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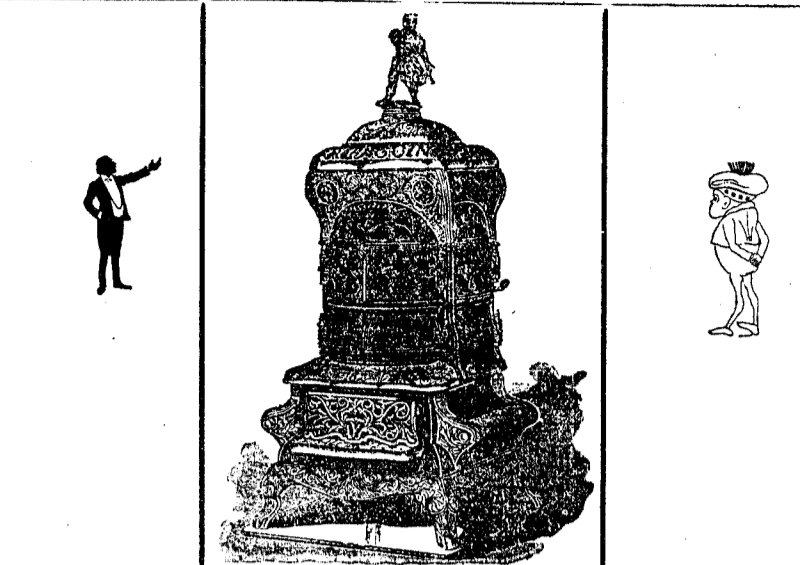
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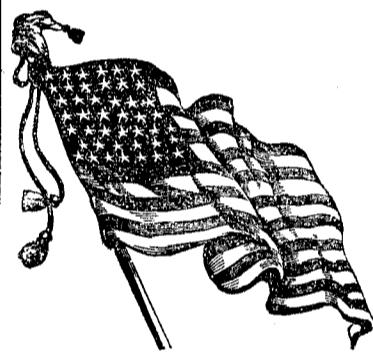
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BOWNE BUDGET.
 Quarterly meeting was held at this place last Sunday led by Dr. Buell of Ionia.
 Floy and Jay Morgan of Lowell spent Saturday and Sunday with Robt. Johnson and family.
 The funeral of Miss Stella Thomas of Carlton was held last Tuesday at this place. The remains were interred in the Bowne Center cemetery.
 A sleigh load from this way attended the grange council at South Boston last Thursday. All report a very instructive meeting.
 School is closed on account of the teacher, Miss Mary McVean, being sick.
 Rev. Mr. Westbrook is gaining very slowly. He is unable to fill his appointments yet.
 Chas. Smith has purchased the McGinnis farm and will take possession March 1.
 Bowne Center grange will install their officers Saturday evening. Light refreshments will be served. E. L. Colson of Grand Rapids will be the installing officer.
 Clayton Johnson is slowly recovering after a severe illness.
 Miss Nettie McNaughton of Lowell has been the guest of Miss Phena Salisbury for the past few days. She returned to her home Monday accompanied by Miss Phena.
 A pleasant surprise took place at the home of A. J. Porritt and wife last Friday night. All report a jolly time.

BOWEN'S MILLS.
 Miss Gay of York state is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lemley.
 John Briggs, jr., former foreman in the Grand Rapids felt boot works, is visiting relatives here. Mr. Briggs is a skillful engineer and millwright and expects to go to West Virginia to take charge of a large lumber mill.
 Austin Hunt visited friends in Otsego last week.
 Ex-Judge Armstrong and Judge Mills met with other judges of the district in Kalamazoo last Monday.
 Ed Haines and Mr. Ford are moving the Duster lumber, which was sawed last winter, from Mr. Williamson's to Middleville to be shipped.
 James Robbins is having quite a sale of late in the poultry line. Last week he shipped two bronze turkeys to Bay City and two to Marcellus, besides making sales of his Plymouth Rock chicks.
 Fishing through the ice on the lakes with good success is in order just now.
 Withy Post has reinstated itself and the old soldiers had an enjoyable time, Saturday afternoon.
 Jerry Boynton was in Coldwater the latter part of last week on railroad business, and assured The Courier the Central Michigan would be built this year, from Grand Haven to Sandusky, O. It will be seen by this that the eastern terminal has been changed from Fostoria, O., to Sandusky. By this change not only the system of all the trunk and branch lines are connected that lead to the coal fields of Ohio and Pennsylvania, as well as to the sea board, but also will connect a line of lake boats from Sandusky to Buffalo. Mr. Boynton assures The Courier that the line of boats from Grand Haven to Milwaukee is contracted for and terminal and dockage at both places is secured. The road east from Coldwater strikes Napoleon, O., Bowling Green, Fremont and then Sandusky. The Chamber of Commerce, of Milwaukee, had sent a competent man over the line from Grand Haven to Battle Creek with Mr. Boynton, and definite action will be taken as soon as he returns and makes his report.

DUNCAN LAKE.
 Mr. and Mrs. Rogers from near Wayland visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Crouch, Sunday.
 Mr. Gamwell and wife are occupying their house again at Pike's mills. Mr. Gamwell's health is somewhat improved.
 Allan Bechtel was in the Rapids Monday on business.
 Mrs. D. Bechtel is on the sick list.
 Geo. Howe and Geo. Sweet are breaking a pair of colts for Myron Kilmer.
 Fred Andler and wife visited Mrs. A.'s people in Leighton, Tuesday.
 A good many are hauling ice from Duncan lake and there is enough for all; like salvation, it is free.
 There was no school Monday on account of the teacher being sick, and a number of the scholars availed themselves of the occasion to visit the Parmelee school.
 The revival services at the Mennonite church still continue with increased interest and zeal. May much good result.
 As Americus Cline was loading ice on Duncan lake last week he stepped on some treacherous ice and, as a result, took a cold bath in the icy waters of the lake. John Mungerson was on hand to "rescue the perishing" and soon had him on terra firma again. Now, Bro. Cline, do not ride two miles home with wet clothing again, but call on Rusticus and we will let you have the best we've got.
 E. P. Carpenter and wife visited at Mr. Frank Watkins' in Leighton, last Friday.
 Elder Moffit went to Alaska Wednesday to preach the funeral sermon of a Mrs. Duncan.
 A sleigh load of young people from this vicinity gave Anson Bechtel and wife of Gaines a pleasant surprise last Saturday evening.
 Myron Kilmer had the misfortune to

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lose a fine cow, Tuesday, by a straw stack falling on her.
 Your correspondent has a pair of army blankets that he drew from the quartermaster's department in 1864 near Petersburg, Va. and they have been on duty ever since and are still "holding the fort." Let us hear from other comrades in regard to army relics.
RUSTICUS.

HARRIS CREEK.
 Play parties is the order of the day in Harris Creek.
 Jessie Fletcher spent Thursday and Friday with Anna Thomas.
 Mrs. Watkins of Vergennes is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. Barnes.
 Lewis Baker is on the sick list.
 Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sisco of Cook's corners spent the last of the week with the former's mother, Mrs. Chas. Sisco.
 Married at the Catholic church Monday morning, Mr. T. McKnight of Cascade and Mrs. Mead of Irving. Congratulations are in order.
 Lewis Clark and wife of McCords visited at J. S. Thomas', Saturday and Sunday.
 Lyman Jordan is the owner of a Clydesdale team purchased of J. Kennedy of Caledonia.
 A play party at Wm. Porritt's, Wednesday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNaughton spent Thursday at Mrs. Sisco's.
 Morgan Boyce's and wife called at J. S. Thomas', Thursday afternoon.
 Died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Viola Thompson, of Hastings at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, Stella May Thomas, aged 11 years, 4 months, after two days of severe illness, of heart disease. The remains were brought to Bowne Center for burial Tuesday, Feb. 9. Rev. Westbrook conducted the services.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.
 Mr. S. G. Webster of Lansing was in this vicinity on business, last week.
 Wm. Thade and Geo. Willson were in Grand Rapids, last week.
 The revival meetings at the Evangelical church have met with good success. Rev. Marshall began meetings at the Corning M. E. church Tuesday evening. All are invited to come.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith of Wayland visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrington, last week Sunday.
 Mrs. Ed Barrell and son of Hastings visited relatives here, last week.
 Milo Inglis has had a horse very sick with paralysis.
 Hauling logs and wood is the order of the day.
 R. Steeby has purchased the Webster farm, which comprises 50 acres, for \$2250.
 Mr. Robt Jenkins of Parmelee was on Twin street, Monday.
 Rev. C. W. Marshall, wife and little son called on friends in this neighborhood, last week.
 Harley Scott and daughter, Jessie, and son, Ray, of Dutton called on friends last week.
 Quite a number have been on the sick list lately.
 Died at her home in Leighton on Wednesday morning, Feb. 3, Mrs. J. A. Rogers, aged 68 years. Funeral services were held last Sunday at the M. E. church, Caledonia. Mrs. Rogers was one of the pioneers of Leighton. Her health had been failing for some time.
 The young people are enjoying the sleighing row.
 Mrs. Wm. Hooker, sr., of Wayland is visiting her son, Frank Watkins.
 S. Sebring of Grand Rapids visited friends here, Tuesday.
 N. Carpenter and wife visited at Mr. Kilmer's at Duncan Lake, Tuesday.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.
 Mr. Eli Nichols, who has been in the mercantile business in this village since 1852, sold his stock of goods, Friday, to Mr. Joseph Burpee of Wayland. Mr. Burpee takes immediate possession.
 Mark Bugbee's team ran away last Thursday. No one seriously injured.
 Dr. Buchner and Mr. H. Hewett spent Sunday with friends in Allegan.
 Frank Harper caught a pickerel that weighed fifteen pounds while fishing in Fish lake, Friday.
 The good sleighing of the past two weeks has been improved by our lumbermen.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.
 Quarterly meetings at the M. E. church next Saturday and Sunday. The presiding elder will be present.
 The revival meetings at this place have closed.
 Mr. Wm. Beach of Chicago and Mr. E. R. Skiff of this place took the morning train for Hastings, Monday.
 Mrs. Hattie Buck of Grand Rapids is here helping to care for her mother, Mrs. Clara Joels, who has been very sick, but is better at this writing.
 Mr. O. A. Carpenter is numbered with the sick.
 A number of scholars from Miss Gaskill's school of Duncan Lake visited our school, Monday.
 Mr. Albert Demerest and wife of Diamond Springs are visiting at Frank Stimson's and with other relatives.
 Mr. Frank Keeler and wife, former residents of this place, are calling on their many friends here.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were in Leighton, Saturday and Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Watson visited the scholars of this district to spend Saturday afternoon at their home. All had a very enjoyable time.
 A number of our people are attending the revival meetings at Shiloh.
 Mrs. Ella Scott is assisting Mrs. Watson with her household duties.

NORTH IRVING.
 Mrs. M. Strouse died last Tuesday, having been a great sufferer for many weeks with dropsy. Funeral services were held last Thursday at the house and were conducted by Rev. Wright. Friends and neighbors from all around were present, while one of the longest processions ever seen followed the remains to the cemetery. Mrs. Strouse was a kind neighbor and friend and will be greatly missed. She leaves a husband and five children, three daughters and two sons, also one brother, J. Vanarnum, and Mrs. M. Hicks and Mrs. Ruth Carter of Hastings. The floral offerings were very beautiful, being mostly the pure white calla lilies, of which there were several clusters.
 Geo. Hubbard and daughter, Etta, visited Grand Rapids friends a part of last week.
 Rev. R. D. Freeman was calling on his many friends here one day last week.
 A goodly number were present at the social held at Frank Sutherland's, last Friday evening and, but for the many other attractions the same evening, a larger crowd would have been present. A very enjoyable time was had, giving evidence that when another social is announced there all will be present and others, too.
 Mr. Fowler and company from your village attended the social Friday eve.
 Several from this place attended the party given by Will Cushing in Carlton last Friday evening.
 Scott Sherwood and family of Grand Rapids were in our midst recently.
 Rev. Mr. Hollister called on friends here last week one day.
 A jolly load of our young people visited Walter Babcock's singing school south of Irving one evening last week and they had just a fine time, too.
 Large loads from this place are attending special meetings at Irving and much interest is manifested.
 Mrs. Cobb has been a guest of Irving friends for a few days.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.
 Friday, J. M. Burpee sold his store building, stock and fixtures to C. A. Ryno, who in turn sold the stock to F. E. Pickett, Saturday. Mr. Pickett will add this enormous grocery and shoe stock to his already large stock, and will be ready to give the public a fine line of goods to select from. Mr. Burpee has purchased a general store at Orangeville, where he has already moved.
 Last week several ice houses were filled with an excellent quality of thick ice from Hills and Doan lakes.
 Leo Cooper left for his home in Woodland, Saturday, after having been in the employ of F. Deane nearly two years.
 Mrs. W. H. Schuh has been ill with the grip during the past week, but is recovering.
 The dedication of the new Congregational church will take place Monday, Feb. 15, 1897. A fine program has been arranged.
 Mrs. A. Sessions, who has been ill several weeks, is better.
 The creamery is running full blast and getting 3,000 lbs of milk daily.
 Mrs. David Stockdale, sr., and daughter, Lela, were in Grand Rapids, Saturday.
 The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with anything. I gave him a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is famous for its cures. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 5-4

WRECK PORT DARWIN

AUSTRALIAN TOWN RUINED BY A FIERCE STORM.

Wind Was Accompanied by a Heavy Rain Which Did Almost Equal Damage to Property—Telegraph Wires Blown Down, Details Not Obtainable

No Lives Were Lost.

Port Darwin, a small but important town in South Australia, was almost entirely wiped out by one of those fearful hurricanes which periodically strike the coast of Australia, destroying property and very often life. Luckily in this case, no lives were lost, but from the meager reports which had been received in Sydney previous to the sailing of the steamer Warrima, the loss of property must have been very large. The wind was accompanied by a heavy rain, which ruined the furniture in residences and goods in stores, which had been deprived of their roofs. The residents had to obtain shelter as best they could. It was a miracle that no one was killed. The telegraphic wires were demoralized by the storm and consequently news from the scene of the disaster is far from full. The rain and lightning started Monday, and rain was pouring down on the following Thursday when the barometer began to fall and the wind to howl. The wind was at its height by Thursday morning and kept it up all day. Among the few dispatches received from Sydney was one from the postmaster, in which the following paragraph appeared: "The town is practically destroyed, all buildings being either heaps of ruins or very badly damaged. The rainfall Monday and Wednesday was 4.59 inches. On Thursday one inch was recorded."

DIVORCES MAY PROVE ILLEGAL.

Supreme Court to Pass on Oklahoma and Dakota Decrees.

According to a Washington correspondent, the Supreme Court of the United States may ultimately be called upon to render an opinion concerning the validity of divorces granted by the courts of the Dakotas and Oklahoma, and should that august tribunal decide that the decrees heretofore issued by the courts in question are invalid and of no legal effect, there will be such an aggregation of domestic shakings-up as probably no country in the world has ever witnessed. Women who now regard themselves as wives will realize that they have been living for a greater or lesser period under conditions not sanctioned by the law; husbands will find themselves in the same predicament, while the number of children who will thus be branded cannot be estimated. The decision of Justice Russell of the United States Supreme Court in the McGowan case, in which he held that neither the wife nor husband can acquire temporary residence in a foreign State for the purpose of securing a divorce, has, in the opinion of eminent lawyers, laid the groundwork for the overthrow of the entire "fake divorce" system. The case is now pending in the New York Court of Appeals, but whatever may be the decision there, it has been definitely arranged that the matter shall be carried to the United States Supreme Court for a definite and final adjudication of the questions involved. To this end it is stated that five husbands who have been victims of Dakota decrees have subscribed \$10,000 each to a fund for taking the appeal to the Supreme Court. Of the combine two reside in New York, one in Boston, one in Philadelphia and one in Chicago.

IS THE LAW A FAILURE?

The Justice of Interstate Commerce Act is Gravely Questioned.

Has the interstate commerce act been a failure and do the commercial interests of the country require its repeal? Traffic officials of the various roads centering in Chicago are, as a whole and with some reservations, prepared to vote with the transportation committee of the Board of Trade in favor of answering these questions affirmatively, though the traffic men do not now regard the law with the same feelings of hostility they entertained on its first enactment. They are even free to confess that on some points of minor detail it has been an advantage to them and has indirectly brought about a material improvement in the situation as it then existed. Indeed, there is a small minority which is quite positive in the opinion that the law is all right, and if the roads would only live up to its requirements it would prove for them one of the best resources that have been placed upon the statute books of the country. The great majority look upon the law, however, as in the nature of a restriction of trade. Its administration, too, they claim, has been supine and unintelligent, and instead of removing the evils it was intended to prevent the law has served to aggravate them. On the whole, it is believed by the railroad officials the repeal of the law would be a good thing for all concerned. They say if the roads were allowed to manage their own business in their own way everybody would be benefited.

That Eastern Question.

The ambassadors of the powers concluded their deliberations on the Eastern question, and submitted their recommendations to their respective governments Friday afternoon.

Portuguese Ministry Out.

The Portuguese ministry has resigned, and it is understood that Senhor Luciano de Castro will be intrusted with the task of re-forming the cabinet.

Bombay's Tribute to Plague.

According to the official returns, there have been up to date 5,098 cases of the plague and 3,841 deaths in Bombay.

Hypnotism Caused Death.

At Johnston, N. Y., the coroner's jury in the case of James V. Spurgeon Young, a 17-year-old colored boy, who died Jan. 24, have returned a verdict that the boy died from hypnotic influence which brought on nervous exhaustion.

Two Banks in Trouble.

The Comptroller of the Currency has received telegrams announcing the suspension of the First National Bank of Franklin, Ohio, and the Northwestern National Bank of Great Falls, Mont.

United States Supreme Court Declares Validity of the Ohio Nichols Law.

The Supreme Court at Washington rendered a decision that is considered by constitutional lawyers as of the very highest importance, in that it materially enlarges the power of States to tax the property of corporations that have heretofore avoided taxation by claiming avoidance rights under the interstate commerce laws. The case decided, or rather the group of cases, came up from the courts of Indiana and Ohio, and involved the validity of what is known in the latter State as the Nichols law. In brief, it authorizes and empowers the tax commissioners to assess and collect taxes on the franchises and a proportionate share of the capital stock of telegraph and express companies doing business in the State. The importance of this law in a material way to express companies may be understood when it is stated that the tax commissioners of Ohio raised the assessment on express company property from \$259,000 to \$4,249,000. A similar advance in the assessment was made in Indiana and Kentucky, where the same law was put on the statute books. The cases were bitterly fought, and finally after three years of litigation reached the Supreme Court. The decision of the court sustains the State laws and establishes a new principle of taxation which will be seized upon by Legislatures of many States which are in need of more funds, and which have found no way to get at the real value of property of corporations within their limits.

AGE OF PRESIDENTS.

Recalled by the Fifty-fourth Anniversary of Major McKinley's Birth.

Maj. McKinley was 54 Friday, and is consequently about in point of age among the Presidents at the time of their inaugurations. Fourteen were older than he is and nine younger. William Henry Harrison was 68, Buchanan 65, Taylor 64, John Adams and Jackson 61, Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, the Virginia Presidents, and John Quincy Adams, each 57; Johnson 56, Benjamin Harrison 55, Van Buren, Hayes and McKinley 54, Lincoln 52, Tyler 51, Fillmore and Arthur, the New York Presidents, each 50; Polk and Garfield 49, Pierce 48, Cleveland 47, and Grant 46. Polk is the only one of the Presidents who ever referred to his age in his inaugural, expressing "apprehension lest one so much younger and poorly endowed as himself should not have the ability to discharge the duties of the exalted station that had been possessed by the more aged and experienced statesmen that had preceded him." There were five ex-presidents living when Polk and Lincoln were respectively inaugurated, but only one when Hayes came into office, his companion, Gen. Grant, and not more than two at any time since.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE WORKERS.

Officers Are Re-elected by the Convention at Des Moines, Iowa.

At the session of the National Woman's Suffrage Association at Des Moines, Ia., the following officers were re-elected: President, Susan B. Anthony; vice-president-at-large, the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, Philadelphia; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, Philadelphia. The question of enlarging the business committee by adding to it the chairman of the five standing committees was defeated by a vote of 35 to 19, and nearly all the other recommendations of the plan-of-work committee, read by Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby, chairman, went the same way.

They Plotted War.

The Santiago de Cuba police have placed under arrest on the charge of conspiracy the following Cuban women: Gregoria Descendez, Estella Dranguet, Dila Bell, Amelia Diaz, Nicanora Bell, Julia Delno, Nicolara Velez, Justina Velez, Innocencia Gilar, Inez Brown, Lareto Laforseda, Paula Bell, Margarita Caron, Rita Cilar and Antonia Esparn. A dispatch from Santiago de Cuba reports that Gen. Calixto Garcia with 6,000 men has concentrated his forces in the vicinity of Bayamo, and that he is now marching to the eastward. Another report from Santiago de Cuba asserts that thousands of persons are without subsistence and that they are anxiously awaiting permission to grind cane for the purpose of saving them from actual starvation. Reports from Tapaste are to the effect that the families of the pacificos concentrated within the limits of the cultivated zone are molested night and day by the insurgents, making subsistence difficult because of their inability to carry vegetables and other farm products to the towns of San Juan, De las Lajas and Havana, for the purpose of effecting an exchange. Because of the rapid movements of the insurgents in the vicinity of San Jose de las Lajas, and this continuous destruction of property, the inhabitants of that town are compelled to live on sweet potatoes and honey.

Death in the Flames.

During the early hours of Sunday two fires occurred in Hoboken, N. J., which resulted in the loss of seven lives. Many poor people were made homeless, and even had narrow escapes for their lives. The fires occurred in different parts of the city. One of them at least is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The first fire started in the three-story frame building at 410 Newark street. There a mother and five children lost their lives. At the other fire a little girl was burned to death. The dead are: Mabel Mangles, Mrs. Nellie Schroeder; Henry Schroeder, aged 11; Kate Schroeder, aged 9; Maggie Schroeder, aged 7; John Schroeder, aged 3; Willie Schroeder, aged 3 months. The second fire was at 153 to 159 Fourteenth street. It was there little Mabel Mangles perished. Her sister Florence was seriously burned, but is expected to recover.

Begins Colours Caught.

Chief Hagen, of the secret service, has received a telegram announcing the arrest of John De Pree, engraver, and Peter Wetzel at Grand Rapids, Mich., Simpson Craig at Jackson, Mich., and Hauck at Belding, for making and passing counterfeit \$20 treasury notes.

Alliance Floated Again.

Word has reached Secretary Herbert that the United States vessel Alliance, used as a schoolship for naval apprentices, which went ashore Saturday night at Cape Henry, Va., succeeded in getting off, and since has arrived at Newport News.

Fashionate Father's Crime.

A. W. Linderstrom, a farmer, living on Anderson's Island, Wash., in a fit of anger, took down a gun and blew out the brains of his 5-year-old son. He then placed the muzzle of the gun to his head and blew out his own brains.

SAYS IMMIGRATION BILL IS UN-AMERICAN.

Certainly Inimical to Canada, and Would Admit Portions of Families and Exclude the Balance—Fire in Salt Lake City Does Great Damage.

President Cleveland Objects.

President Cleveland will veto the immigration bill if it comes to him for consideration. He has told several Senators that he is opposed to the bill because it is un-American and because it contains a clause directed against Canada which will certainly cause that country to retaliate. The President is not opposed to the general proposition of restricting and controlling immigration. He does not object to the educational test set out in this bill to be applied to immigrants after July 1 next. His chief objection is directed to that section of the bill which would exclude ignorant women and girls.

BLAZE IN SALT LAKE.

Scott-Aurbach Block, Worth a Quarter of a Million, is Destroyed.

In Salt Lake fire destroyed the Scott-Aurbach building on Main street, entailing a loss of \$250,000, a little over one-half of which is covered by insurance. Besides the great financial loss, there were several accidents that narrowly escaped being fatalities. Electrician Vaill of the fire department, came in contact with a live electric wire and fell from the third story window of the building, but fortunately contact with a network of wires broke his fall, and, though he dropped to the pavement with fearful violence, he escaped death. Miss Smith, a roomer in the building, thinly clad in night robes, was rescued by Assistant Chief Donovan from the roof, whither she had been driven by the smoke. When the alarm was turned in the fire was confined to the rear of Scott & Co.'s store, but it spread with marvelous rapidity and before the arrival of the department over the slippery streets, the flames had shot in all directions. The Aurbach portion of the building was already burning everywhere, while in every part of the interior of the Scott section the flames were crackling. From the first the firemen's fight was simply to confine the fire to the building, already doomed. For a time it seemed that the fire would spread and the entire block be destroyed. Realizing that the main stroke was to confine the fire to the Aurbach building, all efforts were confined to keeping it within the walls of this structure. The fire department was successful in this.

CAUSED BY JEALOUSY.

Pennsylvania Farmer Kills His Sweetheart and Himself.

Near Apollo, Pa., James Shelhammer, son of a well-to-do farmer, shot and killed Grace Clark, an attractive and popular young lady, and then turned the pistol on himself, inflicting a fatal wound. The tragedy took place in the sitting room of the Clark residence, and as the couple were alone the cause will probably never be known. Jealousy, however, is believed to have been at the bottom of it. Shelhammer was a suitor for Miss Clark's hand.

Less Grain is Growing.

According to the official French reports just issued, the area of growing grain, compared with 1895 in two departments, shows an increase from 1 to 5 per cent. In nine departments the area is equal to that of 1895, in 16 departments it is from 1 to 5 per cent less, in 20 it is from 6 to 10 per cent less, in 21 it is from 11 to 20 per cent less, and in 18 the area of growing grain is over 20 per cent less, when compared with 1895.

Indians to Be Redistricted.

After figuring a week on a new legislative apportionment for Indiana to take the place of the gerrymander of 1885, under which the State held its last election, the Republican members of the Legislature in joint caucus decided on a bill redistricting the State. The unit for representation in the House is 6,250, and no district exceeds or falls short of this number more than a few hundred.

Discuss Uniformity.

The annual convention of the National Association of Co-operative Mutual Insurance Companies opened in Des Moines with a large attendance of delegates. Among the States represented were Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin. The delegates interchanged experiences on methods of conducting their various organizations and sought uniformity of action in various operations.

It Hits Their Pockets.

The bankers and the mortgage and loan companies of Kansas are aroused because the State Senate has recommended for passage Senator Forney's bill, which provides for the listing and taxing of bonds, notes, mortgages and other evidence of indebtedness. It is claimed hundreds of thousands of dollars of these securities escape taxation.

Alarm Among Sultan's Followers.

Serious strikes and bread riots have taken place at Madrid. There have been manifestations before the town hall, windows have been broken and many arrests have been made. The municipal authorities have resigned, owing to their inability to suppress the disturbances, and martial law has been proclaimed.

Mrs. Hitchcock Burns to Death.

Mrs. Kate Hitchcock, a poor widow, residing in a little hut at Colorado Springs, Col., burned to death Saturday night. In some unknown way the little shanty caught fire, and Mrs. Hitchcock, who had scarcely recovered from a recent spell of sickness, was unable to escape.

Train Wreck Kills Four.

A mixed train while standing on the sidetrack at Arlington, S. D., was run into by an engine going west. Conductor Adlington, brakeman Hossick, John Loftus of Desmet, and Mr. Harrison of Arlington were killed. The bodies were burned beyond description.

High School Burned.

The Kalamazoo, Mich., high school building burned. Loss on building, \$40,000; insurance, \$20,000. Fred Wildemuth and Fred Winslow, firemen, fell from a ladder and were seriously hurt.

Wilson in the Cabinet.

Ex-Congressman James Wilson of Iowa has accepted the office of Secretary of Agriculture in President McKinley's cabinet.

Arbiters Are Justices Fuller and Brewer, Lord Herschel and Sir R. H. C. Knight.

The treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and Venezuela was signed at Washington Tuesday afternoon. The delay in completing the treaty was caused by the difficulty in making up the personnel of the arbitral commission, not so much from objections to persons nominated by either side as from the trouble experienced in arranging the tribunal so as to interfere as little as possible with the important routine work of the Supreme Courts of the United States and Great Britain, from which bodies four of the arbiters are to be drawn. Notice, however, was received by cable Tuesday morning from London that the privy council had finally confirmed the selections made. The four arbiters, it is understood, will be Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court and Lord Herschel and Sir Richard Henn Collins Knight, justices of her majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature. The fifth arbiter, in case of need, will be named by King Oscar. By the terms of the treaty the agents of the two Governments, Great Britain and Venezuela, must deliver the complete cases at Paris, where the arbitration tribunal will meet, within eight months of the ratification of the treaty, with three months additional allowed for the submission of the counter cases, so that the entire arbitration probably will occupy a year and a half.

VIRUS VANQUISHED TOXIN.

Physician Finds Antagonism Between Vaccination and Diphtheria.

An interesting problem is suggested to the medical world by a recent experiment of Dr. E. H. Woolsey, of Oakland, Cal. He was called to treat two children suffering from the fever which follows vaccination, and while they were under his care both developed diphtheria, from which they recovered very quickly. The physician is now almost convinced that there was a clash between the two ferments in the blood, and that the virus of the vaccine vanquished the toxin of the diphtheria. He watched the case very closely, and he felt so certain of the correctness of his conclusion that in the notice of the cases which he sent to the health officer he announced that the diphtheria had been lightened by vaccination. The patients are now strong and well, at a time when such sufferers are usually weak from the effects of the disease.

State House in Ashes.

Fire broke out in the Senate wing of the Pennsylvania State Capitol at Harrisburg, and the fire department was unable to control the flames. The fire originated in the rooms of Lieut. Gov. Walter Lyon over the Senate chamber. It is supposed to have been started by an electric light wire. The fire burned for several minutes before it was discovered. It had made such headway that little could be saved in the costly apartments of the Lieutenant Governor or across the hall in the rooms of the superintendent of public instruction, Schaffer, who was alone in his office when the fire was discovered. He did all he could to check the fire, but it was not in his power. All he saved were the appropriation books. Thousands of dollars' worth of records were lost. The flames had eaten their way through the Senate roof before the fire department arrived. Part of the roof tumbled in before the water was started. Then the streams were so small that they had no effect on the flames. Soon the great dome was a mass of flames. This burned like shavings. The fire quickly communicated to the House side. The House was in session when the fire was discovered, and it quickly adjourned. Before the great dome fell one patriotic citizen crawled through the mass of flames and hauled down the flag. He was loudly cheered. Several men were injured by falling timber.

No Wine to Be Served.

The committee having in charge the McKinley inaugural banquet has decided that no wine shall be served to the general public. There will be no wine list in connection with the menu card, from which orders can be given, even at an additional charge.

Harmon Calls It Piracy.

Attorney General Harmon has given instructions to the United States attorney at Jacksonville, Fla., to at once proceed against the alleged filibustering Three Friends, under section 4297 of the Revised Statutes, for engaging in an act of piracy.

Nebraska Offers Aid.

The Nebraska Senate killed the Canada resolution offered last week and adopted one offering to send corn to Chicago free of any cost to the city if it would be accepted by the Mayor.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2, 15c to 16c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c; butter, choice creamery, 10c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 15c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common short to choice dwarf, \$35 to \$80 per ton.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, good to choice, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 85c to 87c; corn, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 83c to 84c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 19c to 21c; oats, No. 2 white, 10c to 13c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 34c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 86c to 87c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye, 36c to 38c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 86c to 88c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 38c; clover seed, \$5.15 to \$5.25.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 73c to 76c; corn, No. 3, 19c to 20c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 25c to 37c; rye, No. 1, 31c to 33c; pork, mess, \$7.50 to \$8.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 92c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 85c to 84c; corn, No. 2, 23c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; butter, creamery, 15c to 22c; eggs, Western, 15c to 18c.

SPAIN'S OFFER READY FOR INSURGENT CUBANS.

An Assembly Will Be the Council of Administration and Consist of 35 Members—People Are to Elect 21—It Will Prepare the Budget.

Concession to Cuba.

The queen regent of Spain has signed the plan for the reforms in the island of Cuba. The scheme includes numerous and elaborate decrees and will occupy several pages of the Official Gazette. It is understood that the reforms consist chiefly in the creation of an assembly, to be called the council of administration, composed of thirty-five members, of whom twenty-one are to be elected by the people and six by the different corporations. The remainder will be one magistrate, one university professor, one archbishop and five former senators or deputies. The council of administration is empowered: 1. To prepare a budget. 2. To examine into the fitness of officials appointed. 3. To make a tariff subject to the conditions of Spanish imports having advantages over the general tariff. The Governor General will represent the Home Government, and will have the right to nominate officials, who should be Cubans or Spaniards, who have resided two years in Cuba. Nevertheless, he may freely nominate high functionaries, such as magistrates, prefects, etc. Other decrees concern the organization of the provincial municipalities, which are to be liberally representative. The municipal councils general will be empowered to elect their presidents and will have exclusive control of public education. According to another decree the Government reserves to itself extraordinary powers in the event of any disturbance of public order, and Cuba will continue to elect senators and deputies to the cortes, as at present. Altogether, the reforms are much broader than those granted Porto Rico. The Spanish products, according to the reform scheme, will be allowed a rebate of 40 per cent of the Cuban tariff, compared with other imports.

WOLCOTT'S MISSION MAY FAIL.

French Statesmen Are Wary and Have but Little Confidence.

Senator Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, who is now visiting Europe in the interests of bimetalism, had an interview at Paris with Premier Melne. The correspondent of the Associated Press learns on authority that the interviews which he has so far had have been without the result hoped for by the Senator. The interview with President Faure was short and formal, and afforded no encouragement to look for tangible results. Mr. Doubet, president of the senate, in his interview with Senator Wolcott, is understood to have expressed himself enthusiastically on the subject of bimetalism, but on the other hand, Premier Melne was very guarded in his expressions at the conference. He is reported to have said that however favorable France might be to the object sought, nothing could be done unless the consent of England and Germany was previously obtained. In official quarters little confidence is felt in the ultimate success of Senator Wolcott's mission, although the Senator seems to be sanguine of England taking part in the bimetallic movement.

CLEVELAND PREPARES TO MOVE.

Personal Effects of the President and His Family Are Being Packed.

There will soon be a change of occupants in the White House, and in anticipation of this there is already a general packing of the personal effects of President Cleveland and his family. These are being made ready for shipment to his newly purchased home in Princeton. The President and Mrs. Cleveland will follow the usual custom of inviting the President-elect and his wife to be their guests at dinner at the executive mansion on the evening of March 3.

Starving Men Demand Work.

Great distress continues in the Newfoundland Fortune bay district, owing to the failure of the herring fishery. The mail steamer reports hundreds of people as being absolutely destitute. A mob of unemployed visited the Government offices, demanding work, representing themselves as starving. Soup kitchens are being started by charitable organizations.

Road Congress Names Officers.

The national good roads congress, in session at Orlando, Fla., elected the following officers: President, Gen. Roy Stone of Washington; first vice-president, F. W. Merrin of Florida; second vice-president, D. H. Baker of Florida; third vice-president, D. T. Gerow of Florida; secretary, T. J. Appleyard of Florida.

Miners' Bodies Found.

The bodies of the two missing miners who were imprisoned in the Tamarack (Mich.) mine have been found floating in the water at the bottom of the shaft.

Notorious Criminal Captured.

George Edward Butler, alias Ashe, the Australian murderer, whose arrival on the ship Swanhill was so long expected, is now in San Francisco jail.

Arrested for Horse-stealing.

A relative of Horace Greeley, the great editor, is now confined in the county jail at Los Angeles, Cal., a confessed horse thief.

Debts Must Be Paid in Coin.

The Washington Senate has passed a bill providing that all indebtedness shall be paid in either gold or silver money.

Indian Agent in Trouble.

Charles H. Yates, formerly United States Indian agent at the Round Valley reservation in California, is alleged to be short in his accounts to the Government. He has failed to account for \$3,900, and the United States District Attorney is about to sue Yates and his bondsmen.

Iowa Bank Goes Under.

The Comptroller of the Currency has received a telegram from Griswold, Iowa, announcing the failure of the First National Bank of that place. The capital of the bank is \$50,000.

Foreign Shipyards Burn.

The ship yards of the Fairfield Ship Building Company at Govan, Scotland, have been almost completely destroyed by fire. The damage done is estimated to amount to \$50,000 (\$250,000). Four thousand persons have been thrown out of employment.

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT WASHINGTON.

Detailed Proceedings of Senate and House—Bills Passed or Introduced in Either Branch—Questions of Moment to the Country at Large.

The Legislative Grind.

An unusually large number of bills were passed by the House Monday, but few of them of any considerable importance. The bills passed included the old bill which has been pending before Congress for so many years to retire John M. Quackenbush, who was court-martialed and suspended from the naval service in 1874 for drunkenness, as a commander under date of June 1, 1895; also a bill to reimburse the heirs of Albert Augustine, of Rose Hill, Iowa, in the sum of \$350 for two cows destroyed in the Cayuse war of 1847. Bills were passed to authorize the Columbia and Red Mountain Railroad to construct a bridge across the Columbia river; to prevent the carrying of obscene literature and articles designed for indecent and immoral use from a State or territory into another State or territory; to prevent trespassing upon and the protection of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga and other national military parks; to amend an act entitled an act to repeal the timber culture laws and for other purposes (the act relates only to the entry of lands in the Sioux Indian reservation); to authorize the entry and patenting of lands containing petroleum and other mineral oils under the laws relating to placer mining (the purpose of the bill was to circumvent a ruling made by the secretary Aug. 7, 1890). The Nicaragua canal bill occupied the attention of the Senate most of the day, but no progress was made toward a final vote.

The feature of the Senate Tuesday was a very spirited debate on the conference report of the immigration bill. Mr. Gibson of Maryland opposed the report and Mr. Lodge defended it. After two hours' struggle the report went over and the Nicaragua Canal bill was taken up. Mr. Vilas continuing his remarks, Mr. Teller of Colorado also entered the debate in opposition to the measure. The House bill to allow the bottling of spirits in bond was reported favorably. The day in the House was very dull, nearly the whole session being devoted to debate on appropriation bills. The diplomatic and consular bill was passed and considerable progress made with the District of Columbia bill. The bill as passed carries \$1,673,708. Resolutions arranging for the formal canvassing of the electoral vote of the last Presidential election to take place Wednesday were adopted.

The contested election case of Cornett versus Swanson, from the fifth Virginia district, occupied the attention of the House Wednesday. Three Republicans and three Democrats on the Elections Committee had reported in favor of the Democratic contestant, Mr. Swanson, and three Republicans offered a minority report recommending that the seat be declared vacant on the ground that a fair election could not be held under the Virginia election law. When the vote came to be taken the minority could not muster enough votes to call the yeas and nays, and Mr. Swanson's title to his seat was confirmed by an overwhelming viva voce vote. After a brief parliamentary struggle in the Senate the friends of the Nicaragua Canal bill were unable to hold a quorum and sit out the obstruction to that measure. The friends of the bill finally gave up hope of securing a quorum and yielded to an adjournment. Mr. Vilas continues to hold the floor.

The session of the Senate Thursday was one of unusual activity. Mr. Morrill endeavored to pass the bill prohibiting the use of intoxicants in the capitol building. This aroused the opposition of Mr. Hill of New York, who denounced the busybodies and mischief-makers inspiring this class of legislation. He moved to recommit the bill, but this was defeated by a vote of 27 yeas to 30 nays. However, he succeeded in prolonging the debate to 2 o'clock, when the bill was displaced by the Nicaragua Canal bill. The immigration bill was recommitted to conference. Mr. Lodge, in charge of the measure, adopting this course as a result of urgent appeals for a modification of the bill. Before this was done, however, a warm personal and political colloquy occurred between Mr. Lodge and Mr. Chandler on one hand and Mr. Gorman on the other. Mr. Vilas added another day to his speech against the Nicaragua Canal and had not concluded when the Senate adjourned. The proceedings in the House were very dull and almost entirely devoid of public interest.

Richard R. Kenney, Democratic contestant from Delaware, was sworn in Friday as Senator, his credentials being regular and signed by the Governor. This marked the culmination of a long contest over the vacant Delaware seat. No objection was made, it being admitted he had at least a prima facie right, though Mr. Chandler stated his belief that H. A. Dupont had been legally elected, adding, however, that Mr. Kenney could be seated and the matter brought before the Senate hereafter. The seating of Kenney augmented the Democratic membership to forty, and for the first time raised the full membership of the Senate to its proper quota. It effects no essential change in party strength, however. The Senate passed the following among other House bills: Authorizing the Duluth and North Dakota

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANDERS.

Lapeer Marshal Thought a Party of Legislators Were Tramps—Prominent Ann Arbor Men Victims of a Comical Mistake.

Legislators in Hard Luck. The legislative junketing party which arrived at Lapeer at midnight Saturday night had a rather disagreeable welcome.

Reformers Nearly Run In. That Ann Arbor's police are wide awake was proved by a funny incident Saturday night in which two members of the university faculty figured prominently.

Holland's Prosperous Boats. W. R. Owen of Chicago was in Holland Tuesday to attend the annual meeting of the Holland-Chicago Steamboat Co.

Central Michigan Fair. The annual meeting of the Central Michigan Fair Society was held at Lansing. The question of holding a fair upon the grounds of the State society at Lansing this year was discussed and the matter left in the hands of the board of managers.

Minor State Matters. Mayor Randall of Flint has issued a formal appeal for aid in behalf of the poor people of the city.

At Kalamazoo, Dr. Eugene C. Southard died from cerebro spinal meningitis, aged 39 years. He was a graduate of Rush Medical College in 1880.

Mrs. Penman, aged 70, died Wednesday at Cheboygan, literally starved to death. She had plenty to eat, a good appetite, and enjoyed her food, but could not retain it.

After an illness of but three days Miss Gertrude Winnie, daughter of City Treasurer Malcolm Winnie, died at Traverse City of pleuro pneumonia. She was 24 years of age, highly esteemed and very popular.

Enos Willett, of Adrian, who was stricken with paralysis Monday, cannot live. He has long been in business and is over 70 years of age. He was senior member of the firm of E. Willett & Co., grocers.

When the bank of C. J. Church & Son failed at Lowell the funds of the village, amounting to \$2,147, were sacrificed. The village council has finally compromised with the treasurer's bondsmen, accepting \$1,425 in full of all demands.

A baby show of large proportions was held at Muskegon by the fifth division of the Ladies' Society of the First Congregational Church, about fifty babies being brought to the church through the snow storm by their fond mothers.

Chas. M. Bentley, of Port Huron, who defrauded the Royal Arcanum out of \$6,000 by means of fraudulent proofs of death upon the alleged deaths of Geo. McPherson and Henry S. Ballentine, pleaded guilty in both cases.

An abandoned hulk in Spring Lake, near South Haven, is one of the fleet of vessels with which Commodore Perry won the great naval engagement on Lake Erie during the war of 1812. Portions of the plaster material can still be seen which was put between the planking of Perry's boats to prevent cannon balls from penetrating the vessel's sides.

Charles F. Grossman lies at the point of death at Saginaw, as the result of falling into a vat of boiling water at the Eagle brewery. He has a wife and three children dependent upon him.

The postoffice at Hillsdale was moved into its new quarters in the Sutton block Saturday night. The citizens and business men in the south end of the city are jubilant and those in the north end correspondingly depressed.

The Supreme Court reversed for the second time the finding of the jury in the case of the estate of Robert Walker of Kalamazoo vs. the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, which was given judgment for \$7,300 for causing his death. It has been tried four times.

The Supreme Court refused to hear the application for a mandamus to compel the Detroit Common Council to call a special election for Mayor on the ground that Pingree vacated that office by qualifying for Governor. The court referred the petitioner to the Wayne Circuit Court.

Mrs. Mercy S. Smalley, of Jackson, purchased the stock and assets of the Crown Paper Co. from C. E. Townsend, who as trustee held the stock on two chattel mortgages. The property was inventoried at \$10,000 and was sold for \$15,000. The business will probably be continued.

The will of Charles Willard, the Battle Creek hermit, stipulates that \$40,000 be given to the public schools of Battle Creek for the erection of a library building, \$40,000 to the Young Men's Christian Association of Battle Creek for a building, and \$40,000 to the Baptist College at Kalamazoo, and the remainder to be divided among the legal heirs.

Thomas Lake, the foreman of the agricultural department at the school for the deaf in Flint, went into a silo for some feed, when the ensilage caved in and buried him under several tons of the fodder. He managed, however, to keep his face clear, and thus escaped suffocation. After several hours of labor he was dug out and he will recover from his terrible squeeze.

A 14-year-old girl named Churchill, while tramping through the country, was taken in by a farmer near Grass Lake Saturday. She claimed to be looking for her father's residence, but could not tell where her relative resided. A report to the Jackson police resulted in the department ascertaining that she had escaped from the Good Samaritan Home. She has been on similar escapades before.

Sheriff Knapp, of Roscommon County, has just received from the Auditor General a writ to serve on parties cutting lumber on the east half of section 21, in Richfield township. The description is State tax land and has about \$300 delinquent taxes against it.

The case of the city of Muskegon vs. the county of Muskegon, which was affirmed by the Supreme Court in favor of the city, involves a very important principle. The county has been collecting delinquent personal tax from the city whether the city treasurer had been able to make his collections or not.

Nelson De Long, an attorney of Muskegon, was last year appointed by the Muskegon Circuit Court to defend an indigent prisoner charged with the crime of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. The prisoner was convicted, and De Long, upon his own motion and without any order from the Circuit Court, took the case to the Supreme Court by a writ of error. The conviction was affirmed. De Long thereupon presented a claim against the Muskegon County Board of Supervisors for \$56.80, of which \$200 was for his services and \$156.80 for printing the brief and record. The supervisors declined to allow the claim and the Circuit Court refused to issue a mandamus to compel them to do so.

James Richards, an eccentric old farmer, living a lonely life on his farm six or seven miles northeast of Ann Arbor, was fatally wounded and robbed Saturday night. Richards came from England in 1852 and took up a peculiar existence. He refused all friendships, lived in a mere hovel, sustaining life by the barest necessities and scraped and saved, his only object appearing to be the amassing of money for its own sake.

A great bush fire has been raging in the county of Montagu, in Tasmania, and the township of Pengana has been nearly destroyed. Hundreds of people have been rendered homeless and the damage done is estimated at \$15,000.

A few weeks ago the German firm of Friedrich Krupp presented \$10,000 to the workmen's pension fund of their works, and now a further donation of \$25,000 has been made to the fund for the widows and orphans of their officials.

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Gustaff Wolf, acting German consul at Tacoma, Wash., was married to Miss Christiana Smith of Chicago, who arrived from the East a few hours before the ceremony.

Intimate friends of the late Alexander Dumas, fils, have resolved to keep the remembrance of the dramatist alive in their minds by a special dinner every three months in Paris.

ALGER GETS A PRIZE.

MICHIGAN MAN IN M'KINLEY'S CABINET.

Is Offered and Accepts the Position of War Secretary—Has an Honorable War Record and Has Been Governor of His State.

To Succeed Lamont. Gen. Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, is to be Secretary of War in McKinley's cabinet. Gen. Alger was summoned to Canton, where the portfolio was tendered and accepted.

Gen. Russell A. Alger was born in Lafayette township, Medina County, Ohio, Feb. 27, 1830. His grandfather served in the revolutionary war and is claimed to have been a descendant of William the Conqueror.



years later he was admitted to the bar, but abandoned the practice of law the following autumn on account of failing health, and moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he engaged in the lumber business, and where in 1861 he was married to Annette H. Henry.

In 1861 Alger enlisted in the Second Michigan Cavalry, and was made captain of Company C. He was wounded in the battle of Booneville, Miss. Owing to his part in this engagement he was promoted to the rank of major. In 1862 he became lieutenant colonel of the Sixth Michigan Cavalry, and in 1863 was made colonel of the Fifth Michigan Cavalry, his regiment being in Custer's famous brigade.



The cases of cholera on board the Nubia, at Plymouth, have been confined to the troops.

Queen Victoria has donated £500 to the India famine relief fund, which has been opened by the Lord Mayor of London.

Serious floods have occurred in the Island of Montserrat, resulting in the loss of seventy-five lives and the destruction of roads and bridges.

The revenue of Newfoundland for the first six months of the fiscal year exceeds that for the same period of the previous year by \$100,000.

Hungary has given formal notice to Austria of its intention to terminate the customs and commercial convention between Austria and Hungary.

The lighting of certain of the London prisons by electricity is under consideration, and it is proposed to erect a special description of tread wheel to supply the motive power.

The Italian general medical council has just presented a request to the Government the effect of which is that all foreign doctors shall be prohibited from practicing in Italy.

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WILL FIGHT IN NEVADA.

The Corbett-Fitzsimmons Contest Very Probable Now.

When the Nevada Legislature passed an act last winter permitting the licensing of boxing exhibitions in that State and the Governor had promptly signed it, Dan Stuart immediately announced that the great encounter between Corbett and Fitzsimmons would come off there on March 17.

There is general rejoicing among the California sporting men over the news that the Nevada Legislature has passed the bill licensing glove contests. It is generally understood there that Dan Stuart and other promoters of prize fights will make their headquarters there and devote their attention to pulling off big mills.

Both Corbett and Fitzsimmons are expressing themselves as well pleased over the prospect of meeting in Nevada. They will soon depart for that State and finish training. Leading sporting men of the country are confident that the fight will be pulled off and that it will be the greatest pugilistic contest the world has ever seen.

Three Nevada towns are mentioned as likely to be selected for the battle ground—Reno, Virginia City and Carson City. But those who are known to be close to Dan Stuart agree that Carson City will be the place.

Carson City, the capital of Nevada, is at the extreme western part of the State. It has a population of about 5,000. It is twenty-one miles south of Virginia City and thirty-one miles south of Reno. It is more than 3,000 miles from New York, and an unlimited excursion ticket for the railroad trip alone will cost the boxing enthusiasts who journey from the East more than \$1,000.

Al Smith, who is aiding Stuart in arranging this big fight, said: "Dan Stuart's expenses will be probably \$40,000—\$15,000 for the purse, \$10,000 for erecting the arena and \$15,000 for outside matters. He will unquestionably erect a building capable of seating 20,000 persons. Supposing that half of that number attend, which seems a certainty, his gate receipts alone, besides what he will receive from the railroads, will amount to \$150,000, an average admission fee of \$15. This will leave him a profit of more than \$100,000, not counting his profits from the kinetoscope."

Peter Maher will be matched to fight either Choyanski or Tom Sharkey.

SALVATION ARMY'S NOBLE WORK

Thousands of New York's Homeless Find Shelter in its Buildings.

The number of men in New York City who are without a home and the necessary means to purchase food for themselves, on account of lack of employment, a New York correspondent says, is something appalling. With all its boasted public and private charities, there are thousands of human beings in the metropolis who are to-day suffering the cruel pangs of hunger.

Commander Booth-Tucker was in Chicago and there saw the great suffering of the homeless because of the cold weather. He offered all the buildings in the control of the Salvation Army to the Mayor of Chicago and his offer was accepted with thanks.

Representative Dickinson, the only colored member of the Legislature, has given notice of a bill for the suppression of mob violence. It is modeled after the Ohio law and provides that persons suffering at the hands of mobs shall recover from the county in which the assault takes place a sum not less than \$500 or more than \$5,000, the extent of the injuries to govern. The legal heirs of persons killed by mobs will be entitled to recover \$5,000.



The President has approved the act to withdraw from the Supreme Court jurisdiction over criminal cases not capital, and confer the same on the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Gen. William Price Craighill, chief of engineers, after a most brilliant military and scientific record, will be retired on his own application, under the forty years' service law.

It is the intention of the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures to authorize a favorable report on a bill providing for the use of the metric system in the United States.

The House Committee on Elections, which has charge of the Georgia contest brought by Thomas E. Watson against Judge J. C. Black, decided to postpone its decision for a week.

Senator Perkins, of California, introduced a bill which is intended to pave the way to the establishment of a bureau or a department of the Government to be devoted to the mining industry.

The House Committee on Public Lands ordered a favorable report on a bill to authorize the entry and patenting of lands containing petroleum and other mineral oils under the placer mining laws.

The House Committee on Military Affairs ordered a favorable report on the Senate bill to place the four survivors of the Lady Franklin Bay expedition on the retired list of enlisted men of the navy.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

The anti-convict contract labor bill which has been prepared by the State Federation of Labor has made its appearance. It prohibits all contracts, prevents the use of any machinery except that propelled by foot or hand, provides that the number of convicts at any trade shall not exceed one-twentieth the number of free citizens of the State employed in the same trade, unless it be making supplies for State institutions, and provides that the convicts may be delivered in gangs of twenty to counties for work on the highway.

The labor men were particularly active Friday, noticing bills requiring that all convict made goods offered for sale be branded, that employes be paid in cash only, the object being to do away with store orders, etc., and making legal holidays of all general election days for the purpose of rendering it impossible for employers to keep their men at work on penalty of losing their employment in order to disfranchise them.

The anti-railroad pass fever has broken out in the Legislature in most virulent form. The question has been frequently discussed since the session began, and many members have returned passes sent them. Tuesday Representative Lusk gave notice of a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution making it an offense punishable by removal from office for any public official to accept a free railroad pass or a telegraph, telephone or express frank.

In the matter of the nomination of William Hartsuff of Port Huron, for inspector general, the Senate held a protracted executive session, Wednesday, and the battle was vigorously waged. The fact that Hartsuff is not a State militiaman brought about his defeat. J. B. Caswell of Port Huron, for salt inspector, was confirmed. The appropriation bills are beginning to make their appearance.

Notices were given of bills appropriating \$129,000 for the industrial school for boys, \$105,000 for the Michigan mining school, \$10,000 for the Mackinac Island State park, and \$20,000 for a residence for the Governor. The disposition is to scan all appropriation bills closely and cut them to the quick.

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The ordinary human nose is 2 inches long. In A. D. 100, Moscorides mentions a substance, which he calls saccharon, as a great dainty among the people of East.

The dentists, almost to a man, are in favor of candy, as it makes liberal additions to their business all the year round.

In the village of Southport, Conn., is preserved a piece of cedar post which General Washington helped to set in the ground at Farrington.

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Wealth and Poverty. In the matter of feeding the poor the time has come for action. Quit playing the hypocrite. Do something.—Chicago Dispatch.

Russell Sage says that the poor are not growing poorer, and of course he has exceptional facilities for knowing.—Washington Times.

It is the rich misers and skinflints, rather than the Bradley-Martins and their ilk, who awaken popular criticism and contempt.—Boston Herald.

The weather is pinching, the needs of the poor are felt severely, the efforts of charity ought to be manifested quickly and intelligently.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The wretches who have cornered grain in starving India deserve the execration of the civilized world. There is no opportunity that greed will not seize upon.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

By giving a lavish ball the Bradley-Martins will put a great deal of money in circulation, but so they would do if they devoted the same amount of money to a better use.—New York Journal.

If some of the very wealthy Chicagoans would devote to charity a part of the money they have been enabled to keep by tax dodging, it would make a great fund for Chicago's 8,000 starving families.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Mr. Russell Sage's opinion that a social entertainment that costs \$240,000 is a wicked waste of money is one whose sincerity cannot be questioned, although its expression can hardly be set down as one of the surprises of the season.—Washington Star.

A cry for help comes from Chicago: It is said that 8,000 families in that city are actually starving to death. The dispatches say that the city has 10,000 wives, husbands and children begging for bread—begging for a pittance of food to keep body and soul together—buddled into single rooms, and freezing in the blizzard that visited the city Thursday. It has a mightier cry for pity than it had at the close of the World's Fair.—Fall River News.

Bantering the Britishers. Henry Irving has a sprained ankle. It is said to decidedly improve his walk.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Doubtless the Prince of Wales thinks the Queen is old enough to abdicate if she wants to.—New York Press.

Great Britain does not seem to be keeping up the standard of its work as nurse to the Indian Empire.—Chicago Record.

It is now rumored that the Prince of Wales will be the leading candidate for the head of the waiters' union.—Chicago Journal.

It costs Great Britain \$15,000 a year to maintain the Queen's pack of deerhounds. We thus see that a good deal of British gold is going to the dogs.—Commercial Advertiser.

The chances are that Lord Kimberley, who succeeds Lord Rosebery as the Liberal leader, will resemble his predecessor by not setting the Thames on fire.—Boston Herald.

England's surplus this year might be expressed in pounds sterling, but the practical way to put it is that it amounts to four more new battleships.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Queen's speech had a good deal more to say about arbitration than about unjust taxation in Ireland, but Lord Castletown and sundry others will see to it that the latter subject is enforced upon Parliament's attention.—Boston Globe.

Lord Salisbury announced to the members of the House of Lords that if the massacres in Turkey continued pressure would have to be applied. And yet, some critics insist that the official British mind is impervious to humor.—Baltimore American.

Tackling the Treaty. The Senators who let loose the dogs of war before adjournment will find most of them in the Olney pound.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

We are ready and anxious to arbitrate any subject of dispute with the English, except the cut of the amorphous horrors they call trousers.—Kansas City Times.

When England rejoices over the acceptance of a treaty to which she is a party, it is always safe to infer that the other party has the short end of it.—Detroit Tribune.

While there is some disposition among American statesmen to criticize the arbitration treaty, a unanimity of sentiment is reported from the other side.—Buffalo Express.

It is not surprising that the Senate should hang up the arbitration treaty. Anything the Senate might do would not be surprising, unless it should happen to do something sensible.—Galveston Tribune.

The latest attack upon the treaty just made with England will not be able to rob that instrument of the title it has earned, as the crowning diplomatic triumph of the century.—Cincinnati Commercial.

No treaty can cover a question of national honor. War is the only arbiter of that. And Great Britain is likely to be quite as quick on the trigger and quite as careful not to offend as we can be.—New York Press.

Senator Mills, of Texas, is still going about with an "all-but-shall-see-for-this" look exposed on his face.—Memphis Appeal.

Senator Tillman says he would like to have "Author of the Dispensary Law" carved on his tombstone, but he doesn't say when.—New York Press.

About all that will be remembered of the Hon. J. Don Cameron when he closes his twenty-year term in the Senate will be his illustrious father.—Chicago Tribune.

Senator Sherman seems to be trampling his Cuban corns to the exact limits of the Olney shoes.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Senator Thurston says: "There are things that are worse than war." He talks like a man who has been inveigled into attending the afternoon session of a "sewing circle."—Chicago Times-Herald.

If any of those commiserating Washington correspondents who express sorrow over John Sherman's decided mentality desire to change their position, let them engage the old man in a horse trade or a real estate transaction.—Kansas City Times.

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Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell has been elected chaplain of the state legislature of Idaho.

Congress compelled Secretary Morton to distribute free seeds, but it hasn't been able to make him say it is a good thing.

King Humbert of Italy carries \$7,500,000 life insurance. Italy must not be so poor as it has been represented to be, or Hum. couldn't get the spondulix to pay the premiums.

Washington society is having quite as much trouble to get itself recognized by Cornelius Vanderbilt as some of the Vanderbilts once had to get themselves recognized by New York society.

A New York police court magistrate used this remarkable language in open court the other day: "I believe fully fifty per cent of the boys brought up in this city are given to pilfering of some kind or other."

In an able editorial the New York Herald seeks to prove that arbitration will soon rule the world and in another, on the same page, it advocates the speedy completion of the defenses of New York harbor, as a guarantee of peace.

The elopement fever has found another royal victim in the person of the eldest daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, who has left her husband, Prince Philip, of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and run away with an Austrian captain.

President Cleveland has raised a storm of indignation among Michigan congressmen by trying to abolish the pension agency at Detroit by transferring it to Indianapolis. In the language of Senator Burrows, "This change is an outrage."

Mr. Wanamaker's idea of building a church as a thank-offering, because his store was only partially burned by the recent big fire in Philadelphia, is all right enough, but it furnishes no good reason for any merchant to neglect insuring his stock.

China may raise the money to build ships enough to become a first-class naval power in ten years, but if those ships are to be manned by Chinese they will never be tenth-class as fighters, unless the whole cowardly nature of the Chinaman can be changed.

When the ideal preacher begins, to preach the ideal newspaper will begin publication. Taken as they exist today the preachers as a body have no right to throw stones at the newspapers of the country. The editorial profession is not the only one in which bad men have gained a footing.

Mr. F. C. Foster of Chicago, the candidate for the position of Public Printer at Washington, does not pose as a politician, but is a strong republican and is endorsed by prominent business men from Maine to California. Considering his many years of thorough business training and his world-wide reputation as a progressive printer, there is no doubt in the public mind as to his ability to fill with satisfaction the position he seeks.

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DEFINITE PURPOSE IN EVERY RECITATION.

Fearing that some of our teachers fail in their professional work because of the lack of definite purpose in every recitation, and thinking that perhaps a few suggestions along this line might be helpful to some, we venture a short paper or two upon the same.

It is not enough that the teacher should have a desire to do good and to teach successfully, but every recitation should have some definite result to be accomplished, and should be a shaft shot at some mark.

An inventor constructs a machine, not for the mere satisfaction of working, but that it may work, and work out its object; a lawyer formulates his plea, not that he may use so many sheets of legal cap paper, but that he may win the case; a physician carefully diagnoses the symptoms of his patients, not that he may air his scientific knowledge, but that he may have a theory of treatment—so should the teacher have a plan of his work, not that he may fill in the time during school hours, but that he may rouse the activities of childhood and train to think.

Single thoughts and brilliant expressions may cause surprise and wonder, so will a single sharp-shooter. But single thoughts and brilliant flashes of thought are as worthless alone as a sharp-shooter without an organized army behind him.

The importance of having a plan can hardly be over-estimated. No one is exempt from this law. The teacher in the university, in the college, in the high school and in the district are all under this imperative necessity. More teaching is faulty because of the lack of plan than in almost any other particular. A plan is only an orderly development of the subject to be taught. We could not dispense with it for both nature and reason teach us that it is indispensable. The most indifferent student of science can not investigate long before he is impressed that creation is but construction carried on, guided by one controlling purpose. So in every true work from the construction of a universe to the singing of a lark, there is an idea developed and some one aim attained.

How often a recitation having many excellent ideas has been a flat failure, simply because there was no orderly procedure in presenting the work. A little time and labor spent in arrangement will make all the difference between an effective and an ineffective recitation.

It is most excellent practice for a teacher to be in the habit of asking himself, "What do I intend to teach in the recitation? What specific purpose do I desire to accomplish? What is the particular end I have in view at this hour?" If a recitation is to be successful it must have points. These points must be arranged with reference to what has been done in previous lessons and what is to come. Thought is the great thing that should be master. It is an excellent plan never to begin a recitation until its subject, aim, drift, and treatment are distinctly defined in our own minds, and so clear that we can express each in words, so that anyone may understand—in other words no teacher should be tied to the textbook.

With a lesson thus clearly defined, there will be clear teaching. When a teacher fails to make an average pupil understand what he means, it is no fault of the pupil. The blame lies entirely with the teacher, for he does not know what he means. An average pupil who can not easily follow the course of work as done by the teacher, should not be blamed and called dull, but the teacher should investigate his methods and overhaul his plans until they become logical and clear, then there will be no trouble about that feature.

It is not enough to teach so that you can be understood, but you should teach so that you can not be misunderstood. While we are making heroic efforts to acquire information, we should learn that this becomes useful to us only when we can give to each item of knowledge its proper setting.

The whole world was made, for man, and man was made for the whole world, and why should we shut ourselves in any one apartment, or refuse any of the proffered riches by imperfect or illogical training?

Your plan of work must be born and adapted to your professional necessities. Each teacher must, in many respects, frame his own plans. All that anyone can do is to give hints and suggestions. The question is not what is the best plan for teaching this or that, but what is the best for you with your conditions, mental appropriations, amount of time, and community. But a plan you must have if you succeed.

In lesson planning, one should aim to give his best thought, and when the lesson is finished by the exercise of one's best powers, let it be finished, and do not worry because you may not have reached your ideal. When you have made an honest effort in the best possible way, be satisfied. Do not dream and become morbid because the work was imperfect; the more manly and womanly way is to say nothing, but plan better and teach better next time.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATION.
The eighth grade examination, set by the State Supt., will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20, 1897, at the following places: Irving, Bowen's Mills, Orangeville, Delton, Assyria Centre, Dowling and Carlton Centre (in school houses), at the South Jordan school house in Woodland township, and at the court house in Hastings.
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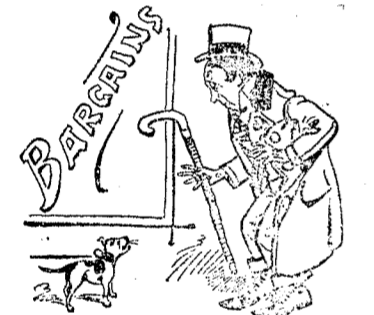
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1897.

Local Happenings.

"Here come the reckless skaters," said the sun, "and just beyond the ice is getting thinner and they must come off the pond."

How shall I make them heed me, And cease their sport awhile? "Just tell them that you thaw me," said the ice, and cracked a smile. —Ex.

Jaxon pure baking powder leavens best M. E. Aid society supper tomorrow. Fine sleighing again. Perfect winter, eh?

G. L. Keeler and Dr. Phelps have exchanged horses.

The school board hold an adjourned meeting this evening.

Send a 2 cent stamp for a handsome set of Jaxon Soap pictures. 25*

The young people have enjoyed skating on the river this week.

Since Monday milk is up a cent, now selling at 5 cents per quart.

The Freshney team has been sold to Del Wright of Grand Rapids.

The receipts at the Cong'l Aid society Friday amounted to \$10.75.

Born, Saturday, Feb. 9, in Peoria, N. Y., to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Orr, a son.

The creamery at Prairieville, which has been shut down for some time, is preparing to start up.

The oyster supper at the G. A. R. hall last Saturday evening was well attended. The proceeds were \$13.64.

Correspondents will please read "Notice to Correspondents" and abide thereby. When stationery gets low, say so.

J. W. Armstrong has purchased the Haulon building, first door east of the postoffice, and expects to move in next month.

Dr. Phelps has sold one of Sam'l Allen's horses to a party in Martin. Those wishing to dispose of horses should call on "Doc."

The following drive clipped horses: M. S. Keeler, J. N. Olmstead, M. F. Jordan and L. S. Hills. Clipped by F. L. Phelps.

A business meeting followed by a social gathering of C. E.'s will be held at the home of Miss Daisy Dowling tomorrow evening.

Every person who has an item of public interest will confer a favor by seeing that it reaches the SUN office. We want all the news.

A. C. Hunt, living three-quarters of a mile west of Bowen's Mills, says that a flock of fifty robins has been in his orchard for several days.

Lewis Irving has bought 100 acres of P. Parker's farm on the west county line, which includes the barn but not the residence. Consideration \$4,000.

Owing to a lack of a quorum Friday evening, the council met in special session Monday evening. The proceedings of the meeting will be found in another column.

For the first time in about five years the correcting of the local market was overlooked in last week's issue of the SUN. Considerable pains is taken to get the exact price paid on Thursday a. m. of each week.

The concert held at the Congregational church, Sunday evening, drew a full house and although the participants had but three days in which to prepare, all acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner.

An experienced publisher never worries because a man is dissatisfied with something that has appeared in the paper. He knows that the paragraph which offends one person will in all likelihood please twenty.

We are in receipt of Vol. 1, No. 16, of The Masonic Gavel, a bright illustrated 16-page weekly. Among the portraits is Hon. Bro. Russell A. Alger, secretary of war in cabinet of President-elect McKinley, member of Corinthian Lodge No. 241, Detroit.

A "Martha Washington" social will be given by the 3d division of the Baptist Aid society, Friday Feb. 19th, in place of the regular church supper, at the home of Mrs. M. S. Keeler. A good program. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10 cents.

The SUN has received in neatly printed form the eighth annual message of Hazen S. Pingree, mayor of Detroit. It is of more than ordinary interest and among other things shows that the potato patches have increased from \$10,332 to \$28,597 toward the support of the poor and unemployed.

Wm. Ellsworth's horse whirled around in front of Dr. Matteson's residence on Tuesday p. m., throwing Mr. E. into the ditch with mail pouch, etc. He escaped serious injury and little damage was done farther than the breaking of the dash-board. Chas. Brandstetter caught the horse on his homeward flight about a half mile west of the village.

The following is a list of the prizes won by the Cold Spring Creamery Co. at the dairymen's meeting held in Charlot last week: Solid gold medal; \$10 cash from Michigan Dairymen's association; \$10 cash from Diamond Crystal Salt Co.; 75 butter tubs from Creamery Pkg. Co., Chicago; 1 heater from C. C. Green; 1 bbl. salt from W. B. Boid; Hoar's Dairyman for one year.

Society's Doings.

Bert Severance entertained a small whist party Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown will entertain a large card party tomorrow evening.

Miss Minnie Dietrich entertained a few friends with whist and refreshments, Thursday evening.

Mrs. M. F. Dowling will entertain a small company at whist this evening in honor of her guest, Miss Sturgis.

Miss Edna Campbell entertained friends at whist, Monday evening. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time reported.

A very pleasant pedro party was held at the home of J. E. Ackerson on Monday evening, it being a surprise to the host and hostess. Bountiful refreshments were served.

About fifty friends of Ed Haines, living at the head of Barlow lake, gave him a surprise party last evening. A general good time is reported and the amusements included dancing.

There was a pleasant party at the home of A. A. Tewksbury, Thursday of last week, of the G. A. R. and their wives. Ed Mead and wife of Parmelee were present. Ed was ready for duty on skirmish line.

Frank Heany's residence south-west of the village was the scene of a pleasant surprise Friday evening, when friends crowded the house to the garage. Refreshments were served and a jolly good time enjoyed by all. A number from Caledonia were present.

Mrs. Effie David was pleasantly surprised last Saturday afternoon by a company of about forty ladies who unceremoniously stepping into her home with baskets of good things to eat and plenty of good cheer to help her celebrate the anniversary of her birthday. As a reminder of the event a handsome water set and two china plates were presented her.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell were the victims of a surprise party last evening by the members of the Star chapter. Forty-eight were present and enjoyed the evening of sociability. Games, music and a grand lunch, provided by these ladies who are famous in this line. "B-n" was just preparing to retire as the guests arrived, but finally postponed it till about half past twelve. The question is asked "where next?"

The L. M. C. gave a very pleasant party at the home of Miss Lena Griswold last Thursday evening, each member having the privilege of inviting one friend. Lotto with its accompanying grab bag was the chief amusement, though crokinole and music helped make the time pass quickly. Very nice refreshments were served by Mrs. Grosfeld at the restaurant whither the girls escorted their guests to partake of them. A general good time is reported by all.

The Eastern Star Chapter enjoyed a pleasant surprise upon ex-Sheriff McKeitt and wife at their commodious farm residence west of the village last Friday evening. Several sleigh loads besides some friends from Hastings, making in all fifty-two, who partook of the hospitalities of this genial host and hostess. The supper furnished by the ladies was elegant and every one was feeling in the best of spirits, consequently a gentle reminder of the pleasant gatherings in by-gone days.

Glenn Blake gave a very nice party Thursday evening from four till eight to twelve of his associates. Refreshments were served at half past five and consisted of the following: Sandwiches, beef loaf, scalloped potatoes, cake, coon, olives, oranges, bananas and salted peanuts. After supper games and other amusements were enjoyed. Guessing noses through a hole in a sheet afforded any amount of fun and a prize was given to the girl and boy guessing the greatest number. Hazel Hendrick and Mary Pratt were tie, but "drawing cuts" it fell to Hazel. Clara Mattason won the prize among the boys.

Master Sidney French gave a birthday supper to a dozen of his little friends Friday afternoon in the parlor of the Congregational church. It being Aid society day the mammas with their little ones were both there, which afforded an excellent opportunity. A special table was provided by Mrs. French very attractively set. Candies, pop-corn balls and a cake decorated with four little wax candles lighted, one for each year of his age, attracted the little ones and caused numerous exclamations. Misses Bessie Saunders and Minnie Jenkins catered to the wants of these little guests and the event was seemingly enjoyed by all the older ones nearly as much as by the little tots.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dietrich spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives in Grand Rapids and attended the surprise party at the Lincoln club rooms on the former's brother, O. J. Dietrich, Monday evening, of which the Herald says: If ever a man was happily surprised, that man was O. J. Dietrich, janitor of the Putnam block on Peirce street, in which the Lincoln club rooms are located. Yesterday was the thirty-first anniversary of his marriage, and his wife planned a surprise party on him. When Capt. George E. Judd made arrangements with him to have the Lincoln club rooms in readiness for a party last night, he did not dream that he was preparing the rooms for his own guests. It was not until Mr. Dietrich was ushered into the presence of about 50 of his friends that he realized what it all meant, and then it was some time before he recovered from the shock. After card playing, dancing was enjoyed. A fine collation was served and a most enjoyable evening spent.

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Personal Points.

Mrs. W. D. Gardner is on the sick list.

J. D. Dietrich spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Wm. L. Cobb is in Hastings on legal business.

E. R. Skiff was in Hastings on business, Monday.

Miss Bertha Jordan is numbered among the sick.

Wm. L. Cobb was in Hastings on legal business, Monday.

Wm. S. Gibbs is able to be out after a ten days' illness.

Mrs. W. B. Brown was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Dr. S. C. Rich and J. C. Otto were in the Rapids, Monday.

Mrs. A. P. Dibble went to Ithaca, Monday, for a week's visit.

Jesse W. Cobb and Arthur L. Cridler were in Hastings, Sunday.

D. W. Johnson and wife were in Wayland last week Thursday.

Rev. Robert Gordon was a guest at the Cong'l parsonage Friday.

Mrs. McElwain of Hastings was in the village Friday and Saturday.

Rev. M. Dodge of Hickory Corners has been in the village this week.

Charley Johnson has been out of school a week on account of illness.

Clare McMichael and family have moved from the farm to Coldwater.

Mrs. Mary Paul has been quite sick, with rheumatism, the past two weeks.

Jas. Crossman of Caledonia was the guest of friends in the village over Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Hunter of Carhom, Ont., is the guest of her brother, W. H. Gray, sr.

Mrs. Jas. Jackson of Wayland township was the guest of Mrs. H. Appleton on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Loucks of Moline were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Appleton, Tuesday.

R. M. Ferguson of Grand Rapids was the guest of his parents in the village over Sunday.

Howard Sackett of Vermontville was the guest of his brother, W. C., one day last week.

Mrs. Frank Armstrong is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. A. Lear, south of the village.

Dr. Lowry and wife of Hastings were in the village Friday and attended the McKeitt surprise.

George Williams, who has been teaching near Big Rapids, is visiting relatives in this locality.

Miss Minnie Furniss is on the sick list. Miss Libbie Broughton is acting as substitute in the first primary.

Mrs. W. S. Gibbs, who has been suffering the past three weeks with la grippe, is still confined to the house.

Mrs. Chas. Brown and son, who have been at Chas. Brandstetter's, returned to their home in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Irving A. Murphy of Plainwell is employed in the Keeler Brass works and has become a member of the cornet band.

Mrs. Alva Crossman and daughter returned to their home in Caledonia, Monday, after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Parker.

Ed Masters of Chicago spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Masters. He left Monday morning for Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, where he expects to remain.

Eugene Ward of Caledonia, was in the village yesterday to pay the taxes on his real estate in Barry county. Mrs. W. accompanied him and they put their feet under the editor's table for lunch.

Hastings Herald: Ward Whittemore of Middleville was in the city, Saturday.—B. A. Army of Middleville was a caller at the Herald office, Saturday.—John F. Coats and Leland Barney were the guests of friends in this city over Sunday.—Dr. Taylor of Middleville was in the city Saturday, enroute to Grand Ledge, where he was called by the illness of his brother's child.

REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP CAUCUS. The republicans of Thornapple township are requested to meet at the engine house in the village of Middleville, on Saturday, February 13, 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing thirteen delegates to attend the county convention to be held at Hastings, on Friday, February 19, at which time nominations will be made for county school commissioner and the election of delegates to attend the state convention to be held in Detroit, February 23. J. W. SAUNDERS, Chairman Twp. Com.

WANTED—Wood in exchange for photos. at Pinney's studio, Middleville.

Middleville Markets.	
Wheat (white).....	78
Rye.....	28
Corn, per bu.....	25
Oats.....	20
Timothy.....	1 75
Flour (roller).....	2 80
Bran per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	12 00
Butter (creamery).....	20
Butter (dairy).....	12
Eggs.....	12
Chickens (feather dressed).....	6 1/2
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	10
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	5 1/2
Veal calves (live).....	4 00
Hogs (dressed).....	3 75
Hogs (live).....	2 75
Lard.....	6
Tallow.....	2 1/2
Hides.....	4 5
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	7 00
Hay (clover).....	5 00
Wood (dry Beach & Maple).....	1 25
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	12
Salt.....	65
Lime per bbl.....	80
Land Plaster.....	4 50
Potatoes.....	15 20

THANK YOU

We wish to tender our earnest thanks to our friends and customers for the immense trade given us during our Great January Sale. Quite a number of our friends were not prepared to purchase their HARNASS at that time, and yet would like to buy one at the same low price. Consequently, in order to give everyone the same chance, we have concluded to continue our special low prices for thirty days—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 TO SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1897.

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FAMOUS MURDER TRIAL IN WHICH HE FIGURED.

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Abe's Able Plea.

The most sensational case in which Abraham Lincoln was ever engaged was that in which he defended Duff Armstrong against the charge of murder. Armstrong is still living, says a Chicago exchange, and tells the story of the alleged murder and the trial.

Armstrong, while at a camp meeting one Saturday night, engaged in a fight with one "Pres" Metzker. "Up to this time," says Armstrong, "Pres and I had been good friends; but 'Pres' had been drinking and was in an ugly mood. He had a loaded whip in his hand. I hit him a terrible blow, knocking the skin from one of my knuckles. Then we fought like tigers. At last he got me under him, and when the boys saw 'Pres' was getting the best of me they pulled him off. We walked up to the bar, and, each taking a drink of whisky, we bumped glasses and were friends again. I saw nothing more of him until the next morning, when he walked to the bar with a stolen quilt around him. His right eye was swollen shut. He bathed it with a glass of whisky, drank another glass, and then mounted his horse and rode away. Several days after that he died. Then the officers came and arrested me and put me in jail.

"I had a preliminary trial at Havana and was held without bail. All the bad luck in the world seemed to come to me now. On this very day my father, 'Jack' Armstrong, died. In his deathbed he said to my mother: 'Hannah, sell everything to clear 'Duff.'" Those were almost his last words.

"After the change of venue to Beardstown Lincoln told my mother he would defend me. At the trial I had about twenty-five witnesses. The strongest witness against me was Charles Allen. He was the witness that swore about the moon; he swore it was a full moon and almost overhead. 'Uncle Abe' asked him over and over about it, but he stuck to it. Then he said he saw me strike Metzker with a slung-shot. 'Uncle Abe' asked him to tell how it was done. He got up and went through the motion, struck an overhead blow, just as he declared he saw me do by the light of the full moon. 'Uncle Abe' had him do it over again. After Allen's testimony everybody thought I would be convicted.

"After 'Uncle Abe' had talked to the jury a little while, he said: 'Now, I will show you that this man Allen's testimony is a pack of lies; that he never saw Armstrong strike Metzker with a slung-shot; that he did not witness this fight by the light of the full moon, for the moon was not in the heavens that night.' And then 'Uncle Abe' pulled out the almanac and showed the jury the truth about the moon. I do not remember exactly what it was—whether the moon had not risen, or whether it had set; but whatever it was it upset Allen's story completely. He passed the almanac to the jurors and they all inspected it. Then 'Uncle Abe' talked about the fight, and showed that I had acted in self-defense and had used no weapon of any kind. But it seemed to me 'Uncle Abe' did his best talking when he told the jury what true friends my father and mother had been to him in the early days, when he was a poor young man at New Salem. He told how he used to go out to Jack Armstrong's and stay for days; how kind mother was to him, and how, many a time, he had rocked me to sleep in the old cradle. He said he was not there pleading for me because he was paid for it; but he was there to help a good woman who had helped him when he needed help. Lawyer Walker made a good speech for me, too, but 'Uncle Abe's' beat anything I ever heard.

"As 'Uncle Abe' finished his speech he said: 'I hope this man will be a free man before sundown.' The jury retired and nearly everybody went to supper. As soon as the judge and the lawyers got back from supper the jury was brought in. They had to pass me, and I eyed them closely for some hopeful sign. One of them looked at me and winked. Then I knew it was all right; when the foreman handed up the verdict of 'not guilty' I was the happiest man in the world, I reckon. 'Uncle Abe' would not charge my mother a cent; he said her happiness over my freedom was his sufficient reward."

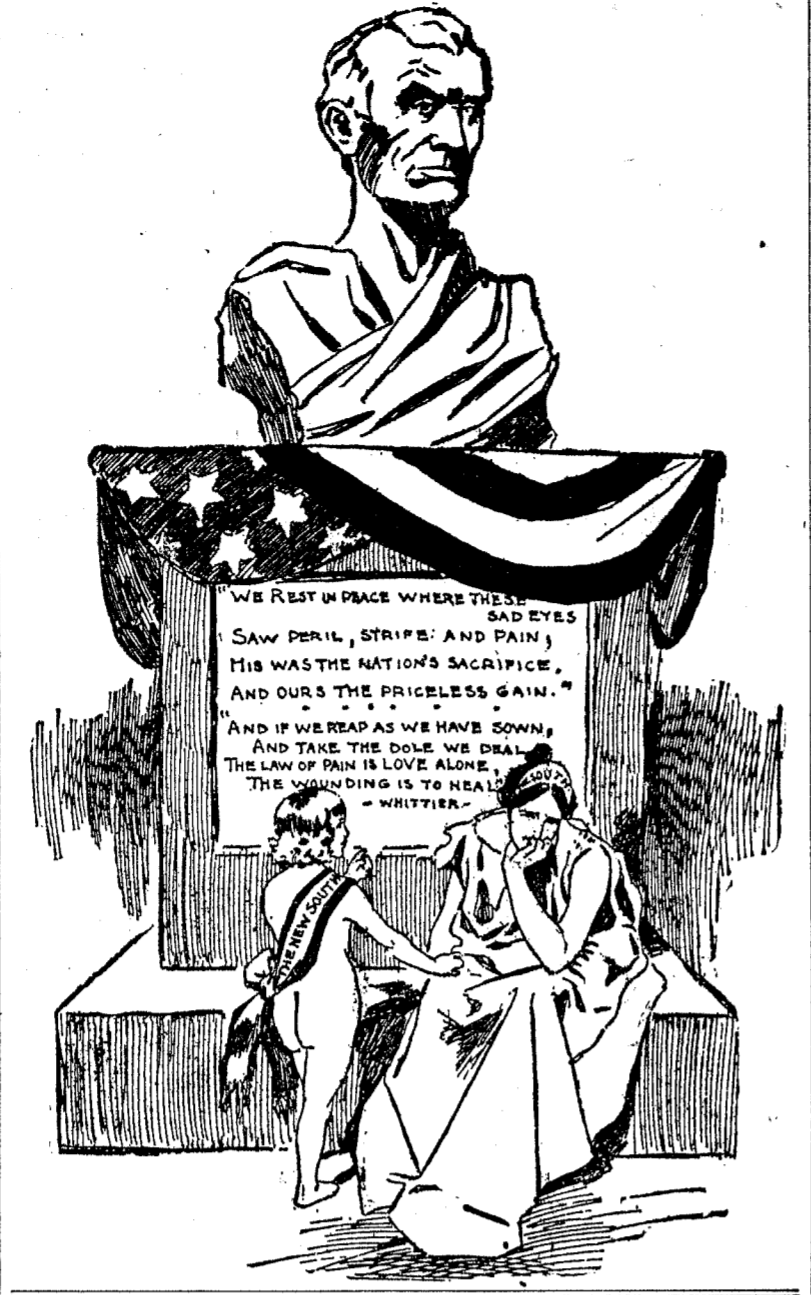
LINCOLN'S HESITANCY TO WED.

Apprehensive that the Pathway Was Not One of Flowers and Sunlight. Letters from Lincoln to his closest friend, Joshua Fry Speed, subsequent to the latter's marriage, betray an anxious and impatient desire to learn if marriage is a pathway of flowers and sunlight, and not of darkness and pain the two had morbidly feared it to be. John Gilmer Speed presents these hitherto unpublished letters bearing upon "Lincoln's Hesitancy to Marry," in the Ladies' Home Journal. In one Lincoln says:

"It cannot be told how it now thrills me with joy to hear you say you are far happier than you ever expected to be. That much I know is enough. I know you too well to suppose your expectations were not, at least sometimes, extravagant, and if the reality exceeds them all, I say, enough, dear Lord. I am not going beyond the truth when I tell you that the short space it took me to read your last letter gave me more pleasure than the sum total of all I have enjoyed since the fatal first of January, 1841. Since then, it seems to me, I should have been entirely happy but for the never-absent idea that there is one (referring to Miss Mary Todd) who is still unhappy, whom I have contributed to make so. That still kills my soul. I cannot but reproach myself for even wishing to be happy while she is otherwise. She accompanied a large party in the railroad cars to Jacksonville last Monday, and on her return spoke so that I heard of it, of having enjoyed the trip exceedingly. God be praised for that. One thing I can tell you which I know you will be glad to hear, and that is that I have seen Mary and scrutinized her feelings as well as I could, and am fully convinced she is far happier now than she has been for the last fifteen months past."

Henry Watterson's Eloquent Tribute to the Great Emancipator.

Probably the most eloquent tribute to Abraham Lincoln ever delivered was that of Henry Watterson, in which he said: "Born as lowly as the Son of God; reared in penury and squalor, with no gleam



of light nor fair surroundings, it was reserved for this strange being, late in life, without name or fame or seeming preparation, to be snatched from obscurity, raised to supreme command at a supreme moment and intrusted with the destiny of a nation. Where did Shakespeare get his genius? Where did Mozart get his music? Whose hand smote the lyre of the Scottish plowman and staid the life of the German priest? God alone, and as surely as these were raised by God, inspired by God, was Abraham Lincoln, and a thousand years hence no story, no tragedy, no epic poem will be filled with greater wonder than that which tells of his life and death. If Lincoln was not inspired of God, then there is no such thing on earth as special providence or the interposition of divine power in the affairs of men.

"My fellow citizens, a noble manhood, nobly consecrated to man, never dies. The martyr to liberty, the emancipator of a race, the savior of the only free government among men, may be buried from human sight, but his deeds will live in human gratitude forever.

"Great captains, with their guns and drums, Disturb our judgment for the hour, But at last silence comes; These are all gone, and standing like a tower, Our children shall behold his fame; The kindly, earnest, brave, far-seeing man, Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame, New birth of our new soil, the first American."

LINCOLN'S GOOD BREEDING.

An Embarrassing Incident that Bespoke His Innate Refinement. The writer remembers very well to have heard a very fastidious lady, a member of the Speed household, say, that though at that time Lincoln had none of the polish and gracefulness to be expected from those acquainted with the usages of society, he was one of Nature's gentlemen because of his kindness of heart and innate refinement. And after saying this she recalled an instance of real good manners on his part. At dinner there was a saddle of mutton. The servant after handing the roast passed a glass of jelly. Mr. Lincoln took the glass and ate the jelly from it. The servant got another glass and passed it around. Mr. Lincoln noticed that the others at table merely took a spoonful. Without embarrassment or apology he laughed quietly and remarked, "I seem to have taken more than my share," and then he went on with his dinner. Most persons, this lady thought, after committing such a solecism, would have been covered with confusion and profuse in apologies.—John Gilmer Speed, in Ladies' Home Journal.

Abraham Lincoln's Religion.

It would be useless for us to hold controversy with any one about Abraham Lincoln's religion. We have already printed a letter on the subject from Mr. E. A. Macdonald, who gave no proof of his assertion that Mr. Lincoln was a disbeliever in Christianity. He has sent us another letter in which he reiterates his assertion, but fails to support it with any evidence worth a straw. We are also favored with a book upon the subject which is not in any way instructive. We prefer Mr. Lincoln's own words to all the assertions of people who speak without knowledge. Many a time during his presidency, in public speeches and otherwise, he uttered language expressive of his faith in the Bible and in the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion. There cannot be any contention as to the authenticity or the sincerity of these many expressions. And Mr. Lincoln was not a dissembler, a hypocrite, a falsifier, or a time server. By his own words and works he shall be judged.—New York Sun.

Lincoln was once in a great assembly. The people made a line to let him pass. "He is a common looking fellow," some one said.

Lincoln turned to his critic and replied in his Quaker phrase: "Friend, the Lord prefers common looking people; that is why he made so many of them."

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The Home as a Test of Character, as a Safeguard, as a School, and as a Type of Heaven—A Beautiful Dream—The Final Welcome.

Our Washington Pulpit.

This sermon of Dr. Talmage will set many memories ringing with the good old times. His subject was "Harbor of Home," and the text Mark v., 19, "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

There are a great many people longing for some grand sphere in which to serve God. They admire Luther at the diet of Worms, and only wish that they had some such great opportunity in which to display their Christian prowess. They admire Paul making Felix tremble, and they only wish that they had some such grand occasion in which to preach righteousness, temperance and judgment to come. All they want is an opportunity to exhibit their Christian heroism. Now the apostle comes to us, and he practically says, "I will show you a place where you can exhibit all that is grand and beautiful and glorious in Christian character, and that is the domestic circle."

If one is not faithful in an insignificant sphere, he will not be faithful in a resounding sphere. If Peter will not help the cripple at the gate of the temple, he will never be able to preach 3,000 souls into the kingdom at the Pentecost. If Paul will not take pains to instruct in the way of salvation the sheriff of the Philippian dungeon, he will never make Felix tremble. He who is not faithful in an Armaggedon, the fact is, we are all placed in just the position in which we can most grandly serve God, and we ought not to be chiefly thoughtful about some sphere of usefulness which we may after awhile gain, but the all-absorbing question with you and with me ought to be, "Lord, what wilt thou have me (now and here) to do?"

Significance of Home.

There is one word in my text around which the most of our thoughts will to-day revolve. That word is home. Ask ten different men the meaning of that word and they will give you ten different definitions. To one it means love at the hearth, it means plenty at the table, industry at the workstand, intelligence at the books, devotion at the altar. To him it means a greeting at the door and a smile at the chair. Peace hovering like wings. Joy clapping its hands with laughter. Life a tranquil lake. Pillowed on the ripples sleep the shadows.

Ask another man what home is and he will tell you it is want looking out of a cheerless fire grate and kneading hunger in an empty bread tray. The damp air shivering with curses. No Bible on the shelf. Children, robbers and murderers in embryo. Vile songs their lullaby. Every face a picture of ruin. Want in the background and sin starting from the front. No Sabbath wave rolling over that doersill. Vestibule of the pit. Shadow of infernal walls. Furnace for forging everlasting chains. Faggots for an unending funeral pile. Awful world! It is spelled with curses, it weeps with ruin, it chokes with woe, it sweats with the death agony of despair.

The word home in the one case means everything bright. The word home in the other case means everything terrific. I shall speak to you of home as a test of character, home as a refuge, home as a political safeguard, home as a school and home as a type of heaven.

And in the first place I remark that home is a powerful test of character. The disposition in public may be in gay costume, while in private it is in dishabille. As play actors may appear in one way on the stage and may appear in another way behind the scenes, so private character may be very different from public character. Private character is often public character turned wrong side out. A man may receive you into his parlor as though he were a distillation of smiles, and yet his heart may be a swamp of nettles. There are business men who all day long are mild and courteous and genial and good natured in commercial life, keeping back their irritability, and their petulance, and their discontent, but at nightfall the dam breaks and scolding pours forth in floods and freshets. Reputation is only the shadow of character, and a very small house sometimes will cast a very long shadow. The lips may seem to drop myrrh and cassia, and the disposition to be as bright and warm as a sheaf of sunbeams, and yet they may only be a magnificent show window to a wretched stock of goods. There is many a man who is affable in public life and amid commercial spheres who, in a cowardly way, takes his anger and his petulance home and drops them in the domestic circle.

Piety at Home.

The reason men do not display their bad temper in public is because they do not want to be knocked down. There are men who hide their petulance and their irritability just for the same reason that they do not let their notes go to protest—it does not pay. Or for the same reason that they do not wish a man in their stock company to sell his stock at less than the right price, lest it depreciate the value. As at sunset the wind rises, so after a sunny day there may be a tempestuous night. There are people who at home act the Nero with respect to their slippers and their gown.

Audubon, the great ornithologist, with gun and pencil went through the forests of America to bring down and to sketch the beautiful birds, and after years of toil and exposure completed his manuscript and put it in a trunk in Philadelphia for a few days of recreation and rest and came back and found that the rats had utterly destroyed the manuscript, but without any discomposure and without any fret or bad temper, he again picked up his gun and pencil and visited again all the great forests of America and reproduced his immortal work. And yet there are people with the ten-thousandth part of that loss who are utterly irreconcilable, who, at the loss of a pencil or an article of raiment, will blow as long and sharp as a northeast storm.

Now, that man who is affable in public and who is irritable in private is making a fraudulent overture of stock, and he is as bad as a bank that might have \$400,000 or \$500,000 of bills in circulation, with no specie in the vault. Let us learn "to show piety at home." If we have it not there, we have it not anywhere. If we have not genuine grace in the family cir-

cle, all our outward and public piety, all our merly springs from a fear of the world or from the almy, putrid pool of our own selfishness. I tell you the home is a mighty test of character. What you are at home you are everywhere, whether you demonstrate it or not.

A Refuge and a Safeguard.

Again, I remark that home is a refuge. Life is the United States army on the national road to Mexico, a long march, with ever and anon a skirmish and a battle. At eventide we pitch our tent and stack our arms. We hang up the war cap and lay our head on the knapsack. We sleep until the morning bugle calls us to marching and action. How pleasant it is to rehearse the victories and the surprises and the attacks of the day, seated by the still camp fire of the home circle!

Yet, life is a stormy sea. With shivered masts and torn sails and bulk leak, we put into the harbor of home. Blessed harbor! There we go for repairs in the dry dock of quiet-life. The candle in the window is to the toiling man the light-house guiding him into port. Children go forth to meet their fathers as pilots at the Narrows take the hand of ships. The door of the home is the wharf where heavy life is unladen.

There is the place where we may talk of what we have done without being charged with self-adulation. There is the place where we may lounge without being thought ungraceful. There is the place where we may express affection without being thought silly. There is the place where we may forget our annoyance and exasperations and troubles. Forlorn earth pilgrim! No home? Then die. That is better. The grave is brighter and grander and more glorious than this world, with no tent from marchings, with no harbor from the storm, with no place to rest from this scene of greed and gouge and loss and gain. God pity the man or woman who has no home!

Further, I remark that home is a political safeguard. The safety of the State must be built on the safety of the home. The Christian hearthstone is the only cornerstone for a republic. The virtues cultured in the family circle are an absolute necessity for the State. If there be not enough moral principle to make the family adhere, there will not be enough political principle to make the State adhere. "No home" means the Goths and Vandals, means the nomads of Asia, means the Numidians of Africa, changing from place to place according as the pasture happens to change. Confounded be all those Babels of iniquity which would overthrow and destroy the home! The same storm that upsets the ship in which the family sails will sink the frigate of the constitution. Jails and penitentiaries and armies and navies are not our best defense. The door of the home is the best fortress. Household utensils are the best artillery, and the chimneys of our dwelling houses are the grandest monuments of safety and triumph. No home. No republic.

Home Is a School.

Further, I remark that home is a school. Old ground must be turned up with subsoil plow, and it must be harrowed and harrowed, and then the crop will not be as large as that of the new ground with less culture. Now, youth and childhood are new ground, and all the influences thrown over their heart and life will come up in after life luxuriantly. Every time you have given a smile of approbation all the good cheer of your life will come up again in the geniality of your children. And every ebullition of anger and every uncontrollable display of indignation will be fuel to their disposition twenty or thirty or forty years from now—fuel for a bad fire a quarter of a century from this. You praise the intelligence of your child too much sometimes when you think he is not aware of it, and you will see the result of it before ten years of age in his annoying affectations. You praise his beauty, supposing he is not large enough to understand what you say; and you will find him standing on a high chair before a flattering mirror. Words and deeds and example are the seed of character, and children are very apt to be the second edition of their parents. Abraham begat Isaac, so virtue is apt to go down in the ancestral line, but Herod begat Archelaus, so iniquity is transmitted. What vast responsibility comes upon parents in view of this subject!

Oh, make your home the brightest place on earth if you would charm your children to the high path of virtue and rectitude and religion! Do not always turn the blinds the wrong way. Let the light which puts gold on the gentian and spots the pansy pour into your dwellings. Do not expect the little feet to keep step to a dead march. Do not cover up your walls with such pictures as West's "Death on a Pale Horse" or Tintoretto's "Massacre of the Innocents." Rather cover them, if you have pictures, with "The Hawking Party," and "The Mill by the Mountain Stream," and "The Fox Hunt," and "The Children Amid Flowers," and "The Harvest Scene," and "The Saturday Night Marketing."

Cheerfulness.

Get you no hint of cheerfulness from grasshopper's leap and lamb's frisk, and quail's whistle, and garrulous streamlet, which, from the rock at the mountain top clear down to the meadow ferns under the shadow of the steep, comes looking for the steepest place to leap off at and talking just to hear itself talk? If all the skies hurried with tempest and everlasting storm wandered over the sea, and every mountain-stream went raving mad, frothing at the mouth with mad foam, and there were nothing but simoons blowing among the hills, and there were neither lark's carol nor humming bird's trill, nor waterfall's dash, but only bear's bark and panther's scream and wolf's howl, then you might well gather into your homes only the shadows. But when God has strewn the earth and the heavens with beauty and with gladness, let us take into our home circles all innocent hilarity, all brightness and all good cheer. A dark home makes bad boys and bad girls in preparation for bad men and bad women.

Above all, my friends, take into your homes Christian principle. Can it be that in any of the comfortable homes of my congregation the voice of prayer is never lifted? What! No supplication at night for protection? What! No thanksgiving in the morning for care? How, my brother, my sister, will you answer God in the day of judgment with reference to your children? It is a plain question, and therefore I ask it. In the tenth chapter of Jeremiah God says he will pour out his fury upon the families that call not upon his name. Oh, parents, when you are dead and gone and the moss is covering the inscription of the tombstone, will your children look back and think of father and mother at family prayer? Will they take the old family Bible and open it and see the mark of tears and contrition and tears of consoling promise, wept by eyes

long before gone out into darkness? Oh, if you do not inculcate Christian principle in the hearts of your children, and you do not warn them against evil, and you do not invite them to holiness and to God, and they wander off into dissipation and into infidelity, and at last make shipwreck of their immortal souls, on their deathbed and in the day of judgment they will curse you! Seated by the register or the stove, what if on the wall should come out the history of your children? What a history—the mortal and immortal life of your loved ones! Every parent is writing the history of his child. He is writing it, composing it into a song or tuning it into a groan.

My mind runs back to one of the best of early homes. Prayer, like a roof over us. Peace, like an atmosphere in it. Parents, personifications of faith in trial and comfort in darkness. The two pillars of that earthly home long ago crumbled to dust. But shall I ever forget that earthly home? Yes, when the flower forgets the sun that warms it. Yes, when the mariner forgets the star that guided him. Yes, when love has gone out on the heart's altar and memory has emptied its urn into forgetfulness. Then, home of my childhood, I will forget thee—the family altar of a father's opportunity and a mother's tenderness, the voices of affection, the funerals of our dead. Father and mother, with interlocked arms, like intertwining branches of trees, making a perpetual arbor of love and peace and kindness, then I will forget thee; then, and only then. You know, my brother, that 100 times you have been kept out of sin by the memory of such a scene as I have been describing. You have often had raging temptations, but you know what has held you with supernatural grasp. I tell you a man who has had such a good home as that never gets over it, and a man who has had a bad early home never gets over that.

Home and Heaven.

Again, I remark that home is a type of heaven. To bring us to that home Christ left his home. Far up and far back in the history of heaven there came a period when its most illustrious citizen was about to absent himself. He was not going to sail from beach to beach. We have often done that. He was not going to put out from one hemisphere to another hemisphere. Many of us have done that. But he was to sail from world to world, the spaces unexplored and immensities untraveled. No world had ever hailed heaven, and heaven had never hailed any other world. I think that the windows and the balconies were thronged and that the pebbly beach was crowded with those who had come to see him sail out of the harbor of light into the oceans beyond. Out and out and out, and on and on and on, and down and down and down he sped, until one night, with only one to greet him, he arrived. His disembarkation so unpretending, so quiet, that it was not known on earth until the excitement in the cloud gave intimation that something grand and glorious had happened. Who comes there? From what port did he sail? Why was this the place of his destination? I question the shepherd: I question the camel drivers. I question the angels. I have found out. He was an exile. But the world has had plenty of exile. Abraham, an exile from Ur of the Chaldees; John, an exile from Ephesus; Kosciuszko, an exile from Poland; Mazzini, an exile from Rome; Emmet, an exile from Ireland; Victor Hugo, an exile from France; Kossuth, an exile from Hungary. But this one of whom I speak to-day had such resounding farewell and came into such chilling reception—for not even a hostler went out with his lantern to help him in—that he is more to be celebrated than any other expatriated one of earth or heaven.

It is 93,000,000 miles from here to the sun, and all astronomers agree in saying that our solar system is only one of the small wheels of the great machinery of the universe, turning round some great center so far distant it is beyond all imagination and calculation, and if, as some think, that great center in the distance is heaven Christ came far from home when he came here. Have you ever thought of the homesickness of Christ? Some of you know what homesickness is when you have been only a few weeks absent from the domestic circle. Christ was thirty-three years away from home. Some of you feel homesickness when you are 100 or 1,000 miles away from the domestic circle. Christ was more millions of miles away from home than you could calculate if all your life you did nothing but calculate. You know what it is to be homesick even amid pleasurable surroundings, but Christ slept in huts, and he was athirst, and he was a-hungered, and he was on the way from being born in one man's barn to being buried in another man's grave. I have read how the Swiss, when they are far away from their native country, at the sound of their national air get so homesick that they fall into melancholy, and sometimes they die under the homesickness. But, oh, the homesickness of Christ! Poverty, homesick for celestial riches. Persecution, homesick for hosanna. Weariness, homesick for rest. Homesick for angelic and archangelic companionship. Homesick to go out of the night and out of the storm and the world's execration, and all that homesickness suffered to get us home.

At our best estate we are only pilgrims and strangers here. "Heaven is our home." Death will never knock at the door of that mansion, and in all that country there is not a single grave. How glad parents are in holiday time to gather their children home again. But I have noticed that almost always there is a son or a daughter absent—absent from home, perhaps absent from the country, perhaps absent from the world. Oh, how glad our heavenly Father will be when he gets all his children home with him in heaven! And how delightful it will be for brothers and sisters to meet after long separation! Once they parted at the door of immortality. Once they saw only "through a glass darkly"; now it is "face to face," corruption, incorruption; mortality, immortality. Where are now all their sins and sorrows and troubles? Overwhelmed in the Red Sea of death while they passed through dry shod.

The Final Welcome.

Gates of pearl, capstones of amethyst, thrones of donihon do not stir my soul so much as the thought of home. Once there, let earthly sorrows howl like storms and roll like seas. Home! Let thrones rot and empires wither. Home! Let the world die in an earthquake struggle and be buried amid procession of planets and dirge of spheres. Home! Let everlasting ages roll in irresistible sweep. Home! No sorrow, no crying, no tears, no death, but home, sweet home; home, beautiful home, everlasting home, home with each other, home with angels, home with God.



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FACTS ABOUT RAILROAD TRAVEL

What It Costs to Carry Passengers on Western Roads.

There is a surprising amount of information among the people regarding the cost of carrying passengers on railroad trains and to this condition of the public mind is doubtless due much of the sentiment in favor of lower rates, which is finding expression through bills for sweeping reductions in the Legislatures of many of the Western States this winter.

Mr. P. S. Eustis, General Passenger Agent of the C., B. & Q. R. R., in an argument before the House Committee of the Missouri Legislature last week on the two-cent bill, gave some valuable and surprising information about the passenger business in the West. His statements were based upon the reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Railroad and Warehouse Commission of Missouri, and are therefore beyond question.

The following table showing the relative population and rates is interesting in this connection:

Table with 3 columns: State, Population per sq. mile, Passenger revenue per mile of R.R. Missouri: 39, \$977.00; Illinois: 68, 2,075.00; Ohio: 90, 1,951.00; New York: 122, 4,513.00; New England: 200, 4,422.00

Mr. Eustis made the statement that, while the named rate in most of the Western States was three cents per mile, the actual amount received is considerably less than that sum. This is due to the fact that the railroad having a long line between two points cannot charge more than the rate fixed by a road having a shorter line, and to excursion rates demanded by the people, all of which reduce the average rate materially.

But the most surprising assertion made by Mr. Eustis was that the Western roads, with possibly one or two individual exceptions, carry passengers at an actual loss. The St. Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern was cited as an instance. Mr. Eustis produced a statement of the expense on that road to show that the cost per passenger per mile exceeded three cents, the legal rate.

The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission referring to the railroads of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and that part of the Dakotas and Missouri lying east of the Missouri river shows that it cost the railroads two and three one-thousandths cents per mile to carry passengers, exclusive of any charge for taxes, rents, interest on mortgages and other items of the kind. Mr. Eustis declared that a two-cent flat rate in Missouri would reduce the average to one and three-quarters cents, if not lower.

It was shown that lower rates do not largely increase traffic, and instances were cited where reductions from four cents and three and one-half cents per mile did not result in increased travel.

Answering the question as to whether rates in Europe were not lower than in this country, Mr. Eustis showed that while the third-class rate on some European lines is lower, the second-class rates, which are paid by the great traveling public, are higher than American rates. The conveniences of second and third-class travel in Europe are not to be compared with those of America in point of comfort and convenience.

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A Portrait Valentine

By Charles Kelsey Gaines After Anacreon

Babe fayce in softeste lynes, Eyes from which the starlight shyness; Shredded sunlight on her hedde; Lippes that sweetened alle shee, seddes;

Liquante nose and dympled chinne, Resolute to wille and winnes; Daintie eares that, wel I wyss; Aske noe jewel but a kys;

On her bosome roses gaye, Breathing, lyke her byppes, of Maye; Hummyng-birdes that cheek in flye Cannot sit with steppe more lyfe.

Cupydes, alle around her winging, Keep their golden bowes araving; Twanging each his leaping stringe; But vaine they stulle their arrowes, singe.

Oht catche her, Payneere, with thy Arte; Thyss litle, hussie halhe my hart.

SWEETHEART OF MINE.

When the morning breezes blow, love, Blow softly o'er the sea, They murmur faint and low, love A song I send to thee; A tender, truthful token Borne on a zephyr's wing— Forget your doubts and pain, For the thunder only utters My song and its refrain.

"Sweetheart of mine, remember this Thro' all the years to be: True love that never, never dies Lives in my heart for thee!"

When storm clouds dark and drear, love, Obscure your noontide skies, And a nameless, shadowy fear, love, Brings tears unto your eyes; When the fierce, wild tempest mutters Forget your doubts and pain, For the thunder only utters My song and its refrain.

"Sweetheart of mine, remember this Thro' all the years to be: True love that never, never dies Lives in my heart for thee!"



True love that never, never dies Lives in my heart for thee!"

When the world is rocked to sleep, love, In twilight's cold embrace, And the stars their vigils keep, love, In God's own heavenly place; When the night winds sigh around you With voices sweet and low, Then I know my song has found you— In the moonbeam's silvery glow—

"Sweetheart of mine, remember this Thro' all the years to be: True love that never, never dies Lives in my heart for thee!"

Bessie's Valentine. Clara, Willie, little Bess, All around the table press, Writing pleasant little lines Which they mean for valentines.

"Now," said Clara, "we must write something to our heart's delight; Just a little verse will do, Saying we'll be ever true."

Willie writes to Charlie Bates, Jolly fun for all his mates; But he has enough of wit Not to sign his name to it.

All are done, says little Bess, Shyly; "This will do, I guess; 'Grandpa, dear, how I love you! Tell me that you love me, too."

All these crosses (x x x x) in a row, What they mean, now, do you know? Every one, and this (x) and this (x), Stands for little Bessie's kiss."

Now that they are all complete, They are sent—the missives sweet. When they hear the postman's ring Some for them he'll surely bring.

When grandpa gets his valentine, How 'twill make his old eyes shine! And, if he's like me and you, Well we know what he will do.

CHEAP VALENTINES.

How Clever Boys and Girls May Make Their Own Valentines.

A sheet of rough water-color paper will prove the most useful foundation upon which to build. For the first style, cut two cards from this sheet, each 2 3/4 x 4 inches in size. Upon each of these, near one end, outline a butterfly in different positions. These you can trace from pictures, which will be easily found if you are not accustomed to drawing. Now, with a small brush, color these with water-colors, perhaps one yellow, the other light brown. Add a few dots and dashes of deeper color and paint the body brown. If you have some gilding, add a few dots of that to the wings, and print with it in odd letters, the words, "To my Valentine," across from one card to the other. Finish by tying the two cards together with a narrow yellow ribbon, through holes cut with button-hole scissors. The result will be very satisfactory. If you have not the paints and have a set of Brownie stamps, a very funny little valentine may be made in the same manner as the one just described, by stamping two or three of the Brownies in place of the butterflies. Each corner of the cards may be gilded and the same lettering may be done with pen and ink. Red ink is pretty for this purpose. Another card five inches square, has the edges gilded and a Brownie stamped diagonally on the card, near each corner, while through the center runs the words,

in gilt lettering: "With best wishes to my Valentine." If the four corners are occupied by an artist, a musician, a policeman and a duke, no matter—the recipient can count them upon her buttons after the manner of the "rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief," and decide thereby which her future husband is to be.

A card about four inches square is cut heart shape; the edge is gilded all around with irregular strokes, and the surface within is covered with dots of the gilt. Then with gilding of different shades, as bronze or blue-green, or with a pretty shade of water colors, the words, "Each dot means love for you" are traced in fanciful lettering with a small brush. Two smaller hearts may be cut and tied together with ribbon, and the edges finished like the larger heart, while lettering, stamps or outlines may be added.

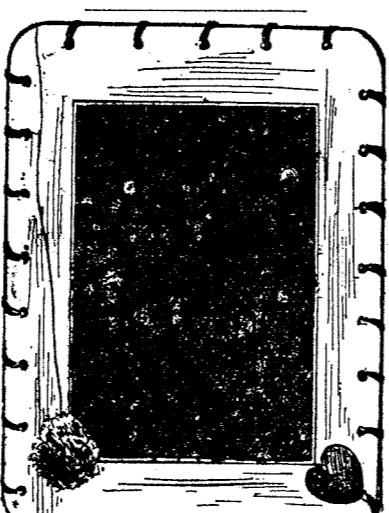
A pattern, which may be familiar, is that of a shoe sole. A row of small dots near the edge indicate the nails, and the words, "I love you from the bottom of my sole," are straggled over its surface.

A plain card, or one cut in heart shape which cannot fail to delight the recipient if she have a spark of fun in her make-up, has two raisins glued, or, better still, fastened to its surface with a few short stitches, and the words added, "I love you for two raisins."

Munkacsy Was a Waif.

On the northwestern boundary of Hungary is a small town called Munkacs. In 1848 the rebels drove the Austrians out. After a battle in the streets among the wounded and dead was found a baby boy, crying and shivering. He was unable to give an account of himself, so the authorities sent him to a public institution and christened him Michael, because it was the day of St. Michael, and Munkacsy, because he had been found in the streets of that town. Apprenticed to a cabinetmaker, he neglected his bench and chisel to carve everything within reach with charcoal imitations of pictures. His master complained to the town that the boy was too lazy to live, hearing which a rich man—as it is in the story book—took Michael out and sent him to art schools. In 1867 he took the lead in the Paris salon, which he has held ever since.

An ordinance against the use of narrow tires on vehicles is to be introduced in the City Council of New Orleans.



Sponge out what you can of the old, Make room what you can for the new; But do not efface from the old corner place The heart that beats warmly for you. YOUR VALENTINE.



FROM EXPOSURE

DURING THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.

Veteran's Own Version of His Troubles

From the Commercial, Mattoon, Ill. Henry Clegg is a well-known real estate man in Mattoon, Ill. He is in the Grand Army man, and served in Company C Sixty-seventh Indiana Infantry, during the war of the rebellion.

Like many other soldiers, Mr. Clegg did not pass through the ordeal of soldier life peacefully, having twice during his service been in hospital from illness brought on by exposure, the seeds of which he carried into private life, the same taking exceedingly deep root, in the shape of rheumatism and disease of the stomach.

During an interview Mr. Clegg made the following statement to a reporter: "Four years ago my disability assumed an aggravated form. All my limbs and organs were affected, and the pain of the rheumatism was intense. For years I was under the care of physicians, having had ten different doctors. I used every remedy suggested or that I saw advertised, but none of them, doctors included, did me the slightest good.

"It is now nearly two years ago since I heard of and began to use Pink Pills, and before I had used one box I began to obtain relief. I continued to take them for three months regularly, according to the directions of Dr. Williams, and by that time my appetite was good, my stomach acted as a well-regulated stomach, and my rheumatism troubled me no more. I always keep Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People by me, and occasionally if indisposed take one or more, and I am all right again. I always recommend them to persons suffering with similar disorders to what I had and when my advice is followed benefit invariably results.

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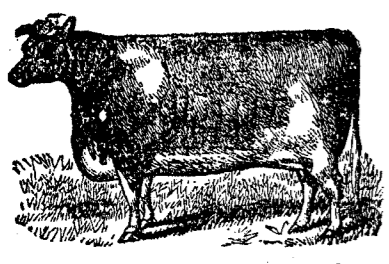


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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1897.

Coming Events.

Regular meeting of F. & A. M. next Tuesday.
The new Congregational church at Wayland will be dedicated on Monday next.
Rev. Dan F. Bradley's lecture announced for the 22d has been postponed until March.
There will be a meeting of the Anti-Saloon League at the Cong'l church parlors Monday evening at 6 o'clock.
Miss Flora J. Beadle, county school commissioner, will be in the village the 22d and deliver an address to the high school.
Rev. J. J. Dorris of Greenacastle University has been secured as pastor for the M. E. charge of this place. Word has not been received when he will be here.
The democratic state convention for the purpose of nominating candidates for justice of the supreme court and members of the university, will be held at Grand Rapids, Feb. 17.
The C. E. society expect to organize a Sunday school at the Gates school house, three miles south of the village, on Sunday at 3 p. m. The entire neighborhood is requested to attend.
Reading club will meet with May Bassett Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 17. Current events, May Bassett; reader, Mrs. Spaulding; questions, Mrs. Brown; spelling, Mrs. Saunders; critic, Mrs. Cobb; quotations, Courage.
Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "A Sure Promise." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E. 3:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "What our Denomination is Doing." Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Mission and Saturday afternoon, with Mrs. Levieth. Teachers' meeting, Monday, p. m. A welcome to all services.

M. E. AID SOCIETY.
The M. E. Aid society will meet in the church parlors, Friday p. m., Feb. 12. Business meeting at 3 o'clock. Admit to entertain; Mrs. Del. Benaway, Mrs. James Benaway, Mrs. C. Clever, Mrs. Wm. Cridler, Mrs. P. Cobb, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. M. Thompson. Tea from 5 until all are served. A cordial invitation to all.
REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION
Detroit, February 23.
Tickets will be sold Feb. 22 and 23 for above occasion for \$4.19 for round trip, food returning not later than the 24th. 5-3 J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

SILVER CAUCUS.
At the silver caucus held at the engine house, Saturday p. m., Dr. A. Taylor was chosen chairman and B. A. Almy secretary. The following delegates were elected to attend the county convention to be held in Hastings tomorrow: Geo. Sanford, Chas. Brandtetter, Benj. A. Almy, W. L. Cobb, Vm. Cridler, A. D. Thomas, Chas. Spreen, W. Miller, Giles Hatton, Dejaney Matteson, A. L. Taylor, Sam Barille, Lincoln Parkhurst. The chairman, Wm. Cridler, has authority to fill all vacancies.

MICHIGAN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET.
For above occasion the Michigan Central will sell tickets to Detroit and return for \$4.19. Good going February 2 or 23. Limit to return not later than the 24th. J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

The ex-Prisoners of War association of Michigan will hold their 15th annual union Grand Rapids, Thursday, Feb. 5, 1897. Business meeting at 1:30 p. m. Camp-fire in the evening. Gov. I. S. Pingree and other prominent ex-prisoners of war are expected to be present.
Prof. L. R. Taft's latest bulletin warns Michigan farmers against the St. Jose scale. He says: "The most probable means of infection to Michigan orchards is upon nursery stock. If within the past six years you have purchased trees from eastern nurseries we urge you to at once carefully examine them. Particular attention should be paid to the branches that are two or three years old or to the trunks of young trees. When plentiful upon the trees, they will have an ash-gray, scurfy appearance."

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular meeting of the common council was convened at the office of the village clerk on Monday, Feb. 8, 1897, and was called to order by the president at 7 o'clock p. m. Present, Trustees Armstrong, McConnell, Stimson, Tewksbury and the president, K. T. French.

On motion of Trustee Armstrong \$10 was allowed to each of the street commissioners, M. A. Dietrich and Wm. McConnell, for services during the year.

The following accounts were presented and read and on motion of Trustee McConnell were allowed and orders drawn for the several amounts:

E. D. Pratt for hardware	5 21
Walter Foster, work on street	5 21
J. D. Dietrich, care of engine house	8 00
J. R. Cook, plank and coal	27 78
J. W. Saunders, printing	5 50
G. W. Matteson, health officer	4 50
M. F. Jordan, village attorney	12 50

Moved by Trustee McConnell that the president appoint two trustees to officiate with the village clerk as board of registration. Motion prevailed and Trustees McConnell and Tewksbury were appointed on board of registration.
On motion of Trustee Armstrong three election commissioners were appointed, consisting of W. D. Gardner, R. M. Johnson and J. W. Saunders.

Moved by Trustee McConnell that three trustees be appointed to officiate with the clerk as inspectors of village election. Motion prevailed. Trustees Stimson, McConnell and Tewksbury were appointed inspectors of election.
On motion of Trustee Armstrong, council adjourned.
G. W. MATTESON, Clerk.

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WHEAT HAS SUFFERED.

January Crop Report Shows Most of It Has Been Injured.

The January crop report issued by Secretary of State Gardner states that in reply to the question, "Has wheat during January suffered injury from any cause?" 130 correspondents in the southern counties answer "Yes," and 360 "No"; in the central counties 64 correspondents answer "Yes," and 94 "No," and in the northern counties 33 answer "Yes," and 66 "No." The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in January is 16,532, and in the six months, August-January, 6,305,775. The amount marketed in the six months, August-January, is 311,949 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year.

An unknown malady is killing hundreds of sheep in Cass and adjacent counties in southern Michigan. In some localities entire flocks have died and farmers have suffered severe losses in consequence. The disease is particularly virulent in the northern part of Cass county.

There were 51 more prisoners received than released at the state prison last year.

WM. R. HAYES WRITES
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Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and sick headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never let her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at J. W. Armstrong's drug store.

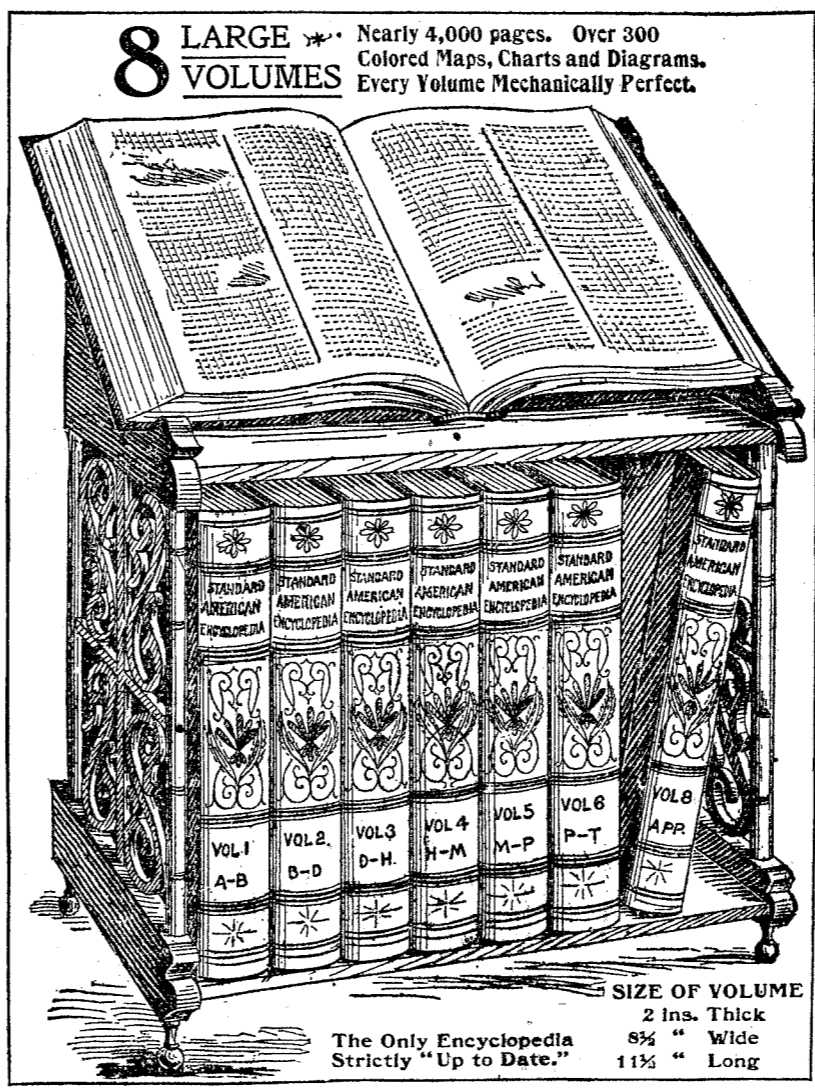
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Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

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