iam Sidney Pearson had been laid in the grave at Muskegon, his brother, Robert H. Pearson, of Holland, went before Justice Peter W. Losby and swore to a complaint charging Policeman Patrick Fitzsimmons with wilful murder. The funeral, which was held from St. Mary's Church, was largely attended. Father Whalen took the opportunity to preach an impressive temperance sermon, adding that that which brought young Pearson to his death was not William Sidney Pearson with the intelligence which God gave him, but human nature degraded by He warned the people that his drink. case as far as crime went was no guiltier than that of the men with him that fatal Sunday morning. With reference to the public taunts he reminded the gray-haired parents that Christ had told those without sin to cast the first stone.

Shipped to Russ'a.

Four large cranes made by a Muskegon company are now on the way to their des tination at Maripol, Russia, six big flat cars being required to carry the material The cranes were made for the Maripol-Nicopol Mining and Metallurgical Company, and are a part of the equipment being supplied from this country for the big manufacturing plant being built by European and American capitalists near the city named, the plant to include open hearth steel furnaces, rolling mills, locomotive works and general machine shops The cranes will be shipped from Brooklyn on a vessel which sails direct to Maripol, via the Bosphorus and the Black Sea.

Fire in Cadillac. At Cadillac fire broke out in the rear of the store occupied by Geo. Peets as a grocery and bakery. Before they could be checked the flames had almost de stroyed the rear and upper part of the stroyed the rear and apper part of the building, but were prevented from dam-aging adjacent buildings to any extent. The building was owned by Morris Black and fully insured. The stock of George Peets was entirely ruined by fire and water, but fully insured, as was the dry goods stock of Harry Drebin in the next building, which was badly damaged by water. It is rumored that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Short State Items. Miner Kelley, one of the victims of the gas explosion in the Monitor coal mine

at Bity City, died from his injuries. He was burned from head to foot. Michael Simon, the third victim, is very badly injured, but may recover.

One James Burns was complained of in West Bay City three years ago for the alleged theft of a mariner's compass. He got away before the officers could serve the warrant. Thursday Patrolman Davis met him on the street in Bay City and ar-

The Michigan earnings of railroad companies for last month show a decrease of \$428,423 from those of November, 1895, the total for the year being \$2,365,351. Both the passenger and freight earnings fell off, the percentage of decrease of the former being greater than that of the latwhen he looks back and reveres the prophets who have spoken down and to Dec. 1, and an increase of \$70,673, or .002 per cent. over same period of the prior vear.

Louis Sands, one of the most prominent mill owners of Manistee, has purchased the old Ritz mill property with its mill and salt block. During the coming season the mill will be operated in its present condition, but in the fall Sands will bring the mill machinery from his Lake City plant and place it on the property just bought. During the winter and spring it is the intention to sink two additional salt wells there. The site is within the city limts.

Rev. Adam Clark, a Holland Methodist minister, is agitating a scheme to have the Christian churches of this country unite upon a national Christian emblem or banner, to be pinned on to all Protestant pulpits, carried at the head of funeral processions and in Sunday school parades. The plan is to use the colors red, and blue-the red to represent the blood of Christ, the white purity and the blue the bruises of Jesus.

George Mulrooney, a man employed by the Detroit Citizens' Railway, secured an injunction restraining the-company from discharging him. The agreement between the company and the union is that only union men shall be employed. Mulrooney failed to join the union on account, he says, of poverty, and the walking delegate informed the company that it must discharge the motorman. The company gave Mulrooney notice, and he secured this injunction. Mulrooney has as attorneys the lawyers of the railway com-pany, and it is said to be a scheme on the part of the company to break the agree-

The book store of Somerville & Wood at Manistee, was entered and burglarized of goods valued at over \$100. Oliver Allen, an eccentric bachelor who

died near Clinton last September at the age of 79, bequeathed his entire estate. worth \$25,000, to the Methodist church one half to go to the board of superan nunted ministers and the rest to the board of ministerial education. Seven nephews and nieces contested the will, which was however, admitted to probate. It was shown that Allen had attended church but once in seven years, but the pastor had visited him often.

The Supreme Court holds that the tax sales of 1891 are valid. Vast property interests are affected.

from Battle Creek to Kalamazoo is said to be assured this spring. At Jackson the Derby Cycle Company has given notice to Warden Chamberle is that hereafter it will employ only free

The building of the electric rallway

labor A Holland correspondent of the daily embryo peach crop badly damaged by ex-

press is the first in the field to report the Charles Seymour, who is charged with having sold water to Battle Creek and

Kalamazoo people for perfumery, by having perfumed covers in the bottle, was arrested. His wife says he did a big business in Battle Creek. At Jackson James Martin, arrested

and pleading guilty, was sentenced to days in jail twenty minutes after stealing a rifle from the M. C. depot The owner happened to be in the pawn shop when Martin offered the gun.

Nelson Graham Sr., an aged farmer living near Otisville, stepped into a busi ness place to have some letters directed a few days ago. On entering the store he laid his wallet, containing \$17, on the showcase and went to the farther end of the store, during which time some one relieved Mr. Graham's purse of its contents. The new State census of Michigan

shows that foreign-born voters outnumber those of native birth in twenty-five cities and in thirty-two counties of the In some of the smaller cities foreign-born voters outnumber the natives more than two to one. In Detroit the excess of foreign born is 10,063. To summarize, in the incorporated cities of the State onehalf, and in the country outside the cities one-third, of the males of voting age are foreign born. When the Michigan and Ohio, now the

Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinaw Railroad, was constructed, the citizens of Marshall paid the corporation a bonus amounting to about \$70,000, one of the conditions attached being the construction of permanent repair shops at Marshall and the employment of a given number of men in these shops. The company is now removing the machinery from the shops, and has transferred most of the employes to other points. The citizens of the city are indignant at the company's evasion of its agreement, and an injunction is talked of. In Blissfield Township, near Adrian,

Saturday afternoon Edna Swift lost her life. A young man named William Langthorn was shooting sparrows around the Swift premises. He was in the house when he loaded his gun, and while putting on the cap the gun was discharged and the load of shot was lodged in the young lady's leg just below the knee, crushing the limb in a shocking manner A physician from Blissfield amputated the limb at the knee, but so great had been the loss of blood that the girl could not withstand the shock, and death followed in a short time. The Muskegon Electric Street Railway.

its lines, rolling stock, power house and real estate, including Lake Michigan Park, the famous summer resort, all worth about \$150,000, were sold on foreclosure proceedings by Circuit Court Commissioner Marr and bid in by Herbert Payson, of Portland, Me., for him self, John L. Crosby, of Bangor, Me, and Weston Thompson, of Brunswick Me. The road will be reorganized as soon as Mr. Payson returns home. built in the experimental days of electric roads, and the first cost and changes, together with interest charges, hard times and bicycles, proved too much.

Mrs. Daniel Myron, of Kalamazoo, re turned from a visit in the country to find that her home in the suburbs had been wrecked. Some one had demolished her furniture and furnishings and scattered crockery and kitchen furniture all over the house. The sofa and other uphol-stered furniture and carpets were ripped open with a knife, the clock and pictures were torn from the walls and the entire wreckage sprinkled with flour, tea and coffee. Their little girl's clothing was torn to shreds, while the feather beds were ripped open and contents scattered. In the wall the word "revenge" was cut with a knife. Mrs. Myron's loss is about \$700. She has no known enemies.

Mrs. Robert Dobson, of Haynes, the wife of a wealthy farmer, went to Harrisville Tuesday to attend the Clare County Farmers' Institute. She left the hall about 3 o'clock and walked down to the Huron House, where she saw James Anderson, ex-Deputy Sheriff and prominent farmer of Clare County, sitting in his buggy. She talked with him apparently in good nature for a few minutes and then started away, but evidently turned around and, drawing a revolver from the folds of her dress, fired four shots into Anderson's back, killing him instantly. Mrs. Dobson was locked up. She chilms that she killed Anderson because he tried to blacken her character and expressed a wish that she had killed Mrs. Anderson as well. No one believes her story, nor is she considered insane.

Mayor Pingree terribly humiliated the Detroit Board of Public Works, and at the same time threw some light upon the lax methods of that commission, which will open the eyes of the taxpayers with surprise upon the one municipal board that has so long prided itself upon its self-righteousness and overweening solici tude for the public good. The Mayor dug up some newly laid pavement in a dozen places and made the startling discovery that the city had been defrauded out of about two inches of concreting the whole length of the job. The paving in question was laid in October and November last and extended from Crane avenue to the city limits. It cost in the neighbor hood of \$15,000 and the Board of Public Works passed upon the paving, pronounced it good, except in a few places, for which sufficient excuse was found, required a certified check for \$500 to cover the few defects" and then paid out the \$15,000 for a job of paving that seems to be very poor.

Rev. E. O. Brown, late of San Fran cisco, was accorded a very warm wel-come at Kalamazoo, his old home. The First Congregational Church, where he preached, was crowded, and the greeting he received at the close of the service was omething like an ovation.

Three thirty day prisoners escaped from the new keepers of the Kalamazoo stone yard and were captured five miles south of the city by Sheriff Snow, where they had secreted themselves in a haystack. A saw was also found in the jail, where a bar had been neatly sawed off by Zeb

PINGREE'S MESSAGE.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO THE SOLONS.

Makes Trusts and Corporations the Special Feature and Dwells on Their Evils-Trusts Destroy Competition and Throw Thousands Out of Work.

His First Message.

The feature of Thursday's session of the Legislature was the reading of the nessages of Gov. Pingree and ex-Gov. Rich. Both were well received. The ex-Governor read his own message, that of Gov. Pingree being read by Clerk Miller of the House. The points in Gov. Pingree's message that were most liberally applauded were those urging liberal treatment of the university and suggesting the licensing of legislative lobbyists. The message begins as follows:

"I desire to urge upon you as the lawmaking power the necessity which exists for the amendment of several laws of the State, for the repeal of others, and for the enactment of a few which I deem of vital importance."

Most of its recommendations refer to the evils growing out of corporations and monopolies. But the first relates to primary elections, concerning which the messame says:
"I would recommend that the political

party caucus laws already upon our statute books be so amended as to abolish party conventions. If political corruption exists its origin can here be found. The convention has become the medium of trickery, bribery, and fraud. The higher criminal is here developed. 'The direct vote of the ballot-holder for party candidates is the simplest means of expressing preference for Representatives. If the people make mistakes they alone are to blame. The direct vote and the Australian ballot system is of less cost to the people than the convention system. Concerning the taxes imposed on cor-

porations the message says:

The policy of continuing the system of specific taxation of corporations as the sole resource of the State from such organizations, which originated when the State was new and which favored the promoters of needed works for small and scattered communities, has long been regarded with disfavor by the people of this State, who contend that the time has arrived when the well-known inequalities of taxation should be adjusted and proportioned according to values.

The message recommends laws which will make railroad fares uniform throughout the State. Referring to a rumor that syndicate purposes to get control of all the mineral resources of the State, it

Hits the Trusts.

"There is growing up in this country a system of trusts and combinations which s becoming more and more impudent and extortionate. Its influence is felt in the home of every citizen. The necessities of life are made instruments of oppression in the hands of those who reap a rich reward from the weak and helpless. Such trusts and combinations destroy competi-tion and throw thousands of worthy people out of employment. For this reason the consuming power of the people is de-stroyed and the producing power to just that extent is affected."

The message points out that the comnunity is a great sufferer from the consolidation of corporations, and asks for a law providing that the capital of a corporation should exist in good faith for the security of creditors. It shows how the practice of forming corporations instead of partnerships for the transaction of mercantile business results in fraud, and asks for a law making the members of such a corporation personally responsible to creditors just as if it were a copartnership. It condemns the taxing of mortgages on land as double taxation, and sks for legislation that will make tax titles revert to the State, instead of being a prey for speculators.

The message denounces the professional lobbyist, and says: "If the lobbyist, like the poor, must be always with us to al thinking and assist us in acting and furnishing us food and drink, there should be some method of enrollment and a fee demanded as a condition precedent to the right to practice before the people's leg-

After complaining of the oppression of the public by large corporations and by the consolidation of corporations, it recommends that incorporation be permitted only on the following terms:

"1. Reserve the right to fix rates of tolls or charges.

"2. Let the construction of the plant of every such corporation be under the supervision of the municipality, so that the actual cost shall be known.

"3. Provide that no mortgage shall be executed and no bonds issued to a greater amount than one-half of the actual cost of the plant.

"4. Require the corporation each year to file a sworn statement of its receipts and expenditures, certified by a public accountant, who shall have access to its

"5. Provide that there shall be no consolidation of one company with another and that no individual stockholder of one company shall own, either directly or indirectly, any stock in another company

operating in the same city.

"6. Provide that no franchise or license now existing or to be granted in the future shall be renewed or extended beyond the terms of the original grant during the life of the original grant.
"7. Provide that no franchise of the

character above enumerated shall be granted by any municipal authority without being submitted to a vote of the peo-The message recommends special con-

ditions, similar to these, for all telephone franchises. It condemns the carrying on of any industry in the State prisons which competes with honest inobr, and recommends the manufacture of beet sugar. Great stress is laid on the necessity of good wagon roads.

Among candy dealers it is considered an attractive advertisement to have a man in a show window manufacturing the goods. Several dealers have built up a large business by the simple device of keeping a man in the show window pulling molasses candy. There is always a crowd on the pavement to watch him.

Edward III. was 6 feet 3 inches in height, and had a rough, shaggy beard that reached to his girdle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rev. J. E. White will conduct services at the M. E. church, morning and evening.

Installation of officers at K. O. T. M. this week Friday evening. Every member is requested to be present.

Don't miss seeing the "Doll Drill." which is one of the attractive features of Miss Clever's entertainment Jan. 27.*

Revival meetings at the Baptist church continue to grow in interest and power. A number have risen for prayers. They will be continued next week.

Reading club will meet with Mrs. G. L. Keeler Jan. 20. Current events, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; reader, Mrs. M. S. Keeler; spelling mistress, Mrs. Johnson; questions. Mrs. Rich; critic, Mrs. Saunders; subject for quotations, Win

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "Saving a Soul From Death." Evening topic, "Christ Bearing Our Sin." Junior B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m. Subject, "Transfiguration." Leader, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble; oil painting, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble; oil painting, Mr. and Mrs. Earter Mrs. A Thede: hed spread. Mr. and Mrs. A Thede: hed spread. Mr. and Eva Fenton.

E. M. Stephenson of Grand Rapids, Sunday school missionary worker for the Baptist state board, will hold inspiration meetings in this village at

Battle Creek; set silver tea spoons, Mr. the Baptist church, Wednesday and and Mrs. Elmer Aubil; side lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brog, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thursday, January 20 and 21. After F. Steeby: set silver salt and peppers, noon meetings will be held at 2 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong; table each day, especially for teachers. He cloth, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barrell; silver will also remain for the evening services.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "Longing for Righteousness." Subject for evening, "Man's Part—God's Part." Sabbath Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson; crocheted school at close of morning service. Jun-tidy, Miss Lena Wilcox; cake stand, school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Topic, "What Interesting Fact Do You Know About Africa and the Missions There?" Ps. | Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson: chamber set, Edwin and Ellen Aubil; glass water Topic, "Revivals, at Home and in Mission Fields." 2 Chron. xxx:13-27. (A person of the control o missionary topic.) Teachers' meeting, and Mrs. George Bassett, Nashville; Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. W. H. M. U. at Mrs. M. M. Hodge's, Friday afternoon. A most cordial welcome to all.

BAPTIST AID SOCIETY.

The Baptist Aid society will serve supper in the church parlors, Friday Jau. 15, from 5 to 7 p. m. Business meeting at 4 p. m. Supper served by Mesdames Chapman, Coats, Crumback, England, Fenton, Eva Fenton, Griffith and Hacker. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The first division will act as reception committee.

The Lively Children.

"When you come in tonight," said the literary man to his two sprightly children, who were accustomed, when they came in from their evening walk, to walk straight into the library where he was at work and sit down and talk awhile, "I wish you would just say, 'How d'ye do?' and then go out. I have a lot of work to do tonight, and I don't want to be disturbed."

An hour later the literary man heard a latchkey placed carefully in the front door, as though the person placing it there didn't wish to be heard. Then he beard smothered laughter in the hall. It was from the children. They were up to something, sure. A moment later they came marching through the hall, one behind the other, with military step, back toward the library. They turned in, marched like a file of soldiers alongside the library table on the side opposite the literary man, halted, fronted, raised their hands in salute and said in unison:

"How d'ye do?" Then they faced to the left and marched out again, one behind the other, keeping step as before and keeping as sober as they could, until they came to the parlor. There they exploded .-New York Sun.

ANOTHER DOCTOR

Converted to Wheelerism-List Growing Rapidly—Will Soon Include

THE ENTIRE PROFESSION.

Dr. A. T. Parrish, Byron, Mich., is a gifted physician of worthy repute, devoted to his profession and patrons, progressive and practical. A comprehensive reader and an extensive contributor to medical journals which incidentally led to his knowledge of Dr. Wheeler's product, "Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer." Skeptical, as all good physicians are, he waited for evidence of its merit. When produced he was still in doubt. Only personal observation would convince him. His little 4-years-old child had a very serious nerve trouble, commonly called 'night terrors," a congested condition of the brain and nerves. The trouble had resisted every form of treatmen the had applied. was an opportunity to test the merit claimed for Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer. He administered it in small doses at bed time. No symptoms of the trouble appeared the first night, nor the second, nor the third. Further treatment was unnecessary for the trouble was cured. Dr. Parrish declares the medicine to be a remarkable preparation and worthy of all that is claimed for it.

Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer is now ex-

tensively used in the treatment of nervous troubles by physicians in all parts of the country, who, like Dr. Parrish, know it to be a specific for nervous prostration, sleeplessness, St. Vitus' dance, general debility, fits, spasms, and all forms of nervous diseases.

WEDDING BELLS.

BEDFORD—AUBIL—At the residence of John Aubil, Leighton, Wednesday evening, January 6, at 7:30 o'clock, their daughter, Miss Melinda, was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. J. Bedford, Rev. H. Voelker officiating.

About one hundred invited guests

were present to witness the ceremony. The bride and maid of honor, Miss Alice Bedford, were attired in cream white and lace, while the groom and best man, Mr. John Aubil, wore the conventional suits of black. Miss Ada Steeby presided at the organ and played the Wedding March as the bridal party entered the parlor which was prettily decorated with green for the occasion. After receiving the congratulations and best wishes of those present, the guests

were conducted to the dining room by Mrs. E. A. Thede, mistress of ceremonies, where a lovely supper was in waiting, to which all did ample justice. Many handsome and useful gifts were presented the bride and groom by their many friends. Below will be found a list of the same:

Set of decorated dishes, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Steeby, Mr. and Mrs. D. Steeby, Mr. and Mrs. F. Steeby, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. E. A. Thede; bed spread, Mr. and Mrs. B. Campbell and Flora; dozen linen napkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hanlon: gold lined sugar shell and silver butter butter knife, W. German; cracker jar, Miss Alice Bedford; two pair towels and fancy towel holder, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore; set silver tea spoons, Albert Barrell, A. I. Winger, Alva Leatherman; half dozen linen napkins, Miss Katie Andler, Grand Rapids; crystal tea set, Wm. E. Steeby; set fruit plates, Mr. and Mrs. John Kachele; set silver table spoons, J. W. Aubil; pair towels, table cloth, Jennie, Lena and Mary Smith; pair towels, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Thompson; fruit dish, Irena Wilde; easel and cheese plate, Eunice Bedford; set fruit plates, Mr. and Mrs. George Bedford; towel, Miss Tomlinson; set china salt and pepper cups, Monroe and Ray Aubil; china bread plate, Melvin and Glenn Thede; set sauce dishes, Mark Bedford; toothpick holder, Lelia

Aubil. A long life and a happy one is the wish of all who know them.

MARRIED.

BRADLEY-TUCKER-In Middleville, Jan. 9, 1897, by Rev. B. Moore, Mr. Frank Bradley of Yankee Springs and Mrs. Ella Tucker of Ohio.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early the famous little pills. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

You will miss many good stories if you don't buy a New York Ledger at the News Stand.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Danger In the Sponge.

Professor Lang of Vienna declares | Stuart and wife. that sponges, owing to the impossibility of destroying germs in them, have long since been banished from the surgeon's table and should also be excluded from the bathroom and washstand. -Medical

For a pain in the chest a piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders, will afford prompt relief. This is especially valuprompt relief. This is especially raidable in cases where the pain is caused by a cold and there is a tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

Not Conceited.

She-All men are conceited. He-Not all. I see a man every day who is not conceited.

She-Where? He-In the mirror. - Detroit Free Press.

STOUT LADIES.

I am a trained nurse. Seven year ago my weight was reduced 36 fbs. by harmless treatment; have not regained; health is perfect; will tell you how it was done. I have nothing to sell. Address with stamp Mrs. Kathron A. Wagner, 611 Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

Irving's Pathos.

During a performance at the Lyceum theater in London Sir Henry Irving was rather distracted by the remarks of two well dressed women occupying adjoining stalls. At last, in the course of their conversation, one of them said, "Quite too nice, isn't it?" "Oh, quite more than too nice!" answered her companion. "Only doesn't it strike you-a lit-"Weaktle weakness in the knees?" ness!" retorted her friend. "My dear girl, that's his pathos."

HAVE YOU A COLD?

If so, then instead of taking so much quinine and other strong medicines, take a pleasant and mild stomach and bowel remedy, which will cleanse the system, and you will be surprised how quickly the cold will leave you. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will do this better than any other. Trial size 10c

SCHOOL COLUMN.

[Edited by Flora J. Bendle, Commr.]

Program of Barry County Teachers' Association to be held at M. E. church, Nashville Jan. 16, '97:

FORENOON 9:30 Opening.
9:13 "Practical Grammar," Prof. Chas. McKenney.
9:50 Music.
"Higher Qualifications of Teachers."
Bupt. J. E. Hammond.

10:30 Recess. 10:45 "Child Study," Prof. C. O. Hoyt. 11:20 Music. 11:25 "Mathematics," Prof. E. A. Lyma Music. "Mathematics," Prof. E. A. Lyman. AFTERNOON.

AFTERNOON.

1:15 Business.
1:30 "History Through the Grades," Prof.
Chas. McKenney.

2:10 Music.
2:15 "Child Study." Prof. C. O. Hoyt.
2:50 Recess.
3:00 "School Libraries," Supt. J. E. Ham-

Recess. "School Libraries," Supt. J. E. Ham mond. 3:40 "In Conclusion," Flora J. Beadle. EVENING.

7:00 Music

Music.
Prayer, Rev. W. J. Willison.
Music.
Address, "Educational Forces," Judge
Clement Smith.
Music.

Every live teacher will plan to attend the association, and carry the inspiration and help back to the school. Life begets life; only the growing mind can stimulate growth in other minds, and one of the best means afforded the teacher for this growth is the teachers'

Under the direction of the executive board, the local committee has arranged for entertainment at the lowest possible rates.

School officers, patrons and pupils are especially invited.

SUPT. B. A. HOLDEN, Hastings,

SUPT. H. B. ANDRUS, Nashville, MR. J. C. KETCHAM, Nashville, MISS LIDA FEIGHNER, Nashville, Local Committee.

Soothing for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and Instant relief for piles, stops sores. pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

IT BEATS ALL

The great success that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has reached in so short a time. Those who once give it a fair trial, then and there become walking and talking advertisers of this great remedy. Constipation, indigestion and sick headache cured. Get a 10c trial size, larger sizes 50c and \$1.00 of J. W Armstrong.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

L. D. Chappel was in Grand Rapids Monday.

Rev. F. P. Sprague was in Grand Rapids Monday. Sturgis' Orchestra will give a dance

in Ryno Hall Friday evening Jan. 15. 'All invited" says John. Miss Elsie Haywood has opened a dressmaking shop over the old meat

Miss Anna Williamson visited her mother last week.

W. H. King and F. D. Quinlin were elected aldermen on the village board in the place of I. N. Hoyt and H. Buskirk.

David Stockdale has opened'a law office over Pickett's store.

H. F. Buskirk is now in Lansing as representative of the 2nd district of Allegan county.

C. H. Brush, north of the village, recently had his foot severely squeezed in a hay baling machine.

YANKEE SPRINGS.

Mrs. A. E. Terpening of Ottawa Beach is visiting her parents, J. N.

Mrs. Wm. Townsend is very low at this writing.

Wm. Raymond is visiting relatives in Jackson and Ingham counties.

A. M. Stocking is in Hastings this Mrs. Tinker is entertaining her

Elder Tidd is holding a series of protracted meetings at the Yankee Springs

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Corn, per bu				25	ļ
Oats				20	Į
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Flour (roller)			2	80	ļ
Bran per ton			10	00	ł
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Butter (dairy)				12	i
Eggs				14	Į
Chickens (feather dressed)		6		$6\frac{1}{2}$	i
Turkeys (feather dressed)				10	ı
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Veal calves (live)			4	00	l
Hogs (dressed)	3	75	4	00	l
Hogs (live)	2	75	3	00	l
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Pelts		15		30	l.
Hay (timothy)	7	00	8	00	
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The man who does not ride a bicycle this year will be as conspicuous as the man who did ten years ago .- Troy Times.

Lost-A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible rem-edy for croup. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

Highland Deaths.

Pennant, in his "Tour of Scotland," tells that, on the death of a highlander, the corpse being stretched on a board and covered with a coarse linen wrapper, the friends placed a wooden platter on the breast of the deceased, containing a small quantity of salt and earth, separate and unmixed-the earth an emblem of the corruptible body, the salt an emblem of the immortal spirit.

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A curious story is going the rounds of the European press concerning Prince Nicholas of Montenegro. A few years ago the prince, who is far from being wealthy, found it necessary to borrow 40,000 florins from the Lloyd bank, in Cattaro. A few days before the debt became due the prince saw a peasant, driving a pig, pass by his palace. He rushed out and asked the countryman where he was going. "To Cattaro, prince," replied the Montenegrin. "All right," said the prince, "you can do me a great service if you will leave this at the Lloyd office." And he gave him a package of bank notes, which the peasant carried faithfully to the cashier of the bank.

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Time For Theorizing Past.

Bloobumper-Before you were married you had a theory that two could live as cheaply as one. What is your opinion now on that subject?

McBride-It is a condition, and not a theory, which confronts me now. -Waterbury.

Many merchants are well aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesita-tion in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers, as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

Miss Scribble's Good Fortune. Hoax-Miss Scribbles has had a story accepted by a New York publisher.

Joax—Indeed! That's a step toward

fame for her. Hoax-Yes. By the way, her mother has married again. Joax-Ah! That's a step father for

SOMETHING TO KNOW.

her. -Philadelphia Record.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, 12 aids digestion, and is pronounced by 15 those who have tried it as the very best 80 blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. 50 Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at J. W. 20 Armstrong's drug store.

When Cod Become Blind.

Several large cod are kept in one of the tanks of the Amsterdam aquarium, necessarily near the surface, and therefore exposed to a strong light from above. Now, the cod, though not a deep sea fish, is not a surface swimmer and lives at depths where the sunlight must be very much modified by passage through the water. It lives in what to us would be semidarkness. Every one of these cod exposed to the strong light is suffering from an extraordinary hypertrophy of the eye. The whole organ has become overgrown, as if in the effort to adjust itself to the use of more light rays it had become overequipped and then useless. The cod, in fact, are blind.

The most interesting feature in this change is the extraordinary rapidity with which increased supply of light rays has overdeveloped the organ for its use. It has taken place, not by slow degrees from individual to individual. but in a course of time to be measured by months and in every individual in the tank. If this example is a measure of the rapidity with which such changes take place among fish, the adaptation of those creatures which have migrated from the shallow waters of the deep seas, shown by the total loss or enormous development of their eyes and the growth of illuminating organs to light the abyss, may have been as rapid as it is marvelous. - London Spectator.

Science Has Neglected Eggs.

There is nothing in an egg to prevent freshness being maintained. It is therefore a question of treatment, and the domestic treatment of eggs has not progressed or cheapened in 100 years, and practically poultry keepers are only as far advanced today as in 1788, when the Dutch process of lime pickling was first introduced into England, and those who do not know what has transpired since are no wiser than their forefathers.

There is ample evidence to prove, though the facts are not generally known, that eggs can be delivered fresh from the most distant countries, even at less cost than the present stale ones. This, of course, seems improbable, but at one time it was deemed absolutely impossible that foreign sheep, lambs and beef could compete with home grown, or that steam could displace labor, or that steel could be produced at a cheaper rate than iron and supersede

As there is nothing in an egg to prevent freshness being maintained it is therefore a question of scientific treatment, and opposition comes only from those who fear old established interests being extinguished. However, this satisfactory phase of the egg problem seems one that might be advantageously taken up by those interested in developing poultry and eggs as a domestic industry.-London Standard.

The Alps Will Be Washed Away. The Alps, from a geological point of

view, are very recent. Our Welsh hills, though comparatively speaking insignificant, are far more ancient. They had been mountains for ages and ages before the materials which now compose the Rigi or the Pilatus were deposited.

Indeed, we may say that it is because they are so old that they have been so much worn down. The Alps themselves are crumbling and being washed away, and if no fresh elevation takes place the time will come when they will be no loftier than Snowdon or Helvellyn.

They have already undergone enormous denudation, and it has been shown that from the summit of Mont Blanc some 10,000 or 12,000 feet of strata has been already removed. Denudation began as soon as the land rose above the sea and the main river valleys were excavated .- Pearson's Weekly.

Two Theories.

Fond Mother (in passenger car, with | profits in connection with the organizaher children)-It just scared me when | tion and it is sustained by memberships, I read-Johnny, stop pulling flowers off the lady's bonnet!-when I read in the papers-Richard, you just keep your head in -the paper the other day that -George, if you put your sticky hands on that lady's dress again, I'll thrash you!-the other day that a woman went crazy-Richard, don't you dare slap that little girl!-when I read that a woman went crazy just from the discomforts of the-Johnny, stop punching that gentleman!-of the journey in a railroad train. I wonder if she had chil dren with her?

Lady (quietly)—Perhaps some other NOV. and DEC. woman had?-New York Weekly.

Good Reason

"You will pardon the question, I know, if you think it obtrusive," said the enterprising newspaper reporter as he talked through the prison bars to the captive train robber, "but why do you gentlemen always go through a train before breakfast?"

"Well, I don't mind telling you," replied the bandit, "seeing that I am likely to be out of the business for a year or two. We do that to get ahead of the dining car pirates."-Pittsburg Chronicle.

An Aged Trick,

The schoolmaster gave a wild how! and fell with a bang from his wheel. 'What is it?" cried his favorite pupil, as she circled around him.

"It's a tack," moaned the master. "In your tire?"

"No, in my saddle."-Indianapolis Journal. Moplaho is the name of a tribe of Mohammedans which forms a fourth part of the population of the Malabar coast of south India. They are supposed

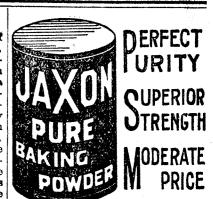
to be descendants of Moors and Arabians

who established themselves on the coast

and intermarried with native women.

Some years ago there were about 600, 000 of them. The flags to be hoisted at one time in signaling at sea never exceed four. It is an interesting arithmetical fact that, with 18 various colored flags, and never more than 4 at a time, no fewer than

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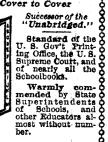
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