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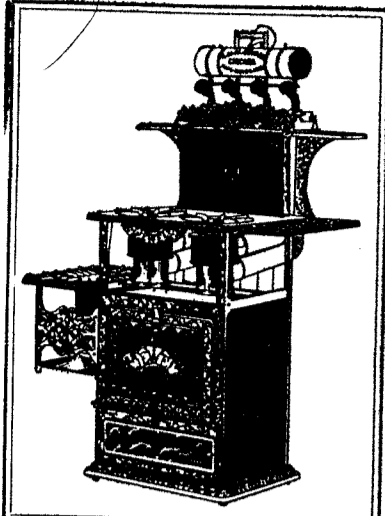
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### Neighborhood Notes

GATHERED BY A  
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**BOWNE BUDGET.**  
June 14—Children's Day has been postponed two weeks on account of measles.  
The people of this vicinity were called to mourn the loss of a pioneer and neighbor, Mr. Archibald McNaughton, who died at his home last Friday morning of heart disease. Although he had been ailing for some time, his death was very sudden and a shock to all. The funeral was held in Bowne Center M. E. church Sunday at 2 o'clock and the remains interred in Bowne Center cemetery.  
Mrs. Rev. Westbrook and son, Arthur, are visiting the former's parents of Vergennes.

Scott Lowe has returned from a business trip to Detroit.  
The measles are abating.  
F. L. Colson of Grand Rapids is visiting friends at this place.  
Several from this place attended the band tournament at Lowell and their heads were jammed so full of music they can not tell one tune from another.  
Geo. Markley had a cow get fast in the mire while he was attending the band tournament at Lowell, but returned just in time to save her life.  
Mrs. Nora Watts has been visiting friends at Elmdale.

Arthur Clarke is on the sick list.  
The carpenters are busy at work on Sobenok Thomas' new house.  
Frank Walton of Bowne township discovered Friday that one of James McNaughton's dogs from a neighboring farm had been killing his sheep. He caught the animal, shut it up and went over to tell McNaughton of the matter. McNaughton no sooner heard that his dog had been imprisoned than he seized his informant by the neck and proceeded to chastise him. Surprised at the attack and weak on account of illness from which he was just recovering, Walton could do little to defend himself, but he managed to reach his carriage and fled, pursued by McNaughton with a knife in his hand. Walton was headed in a direction opposite from home, and had to return by McNaughton's farm. As he drove past McNaughton gave chase again, armed this time with a club, and coming to a bridge, stood in the middle of it and refused to allow the horse to proceed. Walton jumped from the rig and seized a stone, with which he threatened to brain McNaughton if he did not let him pass. His assailant finally yielded. Walton went to Prosecuting Attorney Rogers Saturday and swore out a warrant for McNaughton, charging him with assault and battery.

**BOWEN'S MILLS.**  
The long anticipated annual school picnic came last Friday. The day was all that could be asked for. The refreshing rain the night before laid the dust, which made wheeling and walking agreeable to all. The picnic brought people from all the surrounding towns. The usual exercises of all the schools could not well be excelled and the audience, though large, gave unusual attention; and here people come together and meet friends that they seldom see, only at these picnics. So, you see, the social part well pays all to come and see each other once a year.  
Miss Beadle, as usual, was at her best and delivered a splendid instructive speech which was listened to by all seemingly with great interest. Mr. Aaron Clark, the renowned orator, with his ever ready and pleasing manners as well as his instructive talk, was well listened to. The People's church choir rendered some beautiful pieces of music. Taking it as a whole, with the martial music, Yankee Springs annual school picnic was a grand success.

L. W. Smith's picnic dance was well attended, 50 numbers sold, and a good time was enjoyed by those who "tripped the light fantastic toe."  
Walter Bechtel came in from Grand Rapids on a wheel to attend the picnic.  
The organizer of these school picnics was here from Grand Rapids.  
Linn Mastenbrook has the agency of this town for the wire fence to be manufactured in Middleville.  
Bernie Gordon has taken unto himself, this time for sure, a helpmate for life. We wish him joy, peace and happiness through this journey of life.  
The hot weather brings out the secluded hammock to its proper place in the shade, to say nothing about iced water, iced tea and ice-cream to refresh the inner man; and then, too, a bottle of hop tea, ice cold, helps make up the balance of the refreshments.  
Mrs. E. H., Mrs. Wm. and the kid, Schuyler, Bowen went to the Valley City, Wednesday, for a few days' visit.  
Sheriff Ritchie and family of Hastings were in attendance at the picnic.

**CALEDONIA CULLINGS.**  
One of the largest crowds ever seen in Caledonia was attracted there Saturday to witness a public delivery of Light Running Plano Binders and Mowers to Kent and Barry county farmers by the Plano local agent, Mr. J. E. Kennedy, who is well known in the implement business and a thorough believer in the use of printer's ink for advertising. The town was gayly decorated in stars and stripes and flying banners, and presented the appearance of an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration. The streets were vacated by the village authorities, and a procession of farmers' wagons, loaded with Plano machines, fully a mile long, headed by a brass band, formed for parade and was photographed. One hundred and fifty-three machines were

loaded into farmers' wagons on a special train which stood on the side-track. The event drew farmers from the surrounding country for a radius of twenty-five miles, and it is said to have been the largest public delivery of harvesting machinery ever made in the state by any company, aggregating a value of nearly twenty thousand dollars. A free dinner was served to the farmers, and it was a day of general jollification. Mr. J. E. Leises of Jackson and E. C. Rutledge of Grand Rapids, general agents, many Plano local agents from neighboring towns and Chicago representatives from the general offices of the company were present.

**EAST CALEDONIA.**  
Mrs. E. Trip and son, Clarence, visited her niece, Miss Clara Brown, a few days last week.  
Mrs. Fox and daughter, Mrs. Frain, were guests at Mr. D. W. Dutcher's, last week.  
A number from this place attended the I. O. O. F. memorial services at Caledonia, Sunday.  
Miss Hessa Winks closed a successful year of school at Whitteville, Friday, with a picnic at Campau lake.  
Al Tobey and family are entertaining company from Nashville.  
A. H. McNeil and family visited at S. W. Proctor's, Sunday.  
Died at his home Friday, Mr. A. McNaughton. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss, besides a large circle of friends. The funeral was held at Bowne Center, Sunday.

**DUNCAN LAKE.**  
June 15—A good many of the farmers have replanted some of their corn.  
A rag peddler with his wagon and team occupied the school grounds last night. He was "tenting on the Old Camp Ground."  
Mrs. Skinner, an aunt of Charles Pike, who has been making her home with Charles during the spring, will return to her home in Saugatuck, Wednesday.  
Quite a good many from this place attended the funeral of Mr. Ackerson last Friday. Mr. Ackerson will be missed by all the neighbors here where he lived so long.  
Miss Lydia Adam gave a birthday party (surprise) on the 10th anniversary of her niece, Lou Adam. A fine time was enjoyed by the little folks.

**IRVING, INKLINGS.**  
Attend the League next Sunday evening at the M. E. church. Miss Grace Hills will lead.  
Children's Day exercise at the Congregational church next Sunday at the usual hour of service.  
There will be a lawn social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hart next Friday evening in the interest of the young people's society.  
Enoch Andrus and family are expected to return to the farm in a short time.  
Mrs. Lamphier is quite sick at this writing. Heart trouble is the cause.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gamble expect to move to Hastings this week.  
Litigation at last ended. H. C. Strong is now sole owner of the Irving mill property and already has his new feed mill in place and ready for work. The entire mill will be thoroughly overhauled and some new machinery placed and everything done to make this a first-class flouring mill and worthy of the patronage of all old customers, as also all others who are in need of the staff of life.  
A look over the wheat fields makes one think that rye bread will be what we shall have to eat after harvest.

The following is a list of deceased comrades in Irving cemetery:  
Amos Ingram..... Revolutionary war 1812  
Isaac Henderson..... war 1812  
James McGoon..... war 1812  
Robert McClintock..... war 1812  
James Mathew..... war 1812  
James Darling..... war 1812  
William Boden..... regular  
Watson Woodruff..... Mich. Eng.  
James Monton..... Co. 2 Mich. Inf.  
Henry Wing..... Co. H, Mich. Cav.  
William H. Johnson..... Co. I, Mich. Inf.  
Isaac Hanna..... Co. I, Mich. Inf.  
Isaac Dunlap..... Mich. Cav.  
William Yule..... Co. A, 30 Mich. Inf.  
John Stouss..... Co. C, 21 Mich. Inf.  
Geo. Wolcott..... Co. 10 N. Y. E. A.  
Miles Engles..... Co. A, 1 Mich. S. I.  
Henry Ripper..... Co. A, 9 Mich. Inf.  
Samuel Martin..... Co. E, 3 Mich. Inf.  
George Martin..... Co. E, 3 Mich. Inf.  
John H. Norton..... Co. K, 8 Mich. Cav.  
Frederic Hahn..... Co. K, Mich. Cav.  
Edwin B. Smith..... Co. B, 10 N. Y. E. A.  
Andrew S. Blakley..... Co. 10, 10 N. Y. E. A.  
Jasper Lusk..... Co. E, 8 Mich. Inf.  
Benjamin Trego..... Co. A, Halls Bat. of S. I.  
Henry Kaler..... Co. E, 3 Mich. Inf.  
Samuel Barton..... Co. K, 8 Mich. Cav.  
James Travis..... Co. I, 7 Mich. Inf.  
Edward Woodruff.....

Born to Mrs. Harley Camp, June 8, a daughter.  
Miss Edith Jones intends to leave Tuesday for a few days' visit with her sister in Nashville.  
Mr. Lee Lewis is seriously ill.  
The friends of Mrs. Owen Hooker will be glad to know that she is again able to ride out since her severe illness.

**NORTH IRVING.**  
June 15—Our tune has changed and it is now, My, how warm!  
Corn is making up for lost time as fast as it can.  
Mrs. Polhemus and daughter of California are visiting her sister, Mrs. Walker, and family and greeting old friends.  
A goodly number from this place enjoyed the Children's Day services at Irving Sunday morning.  
Maud Kelley of Hastings visited us over Sunday.  
Ray Kelley wheeled to Middleville Sunday.  
Splendid bicycle path from Irving to this place?  
Mrs. Anna Beach has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Travis. Mrs. Travis fell from a step ladder not long ago, hurting herself quite badly, but is doing well at present.  
The Mr. Texters are enjoying a visit from their daughter and sister, Mrs. Toot, of Grand Rapids.  
Dora Aerehart and Frank Ingram each closed a very successful term of school in the Ryan and Buck districts, last Friday.  
Leonard Smith and Chas. Woodruff and wives drove to Grand Rapids and visited friends over Saturday and Sunday, returning Monday.  
A good shower Sunday morning was very acceptable. It was accompanied by hail but did no particular damage.  
John Chambers is changing and repairing the inside of his house.  
Chas. Sylvester, Will Chas and Mable Wilcox attended E. L. Sunday eve.

**NORTH ORANGEVILLE.**  
Lewis O'Connor's lame leg is convalescing and Byron Scribner has a felon started.  
Macons have finished work on Isaac Cappon's house and the house is very finely plastered.  
John Carter's windmill is finished and acts to perfection.  
Miss Libbie McCallum closed a very successful two months' term of school June 10, in the Count district. The following is the result of her scholars' final examination for the year ending June, 1897: First grade, Eddie O'Connor, 87; Freddie O'Connor, 65; Johnnie Cappon, 81; Lulu Townsend, 73. Second grade, Jackie Cappon, 78; Bertha Allen, 56; Lillie Ford, 76. Third grade, Vina Cappen, 90; Hattie Allen, 70. Fourth grade, Lela Townsend, 89; Ida Cappon, 79. Fifth grade, Branch Townsend, 85; Sixth grade, Bertie Count, 81; Bella Carter, 83. Eighth grade, J. L. Carter, 96.

**PARMELEE PICKINGS.**  
Elder J. E. Moffit preached to the people of Parmelee last Sunday morning.  
The warm weather is having its effects upon the people and the majority are complaining as usual.  
The funeral of Wm. Ackerson was held in Parmelee last Friday. Elder Dorrie of Middleville officiated to an attentive congregation.  
Miss Minnie Jenkins spent Sunday with friends in Parmelee.  
Potato bugs are just now requiring the farmers' undivided attention.  
J. D. Kenyon and wife of west Thornapple enjoyed themselves with Will Gray's people on north county line last Wednesday and also made some friendly calls in Parmelee on their return home.  
E. R. Skiff made the largest shipment of lumber from this place last Wednesday that has been made at any one time in years: twelve car loads, a train of itself.

Mrs. E. K. Parmelee is spending the week with her daughter and family in Jackson.  
The most of the farmers are planting potatoes this week, experimenting again.  
Mrs. Oliver Perham, whose funeral was held in Rutland last Sunday, was a former resident of this place. The remains were brought here for burial Sunday p. m.  
Miss Bernice Tungate, who has been absent from her friends in this community for some time, enjoyed last Sunday with relatives and associates in Parmelee.  
Ed O'Connor and family of Yankee Springs visited with Wallie Watson's people last Sunday.  
The recent rains and warm weather have produced a more favorable outlook for the growing crops and the citizens seem to feel a little encouraged.  
Ask Skiff, Hinkley & Co. if they would dare to venture on the high seas with no one to manage the craft but Ben. Of course, every man has his calling, and Rathburn is better suited for the team on dry land than to manage a ship even on Baker lake. All saved.  
We have a hero in Parmelee who deserves the praise of all well-thinking people. His name is Glenn Watson. He took three children off the E. R. track when the train was within a few feet of them, and thus averted a catastrophe which is unpleasant to think of.  
The very latest: The week-day barber (on the hill) says he took 72 potato-bugs off one hill yesterday. He explains by saying that he thinks it was quarterly meeting day among the bugs.

July 27 to 30 are the dates fixed for a horse meeting to be held at Grand Rapids.

**LEIGHTON LOCALS.**  
June 14—Quite a change in the weather.  
Emanuel Thebe raised a new barn Friday. Rob Cook also raised one recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. King, their son and daughter and Mr. King's mother of Colorado visited S. Heist and family Saturday and Sunday. They started Monday to visit friends in Canada.  
Ralph Watkins rides a new wheel.  
A large crowd assembled at the Corn- ing church, Sunday, to listen to the Children's Day program. The children all did nicely and all present were well pleased with the program.  
Mr. Wilson of Gun Plain visited his daughter, Mrs. C. Harrington, last week.

WAR ON ALL TRAINS.

CUBANS ATTACK THEM TO INTERCEPT ARMS.

Four Have Been Dynamited Within a Week and Spanish Losses Have Been Considerable—One Train Yielded 5,000 Rounds of Ammunition.

Scheme is Successful. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat has this from Key West, Fla.: "A letter received from Pinar del Rio, on a fishing smack, tells of several insurgent victories in that section by the recent landing of Florida expeditions. The troops are well armed and have an abundance of ammunition. Gen. Ducas has given orders to attack all trains coming from Havana, his idea being to prevent the Spanish garrisons from receiving fresh supplies of ammunition and other stores. In this he has been highly successful, four trains having been dynamited in the past week, with a loss of several Spanish soldiers, but the most serious loss has been the stores captured by the Cubans. On one train they drove off the guards, after detaching the train, and took 5,000 rounds of ammunition, 57 stands of new rifles, and \$3,000 in silver."

BLOWN UP IN THE NIGHT.

Dynamite for the Soldiers' Home Governor at Leavenworth, Kansas.

An attempt was made upon the life of Gov. Andrew J. Smith of the National Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, Kan., and his wife and daughter, early Friday morning. Dynamite was employed, and the explosion, which wrecked portions of the governor's beautiful residence, aroused the residents of the city, houses trembling as if undergoing an earthquake shock. Mrs. Smith had a miraculous escape from death, the base of the explosion being directly beneath her bedchamber. Besides being cut and bruised by broken glass and pieces of flying brick and furniture, she was completely prostrated by the shock. Gov. Smith attributes the attempt on his life and that of his family as a direct result of the persecution that has been waged against him during the past five or six years. The veterans at the home swear they will lynch the dynamiter if he is caught. Joseph W. Oliver, a dishonorably discharged veteran, has been arrested by the police of the city. Evidence against him is strong. He had just come to his room after being out all night. His clothes were bedraggled, and he said he was sorry the explosion had not killed the governor, as he deserved such a fate.

DYING OF PLAGUE AND FAMINE.

Appalling Fatality is Reported from Various Provinces of China.

The steamship Empress of Japan brought the following advices from the Orient: The fatality from famine and plague in China is appalling. The famine north and east of Szechuan is causing many deaths. A traveler who has just returned from there reports having seen numbers of bodies lying about unattended to. In one large town half the population had perished from starvation and the fever follows in its wake. The Government has sent 120,000 picules of rice by way of relief, but grain cannot be got to the sufferers beyond certain parts, owing to sections made impassable by swollen rivers. Along the route to smaller towns numbers of bodies lay, while the sky was black with vultures. Smallpox is prevalent in Toghue, ten or twelve new cases being reported daily. Smallpox and other epidemics are prevalent in Tokyo, while 200 or more cases of black plague are reported from Taihoku and Tai Wan, Formosa. There are some 850 cases altogether.

DURRANT HANGS JULY 9.

Lawyers Given a Month to Try Their Fortunes in the Supreme Court.

Theodore Durrant, San Francisco, the murderer of Blanche Lamont, has been reprieved. Gov. Budd decided upon this course in order to settle the question of the rights of the Federal courts to interfere in the execution of a sentence imposed by the State court. He has named July 9 as the day upon which the sentence shall be carried out. The object of the reprieve, as the Attorney General explained, is to avoid the necessity of the resentencing the convicted man. If the position taken by the Governor be supported by the State Supreme Court the sentence will be carried out on July 9, just as it would have been June 11 but for the habeas corpus proceedings.

Race for the Pennant.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Baseball League:

Table with columns for club name and wins/losses. Includes Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia.

The showing of the members of the Western League is summarized below:

Table with columns for club name and wins/losses. Includes St. Paul, Columbus, Indianapolis, Milwaukee.

Package of Furs is Seized.

The Denver customs officers, acting on information received from the inspector at Sault Ste. Marie, on the Canadian border, seized a valuable package of furs, containing six Canadian mink skins and three beaver skins, which had been consigned by express to "Miss E. Hart, care of the Deannery, Denver," and on which no duty had been paid.

Thousand Camps Formed.

Adjutant General Norman, by direction of Gen. John B. Gordon, commanding the United Confederate Veterans, has issued an order announcing that 1,000 camps have been registered in the United Confederate Veterans Association, with applications for over one hundred more.

Wrecked by a Washout.

A freight wreck occurred on the Boston and Maine Railroad east of Exeter, N. H. The locomotive and seven cars were derailed and three men were killed.

HALF NOT TOLD.

Disease and Destitution Stalk Abroad in Bleeding Cuba.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat has this from Key West: "One of the most prominent cigarmakers here, who has just returned from Havana, said, in speaking of the distress in Cuba, that the half is not told. 'One of the unavoidable results of Weyler's cruel decree concentrating the country population in the fortified towns and cities,' said he, 'is that want and starvation have become frightful, especially in the province of Pinar del Rio, from which authenticated details of brutality and suffering among the American residents are heart-rending. In this province hundreds of refugees are living in the most squalid manner being huddled together like pigs in overcrowded huts and shanties, while the native inhabitants look on with the most disgusting indifference. Between thirty-five and fifty patients were huddled together in the smallpest houses, their couches being old boards laid upon the damp ground. There are no physicians to attend them, while their food is both poor and insufficient. Unless immediate assistance is rendered these poor creatures, starvation is inevitable for all who do not die of smallpox and other scourges. The condition of the American refugees at San Cristobal is very similar to the miseries and starvation endured by the poor creatures in Pinar del Rio.' Reliable information from all of the four western provinces is that the terrible ravages of starvation and disease among the reconcentrados is beyond belief. Weyler's policy is one of extermination."

TRAGEDY AT WASHINGTON.

Attorney Charles Barber Shoots Dorothy E. Squires and Himself.

Charles Barber, a Washington patent attorney, who had gained much notoriety of late by his eccentric actions, shot Miss Dorothy E. Squires, and then, turning the revolver on himself, put a pistol ball through his brain, causing almost instantaneous death. Barber had considerable of a patent practice, but had been growing more and more eccentric for several years, and of late many of his friends thought him mentally unbalanced. Miss Squires formerly worked for him as a stenographer, and upon leaving his employ he annoyed her with his attentions, threatening to injure her if she would not permit him to call. Finally the matter became so serious that she had to appeal to the courts for protection and Barber was placed under bonds to keep the peace. He seems not to have desisted, however, for since then the girl had received several threatening letters from him, in the last of which he announced that he would do something which they both would regret. Miss Squires was shot in the back of the head, but at the Emergency Hospital, whither she was taken, it is said that the wound probably will not result seriously.

Witnesses Were Backward.

William J. Calhoun, who was sent to Cuba as a special commissioner to investigate the circumstances of the death in prison of Dr. Ruiz, an American citizen, has returned. He was accompanied by George W. Fishback, his secretary, and Charles M. Pepper, a Washington newspaper correspondent who went to Cuba with the commissioner. Mr. Calhoun said the commission held three sittings between May 20 and June 1 at Havana, Regulus and Guanabacoa. The papers examined in the case were chiefly military records. The final report will be made to Washington by General Lee. Mr. Calhoun declined to give his opinion on the case. "At the session of the commission," Mr. Calhoun said, in response to questioning, "we examined several witnesses, but when you ask me if they were truthful, I can only say that they did not run after us, and we had to use no force to keep them away. They were composed of Spaniards and Cubans. The Spanish witnesses, and, in fact, all of those who testified, were so surrounded with safeguards that it was impossible to get at the naked truth. One person whom we would have liked to hear could not be found. This was Ponsdevilla, who commanded the Spanish in the Guanabacoa territory. He disappeared, and it was impossible to find him. General Weyler did not put in an appearance at the investigation. We inspected the jail at Guanabacoa, and when we were there it was suspiciously clean."

Fire in a Penitentiary.

Nearly 1,000 men, who are imprisoned in the State penitentiary at Lansing, Kan., passed an unusually uncomfortable hour Friday night. Fire broke out in the prison about 9 o'clock, and soon all the men held within the walls were in an uproar. The fire seemed to be spreading rapidly in the tailoring establishment and the chapel, and the imprisoned men cried and begged of their keepers to be released. Finally the flames became so threatening that fifty convicts, all of them trusties, were released to assist the officers in their struggle with the fire. There was no break for liberty, but the men performed their duty heroically, and the fire was ultimately quenched, after a damage of about \$8,000 had been done.

New Railroad from Sea to Sea.

A transcontinental railroad, from tidewater to tidewater, is the gigantic enterprise which was set in motion Friday, when \$30,000 was paid at Springfield, Ill., for the incorporation of a company with a capital stock of \$30,000,000. The Baltimore and Ohio, the Wisconsin Central, the Chicago and Northern Pacific and the Northern Pacific systems figure in the great undertaking. By a consolidation of these, their branches and connections, will be produced the new system, one end of which will touch the Atlantic and the other the Pacific.

Fireworks Let Go.

One woman dead, thirty-eight persons injured, property to the extent of \$67,000 destroyed, an explosion that worked havoc in the vicinity and a conflagration that threatened serious results, summed up the total of a disaster Tuesday evening at 5:50 o'clock, which came from the accidental lighting of a toy explosive in the fireworks establishment of Nathan Shure, 210 South Halsted street, Chicago. A cable train passing was blown from the track, but the passengers escaped serious injury.

Plague of Locusts.

The Argentine Government has asked Congress for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of destroying the plague of locusts, which has done so much injury to the crops of Argentina.

Lady Henry Somerset Re-elected.

A cablegram from London states that Lady Henry Somerset has been re-elected president of the British Women's Temperance Association for the eighth time.

SAW TWO SHIPS SINK

FRENCH SCHOONER REPORTS A MARINE COLLISION.

Disaster Occurred Off Lizard—Vessels Went Under During a Fog and So Quickly that No Assistance Could Be Rendered—All on Board Perished.

Foundered in a Fog.

A French schooner, which arrived at Swansea, Wales, reports that through the haze she saw two vessels collide off the Lizard with tremendous impact. Both vessels sank with all on board, and, according to the crew of the schooner, all were drowned. The schooner's crew further reports that the vessels sank so quickly that they had no time to go to their assistance. Other foreign advices include a dispatch from Constantinople, in which it is said that strong pressure will be needed to overcome the resistance of the Turkish Government to the retrocession of Thessaly. Reports that Great Britain is opposing, on religious grounds, Turkey's retention of Thessaly are being circulated with the view of exciting Muslim fanaticism. Budapest reports socialist peasant riots in the communes of Naduvars and Alpat. The gendarmes at both places were obliged to fire upon the rioters. Two peasants were killed and forty were severely wounded. Twenty-one agitators were arrested.

SECRET EXPEDITION FOR CUBA.

Company of 115 Well-Drilled Men Raised in Boston.

Col. Shepard Young, a well-known Boston military man, in an interview divulged the details of a secret Cuban expedition which left Boston May 23 and picked up several recruits in New York. He has received a cipher telegram from Jacksonville, conveying the news that the expedition had sailed from that city on a fast, light draft steamer, 115 strong, armed with rifles of army pattern. All have seen service in the militia. A movement has been started to organize a sanitary commission to supply stores. Col. Young says: "I conducted the drills in a hall in Boston, put them through in fancy tactics, cavalry tactics and artillery tactics. Every man could load and fire a cannon, no matter what the size, and swing a saber or use a bayonet. Not a soldier left Boston until he was drilled sufficiently to take charge of a regiment. The tactics were taught in this city mostly at night. We got word from New York that a spy had been sent to Boston. We didn't see him. The troops practiced with the machete also. That is used mostly for a front cut. The machete is heavier than a saber, and the wielding of one is hard work, but the men soon learned to use it with skill."

RULING ON INHERITANCE TAX LAW.

Philadelphia Judge Declares a Recent State Statute is Unconstitutional.

Presiding Judge Hanna of the orphan's court at Philadelphia, Pa., in adjusting the estate of George Blight, deceased, decided that the new direct inheritance tax law is unconstitutional. The law was recently passed by the Legislature as a revenue measure, and was expected to add between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000 annually to the revenue of the State. The question will probably be carried to the Supreme Court for a final decision.

Both Will Have to Hang.

The Missouri Supreme Court has affirmed the sentences of the St. Louis Circuit Court in the cases of George Thompson (colored) and Andrew Warton, and sentenced them to hang on July 8. Thompson killed Thomas Cunningham, sexton of a colored church in St. Louis, in an attempt to poison the organist. Warton is a gypsy who killed his wife in a flat boat on the Mississippi river at St. Louis.

Fear Trouble at Pittsburg.

Friday was pay day at Jones & Laughlin's, and as each man was paid he was told the mill would start Monday and was asked if he intended to report for work then. The men said not unless their demands were granted. All were discharged. There are now 3,700 men on strike, and trouble is feared if an attempt is made to start with non-union men.

Losses \$30,000 by Fire.

Fire at Cairo, Ill., wiped out \$30,000 worth of property, including the new Baptist church and annex, Haliday warehouse and contents, transfer stables of Glynn, with twenty-six horses, all his wagons and drays, and several dwelling houses. Loss is only partially covered by insurance.

Raw Cotton to Be Taxed.

By the decisive vote of 42 to 19 the Senate adopted an amendment to the tariff bill placing raw cotton, the great product of the South, on the dutiable list at 20 per cent ad valorem. It is the first time in the history of tariff legislation that a duty on cotton has been incorporated in a bill.

Eight-Hour Day the Theme.

President Samuel Gompers, of the Federation of Labor, addressed 10,000 people at Cincinnati on Sunday in the advocacy of the eight-hour working day. A. Catterman, Chairman of the executive board of the Carpenters and Joiners' Union, made an address in the same strain.

Guilty of the Embezzlement.

John Tyler Cooper, formerly Mayor of Atlanta, Ga., and for several years clerk of the board of county commissioners, was found guilty of embezzlement in the Superior Court. Cooper was dismissed from the office of the county commissioners several months ago.

This is Real Bravery.

Guerrillas at Santa Maria del Rosario found at the outskirts of the town two boys of 7 and 8 years. One of the soldiers asked the boys if they were Cubans or Spaniards, and they answered that they were Cubans. The boys were killed at once.

New Judges Chosen.

In the judicial elections in Chicago and Cook County Monday, the sitting judges were re-elected. This was what was known as the non-partisan ticket. Throughout the State Republican candidates were generally successful.

Mice Spread Death.

Jerome Smeathers, his wife and seven children were poisoned at Yelvington, Ky., with paris green. The poison was on a shelf, and mice cut the paper and the contents sifted into a bucket of water below.

DEATH IN THE CRASH.

Six Killed and Others Hurt in a Collision Near Hudson, Wis.

Six men were killed, one fatally injured and two others badly hurt in a collision on the Omaha road near North Wisconsin Junction, Wis., a short distance from Hudson, Monday. The dead: E. S. Hurd, Eau Claire, Wis.; Joseph Leightelster, Eau Claire, Wis.; Herman Reby, Altoona, Wis.; Thomas Riley, Eau Claire, Wis.; Milton Swain, Eau Claire, Wis.; Frank Thayer, Altoona, Wis.; Freeman. The fatally injured: S. Settlement, Menominee, Wis., engineer of pile driver. The slightly injured: L. Brogan, Eau Claire, Wis., engineer; James Owne, Eau Claire, Wis., conductor. The accident occurred on the double track going west from the junction. A way freight, going west, was ordered to take the right-hand track, but took the left track and was running at the rate of eighteen miles an hour when upon turning a short curve on a down grade they came upon a work train backing east and toward them at a speed of thirty-five miles an hour. The collision was something terrific. The men on the rear of the work train had no inkling of the danger and were instantly killed. The car at once caught fire and the bodies of the men were consumed. The accident was caused by neglect of orders by the engineer and conductor of the work train, who were given right of way on the west-bound track. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

FIRE SHOTS AT A CORPSE.

Ghastly Test is Made of Ziegler's Bullet-Proof Cloth.

With the dead body of a woman for a target, the bullet-proof cloth invented by Casimir Ziegler was tested at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in the presence of a number of professors, army officers and citizens interested in the science of bodily armor. The test was conducted under the supervision of Lieut. Stanislas De Korwin Sarnecki, who is representing the inventor in this country. A .44-caliber Colt revolver was first put into practice, after the upper portion of the body had been increased in the alleged impenetrable cloth. Thirty shots failed to pierce the "panzer" cloth, fired at distances of from three to fifteen paces. A .35-caliber revolver was then brought into use and the representative of the inventor demonstrated that it was impossible to puncture the texture with such a missile.

Push It Along.

Some valuable statistics relative to the growth in Germany of the workmen's insurance system have been received at the State Department from United States Consul Stern at Bamberg. These statistics insure against sickness, accident and old age, and in the opinion of the Consul have had a beneficial influence upon the economical and social position of the German working classes. He says that in a country like Germany, where low wages allow but a small fraction of the laboring classes to put by something for a rainy day, a great deal has been accomplished by this system, which, he hopes, may be extended to other countries. In ten years, from 1885 to 1895, claims to the amount of \$296,015,824 have been paid to 25,061,620 persons, and \$250,000 per day is disbursed in such benefits.

Woodmen to Pay for Suicides.

The Modern Woodmen, in session at Dubuque, Iowa, decided to pay suicide claims if the death does not occur earlier than three years after date of certification. The camp refused to appropriate \$5,000 for a Woodman building at the Omaha exposition. The next head camp was fixed for the first Tuesday in June, 1896, at Kansas City.

Committing Serious Excesses.

It is officially announced that the Turks have committed serious excesses in Epirus, defiling churches, and engaging in general pillage. The Turkish irregulars, it is further announced, have committed similar excesses in the villages around Larissa.

Doctor Arrested for Murder.

Dr. Lewis F. Preston was arrested at Denver, Colo., on a warrant charging him with the murder of David Frank, a cigarmaker from Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Preston is a consumption specialist, and Frank died under his treatment.

Father Slain by His Son.

Rev. Berry Lawson, a Methodist divine near Barbourville, Ky., was shot and instantly killed by his 15-year-old son, Isham. The father whipped the boy for some slight offense.

Milwaukee Carpenters Strike.

Eleven hundred Milwaukee carpenters are striking for higher wages and to secure a written agreement for 25 cents an hour and eight hours a day.

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 \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2, 23c to 25c; oats, No. 2, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 33c to 34c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 15c; eggs, fresh, 8c to 9c; potatoes, per bushel, 25c to 35c; broom corn, common growth to choice green hurl, \$25 to \$70 per ton. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, No. 2, 25c to 27c; corn, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 83c to 85c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 61c to 63c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 25c to 27c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 28c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 78c to 79c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; rye, 84c to 86c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 78c to 80c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 36c; clover seed, \$4.15 to \$4.20. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 3, 23c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; barley, No. 2, 25c to 33c; rye, No. 1, 34c to 36c; pork, mess, \$7.25 to \$7.75. Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 82c to 83c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c. New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.50 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 2, 80c to 81c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; butter, creamery, 12c to 10c; eggs, Western, 10c to 12c.

EDUCATORS TO MEET.

TWENTY THOUSAND EXPECTED AT MILWAUKEE.

National Educational Association Meeting Will Be a Most Important Gathering—All of the Great Pedagogues Will Be Present.

Will Eclipse All Others.

During the second week in July Milwaukee will be the Mecca of the teachers of the United States. Then the city will be filled with educators representing every class, from the kindergarten to the university. Then will be held the convention of the National Educational Association, to whose sessions pedagogues in every part of the country are looking forward with interest. Seven thousand two hundred and ninety-seven life members, active members and associate members participated in the proceedings of the annual meeting of the National Educational Association which was held at Denver in 1895. Last year, when the convention was held at Buffalo, the number taking part was 9,073. It is with these statistics in view that Milwaukee is making preparations to entertain a large influx of visitors from all parts of the United States on the occasion of the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the association.

Upon the educational and professional side, the conventions of the association appeal strongly to the interests of teachers and of all intelligent people. Each of

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.



of riding in box cars and begging food.

The percentage of genuine tramps is small, though there are apparently large numbers of dangerous men on the road. As an indication of the straits to which these men are reduced, I may tell you that only last Wednesday four tramps armed with revolvers held up a box car filled with other tramps near Butler, Ind., and robbed them of what little money they had. No one ever heard of such a thing before. The number of tramps in the country may be judged from the fact that I counted 197 of them on one freight train that left Grand Crossing last Tuesday night. The average is nearly that high, and you can readily see that freight conductors and brakemen are not anxious to undertake the job of throwing them off. The fact is that so long as they keep out of sight in box cars the trainmen let the tramps alone. They are afraid to do anything else. All the twenty-four roads centering in Chicago have nearly an equal number of tramps to contend with daily. With an allowance of three freight trains in both directions on each road, the daily exodus will average over 10,000, and the influx is about the same number."

DECREASE IN THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The Monthly Statement Shows a Fall of \$1,560,000 for May.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that the debt, less cash in the treasury at the close of business on May 29, 1897, was \$96,684,052, a decrease for the month of \$1,560,080, which is principally accounted for by an increase of over \$2,000,000 in cash in the treasury. The debt, independent of the cash, was increased during the month by \$463,215, accounted for in redemption account. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debt ..... \$ 847,368,030 Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity ..... 1,348,510 Debt bearing no interest ..... 378,084,324 Total ..... \$1,226,760,864 This amount, however, does not include \$506,595.953 in certificates and treasury notes issued by an equal amount of cash in the treasury. The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold ..... \$181,707,391 Silver ..... 519,784,367 Paper ..... 147,804,920 Bonds, disbursing officers' balances, etc. .... 18,129,555 Total ..... \$867,406,833 Against this there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$637,383,013, leaving a net cash balance in the treasury of \$230,113,812. In view of the action of the United States Government through Minister McKenzie in March last in demanding and obtaining the release of an American sailor named Ramsey, the Peruvian Government will ask for an inquiry into the alleged unjust arrest for vagrancy at Brunswick, Ga., of a Peruvian citizen named Francisco Melina, who is said to have been ill treated while in prison there.

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Two Important Bills Signed by Gov. Pingree—Gang of Counterfeiters Found Guilty at Grand Rapids—Work of W. C. T. U. at Benton Harbor.

Signs the Railway Tax Bill. The bill which the Pingree forces fought the hardest in the Legislature was the Merriam bill, increasing the specific tax rates paid by railroad companies...

W. C. T. U. Convention. Three hundred State W. C. T. U. delegates attended the Benton Harbor sessions of the annual convention. Reports showed nearly \$3,200 in the treasury...

All Were Convicted. Dupree, Craig, Elton and Hough were convicted of counterfeiting in the United States Court at Grand Rapids and remanded for sentence.

Big Fire at Durand. Fire broke out at midnight Thursday in the Lillie Building at Durand, originating from a defective baker's oven...

Minor State Matters. About 3,000,000 feet of lumber will come out of the Au Sable River this season. Capt. William Cary, one of the oldest retired sailors on the great lakes...

Peter Goldsevant was injured at Grand Rapids and taken to the hospital. His wife called and was told he was dead. She returned home and put traps on the door...

M. C. Mover killed himself at his farm near Saginaw. His health is the supposed cause.

Mrs. Juno Hanson hanged herself with a handkerchief at Gorven while temporarily insane.

At Holland, James Smalley, aged 15, went hunting. His gun exploded, blowing off his head.

A. J. Lingle, a wealthy retired farmer living in Owosso, disappeared Monday. He is 65 years old.

At Benton Harbor, the twenty-third annual convention of State Woman's Christian Temperance Union was attended by fifty delegates.

At South Fairfield recently Free Methodists dedicated a new barn with a prayer meeting. They claim this is a more godly way of dedicating a barn than the usual barn dance.

Henry Beck lost his right hand in a mattress factory at Bay City. He was feeding sea grass into the "picker" when his hand was carried into the machine...

Mrs. Milo Roberts, wife of a farmer near Harrison, was terribly burned by her clothing catching fire. Her lower limbs were burned to a crisp...

Charles Brenner, a young man who swindled numerous farmers of Iron River by means of forged checks...

The newly organized Milwaukee, Benton Harbor and Columbus Railway Co., which proposes to extend the track of the defunct St. Joseph Valley Railroad...

A farmer of Comstock township, who had been suffering from the depredations of innumerable rats, finally located the trouble in a hollow log which formed a part of the foundation of an ancient corn crib.

An old-fashioned barn raising was an interesting feature at the large stock farm of Hon. D. D. Aitken and Edward S. Lee, in Burton township, Genesee County...

For many years there has been much local criticism affecting the ordinances of the village of Galesburg, Kalamazoo County. Finally the matter became so serious that a revision of all the village ordinances was ordered...

An exchange from the south part of the State says: "I was out riding west of the city the other day when I ran across a farmer who was working industriously on a bicycle path along both sides of his farm...

The Michigan crop report for June says: The average condition of wheat June 1 was in the southern counties 82, and in the State 78.

D. A. Houran, lumber dealer of Flint, is reported to have recently sold to the Cleveland Furniture Company, Cleveland, O., 200,000 feet of quarter-sawed oak, both white and red.

A 15-year-old daughter of Wm. Saniet, a farmer living near Talbot, stole \$150 of her father's money the other day and coped with a man to some Wisconsin town.

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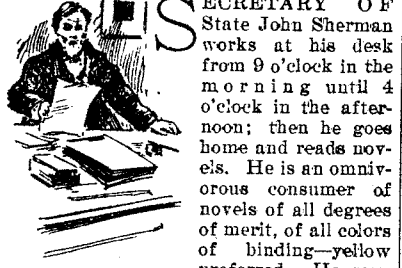
Some miscanthus cut a hole in the bottom of a tin box for receiving contributions to the Odd Fellows' Home fund at the lodge rooms in Jackson...

SECRETARY OF STATE

HOW SHERMAN DISPOSES OF A DAY'S BUSINESS.

He is Methodical at All Times—Saves Himself by Relying Upon His Assistants—Meeting Office Seekers and Dealing with Diplomats.

Mr. Sherman's Day. Washington correspondence.



State John Sherman works at his desk from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon; then he goes home and reads novels. He is an omnivorous consumer of novels of all colors of binding—yellow preferred.

When Mr. Sherman became the Secretary of the Treasury a matter of twenty odd years ago he was confronted by one of the most herculean tasks that ever



SECRETARY OF STATE SHERMAN.

loomed up before an American statesman—the resumption of specie payments—and Mr. Sherman worked away at that job, and accomplished it, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon—no more, no less.

"I first became connected with Mr. Sherman at that time," said Mr. Babcock, his secretary, "and I never knew him to work longer than the office hours of his clerks. Mr. Folger permitted the secretaryship of the treasury to kill him; probably Mr. Manning did also. Neither of these gentlemen was generous to himself. A whole generation of political experience taught Mr. Sherman that lesson before he assumed the reins of the treasury, and, accomplishing more work in that capacity than did Hamilton, he emerged from the ordeal with his health and strength. The secret of it? He trusted his assistant secretaries; he allowed his subordinates to do the work they were appointed to do. He never permitted a paper to lie on his desk for ten minutes, and made disposition of his affairs as they came up. His desk was clean down to the blotting pad when he put on his hat and quit his office at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The Secretaries of the Treasury who allowed the position to give them nervous prostration attempted to do the whole thing themselves; and no secretary of any government department can do that and live through his term."

"As was his rule, when Secretary of the Treasury, so is Mr. Sherman's rule as Secretary of State. When he came here he found, as he expected he would, that the State Department is filled with men who have been here a long time, and who have every detail of the department's routine at their fingers' ends. Mr. Sherman perfectly appreciates the fact that these men know more about the practical workings of their respective branches of the department than he himself could hope to acquire in a period of service here twice as long as that for which he was appointed, and he is a strong believer in the value of routine. So he lets them go ahead, keeping an eye on their work, but in no wise interfering with it without good occasion. And I guess this is the reason that he has all the hair he had when he was twenty years old, that he is as straight as a string at seventy-four, and that his eyes are just as good to-day as they ever were."

Whenever any document reaches Mr. Sherman's desk that does not absolutely require his personal attention, he sends immediately for the official to whose branch of the department the document properly belongs, and turns it over to him with a few succinct instructions. He does not lay it aside for future consideration, and thereby accumulate a monumental pile of papers filled with possibilities of grief and labor to come. It is really quite entertaining to see Mr. Sherman cut open an official letter as it reaches him hot from the mail, glance it over and grasp it

within the compass of sixty seconds, and then either send for the proper official or else shoot it out by messenger to the place it belongs.

The only occasions upon which Mr. Sherman feels called upon to grow a little expansive are the diplomatic days—Thursday. This is the special day that he sets aside for the reception of the diplomats, to talk over things with them confidentially, and on this day other visitors have a very slight chance of being received by him. The Secretary of State receives the diplomats in a room adjoining his office, and called the "diplomatic room"—by all odds the most gorgeously furnished governmental chamber in Washington. Running its entire length is a carved ebony table, and it is at the head of this table, seated in a tall revolving chair, that Mr. Sherman receives the diplomats, one by one. They string into the anteroom for their audience with the Secretary of State all the way from 10 to 1 o'clock, and in receiving them no matter of precedence is observed. The first to arrive is the first to be received. The Secretary of State gives these audiences for a general resume of each diplomat's business, and it is for this reason that he only receives them one at a time. He leans back in his revolving chair, with his spectacles pushed up on his forehead, taking in what each of them has to say, and occasionally jotting down a note on a scratch pad in front of him. Mr. Sherman is not a linguist. The only language he can speak is English. But as there is not now in Washington a single representative of another nation who cannot also speak English, the Secretary of State has no trouble in carrying on these conversations.

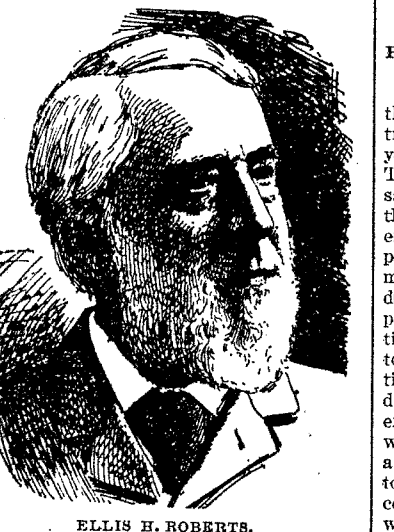
NEW UNITED STATES TREASURER

Ellis H. Roberts, a New York Banker, Recently Appointed. Ellis H. Roberts of New York, who has just been appointed treasurer of the United States by President McKinley, is the president of the Franklin National Bank



ELLIS H. ROBERTS.

of New York. He has long been prominent in national affairs. He was a delegate to the Republican national conventions of 1864, 1868 and 1876. In 1868 he was a member of the New York Legislature and in 1870 he was elected a member of Congress from the Oneida district and was re-elected in 1872. Mr. Blaine, then Speaker of the House, made Mr. Roberts, a new member, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, an unusual honor. In 1880 President Harrison appointed Mr. Roberts assistant United States Treasurer at New York City. In 1893 Mr. Roberts was offered the presidency of the Franklin National Bank, and accepted the place. Mr. Roberts is a widely known traveled man and has written



several books, not only on finance but on other subjects; among them may be mentioned "Greece and Beyond," "Planting and Growth of the Empire State" and "Government Revenue." Especially the "American System." He is 70 years old.

Francis Schlatter three years ago was a shoe cobbler in Denver, and earned a precarious living at his trade. He began to hear "silent" voices, as he said, and in obedience to their commands gave away his tools and began a pilgrimage toward the Pacific coast. He was several times arrested as a vagrant and thrown into jail.

He footed the entire distance and returned to New Mexico, where he was heard of among the Indians as the messiah in the early part of last year near Albuquerque. The newspaper reporters discovered him being followed by mobs of Indians, among whom he cured the sick, paralytic and blind by touching—the afflicted with his hands.

The Pennsylvania road reports net earnings as \$708,707 less than last year.

CRASH OF FIREWORKS.

Scores of Persons Are Hurt by a Tremendous Explosion in Chicago. Somebody stepped on a percussion cap in Nathan Shure's fireworks factory, 210 South Halsted street, Chicago, Tuesday afternoon.

There was a flash, a tiny net of sparks in a mass of sawdust and shavings and then terror. A small explosion was followed a second later by a detonation that was tremendous in its force and effect. The building was rent asunder. Skyrockets were set off in every direction and whirled and hissed all through the structure and out wrecked doors and windows. The boom of giant crackers and the sharp crash of smaller bombs punctured the hiss of the darting rockets. Then the whole place was ablaze. Across the street a flat building filled with terror-stricken families had been ignited by a rocket.

Flying beams, bricks and stones struck men, women and children who were in the streets. Horses ran away and trampled people to the pavements. Cries of terror and pain from injured and frightened men and women were answered by the Gong of fire engines and ambulances, and the wonder of it all is that a sudden and awful death harvest was not reaped. As it appeared the following morning, only one person was fatally hurt. Scores were injured. Nobody knows how many. Men were cut and bruised, but were able to go home. Others were attended to in stores and offices. Those who needed doctors were carried to the county hospital, and in some cases to their homes.

The one victim who died is a woman who was struck by a runaway horse. All this terror started about 6 o'clock. One of the two employees who chanced to be in the establishment had ignited the percussion cap. Shavings, paper, sawdust and gunpowder did the rest. The sidewalks were crowded when the panic came. A couple were hurrying home on foot and in street cars. Many of these are in the list of injured, and another and more gruesome list would have been added if the employees of the factory had been at work. The financial loss was considerable. Buildings and stores in the neighborhood were damaged at least \$50,000.

DIVINE HEALER DEAD.

Bones of Francis Schlatter Found in the Sierra Madre Hills.

A week ago last Friday two American prospectors found in the foothills of the Sierra Madre, on the Puetas Verdas river, thirty-five miles southwest of Casa Grande, in the State of Chihuahua, all that remains of Francis Schlatter, who, a year ago, was the subject of much wonderment throughout the Western States, principally in the southwest.

The prospectors' attention was attracted to his camp by their espying a saddle astride a limb in a dead tree high up in a gorge, through which the river runs. His skeleton was found lying stretched out on a blanket close up to the tree. The bones were bleached white, and alongside lay the copper rod, a miniature baseball bat, weighing about forty pounds. Piled up alongside the trunk of the tree were saddle bags, a large memorandum book, a package of letters bound by a rotten rubber band, some blankets and six suits of underwear. A Bible and canteen of wats-



DIVINE HEALER SCHLATTER.

er were alongside the pile, and the canteen was half full of water. His saddle ropes and some extra clothing were directly over the skeleton on a limb of the tree. In a knothole in the tree were found needles, thread, buttons, etc. In the inside cover of the Bible was inscribed the name Francis Schlatter, and also under two verses in prayer, followed by the signature, "Clarence J. Clark, Denver, Colo." There were no signs of violence, and the prospectors believe Schlatter died of self-imposed starvation, as there were no cooking utensils of any kind in camp.

WAR MAY YET BE RESUMED.

Peace Negotiations Between Turkey and Greece Languish.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the powers, to whom Greece has entrusted her interests, show no signs of yielding any of the three points in the Turkish demand, the annexation of Thessaly, the abolition of the capitulations in the case of Greek subjects in the Ottoman empire or an exorbitant indemnity. The peace negotiations don't seem to make much progress and there was considerable disquietude in Athens caused by the apparently reliable statement that the negotiations were in danger of collapsing altogether. The ministers who were questioned on the subject, however, had no definite news of an official character and expressed the opinion that the news was without foundation. It is said on good authority that the powers are now trying to induce Turkey to sign general peace conditions defining broad limits within which Turkey and Greece should afterward settle details by direct negotiation.

This news is regarded at Athens with dismay as a breach of faith on the part of the powers and as leaving Greece to the tender mercies of the Sultan. It is believed by many good judges at Athens that Greece may yet have to fight for her very existence. Already there are reports that the Turks have advanced in the Agrapla district, occupied several villages and are still advancing toward the town of Agrapla. Greece has protested to the powers against this violation of the armistice.

Advices from Constantinople are equally pessimistic. It is alleged that Tewfik Pasha, at Saturday's meeting of the council of ministers, announced that the Sheikh-ul Islam had issued a fetva declaring that territory once acquired by the sacrifice of Ottoman blood cannot, under the Ottoman law, be surrendered. In addition to this report comes the rumor that Bulgaria has made an informal demand that Macedonia, with the exception of the province of Adrianople, shall be formed into an autonomous administration.

COST OF GOVERNMENT.

Federal Expense Account for the Nine Months Ending March 31, 1897.

Table with columns for Legislative, Executive, and various departments (Treasury, War, Navy, etc.) showing expenses for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1897.

The following statement shows the estimate of expenses for the present fiscal year, as submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury:

Table showing Legislative, Executive, and various departmental expenses for the present fiscal year.

The following statements show some of the most important and interesting items of expense in the management of the Government during recent years:

Table comparing Salaries, Pensions, and other expenses from 1889 to 1896.

Table showing Interest on public debt and River and harbor improvements from 1889 to 1896.

The total revenue and expenditures of the Government for the last four fiscal years are given below:

Table comparing Total revenue and Total expenditures from 1884 to 1896.

It will be noticed that, with the exception of 1893, the expenditures of the Government have exceeded the revenues, the excess being \$99,803,260.53 in 1894, \$42,806,223.18 in 1895 and \$25,203,245.70 in 1896. For the first nine months of the current fiscal year ended March 31 the revenues of the Government from all sources had reached a total of \$242,785,051.25, while the expenditures during the same period amounted to \$281,690,332.18, or a deficit of \$38,905,280.93 in the revenues.

"SPITE" HOUSE OWNER DIES.

Wealthy Joseph Richardson Passes Away in His Singular Abode.

Joseph Richardson, New York, an eccentric man of wealth, died Tuesday in his "spite" house, at the corner of Eighty-second street and Lexington avenue. His bed had been placed in the parlor of his home. This room is five feet wide by twenty feet long. He had been carried there from his cramped bedroom. Mr. Richardson was 84 years old, but was active till a few months ago. He was estimated to be worth \$200,000, though his notoriety was chiefly due to the "spite" house, in which he had lived for fifteen years. This house was built on a strip of land five feet wide by 104 deep. The occupants of the house adjoining this land on the west wished to build houses. They offered the Richardson \$1,000 for the strip, but they held out for \$5,000. The parties refused to give this amount, thinking to force Richardson out. The owner had begun to build on his five-foot lot when the others offered him an advance. He then refused to entertain any proposition, and in spite of all opposition and entreaty erected the odd house in which he died.

This remarkable man owned stock in nearly every railroad in America, and was the possessor of passbooks over the roads here and in Canada, and on all the steamship lines leaving this port. In appearance Mr. Richardson closely resembled Russell Sage. His clothes were ill-fitting, his gait shuffling and his sole object seemed to be money making. For years he carried his lunch to his office.

FIVE HUNDRED MEN DROWNED.

Great Storm Disaster Overwhelms Chinese Fishermen.

Meager particulars were brought by the Empress of Japan of a disaster which befell the fishermen of Chusan archipelago, off the coast of China. On May 6, when all the fishing boats were out on the fishing banks, a terrible gale sprang up. Of the several hundred boats out at the time very few returned, and it is estimated that some 500 men lost their lives. The storm was one of those sudden ones for which the coast of China is noted, and the fishermen had no chance to seek shelter. The storm swept over the entire archipelago, which extends across the mouth of Hanchow bay on the eastern coast of China. Several large junks were lost, in which scores perished.

Told in a Few Lines.

Mrs. Langtry is said to be the possessor of a bicycle made of solid silver. The Duke of Northumberland, England's oldest duke, has entered his 87th year.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company issued an order that in future dogs will be carried as passengers' baggage. Three hundred Swedish servant girls have gone from Chicago to their native land to take part in King Oscar's jubilee at Stockholm.

Bishop Merrill of Chicago, on the recent celebration of his twenty-fifth year in the Methodist Episcopacy, was presented with a silver fellowship cup by his many friends in that city.

Gov. Bradley of Kentucky refuses to honor a requisition from the Governor of Indiana asking the return to Evansville for trial for murder of John Spalding, a negro. Bradley is said to fear mob violence.

## HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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## MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route."

Taking Effect November 29, 1896.  
EASTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Dep	NY	Ngt	Fr
	Exp	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Dep.	7:00	8:00	11:00	10
Middleville.	7:35	8:35	12:13	4:30
Hastings.	7:52	8:52	12:40	8:40
Jackson Ar.	9:50	9:50	3:40	8:20
Detroit Ar.	12:20	11:20	7:10	

WESTWARD BOUND

STATIONS.	Exp	M'11	G R	Fr
	Dy	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Ar.	9:15	1:40	10:25	4:05
Middleville.	1:10	1:35	9:41	2:15
Hastings.	1:30	1:40	9:30	1:40
Jackson Dep.	1:30	1:40	7:30	7:10
Detroit Dep.	11:05	7:15	4:45	

## Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad

Schedule in effect Sept. 27, 1896.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Trav. City, Pet. & Mack	Leave	Arrive
	Going	From
	North	North
Trav. City, Pet. & Mack	7:45 am	8:15 pm
Cadillac	8:25 pm	11:00 am
Cadillac	5:25 pm	11:10 am
Train leaving at 7:45 a. m. has parlor car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.		
Train leaving at 2:15 p. m. has sleeping car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.		

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Cincinnati.	Leave	Arrive
	Going	From
	South	South
Cincinnati.	7:10 am	8:25 pm
Pt. Wayne	8:20 pm	1:35 pm
Cincinnati.	7:00 pm	7:35 am
7:10 a. m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati.		
7:00 p. m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.		

MUSKEGON TRAINS.

Lv Grand Rapids.	Ar Muskegon.
7:35 am	11:00 pm
9:00 am	2:10 pm
7:05 pm	10:30 am

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## THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1897.

Nearly all of the 35 southern men who are supporting the protective-tariff bill are natives of that section of the country. This will be interesting information to some of the free-trade organs which have recently been charging that the southern votes cast for the bill were of the "carpet-bag" variety.

The protection sentiment in all the parties in the senate is making itself so strongly felt as to preclude the delay in the consideration of the tariff bill. The progress of the tariff bill thus far has been more rapid than with any measure of that character for many years, and there is now reason to believe that the bill may pass the senate by about June 20, and become a law by the end of the month.

The return of President McKinley's special messenger to Cuba, Judge Calhoun, revives the prospect of early action by the administration on the Cuban question and the prospect also that this action will be based upon an intelligent understanding of the situation which would have been impossible had the democrats in congress succeeded in their attempts to force the passage in the president by the passage in the house of the senate belligerency resolution.

Two hundred and fifty millions of dollars is an enormous sum to add to the gold money of the world in a single year. Such a production has never been accomplished and until recently nobody thought that that sum could be produced in a year, but late reports from the mines in South Africa, Central and South America, Australia and our own country all show such rapid gains as to lead to the belief that the gold output for 1897 will be nearly or quite 250 million dollars, far exceeding any previous year in history.

Just as long as any considerable number of men in a community talk of hard times, poor business and bad management, just so long will they have an influence to make their town what they are claiming for it. It is true that legislation was expected that would bring about a speedy change among the laboring and business interests of the country. There has been some disappointment in this, but the man or firm that waits for legislation, expects legislation to make business for him, will wait in vain. It is the live, wide awake business man, who seeing business falling off, goes to work and by his own energies recovers the loss, that is then ready to take advantage of legislation when it comes. To come to a standstill waiting for legislation to put money in your pocket means no advancement and less business every year.—Cedar Springs Clipper.

President McKinley in a speech at Philadelphia, June 2, said: "Let me tell you, my countrymen, that resuscitation will not be promoted by recrimination. The distress of the present will not be relieved by a distrust of the future. A patriot makes a better citizen than a pessimist. And we have got to be patient. Much as we want to move out of the old house, we cannot do it until the new house is finished. A tariff law half made is of no practical use except to indicate that in a little while a whole tariff law will be done, and it is making progress. It is reaching the end and when the end comes we will have business confidence and industrial activity. Let us keep steady heads and steady hearts. The country is not going backward but forward. American energy has not been destroyed by the storms of the past. It will yet triumph through wise and beneficent legislation."

Reports from business centres are extremely gratifying. Dun's Review, which is accepted as a reliable business barometer, not controlled or influenced by political or other causes which would affect its accuracy, presents the most satisfactory trade statement for last week that has been made since the present business depression began. That statement was remarkable in its showing of the decided decrease in embarrassments in all branches of trade and in reports of unusual activity in all the industries in anticipation of the passage of the tariff bill. The failures reported in most branches of trade are less in number than at any time in the last thirty-six months, while the volume of business transacted is, in quantity, larger than in 1892, the year of our greatest prosperity, the slight reduction in value being due to the smaller prices paid for the articles of commerce handled. When it is remembered that this happens before the new tariff bill gets upon the statute books, and with the industries of the country depressed by the importations of foreign goods at the rate of over a hundred millions a month, the improvement thus noted is very remarkable.

Hundreds of thousands have been induced to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by reading what it has done for others, and having tested its merits for themselves are today its warmest friends. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

Within two hours two persons were struck by lightning and killed, in the same house, in Louisiana. Sometimes lightning does strike twice in the same place.

The story that Messrs. John Wankamaker and Chauncey Dewey intended starting a department political party with a bargain counter attachment lacks confirmation, and probably originated with some enemy whose only desire was to rub salt on the political sores of those eminent gentlemen.

The Michigan farmer gives the number of cattle which have been shipped into this country from Canada from February 1 to May 31 this year:

February.....	6,681 head
March.....	16,591 head
April.....	3,401 head
May.....	4,860 head
Total.....	21,533 head

These cattle have come in direct competition with those raised in Michigan and the west, and have done much to cripple the market when, from the number of cattle in the country they should be bringing a much better price to the farmer and feeder.

## BAY VIEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer brings the Bay View announcements again—this time radiant with 150 beautiful half-tone views and a most tempting intellectual, musical and educational menu. Every one knows something of the wealth of attractions at this great summer resort. There is no place where people get so much for their money. The June Bay View Magazine gives full Assembly and Summer University information, and what it costs to go there. J. M. Hall, Flint, Mich., is the person to address for it. Sent free. All Michigan railroads will sell half-fare tickets there between July 12 and 22, return limit August 20.

It is important that cows be regularly salted at least twice a week. If they have salt before them all the time they will not eat more than is good for them. This regular salting not only increases the milk yield, but also makes it of better quality. When cows are salted regularly their milk will keep sweet twenty-four hours longer than milk from cows that have suffered for lack of salt.—Charlotte Tribune.

## A GOOD MEMORY

Often saves money and also good health. If you are troubled with constipation, indigestion or any form of stomach trouble remember to take home a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and health will be restored to you. Trial sizes 10c (10 doses) large size 50c and \$1.00 (J. W. Armstrong). z

## Notice of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
COUNTY OF BARRY, J. S. S.  
Estate of William Damoth, deceased.  
We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Barry, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of H. E. Hendrick in Middleville, on Tuesday, the 10th day of August, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that all persons having claims against said deceased are to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.  
Dated May 29, A. D. 1897.  
JAMES H. McKEVITT,  
WILLIAM CRUZICK,  
Commissioners.

## Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, Default having been made in the payment conditioned for in a certain mortgage (whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative) which said mortgage was made and executed by Warren J. Brew and Ella Brew, his wife, both of the township of Irving, Barry county, and state of Michigan, in favor of Alfred Newman and Cora Newman, his wife, both of the same place of residence, of the second part, and which said mortgage bears date the 28th day of October, A. D. 1894, and which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds for said Barry county, State of Michigan, in book number thirty-five of mortgages on page two hundred and sixty-two, on the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1894, at 3:40 o'clock p. m., and which said mortgage was assigned to and assigned to Alfred Newman and Cora Newman, both of the township of Irving, Barry county, Michigan, and which said assignment was recorded on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1894, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for said Barry county, State of Michigan, in book number thirty-six of mortgages on page two hundred forty-five. In which said mortgage it was stipulated that in case of a default in the payment of the interest on said mortgage for the space of sixty days from and after the day on which the same should be payable, then and in that event the mortgagee or his assigns, the whole principal sum, together with all arrears of interest thereon, not paid at the option of said mortgagee and his assigns, having given said notice, and notice of my said option declaring the whole principal sum, together with all arrears of interest, now due, to be due and payable on the 21st day of August, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, I shall sell at public auction or vendue to the highest bidder for cash at my front door of the court house in the city of Hastings, county of Barry and state of Michigan, for such thereof as shall be necessary to pay the amount as aforesaid on said mortgage hereof and all legal costs including an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars stipulated in said mortgage in case of foreclosure. The principal sum due on said mortgage and to be sold are as follows: To-wit: The southeast quarter (4) of the northeast quarter (3) of section number seventeen (17) in town number four (4) north of range ten (10) west containing forty (40) acres of land, more or less.  
Dated June 9, A. D. 1897.

Assignee of Mortgagee.  
MILTON F. JORDAN, Middleville, Mich.  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee.  
Middleville, Michigan. 23-13

Mr. Isaac Horner, proprietor of the Burton House, Burton, W. Va., and (one of the most widely known men in the state was cured of rheumatism after three years of suffering. He says: "I have not sufficient command of language to convey any idea of what I suffered, my physicians told me that nothing could be done for me; and my friends were fully convinced that nothing but death would relieve me of my suffering. In June, 1894, Mr. Evans, then salesman for the Wheeling Drug Co., recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm. At this time my foot and limb were swollen to more than double their normal size and it seemed to me my leg would burst, but soon after I began using the Pain Balm, the swelling began to decrease, the pain to leave, and now I consider that I am entirely cured. For sale by J. W. Armstrong. 22-4

Grand Rapids business men have been fooled so many times by fake advertising schemes that their association has at last decided to confine their advertising entirely to newspapers as the only sure way to reach the public.

## Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Newton C. McPherson and Emma, his wife of Thornapple, Barry county, Michigan, to Mariana Smith, guardian of Blanche and Jessie Smith, minors, of Chicago, Ill., dated the 31st day of October, A. D. 1895, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Barry county, Michigan, on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1895, in book 47 of mortgages, on page 310, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of three thousand thirty-five and 34-100 dollars and an attorney fee of thirty-five dollars stipulated for in said mortgage, all of said mortgage having been declared due by said mortgagee and is hereby declared due by her by reason of the non-payment of an installment of fifty dollars which fell due on said mortgage on the 31st day of October, A. D. 1896, and in violation of the authority contained in said mortgage to declare the same due of which the mortgagee has had notice and no suit or proceedings having been instituted either at law or in equity to recover the moneys so secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, now therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings (that being the place where the circuit court for the county of Barry is holden) on Saturday, the 21st day of August, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee of thirty-five dollars covenanted for in said mortgage.

The premises being described in said mortgage as all those certain pieces or parcels of land situate and being in the township of Thornapple in the county of Barry and state of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the quarter post on the east line of section twenty-one (21) thence due west 100 rods to a corner of section 20, thence due south fifty-three and 3/8 rods, thence due east one hundred and twenty rods, thence due north fifty-three and 5/8 rods, thence due west one hundred and twenty rods to the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-two (22), all in town four (4) north of range ten (10) west and containing all rights accretions and.

Dated May 27, 1897.  
MARIANA SMITH,  
Guardian of Blanche and Jessie Smith,  
HARLEY E. HENDRICK, Mortgagee.  
Attorney for Mortgagee. 21-13

## Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by James Harvey Cline and Adaline Cline of Thornapple, Barry county, Michigan, to Mariana Smith, guardian of Blanche and Jessie Smith, of Washington, D. C., dated the 18th day of April, A. D. 1893, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Barry county, Michigan, on the 20th day of April, A. D. 1893, in book 44 of mortgages, on page 138, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of one thousand seven hundred and 25-100 dollars, and an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage and is hereby declared due by her by reason of the non-payment of interest due on said mortgage, and by virtue of the authority contained in said mortgage to declare the same due of which the mortgagee has had notice and no suit or proceedings having been instituted either at law or in equity to recover the moneys so secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, now therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given, that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings (that being the place where the circuit court for the county of Barry is holden) on Saturday, the 21st day of August, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted for in said mortgage. The premises being described in said mortgage as all that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the township of Thornapple in the county of Barry and state of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section three (3) in town four (4) north of range ten (10) west containing forty acres of land, more or less.  
Dated May 24, A. D. 1897.

MARIANA SMITH,  
Guardian of Blanche and Jessie Smith,  
HARLEY E. HENDRICK, Mortgagee.  
Attorney for Mortgagee. 21-13

## Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Zeblon M. Jones and Mary Jones, husband and wife, of Thornapple, Barry county, Mich., of the first part to Simon Heist of Leighton, Allegan county, Michigan, of the second part, recorded December 21, A. D. 1894, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Barry county and state of Michigan, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1894, at 8 o'clock a. m. in book 22 of mortgages on page 183, which said mortgage expressly provides that should any default be made in the payment of any installment of interest or any part thereof due on said mortgage, then and there should the same remain unpaid and in arrears and should thirty days then and from thenceforth the whole amount of said mortgage, both principal and interest, be due and payable at once and payable immediately, and default having been made in the payment of interest due January 3d, A. D. 1897, and the same having become due and in arrears for the space of thirty days and upwards, the principal sum of fourteen hundred and ninety-four dollars and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, June 26, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings (that being the place where the circuit court for said Barry county is holden) the premises described in said mortgage as follows: The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section three (3) in town four (4) north of range ten (10) west except the parcel of four acres heretofore deeded for cemetery purposes. To-wit: SIMON HEIST, JOHN CARVER, Mortgagee.  
Attorney for Mortgagee.  
Dated March 30th, 1897. 13-13

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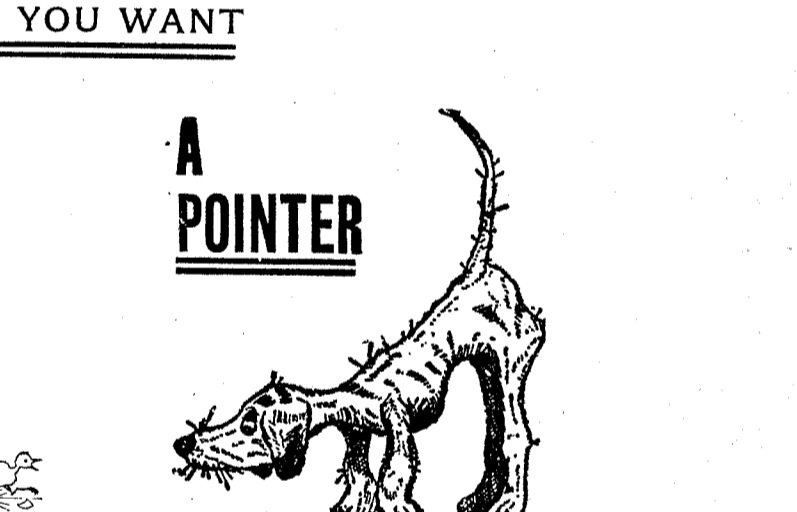
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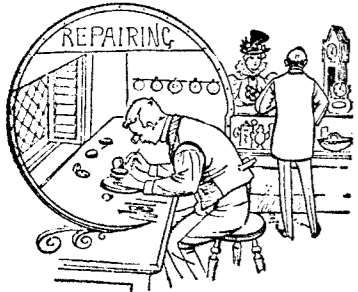
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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1897.

**Local Happenings.**

Floral Baskets at Mrs. N. Griswold's. \*  
Arrange to celebrate this year at Gun lake.

Strawberries are selling at 5 cents per quart.

The north end of High street has been improved by grading.

The new steamer "Satie S." makes regular trips on Gun lake daily.

E. S. Grosfeld has broken ground for his new residence on Larkin street.

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

Nearly all the business places were prettily decorated Monday—Flag day.

Miss Dora Brown pleasantly entertained the senior class at her home Tuesday evening.

Quite a number from this locality are in attendance at the teachers' examination in Hastings today.

On account of teachers' examination at Hastings there will be no school in the high room today and tomorrow.

Graduating exercises next week Thursday. Church doors will not be open until 7:15 p. m. standard time.

A tribe of Pottawattamie Indians will be camped at Streeter's Gun lake landing and participate in the sports July 3.

M. Rosenberg & Co. received a car load of cedar posts and a car of brick. The latter was sold to the village for the new pump house.

Married, at the home of the bride in Middleville, Mr. Dell D. Fowler and Miss Grace Daniels, by Rev. J. C. Dorris, Wednesday evening, June 16.

Al. Morse expects to lay a steel roof next week Wednesday on Freeman Harding's barn, at Martin. It is 141 feet long, one of the largest in the county.

The editor is indebted to Chas. Anson, jr., for a box of the largest strawberries we have seen this season, many of them measuring 4 1/2 inches in circumference.

At 4 a. m. Sunday a heavy rain with some hail fell in this locality, accompanied by a heavy wind storm, thunder and lightning. Yesterday an abundance of rain fell and farmers and everyone else seem to feel the happier for it.

At a meeting of the school board held Friday evening it was decided to substitute Frye's geography the coming year in place of Harper's, as the latter is woefully out of date. By changing at the beginning of the fall term only one-half of the pupils who now have old books will be obliged to buy new ones, and all who have old ones to exchange will be allowed 25 cents for their primary or 50 cents for their higher geography.

George Corson, the Yankee Springs mail carrier's horse ran away, Monday, at Orangeville. One of the bolts came out letting one side of the thills down, frightening the animal which soon became detached from the buggy and ran about two miles toward home, when it was caught by a farmer and returned to its driver. The harness was badly demolished and the horse received many wounds from the broken thills, which will be the means of its having a week's lay off. The people were kind to supply George with a cart, harness, etc., and notwithstanding one and one-half hours' delay he reached this office on schedule time. Total damage about five dollars.

An occurrence, which it will scarcely do to omit mentioning this week, is the very beautiful surprise which the good brothers of the Eastern Star Chapter had arranged for the sisters of that order, in the elegant refreshments and entertainment in their hall last Friday evening. After the Chapter closed in regular order, the ante-room doors were thrown open and suddenly sweet strains of music greeted the ears of all, rendered by Messrs. Peeps and Abbott upon the autoharp and guitar, which was continued during the evening. Soon however appeared waiters, Messrs. Bert Pinney, Bert Severance and John Dietrich, dressed in white coats and white aprons, bearing large trays of sandwiches and coffee, and later doughnuts, cake, ice-cream and strawberries, all of which were served in the most approved manner. A general good time was the result, and from the fact that the ladies were ignorant of all arrangements further than that the gentlemen were to entertain, made the occasion much more enjoyable. We are loud in our praise for the brothers.

A SISTER.

**Personal Points.**

Dr. A. L. Taylor is in Grand Rapids.

Rev. W. A. Biss was in Grand Rapids, Monday.

J. E. Barrell of Hastings, is in the village today.

Miss Minnie Furniss is numbered among the sick.

Homer Freeland of Dutton was in the village Monday.

Mrs. J. P. Ferguson was in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

E. S. Grosfeld was in the Rapids on business yesterday.

R. T. French was in Hastings on business Friday evening.

Mr. Jamieson of Plainwell, was in town on business yesterday.

Mrs. Aaron Clark and Genie Hill were in the Rapids Friday.

Al. Morse was in Prairieville and Doster on business Tuesday.

Andrew Stevens is spending the week with relatives in Kalamazoo.

Earl Schuyler of Wayland was in the village on business, yesterday.

T. C. Winters of Grand Rapids was a guest at David Webb's, yesterday.

Miss Edna Campbell was in Hastings Monday, the guest of Miss Belle Hicks.

Mrs. Walter Foster spent the most of last week with friends in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. L. Van Doren of Holland, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. David Matteson.

Mrs. Eugene Ward of Caledonia, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Saunders today.

Misses Winnie Dando and Jessie Knickerbocker were in Caledonia Monday.

Mrs. Brown of Holland was the guest of Mrs. Charles Brandstetter over Sunday.

Dr. A. Hanlon and W. J. Hayward were in the Rapids on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Caldwell went to Chicago yesterday to visit her son C. F. Caldwell.

John Jacobson of Grand Rapids, is assisting M. L. Matteson in his barber shop.

Mrs. E. A. Nelson of Chicago is visiting her cousin, John Mungerson, this week.

Dr. Eugene Boise of Grand Rapids was in the village on business Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs and Mrs. W. E. Keeler were in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Alfred Carr of Lake Odessa was in the village on business the latter part of last week.

Alfred Wright and Art Crossman of Caledonia wheeled to the village Saturday evening.

H. E. Hendrick, H. F. Tegeler and M. A. Dietrich were in the Rapids on business, yesterday.

Mrs. M. Loew of Grand Rapids is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Kronewitter of Hastings, were guests of Messrs. Blake and Liebler over Sunday.

John L. Broughton and daughter, Libbie, of Lake Odessa were guests at Archie McQueen's over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gardner were guests of W. R. Young and family in Grand Rapids Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cook drove to Grand Rapids, Saturday morning, where they spent Sunday with friends.

Mrs. W. E. Dolson will arrive in the village Friday noon for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Saunders.

A. E. Gardner of Edgerly, N. D., who has been the guest of his brother William for a few days, has gone to the eastern part of the state to visit relatives.

Miss Edna Campbell left this forenoon for a three weeks' visit with relatives at Bay City, thence to Peoria, N. Y., to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. A. G. Orr.

Duncan Campbell and wife, A. D. Thomas and wife, Mrs. Charles McQueen and Mrs. J. C. Otto were in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. James Stuart at Orangeville Monday.

As we go to press, word reaches us that Mrs. A. L. Taylor, who went to a hospital in Grand Rapids for an operation which took place this a. m., survived the ordeal and the physicians report her as doing nicely.

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M. A. Coykendall's new house is nearly enclosed.

The merry-go-round will amuse the children at Gun lake July 3.

Sara Cook rides a new "Clipper" bought of the J. E. Ackerson Harness Co.

There will be a soft glove contest at Gun lake July 3d between Harvey Ives of Hooover and Ernest Pratt of Kalamazoo.

Bills will be out tomorrow announcing a Fourth of July celebration to take place at Streeter's Gun lake landing, July 3d.

John Rogers caught and sheared forty sheep Saturday in ten hours for Geo. Claler. Pretty good day's work for a man over fifty years of age.

Ivy Temple wishes to express its thanks to the cornet band and male quartet and all others who assisted them in their entertainment June 8. We wish to assure them that we fully appreciate their services.

R. T. French recently caught 273 fish in Gun lake in one hour and a half some weighing 3 1/2 pounds. He fished with three poles and could have caught more if Mr. England could have removed the fish and rebated the hooks faster.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

MIDDLEVILLE P. O., June 12, 1897.  
Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by June 25, 1897.

**NAMES:**  
Mr. John H. Johnson  
Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.  
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**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

Name and Residence.	Age.
Henry H. Mayo, Assyria	56-58
Charley Callihan, Ohio; Alice Wilkin-son, Caledonia	27-27
Nicholas Acker, Hope; Alice C. Stine, same	48-41

Woodland will celebrate the 4th Saturday.

Alfred B. Finch of Otsego was drowned while fishing in Grand river, Tuesday of last week.

**EXCURSION TO GRAND RAPIDS.**

On account of the Sunday School Rally, the Michigan Central will sell round trip tickets for above occasion, Thursday July 1, at 50 cents. Children 25 cents. See flyers.  
22-4 J. E. GOGLE, Local Ag't.

W. R. Young has sold his stock of groceries in Grand Rapids.

Wm. V. Hoyt of Wayland has been granted an increase in pension.  
Our county home now has but twenty inmates.

**HASTINGS HITTINGS.**

From the Banner.

Morg. Mohler left Wednesday for Gun lake where he will take charge of the steamer.

Dr. C. J. Staake has sold the right of his medicines to W. H. Goodyear for Michigan.

Miss Maud Hamlin has secured a position as attendant in the Kalamazoo Asylum and left for there Saturday.

The school board at its last regular meeting elected Louis J. Goodyear, who is now teaching in the Allegan high school to fill the position made vacant by the resigning of Miss Eddy, first assistant. Mr. Goodyear was not an applicant for the position, it being tendered to him unsolicited.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish through the columns of the SUN to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors, brothers and sisters for their kindly assistance during the sickness, death and burial of our husband and father; also the Parmelee friends for the use of the church and the choir's assistance.  
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22-3

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## EVE'S FRUIT PICKING

HOW HER CURIOSITY RUINED THE HUMAN RACE.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Preaches a Picturesque Sermon on the Calamity in Paradise—Fasting Fruit that Does Not Belong to Us—Fatal Charms.

**Mother Eve's Fall.**   
 A new interpretation of the calamity in paradise is given by Dr. Talmage in this sermon, which is laden with practical lessons. The text is Genesis iii., 6, "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and give also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." It is the first Saturday afternoon in the world's existence. Ever since sunrise Adam has been watching the brilliant pageantry of wings and scales and clouds. In his first lesson in zoology and ornithology and ichthyology he has noticed that the robin fly the air in twos and that the fish swim the water in twos and that the lions walk the fields in twos and in the warm redolence of that Saturday afternoon he falls off into slumber, and as if by allegory to teach all ages that the greatest of earthly blessings is sound sleep, this paradisaical somnolence ends with the discovery on the part of Adam of a corresponding intelligence just landed on a new planet. Of the mother of all the living I speak—Eve, the first, the fairest and the best.

**A Beautiful Garden.**   
 I make me a garden. I lay the paths with mountain moss, and I border them with pearls from Ceylon and diamonds from Golconda. Here and there are fountains tossing in the sunlight and ponds that ripple under the paddling of the swans. I gather me lilies from the Amazon and orange groves from the tropics and tamarinds from Goyaz. There are woodbine and honeysuckle climbing over the wall and starred spaniels sprawling themselves on the grass. I invite amid these trees the larks, and the brown thrushes, and the robins, and all the brightest birds of heaven, and they stir the air with infinite chirp and carol. And yet the place is a desert filled with darkness and death as compared with the residence of the woman of the text, the subject of my story. Never since have such skies looked down through such leaves into such waters! Never have river waves had such curve and sheen and bank as adorned the Pison, the Havilah, the Gihon and the Hiddekel, even the pebbles being bedelium and onyx stones! What fruits, with no curculio to sting the rind! What flowers, with no slug to gnaw the root! What atmosphere, with no frost to chill and with no heat to consume! Bright colors tangled in the grass. Perfume in the air. Music in the sky. Great scenes of gladness and love and joy.

Right there under a bower of leaf and vine and shrub occurred the first marriage. Adam took the hand of this immaculate daughter of God and pronounced the ceremony when he said, "Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." A forbidden tree stood in the midst of that exquisite park. Eve, sauntering out one day alone, looks up at the tree and sees the beautiful fruit and wonders if it is sweet and wonders if it is sour and standing there says: "I think I will just put my hand upon the fruit. It will do no damage to the tree. I will not take the fruit to eat, but I will just take it down to examine it." She examined the fruit. She said, "I do not think there can be any harm in my just breaking the rind of it." She put the fruit to her teeth, she tasted, she allowed Adam also to taste the fruit, the door of the world opened, and the monster sin entered. Let the heavens gather blackness, and the winds sigh on the bosom of the hills, and caverns, and desert, and earth, and sky join in one long, deep, hell-rending howl, "The world is lost!"

**Ruin in Curiosity.**   
 Do you not see in the first place the danger of a poorly regulated inquisitiveness? She wanted to know how the fruit tasted. She found out, but 6,000 years have deplored that unhealthful curiosity. Healthful curiosity has done a great deal for letters, for art, for science and for religion. It has gone down into the depths of the earth with the geologist and seen the first chapter of Genesis written in the book of nature, illustrated with engraving on rock, and it stood with the antiquarian while he blew the trumpet of resurrection over buried Heracleum and Pompeii, until from their sepulchre there came up shaft and terrace and amphitheater. Healthful curiosity has enlarged the telescopic vision of the astronomer until worlds hidden in the distant heavens have trooped forth and have joined the choir praising the Lord. Planet weighed against planet and widest comet jostled with independent law. Healthful curiosity has gone down and found the tracks of the eternal God in the polypt and the starfish under the sea and the majesty of the great Jehovah encamped under the gorgeous curtains of the dahlia. It has studied the spots on the sun, and the arva in a beech leaf, and the light under a fire-fly's wing, and the terrible eye-gance of a condor pitching from Chimborazo. It has studied the myriads of animals that make up the phosphorescence in a ship's wake, and the mighty maze of suns and spheres and constellations and galaxies that blaze on in the march of God. Healthful curiosity has stood by the inventor until forces that were hidden for ages came to wheels, and levers, and shafts and shuttles—forces that fly the air, or swim the sea, or cleave the mountain until the earth jars and roars and rings and crackles and booms with strange mechanism, and ships with nostrils of hot steam and yokes of fire draw the continents together.

I say nothing against healthful curiosity. May it have other Leyden jars, and other electric batteries, and other voltaic piles, and other magnifying glasses, with which to storm the barred castles of the natural world until it shall surrender its last secret. We thank God for the geological curiosity of Prof. Hitchcock, and the mechanical curiosity of Liebig, and the zoological curiosity of Cuvier, and the in-

ventive curiosity of Edison, but we must admit that unhealthful and irregular inquisitiveness has rushed thousands and tens of thousands into ruin.

Eve just tasted the fruit. She was curious to find out how it tasted, and that curiosity blasted her and blinded all nations. So there are clergymen in this day, inspired by unhealthful inquisitiveness, who have tried to look through the keyhole of God's mysteries—mysteries that were barred and bolted from all human inspection—and they have wrenched their whole nature out of joint by trying to pluck fruit from branches beyond their reach, or have come out on limbs of the tree from which they have tumbled into ruin without remedy. A thousand trees of religious knowledge from which we may eat and get advantage, but from certain trees of mystery how many have plucked their ruin! Election, free agency, trinity, resurrection—in the discussion of these subjects hundreds and thousands of people ruin the soul. There are men who actually have been kept out of the kingdom of heaven because they could not understand who Melchisedec was not!

**Like Dead Sea Fruit.**   
 Oh, how many have been destroyed by an unhealthful inquisitiveness! It is seen in all directions. There are those who stand with the eye stare and mouth gape of curiosity. They are the first to hear a falsehood, build it another story high and two wings to it. About other people's apparel, about other people's business, about other people's financial condition, about other people's affairs, they are over-anxious. Every nice piece of gossip stops at their door, and they fatten and luxuriate in the endless round of the great world of tittle-tattle. They invite and sumptuously entertain at their house Colonel Trundle and Squire Chitchat and Governor Smalltalk. Whoever hath an innuendo, whoever hath a scandal, whoever hath a valuable secret, let him come and sacrifice it to this goddess of splutter. Thousands of Adams and Eves do nothing but eat fruit that does not belong to them, men quite well known as mathematicians failing in this computation of moral algebra—good sense plus good breeding, minus curiosity, equals minding your own affairs!

Then, how many young men through curiosity go through the whole realm of French novels to see whether they are really as bad as moralists have pronounced them. They come near the verge of the precipice just to look off. They want to see how far it really is down, but they lose their balance while they look and fall into remediless ruin, or, catching themselves, clamber up, bleeding and ghastly, on the rock, gibbering, with curses and groaning ineffectual prayer. By all means encourage healthful inquisitiveness; by all means discourage ill-regulated curiosity.

This subject also impresses me with the fact that fruits that are sweet to the taste may afterward produce great agony. Forbidden fruit for Eve was so pleasant she invited her husband also to take of it. But her banishment from paradise and 6,000 years of sorrow and wretchedness and war and woe paid for that luxury. Sin may be very sweet at the start, and it may induce great wretchedness afterward. The cup of sin is sparkling at the top, but there is death at the bottom. Intoxication has great exhilaration for a while, and it fills the blood, and it makes a man see five stars where others can see only one star, and it makes the poor man rich, and turns cheeks which are white red as roses. But what about the dreams that come after, when he seems falling from great heights or is prostrated by other fancied disasters and the perspiration stands on the forehead—the night dew of everlasting darkness—and he is ground under the horrible hoof of nightmares shrieking with lips that crackle with all consuming torture? "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth! But know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment!" Sweet at the start, horrible at the last. Go into that hall of revelry, where ungodly mirth staggers and blasphemes. Listen to the senseless gabble. See the last trace of intelligence dashed out from faces made in God's own image. "Aha, aha!" says the roistering inebriate. "This is joy for you. Fill high your cups, my boys. I drink to my wife's misery, and my children's rags, and my God's defiance." And he knows not that a fiend stirs the goblet in his hand and that adds uncoil from the dregs and thrust their forked tongues hissing through the froth on the rim. The Philistines jeered and laughed and shouted at Samson. Oh, they wanted him to make sport for them, and he made sport for them! How bright and gay was the scene for a little while! After awhile the giant puts one hand against this pillar and the other hand against that pillar and bows himself, and 3,000 merry-makers are mashed like grapes in a wine press. Sin rapturous at the start, awful at the last.

**A Staggering Blow.**   
 That one Edenic transgression did not seem to be much, but it struck a blow which to this day makes the earth stagger. To find out the consequences of that one sin you would have to compel the world to throw open all its prison doors and display the crime, and throw open all its hospitals and display the disease, and throw open all the insane asylums and show the wretchedness, and open all the sepulchres and show the dead, and open all the doors of the lost world and show the damned. That one Edenic transgression stretched chords of misery across the heart of the world and struck them with dolorous wailing, and it has sent the plagues upon the air, and the shipwrecks upon the tempest, and fastened, like a leech, famine to the heart of the sick and dying nations. Beautiful at the start, horrible at the last. Oh, how many have experienced it!

Are there here those who are votaries of pleasure? Let me warn you, my brother. Your pleasure boat is far from shore, and your summer day is ending roughly, for the winds and the waves are loud voiced, and the overcoming clouds are all wreathed and agleam with terror. You are past the Narrows, and almost outside the Hook, and if the Atlantic take thee, frail mortal, thou shalt never get to shore again. Put back, row swiftly, swifter, swifter! Jesus from the shore casteth a rope. Clasp it quickly, now or never. Oh, there are those of you who are freighted all your loves and joys and hopes upon a vessel which shall never reach the port of heaven. Thou nearest the breakers. One heave upon the rocks. Oh, what an awful crash was that! Another lunge may crush thee beneath the spars or grind thy bones to powder amid the torn timbers. Overboard for your life, overboard! Trust not that loose plank nor attempt the wave, but quickly clasp the feet of Jesus walking on the watery pavement, shouting until he hear thee, "Lord, save me or I perish!" Sin beautiful at the start—oh, how sad, how disastrous, at the last! The ground over which it leads you is hollow. The fruit it offers to your taste is poison. The promise it makes to you is a lie. Over that ungodly banquet the keen sword of God's judgment hangs, and there are ominous handwritings on the walls. Observe also in this subject how repelling sin is when appended to great attractiveness. Since Eve's death there has been no such perfection of womanhood. You could not suggest an attractiveness to the body or suggest any refinement to the manner. You could add no gratefulness to the gait, no luster to the eye, no sweetness to the voice. A perfect God made her a perfect woman, to be companion of a perfect man in a perfect home, and her entire nature vibrated in accord with the beauty and song of paradise. But she rebelled against God's government, and with the same hand with which she plucked the fruit she launched upon the world the crime, the wars, the tumults that have set the universe a-wailing.

**Fatal Charms.**   
 A terrible offset to all her attractiveness. We are not surprised when we find men and women naturally vulgar going into transgression. We expect that people who live in the ditch shall have the manners of the ditch, but how shocking when we find sin appended to superior education and to the refinements of social life! The accomplishments of Mary, queen of Scots, make her patronage of Darnley, the profligate, the more appalling. The genius of Catherine II. of Russia only sets forth in more powerful contrast her unappeasable ambition. The translations from the Greek and the Latin by Elizabeth and her wonderful qualifications for a queen make the more disgusting her capriciousness of affection and her hotness of temper. The greatness of Byron's mind makes the more alarming Byron's sensuality.

Let no one think that refinement of manner or exquisiteness of taste or superiority of education can in any wise apologize for ill temper, for an oppressive spirit, for unkindness, for any kind of sin. Disobedience Godward and transgression manward can give no excuse. Accomplishment heaven high is no apology for vice hell deep.

My subject also impresses me with the regal influence of woman. When I see Eve with this powerful influence over Adam and over the generations that have followed, it suggests to me the great power all women have for good or for evil. I have no sympathy, nor have you, with the hollow flatteries showered upon woman from the platform and the stage. They mean nothing; they are accepted as nothing. Woman's nobility consists in the exercise of a Christian influence, and when I see this powerful influence of Eve upon her husband and upon the whole human race I make up my mind that the frail arm of woman can strike a blow which will resound through all eternity down among the dungeons or up among the thrones.

**Woman and Home.**   
 Of course I am not speaking of representative women—of Eve, who ruined the race by one fruit picking; of Jael, who drove a spike through the head of Sisera, the warrior; of Esther, who overcame royalty; of Abigail, who stopped a host by her own beautiful prowess; of Mary, who nursed the world's Saviour; of Grandmother Lois, immortalized in her grandson Timothy; of Charlotte Corday, who drove the dagger through the heart of the assassin of her lover, or of Marie Antoinette, who by one look from the balcony of her castle quieted a mob, her own scaffold the throne of forgiveness and womanly courage. I speak not of these extraordinary persons, but of those who, unambitious for political power, as wives and mothers and sisters and daughters attend to the thousand sweet offices of home.

When at last we come to calculate the forces that decided the destiny of nations, it will be found that the mightiest and grandest influence came from home, where the wife cheered up despondency and fatigue and sorrow by her own sympathy, and the mother trained her child for heaven, starting the little feet on the path to the celestial city, and the sisters by their gentleness refined the manners of the brother, and the daughters were diligent in their kindness to the aged, throwing wreaths of blessing on the road that leads father and mother down the steep years. God bless our homes! And may the home on earth be the vestibule of our home in heaven, in which place may we all meet—father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandfather and grandmother and grandchild, and the entire group of precious ones of whom we must say in the words of transporting Charles Wesley:

One family, we dwell in him;  
 One church above, beneath,  
 Though now divided by the stream—  
 The narrow stream of death—  
 One army of the living God,  
 To his command we bow.  
 Part of the host have crossed the flood,  
 And part are crossing now.

**Short Sermons.**   
 The Pulpit.—The pulpit has a glorious future. If united in effort, it could have anything it wanted now in national, State or municipal purity and righteousness. Its great sin is that it is divided. But in the twentieth century it is destined to be more than ever before the ruling factor in the crystallization of public sentiment and in its hold upon the minds of the public.—Rev. F. W. Anderson, Methodist, New York City.

Talents of Silver.—Men give to God what they have no use for themselves. If they can make a profit by omitting religious services they omit them. The talents of silver must be regarded. They represent so many desirable things. Giving them up for mere spiritual culture does not pay. Nevertheless, the truth forever remains that, compared with the same interest, they are worse than zero.—Rev. J. W. Phelps, Methodist, San Francisco.

Reason.—This world is not a playground in which man is to disport himself for a little while and then lie down and die. Man is not made only of the dust of the world. He is a reasonable being. He is endowed with conscience to disturb him in the enjoyment of it. If this life is all, man's highest gifts are hindrances, not helps, to happiness.—Rev. W. M. Reilly, Episcopalian, San Francisco, Cal.

## ANECDOTE AND INCIDENT

Professor Sellar once remarked to Matthew Arnold that Waldron was a good man. "Ah," returned Arnold, "we were all so good at Rugby." "Yes," returned Sellar, "but he kept it up."

Dr. Elisha Kane, the Arctic explorer, on being asked what he thought of a certain after-dinner speech, replied that it was like an Arctic sunset. "What do you mean by that?" asked his friend. "It was bright and interesting," replied the doctor, "but provokingly long in operation."

When Sir Walter Scott repeated "Hohenlinden" to Leyden, the latter commented: "Dash it, man, tell the fellow that I hate him, but dash him, he has written the finest verses that have been published these fifty years." Sir Walter faithfully carried out his errand, and had for answer: "Tell Leyden that I detest him, but I know the value of his critical approbation."

As a performer, Brahms, the late musician, had an extremely hard touch. This once led a musician, who was accompanying him on the 'cello, to exclaim, "I can't hear myself." "Ah," replied Brahms, blandly, "you are a lucky fellow." When he left the room, after a lively evening with his friends, he used to remark: "If there is any one present whose feelings I have not hurt, I trust he will receive my humble apology."

A stenographer once proposed to Henry Ward Beecher that he be allowed extra pay for reporting Mr. Beecher's sermons, in consideration of correcting the errors in grammar. "How many errors," asked the great preacher, "did you find in this discourse of mine?" "There were two hundred and sixteen," was the reply. "Young man," said Mr. Beecher, solemnly, "when the English language gets in my way, it doesn't stand half a chance."

Sidney Smith said of the great Dr. Whewell, master of Trinity College, that "science was his forte and omniscience his fable." On one occasion, two fellows of the college, thinking to get beyond his range, read up the subject of Chinese metaphysics and then disputed about it in the doctor's presence. He listened in silence for a time, and then observed: "Ah I see you have been reading a paper which I wrote for an encyclopedia of science."

When Squire Balkcom called the court to order this morning in the spacious upbrage of the trees that shadow his yard (says the Jones County (Ga.) News), he noticed a dusky son of Ham and his wife standing among the spectators with an anxious look upon their faces. "What can I do for you?" asked his honor. "Ise come to get you to 'vorce us, judge." "Don't you know that such an act is beyond the pale of this court?" "Yes, sah, shore; she 'tacted me vid he pail, an' lit waz full of watah, and busted lib wid her no mosh, and I adn't gwine lib wid her no mosh—she shore did, judge." "I say, you woolly-headed hup of Ethiopia, don't you know that the Constitution of the United States, embodied in its laws, denies to a justice court the power of annulling the marital vows; that it belongs to a higher tribunal? Is that any plainer?" "Yes sah, boss, she shore did null my constitution; why—" "Oh, go to Gehenna. I say I can't and won't separate you. Do you understand now?" "Say, judge, Ise 'go de money to pay you, boss, for God's sake—" "How much have you got?" asked his honor. "Six dollars and a half, boss." "Then I fine you one dollar and fifty cents for taking up the time of the court and five dollars for attempting to sully its judicial ermine by a bribe."

**He Was Too Realistic.**   
 Last winter a number of literary people indulged from time to time in amateur theatricals. During February they produced a comedy. One of the actors played the part of a burglar, and had to climb up the outside of the house in which the entertainment was given and enter through the window which was at the rear of the improvised stage.

He hurried round from the dressing-room and gallantly commenced to struggle up the wall, when a policeman grasped him by the neck, thinking him a valuable burglar. He started to explain, but the minion of the law would have none of it.

The audience was wondering in the meantime why the play did not proceed, and the young actors and actresses on the stage were eagerly waiting for the burglar to enter and give them their cue, when they heard shrieks, yells, oaths and threats from the garden. Rushing out they found the master burglar thrashing wildly about the grass, while a brawny policeman sat on his shoulders hammering his neck into the mud.

**Phenomenal Idiots.**   
 There are many instances of remarkable idiots, or idiots savants, as they are scientifically called, that is of imbeciles who exhibit certain special aptitudes entirely out of proportion to their general intellectual development. Dase, a German, born in 1824, extremely stupid and dull in other directions, never able to master a word of any language but his own, was a mathematical genius. As an instance of his power, he multiplied correctly, in 54 seconds, 79,532,853 by 93,758,479.

Grandmange, a Frenchman, born without legs or arms in 1836, was another example of a mathematical prodigy. Mondeux, a Frenchman, son of a woodcutter, born in 1826, possessed an extraordinary arithmetical faculty, although he could neither read nor write, nor cipher. He could not remember a name or address. He solved this prob-

lem in a few seconds: How many quarts of water in a fountain from which a group of people draw as follows: The first person takes 100 quarts and one-thirtieth of the remainder; the second, 200 quarts and one-thirtieth of the remainder; the third, 300 quarts and one-thirtieth of the remainder; and so on until the fountain was emptied?

Tom Fuller, born in 1710, known as the Virginia calculator, was a native African, never knew how to read or write, but had phenomenal powers in arithmetic. Asked how many seconds in a year and a half, he responded in two minutes, 47,804,000. Asked how many seconds, a man had lived who was 70 years 17 days 12 hours old, he answered in a minute and a half, 2,210,500,800.

Jedediah Buxton, an Englishman, born in 1702, who was excessively stupid as a child, never learned to write his own name, had not even common intelligence in the ordinary matters of life, and whose mind never reached a development beyond that of a boy of 10 years, was a marvelous mathematician.

## RATS DEVOURING PARIS.

**The Gay French Capital Menaced by Myriads of Rodents.**   
 Quite a cry of alarm is being raised. Paris and the Parisians are menaced by destruction by rats, which are honey-combing the city, and will soon start on an organized raid, with a view to devouring its inhabitants, says a French writer. The municipal council is invoked to avert the impending catastrophe, and it is suggested that a substantial reward might be offered to any person who could invent some practical process whereby these horrid creatures might be removed off the face, or rather, the depths of the earth, ere worse befall. Setting manifest exaggeration aside, it must be admitted that never has this nuisance assumed more formidable proportions than at the present date. Never before have the rats, within the bounds of the fortifications, increased and multiplied to such a disagreeable extent. They teem everywhere. They emerge in their thousands from the drains and in out-of-the-way districts scour the streets in gangs, affording fine sport to the policemen on duty there at night, who pursue them with their sword bayonets, committing veritable massacres. It is, however, in the neighborhood of the central markets and the Palais Royal that they most do congregate, as well as in the slaughter houses. Vendors at the Halles do not know where to stow their goods for greater security, and at the abattoirs havoc is played by the rats with the carcasses which come ready to their teeth. The demolition of old houses, large stables and the like, for building purposes, has deprived myriads of their former means of subsistence, and has turned them loose on society. That something must be done to keep this nuisance within certain limits at least is a necessity which seems to be generally recognized, but nobody appears to be, as yet, ready with a plan of campaign.

**Refuse Oyster Shells.**   
 The waters of Maryland produce one-third the total oyster supply of the world. The State yields twice as many of the luscious bivalves as are grown in all foreign countries combined. During the present century it has put on the market 400,000,000 bushels of the toothsome mollusks. These have sold for the enormous sum of \$250,000,000. Almost all of this country is dependent for the abundance and cheapness of this edible on the supply of the Chesapeake. From here also come very nearly all the oysters used for canning. In fact, the output of this industry in Maryland is equal to one-sixth of all the fisheries in the United States put together.

The quantity of oyster shells landed upon the shores of Maryland during the last century has been reckoned at 12,000,000 tons. Until very lately the canning firms have had much trouble in getting rid of the shells, having to pay, in fact, for the removal of all they could not give away. Recently, however, they have been able to sell them. They are now shipped to all parts of the country, and are utilized variously for roads, for lime, and employed in making coal gas. They have also been found to serve almost as well as stone in the manufacture of special grades of iron for railroad beds. Cultivators of oysters also employ them, having found that they afford suitable surfaces for young oysters to attach themselves to. They are likewise used to some extent as chicken food. They are very good for hens, the shells of eggs being largely made of them. The trade received \$25,000 in a single year for the empty shells.

**The Dog and the Painter.**   
 A gentleman, accompanied by a favorite dog, visited the studio of a well-known artist the other day. There was a picture on the easel, and the dog began barking furiously at it. "Nature may be relied upon after all," said the visitor. "The best evidence of the faithfulness with which you have painted that dog in the background is the earnestness with which my dog barks at it."

"But that isn't a dog," said the artist, growing red in the face. "Not a dog! What is it, then?" "It's a cow."

The gentleman was nonplused for a moment, but quickly replied: "Well, the dog's eyes are better than mine; he never did like cows."

**Willing to Obey.**   
 Mother—You must never put off till to-morrow what you can just as well do to-day.

Freddie—Then let me finish that pie now.—Fllegende Blaetter.

## SWEEPED BY A STORM.

LYLE, MINN., LAID WASTE BY A CYCLONE.

One Man Is Killed and Fifteen or Twenty Badly Injured—Farmers by the Score Lose All of Their Earthly Belongings.

**Track of a Twister.**   
 Loss of life and great damage resulted from a cyclone which swept the district near Lyle, Minn., Thursday evening. One man was killed and the list of injured will reach fifteen or twenty. Hanson, the man who was killed, was a prosperous farmer near Lyle. He had just returned home from town and was caring for his team when the storm struck the barn, completely demolishing it, killing the team and other stock. Hanson was carried forty rods east, where the body, badly mutilated, was found. He leaves a widow and a child.

As near as can be ascertained, the storm originated four miles west of the village and half a mile north of the Iowa line and pursued a zigzag course toward the northeast, sweeping everything before it over a strip fully half a mile wide. Trees were uprooted, telephone and telegraph poles were broken off, barns, houses, orchards, groves and gardens swept away before the storm. Several loaded cars on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway were lifted bodily from the track. Lumber in the yard of L. W. Sherman was scattered promiscuously about the country and windmills without number were destroyed.

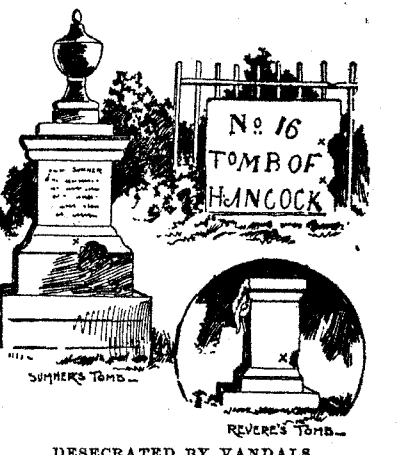
As most of the damage is in the country, it is difficult to get accurate information, but as nearly as can be learned from fifteen to twenty persons are more or less injured. The school house known as the Minnerka, near the Iowa line, was completely obliterated. The damage to property is variously estimated at from \$25,000 to \$75,000. A special train with surgeons, linemen and workmen was sent to Lyle from Waterloo, Iowa, within an hour of the time of the storm.

## VANDALS IN A CEMETERY.

Relic-Seekers Deface Stones Over Famous Dead in Boston.

There is no length to which the rapacious relic-seeker will not go in his mad desire for souvenirs of the curious, famous and antique, and three of the oldest and most highly venerated tombstones in the Old Granary burying ground on Tremont street, Boston, those of Revere, Hancock and Increase Sumner, bear ample evidence of the truth of this statement.

In accordance with custom, the Old Granary was opened to visitors on Memorial Day, and, during the day hundreds of sightseers visited the grounds to see the best resting places of Boston's famous dead. Among them was one, perhaps more, who, not satisfied with the privilege



DESECRATED BY VANDALS.

of viewing the tombs, carried away the fragments of the sacred stones as mementoes. Who the vandals were nobody knows, for no one witnessed the work of destruction, but the disfigured shafts now stand in silent reproof of the wanton destruction.

## FIGHT WITH TRAMP ROBBERS.

Deputy Marshals at Whiting Wound One and Capture Eight.

In the thick gloom of the Michigan Southern Railroad yards at Whiting, Ind., the scene of many petty crimes, a half-dozen or more alleged freight car robbers and highwaymen engaged in a fierce battle early Thursday morning with the town officials. Revolvers were freely used by both the alleged outlaws and the officers and about thirty shots were exchanged. One of the men, who gave his name as William O'Connor, was shot through the right hand. Their residences in the vicinity of the shooting were aroused by the fusillade and before eight men were finally arrested the entire town of Whiting had been terrorized. The authorities at Whiting believe that they came as an organized gang to pilfer freight cars.

## News of Minor Notes.

The estate of Gail Hamilton, according to an inventory filed, amounts to \$31,023. James B. Eastis, late ambassador to France, will resume the practice of law in New York City.

Owen Mullen was terribly beaten by tramps and then thrown from a moving train at Cleveland, O. He will die.

The formation of a volcano from a fissure caused by the recent earthquakes is feared by the people of Pearisburg, Va., acting under a decision by the Attorney General of the United States that the clerks and deputies in the marshal's office are not protected by the civil service law. Marshal Kercheval of Indianapolis notified his deputies that their services would not be required after the end of the year. The deputies appealed and received a letter from President Proctor of the civil service commission saying in emphatic terms that the clerks and deputies are protected under the law.

### Senator Voorhees' Retort.

And there is a story about Daniel W. Voorhees, formerly United States Senator from Indiana. He was a famous advocate in his day, and one of the most striking personalities to be met with in all the West. It is not saying an ill thing of the Senator, who died recently, to say that he was slightly given to bombast.

One day he was arguing a case before an Indiana court and was displeased with a ruling. He expressed himself as astonished that a man with so limited a knowledge of the law should have ever succeeded so far in beguiling his fellow-citizens as to secure their commission to sit on a bench for the trial of causes.

"The court will fine you \$10 for contempt of court, Mr. Voorhees," said the jurist.

Mr. Voorhees' retort was quick and crushing.

"May it please the court, your honor will have to name a sum far in excess of that if the court wishes to make a fine at all commensurate with the degree of contempt I feel."

To be a perfect story it should stop right there. But in the cause of truth it must be recorded that Mr. Voorhees later apologized, and the fine was remitted.—Chicago Times-Herald.

### A Stout Backbone

is essential to physical health as to political consistency. For weakness of the back, rheumatism, and disorders of the kidneys, the tonic and diuretic action of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the one thing needful. The stomach is the mainstay of every other organ, and by invigorating the digestion with this preparation, the spinal column, and all its dependencies, are sympathetically strengthened. The dyspeptic and bilious will find it a pure vegetable stimulant and tonic.

The quarter eagle or \$2.50 in gold, was authorized April 2, 1792, and its coinage was begun in 1796.

### WOMEN! DON'T WAIT.

If You Have Any of These Symptoms Act at Once.

Do you know the reason why you will go to the hospital, my poor friend? Because you have allowed yourself to go from bad to worse. You did not know that that heat, swelling and tenderness in your left side were all signs of congestion of the ovary.

Any intelligent woman could have told you that congestion is fatal to the uterine system, and that an ovary congested leads to tumor formation, and that you were in awful danger. Now you will have to undergo the operation of ovariectomy, the cutting out of the ovary.

Yes, you will recover, at least I hope you will; but you will never be quite the same woman again. Congestion of the ovaries is fatal to health. If you have any such symptoms be advised in time; take a medicine of specific powers! You can find none better than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, prepared especially to meet the needs of woman's sexual system. You can get it at any good druggist's.

Following we publish a letter from a woman in Milwaukee, which relates how she was cured of ovarian trouble: "Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I suffered with congestion of the ovaries and inflammation of the womb. I had been troubled with suppressed and painful menstruation from a girl. The doctors told me the ovaries would have to be removed. I took treatment two years to escape an operation, but still remained in miserable health in both body and mind, expecting to part with my reason each coming month. After using one bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and a package of Sanative Wash I was very much relieved. I continued to use your remedies until cured. The last nine months have been passed in perfect good health. This, I know, I owe entirely to the Vegetable Compound. My gratitude is great, indeed, to the one to whom so many women owe their health and happiness."—Mrs. F. M. KNAPP, 563 Wentworth Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

### SLEEPLESSNESS FROM RHEUMATISM

#### A MAN RECOVERS FROM THE MALADY WHICH HAD MADE LIFE A BURDEN.

From the Democrat-Messenger, Mt. Sterling, Ill.

The prevalence of rheumatism in this part of the country has long been a source of unfavorable comment by other localities. In severe form, he-like many others, there are few adults in the Valley of the Mississippi who at some time in their lives may not expect to realize the direful effects of rheumatism in some one of its different forms. The Democrat-Messenger has several times been called to instances where the effects of this malady have rendered life almost unendurable.

In this connection it may not be out of place for this journal to refer to a recent incident. We refer to Mr. John J. Friday, Jr., of Ripley, Ill., well known to many of our people as a young man of character and standing. Last spring Mr. Friday was attacked by rheumatism in its severest form, he-like many others, probably inheriting a tendency to the disease. A reporter met him the other day and found him about as lively a looking young man as there is in Brown County. Mr. Friday said: "In the spring of 1896 I was attacked by rheumatism. The disease progressed until I was past getting around. For a long time I was unable to lie down in bed and was forced to sit up as many as four nights in a week without going to bed at all. I consulted the leading physicians both in Mt. Sterling and Rushville, but obtained no relief. My condition was growing worse, and it seemed as if nothing could help me.

"In talking with George Higgins, a friend of mine, he said that he also had suffered from rheumatism and had been completely cured by using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He told me that before he began using this medicine he could scarcely bend his knee and could walk only with great difficulty. I knew that he had, shortly before that time, been afflicted as I was, and therefore concluded that if he had been benefited by their use they might help me. I also heard that Mr. James Stout, a prominent farmer near Ripley, had been cured of rheumatism by the same means. I made some inquiries of him and he confirmed what I had been told. It was about all I could do to get to Ripley, but I managed to make the short trip. I bought two boxes of the pills and used them as directed. After I had taken half a box I felt wonderfully better. I kept on and used six or seven boxes. My improvement continued until I was entirely cured. I now consider myself cured, and have no more feeling of rheumatism than if I had never had it.

"I believe that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are entirely responsible for my recovery, as before I began their use my condition was steadily growing worse. If you care to publish what I have said about this medicine I am perfectly willing that you should do so. I believe it will benefit others who suffer from this disease. I took six boxes and consider Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the best investment I ever made."

There are probably many other instances in this part of Illinois where this painful and stubborn disease has been cured by the use of this remedy, and we will from time to time publish further accounts as they may be brought to our notice.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to rebuild and give richness to the blood and restore exhausted nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (ever in loose bulk) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

### Bicycles Superior to Horses.

The feat of a Baltimore bicyclist, who rode 170 miles in twelve hours, and 314 miles in twenty-four hours, seems to show that the new motor is superior to the horse in more ways than one. It is not only insensible to fatigue, but it is superior in points of both speed and endurance. Probably the best record ever made by a horse was that of the animal ridden by Count Strahrenberg, in October, 1892, which covered the distance from Vienna to Berlin, 400 miles, in seventy-one hours and thirty-four minutes. This was far inferior to the 314 miles made by the human muscle, with the aid of the wheel, in twenty-four hours. The horse can go where the bicycle cannot, but, given good roads, he stands no chance with it in a race against either time or distance.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Church Bells Ringing.

According to an old custom in the Dutch village of Katlyk the two church bells have been rung for centuries past, without intermission, day and night, from the 21st to the 25th of December every year. No reason is given for the custom, but so far all efforts to stop the maddening noise have proved futile.

### WORK OF CONGRESS.

#### THE WEEK'S DOINGS IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

#### A Comprehensive Digest of the Proceedings in the Legislative Chambers at Washington—Matters that Concern the People.

##### Lawmakers at Labor.

When the Senate laid aside the tariff bill Saturday night it had reached the sugar schedule, which has been the subject of so much interest and conflict. During the day many of the paragraphs of the wood schedule had been agreed to, but that restoring lumber to the dutiable list at \$2 per 1,000 feet proved the greatest stumbling block since the debate began. Mr. Bacon (Dem.) of Georgia gave his support to the committee rate, saying it was essential to the lumber industry of the South. He also spoke in favor of a revenue tariff so adjusted as to give equal benefit to all industries. Mr. Bacon and Mr. Vest clashed several times on tariff doctrine. Mr. Vest expressing his regret that a Democratic Senator would aid in restoring to the dutiable list one of the three products—lumber, salt and wool—which the Wilson bill put on the free list. Mr. Clay of Georgia also spoke at length on the tariff bill, criticizing the sugar schedule and other features of the bill.

The Senate Monday defeated the motion to put white pine on the free list, and the entire lumber schedule was agreed to as reported. In the House the Senate bill to amend the act to authorize the construction of a steel bridge across the St. Louis river was passed. A Senate bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across Pearl river, Mississippi, was passed. The House adjourned until Thursday.

By the decisive vote of 42 to 19 the Senate Tuesday adopted an amendment to the tariff bill placing raw cotton, the great product of the South, on the dutiable list at 20 per cent. ad valorem. It is the first time in the history of tariff legislation that a duty on cotton has been incorporated in a bill. The amendment was proposed by Mr. Bacon (Dem.) of Georgia. He said the omission of this article from the dutiable list was a violation of the principle of the Democratic platform that tariff taxation should be so imposed as to discriminate against no section. The tariff as a whole fell like a dead weight on the producer of cotton, raising the prices of all articles essential to his use and yet on his article of production, raw cotton, he was "left in the lurch." Several other items were discussed, but nothing further was settled.

The Senate had a period of tariff speeches Wednesday, and as a result little progress was made on the bill. Mr. Rawlins of Utah and Mr. Mills of Texas discussed the Democratic attitude on the tariff from their respective standpoints. Later in the day Mr. Cannon of Utah proposed an amendment placing an export bounty on agricultural products. He spoke for two hours on the need of giving the farmer a share of the benefits of the tariff. Mr. Butler of North Carolina also spoke in favor of giving the farmer equal benefits with other classes under the bill. Only half a page of the bill, covering four brief and comparatively unimportant paragraphs, were disposed of during the day.

The long-deferred debate on the sugar schedule of the tariff bill came on Thursday, after the Senate had disposed of the exports in the agricultural schedule. Nothing definite was accomplished. James T. Lloyd, who was recently elected to succeed the late Representative Giles, of the First Missouri District, took the oath at the opening of the House. Mr. Hitt asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a joint resolution for the payment of the salaries of certain consuls general and consuls, the names of whose posts were changed in the last consular and diplomatic bill. The resolution was passed. Mr. Payne then moved an adjournment, which was resisted by the minority. The rising vote resulted in a tie—87 to 87. Speaker Reed saved the motion by voting aye, and the House adjourned until Monday.

The first test vote on the sugar schedule was taken in the Senate late Friday, resulting in the adoption of the Republican caucus amendment changing the House rate of 1,575-1,000 to 1,95 per pound by the close vote of yeas 32, nays 30. The affirmative vote was made up of twenty-nine Republicans, one Democrat (McEnery of Louisiana), one silver Republican (Jones of Nevada) and one Populist (Stewart of Nevada). The negative vote was made up of twenty-five Democrats, three Populists and two silver Republicans. It was the closest vote thus far taken on an issue of importance, and was accepted as showing that amendments having the sanction of the caucus were assured of adoption. The vote was taken after a day spent in speeches on the effect of the sugar schedule.

### CURRENT COMMENT

The next time Broker Chapman will try Mr. Havemeyer's receipt for defying Senatorial interrogation points.—Washington Post.

Mr. Bailey's aspersive remarks about full dress are somehow recalled by the Logan-McCook embroglio.—Indianapolis News.

An earthquake shock has shaken Greece. All sorts of powers seem to be against the little kingdom.—Baltimore American.

It is to be hoped that Senator Tillman won't snap the tines off his pitchfork by a jab on the back of the sugar octopus.—New York Press.

The latest society item is to the effect that Broker Chapman is passing a few weeks at the guest of the nation, in jail.—Providence News.

Kentucky views with scorn the colonels that are being made to order in South Carolina and Illinois. In Kentucky colonels are born and not made.—Chicago Record.

So the weather bureau is going to undertake to forecast the weather twelve hours earlier than usual. That is certainly a case of hunting for trouble.—Baltimore News.

"Is this a circus?" asked Mr. Hoar in the Senate. In getting through with its program and folding its tents it is safe to say that the Senate is not a circus.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### What Dr. Rauwolf Did.

Coffee is said to have been introduced into Europe by Dr. A. Rauwolf, a German physician, about the middle of the sixteenth century. He got it from Arabia, after it had passed into that country from Abyssinia. It is a pity, for coffee is one of those seductive stimulants which do harm under the disguise of seeming to do temporary good. It is a nerve poison on the same principle that alcohol is, and opium. Hence the public are to be congratulated on the prospect of the new food drink, Grain-O, taking its place. The latter is prepared from pure grains, is nourishing, sustaining and healthful, and never affects the nerves. Those who have tried Grain-O say nothing can induce them to resume the use of coffee. Good for children as for adults. Cost, one-fourth that of coffee. Packages 15c. and 25c. Ask your grocer for it.

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### Enighed for Yawning.

An English paper tells a story of the late Count Gleichen when he was an ambassador in London. At a dinner party it was his hard luck to have to conduct to table a lady of a taciturn and unresponsive nature. To all his polite nothing she answered never a word. Nothing daunted, he continued to ply her with small talk, till at last she slowly turned her head toward him and deliberately yawned. The count was equal to the occasion. "Ah, madam," he said, loudly, "I also have gold in my teeth."

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"Books, sixty years ago, were few in comparison with now," writes William George Jordan, in an article, "What Victoria Has Seen," in the Ladies' Home Journal. "The public libraries of the United States, all put together, had only half a million volumes in 1837. This is less than the Boston Public Library contains to-day. Three of our American libraries have together more books than were in all the public libraries of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales when Victoria ascended the throne. Ignorance was general. Forty per cent. of the men and 65 per cent. of the women of Great Britain could not write their own names when Victoria became their Queen. The national education system was but three years old; its money grants amounted to only \$300,000. Uncle Sam now spends \$140,000,000 a year for teachers and superintendents of our public schools."

Dr. Lydia Rabinovitch, a Russian Jewess, has taken charge of the new bacteriological laboratory in the Women's Medical College, Philadelphia. Dr. Rabinovitch pursued the course of study at Prof. Koch's laboratory in Berlin.

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