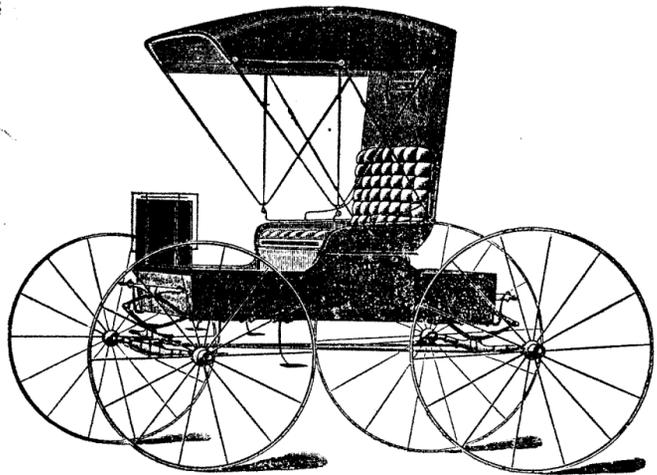


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BOWEN'S MILLS.

A. C. Hunt is having his new compact drag patented.
Chas. Bandfield bought a few sheep of W. E. Bowen which he delivered Thursday.
Bert Armstrong and Fred Dumaresq took a day's outing angling on Payne lake for the finny tribe with good success.
Howard Mapes is putting a cellar under his house, besides other work which will improve it considerably.
A. C. Hunt and wife Sundayed with E. R. Conrad and wife of Otsego.

The two Wilbur Carpenters of Parmelee put in all the daylight there was on last Saturday fishing in Duncan lake.
Ben Baird has returned home from Parmelee where he has been working for Mr. Miller, and is now assisting his father, Arthur Baird, with his work.
The katydid reported by the Parmelee cor. has not made its appearance at this place yet but the crickets have a concert every night.
James Miller, wife and daughter, Bernie, of Parmelee were at Duncan lake this p. m.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Albert Tobey and family spent Sunday at Bert Winks' of Alaska.
Mrs. T. D. Buck is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.
Mrs. W. Hall was called to Cadillac by the illness of her father.
Lewis Smith and Al Dutocher and wives are rusticating at Payne lake.
John Winks spent Sunday with his cousin, Bernie Winks.
Oscar Stone and wife are in the Valley City today.
Ed Griffin and Warren Streeter of Grand Rapids were calling on friends in this vicinity Sunday.

Ed Lynn and family of McCords visited at Wm. Schrader's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Thomas of Dorris are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vasco Vincent.
The following were in Grand Rapids Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. H. Winks, Mrs. A. Tobey and daughter, Edith, Earnest Laughton and Chas. Rathbun.
Dr. Root of Lansing spent Sunday at Wm. Schrader's.

Frank Streeter and family of Whitneyville called at L. C. Rathbun's, Sunday.

The members of the Epworth League of East Caledonia will furnish a program to all who assemble at the East Caledonia M. E. church on the evening of Aug. 20, 1897, commencing at 8 o'clock. The program consists of solos, duets, trios, quartets, recitations and tableaux. A novel feature of the entertainment is an Indian huzzesses drill by eight squaws, and a Maud Muller drill by five Maud Mullers and five Judges. After the program ice-cream will be served. Admission, adults 10 cents, children 5 cents. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Proceeds are for the benefit of the pastor.

Some of the young folks from this place spent Saturday at Payne lake. They arrived there in time to eat breakfast with the campers.

James Sanborn is keeping bachelor's hall. He says, "I wish I could find a housekeeper."

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

August 10—Wm. Thede went on the excursion to Niagara Falls, last week. Edd Brog rides a new wheel.
Some from here attended the laying of the corner stone of the new M. E. church at Wayland, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and son of Ill. are visiting Mrs. G.'s mother, Mrs. H. Barrell.

A few attended the Barnum & Bailey show at Grand Rapids, Monday.

Eddie Ghents of Grand Rapids is the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. Thede, jr.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Finkbeiner of Corning, Wednesday.

Irving Winger of Big Rapids is visiting friends here for a week.

Miss Kate Andler is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Finkbeiner.

NORTH ORANGEVILLE.

Thomas Coleman is improving his house with a new cellar.
George Allen rides a new bike.

We know that the threshers are with us because we heard their whistle blow about two hours the other evening.

Iva Stocking was the guest of Belle Carter last Friday.

Mary Johnson has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Cappon.

James Brown of near Prairieville was seen on our street with live-stock last Friday.

Mr. Miller and wife of Martin Sundayed with Thos. Powers and family.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

The people are clamoring for rain and we are busy watching the signs. The moon stands on end, the frog has taken on a purple green and those afflicted with rheumatics are complaining constantly with their aches and pains and we are again reminded of the old adage that all signs fall in dry weather. Still we are living in hope that a better if not a wetter day is coming by and by.

Field corn is flourishing and there are some very promising pieces in this section.

The oat harvest is finished, Barnum's circus has gone away and we are all ready to thresh.

The potato bug has been a long abiding nuisance, the warfare is not over yet and we begin to think that they've come to stay.

Miss Flossie Stowell of your village is now a resident of Parmelee and her merriment adds much to the enjoyment of the young people, at least it helps to drive dull care away.

A hired man in this vicinity jumped his job a day or two since and where he's gone or how he fares nobody knows and nobody cares.

Hope Mr. O. M. White will continue his letters while on his western tour. They are very entertaining to his many friends in Parmelee.

Mrs. C. M. Beach, who fell from a cherry tree some time since, sustaining severe injuries, is somewhat improved at this writing, but is not able yet to part company with her crutches.

D. A. Harter and son have built and repaired a mile of fence during the past week for Robt. Allen.

Walter Lewis passed through Parmelee Monday morning astride his wheel. Allegan was his destination.

Last Friday was John Kepkey's 31st birthday and a genuine surprise party was sprung on him in the evening. A large number of the young people of last Thornapple, as well as Parmelee, congratulated him and, added to the pleasure of meeting with each other, ice-cream and dainties were supplied lavishly. A general good time was the verdict rendered by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

Perhaps the elevator man was honest enough when he judged me a few days since as being lazy. Undoubtedly he formed his opinion from a survey of my weedy cornfield. Pick out the note.

We have no words or power of pen to express the supreme quietude which hangs conspicuously over the entire community since the departure of the mayor of the hamlet. His address now is, Chas. Parmelee, Howard City, Montcalm Co., Mich.

E. R. Skiff and family returned from the lake Friday evening after enjoying a week with their many friends and also adding another bright spot in their journey which will not soon be forgotten.

J. Benaway and father have completed the Burch barn. It will bear close inspection.

A number of the farmers are making preparations to sow timothy and clover seed this month in the hope of getting their premises seeded, the previous hot weather having killed the spring sowing generally.

Wallie Watson was in Grand Rapids Monday on business and, like a sensible man, took in the great Barnum & Bailey show in the evening.

Robt. Jenkins, senior, was seriously kicked by one of his horses a few days since while working on the elevator hill. He is confined to his bed at present. His age will be against speedy recovery. His son, John, of Grand Rapids and daughter, Minnie, of Middleville are with him today.

The Watson brothers accompanied by their sister, Miss Clara Carpenter and the two lady teachers from Indiana returned Saturday evening from Gun lake, where they have been enjoying a few days. They report a grand time.

Considerable wheat is being taken in at the elevator these days.

If you should happen to see a man raking the roads between Parmelee and Caledonia with a garden rake, keep quiet and let him rake; he knows what he's about. He lost his false teeth (the upper set) while coming from the above named place last Tuesday night.

Mr. O. Thomas of your village was among his old neighbors and friends in Parmelee last Friday afternoon. Mr. T. was very quiet (for him) on all subjects presented except that of vegetables. He bemoaned the idea that cucumbers had took a drop of five cents on the bushel and remarked further that it would have a tendency to bring "prosperity" to the doctor and undertaker. "No great loss without some small gain."

We can boast truthfully that we have the finest mile of road in Barry Co., commencing at the U. B. church and running to the iron bridge across the Thornapple. It has been thoroughly graded under the supervision of Mr. Allen, to whom much praise should be given. Bicyclists pronounce it the best they find anywhere.

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K. O. P.—Crescent Lodge, No. 85, meet in Castle Hall, in Keeler Block, every Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Visiting knights cordially invited. Work in Knights rank. C. C., M. A. Coykendall; K. of R. and S., Aaron Sherk.

K. O. T. M. meetings held on Monday eve each week. Members of order are invited to visit us when in the village.
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DUNCAN LAKE.
August 10—Mr. and Mrs. Thaler of Leighton visited their daughter, Mrs. F. Andler, Sunday.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Allan B. Carpenter at St. Mary's, O., Aug. 5, a boy. The event makes Rusticus grandpa again.
Chas. Pike is repairing the bridge on the race at his mill, a much needed improvement.
Thomas Tungate of Parmelee was at Duncan lake yesterday.
Mr. Geo. Cook from near your village was seen driving along Mill street, yesterday.

DIVINE MAGNETISM.

CHRIST REGARDED FROM AN UNUSUAL STANDPOINT.

Sermon on the Prophecy of Isaiah, "His Name Shall Be Wonderful"—Dr. Talmage Denies Reports of His Dissatisfaction with His Church.

Our Weekly Sermon.
Dr. Talmage, referring to recent reports as to the severance of his present pastoral relations, has authorized the following statement:

"I have denounced the infamous falsehood concerning my dissatisfaction with my Washington church and the statement that I had determined not to return there. Relations between that congregation and myself are perfectly happy, and the church has met all its obligations to me. Our attendance was larger last year than ever before, many more people coming than we could accommodate. I will be in my regular pulpit the second Sabbath in September.

In the discourse below by Dr. Talmage Christ is looked at from an unusual standpoint. His text is Isaiah ix., 6, "His name shall be called wonderful."

The prophet lived in a dark time. For some 3,900 years the world had been getting worse. Kingdoms had arisen and perished. As the captain of a vessel in distress sees relief coming across the water, so the prophet, amid the stormy times in which he lived, put the telescope of prophecy to his eye and saw 750 years ahead one Jesus advancing to the rescue. I want to show that when Isaiah called Christ the Wonderful he spoke wisely.

Popular Pictures of Christ.
In most houses there is a picture of Christ. Sometimes it represents him with face effeminate; sometimes with a face despotic. I have seen West's grand sketch of the reception of Christ, I have seen the face of Christ as cut on an emerald, said to be by command of Tiberius Caesar, and yet I am convinced that I shall never know how Jesus looked until, on that sweet Sabbath morning, I shall wash the last sleep from my eyes in the cool river of heaven. I take up this book of divine photographs, and I look at Luke's sketch, at Mark's sketch, at John's sketch and at Paul's sketch, and I say, with Isaiah, "Wonderful!"

I think that you are all interested in the story of Christ. You feel that he is the only one who can help you. You have unbounded admiration for the commander who helped his passengers ashore while he himself perished, but have you no admiration for him who rescued our souls, himself falling back into the waters from which he saved us?

Christ was wonderful in the magnetism of his person.

After the battle of Antietam, when a general rode along the lines, although the soldiers were lying down exhausted, they rose with great enthusiasm and huzzed. As Napoleon returned from his captivity his first step on the wharf shook all the kingdoms, and 250,000 men joined his standard. It took 3,000 troops to watch him in his exile. So there have been men of wonderful magnetism of person, but hear me while I tell you of a poor young man who came up from Nazareth to produce a thrill such as has never been excited by any other. Napoleon had around him the memories of Austerlitz and Jena and Badajos, but there was a man who had fought no battles, who wore no epaulettes, who brandished no sword. He is no titled man of the schools, for he never went to school. He had probably never seen a prince or shaken hands with a nobleman. The only extraordinary person we know of as being in his company was his own mother, and she was so poor that in the most delicate and solemn hour that ever comes to a woman's soul she was obliged to lie down amid camel drivers grooming the beasts of burden.

I imagine Christ one day standing in the streets of Jerusalem. A man descended from high lineage is standing beside him, and says: "My father was a merchant prince. He had a castle on the beach at Galilee. Who was your father?" Christ answers, "Joseph, the carpenter." A man from Athens is standing there unrolling his parchment of graduation, and says to Christ, "Where did you go to school?" Christ answers, "I never graduated." Ah! The idea of such an unheralded young man attempting to command the attention of the world! As well some little fishing village on Long Island shore attempt to arraign New York. Yet no sooner does he set foot in the towns or cities of Judea than everything is in commotion. The people go out on a picnic, taking only food enough for the day, yet are so fascinated with Christ that at the risk of starving they follow him out into the wilderness. A nobleman falls down flat before him, and says, "My daughter is dead." A beggar tries to rub the dimness from his eyes, and says, "Lord, that my eyes may be opened." A poor, sick, panting woman, pressing through the crowd, says, "I must touch the hem of his garment." Children, who love their mother better than any one else, struggle to get into his arms, and to kiss his cheek, and to run their fingers through his hair, and for all time putting Jesus so in love with the little ones that there is hardly a nursery in Christendom from which he does not take one, saying: "I must have them. I will fill heaven with these, for every cedar that I plant in heaven I will have 50 white lilies. In the hour when I was a poor man in Judea they were not ashamed of me, and now that I have come to a throne I do not despise them. Hold it not back, oh, weeping mother! Lay it on my warm heart. Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

What is this coming down the road? A triumphal procession. He is seated—not in a chariot, but on an ass, and yet the people take off their coats and throw them in the way. Oh, what a time Jesus made among the children, among the beggars, among the fishermen, among the philosophers! You may boast of self-control, but if you had seen him you would have put your arms around his neck and said, "Thou art altogether lovely."

Apparent Inconsistencies.
Jesus was wonderful in the opposites and seeming antagonisms of his nature. You want things logical and consistent, and you say, "How could Christ be God and man at the same time?" John says Christ was the Creator. "All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made." Matthew says that he was omnipresent. "Where two or three are met together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Christ declares his own eternity. "I am Alpha and Omega." How can he be a lion, under his foot crushing kingdoms, and yet a lamb, lick-

ing the hand that slays him? At what point do the throne and the manger touch? If Christ was God, why flee into Egypt? Why not stand his ground? Why, instead of bearing the cross, not lift up his right hand and crush his assassins? Why stand and be spat upon? Why sleep on the mountain, when he owned the palaces of eternity? Why catch fish for his breakfast on the beach in the chill morning, when all the pomegranates are his, and all the vineyards his, and all the cattle his, and all the partridges his? Why walk when weary, and his feet stone bruised, when he might have taken the splendors of the sunset for his equipage and moved with horses and chariots of fire? Why beg a drink from the wayside, when out of the crystal chalices of eternity he poured the Euphrates, the Mississippi and the Amazon, and dipping his hand in the fountains of heaven and shaking that hand over the world from the tips of his fingers, dripping the great lakes and the oceans? Why let the Roman regiment put him to death, when he might have ridden down the sky, followed by all the cavalry of heaven, mounted on white horses of eternal victory?

You cannot understand. Who can? You try to confound me. I am confounded before you speak. Paul said it was unsearchable. He went climbing up from argument to argument, and from antithesis to antithesis, and from glory to glory, and then sank down in exhaustion as he saw far above him other heights of divinity unsearched and exclaimed "that in all things he might have the pre-eminence."

Again, Christ was wonderful in his teaching. The people had been used to formalities and technicalities. Christ upset all their notions as to how preaching ought to be done. There was this peculiarity about his preaching—the people knew what he meant. His illustrations were taken from the hen calling her chickens together, from salt, from candles, from fishing tackle, from a hard creditor collaring a debtor. How few pulpits of this day would have allowed him entrance! He would have been called undignified and familiar in his style of preaching, and yet the people went to hear him. Those old Jewish rabbis might have preached on the side of Olivet fifty years and never got an audience. The philosophers sneered at his ministrations, and said, "This will never do!" The lawyers caricatured, but the common people heard him gladly. Suppose you that there were any sleepy people in his audiences? Suppose you that any woman who ever mixed bread was ignorant of what he meant when he compared the kingdom of heaven with leaven or yeast? Suppose you that the sunburned fishermen, with the fish scales upon their hands, were listless when he spoke of the kingdom of heaven as a net? We spend three years in college studying ancient mythology and three years in the theological seminary learning how to make a sermon, and then we go out to save the world, and if we cannot do it according to Claude's "Sermonizing" or Blair's "Rhetoric" or Kames' "Criticism" we will let the world go to perdition. If we save nothing else, we will save Claude and Blair. We see a wreck in sight. We must go out and save the crew and passengers. We wait until we get on our fine cap and coat, and find our shining oars, and then we push out methodically and scientifically while some plain shoresman in rough fishing smock and with broken oarlock goes out and gets the crew and passengers and brings them ashore in safety. We throw down our delicate oars and say: "What a ridiculous thing to save men in that way! You ought to have done it scientifically and beautifully." "Ah!" says the shoresman, "if those sufferers had waited until you got out your fine boats, they would have gone to the bottom."

The work of a religious teacher is to save men, and though every law of grammar should be snapped in the undertaking, and there be nothing but awkwardness and blundering in the mode, all hail to the man who saves a soul.

Christ's Sympathy.
Christ, in his preaching, was plain, earnest and wonderfully sympathetic. We cannot drag men into heaven. We cannot drive them in with the butt end of a catechism. We waste our time in trying to catch flies with acids instead of the sweet honeycomb of the gospel. We try to make crab apples do the work of pomegranates.

Again, Jesus was wonderful in his sorrows. The sun smote him and the cold chilled him and hunger exhausted him. Shall I compare his sorrow to the sea? No, for that is sometimes hushed into a calm. Shall I compare it with the night? No, for that sometimes gleams with Orion, or kindles with Aurora. If one thorn should be thrust through your temple, you would faint, but here is a whole crown made from the rhamnus or spina Christi—small, sharp, stinging thorns. The mob makes a cross. They put down the long beam, and on it they fasten a shorter beam. Got him at last. These hands, that have been doing kindnesses and wiping away tears—hear the hammer driving the spikes through them. Those feet, that have been going about on ministrations of mercy—battered against the cross. Then they lift it up. Look, look, look! Who will help him now? Come, men of Jerusalem, ye whose dead he brought to life, ye whose sick he healed, who will help him, who will seize the weapons of the soldiers? None to help! Having carried such a cross for us, shall we refuse to take our cross for him?

Shall Jesus bear the cross alone
And all the world go free?
No; there's a cross for every one,
And there's a cross for me.

You know the process of ingrafting. You bore a hole into a tree and put in the branch of another tree. This tree of the cross was hard and rough, but into the hole were grafted the nails went there have been grafted branches of the tree of life that now bear fruit for all nations. The original tree was bitter, but the branches ingrafted were sweet, and now all the nations pluck the fruit and live forever.

Again, Christ was wonderful in his victories.

First, over the forces of nature. The sea is a crystal sepulchre. It swallowed the Central America, the President and the Spanish Armada as easily as any fly that is ever floated on it. The inland lakes are ever so terrible in their wrath. Galilee when aroused in a storm is overwhelming, and yet that sea crouched in his presence and licked his feet. He knew all the waves and winds. When he beckoned, they came. When he frowned, they fled. The heel of his foot made no indentation on the solidified water. Medical science has wrought great changes in rheumatic limbs and diseased blood, but when the muscles are entirely withered no human power can restore them, and when a limb is once dead it is dead. But here is a paralytic, his hand lifeless. Christ says to

him, "Stretch forth thy hand!" and he stretches it forth.

In the eye infirmity how many diseases of that delicate organ have been cured. But Jesus says to one born blind, "Be open!" and the light of heaven rushes through gates that have never before been opened. The frost or an axe may kill a tree, but Jesus smites one dead with a word.

Chemistry can do many wonderful things, but what chemist at a wedding when the refreshment gave out could change a pail of water into a cask of wine?

What human voice could command a school of fish? Yet here is a voice that marshals the scaly tribes, until in the place where they had let down the net and pulled it up with no fish in it they let it down again, and the disciples lay hold and begin to pull, when, by reason of the multitude of fish, the net broke.

Nature is his servant. The flowers, he twisted them into his sermons; the winds, they were his lullaby when he slept in the boat; the rain, it hung glittering on the thick foliage of the parables; the Star of Bethlehem, it sang a Christmas carol over his birth; the rocks, they beat a dirge at his death.

Victory Over the Grave.
Behold his victory over the grave! The hinges of the family vault become very rusty because they are never opened except to take another in. There is a knob on the outside of the sepulchre, but none on the inside. Here comes the Conqueror of Death. He enters that realm and says, "Daughter of Jairus, sit up," and she sat up. To Lazarus, "Come forth," and he came forth. To the widow's son he said, "Get up from that bier," and he goes home with his mother. Then Jesus snatched up the keys of death and hung them to his girdle and cried until all the graveyards of the earth heard him: "O death, I will be thy plague! O grave, I will be thy destruction!"

But Christ's victories have only just begun. This world is his, and he must have it. What is the matter in this country? Why all these financial troubles? There never will be permanent prosperity in this land until Christ rules it. This land was discovered for Christ, and until our cities shall be evangelized and north, south, east and west shall acknowledge Christ as King and Redeemer we cannot have permanent prosperity. What is the matter with Spain, with France, with all of the nations? All the congresses of the nations cannot bring quiet. When governments not only theoretically but practically acknowledge the Saviour of the world, there will be peace everywhere. In that day the sea will have more ships than now, but there will not be one "man-of-war." The foundries of the world will jar with mightier industries, but there will be no molding of bullets. Printing presses will fly their cylinders with greater speed, but there shall go forth no iniquitous trash. In laws, in constitutions, on exchange, in scientific laboratory, on earth as in heaven, Christ shall be called Wonderful. Let that work of the world's regeneration begin in your heart, O hearer! A Jesus so kind, a Jesus so good, a Jesus so loving! How can you help but love him?

It is a beautiful moment when two persons who have pledged each other heart and hand stand in church and have the banners of marriage proclaimed. Father and mother, brothers and sisters stand around the altar. The minister of Jesus gives the counsel, the ring is set, earth and heaven witness it, the organ sounds, and amid many congratulations they start out on the path of life together. Oh, that this might be your marriage day! Stand up, immortal soul! Thy Beloved comes to get his betrothed. Jesus stretches forth his hand and says, "I will love thee with an everlasting love," and you respond, "My Beloved is mine, and I am his." I put your hand in his. Henceforth be one. No trouble shall part you, no time cool your love. Side by side on earth, side by side in heaven. Now let the blossoms of heavenly gardens fill the house with their redolence and all the organs of God peal forth the wedding march of eternity. Hark! "The voice of my beloved! Behold, he cometh, leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills!"

Short Sermons.

A better thing than "hitching your wagon to a star," is to put your hand in the hand that moves the star.

Our Place in Life.—God has room in his thoughts for all of us, and has outlined something for each to do. If we are willing to humble ourselves and become like the little flower by the roadside, we will be on the way to success. We should take our place just where God puts us.—Rev. C. D. Junkin, Presbyterian, Philadelphia, Pa.

God's Help.—Through Christ the heaviest load can be carried, the greatest sorrow can be borne, the severest temptation withstood, the hardest task accomplished, and the most powerful foe can be overcome with a strength that is practically omnipotent, because obtained from the Almighty God.—Rev. J. K. Montgomery, Presbyterian, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Church Life.—Blend your domestic, intellectual, social and business life with a true spiritual church life, and each passing day will witness the growth of a character well rounded, strong and beautiful, fit to adorn the high places of trust and honor in this world, or to worship with the white-robed saints in heaven.—Rev. G. W. Finlaw, Methodist, Stratford, N. J.

The Love of God.—Who is able to comprehend the length and breadth, the depth and length of the love of God? It is recorded through the utmost part of the earth. We find it in every leaflet and flower, in the babbling brook, in the songs of birds, in the joyous hymning of all sentient life; in the sunshine and the dark, in the dewdrop and the snowflake.—Rev. T. L. Selp, Lutheran, Allentown, Pa.

Unused Opportunities.—There are quite respectable people, who have done nothing that was particularly wrong, but who, on the other hand, are condemned by the record of their unused opportunities. They might have fed the hungry, they might have visited the sick, they might have brought the blessed light into the dwellings of darkness, they might have been of some use and made the world better for their being in it; but they lived to themselves.—Rev. George Hodges, Methodist, Cambridge, Mass.

THE MONSTER "PRACTICING."

Wherever I may go,
Whatever I may do,
That dreadful monster, "Practicing,"
Looms up before my view,
And in a voice I must obey
He calls me from my pleasant play.
Each day, at half-past three,
When I come home from school,
In sternest voice he summons me
Straight to the piano stool;
There while my chords and scales I try,
I count the moments passing by.

If I am out of sorts
And crossly strike a key,
With discord most unbearable
He then does punish me.
He'll worry me with all his might
Until my exercise goes right.
They tell me that in time
More beautiful he'll grow;
There'll be a smile upon that face
That now does scare me so;
His ugliness will flee, and I
Will grow to love him—by and by.

And so, perhaps, if I
Am good and persevere,
And do my lessons right and try
Not to offend his ear,
Old "Practicing" will grow to me
As pleasant as they say he'll be.

UNTO HIM FOURFOLD.

There was a sharp tinge of frost in the air; early in the afternoon snow had fallen, clothing the city for a brief spell in a mantle of dazzling whiteness, but now it was trodden under foot into grime and slush, making the pavements and roads wet and slippery.

A feeble moon could be seen, but its pale, wan light was entirely lost and swallowed up by the glare and glitter of the London streets.

As he sallied on the morrow, John Forsythe was giving a parting dinner to a few old cronies; and now walked leisurely to his club, where they were to meet. His reflections were not unpleasant.

Adventure he craved for; the thought of rustling for his living stirred his blood pleasantly; he was rather pugnacious by nature, and whatever he took in hand, he stuck to it until he carried it out.

And it was just as well that he was going; the old place was not the same since the Gov'nor departed, and Carrington was not all one cared for in an elder brother.

He reached the club steps, and was about to enter, when a tiny figure darted in front of him, and a small grimy fist held out a paper; a thin voice piped plainly:

"Buy a paper, sir? Oh, do, sir; I ain't 'ad no luck this dy, an' if yer would—"

A pair of great eyes gazed up at him from under a tangle of red hair, and the little face was pinched and blue from hunger and cold.

"No luck, eh?" said John, kindly, taking the paper from the rough bleeding hand, raw from chaps. "Poor little soul, you look hungry. Here, take this and get a good feed with it, and get something, too, to keep you warm."

"This" was a half-sovereign, and the child's eyes seemed to start out of her head with wonder at the unexpected gift. John laughed amusedly at her astonishment.

"There, go along," he said, giving her a good-natured push, and, as she began to slowly move away, she heard him greeted by name by a couple of men, and then they disappeared into the building.

With the gold firmly clutched in her paw, she made her way to the nearest coffee palace, picking up a "pal" on the road, and together they had a meal, such as they'd never eaten in their lives before. And in her after life nothing ever tasted exactly so good as this unlooked for dinner did, to the lonely wife of the streets.

Forsythe's friends insisted on knowing upon what he was so busily engaged that he did not notice their approach; and their chaff was plentiful when he confessed his philanthropic act.

"Bread upon the waters, Forsythe," said one, "look out for its return after many days," he added, jestingly.

John laughed and shook his head.

"No fear, old man; it's only in Sunday school books that the hero's good deeds are rewarded; in real life they are speedily forgotten."

The next day he sallied, and it was many years before London saw him again.

Once more he walked upon the asphalt of London, no longer plain John Forsythe, but by a series of events, Earl of Carrington.

Having been singularly lucky in all his ventures, he was now a very rich man, and on the death of his brother in the hunting field, had returned home after a prolonged tour, to succeed to the title and what was left of the estates.

Most of the land once owned by the Carringtons had been sold or mortgaged by his dissipated elder, and his first act was to buy back as much as he could, and to restore the old Court to something of its former splendor, and to find a suitable mistress to grace his home.

In spite of the encouragement given to a wealthy man, and an earl to boot, John had, up to the present, remained placidly heart-whole, and saw every prospect of so remaining, as he had seen no woman yet who made his pulses beat any faster for her sake, and he had come to the conclusion that he had better take the first who presented herself, and trust to luck.

As he strolled down to his old club where he was to meet the same men with whom he had spent his last evening ten years ago, his mind went back to the little beggar, to whom he had proved such a Santa Claus, and he wondered absently what had become of her.

And curiously enough it was recalled to him again later in the evening, by

one of the men who had witnessed the affair.

"I suppose she's dead," said Carrington, indifferently, in answer to the question, "or lived to swell the ranks of the unfortunate sisterhood," he added, with a sigh.

After dinner they adjourned to the theater. The play was a modern "problem" one, a new fashion since John went away, and but for the acting had no special attraction.

The leading lady, Mathalle Ross, was one of the most beautiful women of the day, famed alike for her Titian-colored hair, and the absolute blamelessness and purity of her life.

No breath of scandal had tainted her fair name, and she was known to be a brilliant and hard-working woman.

At the finish, Carrington, who had been strangely moved at the sight of the lovely creature on the stage, made his way behind, and asked for an introduction.

He fancied she grew a trifle pale, and that her dark eyes sought his in a somewhat startled manner, but as there was no trace of embarrassment in her graciousness towards him, he concluded he was mistaken.

Nathalle asked him to call, and soon it came about, that few days passed when he did not visit the tiny flat. London wondered, then laughed and said that after all she was no better than the rest of them, and that it had known all along her virtue was assumed.

For some time neither heard the rumors about them, but continued their friendship tranquilly enough, although to Carrington the wish for more than friendship was becoming stronger every day; but it was not until a sneer and a low expression coupled with Nathalle's name was uttered in his presence, that he determined to speak.

His action was simplicity itself. After knocking the man down, he turned to the assemblage, saying in grave, even tones:

"I have done this, because that cur insulted the fair fame of an innocent woman, whom I intend to ask to do me the honor of becoming my wife."

News of all kinds flies apace, and when he called the next morning Nathalle knew about his defense of her.

"Oh, why did you do it?" she cried, her eyes full of unshed tears. "What does it matter what they say of me? I am only an actress, you know, and not worth fighting over."

She seized his hands with her warm impulsive ones, and would have raised them to her lips, had he not prevented her.

"No, no," he said, hastily, "don't do that, Nathalle, I love you; give me the right to defend you always—be my dear wife."

The color flamed high in her cheeks, and her lips quivered.

"You love me, you wish me to be your wife? You? Ah, this is wonderful!"

"What is?" he queried, laughing, drawing her to him; "that I should love you?"

"Yes," she said, gravely; "listen to what I have to tell you, and then—Ten years ago on a cold winter's night, do you remember giving a gold piece to a little ragged, half-starved girl?"

He nodded.

"Yes, I do, but how does that concern you?" he asked.

"In this way; I was that little girl; I and no other. I was a friendless little wail, and your money was the first kind action I had ever received in my short life. Small wonder that I remembered, and hearing your name, treasured it up in my heart. With that gold I laid the foundation of my present position."

"A small pantomime engagement led to others, and slowly and surely I worked myself up. Oh, it has been hard, and I have been sorely tempted many a time, for I am beautiful, I know, but you were before me like a guiding star, and I kept myself what I knew you would have me be; I have waited for you; I am yours, do with me what you will."

His arms closed round her, and as their lips met, she heard him whisper, "My wife."—Saturday Evening Post.

Wants the Letter Back.

The other day a Chicago man paid five cents postage to mail a letter to Germany. To days later he spent \$15 in an attempt to overtake and recover it. He is a west side merchant, who has had some business dealings with a relative in Germany. Failing to get a satisfactory settlement through his attorney in Germany, he uncorked his bent-up wrath in a letter and mailed it to his relative. Next day he got a cablegram from his attorney saying the matter had been settled. The west side man thought of his letter and the family estrangement that would follow its reception—for he had raked up a lot of old family quarrels, and had said many things he does not now want to be read. He paid fifty cents for a telegram to the New York postoffice to recall the letter. During the afternoon answer came that the letter was already on the ocean, bound for Germany.

"I will give \$100 if it does not get there," he said, as he wiped the beads of perspiration from his flushed face. Superintendent McArthur of the inquiry department said it could be overtaken by a cablegram, and the merchant willingly made a deposit of \$15, and the recall was cabled to Germany through the postal authorities at Washington. "If I don't get that letter back I cannot go back to Germany to see my people," was the wail of the letter writer as he left the office.

His Hopes.

"I hope you appreciate the fact, sir, that in marrying my daughter you marry a large-hearted, generous girl." "I do, sir," with emotion, "and I hope she inherits those qualities from her father."—Harlem Life

WORK OF MACCABEES.

MAKE SEVERAL CHANGES IN THEIR LAWS.

New Plan of Assessment Adopted to More Evenly Distribute the Expense—High Compliment Paid to the Supreme Officers.

Big Order's Affairs.
The Supreme Tent, K. O. T. M., has been in session at Port Huron, and aside from election of officers and other routine business, has made several important changes in the laws of the order and the rates of assessment.

The strife for the offices was less intense than is usually witnessed at like gatherings and the predicted hot contests did not materialize, nearly every office being filled by unanimous choice. The supreme tent paid a deservedly high tribute to its executive officers by re-electing them unanimously, the action being greeted with unrestrained enthusiasm from the delegates. The honor of a unanimous reelection was accorded to Supreme Commander D. P. Markey of Port Huron, Supreme Record Keeper N. S. Boynton of Port Huron, Supreme Finance Keeper Charles D. Thompson of Port Huron, Supreme Medical Examiner R. E. Moss of New York, Supreme Sergeant H. E. Trent of Toronto, Ont., and members of the supreme board of trustees, D. D. Aitkin of Flint and John W. Porter of Port Huron. J. B. McDonnell of Buffalo was elected supreme lieutenant commander by acclamation, vice James P. Downer of Chicago, and for supreme chaplain George H. Terpany of Indiana succeeds R. E. Brown of the same State. Other officers elected were as follows: Supreme Master-at-Arms, C. F. Hatfield of Missouri; supreme first master of the guard, F. W. Stevens of Minnesota; supreme second master of the guard, J. W. Sherwood of Oregon; supreme sentinel, J. B. Sawtell of Texas; supreme picket, M. F. Elkin of Kentucky. Supreme Record Keeper N. S. Boynton bears the distinction of having been re-elected to the position he holds at each succeeding review since the reorganization of the order sixteen years ago, while D. P. Markey is elected supreme commander for the fourth successive time.

By one change in law it will become possible for the Knights of the Maccabees and the L. O. T. M. to become amalgamated under the supreme tent jurisdiction, providing the L. O. T. M. desire to accept of the proposition.

The law as amended is particularly applicable to the province of Ontario, where the L. O. T. M. is not, according to the Ontario law, allowed to do business. By the provisions of the amendment the Knights of the Maccabees may accept ladies into their membership in this province, but by its terms the L. O. T. M. now organized may also get under direct control of the supreme tent. The supreme tent also decided to accept no membership in the States of Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Members who attempt to commit suicide within five years of their admission to the order may be suspended by the supreme board of trustees.

It had been proposed to re-rate all the members who joined the order prior to July 1, 1895, and are paying a lower rate than those admitted since that time, but a compromise was adopted, which leaves it to the discretion of the policy holder whether he re-rates himself or not. If he does not desire to be assessed equally with the 44,000 members who have joined since July, 1895, he can continue at the old rate and pay a double assessment in the months of May and October each year.

The amendment to Sec. 127, under the heading of "Assessment Rates," as adopted, reads: "Commencing immediately after the words 'provided further' to read as follows: 'That all members who were admitted prior to July 1, 1895, who are now paying the old or former rates of assessment, be required to pay an assessment of double the amount of their present rate in the months of May and October each year.'

"First double assessment to become due May 1, 1898.

"Provided, further, that all members required to pay these double assessments as above provided, may, if they so desire, send their life benefit certificate to the supreme record keeper with the request that they be given a new certificate, the same to be rated at their age, at the date of admission or reinstatement, according to the above schedule of rates, and they shall be relieved thereafter from paying the double assessment as provided for members who are paying the old rate of assessment, and that such change of certificate be made free of cost to such members.

"Provided, further, the rates for members over 51 years of age shall be: Between the ages of 51 and 52, for \$500, 80 cents; \$1,000, \$1.00; \$2,000, \$3.20; \$3,000, \$4.80. Between ages of 52 and 53, for \$500, 90 cents; \$1,000, \$1.80; \$2,000, \$3.60; \$3,000, \$5.40. Between 53 and 54, for \$500, \$1; \$1,000, \$2; \$2,000, \$4; \$3,000, \$6. Between 54 and 55, for \$500, \$1.10; \$1,000, \$2.20; \$2,000, \$4.40; \$3,000, \$6.60.

The order does not take in members over 50 years old, but this rate is made for those who surrender their old policies and take out new.

The re-rating amendment will put old members practically on an equality with the others, and all will participate alike in the emergency fund of the order.

In this fund nearly \$300,000 was accumulated during the past two years, and it is estimated that, with the mortality rate the same as at present, this fund will hereafter increase slightly in excess of the ratio during the past term, owing to the additional assessments.

Another amendment adopted was that creating a court of appeals, to which body appeals from the board of trustees shall be taken and whose decision upon matters of discipline shall be final. This court will be composed of the commanders of the five largest camps within the supreme tent jurisdiction.

Another change provides that hereafter a State must have at least 3,000 members and 100 tents before being entitled to form a great camp organization, and that at least one-half of the delegates from the State vote in favor thereof.

A man and woman have been the perpetrators of an extensive swindle upon Grand Rapids sewing women. They operated for a week on the old plan of advertising guaranteed work to pupils taking instruction. They received a fee from fifty or more women and have since left for parts unknown.

Biggest Battleship in the World.
The first keel plate has been laid at Blackwell, Eng., of a new Japanese battleship which will be a magnificent vessel and the largest man-of-war in the world, her displacement, with coal on board, being no less than 15,500 tons. Her armor belt and side protection will be of Harveyized nickel steel, and tapers from nine inches to four inches at the ends. The two barbettes are to be circular in form, and protected with 14 inches of armor. The armament will consist of four 12-inch breechloading guns, 14 6-inch quick-firers in armored casemates, 20 12-pounder quick-firers, and eight 47 M. M. machine guns and four smaller guns on the bridge. Her speed is to be 19 knots.

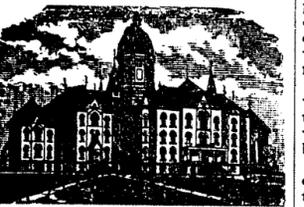
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Big Sharks of Olden Days.
The modern shark is deteriorating. In ages gone by there were ferocious sharks, such as would make a mouthful of you without blinking, seventy feet in length. Plenty of their teeth have been found which are five inches long, whereas the biggest of the teeth belonging to sharks that exist at the present day are one and a half inches long.

MRS. KRINER'S LETTER

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BRAVE FIREMEN DIE.

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT SUFFERS FEARFUL LOSS.

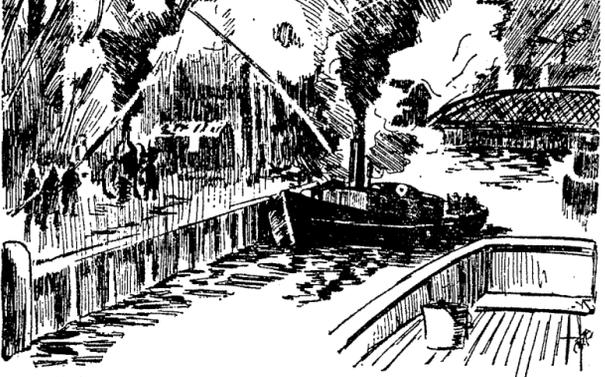
Explosion of Dust in the Burning Elevator of Railway Terminal Company Hurts Brick Walls and Burning Timbers Upon the Firefighters

Died at Posts of Duty.
Explosion in the midst of a terrific fire brought to a hero's death four of Chicago's firemen Thursday afternoon and stretched on beds of pain more than a score of officers and pipemen, who sought to keep in check a seething furnace of 300,000 bushels of grain in the Chicago Railway Terminal Elevator Company's elevator at Indiana and Jefferson streets.

Not since the cold storage disaster at the World's Fair has so many of the city's fire fighters been laid low, and only twice in the history of Chicago has the list of casualties in the department been more appalling. One unknown man dead and many spectators, railroad employes, elevator hands and others injured further mark the record of the disaster.

The Dead:
John J. Coogan, pipeman of engine company 3.
William Hanley, of engine company 5.
Jacob Schnur, pipeman of engine company 3.
Jacob F. Stramen pipeman of engine company 3.
Unknown man, thrown into the river by the force of the explosion and drowned.

Sweeney's Life in Peril.
Chief Sweeney's life nearly paid the penalty of years of peril. He was close to the elevator when an avalanche of red hot bricks, burning timbers and sizzling grain was pitched on the heads of the fire fighters and escaped with severe bruises and burns.



FIREBOAT PLAYING ON THE BURNING ELEVATOR.

Not a single premonition of disaster warned the men of their impending doom. There was a brighter glow of the heavens for an instant, a rumbling as if the interior of the earth was lending its heat to the flames, and then the east wall was precipitated on the heads of the firemen and a few spectators who had escaped the fire lines hurriedly established by the police. The noise was different from the ear-piercing roar of dynamite or gunpowder, but its effects were as deadly. There was a muffled boom, a crash, and the firemen were buried.

Start Work of Rescue.
After the walls went toppling over, Chief Sweeney, hurt, blinded and bleeding, staggered forward and shouted to his men to follow him. Lying on the ground were a score of injured men, crying for help. Beneath the mass of white-hot bricks and iron sheeting were two men, burned until nothing but the bones were left.

In an instant half a dozen streams of water were turned on the blazing mass. As the water struck the red hot debris a cloud of steam hid the ruins from view. The injured were first assisted to a place of safety. Three patrol wagons and two ambulances were soon in service. The men were put on stretchers, and Lieut. McDonald directed that the wagons be driven at once to the different hospitals.

As the last victim was hurried away from the scene of death and destruction the work of removing the charred bodies of the three firemen from the ruins was taken up. By this time the flood of water had cooled off the ruins sufficiently to allow the firemen and sixty policemen to start their search for the dead. Sergeant Decker was the first man to find a body. He used a long pole in lifting the iron sheeting to one side, when he discovered the remains of Coogan. The body was in a crouching position and showed that Coogan was running when the mass of bricks fell him to the earth. He was identified by his helmet, which lay within a foot of his head.

It was impossible to distinguish the burned bodies of Schnur and Stramen apart. They lay side by side, and a heavy beam had fallen across the neck of one of the bodies. Chief Sweeney directed the men to continue their work, and not until the entire pile had been gone over was the chief satisfied that all the bodies had been found.

Origin of the Fire.
The origin of the fire is indefinite. Recently furnace driers were introduced into the structure and these may have been

in an overheated condition. High in the bins are hung big lanterns to guide the workmen in their labors and the presence of these has given rise to the theory that a red hot chimney came in contact with the dry dust and set the place on fire. The age of the building and the amount of dust which had congregated in every crack and corner supports the latter opinion. Many of the firemen are of the belief that the blaze and subsequent explosion were due to spontaneous combustion.

Insurance Inspector Gillan gave the following statement as his opinion as to how the fire originated: "It was surely an explosion of dry dust. In the majority of cases in fires of this kind they all start from the same cause. The dust from the grain collects and when it is heated to the right point it is like powder. It is just as dangerous as any explosive. If this elevator had been constructed as grain elevators should be, the chances are the fire would have been put out with a loss of less than \$1,000."

Loss Will Reach \$500,000.
Before the insurance underwriters completed the list of buildings wrecked or damaged and property destroyed the total financial loss will reach \$500,000. The tabulated statement of the loss, as nearly as can be learned, is:

The Chicago Railway Terminal Elevator Company, building, \$90,000	Loss to grain in structure, 210,000
Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, loss to freighthouse and cars, 20,000	Engine and machinery in elevator, 25,000
Loss to Chicago and Northwestern Railroad freight, including valuable teas and spices, 25,000	Damage to Healey & Co.'s coal yard, Indiana and Kingsbury sts., 2,500
Damage to building occupied by the Crocker and Milwaukee Chair Companies, contents, windows and beams, 20,000	Damage to Jung Brewing Company's plant, 6 Grand avenue, 15,000
Damage to building occupied by Wisconsin Dairy Company, Austin avenue and Jefferson street, 3,000	Damage to Indiana street bridge, abutments and plankings scorched, 1,000
Damage to dock warehouse in Indiana street, 1,000	Damage to building occupied by the Star Box and Barrel Company, 2,000
Damage to tugs and shipping estimated, 3,000	Minor losses to stores, houses and other buildings, estimated aggregate, 30,000
Total, \$507,500	Insurance on the contents of the elevator, 500,000

IS GUILTY OF WIFE-MURDER.
Banker of Batavia, N. Y., Is Convicted of Using Prussic Acid.
Howard C. Benham, a young banker of Batavia, N. Y., has been found guilty of murder in the first degree. It was charged that he poisoned his wife with prussic acid. Benham's trial lasted nearly three weeks. Benham in 1892 eloped with and married Miss Florence Toutsman, heiress, 16 years of age. At that time he was 22 years of age. In December last Mrs. Benham was taken seriously ill, and on the morning of Jan. 4 she died. Benham gave out a statement that death was due to rheumatism of the heart, and the coroner decided that death was caused by atrophy and degeneration of the muscular tissue. Later rumors became current that Benham had purchased prussic acid, and Mrs. Benham's body was exhumed, and the various organs removed for examination. Mrs. Benham's death was found. Benham was then indicted and was placed on trial June 21.

PREACHER SHOTS A GIRL.
Sleeping Child Suffers in a Fight with Indiana Ruffians.
Rev. John Weinstein, who has been holding revival services at Concord Christian Church, near Washington, Ind., received word the other night that he would be egged if he preached again. He went prepared, and when he opened services laid a pistol on each side of his Bible, announcing that he would defend himself if necessary.

Told in a Few Lines.
The Metropolitan Electric Company of Chicago has failed. The liabilities amount to about \$35,000. Poor collections are said to have caused the assignment.

TERRIFIC HEAT IN THE SOUTH.
The Temperature Over 100 in Many Places, Causing Great Suffering.
The South is sweltering in intense heat and there is much suffering on account of it. In Kentucky the thermometers register 90 degrees and upward. In Louisville there have been several prostrations, some of them serious. It was 100 degrees Wednesday morning, but a thunderstorm brought the mercury down to 86 at sundown.

Reports from points in the lower Mississippi valley show a continuance of the extreme heat, with one or two exceptions. Memphis broke the record for the year Wednesday with a maximum temperature of 100. In Arkansas the heat is terrible and there is no prospect of relief. Prescott, Texarkana and Warren each report a maximum temperature of 106. The heat wave now prevailing around Vicksburg is the hottest of the season. The temperature ranges in the neighborhood of 100. In St. Louis Thursday the temperature was slightly below the 90 mark. In southern Illinois the thermometer has registered 102 in the shade, and harvesting is greatly retarded.

President McKinley is going to Cleveland. After the reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic at Buffalo, Aug. 24, he will spend three or four days at Windemere as the guest of Senator M. A. Hanna. Mrs. McKinley will accompany the President, and with Senator and Mrs. Hanna will attend the wedding of Miss Fannie Hayes, daughter of ex-President Hayes, at Fremont.

At Chicopee, Mass., in a runaway, Mrs. Mary B. Knapp was killed and her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Tuttle, was badly bruised.

DEBS IS ENJOINED.

Monongah Coke and Coal Company Calls Upon the Law.

Upon the application of James Sloan, Jr., of Baltimore, a stockholder in the Monongah Coal and Coke Company, made by ex-Gov. Fleming, his counsel, Judge Jackson, Jr. of the United States Court at Parkersburg, W. Va., granted a sweeping injunction restraining Eugene V. Debs and his associates from in any way interfering with or molesting the management or the conducting of the property of the Monongah Coal and Coke Company or its employes, either by trespassing upon the property of the company or approaching



threat or inciting its employes to strike or interfering in any manner whatever, either by word or deed, in the company's affairs. The text of the writ covers everything that can possibly be construed into an infringement of rights of corporations, and practically prevents all future agitation in the vicinity of the Monongah mines.

At Pittsburgh Wednesday, the interest in the miners' strike centered on the preliminary hearing before Justice Semmons of Turtle Creek of District President Patrick Dolan, District Secretary William Warner, former National Vice-President Cameron Miller and the other miners' officials who were charged by Superintendent Thomas B. De Armit with riot.

Attorney William Kaufman, representing the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company, tried to bring as evidence the injunction issued by the Supreme Court against the miners' leaders during the De Armit strike of 1894. At that time Judge Stove of Allegheny County refused the injunction, but on the company's appeal to the higher court the latter granted it on a technicality.

Attorney Kaufman argued that as the injunction denied the miners the right to congregate on the public highways the fact that they did congregate there was unlawful. Attorney William Brennan, representing the striking miners, claimed that unlawful assembly was denied by the statutes, and no injunction, even by the Supreme Court, could nullify it.

Justice Semmons refused to allow the injunction to be used as evidence and Attorney Kaufman shook his fist under the judge's nose. For a few minutes there was great excitement. The testimony of Sheriff Lowery was favorable to the strikers. He said when he asked them to disperse at the center school house Saturday they did so. Superintendent De Armit's testimony was not damaging.

IS GUILTY OF WIFE-MURDER.
Banker of Batavia, N. Y., Is Convicted of Using Prussic Acid.
Howard C. Benham, a young banker of Batavia, N. Y., has been found guilty of murder in the first degree. It was charged that he poisoned his wife with prussic acid. Benham's trial lasted nearly three weeks. Benham in 1892 eloped with and married Miss Florence Toutsman, heiress, 16 years of age. At that time he was 22 years of age. In December last Mrs. Benham was taken seriously ill, and on the morning of Jan. 4 she died. Benham gave out a statement that death was due to rheumatism of the heart, and the coroner decided that death was caused by atrophy and degeneration of the muscular tissue. Later rumors became current that Benham had purchased prussic acid, and Mrs. Benham's body was exhumed, and the various organs removed for examination. Mrs. Benham's death was found. Benham was then indicted and was placed on trial June 21.



TERRIFIC HEAT IN THE SOUTH.
The Temperature Over 100 in Many Places, Causing Great Suffering.
The South is sweltering in intense heat and there is much suffering on account of it. In Kentucky the thermometers register 90 degrees and upward. In Louisville there have been several prostrations, some of them serious. It was 100 degrees Wednesday morning, but a thunderstorm brought the mercury down to 86 at sundown.

Reports from points in the lower Mississippi valley show a continuance of the extreme heat, with one or two exceptions. Memphis broke the record for the year Wednesday with a maximum temperature of 100. In Arkansas the heat is terrible and there is no prospect of relief. Prescott, Texarkana and Warren each report a maximum temperature of 106. The heat wave now prevailing around Vicksburg is the hottest of the season. The temperature ranges in the neighborhood of 100. In St. Louis Thursday the temperature was slightly below the 90 mark. In southern Illinois the thermometer has registered 102 in the shade, and harvesting is greatly retarded.

President McKinley is going to Cleveland. After the reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic at Buffalo, Aug. 24, he will spend three or four days at Windemere as the guest of Senator M. A. Hanna. Mrs. McKinley will accompany the President, and with Senator and Mrs. Hanna will attend the wedding of Miss Fannie Hayes, daughter of ex-President Hayes, at Fremont.

At Chicopee, Mass., in a runaway, Mrs. Mary B. Knapp was killed and her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Tuttle, was badly bruised.

Close Quarters.

It was a somewhat embarrassing circumstance related by Miss Kingsley, the African traveler. She says: "We were going down a river in a boat, when we saw ahead of us a herd of hippopotamus, and I got rather nervous. I asked my guide if the animals were dangerous in this country. "Sometimes they are, ma'am," said he, "and sometimes they're not. You can't tell till you've passed 'em." "We went on, and just as I was sure we were safe, one came up under the boat, and we were in the water. I always go conscientiously to the bottom, and when I returned to the surface, I saw our crew making for the bank and heard a voice saying: "Do you happen to survive, ma'am?" "Temporarily," said I. "Then hang on to the canoe." "I am hanging," said I. "Hang yourself!"

And he did. I suggested the bank. "No," said he, "not yet. Wait till the canoe carries us past the land. If they can get a foothold, they'll stamp you down. They can't do much in deep water."

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A Strange Disease.

Kansas recently reported a case which was one of the most rare in the medical history of this country. It was that of a negro who was afflicted with a disease only ten cases of which have ever been known in the United States. A member, such as a finger or toe, afflicted with this disease amputates itself without the aid of a surgeon's knife. The first thing noticed by the patient is an absence of feeling in the member. Then a slight furrow forms around it and steadily deepens until the member drops off without pain or the loss of blood. It is common on the west coast of Africa among the negroes, but it has never been known to assail a white man.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure.

is a constitutional cure. Price 75 cents.
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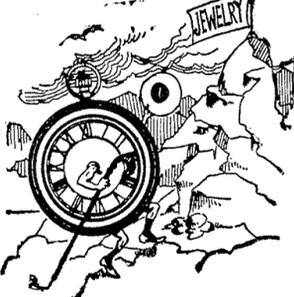
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Local Happenings.

M. E. Aid society tea Friday evening.
A gravel walk has been graded to the cemetery.
Roys Bros. began distilling at their mint farm last week.
A new walk has been laid in front of the Johnson saloon.
Don't miss the farmers' picnic at Gun lake, August 20 and 21.
W. S. Gibbs ate home-grown tomatoes from his garden Saturday.
It is reported that Hiram French has the finest fields of corn in this locality.
Little Guy Willard caught a fish at Green lake last Sunday while playing fish.
M. F. Dowling has added to his jewelry store a large wall show case for silverware.
C. E. Benedict and wife of Middleville were in the city Monday.—Hastings Herald.

H. Gildner, a saloon keeper of Grand Rapids, has purchased the Carmody hotel at Caledonia.
Get your stock ready for the fair now. It is held September 28-29-30 and October 1, Hastings.
A number of our teachers and would-be teachers are attending the institute at Hastings this week.
The Middleville Cornet band expects to attend the band tournament at Grand Ledge the 25th.
John Benaway is putting a tar roof on John Campbell's livery stable barn occupied by E. W. Anbill.
Putnam Bros. have sold their stock of drugs in Kalamazoo and returned to their home in this village.
H. L. Howard has sold his cider mill at this place to A. Holt and son, who will operate the same this season.

Best premiums ever offered by the Barry County Fair. Look over the list and be prepared to make your exhibits.
There seems to be a dearth in the matrimony line when it takes more than a month to register three marriage licenses.
The King Bridge company of Cleveland, O., has the contract for an iron bridge soon to be placed on the state road south of town.
The Irish Corners barber shop has been neatly papered and painted and the Irish shoe store also received its share of fresh paint.
The south end hand car house was broken open last week Thursday and the car taken to within a half mile of Hastings where it was found next day.
Mrs. Will Skinner has left with us a specimen of the wineberry, which she raised, the first we have ever seen and, we believe, the first to be raised in this locality.
While drilling a well in the stock yard at Caledonia, recently, it is claimed that at a depth of forty feet a four-foot vein of hard coal was drilled through.
John Benedict fell from a freight car at French & Son's mill yesterday striking on his back. No bones were broken but he will be laid up for a few days from his injuries.
The fair book is out. Have you received one? If not the president, A. F. Sylvester will be pleased to furnish you one, or write the secretary, R. M. Bates and he will send you one.
J. W. Edwards will move his stock of goods to Woodland in about four weeks and engage in business, there being a good opening there for a general store.—Freeport Herald.

It is not often that you hear of a person freezing their toes in August in this climate, but it is reported such was the case with Mr. White the first of the week while working in an ice house.
Arthur Griffith, while plowing Monday on Aaron Clark's "Park Place" farm, north of the village, plowed into a blue racer's nest which contained thirty-one eggs, each containing a snake from ten to twelve inches in length.
Loyal Hubbard, 44 years of age, and an inmate of the county house, was brought to this city last week and adjudged insane. In his insane spells he became dangerous. He will be taken to Kalamazoo as soon as possible. Drink is said to have brought him to his present condition.—Hastings Banner.
We sell samples for the manufacturers. Their prices are our prices. We can save you from 20 to 40 per cent on anything you want. Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., 94 to 100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids.

Will Jordan spent Sunday in Nashville.
Mrs. J. C. Dorris is visiting her people at Angola, Ind.
F. D. Pratt was in Hastings on business yesterday.
Miss Jennie Adgate was in Hastings Friday evening.
A. A. Dibble Sundayed with his family in Otsego.
Calvin Barrell is able to be out after a week's tussle with a fever.
Mrs. J. Willard expects to entertain company from Kansas next week.
Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Zimmer spent the first of the week in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. J. A. Caldwell returned Monday from a few days' visit in Grand Rapids.
Will Garrett and wife of Delton, were guests of A. M. Dowling over Sunday.
J. W. Willard and family and Bertha Weightman spent Sunday at Green lake.
J. J. Richardson of Charlotte, was the guest of Hugh Davey, Tuesday night.
Miss Minnie Dietrich returned yesterday from her visit with Nashville friends.
Fred Nansley and Harve Williams of Prairieville, were in the village Tuesday.
Judd Stark of Middleville is visiting friends in this locality.—Delton Graphic.

Miss Anna Tripp of Sturgis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jennings, south of the village.
Mrs. John Robertson of Irving, was the guest of F. L. Blake, Thursday and Friday.
Ray Roys and bride of Florence are guests of the former's parents at their mint farm.
Elijah Hull and wife Sundayed in Caledonia and Dutton with the former's brother, Jay.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Fenton are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their wedding day.
Miss Ethel Russell returned Friday evening from a few days' visit with friends in Hastings.
Miss Bertha Jordan returned Monday evening from an extended visit with friends in Nashville.
Homer Flower and "Mickey" Shett of Prairieville, were guests at Jacob Brandstetter's, Monday.
Mrs. David Mattason returned Friday evening from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Holland.
Miss Smith of Nashville, the teacher for the second grammar room next year, was in the village yesterday.
Miss Sarah Davis, who had been the guest of Miss Dora Brown, returned to her home near LaBarge on Tuesday.
Will McKeivitt returned home Friday evening from a tour of the state with the state league of ball players.
M. F. Dowling, J. W. Armstrong and Maynard Mattason with their families are camping at Barlow lake this week.
Al. Zimmer and wife spent the first of the week with friends in Hastings and are now at Gun lake for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Kronewitter of Hastings were guests of their daughters, Mesdames Blake and Liebler, the first of the week.
Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Smith of Battle Creek have been spending the past week with their aunt, Mrs. William Coman.
Miss Blanche Johnson of Hastings, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Griffith, returned to her home Monday.
Mrs. Kroodsma and niece, Doris Eggleston, of Grand Rapids are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Doyle, north of town.
Miss Blanche E. Wise returned to her home in Grand Rapids, Saturday, after visiting five weeks with her aunt, Mrs. E. Garrett, and other relatives on the prairie.
Mrs. M. C. Griswold of Lowell is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs, and sister, Mrs. W. E. Keeler, this week. Mr. Griswold also spent Sunday in the village.
Frank Fenton returned Friday afternoon from a few days' wheeling expedition in which he visited his brother Louis, in Ann Arbor. He also visited Detroit and Windsor, Ont.
J. W. Fleming is spending a few days in the village the guest of his former pupil, J. W. Cobb, his time being chiefly occupied in trying to train a bicycle to go straight ahead.
Mrs. Carrie Stafford and son, George, arrived in the village last evening. They intend to make their home on the farm southwest of town, having moved their household goods from Grand Rapids.
Mrs. A. A. Tewksbury returned home Monday evening from Bellaire, where she had been on a three weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. Altha Borthwick, and family. She found several of her lady friends waiting at her home to take tea with her, which was a happy surprise to her.

Personal Points.

Mrs. C. Clever is the guest of Grand Rapids friends.
I. D. Reed of Whitneyville was in the village yesterday.
A. A. Dibble goes east the first of the week to buy goods.
Mirt Thompson is again at the block after a two weeks' illness.
Dr. N. Abbott and J. D. Dietrich spent Sunday in Nashville.
Mrs. Samuel Campbell and daughter, Annabell, have gone to Bay City on a visit.
Miss Bertha Wiseman of Hastings is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. M. A. Dietrich.
Jas. A. Peeps of Grand Rapids, was the guest of his son, W. H., the first of the week.
Vesta Herrick was called to Grand Rapids, Monday on account of the death of a brother.
Frank George of Milwaukee, a well-known furniture man, was the guest of Mr. Peeps, Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sackett were at Wall Lake over Sunday and Mrs. S. remained for a few days.
Mrs. Charles Brandstetter and two children were guests of Grand Rapids friends Sunday and Monday.
Mrs. Wm. Cridler left this forenoon for Leslie, where she goes to visit her son, George Wilcox and family.
Fred Rawson and wife of Vermontville, are guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. W. C. Sackett and family.
Miss Myrtle Smith of Nashville, who will be one of the instructors in the village schools, was in town yesterday.
Mrs. A. H. Ellis and two sons of Beloit, Kansas, are the guests of the former's brother, M. M. Prindle, and wife.
Mrs. E. A. Carpenter and daughter, Ruth, of Grand Rapids, were guests of her brother, W. K. Liebler and wife, yesterday.
M. W. Bailey, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. Carveth, for a few weeks, returned to his home in Chicago this week.
Miss Maud Southwick, who has been spending several weeks with relatives at Charlotte and Marshall, is in attendance at the teachers' institute at Hastings.
E. D. Matteson of Middleville was in the village a few days this week visiting friends, and assisted the band at Vermontville Wednesday.—Nashville News.
Jesse W. Cobb returned last week Thursday from a bicycle trip to Charlotte, Marshall, Olivet, Albion, Nashville, Vermontville and Lake Odessa, where he visited friends.
Irving Winger returned last week from Big Rapids where he has been attending the Industrial school. He expects to resume his studies there after a ten days' visit in this vicinity.
Mrs. H. Culler accompanied F. D. Brayton and family to Freeport Friday afternoon. She returned home Saturday p. m., accompanied as far as Hastings by Miss Addie Yerrington, who has gone to Middleville for a visit with relatives.—Freeport Herald.

Society's Doings.

About twenty-two of the friends of Lucile Wilkinson were pleasantly entertained at her home Tuesday afternoon in honor of the eleventh anniversary of her birth.
Merton Kenettle, who has been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Peeps, was given a pleasant birthday party on Saturday. On Sunday he wheeled to Grand Rapids accompanied by Charlie Johnson, where the former will remain.
A number of the ladies of Mrs. Frank Heany's former neighborhood gave her a pleasant surprise at her home on the county line July 29. The ladies made their visit a profitable one as well as merry by sewing 36 yards of carpeting. At five o'clock very nice refreshments were served and a pleasant time is reported by all.
Nicholas Vandermulen of Grand Rapids and Miss Nellie White of this village are to be married this evening. We wish them much joy.
E. Gordon of the west county line, has the foundation up for a 39x40 foot bank barn. John Benaway expects to do the carpenter work.
The Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., can give you the inside on all kinds of furniture. Five floors now filled with July samples. 94 to 100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids.
An exchange that has probably been undergoing some unpleasant experiences rises to remark that "A little item in a newspaper will make an enemy to the newspaper for years, but it won't stop him from reading the paper—it merely changes him from a subscriber to a sponger or newspaper thief."
July sample sideboards, chiffoniers, bedroom suites, parlor tables, dining tables, couches, fancy rockers and chairs, hall furniture, fancy odd pieces and many other kinds are now being sold by us for the manufacturers. Come, make your selections and save from 20 to 40 per cent on every purchase. Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., 94 to 100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids.

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AMERICANS FILE CLAIMS FOR \$75,000,000 AGAINST SPAIN.

State Department Official's Authority for the Statement—Silver Declines to the Lowest Point Ever Touched—Price of Coal Advances.

Many Claims Filed.

An official of the State Department is authority for the statement that the claims already filed by Americans against Spain growing out of and incident to the Cuban revolution aggregate not less than \$75,000,000, and that the amount is increasing daily.

DECLINE IN PRICE OF SILVER.

Likely to Result in Decreased Production in Colorado.

Bar silver made a violent and sensational break Thursday in London, falling one-half penny to 25 1/2 pence per ounce. This is by far the lowest price ever touched, and is the most rapid decline recorded on the London market since the last week of June, 1893.

"CHURCH IS IN THE DITCH."

Rev. C. J. Fowler Startles a Camp Meeting Audience.

"The church of to-day has degenerated into a sort of a family social club." This is the utterance with which Rev. C. J. Fowler, D. D., president of the National Association for the Promotion of Holiness, startled the congregation assembled in the big tabernacle tent at the Desplains, Ill., camp meeting.

Race for the Pennant.

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

Table with 2 columns: Club Name and Standing. Boston . . . 59, Chicago . . . 41, Baltimore . . . 54, Pittsburgh . . . 39, Cincinnati . . . 54, St. Louis . . . 40, New York . . . 50, Brooklyn . . . 36, Cleveland . . . 45, Washington . . . 31, Philadelphia . . . 42, St. Louis . . . 24.

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

Table with 2 columns: Club Name and Standing. Indianapolis . . . 60, Detroit . . . 48, Columbus . . . 56, 30, Minneapolis . . . 31, Milwaukee . . . 60, 30, Grand Rapids . . . 29, St. Paul . . . 56, 37, Kansas City . . . 26.

Pistol and Poison.

H. A. Bailey, a well-to-do Jenison, Mich., man, shot his wife at midnight Thursday. In the morning he took poison and died while in charge of the officers. The woman may possibly recover.

Price of Coal Advances.

In Pittsburgh Thursday, prices for coal moved up 10 cents a ton, the assigned reason being that the prospects are that the area of the strike will expand and embrace the northern and central Pennsylvania districts.

Umpire Hurst is Arrested.

Umpire Tina Hurst was arrested in St. Louis after the ball game Thursday on a telegraphic request from Cincinnati asking that he be held on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

TIDE IS RISING.

All Sections Report Improvement in Business and Crop Prospects Are of the Best.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Dispatches from almost every Northern city of importance report without exception improvement in business, and from ocean to ocean splendid crop prospects.

ACCUSED BY HER CHILDREN.

Minnesota Woman Said to Be Guilty of Murdering Her Husband.

A Redwood Falls (Minn.) special says that John O'Connell, a well-known farmer and prominent politician of Westline township, was murdered at his farmhouse. Seven gashes in his scalp were the immediate cause of death.

ENDS TWO TREATIES.

England Terminates Commercial Agreements with Germany and Belgium.

The commercial treaty between Great Britain and the German Zollverein, which has been in force since May 30, 1865, was renounced Friday by Great Britain and will cease to be operative a year hence.

No Mercy to Be Shown.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat has this from Havana: The campaign which Gen. Weyler is contemplating in Eastern Cuba will be the greatest military effort made by the Spanish army in the island since the war began, in 1895.

New Move in the Strike.

Upon the application of James Sloan Jr., of Baltimore, a stockholder in the Monongah Coal and Coke Company, made by ex-Governor Fleming, his counsel, Judge Jackson, in the United States court at Parkersburg, W. Va., Wednesday afternoon granted a sweeping injunction restraining Eugene V. Debs and his associates from in any way interfering with or molesting the management or the conducting of the property of the Monongah Coal and Coke Company or its employees.

Troops in Havana Growl.

The troops in Havana have had a hard time, lack of rations, etc., and they have created much trouble in the past few weeks. Several officers have been shot and the troops are in a very bad way.

Louisville Family Poisoned.

At Louisville, Ky., Hardin Johnson, his wife and daughter and Dan Hazlewold, all colored, were poisoned and are lying at their home at the point of death. Physicians say laudanum was placed in the neighbor who has attempted to do him injury on previous occasions.

Better Than Washing Dishes.

Carl Cronheim, who has been employed in heating coal and washing dishes in Boston, has been notified of the death of his elder brother, Count Henrik Julius Cronheim, of Sweden, by which he thus comes into a title, four large properties and an income of \$50,000 a year.

Rise in Glucose.

Glucose, since the formation of the trust which now controls practically all of the glucose refineries, has been sharply advanced in price. Friday it moved up 5 cents per 100 pounds, bringing the price to \$1.60 now, as compared to 90 cents a month ago.

Haunted by His Face.

Miss Effie Boring, the young lady who was with Walter Galloway when he was killed by the negro, Robert Simms, July 10, died at Johnson City, Tenn. She was overcome by the shock of the murder and had Simms' face constantly before her.

Philadelphia Firemen Hurt.

In Philadelphia, fire broke out in the extensive chemical works of D. Jayne & Son. One of the assistant engineers of the fire department and several of the firemen were injured by falling walls. The damage is estimated at \$200,000.

One Bins Burned.

The ore bins and one chute of the Boston and Montana's Leon shaft at Butte, Mont., was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The origin of the fire is not known. The company's loss will not exceed \$10,000.

Orders Another Attack.

The Brazilian government has ordered another attack on the fanatics now at Canudos. The force of government troops will be increased until 15,000 men are prepared to fight.

SHE WANTS A RULER.

HAWAII MAY TURN TO JAPAN, OR GREAT BRITAIN.

Possible Action in Case the Annexation Treaty Is Not Confirmed by the United States Senate—Steamer Burns at Sea.

Views of Ex-Minister Parker.

Samuel Parker, who was minister of foreign affairs in Queen Liliuokalani's cabinet, arrived in San Francisco from Honolulu on the Belgic. He said: "If annexation is defeated, Hawaii will put her foot down. She will then be ready to negotiate with Japan, England or any other country.

STEAMER BURNS AT SEA.

Furtor Collides with an Iceberg, Becomes Waterlogged and is Set on Fire.

Twenty-one men, comprising the officers and crew of the British steamer Furtor, were brought to Boston by the steamer Sagamore. Their vessel had become water-logged through collision with an iceberg and was burned at sea, and they were picked up by Capt. Alexander Fenton and his crew after they had been forty-nine hours in open boats.

CLOUDBURST IN COLORADO.

Large Number of Bridges Swept Away in Short Order.

A cloudburst caused the most serious flood ever known near Castle Rock, Colo. Plum creek became a raging torrent in a few minutes, and not less than a hundred bridges on that stream and its tributaries were washed away.

Driven Off by British.

Port Chaldara, in the Chitral district, India, which was besieged by a large force of insurgent natives, has been relieved by a British force.

Complications with Peru.

The destruction of the United States consulate at Pura, Peru, by the civil authorities April 23 is the subject of diplomatic correspondence between the state department and the Peruvian government.

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The fast flyer on the Kansas Pacific Railway was wrecked about forty miles east of Denver. Two trainmen were killed outright, five passengers are fatally injured and many others badly hurt.

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LAKE OF OIL THE LATEST.

Gold Discoveries of Alaska Not the Only Ones Made.

While the whole world is excited over the gold discoveries in the north, eight has been lost of another discovery that promises to be of great value in the development of that section.

VICTIMS OF VOLCANIC FURY.

Great Crater of Mayon Belches Death to Many and Widespread Destruction.

Advices received at Tacoma, Wash., say the great volcano Mayon, on the Philippine Islands, is again active. Eruptions commenced June 26. By July 1 five hundred natives were dead.

Like to Wreck Trains.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company has offered a reward of \$750 for the arrest and conviction of the parties who recently placed obstructions on the track near Holden, Mo., on the Holden and Paola branch.

Chinamen Condemned to Death.

There are prospects of trouble in San Francisco Chinatown. The highlanders have posted a list of the names of Chinese who have been condemned to death by the hatchmen. The list includes men who stand high in business circles and who have always interested themselves in aiding the officials in their efforts to make Chinatown a law-abiding place.

To Reoccupy Palestine.

The representatives of the Baron Hirsch charities at London seem to take very seriously the scheme of Dr. Theodore Hertzl of Vienna for the formation of an independent Jewish state in Palestine. It is said that the Hebrews are organizing in all parts of the world.

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Nature's Awful Spasm.

Advices received at Tacoma, Wash., by steamer say that five hundred reported killed up to July 1 is the record of the terrible outbreak of the great volcano of Mayon, on the island of Luzon, one of the Philippine group.

It was probable, said the dispatches, that the loss of life would reach into the thousands, depending on the length of eruption.

On that date lava streams and ashes had reached the cities of Bacacay, Malipot and Liboy, and their destruction was certain. Fifteen smaller towns between these and the volcano had been destroyed and scores of the agricultural population had been overwhelmed while attempting to escape.

The population about the mountains is stated to be very large, because of the fine hemp plantations in the valleys radiating from it, where hemp of the best quality known to commerce is produced.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC DEBT.

Report for July Shows an Increase of Over \$6,000,000.

The monthly statement of the public debt issued Monday shows that the debt less cash in the treasury at the close of business on July 31 was \$99,446,646, an increase during the month of \$6,790,560, which is accounted for by a corresponding decrease in the cash in the treasury.

The debt is recapitulated as follows:

Interest-bearing debt, \$847,805,320; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,330,340; debt bearing no interest, \$377,761,442. Total, \$1,225,497,102. This, however, does not include \$585,513,933 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which is offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.

The monthly statement issued by the director of the mint shows that during July, 1897, the coinage executed at the United States mints amounted to \$670,850, as follows:

Gold \$377,000; silver, \$260,000; minor coins, \$33,850. During the month of August the large accumulation of gold bullion at San Francisco, which now amounts to \$4,500,000, will be worked off as rapidly as the capacity of the mint will permit.

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BOXING

Charles Knorr Writes Creditors Where His Body Will Be Found.

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Tommy Ryan has already begun active training for his coming fight with "Kid" McCoy.

If any of the 110-pounders want an engagement, Joe Bateman of Jersey City is willing to fight them.

The announcement made about a month ago that Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey would fight under the auspices of Dan Stuart has been verified.

Casper Leon says that if "Spike" Sullivan will post a forfeit for his "unknown," he will fight him or anybody else for the 105 pound championship of the world.

Owing to the fact that Solly Smith has been matched to box "Pedlar" Palmer in London, the proposed encounter between himself and Johnny Griffin, which was to have been decided at San Francisco, has been declared off.

The latest information which has been received from Peter Jackson was brought by a sporting man who arrived here from London the other day. He said that Jackson is in fine health, and doing very well with a school for boxing, which is located in London.

Homor Selby ("Kid" McCoy's brother) aspires to become the welter-weight champion of the world, and as a starter has challenged Con Doyle of Chicago.

Once more there is talk of a fight between Jack McAuliffe and Lavigne.

This talk is just about as important as the talk about a finish between John L. Sullivan and Fitzsimmons was.

Jack Madden, the Brooklyn fantom-weight, wants to meet Jimmy Anthony before one of the clubs in San Francisco. Madden is ready to put a forfeit for a side bet of \$500 to \$1,000. The contest to take place within the next six weeks.

FIVE WIVES OR MORE.

David E. Bates a Big Star in the List of Marital Marauders.

With five known wives and possibly as many more not yet discovered, with sweethearts by the score loving by mail and telegraph, David E. Bates, now locked up at the stock yards police station in Chicago, has lived a life of consummate marital deceit and trickery which has seldom been equaled.

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As for Jackson's injunction, I hold it in sovereign contempt. If I have occasion to speak in the interest of famishing miners in his jurisdiction I will do so, and I will not be deterred by any injunction, totally regardless of its infamous injunction. The force of it is that the injunction pretends to be issued by a judge. If it can direct from the courts operators some little respect would be due the judge. Such injunctions are issued by the creatures who owe their positions to organized capital, and they owe the owners of their masters with the alacrity of spaniels.

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Charles Knorr, an architect of Chicago, decided to shoot himself to pay his debts. Saturday he cashed a check for \$25 at Albrecht & Glendon's meat market. Sunday, filled with remorse, he wrote a letter to the butchers, it is said, confessing the check was a forgery. "When you receive this note I will be dead," he wrote, "but my wife will pay you for the loss out of my insurance money."

Wednesday morning A. L. Kraus received yet another note telling him just where the body would be found.

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Maccabees Get Through Work at Port Huron—Comical Row at Flint Over Marauding Cows—No Money to Finish Blair's Statue.

Finished Its Work. The seventh annual review of the supreme tent, Knights of the Maccabees, came to a close at Port Huron after having been in session eight days and having disposed of an immense amount of business. The committee on appeals, grievances and petitions made its report on fourteen appeals from members, five disability claims and nine life benefit claims, and the appeals from Michigan, L. O. T. M. and the Missouri State convention, K. O. T. M. The report was adopted. The committee on new business reported in favor of the establishment of a job printing department which is to do all the K. O. T. M. work. The matter was referred to the committee, with power to act. The matter of purchasing the Maccabee temple building and two adjoining structures was laid on the table. The supreme tent has a six years' lease yet of its quarters there and it was thought that the order may outgrow the building by the time of the expiration of the lease. The property is said to have an annual income, under present leases, of \$4,293.83. A proposition was received from St. Louis, Mo., to make that place the permanent headquarters of the order, but a resolution to that effect was overwhelmingly defeated. The board of trustees was instructed to have the name of the Knights of the Maccabees copyrighted, to prevent its use without the sanction of the supreme tent or by any organization that might possibly hereafter be organized. A motion was made to reconsider the vote by which the annual review refused to raise the salaries of Supreme Commander D. P. Markey and Supreme Record Keeper N. S. Boynton, but these two officials emphatically refused to allow such action and stated that they were satisfied with the decision of the review and would not allow any snap judgment to be taken in their behalf. Their wishes were respected.

Gov. Blair's Statue. The prospects for the unveiling of the statue to the late Austin Blair, Michigan's great war Governor, which event was expected to take place at Lansing this fall, seem to be very slim. In 1885 the Legislature appropriated \$10,000 for a statue of ex-Governor Blair, to be set up on the lawn on Capitol square, and Gov. Rich appointed a commission consisting of Gen. Russell A. Alger, of Detroit; Gen. Withington, and Dwight C. Smith, of Jackson, to look after the details of the work. The commission took hold with a will and a model by Edward C. Potter, of Philadelphia, was selected. The bronze was cast and it is now lying at Philadelphia awaiting instructions. It was the intention to make the unveiling of the statue an occasion of a great celebration here, in which all of the old soldiers of the State would participate. Gen. Withington, however, is in Europe and Gen. Alger is engaged with the affairs of the nation, and there is no one to move in the matter, a fact which is creating no little comment.

A \$22 Pleasure Trip. Perhaps the angriest farmer in Genesee County is Patrick Dowdall, of Genesee township. Saturday seven head of his cattle broke out of their inclosure and wandered into the city limits, a distance of five or six miles. The travel made them hungry and they sought a cabbage garden to replenish their stomachs. Later they were placed in the city pound by the angry gardener. Dowdall was notified of the whereabouts of his bovines and when he called at the pound for them he was confronted with a bill for \$22, expenses and damages. He paid the bill by check, but forgot to attach his name to the paper. The bank refused to cash the check until Dowdall had signed it. This Dowdall refused to do, as he claims the bill was exorbitant. A suit will be begun against Mr. Dowdall for the amount stated in the check.

The Fiftieth Anniversary. The fiftieth anniversary of the Holland immigration and colonization to this country will be celebrated on a fitting scale in Holland, commencing Wednesday, Aug. 25. The celebration will cover at least two days and will be participated in by Hollanders from several adjoining States. On Wednesday morning there will be a parade typical of the past and representative of the present, which will be a brilliant affair. Historical addresses will occupy the afternoon. There will be an illumination in the evening.

Minor State Matters. The body of a man was found in an old coal mine shaft at Woodville. The body bore the appearance of having been roughly used, and murder is hinted at. The wife of Louis H. Fink, cigar manufacturer, and a prominent Elk, died at Muskegon of appendicitis, aged 30 years. An operation was performed several days before. Charles Sherman of Streator, Ill., was fatally injured at Grand Rapids. He was employed as a lineman and was burned by live wires and tumbled to the rocky river bottom fifty feet below. Milton Cramer, three miles east of St. Louis, lost his left hand by getting tangled with a buzzsaw. He was shoved against the saw by his helper while they were trying to see which could hurry the other at work. Connection was made between Detroit and Ypsilanti on the New State Telephone Co.'s lines, and a 10-cent toll established between the two cities. The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. charges 15 cents for a three-minute talk and 25 cents for a five-minute conversation between Detroit and Ypsilanti. Ypsilanti now has connection with Detroit, Mt. Clemens and Monroe over the New State line.

A veteran gardener near the depot at Lapeer got out his gun Monday and blazed away at the blackbirds that were pecking his crops. Soon after he was notified that some stray bullets had hit a hobo and also a M. O. train crew who happened to be in range. No one was killed. Addison Cole, of Clayton, was found guilty in Justice Stevenson's court of assault and battery on Charles Sutherby. Cole seems to be fond of exercising his pugilistic prowess on his neighbors, this being his second conviction of assault and battery inside of a short time. He was fined \$50 for his fun.

At Lapeer, Mrs. S. A. Lockwood and Rena Brown, a domestic, were seriously burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove Saturday. Miss Brown, although severely burned herself, saved the life of her mistress by wrapping a rug around her.

The American Potato Flour Company, of Saginaw, has been sold to Julius Freud, a wealthy Detroitier. The company manufactures potato chips and potato flour used extensively by butchers and bakers. This concern consumes thousands of bushels of potatoes weekly.

Muskegon has had its initial shipment of celery and is now knocking at the door of the Eastern market with another less common product. Henry W. Vanderveer, of North Muskegon, has gone into the business of shipping turtles into the East and made an initial shipment of several hundred pounds of live turtle to Philadelphia.

A jail delivery took place at St. Joseph, in which four prisoners awaiting trial escaped by sawing the steel bars in their cells and in the outer corridors. They were Alex McDonald, who attempted to murder a brakeman; Louis Ake of South Bend, who has charges of bicycle stealing hanging over him in several cities; Otis Bentley of Hersey, and Frank Roby of Rochester, Ind., burglars. A reward of \$125 has been offered for their capture.

J. W. McGraw of Bay City is putting in about five miles of railroad in the eastern part of Otsego County, with a view of cutting his hard wood timber and drawing it to the Bay City market. He also owns several thousand acres. Salling, Hanson & Co. of Grayling also own a large block of hard wood timber in the eastern portion of the county and are now making preparations to cut and move it. They have platted a town in its vicinity, and propose to make it a permanent one, if possible.

John Scoby of Chicago requested the police at the East Chicago avenue station to find Wallace Scoby, his nephew. Wallace lived with his family in Grand Rapids, but left there some time ago to find employment. Recently Scoby received a letter from his nephew, who was in Decatur, in which the latter said he was going to Chicago. The writer has not as yet appeared. The other day Wallace Scoby's wife and child were burned to death at their home in Grand Rapids.

Ethel Smith, aged 13 years, daughter of Henry Smith, a farmer living near Diamondale, is dead as the result of severe burns she received Saturday. The girl was boiling beans in a large kettle out of doors when her clothing caught fire. She jumped into a tub of water, but was fatally burned before she was able to extinguish the flames. The girl's mother died last spring. Mr. Smith became so discouraged after his daughter's death that he took a dose of morphine. Doctors worked over him all Saturday night, and he will probably live.

It was the last day before penalty in the afternoon, when the Michigan Central Railroad Co. paid to State Treasurer Steel its taxes for last year. The Michigan Central Co. paid \$228,587.25 on its main and leased lines. The Cincinnati, Jackson and Saginaw Railroad Co. paid \$6,401.61. The taxes of the companies are paid up closer than for several years past. The total amount of railroad taxes assessed was \$740,998.75, and of this sum \$107,148.36 remains unpaid. The Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic, and the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroads owe the State \$75,000 of the amount now delinquent.

Alfred G. Highton, a convict in the Jackson prison, has sent to Gov. Pingree a somewhat remarkable ship in miniature. It is a regular full-rigged three-master bearing the name of "H. S. Pingree," and is supposed to be typical of the Governor's career. The masts bear streamers indicating the offices the Governor has held, the front streamer being inscribed with the words "White House, 1901." The ship is enabled to steer clear of the shoals by means of a lighthouse labeled, "People's Voice," and its guns are trained on "Fort Monopoly." The convict has spent a vast amount of time in the construction of the boat, and, it may be added, he wants a pardon.

The divorce suit of Helen J. Cole vs. Wilson Cole was heard before Judge Lane at Adrian, and a decree was given the woman. The couple were married in Morenci in 1866 and lived together at Crystal Valley until 1875. On or about Oct. 24 of that year Cole said he was going for the doctor for their sick child. He never came back, and his wife supposed he was either dead or had gone to sea. In Adrian, three years later, she married David Jackson. They have lived happily together for the past nineteen years. A short time ago the woman heard in a roundabout way that her first husband was alive. She immediately applied for and was granted the divorce. Mrs. Cole had four children by the first husband, all grown up and doing well, and two children by the second, Edith, aged 16, and Elnora, aged 10, both very nice girls.

At Ottawa Beach, Miss Clara Hall, aged 17, and Miss Lena Herrick, aged 16, of Grand Rapids, were bathing and the sea was running rather high. A huge wave carried Miss Hall off the pier, upon which they were standing. Miss Herrick at once plunged in after her and succeeded in reaching her side. A boatman upon shore jumped into the surf and swam out to them, but just as he reached their side a huge wave came upon them and they were separated. When he came up the young women were being swept away beyond his reach. There were few bathers there at the time, but the alarm was at once given and the life-saving crew were soon upon the scene. It was too late, for both bodies were out of sight. The drowning created the most intense excitement at the beach. Miss Hall was the daughter of Sherwood Hall, one of the pioneer merchants of Grand Rapids, while Mr. Herrick owns the largest grocery in the city and also operates the resort grocery. Both fathers were upon the train leaving the city for the beach, and knew nothing of the awful greeting which awaited them until their arrival.

"Chicken Tom" Acron, who had attained a national reputation among sporting men as a breeder of fine game birds, died at Muskegon. Acron's chicken ranch was a paradise for the lovers of game fowls.

Near Elkton, the 2-year-old child of Wm. Stout, just able to walk, came out on the road where stood a team hitched to a binder. The driver was in the seat and never saw the child, which got under the deck. When the horses started the master wheel, on which rests nearly the whole weight of the binder, passed over the little one's body. Strange to say, it was not killed instantly, but is still alive.

STRIKE IS SOON WON.

QUARRYMEN AT JOLIET AND LEMONT GAIN A FIGHT.

Demands Conceded by Employers a Few Hours Later—Wages Are Raised from \$1.25 to the Old Figure of \$1.50 a Day.

This Strike a Success. Workmen in all the stone quarries at Joliet and Lemont, Ill., went on strike Monday morning for an increase in wages of 25 cents a day. They won before the sun went down. Twelve hundred men who have been hewing limestone ten hours a day for \$1.25 will hereafter receive \$1.50.

So well had the secret plans for the joint uprising been laid that within half an hour from the time the first intimation of the projected movement was given the companies, at 9 o'clock, the suspension of quarry operations in Lemont and Joliet was complete. The demands of the men were made known to the officials and one by one the quarries were emptied of the men who had been working for two hours as if they were well content.

A hundred men quit work at quarry No. 1 of the Western Stone Company at Lemont and inaugurated the strike. They marched to the five other quarries of the company and their arrival at each was a signal for the workmen to join them. When the augmented army reached the quarry of the Illinois Stone Company it numbered 400 men, and here it was joined by the seventy-five employes. It paraded through the village with little demonstration and disbanded, the majority going home to await the result of what it was expected would be a long conflict.

In Joliet this method was duplicated. The employes of the Western Stone Company, against which the men were most bitter, started the movement and gather-

RELIEF STATION OPENED.

Appeal from Starving Miners Is Heeded by Chicago People.

Headquarters for the reception of subscriptions of money, provisions and clothing for the starving coal miners of Illinois have been opened at 36 North Desplaines street, Chicago, by the committee appointed by the Federation of Labor. All contributions will be received and distributed through that point.

Trades unions throughout the city have accorded liberal response to the appeals made by the relief committee. Meetings of the various organizations were visited and the needs of the miners were laid before the members. Many of the unions gave substantial sums. Others appointed committees to enlist sympathy and assistance. The majority of the contributions so far received have been in cash, but the headquarters has been opened in order to give those a chance to demonstrate their sympathy for the struggling miners who are in a position to give provisions but not money. The citizens of Chicago are manifesting a disposition to be liberal.

In Illinois the mine operators have practically conceded the victory of the miners in the great suspension. Of the 30,000 miners and mine laborers employed in the State fully 30,000 have already laid down their tools. Only two mines are reported to be at work north of Duquoin. One of these is at Decatur and the other at Lincoln. The only mine of importance in the southern district now being operated is in Williamson County. In every case where the miners continued at work the owners or operators have materially increased the wages of their employes.

The plan of campaign of the coal strikers in the Pittsburgh district has resulted in partial victory, for the De Armit company practically admit that the Turtle Creek mines cannot be operated at present, and have decided to close down.

Thus far the striking miners have broken all records, both as to numbers attending their mass meetings and the excellent



STONE STRIKERS HOLDING AN OUTDOOR MEETING.

ed the workmen in the other quarries, who quit work without argument, as if they were expecting the call to battle. The unity of the strike was a surprise to the employers. Following is the statistical story:

Table listing statistics for various quarry companies: Western Stone Company, Lemont (400); Illinois Stone Company, Lemont (75); Western Stone Company, Joliet (300); Joliet Stone Quarry Company (300); Globe Stone Company (100); Smaller quarries (50).

Total number of men on strike... 1,225. The rebellion at the Joliet quarries was the second of the summer, and the success this time was due to the co-operation of the Lemont workmen. The blow was aimed at the Western Stone Company, which has steadfastly refused to pay \$1.50 a day. Other companies have been paying this amount, but announced that after Aug. 1 they would have to cut wages to \$1.25, in order to be on an equal footing with the Western Stone Company. The Joliet Stone Company granted an increase of 25 cents a day at the time of the June strike, but last week notified its men that it could no longer afford to pay more than its big competitor. The willingness of the other companies to treat their men fairly induced the quarry workers to unite in forcing an issue with the big corporation.

Public sympathy was all with the strikers. The citizens of Joliet and Lemont have noted that the wages paid the quarry laborers have been cut from year to year until they are insufficient to live on. In 1892 the workmen were receiving \$1.75 a day. Next year this was cut to \$1.50. This year the further reduction to \$1.25 was made and the Western Stone Company was reluctant to comply with the wishes of the other firms and re-establish the 1892 scale.

The pressure brought from all sides on the Western Stone Company impelled its officers, after a short consultation, to grant the demands of the strikers. As soon as the other stone companies learned of the action they announced that they would grant the new scale.

The orderly conduct of the strike was gratifying to the men who projected it. The quarry population is peaceable. Most of the men are Poles and the remainder are Swedes and Irish. They rear families and maintain homes on a maximum wage of \$1.50 a day—which has been for some time \$1.25—and which means an average for the year of between 70 and 90 cents a day.

The first copies of the tariff act in law form for circulation have been received at the document rooms of the Senate and House. The law makes a pamphlet of seventy pages. The members of the House will have 25,000, the Senators 10,000 and the Senate Committee on Finance 15,000 copies for distribution, making 50,000 in all to be circulated by Congress.

One of the largest manufacturers yielded to the striking knee pants makers of New York and the strikers seem likely to win. Twenty-three hundred hands went out.

order and law-abiding behavior they have exhibited. They have been subject to the control of leaders who, profiting by former experiences, have so forcibly instilled into the minds of their followers the stupidity of lawbreaking that the peaceful attitude and actions of the strikers have been a source of wonder to all the prophets, who have from day to day predicted dire happenings. It is conceded by all that in former times, under similar circumstances, riot and bloodshed would have resulted long ago from the conditions under which the miners have been placed during this strike.

The mass meeting of miners at the McCrea school house was the greatest during the strike, and probably the largest gathering of the kind ever seen in Allegheny County. More than 5,000 striking miners



RELIEF HEADQUARTERS IN CHICAGO.

were gathered for an all-day session, and labor leaders harangued them in various tongues, while bands of music served to stir up the enthusiasm to the highest pitch.

Notes of Current Events.

Still, it must be admitted that Herr Andree is quite up to date.

It is extremely doubtful whether the frost this year will kill off the yellow fever in Klondyke.

John Jones, a New York insurance broker, has changed his name to Arthur Seymour, to avoid confusion owing to the great number of John Joneses in the city.

Two thousand three hundred garment workers went on strike Monday in New York. One hundred and twenty-five shops in that city and Brooklyn are affected.

In view of the universal unrest among classes and political parties in Spain, the Carlist leaders have decided to begin an active political program throughout the whole country.

TOPIC OF THE TIMES

What was known as Maine's oldest schoolhouse, situated in West Gardner, was destroyed by fire the other night. It was built 104 years ago.

A chain bridge over the Merrimac river at Amesbury, Mass., is said to be the oldest suspension bridge in the United States. It was built in 1792.

Massachusetts ranks sixth in the distribution of the appropriation granted by Congress for the militia of the several States. Her share is \$12,000.

A San Francisco man recently insisted before the lunacy commission that his heart was slowly but surely turning to stone and his blood to water.

An Atlanta Ga., baggage smasher was handling a large box roughly the other day, when it broke, and a live sixteen-foot alligator made his appearance.

The Worcester man who offered a \$10 prize to the school children of that city for the best essay on the common toad is so pleased with the results that he has repeated his offer for next year.

Parents can now hold up to their candy-loving children as awful warning the sad fate of a 17-year-old boy in Meriden, Conn., who from overindulgence in candy has become totally blind.

There is an old philosopher, prophet and poet in California who claims that he has solved the problem of living forever. He lives a hermit's life, eats only three times a week and never expects to die.

A St. Louis confectioner has converted, is stationary, he easily freezes and mounting his wheel, which, of course, is stationary, he easily freezes a seven-gallon can of ice cream in twenty minutes.

Gallagher Township, Clinton County, Pennsylvania, is likely to have the deepest well in the State. The oil and gas company has decided to sink its experimental well to a depth of 3,500 feet. It is now down 3,000.

Improved sanitation, including clean streets, has reduced the mortality rate in New York from 27.15 per 1,000 in 1891 to 19.63 in 1897. The rate in London has been reduced to 17.25 by similar measures covering a longer period.

Mr. Edison once wished to test how soon a message could go around the world. The dispatch was sent, and in fifty minutes it came back and was put into Mr. Edison's hands as he and his friends were still sitting at the table.

A New York paper recently wrote to the governors of all the States and Territories for estimates of the present population. All the reports have been carefully compiled and show that the total population of this country is now, in round numbers, 75,000,000.

A Birmingham workman made use of the parcel post recently to send his 3-year-old boy home by mail. The postoffice, under the new British rule regulating the conveyance of live animals, was obliged to accept the child and charged 9 pence for the service.

In the days of William III, any commoner who remained single at 25 had to pay 1s yearly, and the amount was increased with rank or title. A duke was supposed to be a special offender in not taking a wife, and had to pay for his whim to the extent of £12 10s per annum.

The city of Baltimore has already received \$388,314 as a part of its three-fourths share of this year's receipts by the municipal liquor license commissioners. The city's total amount for the year will probably exceed \$400,000. One-fourth of the receipts goes to the State.

Stephen Mayberry, of Windham, Maine, built a protection for eave swallows under the roof shingles of his barn. The result is there are 130 nests there. It is estimated that these swallows catch daily 6,000 grubs. Mr. Mayberry has no flies in his house as long as the swallows remain.

The Indians do a large trade in buffalo bones, which they collect on the plains and dispose of to sugar refiners, who find that these bones are superior for their purpose. On the route of the Canadian Pacific Railway there are piles of white bones to be seen awaiting transportation.

Living in Paris in late years for persons of moderate means has been greatly simplified by the Bouillons Parisiens, which have succeeded the Duval restaurants. One can get a good dinner at the places for a small sum—far better than one finds at more expensive places in London.

Habit is a queer thing. An old gentleman in Montville, Maine, who said he could not see to sign his name until given a pair of glasses, was given a pair from which the lenses had been removed. He signed the paper nicely, and declared he could see better with those than any others he had tried.

The English war authorities are a good deal troubled over the results of using cordite for artillery. At recent practice at Okehamton, out of eighteen guns of the horse artillery using cordite in place of ordinary powder, seven guns became useless after firing only two rounds each.

A man's eyes deceive him sometimes. One Bostonian who went out driving Sunday afternoon was asked: "How many bicycles have you seen since we started?" and answered: "Oh, at least 1,000." Then his wife, who had been counting, corrected him: "We have seen just ninety-four," she said.

Warwickshire boasts the possession of a larger number of ducking stools than any other English county, and two of the oldest have just been brought into public notice. The Warwick town council has carefully repair-

ed the curious instrument of punishment which visitors to the crypt of the famous Beauchamp church there are familiar with. Kenilworth also possesses a well-preserved ducking stool.

In South Vernon, Vt., a monument is to be at once put in place marking the spot where the three States of Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire join. The monument is a block of Windsor green granite, 10 feet 6 inches long, 2 feet square, and will stand six feet above the ground.

The tail of a whip-tailed shark, an extremely rare visitor to the waters of Narragansett bay, is on exhibition at a market at Pawtuxet, R. I., having been taken from a shark captured off Seaconnet. Of a dull slate color, difficult to distinguish in the sea, the appendage, which forms the most important part of the shark, is about ten feet long, resembling a long sword and ending in a point.

There is at least one law in Hungary which might be copied by other countries of the world. This is the prohibition applied to the cripples and people who are deformed enough to offend the public eye from selling papers on the public thoroughfares. In addition, children under 14 may not be employed in the trade which, in a populous city, is by no means free from danger.

The public speaker can now see in his spectacles what he is to tell his audience—at least, an invention to accomplish this has been made. It consists of a double pair of spectacles. Between the two sets is a pair of tiny rollers, upon which winds a scroll of paper, containing, in minute manuscript form, the speaker's notes on the subject which he is to discuss. The first pair of glasses sufficiently magnifies the handwriting to make it distinct to the speaker's eyes.

Difference of views as to currency ratios has profited one of the Italian prisoners lately returned from Abyssinia. He was wounded at Adowa, where Menelik's men plundered the Italian camp chest. Having no use for Italian bank notes as money, and believing that the engraving on them had magical power, they plastered the prisoner's wounds with notes to the value of 20,000 lire. He was arrested on his return to Italy, but a court-martial set him free and decided that he should retain the money.

Ancient Criminal Trials.

The cold-water ordeal was one of the most important tests of guilt or innocence a few hundred years ago. If the accused floated he was guilty; if he sank he was innocent. In the twelfth century some altar vessels were stolen from the Cathedral of Laon and the learned Anselm proposed that a child from each household, and then a child from each parish, and then a child from each household, should be put to the test, and so on until the guilty one was found. The proposition raised a great outcry and the people clamored that those who had easiest access to the church be the first to undergo the ordeal.

This looked reasonable enough, so the bishop ordered the six priests of the cathedral to prepare for the test. In the meanwhile Anselm thought to try the experiment himself as a preliminary test. So he was bound and placed in a tub of water. To his great satisfaction, as well as discomfort, he promptly sank. The day arrived, and with it an immense crowd, to see the trial. The first priest sank, the second floated, the third sank, the fourth floated, the fifth sank, and then Anselm himself wonder of wonders—in spite of experiments and protested innocence, floated around with the buoyancy of an air-bubble. While he was serving his sentence in prison Anselm found time to write a learned treatise on the "Inexpediency of the Water Ordeal and its Failure in Many Cases."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Best She Could Do.

Harper's Bazar tells a story of a young lady who found employment as an operator at the Central Telephone Exchange, though she knew little about the work, her previous experience having been mainly gained behind the counter of a dry goods store.

Over her face, however, were written amiability and willingness to do all that could be done, and she rapidly learned her new duties. She had adopted as her motto the sentence, "We strive to please," and honestly tried to live up to it.

On one of her first days there was a ring at the bell. She asked, sweetly: "What number, please?"

"Let me have 474."

"I am sorry that number 474 is busy now," she replied. "You can have number 473 or number 475, if you wish."

The person at the other end is said to have hung up his receiver in silent astonishment; but it is probable that he liked the response better than he would have liked a surly: "474 busy. Hang up."

Reed's First Speech.

The speech which opened Reed's way to fame as a man was short. It was delivered not long after he began his career in Congress. He had not, up to that time, taken much part in debate, but one day, while he was making a somewhat labored argument, an older member tried to break him up by putting a question to him suddenly and demanding an immediate answer. Reed gave the answer readily. Then he paused, turned toward the speaker's desk and drawled out: "And now, having embalmed that fly in the liquid amber of my remarks, I will go on again." The House roared. The galleries took it up. The newspaper correspondents sent it flying all over the country, and to his own surprise more than any one's else, Reed found himself a man of note from that hour.—Illustrated American.

Every one is more of a crank than he is willing to admit.

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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1897.
 Additional Local.
 Bandfield & Wilson ship a car of stock east today.
 Kenyon Bros. shipped a car of straw to Grand Rapids, yesterday.
 There were sixty-six tickets sold to the Barnum & Bailey excursion, Monday.
 John Doster showed us yesterday morning some bottled specimens of the black potato beetle that are doing so much havoc to potatoes in different localities. It seems to have only recently made its appearance in this section. Paris green in ordinary mixtures seems to affect it but little. Specimens will be sent to the experiment station at Lansing.—Prairieville Press.

The load of young people from the village who picniced at the lake the 6th inst., and made the route hideous with their yells as they passed each farm house, regardless of dangerously sick residents, would probably be very much shocked if a load of their country acquaintances should drive through the streets of their town emitting similar yells and vulgar phrases. They would very likely be promptly locked up for disturbing the peace.

The Congregational Aid society picniced at Gun lake yesterday and were assisted in having a good time by the cottagers. An elegant dinner was partaken of from tables in the grove and the afternoon spent in strolling about the beach, playing croquet and having a general good time. At 5 o'clock supper was served in the grove and early in the evening a load of gentlemen drove over from town with fireworks and Japanese lanterns, intent on giving the ladies, and all at Streeter's landing, a steamboat ride brilliantly lighted with the lanterns and entertaining them with music and fireworks, which was greatly appreciated, not only by the company on board, but by the people at the different landings where the boat halted for a serenade. Messrs. Peeps, Abbott and Rich rendered charming music on autoharp and guitars, and a quartet composed of W. A. Pinney, H. M. Rich, M. S. Johnson and J. D. Dietrich sang many choice selections both comic and serious, occasionally giving the yell:
 "Music and moonshine, boom, boom, boom, We're from Middleville, give us room!"
 This proved to be a very enjoyable evening, and 'neath the light of the full moon a grander sight could hardly be pictured. The ladies are enthusiastic in praising for their efforts the gentlemen, who were Dr. Rich, M. S. Keeler, W. E. Keeler, M. A. Dietrich, H. E. Hendrick, M. F. Jordan, W. J. Hayward, E. F. Blake, J. E. Ackerson, J. W. Saunders and Dr. Matteson.

Coming Events.
 Caledonia Fair Oct. 6, 7, 8.
 Rome City excursion Aug. 14, via G. R. & I. Ry.
 The state fair will be held at Grand Rapids commencing Sept. 6.
 The Eastern Star chapter will picnic at Gun lake, Tuesday, August 31.
 The annual meeting of the Allegan County Pioneer society will be held at Allegan Wednesday, Aug. 18.
 Friday, August 13th, is the date set for holding the next Thornapple Valley Pioneer Association picnic at Campau lake.
 Remember the Sunday school at the Gates school house every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all residents of that locality.
 The Barry Co. Agricultural society will hold its fair at Hastings, Michigan, September 28, 29, 30 and October 1. For particulars write R. M. Bates, Secretary, Hastings.

The seventeenth annual reunion of the Allegan County Soldiers' and Sailors' association will be held on the fair grounds at Allegan on the 17th, 18th and 19th of August.
 The Mexican war veterans, of which there are seventy survivors in Michigan, will hold a reunion in Grand Rapids, September 22. The president, Andrew T. McReynolds, is 91 years of age.
 The annual Barry and Allegan county farmers' picnic will be held at Streeter's landing, Gun lake, Friday and Saturday, August 20 and 21. A large crowd and good time is expected, as usual.
 Sunday school at Cong'l church at 12 m. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Topic, "The Comfort That Comes from the Bible." Isa. xii: 1-6. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited.

M. E. AID SOCIETY.
 The M. E. Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, August 13, '97. Mrs. Rock, chairman of reception committee. Entertainment furnished by whole society, proceeds to go towards pastor's salary. Ladies having mild boxes are requested to bring them to this meeting.

FROM THE COUNTY SEAT.
 The hose and ball tournament to be held at Hastings on August 17, 18 and 19 will be one of the biggest attractions of the year. The champion hose team of the world will compete and there are up to date 12 teams entered. Among the other attractions will be the ball tournament which is open to only Barry county clubs, also the Big Triplet team will be there to go against the state records.

Died at his home in Hastings Monday, Aug. 2, of cancer of the stomach, Mr. John Roush, aged 63 years. Deceased was well known and highly esteemed.
 Died at his home in Hastings twp. Tuesday morning, Aug. 3, of paralysis, Martin Tinkler, aged 84 years. Deceased had a paralytic stroke about three weeks ago from which he never rallied. He was an old pioneer, having resided there for 50 years, and an active man. Deceased leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his loss.
 The senior ball team went over to Charlotte Friday and was defeated by a score of 9 to 10.

SEPTEMBER JURORS.
 The following is the list of jurors drawn for the September term of court:
 O. L. Newton, Carlton.
 B. B. Downing, Castleton.
 Abe Davenport, 1st and 4th ward, Hastings.
 Lewis C. Beadle, 2d and 3d ward, Hastings.
 Harrison Hart, Hope.
 M. H. Burton, Hastings township.
 Hamed A. Matthews, Irving.
 Peter Standly, Johnstown.
 Douglass R. Slade, Maple Grove.
 E. D. Lewis, Orangeville.
 Homer Flower, Prairieville.
 Henry Marks, Rutland.
 Samuel Allen, Thornapple.
 E. A. Sawdy, Woodland.
 L. B. Pryor, Yankee Springs.
 Henry Mayo, Assyria.
 L. E. Wertman, Baltimore.
 Clifford C. Dewey, Barry.
 O. C. Barnum, Carlton.
 Frank Barber, Castleton.
 Albert Hilton, 1st ward, Hastings.
 Wm. J. Huffman, 2d ward, Hastings.
 Fred Hines, Hope.
 C. C. Stowell, Hastings township.
 Jacob Smith, jr., Irving.
 Smith D. Standly, Johnstown.
 Fred Mayo, Maple Grove.
 Irving Garrett, Prairieville.
 Levy Matthews, Rutland.
 John Carter, Orangeville.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
 Name and Residence. Age.
 Fred H. Gale, Yankee Springs; Allie Clemens, same. 37-27
 Frank C. Lentz, Nashville; Daisy Phillips, same. 23-22
 Charley W. Schaffer, Vermontville; Julia Weeks, Maple Grove. 27-23

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
WARRANTY DEEDS.
 Michael S. Roush to Samuel E. Roush, parcel section 1, Irving. 110
 Levy Holmes to Lewis H. Hough, 50 acres on sec 24, Woodland. 975
 Lewis H. Hough to James C. Beardsley, 50 acres on sec 24, Woodland. 1100
 James C. Beardsley to Emma Hitt, 20 acres on sec 28, Woodland. 750
 Almerna Stanley to Frank Hallock, 10 acres on sec 15, Hope. 300
 Wm. J. and J. N. Rule to J. N. Parker, parcel sec 30, Castleton. 1000
 Levy Matthews to Cath. W. Moore and wife, lots city of Hastings. 950

QUIT CLAIMS.
 Mable C. Marble to Alcesta S. Mallett, 40 acres sec 23, Castleton. 1
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TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.
 The next regular examination will be held at Hastings, Aug. 19, 20, in the school house. An examination for admission of candidates to the Agricultural College will be held at the same time. **FLORA J. BEADLE, Com.**

JULY SAMPLE FURNITURE.
 The best chance ever offered to get fine new style furniture cheap is presented by the Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., Grand Rapids. They are disposing of a large number of lines for the manufacturers.
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 We have purchased the cider mill of H. L. Howard and invite your patronage this season. There are two presses, one of which will be used exclusively for grapes. We will grind plow points every Saturday. The place will be thoroughly renovated and kept neat and clean. **32-3 A. HOLT & SON.**

TAKE NOTICE.
 The Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., 94 to 100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids, have received from the manufacturers the principal lines of furniture exhibited here in July. We are authorized to close them out in quantities of one or more pieces to the customer. Come and make your selections. Every style new and beautiful.
 Persons wanting the Dingley Tariff complete in pamphlet form can secure the same at 3 cents per copy at the News Stand.
 The game warden around the state are looking out for persons shooting squirrels. The squirrel season does not begin until October 1. The game protective association is making a hot fight against violators of the game laws.
ADVENTIST CAMP MEETING.
 For Seventh Day Adventist Annual State Camp Meeting held at Owosso, Mich., Aug. 19th to 30th, 1897, a rate of one first-class limited fare for round trip. Dates of sale Aug. 12, 18 and 25, good to return Sept. 2nd 1897, inclusive. **J. E. GOGLE, Local Agt. 27-6**

GUN LAKE.
 Mrs. G. L. Keeler and son are among the guests at Streeter's.
 Will Shuh and family of Wayland, are occupying the Whitney cottage.
 C. G. and Don D. Putnam, and Miss Marie Rogers of Kalamazoo, are guests at the H. E. Hendrick cottage.
 Misses Minnie and Electa Furniss are spending the week at the lake, the guests of Dr. A. L. Taylor and family.

It is expected that J. O. Seibert and party from Grand Rapids, will be guests at Streeter's about August 20.
 Miss Tupper of Grand Rapids, was the guest of her niece, Mrs. Will Olmstead, at Gun lake, the first of the week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark and daughters, Josie and Greta, were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Will Olmstead, and family at Gun lake the first of the week.
 Ed Blake, for the accommodation of his friends, is doing tonsorial honors this week, with baths in connection at the end of the dock. Those who have been "next" say he's a dandy at it.

THE HERALD SAYS:
 Wonder why Freeport people cannot afford a resort at Gun lake? There is plenty of room and a few cottages would be the proper thing. We would suggest "Hemlock Point" as an ideal spot for settlement.
 Elmer Roush, Len and Reub. Wolcott spent a portion of the past week at Gun lake.

Rev. G. W. Myline and Sanford Wolf enjoyed an outing at Gun lake, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 Jno. Yarger and family returned home Tuesday evening from Gun lake where they enjoyed a few days' outing.
 Claude and Eddie Sisson accompanied by the Misses Minnie Godfrey and Sadie Kinney spent Sunday with the Freeport camping party at Gun lake.
 Dr. J. E. Hunter and Mrs. Wm. Moore drove over to Gun lake Saturday afternoon. The doctor and Mrs. Hunter returned home Monday, but Mrs. Moore remained.
 The camping party who have been at Gun lake the past week, returned home yesterday, and report a most enjoyable time. A. D. Shepard, wife and son, Fred, and J. W. Godfrey and wife leave this morning for the same place to remain ten days.

DORR DOTTS.
 From the Record.
 O. M. Jones returned Monday from a two weeks' outing at Gun lake. He is feeling much better for the trip.
 Dr. Geo. Ehle has four cows that have made a good record in producing butter and milk. For the month of June they produced 3583 pounds of milk which made 151 pounds of butter. The butter was made at the Dorr creamery.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.
 From the Globe.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sooy of Dorr, last Sunday, a boy baby.
 John B. Stockdale has graduated from the law course of the school at Valparaiso, Ind., and has located at Wayland.
 Will Orton has sold out his resort business at Gun lake to Fay Pierson, who will hereafter conduct the affairs at this popular resort.

The question of bonding the village for \$4,000 for a system of water works was voted upon at a special election, Monday, and was lost, the vote standing 90 No against 58 Yes.
YANKEE SPRINGS.
 August 10—Hallie King was the guest of friends here last week.
 A Miss Miller is working for Mrs. Rev. N. N. Tidd.
 Mrs. H. A. Potter is visiting relatives and friends in Macomb county. Mrs. Ellsworth of Orangeville accompanied her.
 Miss Louie Hall has returned from Adrian where she has been visiting friends the past few weeks.
 J. P. Springer sold one of his large horses last week for \$85.
 The ice-cream social was quite well attended, \$5.55 being raised.
 Will Johnson is under the doctor's care.
 Jay Tinker is building a new kitchen.

Middleville Markets.

Wheat (white).....	76
Rye.....	33
Corn, per bu.....	20
Oats.....	20
Timothy.....	1 75
Clover Seed.....	5 00 5 50
Flour (roller).....	2 40
Bran per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	11 00
Butter (creamery).....	14 4
Butter (dairy).....	8
Eggs.....	8
Potatoes.....	15 20
Potatoes (new).....	60 75
Chickens (dressed).....	7
Spring Chickens (live).....	8
Spring Chickens (dressed).....	10
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	5 6
Veal calves (live).....	3 3 1/2
Hogs (dressed).....	4 00
Hogs (live).....	3 00 3 25
Lard.....	6 25
Tallow.....	2 1/2
Hides.....	4 5
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	6 00 7 00
Hay (clover).....	5 00
Wood (dry Beach & Maple).....	1 25
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	10
Salt.....	75
Lime per bbl.....	80
Land Plaster.....	4 50
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