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BOWNE BUDGET.
Nov. 29—There is a show holding forth at Bowne Center. He is selling a catarrh cure and giving an entertainment besides. Admittance 5c. It is a fine troop for 5c.
Born to Sydney McNaughton and wife Nov. 15, an 8 lb girl.
Rev. Mr. Westbrook is under the doctor's care. He is suffering with neuralgia in side. His limb is a trifle better.
Robt Johnson has started to dig the cellar for his new barn. He is going to build in spring. Lewis Lite has the carpenter work. They commenced getting out the timber Monday morning.
Eddie Johnson of Middleville has been visiting Harry Johnson the past week and taking in the big show.
Wm. Headworth, a former resident of this place, started for the Klondike Monday. He has secured a job of running an ice engine at \$50 per month and expenses.
Miss Maude Califf of Bay City is visiting her cousin, Miss Katie Johnson.
The Lowell district council will be held at Alto next Thursday. Let every farmer turn out.
Robt Johnson has three fine young horses for sale.

BOWEN'S MILLS.
J. W. Briggs is no better than when we wrote last, but we are hopeful he may recover.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hunt of Alameda, Cal., are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunt.
Mrs. Annette DuMaresq is spending the winter with her sister in Kalamazoo.
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Crispe ate turkey in Grand Rapids and enjoyed the "Prisoner of Zenda," Thursday, guests of Mrs. Kate Greene.
A. C. Hunt and wife were entertained at E. R. Conrad's, Oshtemo, Thanksgiving.

Guy Buck, a former resident here, was married in Union City last week.
Miss Bessie Williamson, whose home is here but who has been residing near Richland, came home last week, and a gentleman from those parts, whose name we did not learn, came and they were married Monday evening at the home of the bride's father in the presence of invited guests. May they have a pleasant voyage through the journey of life.
Last Saturday morning about five o'clock as we were making our way with lantern and milk pails to the barn, we saw in the east some building affair but could not locate it. Later in the day we learned that Mr. VanAlstine's large red barn had burned to the ground. Have not learned particulars.
Charles Minar and wife of Irving visited at the former's father's, Sunday.
Thanksgiving dance at Smith's hall was well attended and everybody had a good time.
I. N. Hubbard's well-known son died last week and Newt's friends will all single a tear with his sympathy.
Mr. Corning of Bay City, after 20 years absence, is visiting at C. M. Bixler's. He came into this town with Mr. Bixler twenty years ago.
Wedding bells have again rung. This time one of our estimable young ladies, Miss Mariah Stewart, was wedded to a gentleman from Defiance, Ohio, last Thursday. Saturday the wedded couple started on their wedding tour, to bring up in their home in Ohio. May joy, peace and happiness go with them through this journey of life.

DORR DOTTS.
From the Record.
Loren D. Earl has been appointed agent at this station.
George Truax has rented his farm and moved to Wayland.
N. C. Thomas and wife were in Middleville Tuesday.
W. E. Mills was hooked by a cow last week about an inch below the right eye inflicting a painful wound.
Wires were strung to this village Tuesday for the new telephone line. E. S. Botsford will have the office at this village. At Moline Bates and Gilbert will have it. The rate to Grand Rapids will be 15 cents and Kalamazoo 20 cents.

EAST CALEDONIA.
Nov. 29—Mrs. C. E. Edgecomb and grandson, Lawrence, of Grand Rapids spent last Thursday and Friday with her niece, Clara Brown.
The Ladies' Aid will hold an all day social, Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the home of Mrs. Ren Baker. A cordial invitation is extended to all.
Homer Smith and family of Sparta have recently moved into John Proctor's tenement house.
Revival meetings are being held here. Mr. Close, who has made his home with Vasco Vincent for the past year, died there Thursday, Nov. 25; cause of death, insanity. His remains were taken to Plainfield for interment by the side of his wife.
Ina Strait spent last Sunday with her parents.
Miss Edna Rathbun spent the latter part of last week with her parents.
The defeated side of the Epworth League furnished an elaborate supper of onion soup and doughnuts (fried in corn's oil) for the winning side Thanksgiving evening. Nevertheless all enjoyed this very much, as it was something new and that's what some of us want.

HOW TO CURE BILIOUS COLIC.
I suffered for weeks with colic and pains in my stomach caused by biliousness and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured me. I have since recommended it to a good many people. Mrs. F. BUTLER, Fairhaven, Conn. Persons who are subject to bilious colic can ward off the attack by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms appear. Sold by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 44-4

Willie French of Nashville was nearly beheaded by the discharge of both barrels of a double barreled shot gun in his own hands while climbing a fence on Friday, Nov. 19. Deceased was 15 years of age and a bright pupil in the 10th grade.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE DAY.
Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head of never-disappoints. Free trial bottles at Dr. Nelson Abbott's drug store.

IRVING INKLINGS.
League next Sunday evening will be led by Mrs. Emma Williams. Subject, "The Divine Panoply." Eph. iv:11-13. Everyone welcome.
The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. L. A. Avery Friday, Dec. 3.
The first entertainment given by the Epworth League will be a lecture Friday evening, Dec. 10, by Mr. Potts of Detroit.
The young men will give their social Thursday evening, Dec. 9, in the parlors of Cong'l church. Just bear in mind that they attend, as they are to serve the supper, furnish program, etc. Come and see how well they can do. Oyster supper will be served for 15c each or 25c a couple.
Miss Allie Betts spent Sunday at home.
The debate was well attended last Wednesday evening. The judges decided in favor of the negative. The subject for next week is "Woman Suffrage," with Achsa Blanchard and Mr. Cushing as chiefs.
Mr. and Mrs. Crouch of Augusta visited friends here last week.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Brooks of Nashville and Mrs. Lewis Higbee of Pottsville attended the Chase-Wilcox wedding last week.
The regular monthly exercises of the school were furnished by the sixth grade last Friday afternoon. A large number of the parents were present and the class did great credit to themselves and the teacher.

Married, Thursday, Nov. 25, by Rev. Duane Freeman at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. L. Chase and Miss Mable Wilcox. A number of the relatives and friends of the bride and groom were present. The numerous presents received were as useful as they were beautiful. The home of the bride has ever been here and Mr. Chase was teacher of our school for over a year. They have many friends who will be glad that they are to remain in our midst.
The marriage of Miss Amanda Poff and Fred A. Stowell took place at the home of the bride's parents, Wednesday, Nov. 24, at high noon, and was witnessed by a large number of the relatives of both sides, sixty-five in all. Rev. D. Freeman officiated. The bride was dressed in brown henrietta trimmed with velvet the same shade and finished with white chiffon and braid. She carried and wore white chrysanthemum. The groom wore the conventional black. The bride was attended by Miss Bessie Watkins and Frank Rogers acted as groomsmen. This young couple have grown up among us and will be greatly missed when they leave us for their home in Hastings, which they expect to do at once. The presents received were as follows: A full decorated dinner set, Mrs. Edith Stowell, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Stowell, Perry Stowell, D. Stowell, Woodland; set silver knives and forks, H. Stowell, Reed City; rocking chair, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mathews, Vira and India Mathews; set of plates, cups and saucers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mathews, Jesse Altoft; center table, Mr. and Mrs. Tobias, Mr. and Mrs. Herney, Hastings; decorated chamber set, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. J. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunning; berry dish and sauce dishes, Mr. and Mrs. Del Wilcox; silver sugar spoon, Frank Rogers and Bessie Watkins; table cloth, Mrs. Charles McCann; clock, John Foff, South Bend, Ind.; china salad dish, Grace Foff, South Bend, Ind.; silver cream spoon, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gillett, Joliet, Ill.; berry spoon, W. L. Watkins, Jennie Wilcox; silver salt and pepper shaker, Earl Wilcox, Vera Grosfeld; pair of towels, Mr. and Mrs. John Osborn; quilt and tidy, Mrs. Mary Williams; teapot, Mr. and Mrs. Jud Kelley; salt and pepper shaker, Abbie McCann; pair of towels, L. Watkins; pickle dish, Gertrude Herney, Hastings; toothpick holder, Fred Hall; sugar creamer and spoon holder, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.
The "beautiful snow" has finally got here and some of the people are feeling better, while others were hoping for a few days more of fine weather in which to finish their corn husking.
The Middleville SUN arrived in Parmelee last Thursday, one day ahead of the usual time. No fault to find.
Oscar Sherk and wife of Harris Creek enjoyed Thanksgiving with friends in this vicinity.
James Donovan of Caledonia spent Sunday last with John Moxon's people on Grand Rapids street.
A son of the average weight (10 lbs) has arrived at the home of Corwin Scott on Howard street. We hear that Mason Cline (the grandfather in the case) went immediately to Watson's store and bought a pair of spectacles.
Frank Stimson and wife spent last Sunday with Geo. Haight's people in East Thorsapple.
Mrs. Lewis Henderson of Leighton, who is visiting at present in Kalamazoo Co., will on her return make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Skinner, east of Parmelee.
Despite the good examples, the admonitions and the Sunday laws, there is any amount of trading and trafficking going on in Parmelee on the 7th day of the week, which, by the way, is none of our business. P. S.—The dealing is principally among the farmers.
The Talmage sermon of last Sunday didn't suit all the people here. "Twas a hard 'bitter' for some. We haven't let one of them pass by unnoticed for 17 years.
Pierre Stimson is running the ox brand factory night and day in opposition to the "old maker," Ernie White. All styles made to order in either shop and the price made by the purchaser.
Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Buok, formerly of this place, will return to Arkansas next Saturday, where they have been visiting their parents for some time past.
Almond Pender of your village is driving a well on "Zion's hill" today (Monday) for George Burch.
Dilman Benjamin is baling straw for John Kepkey at present on the Fruit White farm, Windmill street.
Fred Smith, the "good worker," will make his home the coming winter with Fremont Joels.
Mr. Buok, who was stricken with paralysis a short time since, is improving and will be around again soon, it is hoped.
Thomas Tungate had the misfortune to lose his favorite horse, "Frank," a few days since.
O. A. Carpenter's people enjoyed Thanksgiving at the home of J. L. Broughton in your village.
Willis Wood was in Baltimore Saturday.
Miss Minnie Jenkins of your village enjoyed herself with friends in Parmelee Saturday and Sunday.
Correspondence Continued on Supplement

ROBBED THE GRAVE.
A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim. No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at Dr. Nelson Abbott's drug store."

COFFEE DRUNKARDS.
Some Interesting Facts From a Berlin Physician Regarding Coffee Drinking.
Coffee drunkenness is one of the latest dangers which doctors abroad are raising their voices against. Dr. Mendel of Berlin has published a clinical study, which is the most thorough yet made, as he had a community of coffee drinkers under his constant observation, the working women in and about Essen. He found many of these women consumed over a pound of coffee a week. The leading symptoms of the ills that afflicted them were profound depression of spirits and frequent headaches, with insomnia. A strong dose of coffee would relieve them for a time, then the ailment would return. The muscles became weak and trembling, and the hands trembled when at rest. The victims suffered so seriously they dared not abandon the drinking of coffee for fear of death.
These symptoms appear in thousands of people in a less degree, simply because they use a less amount of the drug, but steady use day by day gradually piles up a very serious account which must be settled with the nervous system. Various disorders appear as a result of daily interference with the digestion and proper action of the nerves, paralysis, apoplexy, heart failure and other complications equally serious. To live plainly on pure food, is the secret of health and success in life. Postum Cereal Food Coffee comes like a blessing to man or woman who is suffering from the coffee habit and yet dislike to breakfast without coffee. Postum has the color and taste of coffee if it be properly prepared, and being made from the cereals by scientific processes it furnishes the elements needed to rebuild the gray matter in the nerve centers, where imported coffee feeds toward their destruction.
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WARRING IN AFRICA.

COLLISION BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS.

Lagos Boundary Trouble May Now Be Definitely Settled by a Resort to Arms—The Descent of Coffee Prices—Indiana Town Wrecked.

Niger Country in Dispute.

While the accuracy of the statement contained in the Rome dispatch to the Frankfurt Zeitung, announcing that a conflict had taken place between the British and French troops in the Lagos Hinterland, is doubted, the London morning papers pointed out the imminent danger resulting from the proximity of the two forces in the contested territory.

NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLODES.

Chesterfield, Ind., Is Wrecked in an Instant—No One Killed.

Chesterfield, Ind., was almost wiped off the map by the explosion of eighty quarts of nitro-glycerine, which had been brought overland from Montpellier and placed in an open field, a half mile from the town.

COFFEE AS A CHEAP DRINK.

War Between Arabuckles and the Sugar Trust Ours Prices Down.

Coffee was never so cheap in the United States as it is now. This is due to the fight between Arabuckles Bros. and the sugar trust.

Fearful Death of a Woman.

The wife of Antonio Milagano died at Erie, Pa. Antonio was drunk, and went to the cellar to get more liquor. He fell and his wife came to his assistance with a lamp, but he threw a hammer at her head and missed the mark.

Abductor Gives Himself Up.

Donald McClelland, 23 years old, of Westchester, N. Y., who absconded with \$2,500 belonging to the Bank of the Borough of Bronx, has been arrested.

Explore Toward the South Pole.

Dr. Rocaizita of the Belgica Antarctic exploring party has arrived at Punta Arenas, Brazil, where he is arranging for the arrival of the expedition.

Fear He Has Been Murdered.

Col. George A. Butte, a prominent mining man of Telluride, Colo., is missing and his friends believe that he has been murdered, as he had a large sum of money when he left that camp.

Poured Acid on Her Hands.

Two footpads stopped Mrs. Richard A. House, wife of a Chicago and Alton engineer, at an outlying point near Kansas City and robbed her of \$50.

Edmonds Says He Killed Haley.

Edmonds, the alleged Youngstown, O., murderer, has admitted to the physicians that he killed Conductor Haley.

To Control Coal Market.

The Vanderbilts have bought nearly half a million acres of coal and timber land in West Virginia. The object, it is said, is to control the coal market.

Big Crops of Kansas.

Kansas produced this year in crop value a grand total of \$233,410,143. This is more than 21 per cent increase over last year.

Blowing Up the Palisades.

Officials of New Jersey are about to take steps to prevent the continued destruction of the Palisades. For months several quarry firms have been blasting rock to which they were not entitled.

Can You Write on Tobacco?

At Washington, Secretary Wilson has offered to pay at the rate of \$15 per 1,000 words for the best article on tobacco culture and handling.

THEIR SALARY IS EXEMPT.

Postmasters' Compensation Cannot Be Taxed by State or Municipality. The issue as to whether a State or municipality can levy an income tax on the salary or compensation of a postmaster, a subject of broad interest to the Federal service generally, was decided in an opinion rendered by Acting Assistant Attorney General Harrison J. Barrett for the Postoffice Department at Washington.

OUR INDIAN SCHOOLS.

Dr. W. N. Hallmann Praises the Influence of Returning Students. Some interesting data as to the educational aspect of the Indian problem is given in the annual report of Dr. W. N. Hallmann, superintendent of the Indian schools, which has just been made public at Washington.

MILES WANTS A BIG ARMY.

Urges the Addition of 10,000 Men and Asks \$15,518,500 for Coast Defenses. Gen. Miles has made his recommendations to Secretary Alger at Washington. In order to prevent war and insure peace Gen. Miles asks \$15,518,500 for coast defenses; he urges the addition of 10,000 men to the army, would give the President power to increase the standing army to 70,000, and asks for five more regiments of infantry at once and two of artillery.

Bradstreet's Favorable Report.

Bradstreet's says: "There is a moderate improvement in staple prices and in the distribution of woolen goods, shoes, hats and hardware in the region tributary to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha. Colder weather northwest and in the central Mississippi and Missouri river valleys has helped retail trading. Manufacturers of iron, steel, agricultural implements, railway cars and woollens report an active demand and large output.

Bianco's Hopeless Task.

The policy of the new Government is enraging the Spaniards in Cuba. Marshal Blanco's merciful program is denounced, and shouts for Weyler and revenge are frequently heard. On the other hand, the insurgents are just as bitter and irreconcilable. Autonomy is scoffed at and will not be accepted. It is said that Blanco is disheartened at the outlook, as he has discovered there is no chance for pacification of the island under the plans formulated by the Sagasta ministry.

Emperor William's Threat.

A dispatch to the London Daily Chronicle from Christiania, with reference to the political conflict between Norway and Sweden as to the relative rights of the two parts of the composite monarchy, says: "A prominent Swedish politician attributes to Emperor William the following statement: 'If the Norwegians seek to accomplish their ends I will crush Norway as I have already crushed Greece.'"

Ohio Farmer Fatally Wounded.

William Horan shot and fatally wounded Allen Griffy in a street quarrel at Goshen, O. Horan surrendered himself. He says Griffy had threatened to kill him and was out hunting for him when they met. Both are farmers and Griffy was wealthy.

Pitcher Turns Preacher.

Following in the footsteps of "Billy" Sunday, another professional baseball player has turned evangelist. The latest acquisition to the ranks of the teachers of scripture is Edward M. Lewis, one of the pitchers of the Boston Baseball club.

Steers Roast in a Car.

Sixteen head of cattle were roasted alive in a Santa Fe cattle car at Wakarusa station, Kansas. The bellowing of the tortured beasts could be heard for miles.

Schuykill Colliery Is Given Up.

Schuykill colliery, a familiar landmark of the Mahanoy valley, which has been in operation since 1863, has been abandoned.

FIND THE MURDERER.

IT IS CLAIMED THAT CLAYTON'S ASSASSIN IS KNOWN.

He Is a Prisoner in the Georgia Penitentiary—Guard Holds His Information for a Reward—The United States Makes a Spying Concession.

He Killed John M. Clayton.

The murderer of John M. Clayton of Arkansas, it is claimed, is now serving a term in the Georgia penitentiary. He is a white man, and his term will soon expire. J. M. Clayton, a brother of Powell Clayton, a Republican leader, was murdered in November, 1888, and while the State of Arkansas was quivering with excitement the assassin escaped to the mountains of north Georgia. He remained there under an assumed name until the police agent for crime mastered him, and he worked his way into convict stripes. In a moment when his secret proved too heavily upon his mind he imparted it to a fellow convict, who told a guard named Aiken. Aiken, who claims to hold the key to the mystery, was seen. He is holding his information for a reward, and declines to disclose the convict's name at this time. Gov. Jones of Arkansas has reopened the case, and has authorized a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of Clayton's murderer.

CONGRESS MAY SIT UNTIL AUGUST.

Burrows of Michigan Believes a Long Session Likely.

The general opinion that the coming session of Congress will be a short one is opposed by Senator Burrows of Michigan, who has just arrived in Washington, and who declares that the session will likely last until August. "In addition to the routine business of Congress," he said, "the Hawaiian question will be disposed of and consideration will be given to the currency question, immigration and a few other things. I think that the question of the annexation of Hawaii will come up very soon after the meeting of Congress, and will be disposed of in favor of annexation. As to the Cuban question, the situation is very peculiar. Probably by the latter part of January or some time in February we will know what the result of Spain's new policy is going to be, and meanwhile Congress should take no action. I think," he added, "that the most perplexing thing that confronts us is how to handle the currency question."

CONCESSION BY UNITED STATES.

Willing to Suspend Sealing on the Pribilof Islands for a Year.

One of the most important features of the Bering sea negotiations, not heretofore disclosed, is that in the event that Great Britain and Canada consent to the suspension of pelagic sealing for one year the United States will agree to a suspension of all killing of seals for one year on the Pribilof Islands, constituting the American seal possessions in Bering sea. As the islands are a part of the United States territory, no question has ever arisen as to the right of the United States to do as it chose as to the seals while on land and within three miles of the shore, the three miles being a part of the island, according to international law. The concession of the United States was primarily for the suspension of pelagic sealing, but under the exigencies of the case it was felt that if that suspension could be secured it would be reasonable to concede a similar suspension within United States territory.

An Enterprising Young Desperado.

Alvah Kookan, the young cattle thief who held up three officers who had arrested him at Emporia, Kan., and escaped, was captured at Cheney. He was discovered on the blind baggage when the train left Goddard. Word was sent to Cheney, and when the train pulled in there three officers with Winchester got the drop on the young desperado and made him hand over three revolvers. Kookan was sent to the reform school not over five years ago, and is not over 21 years old. He has served two years in the Missouri penitentiary.

Cubans Elect New Officers.

The Cuban assembly elected these officers for the republic: President, Gen. Bartolome Maso; vice-president, Mendez Capote; secretary of war, Brig. Aleman; secretary of state, Fonte Sterling; secretary of foreign affairs, Moreno Delatorre; secretary of the interior, Dr. Manuel R. Silva; commander-in-chief of the army, Maximino Gomez; inspector general, Carlos Roloff.

New Trial for Koerner.

The Court of Appeals at Albany, N. Y., rendered a decision granting a new trial in the case of William Jay Koerner, under sentence of death for the murder of his sweetheart, Rose A. Redgate, in New York City, in September, 1896. Koerner is a newspaper artist, formerly of Pittsburg, Pa. His defense was insanity. The crime was committed on a crowded street, and in broad daylight.

Gerald Gets Off Free.

At Waco, Tex., Col. G. B. Gerald, who shot and killed the Harris brothers in a controversy arising out of the Brann-Baylor trouble, has been exonerated by the court. It was shown that Col. Gerald did not draw his weapon until he himself was under cross fire from the Harris brothers, and that the shooting was in self-defense.

St. Louis Warehouse Burns.

A disastrous fire occurred in North St. Louis in the warehouse of the Ravenswood Distillery Company. The loss will amount to \$100,000, insurance about 75 per cent. Two employees were rolling a barrel of alcohol when the bung flew out and a stream of alcohol covered a lantern.

Sentenced for Embezzlement.

Sentence of six years and six months each at hard labor was passed on John B. Meixell, ex-cashier, and Willis E. Hoch, ex-teller, of the South Bethlehem (Pa.) National Bank. Both men pleaded guilty to embezzlement.

Strange Way to Die.

Ed Buechner, aged 52, dealer in meat, was found dead at his shop in Topeka, Kan., drowned in a barrel used to catch drip water from a refrigerator. His head was under the water, although his feet were on the floor.

Fritz Meyer to Die January 10.

Fritz Meyer, alias Constantine Steiger, who was convicted of the murder of Policeman Frederick Smith, was sentenced at New York to be electrocuted during the week beginning Jan. 10.

DECLARES HE IS AN EMBEZZLER.

Former City Clerk of Durango, Colo., Surrenders to Chicago Police.

A man claiming to be Charles E. Meuser, city clerk of Durango, Colo., and who says he is wanted there for embezzling \$500 of the city's funds, walked into the Harrison street police station in Chicago and surrendered. "For six months prior to leaving Durango," said Meuser, "I had been stealing the city's funds, and altogether I stole about \$500. There was a festival in Denver, and I went there with the Durango band, of which I am a member. Knowing that my embezzlement would soon be found out, I decided to look for employment in Chicago and make good the amount I had stolen. I was unable to find work, and when I was reduced to 95 cents I decided to go back and face the authorities." Meuser is about 30 years old, and was formerly city editor of the Durango Herald.

NO TRACE OF ANDREE.

Search Steamer Returns, but Brings No Tidings of the Explorer.

The steamer Victoria, which was fitted out by the governor of Tromsø, Norway, under instructions from King Oscar, to search for Prof. Andree, the missing aeronaut, and his party, and which left there on Nov. 5, has returned from Spitzbergen. She brings no news as to the whereabouts or movements of Prof. Andree, although exploring parties landed ten times at various points on Danmand's Isles. The Victoria was provisioned for eight months and carried a crew of fifteen men.

Mob Beats a Tramp.

John Wade, a tramp, called at the home of a farmer named Wilson at Bonnot's Mills, Mo., and demanded something to eat. Mrs. Wilson and her daughter were alone. They refused the demand and Wade began a tirade of abuse. Mr. Wilson happened along at that juncture and after administering a severe beating to Wade, shot him in the leg. He began abusing the citizens on every hand. Several became incensed and a mob formed and beat Wade into insensibility.

Murder Spoils a Wedding.

A murder broke up the wedding feast at the marriage of Katie Silverstein to Isaac Goldstein in a tenement house in Henry street, New York. Charles Schapiro arrived at the festivities armed with a revolver, shot Louis Lieberman in the abdomen, inflicting a wound from which Lieberman died shortly afterward, and he would have killed Lieberman's son Meyer had not two detectives arrived in time to save him.

Gypsies Kidnap Children.

At St. Louis, Mo., four gypsies tried to kidnap Willie and Henry Wilman, aged 10 and 8 years. Henry escaped and told John, an older brother, who procured a revolver and went after the gypsies, who were carrying off Willie. John forced the nomads to release the boy.

Burned in an Oven.

Patrick Conroy, aged 28 years, entered one of the buildings of the New Jersey Steel and Iron Company at Trenton, N. J., and sought a place to sleep. He climbed into an oven and later the night watchman started a fire in the furnace with which the oven was connected.

Wolf Attacks Woman.

At Alden, Kan., Mrs. John Vincent had a desperate encounter with a wolf, which had been kept as a pet, but chained in the yard. Mrs. Vincent shot the animal, after it had severely lacerated her arm.

Rockefeller Adds to His Gift.

John D. Rockefeller telegraphed to the faculty of Mount Holyoke College at South Hadley, Mass., that he will add \$10,000 to his previous gift of \$40,000 to complete Rockefeller Hall.

Cars Jump the Track.

Two sleeping cars on the rear of a West Shore train jumped the tracks in the New York Central yard at Buffalo, N. Y. Theresa A. McCarty of Detroit, Mich., was severely injured.

Iowa the Best of Her Class.

Commodore Dewey, president of the naval trial board, has returned to Washington from the sea trial of the Iowa, which he declares is the best ship of her class in the world.

California Is Shaken.

Two very distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at Randsburg, Cal. The vibrations were from north to south. Buildings shook perceptibly, but no damage was done.

Gen. Ordway Dies in New York.

Gen. Albert Ordway, father of Bettina Girard, died at the Hoffman House, New York.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 94c; No. 2 corn, No. 2, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 47c to 48c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 17c to 19c; new potatoes, 40c to 55c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 92c to 94c; corn, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 90c to 98c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 46c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 93c to 95c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 47c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 91c to 93c; corn, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c; rye, 47c to 48c.

SALE OF CUBAN BONDS

SHREWD PLAN OF THE INSURGENT ENVOYS.

Securities of the Projected Republic Scattered Freely—Price Is Merely Nominal—Gen. Alger Thinks Alaska Should Be Admitted.

Want Their Belligerency Recognized.

Recognition of belligerency by Congress during the coming winter is the program of the Cuban agitators. As a preliminary to an effort to secure this they have for a considerable time been using Cuban bonds in all quarters where there was the slightest probability that such securities would be of service. It would, perhaps, be unfair to say that these bonds have been put out among members of Congress. There is no proof at hand that direct efforts to bribe members of the national legislature have been made by the friends of Cuba. But it is known that bonds have been used in ways calculated directly to influence men who are supposed to have power over Congressmen. Information has reached the State Department of various attempts to use bonds of the Cuban republic in this way. The usual method has been to sell them out for a trifle, say a few cents on the dollar. Men have been asked to buy them, not only as a patriotic act for the purpose of helping a worthy cause, but as a good investment. The argument has been used that as soon as Cuba's belligerency is recognized these bonds will be worth 30 or 40 cents on the dollar, and if independence should be recognized they will soon be worth near par.

REFUSES TO STOP SEALING.

Canada Brings to Naught the Efforts of the Recent Conference.

A reply has been prepared by the Dominion Government and forwarded to Washington in respect to the negotiations which are now going on between both countries. It is understood that it is a refusal to stop pelagic sealing for a year, as the United States requested. The whole question depended upon this, and therefore it would appear that the negotiations are to fail in their object. However, there is a report that the Canadian Government has proposed an alternative proposition for the consideration of the United States, which could be laid before Congress at its next sitting and passed in time to deal with pelagic sealing and the questions of dispute next season.

GEN. ALGER'S IDEA.

He Thinks Alaska Should Be Made Two Territories.

In a recent interview in New York, Secretary of War Alger was asked: "Do you think Alaska should be made a territory?" to which he replied: "I do; because by next summer I think from 100,000 to 200,000 people will be in the Yukon country. My idea is that two territories should be made and the Yukon country should be one of them. A territorial form of government will be much better than the present method of governing Alaska, in my opinion. The State of Nevada has about 35,000 inhabitants and the Yukon country alone will have three or four times that number next spring."

Human Bones Sent in a Box.

Victor Kessler, a butcher who resides at St. Joseph, Mo., received a box containing six small human bones. The box was delivered by a man who represented himself to be an employe of the Wells-Fargo Express Company. A letter dated at St. Louis accompanied the box. It requested Kessler to bury the bones and ask no questions. He has turned them over to the police.

Loss of a River Boat.

The steamer Telegraph, one of the largest and best boats plying the Ohio river, sunk at Fern Grove, a short distance from Louisville. The crew and passengers had a narrow escape from drowning. The cause of the accident could not be definitely learned. The Telegraph will be a total loss. She was worth \$10,000.

Railway Car Heater Bursts.

As a passenger train over the Evansville division of the Illinois Central road was leaving Dekoven, Ky., a steam heater in a crowded coach exploded, scattering pieces of pipe in all directions and filling the car with a cloud of scalding vapor. Six persons were injured and the coach totally wrecked.

Half a Million at Stake.

Relatives of the late Mrs. Ruby Tilden Paine of New York, a niece of S. J. Tilden, have begun a contest for the half million dollars she left. The husband gets it all, but Mrs. Blatchford, Mrs. Paine's sister, claims a will was left which the husband is hiding or has destroyed.

Fire in the Coal Bunkers.

The coal bunkers of in the United States battle ship Oregon caught fire from spontaneous combustion, and for over eight hours the crew worked to smother what looked like a costly blaze. The war ship will be drydocked at San Francisco.

Murder in Second Degree.

At Vinton, Iowa, the Novak jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. Accompanying this was a recommendation that punishment be placed at ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

Tobacconist John E. Liggett Is Dead.

John E. Liggett, the millionaire tobacconist of St. Louis, died, aged 70 years.

Steel Clipper Burned.

The full-rigged ship Port Patrick of the Port Line, Glasgow, Scotland, Captain Frank Hand, was almost wholly destroyed by fire at her dock in the East river, New York. Her cargo, valued at about \$100,000, was also destroyed. Her captain and crew escaped.

London Sends Capt. Jackson.

The Secretary of State at Washington has been informed Capt. Henry B. Jackson of the royal navy has been appointed naval attache of the British embassy there in place of Capt. Lewis Wintz.

Four Years for the Bank Cashier.

At Kansas City, Kan., George A. Taylor, cashier of the defunct Argentine Bank, has been sentenced to four years in the Kansas penitentiary for receiving deposits when he knew that the bank was in an insolvent condition.

KETCHAM CASE MYSTERIOUS.

Developments Look Bad for the Millionaire's Alleged Widow.

Several peculiar phases have developed in connection with the death of Millionaire John B. Ketcham in Chicago. The dead man since being divorced from his first wife was supposed to have remained single up to the time of his death. He was a victim of chronic alcoholism and his associates knew him to be rapidly declining. About a month ago he disappeared from the Auditorium hotel, where he had made his home, and it was announced that he was in the care of friends. Afterward came the announcement of his death at the residence of Mrs. Mabel Wallace-Walkup, who also claims the name Ketcham, the woman asserting that the dead broker married her in Milwaukee shortly before his death and



JOHN B. KETCHAM.

claiming that he willed his entire estate to her.

The case has been closely watched by the police and State's Attorney. Ketcham's physician, it seems, had told his patient if he persisted in drinking it would cause his death.

The sick man utterly disregarded this injunction and the officials are now wondering why he was not compelled to leave liquor alone in view of the doctor's unqualified order. From all reports it is evident that Ketcham had no medical attendance during the last week of his life, excepting the day he died. These facts have but strengthened the intentions of the Ketcham family to contest the will.

Criminal proceedings are threatened against the alleged widow and several other persons whose names have not been divulged, but who John Borden Ketcham's relatives will charge were associated in what they characterize as a conspiracy. Attorney James E. Furnell, representing the dead banker's family, said that enough evidence relative to John B. Ketcham's life in the Wallace-Walkup house, as well as the marriage that was performed in Milwaukee last September, has been collected by detectives to make a clear case of conspiracy against several persons.

Relatives will contest his will, if such an instrument is in existence, on the ground that he was not only of unsound mind at the time he may have signed it, but for ten months previous. Ketcham's two brothers and two sisters will also deny that their brother was legally married to Mabel Wallace-Walkup. They will claim that he was entirely incapable of making any kind of a contract at the time of the alleged marriage, or indeed for nearly a year previous. Attorney James E. Furnell, who has charge of the case, says he has abundant proof that John B. Ketcham has been mentally unsound for almost a year, and that there has been no proof of a marriage with Mrs. Walkup offered by the alleged wife. The attorney served notice on the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank to restrain Mrs. Walkup from having access to the safety box



MABEL WALLACE-WALKUP-KETCHAM.

in which the dead man kept his securities. Attorney Furnell also notified the court that the will will be contested as soon as filed.

CHRISTMAS AT DAWSON.

An Oregon Man Expects to Make \$100,000 in Holiday Dinners.

Mr. Charles H. Vest of Portland, Ore., has started for Alaska on a remarkable venture. He intends to furnish the people of Dawson with Christmas dinners and at the same time make his fortune. Mr. Vest's transportation outfit consisted of 28 dogs and 10 sleds. He has five helpers. His merchandise consists of 3,843 dozen eggs, 1 1/2 tons of dressed poultry and \$50 worth of oysters. The eggs were carefully broken and placed in cans, six to the can, and then frozen solid. The poultry and oysters were likewise put through the freezing process, and until the steamer sails will remain in the cold storage warehouse. The steamer has a refrigerator room, where the stuff will be stored, and after reaching Dyea no precaution will be necessary. Mr. Vest, on reaching Dawson, expects to sell his poultry for \$5 a pound and the oysters for 100 times what they cost him. Latest Dawson quotations on eggs were \$18 per dozen, and by Christmas, Mr. Vest believes, they will fetch \$35 a dozen. He hopes to realize \$100,000 on the speculation.

During the nine months ended on the 30th of September last there were shipped from the United States to Great Britain the following quantity and value of food products:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Items include Beef cattle, Sheep, Dressed beef, Salted beef, Bacon, Ham, Fresh and salt pork, Lard, Imitation lard and butter, Butter, Cheese.

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Culture of Sugar Beets Around Port Huron—An Important Tax Decision—Old Man Burned to Death—Shot His Father—Killed by Mistake.

Better Than Expected. Secretary Fred W. Sherman of the Port Huron Beet Sugar Co., has received a report from the State analyst, Prof. B. C. Kozlic, of the Agricultural College, giving the result of an analysis of samples of sugar beets grown in that section.

An Important Decision. Judge Sharpe filed an opinion in Circuit Court at West Branch in the case of Geo. N. Hauptman, and David N. Wright vs. the township of Horton et al., to set aside certain taxes assessed on complainants' lands for certain reasons assigned, one of which was that the Board of Equalization neglected to meet on the first of the two days prescribed by law that they shall meet, and on which day complainants' agents endeavored to be heard before the board.

Shot His Father. Henry Kammerer shot and killed his 70-year-old father, John Kammerer, at their home nine miles from Benton Harbor. The two men had an altercation over the plowing of some ground, and the son threw a stone at his father, who resented it. They went to the house, and without warning, the son picked up a 38-caliber repeating rifle and fired at his father, striking him just above the heart.

Killed the Fireman. The boiler in Milton Artley's large wood working factory at Carleton exploded, killing the fireman, Edward Craft, and injuring Fred Artley, son of the owner, Otis and Cyrus Burroughs. The force of the explosion shook every building in town and left the factory almost a total wreck.

Did He Kill Himself? Dell C. Slaght of Flint, secretary of the Michigan Knights of the Grip, and for many years a traveling salesman, was discovered in an unconscious condition, lying on a lounge in the Elks lodge room the other morning. The gas had been turned on full head. Slaght died. There is much mystery surrounding the case.

Louis Smoked in Bed. Louis Bell, a Frenchman, aged 82, was burned to death in his bedroom, 94 Greenwood avenue, Detroit. He occupied a little bedroom upstairs, isolated from the other rooms. He had a habit of smoking in bed, and it is supposed that his pipe-light set fire to the bed clothes.

Burned to Death. Michael Kennedy, a widow aged 85 years, living alone in Caledonia township, was found dead in his burning shanty. The shanty burned to the ground. The supposition is that the shanty caught fire from the old man making too big a fire in the stove.

Met a Cowboy's Fate. John Burgess, aged 19, shot and killed George Hart at Meridian, Hart, who was engaged to marry Burgess' sister, disguised himself as a cowboy and tried to frighten Burgess, who became angry and killed the supposed tramp.

Minor State Matters. The Ithaca opera house is being rebuilt into a business block and the town will have no play house. The wife of Supervisor Oscar Utley of Vienna fell, breaking two ribs and receiving several bruises.

Rev. James M. Provan of Shelby will probably accept the unanimous call extended him by the Buchanan Presbyterian Church. Peter Peterson of St. Joseph, who attempted to murder his sweetheart, Miss Eliza Harris, July 4, was sentenced to eight years in prison.

The Escanaba street railway has shut up shop and quit being anything but a right of way. Cause—the owners are tired of losing money. The stock of the Jennings dry goods establishment at Lapeer has been sold to C. J. Gudworth of Arnada. Mr. Jennings had been in business for forty years.

Adler Franks, a farmer living five miles out of Port Huron, was instantly killed in a runaway accident. Hillsdale is to have a new industry in the shape of an aluminum comb factory. Fred Hayden, alias James Hayden, was sentenced at Howell to ninety days in the Detroit house of correction for an assault on Postmaster Brown of Brighton.

Three large wildcats were killed near Alger last week. There were four together, but one got away. They were very large and fierce. They bring a bounty of \$3 each.

Elmer W. W. is to have a new hotel, and Coloma wants one.

Ottawa County has a factory which turns out wooden shoes.

Geo. D. Bradford has been appointed deputy collector at Alpena.

Frank G. Hartsell has been appointed road foreman of the F. & P. M.

Samuel Cook paid a \$10 fine at Port Huron for selling fake spectacles.

Potato dealers at Cadillac have paid out \$53,000 to farmers so far this season.

Benjamin Herrington of Lakeside was killed by a train as he lay asleep on the track.

The State Horticultural Society will hold a meeting at Ithaca on Dec. 1, 2 and 3.

Christian Baumann of Muskegon took a dose of paris green with suicidal intent and died.

The electric lighting plant at the U. of M., which cost \$20,000, is practically completed.

The drug store of A. W. Fenton & Son, at Bailey, was robbed by burglars for the sixth time.

Five mines at Iron Mountain announce an increase of 10 per cent in wages, in effect Dec. 1.

Pineconing is without banking facilities since the fire which occurred there some weeks ago.

Alpena's commercial fishermen will obey the law making a close season from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15.

Armada councilmen have changed the bicycle ordinance of that village four times in six months.

Hesperia has already raised \$9,000 for the new electric railway which is to run between there and Hart.

F. C. Sturgis of Grand Rapids had his hand, which was covered with wood alcohol burned to a crisp.

Mrs. Minnie Ackerman is suing Owosso for \$2,000 damages for injuries received from a defective sidewalk.

Belding firemen have tired of working for nothing, and will ask the village council to pay them a yearly salary.

John Mulder, a 17-year-old Grand Rapids newsboy, was accidentally shot and killed while handling a sparrow gun.

John W. Harris, a resident of Battle Creek for thirty years and a painter by trade, committed suicide at Cincinnati.

James Cushman, who stole overcoats from Bay City hotels, will spend ninety days at the Detroit house of correction.

Emma Dickinson, the 6-year-old Owosso girl who was abducted by Albert Peterson, has been located near Whitmore Lake.

Daniel Button, an eccentric farmer living near Okemos, was robbed of \$150 by two boys. The lads made good their escape.

Eugene La Rose of Essexville fell from the tower of St. John's Church while hunting sparrows and three ribs were broken.

Albert Haven, aged 50 years, a farmer living near Grass Lake, committed suicide by hanging. No cause is known for his act.

Adelbert Fairchild and Frank Santee of Charlotte settled a little difficulty with bare fists in a 45-minute fight. Both were badly punished.

An unknown man was found floating in the Rille river at the old D. & M. bridge at Prescott. He had apparently been in the water some time.

Fifty thousand bushels of potatoes have been shipped from Manton so far this season. More than this quantity has been shipped from Greenville.

A year ago Druggist F. A. Teporten of Bay City accidentally swallowed a dime. The coin gave him no trouble until when he coughed it up.

The Ladies' Guild of Grace Episcopal Church at Holland, known for its skill in making fancy articles, has received a large order from Paris, France.

The late Alexander Sayers of Holton was the father of fourteen children. Three of his sons went into the army with him, and one died in the service.

A woman clerk who worked for Osburn & Sons of Owosso, twenty years ago, has just returned five cents which she appropriated while working for the firm.

Adrian Common Council is after the officials of the Detroit and Lima Northern Railroad because the latter are not fulfilling agreements relative to crossings.

The Christy family of St. Clair includes three brothers, aged respectively: Andrew, 81; Henry, 84; Samuel, 86, and one sister, Mary Ann, 76. Henry alone has married.

Several hundred skilled miners could get work in the Marquette range mines at once. There is still an adequate supply of day laborers. The same state of affairs exists on the Menominee and Gogebic ranges.

It is told of a farmer in Ionia County, who used green willow for corner posts for his barn, that the posts have taken root and grown, and that the building is considerably higher than it was. Some limbs have also come out for him to hang his harness on.

Pastor A. F. Nagler and the official boards of the Bellevue Methodist Episcopal Church have suspended the Epworth League from any connection with the church for three months for conduct alleged to be prejudicial to the best interests of the church.

The total ore shipments by Lake Superior mines to Nov. 1 were in excess of 11,000,000 gross tons, or about one million tons in excess of the shipments of any previous year. The November and December shipments by water and the all-rail shipments to furnaces will bring the total for 1897 to perhaps 12,250,000 tons, or two million tons in excess of the output of any previous season. The tonnage of this single year will be greater than the combined output of all the iron mines of Lake Superior from the time that ore was first found, in 1844, until Jan. 1, 1879. The 1898 production will reach at least 15,000,000 gross tons and may exceed that amount.

The Quincy Mining Company has decided to build a smelter plant of its own next season. The plant will be located at Ripley on the site of the old Pewabic stamp mill, and will be very large and complete.

While excavating in a gravel pit on the Jackson farm, a few miles west of Elsie, workmen discovered the skeleton of a man in excellent condition, and on "the Ridge," three miles west of Elsie, other skeletons and various articles of pottery were being exhumed last fall. The gravel ridges west of there were used in the days

PRESIDENT HAS CARE

NO EASY TASK TO BE THE HEAD OF THIS REPUBLIC.

For Four Years Our Chief Executive Is the Greatest Burden Bearer of the Nation—Must Suppress All Personal Inclination and Assume Dignity.

Troubles of His Own. Washington correspondence:

To be a President of the United States is by no means an easy task, and there is probably no man in the vast republic who carries such a load of care as the chief executive of the nation. From January till the time of his election in November he has to endure a physical and mental strain that would weaken the constitution of most men, and he emerges from the struggle bearing not only the palm of victory but also the thousand and one weighty details which are pressed upon him as the presumptive occupant of the executive mansion. From the time of his election till the morning of his inauguration he is the most watched, the most sought, and the most worked man in the country. And the cares already borne are only an intimation of those that come after his inaugural address has been read and he has taken possession of the executive mansion.

Not the least of the things which require the attention of the new occupant of the executive mansion is the care which must be taken not to say or do anything that would not be in accordance with the dignity and traditions of the great office he is endeavoring to fill. As in great things so it is with innumerable small affairs. He must many times a day ask himself the question if this or that suggested action is in keeping with the dignity of the President of the United States. Personal impulses by the thousand must be suppressed. The man must to a great extent make himself over. Almost without exception every American who has occupied the presidential office has risen to it, risen in character and dignity and manner, no matter how much below it he was at the outset. It is an office which demands that a man shall sink himself and become almost another entity.

The wonder is that so many of our Presidents have retained their personal characteristics and habits, their naturalness and simplicity, while in office. All the tendency is in the other direction. Unconsciously to the man himself he is drawn out of himself. He ceases to be as his friends knew him, as he knew himself, as he takes on a new consciousness. He is "the President." This fact he is never permitted to forget. It follows him everywhere. It hobbles up impertinently at the simplest dinner in a country house as well as in a cabinet meeting at the executive mansion.

In monarchical countries sovereigns are reared. They are to the manner born. From infancy they are trained to be rulers. They approach gradually, step by step, the station which we thrust a man into almost without warning. It is a fact that the greatest, most stupendous transition which comes to any man in the world is to him whom the people of the United States take from his law office or his home or his modest official station and thrust into the presidential chair. A distinguished foreigner said not long ago: "It is amazing that you get as good Presidents as you do, and it is a remarkable thing that your public men are adaptable enough to rise so easily and naturally to the heights of your sovereignty. But they cannot be happy." This foreigner was right. Probably not one President in ten is happy while in office.

A Weight of Care.

As if this were not enough, our political system makes the President the center of party activity, of personal ambition and desire. Not only must all appointments be made theoretically by him as chief executive, but actually by him in person. Before making them he must see and talk with all the interested persons, no matter how great their number. If they come again and again, for the avowed purpose of "bringing the pressure of persistency," they must be seen and mollified. Crossroads politicians must have access to the ruler of the American people about seven-by-nine postoffice. The President must keep open house to all the Senators and Representatives in Congress, of whom there are something like 450, and the most of whom are professional office brokers. Through all this the President is expected to maintain his dignity and his equanimity, keep his patience unfruffed and his sense of justice and of the fitness of things unworried. During the whole four years of his administration he bears upon his shoulders the responsibilities and cares of the nation. In the case of most Presidents there is no cessation of toil. The cares of the chief executive are rarely dropped when he leaves the office. They accompany him to the social function, they are his constant companion as he attempts to enjoy a few days' outing, they are his most intimate associates even in his family circle, and they even follow him into his bed chamber and there minister to the discomforts of his slumber.

Americans are not always a considerate people, but it is doubtful if they ever had a better chance to see themselves as they really are than in the book which ex-President Benjamin Harrison has just published, in which he devotes a chapter to telling of his own experiences in the four years he passed in the White House. There seems to be no danger of the chief magistrate of the nation forgetting that he is, in the most literal sense of the words, a public servant, paid by the public for the public to enjoy at its leisure.

During the first three weeks of his term as President of these United States he shakes hands with not less than 40,000 of his fellow citizens. If any one has ever seen the Auditorium when 10,000 persons have been packed into it, and will multiply that number by four and contemplate shaking hands with all of them, he will form a notion of what infinite misadventures hand-shaking folk can make of themselves if you can only get enough of them together. Mr. Harrison records that every one who ever had to undergo the ordeal suffered acute physical torture until President Hayes discovered that if he reached forward and grasped the hand of an approaching "shaker" before the

"shaker" had a chance to grasp his and squeeze it to show his good will he could escape serious discomfort and all actual pain. President McKinley—the Ohio man is fertile in resource—has another way; he holds his hand level with his waist with the back of it up and in this attitude it is only possible to get a firm grip on the fingers, which does not hurt nearly as much as pinching the rest of the hand.

But the handshaking lasts throughout the term, though not in such exorbitant quantities. It is not the only trouble. The letter writing fiend gets in his direful work—to the extent of some 800 letters a day. They ask all sorts of things, from an autograph for a log cabin quilt to the loan of money enough to buy a poor girl a piano. Then, if the President is not prompt to send them all they have requested, they write again to tell him what a mean man they have now learned he is. Private citizens take their turn with charitable and religious organizations in begging for money, and a woman in North Carolina telegraphed one morning: "I have six little children and they want to throw me out of the house. I have nowhere to go. I want protection." The autograph collector is numerously in evidence—scores of them every day of the 1,461 which make up a presidential term. A pile of cards and a bushel basket full of albums are the first things that greet a chief magistrate's satiated eyes every morning when he comes into his office. Then there is the man who wishes to have the opinion of the President of the United States on the best method of keeping calamine from coming off on the clothing, or the woman who has just discovered a new process for fried cakes or sally lunn, and is willing to involve the White House cook in her joys. Think of four years of that sort of thing!

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ed in a large iron cage, in order that all possibility of escape may be removed. Compared to this the life imprisonment of an ordinary criminal is merciful. Dreyfus is certainly being tortured to death.

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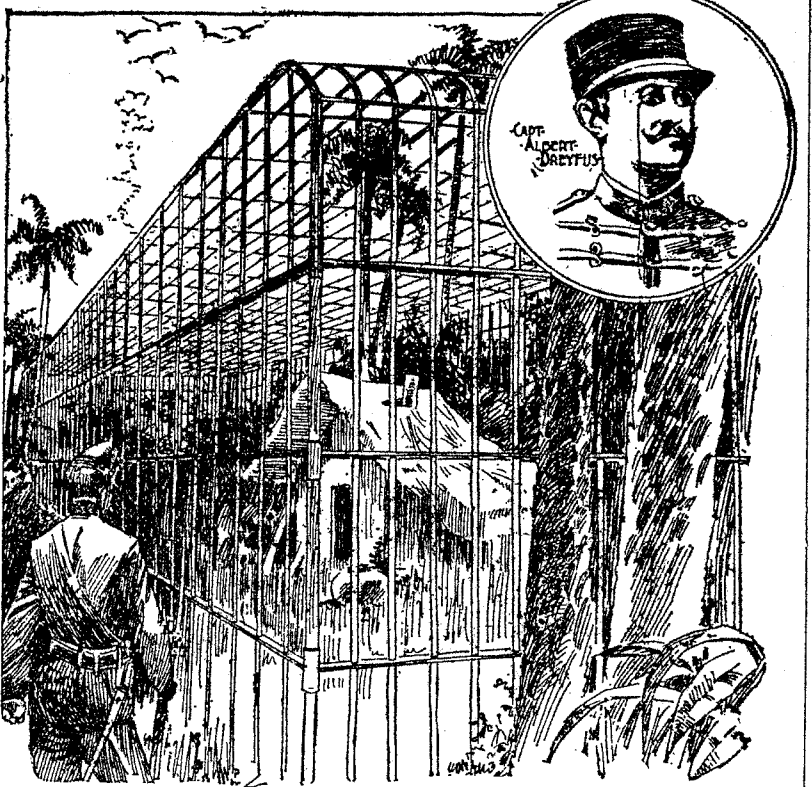
the prisoner said he regarded the verdict a great victory for the defense.

A serious mistake on the part of the State in the proceedings of the trial was discovered at the very last moment, and Novak's counsel fought persistently to prevent its rectification. After the evidence had been closed on both sides it was discovered that the county attorney had omitted to show that the village of Walford, Novak's home and where the tragedy occurred, was in Benton County. County Attorney Tobin requested a short stay in the regular proceedings of the trial until he could go upon the wit-

IS CAPT. DREYFUS INNOCENT?

All Paris Excited Over a Story of Blackmail and Corruption.

The allegation that Alfred Dreyfus, former captain of French artillery, was falsely accused and convicted by a court martial of selling French military plans to the agents of a foreign government, continues to be widely discussed in Paris and throughout France. The presentation of the prisoner's case to the French



THE BARBARIC CAGE BUILT AROUND CAPTAIN DREYFUS' HUT.

Government, which caused the present agitation, reveals a romance with the "gang" of so-called "journalists" and stock jobbers who beset the late Max Lebaudy, the millionaire conscript. The plot, it would further seem, was conceived in 1893, when the wave of "Jew baiting" swept over Europe. Dreyfus is of Jewish extraction, and these jackals of Parisian society, casting about for funds, determined to "bleed this wealthy Jew." A beautiful adventuress, whose house was the resort of a number of French officers and foreign diplomats, is said to have acted as the go-between in these transactions.

By invitation Dreyfus was a frequent visitor to her house. In due course of time the plan for the mobilization of the French army, which had been drawn up in a handwriting which cleverly imitated that of Dreyfus, was produced and money was demanded for its surrender. Dreyfus, however, it is said, refused to pay the sum demanded, knowing that the purchase of the document would be an admission of his guilt and would furnish ground for future extortion, and being aware that the fact that he had been friendly toward the woman, who herself was a party to the plot, would be considered part of the strongest evidence of his guilt.

Friends of Dreyfus assert that the newspapers have constantly maintained a warfare against Dreyfus, even up to the present time, and that in consequence the prisoner's wife and family are obliged to keep secluded. Alfred Dreyfus is now enduring the most terrible punishment inflicted by a civilized nation upon a human being. Four years ago he was a rich, brilliant Parisian, a captain in the army, attached to the general staff. Suddenly he was arrested and without legal procedure condemned by a council of war to exile for life in French Guiana. He was charged with betraying French military plans to a foreign government, understood to be the German. The sole evidence against him was a brief note, alleged to have been found in the waste paper basket of the German embassy.

Although the trial of Dreyfus was absolutely secret, his condemnation was of the most public character conceivable. The unfortunate man was taken to the Champ de Mars, the largest parade ground in Paris, where 4,000 troops were drawn up in line. Dreyfus stood in the midst of them. After the judgment of the council of war had been read, a lieutenant took the sword of Dreyfus and broke it across his knee, and then cut the buttons, epaulettes and other marks of military rank from him. Then he was sent to his place of exile, the Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guiana, in South America. There yellow fever is permanent. On this island he is condemned to spend the rest of his life, watched day and night by three old soldiers, not one of whom may ever speak to him. Latterly his hut has been inclo-

LINCOLN'S GRANDDAUGHTER

Is a Happy Bride, but Papa Will Not Forgive Her.

Miss Jessie Lincoln, daughter of Col. Robert Lincoln, and granddaughter of the immortal "Abe," is a happy bride, but mingled with her happiness is much sorrow. She is a bright and handsome young woman and a favorite in Chicago society. A few days ago she married without her father's knowledge, a youth named Warren Beckwith. The young husband is a fine-looking fellow, with some means and a liking for athletics. But he has never been thrown on his own resources and therefore has not as yet displayed any business ability. Papa Lincoln was furious when his daughter returned home

and told of her marriage. He sternly refused to give her his blessing and the bride left home and is now living with her husband at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. She is deeply in love with Mr. Beckwith and will remain with him, while hoping that her father's heart will relent. But the colonel shows no sign of forgiving her.

FIRST BLASTS OF WINTER.

Snow Storm of Great Severity Sweeps Over Nebraska.

A snowstorm of great severity swept over Nebraska Thursday night. The weather was mild all day, with a drizzling rain. Toward evening the mercury dropped to almost zero and a gale from the northwest swept the fine particles of snow in every direction. Not a great quantity of snow fell, but what there was piled in huge drifts, impeding all kinds of traffic.

In the extreme western part of the State a regular blizzard prevailed, and great damage is threatened to stock interests. This is due to the fact that the grass is covered with a hard coating of ice, through which it will be quite difficult for cattle to break in order to secure food.

The great damage from the storm comes from the menace to the stock interests. The many thousand sheep being fed in the State are in particular danger. Still, as long as the herds are housed, which is the case with most of the large bunches, great damage will not occur. The open range is the place where the greatest loss will be certain.

Special Treasury Agent Converse J. Smith at Boston has received word from Special Elyon Bunn, stationed on the Canadian border, that he has seized at Eastport, Me., a small schooner with a cargo of twenty-five boxes of tin plate that had been smuggled into port.

Dr. Abrahamovics, first vice-president of the lower house of the Austrian reichsrath, has been elected president to succeed Dr. Fathern, who resigned Oct. 26. Abrahamovics has acted as president ever since, but has been unable to keep order in the chamber.

END OF THE SEASON.

BIG FOOTBALL GAMES HAVE NOW CLOSED.

The Well-Trained Teams Have All Had Their Turns and Battled Manfully—University of Chicago Defeats Michigan—Wisconsin Beats Northwestern

For the All-Western 'Leven. Chicago Correspondence:

Football in the West has closed what was apparently a most successful season. The big, well-trained football teams of the greater colleges have had their turns, battled manfully and are now prepared to settle down and discuss results leisurely. Football experts are sizing the field up, and soon will be picking all Western eleven until there will be as many offered up as there are so-called experts. The season has been exceptionally clean as far as rough work by the players themselves is concerned and consequently as far as injuries received. The umpires have as a rule been stricter as regards "piling on"—that most dreaded feature of modern football. The referees have followed the ball so well that it is downed and the men lined up before an opportunity has been afforded for the rough work to creep in.

As a result of the season's work everything points to Wisconsin's men as Western champions and not even Stagg's pets care to dispute the claim, despite the wonderful victory over Michigan Thursday by a score of 21 to 12. Wisconsin cinched all claims to the title when her lively, well-trained canvas-backs snowed Northwestern under by a score of 22 to 0 at Evanston Thursday.

The West has been unusually weak in tackles. Holmes, Forrest of Wisconsin, Sweeney of Illinois, Lockwood of Michigan, Mortimer and Webb of Chicago and Rheighans of Lake Forest would certainly be candidates for the all-Western team. Of these, Holmes, for his work against Chicago, Minnesota and Northwestern in making holds, in defense work generally, is perhaps the first choice, with Sweeney a close second. The cares of captain have weighed on Sweeney considerably, but in all he has more than held his own in the big games played, with the possible exception of the Indian match.

On the ends, the work of Michigan's and Wisconsin's ends, Dean and Anderson and Teetzal and Bennett, and that of Hamil, mark them as candidates. Sickles of Lake Forest, for a light man, has been much in the play, and on a heavier team might be considered. Of these, Bennett, Teetzal and Hamil and Dean would be the four to choose from. Hamil's work in the Michigan game in following kicks marks him something of a favorite. Teetzal's work in driving the play in would mark him as a favorite. Bennett for experience and Hamil and Dean interchangeably seem to be the choice.

Behind the line, Oliver, Hunter, Schuler and Clarke are for quarter. Felver, barring two very bad fumbles in the Chicago game, should have first choice. Hunter, a good tackler, is too slow in running the game. Clarke fumbles badly, although he got over the fault in the Michigan game. Felver is perhaps the favorite for general, hard, heady work, and the fact that he can be used as a full.

For the backs, Herschberger, O'Dea, Gardiner, Peele, Johnston and Jackson of Lake Forest are perhaps the cream. Herschberger is the choice for full. Not only can he punt, but in the interference, in line plunging and place kicking he would overshadow O'Dea, who is never in the play except to kick. For halves, Peele and Jackson would make an extremely strong pair.

Northwestern, losing to Chicago and Wisconsin by big scores, is out of the race. Michigan's defeat by Chicago, overruled by the mighty opposing full-back, yielded all claims in her only big game of the season. Poor Illinois, who was forced to compete for championship honors before her team had reached the climax of development, was put out of the showing early when Chicago ran her down the field. Next to Wisconsin, Chicago has fairly won the right to stand as a good second. After her Michigan and Illinois must dispute for the honors of their place, with the advantages in Michigan's favor, because of cleaner, harder, all-around work to the last in the face of certain defeat. After Illinois must be placed Northwestern, with her beefy eleven, with Oberlin following because of her showing against Michigan, and Purdue and Minnesota at the tail end of the procession.

Commissioner General Powderly of the immigration bureau has received a telegram from Inspector Baldwin in Mississippi stating that he had secured the arrest of nineteen others of the party of Austrian stove cutters, recently brought to this country under contract.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder trouble. The womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At drug stores fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

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STATIONS.	Det	NY	Ngt	Fr
	Exp	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Dep.	7:00	4:05	11:00	7:10
Middleville	7:25	4:43	12:13	8:40
Hastings	7:52	5:03	12:40	9:25
Jackson Dep.	8:40	7:05	3:25	4:55
Detroit Ar.	12:25	9:10	7:20	

WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Exp	M	G	Fr
	Exp	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Ar.	6:15	2:05	10:35	4:05
Middleville	6:10	1:20	9:54	2:15
Hastings	4:40	12:57	9:32	1:08
Jackson Dep.	1:40	11:05	7:40	7:10

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad

NORTHERN DIVISION		
Leave	Go	Arrive
Going	From	From
North	North	North
Trav. City, Pot. & Mack	+ 7:45 am	+ 8:15 pm
Trav. City, Pot. & Mack	+ 2:40 pm	+ 6:35 am
Cadillac	+ 5:25 pm	+ 11:15 am
Train leaving at 7:45 a. m. has parlor car and train leaving at 2:30 p. m. has sleeping car to Mackinaw.		
SOUTHERN DIVISION		
Leave	Go	Arrive
Going	From	From
South	South	South
Cincinnati	+ 7:10 am	+ 8:25 pm
St. Wayne	+ 8:10 pm	+ 2:00 pm
2:19 p. m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati. 7:00 p. m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.		

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There is every reason to believe that the Hawaiian annexation treaty will be confirmed by action of the senate very soon after congress meets.

Advices from China confirm those of some weeks ago which indicated that the gold standard is likely to be adopted by that government as soon as practicable.

The adage, "Joy never kills," was disproved when a New York woman who believed her husband to be dead fell into his arms and expired when he returned home.

The Canadian proposition in favor of closer relations between the United States and Canada is another evidence that the protests against our tariff were merely a "bluff."

The decision of the supreme court of Indiana, that a wife may at any time sue for and recover money lost by her husband gambling, is in line with common sense and decency, and if it isn't a good law everywhere it ought to be.

That international arbitration is a good thing few will deny, but those who believe that the existence of an arbitration treaty between nations would cause them to arbitrate questions over which they would otherwise fight, must have read history very carelessly.

Congress, when it meets next week, will find a very gratifying showing for the first four months of the new tariff law. Its earnings during the first four months have exceeded by several millions of dollars the earnings of the corresponding four months of the Wilson law; its November earnings reached \$25,000,000, which is more than 25 per cent in excess of the November earnings in the first year of the Wilson law.

The reply of Assistant Secretary Day to the communications of the Spanish government, the subject of American filibusters for Cuba, shows that eight vessels have been employed in this work, cruising over 75,000 miles in their police duties, capturing seven vessels engaged in that work, and breaking up a number of expeditions which were intended to operate from our ports in violation of our neutrality laws.

The November exportation of wheat has been nearly fifty per cent larger than during last year, and the shipments of last week from the Atlantic ports are the largest recorded in any week for many years, if not at any time in the history of the country. The actual exports of wheat from all ports for the crop year thus far has been, in round numbers, a hundred million bushels. When the increase in prices is taken into consideration also it will be seen that the farmers are getting a very large sum of money for their wheat product this year—far in excess of that in many preceding years. The exportations of corn are also increasing, those for November being nearly a million bushels in excess of November of last year.

The frontispiece of the American Monthly Review of Reviews for December is a reproduction of the remarkable painting, "The Raising of Lazarus," the work of the young American negro artist, Mr. Henry O. Tanner. This painting has been purchased by the French government for the Luxembourg gallery. On sale at the News Stand.

A COMPANION FOR ALL AGES.

A gentleman who used to read The Youth's Companion when a boy, and reads it with the same interest now that he is a middle-aged man, was asked the other day if he had not outgrown The Companion. "I don't believe," said he "that I can ever outgrow it. I find in it not only the cheery, hopeful spirit of youth, but the wisdom and experience of age. I like it just as much as when I was a boy, though perhaps in a different way. But I know that it is the same Youth's Companion with which I grew up, for my boys and girls like it as well as ever I did. It is a good paper to grow up with."

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School Column.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.] THE STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the Michigan State Teachers' association to be held at Lansing, Dec. 28, 29 and 30, promises to be the best in the history of the association, and is of unusual interest to rural school teachers.

A large part of the program of the general sessions will be devoted to the Report of the Committee of Twelve, which deals with the rural school question in all its phases—a report which will doubtless rank with the reports of the committees of Ten and Fifteen. The whole program indicates the trend of educational endeavor to be towards the improvement and advancement of rural schools. A program more devoted to the work of the district teacher has never been prepared for the state association, and there should be at least 500 district teachers in attendance, and we feel that Barry Co. should be represented by at least 50 teachers. The whole trip need cost no Barry Co. teacher over four or five dollars, and will be worth twenty-five dollars to all that attend.

On Tuesday evening, Bishop Vincent will give his soul stirring address, "Tom and His Teachers." President Hutchins of the University speaks Wednesday evening. Arrangements are being made for a most unique and complete reception in the capitol, following the lecture on Wednesday evening. The governor, the justices of the supreme court and all other state officials will keep "open house" from 8:30 to 11 o'clock p. m., and will be pleased to receive the teachers of Michigan in their respective offices. Persons are to be in each department to explain the work of each room—a practical and striking lesson in civil government.

With reference to board and room, please note the following: The church organizations of Lansing have consented to board and room teachers during the association for one dollar a day. Meals will be served in the dining rooms of the churches, the church parlors will be open for reception rooms, the toilet rooms are convenient, and lodging in private houses near the churches are all provided for one dollar a day. All church organizations can accommodate 100 or more teachers, permitting the use of their spacious parlors for headquarters. Special arrangements will be made for delegations of teachers from any city or county providing arrangements are made before the meeting. This plan gives the pleasures of social intercourse in the reception rooms and dining halls, and the quietness of home for rest at night.

How many Barry Co. teachers will go? We should have at least 50. All teachers who wish accommodations provided for them will please notify me by postal or in person as early as Dec. 15, that I may secure accommodations definitely in advance. The railroad fare from Hastings and return will be about \$1.25; this with 24 days' board, and the membership fee of 50c for ladies and \$1.00 for gentlemen, will bring the expenses of every Barry Co. teacher within \$4 or \$5.

Tickets for the evening lectures are issued free of charge to members of the association. May I not hear from at least fifty teachers before Dec. 15?

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe, to remove by death our brother, John E. Goble, and by reason of such affliction our lodge loses an honored member; and the widow and children of our brother are bereft of a loving husband and father; therefore be it

Resolved, That as a lodge we sincerely mourn his loss. We love and honor his memory for the spirit of true knighthood manifested during the long struggle with the dread disease which finally overcame him, and we hereby extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies in their affliction. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the widow of deceased, and that they be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN.

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings, in said county on Tuesday, the 16th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Amasa G. Stinson deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified of Hannah Stinson, widow of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument now on file in said court purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased may be admitted to probate and Francis M. Stinson or some other suitable person be appointed executor thereof.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Hastings, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Probate. MAGGIE J. HUGHES, Probate Register. 46-4

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings, in said county on Monday, the 8th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, JAMES B. MILLS, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Frederick Kelpy, deceased.

Now comes into court Hannah Morgan, executrix of said estate praying that her final account this day filed may be heard and allowed and she be discharged from said trust.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday, the 3d day of December, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Hastings, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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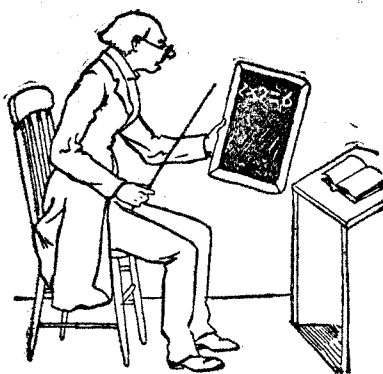
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1897.

Local Happenings.

Attend the concert tonight.
December fashion books at the News Stand.
Is the lecture course committee dead or only sleeping?
As usual Mrs. Mary Paul was the first to pay taxes.
Hear Paul P. Davis, the noted elocutionist, this evening.
Chet Cislser has moved onto his farm just east of the village.
Neal Russell now occupies Chet Cislser's house on State street.
Mrs. T. J. Bush of Hastings, is the guest of Mrs. R. T. French.
Thanksgiving will be remembered as a cloudy, rainy but mild day.
Leave orders now at the News Stand for the Christmas Horseman.
I. N. Hubbard recently lost his valuable stallion, "Young America."
All Modern Woodmen please remember that the assessment is now due.
The melodious voice of a chimney sweep was heard in the village, yesterday.
Regular communication of the F. & A. M. lodge and election of officers next Tuesday evening.
For every dozen cabinets, one extra mounted on large card, at Pinney's during the holiday trade.
Teachers, read the notice of the State Teachers' association in the school column elsewhere in this issue.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David T. Paulson, No. 426 East Bridge street, Grand Rapids, Nov. 25, a daughter.
Ed. Tolhurst has exchanged his farm southwest of the village for Mr. Barlow's draying business at Hastings.
Read the advs. in THE SUN and patronize the advertisers. They invite your trade and will treat you right.
Any person who is not now a subscriber to THE SUN, can, by subscribing now, get it until Jan. 1, 1898 for one dollar.
Township Treasurer G. E. Gardner will receive taxes at the store from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. each day on and after December 1.
Read the new ad of Dr. William Schad, in this issue. The doctor will be at Aubill's livery barn on Saturday of each week.
All members of the K. O. T. M. lodge are requested to be present next Monday evening as there are candidates to be initiated.
You must appreciate the big bargains in furniture if you would see the goods. Must be sold at some price. Young & Chaffee, 94-100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids.
The J. E. Ackerson Harness Co. have bills out announcing the continuance for thirty days of their special cut rate sale. A fine opportunity to purchase Christmas presents.
A magazine or newspaper makes the nicest kind of a Christmas present. It reminds your friend of a kindness many times during the year. Subscribe for them at the SUN office at reduced rates.
An exchange says that recently upon the death of a delinquent subscriber the postmaster returned the paper to the publisher marked, "Deceased. Use asbestos wrapper and change the address."
G. A. Munch, M.D., the noted specialist has placed an advertisement with us. The inducements offered are surely fair and he needs no other recommendation. Read the advertisement "Pay When Cured."
Mrs. Mary Paul was very agreeably surprised Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, by twenty of her neighbors, who walked into her home carrying various parcels of eatables, which gave her a pleasant Thanksgiving.
Nearly every week we are compelled for lack of space and time to set the type, to cut out some of the less important items from our correspondents. We want all the news and especially that of general interest.
Miss Mand Olmstead entertained about twenty-five of her friends Thanksgiving evening. The time was spent with music, dancing, games and a sumptuous supper, for which her home, the St. James hotel, is famous.
W. D. Gardner & Sons, H. E. Hendrick, the J. E. Ackerson Harness Co., K. O. P. lodge of this village, and Dr. William Schad of Corning, are among those who have been supplied with printed stationery from the SUN office this week.
One of Aubill's livery teams got the start of their driver, Elmer Bennett, near Davis' corners and came to town on a lively run yesterday noon. He managed to steer them clear of the rigs through town and miraculously escaped serious damage to driver and rig.
The Congregational choir gave a concert, interspersed with readings by local talent, Sunday evening to a well-filled house. The members of the choir are entitled to much credit for their efforts in the musical line, and under their efficient instructor, Prof. Harris, show marked improvement. The elocutionary part of the program was appropriate for the occasion and excellently rendered.
Crescent lodge No. 85, K. of P., elected the following officers last evening for the ensuing year:
C. C.—M. A. Coykendall.
V. C.—P. H. Richards.
Prelate—W. E. Roach.
M. of W.—M. A. Dietrich.
M. of A.—J. D. Dietrich.
M. of F. and K. of R. & S.—Aaron Sherk.
M. of E.—J. A. Caldwell.
I. G.—Wm. McConnell.
O. G.—Frank Andrus.
Grand Lodge Rep.—W. K. Liebler.
Alternate Grand Lodge Rep.—M. A. Coykendall.
Trustee for 3 Years—E. M. Brown.
As the long winter evenings are coming on you will want more papers to read. Any paper or magazine you may wish we can get for you in connection with THE SUN at a reduced rate, and save you the trouble of sending for it.

Personal Points.

Mrs. John Rouse is visiting in Dutton.
C. A. Bandfield is in Detroit on business.
Theodore Jamison is in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. Aaron Clark was in Grand Rapids, Saturday.
George Shafer has been on the sick list this week.
A. O. Wilkinson is visiting his brother at Niles.
There is no material change in Rev. B. Moore's condition.
F. W. Walker of Hastings, was in the village, Monday.
Mrs. C. J. Mallette is in Grand Rapids on business today.
Charles Bishop has gone to the Soldiers' home for the winter.
H. B. Hanlon returned from Bay Mills, last week Wednesday.
Henry Wesley returned Tuesday from a business trip to Detroit.
Mrs. L. T. French has about recovered from her recent illness.
Miss Lois Smith of North Irving, is ill at the home of R. T. French.
Agnes Laden returned Monday from a few days' visit in Grand Rapids.
Guy DeGolia is clerking for M. F. Dowling during the holiday trade.
Mrs. Isaac Gibbs, who has been sick for a long time, is now confined to her bed.
Mrs. F. A. Colvin, who was sick the fore part of the week, has nearly recovered.
B. L. Johnson returned Tuesday from a few days' visit with relatives in Lansing.
Samuel Carlisle and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Young of Orangeville, Sunday.
Mrs. J. R. Cook of Sturgis, expects to visit relatives and friends in the village next week.
Neal Patterson of Grand Rapids, was calling on friends in the village the first of the week.
Miss Clara Sylvester of Nashville, has been a guest at Dr. G. W. Matterson's the past week.
R. T. Huff of Grand Rapids was the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. Vanzilder, over Thanksgiving.
Roy Hooper is spending a week with his brother in Grand Rapids and at his old home, Grandville.
O. M. Hurlinger and family were in attendance at a party held in Nashville, Thanksgiving evening.
Rev. W. A. Biss was in Big Rapids over Sunday where he preached the funeral sermon of J. S. Evans.
Dr. Nelson Abbott and Miss Nina Downing of Middleville were in town a few days this week.—Nashville News.
Samuel Allen and Asher Turner returned Tuesday evening from their deer hunt. Their party captured seven head.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coykendall of Saranac, have been spending a couple of weeks with the latter's father, Eli Leslie.
A. F. Strickler, who has been the guest for a number of days of Miss Minnie Dietrich, returned to Ann Arbor, Monday.
Miss Carrie L. Hall, preceptress of the Otsego schools, was the guest of her friend, Mrs. G. D. Cooley, the latter part of last week.
John Woolston, who has been a severe sufferer with rheumatism since last spring is no better and only able to sit up part of the time.
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Parkhurst and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hendrick attended the opera at Grand Rapids last evening, the play being "Mary Stuart" played by Modjeska.
Miss Mattie Ames of Grand Rapids, is the guest of her cousins, Misses Lida and Ethel Russell. They will entertain a company of young people in honor of their guest, Friday evening.
W. W. Millard and wife go to Sand Hill, Wayne Co., this week to spend the winter with their two daughters there and son in Detroit. Our old friend, Mr. M., has been a continuous subscriber to this paper since its first issue with the exception of one year.
Get your photos at Pinney's before the holiday rush.
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RUNNELS—CISLER—Mr. Ernest Runnels of Leighton and Miss Jessie Cislser of Middleville were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday evening, November 24.
After the ceremony Pastor W. A. Biss, on behalf of her many friends in the factory, presented her with a set of silver knives and forks; also a letter written by Mr. Webb expressive of the high esteem in which she was held.
STOWELL—POFF—At the residence of the bride's parents in Rutland on Nov. 24, by R. D. Freeman, Mr. Fred Stowell of Hastings and Miss Dora A. Poff.
GAYLORD—STEWART—At the residence of the bride's parents in southwest Thornsapple on Nov. 25, by R. D. Freeman, Mr. Stewart Gaylord of Highland, Ohio, and Miss Elsie Stewart.
CHASE—WILCOX—At the residence of the bride's parents in Irving on Nov. 25, by R. D. Freeman, Mr. William Chase of Coats Grove and Miss Mabel J. Wilcox.
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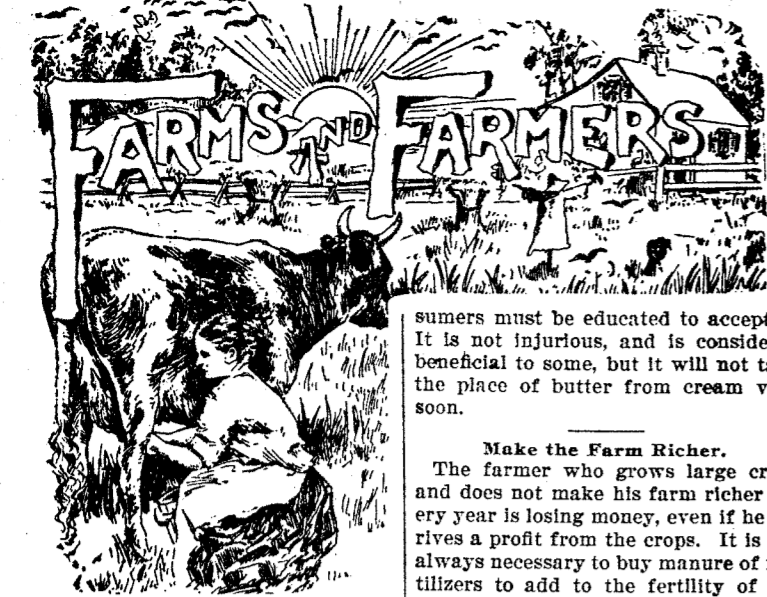
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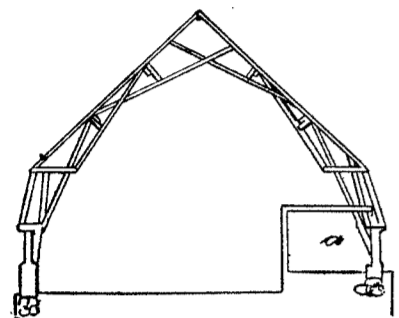
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Hip Roof for a Barn.
A correspondent of an agricultural exchange asks for a plan of a hip roof, without purline plates or support at the hip. He is assured, however, that it is impracticable to make such a roof without some substitute for the purlines, unless the arch is used in the framing of the roof. A common form of hip roof is here shown. It is a modification of the arch, which is the strongest form of roof made. The



FRAME FOR BARN WITHOUT BEAMS.
(a) Stable.

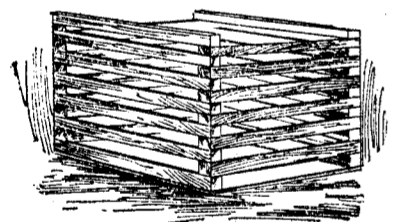
form here shown is as near the arch as can be easily made, and the braces make it exceedingly strong. It is quite practicable to join the bottom of the outside posts by one stringer from the bottom to the peak of the roof, but it would lack the stiffness and strength of this form.

Fences.

Good fences are cheapest in the end. What is a good fence and how may fencing material be made to cost less? Timber is too valuable; so is land. We must run straight lines with wire or wood. If live posts can be employed the great bugbear in cost will be overcome by degrees. Nobody who has used growing trees for stretching wire upon wants to go back to posts that are dead and decaying. A few young trees set in the fence line each year where older ones show a tendency to die or need cutting will keep the fence up cheaply. Nail a board to each tree to tack the wire to so it won't grow into the bark. If the trees are solid they need not be nearer together than forty feet, light stakes being driven midway are sag preventives.

An Easily Made Crate.

Where one has access to a mill, and can procure an abundance of inch-square edgings, he can make a dozen or more crates very easily, after the manner shown in the sketch. A few wire nails, secure the corners. Let



HANDY FARM CRATE.

these be two and a half inches long. The bottom may be of board or slats, as preferred. A board cover can also be fitted to the top, if needed. Such a contrivance makes an exceedingly strong and convenient crate, well adapted for gathering the potato and apple crops.—American Agriculturist.

Trees About Buildings.

The first consideration in planting trees about farm buildings is to shelter them from sun, wind and storm. The need of shade in summer is generally recognized, but too many planters overlook the equal necessity of evergreens to protect from winter winds, and to give a little color to the monotony of the winter landscapes. Evergreens produce an effect in ornamental planting not to be obtained in any other way.

Cheap Husking Peg.

Bend a piece of wire the size of a bucket bale as shown in the engraving. Turn up one end slightly and flatten it somewhat. Have the loop just large enough to slip over the second finger and the forward end sufficiently long to project slightly beyond the forefinger.

Grain in the Orchard.

Do not sow grain in the orchard, especially wheat or rye. Oats may be sown after the orchard is well grown, and pastured down with hogs, with but little bad effect. Never under any circumstances allow thimothy, red-top, blue grass, or any other grass that forms a tough sod, in an orchard. When the orchard is not in cultivation it should be in clover; hogs may be pastured on the clover.

Peanut Butter.

A new article, known as peanut butter, is said to be on the market. It is made from the oil of the peanut, and has the flavor of the nut. Like all other products of similar kind, the con-

sumers must be educated to accept it. It is not injurious, and is considered beneficial to some, but it will not take the place of butter from cream very soon.

Make the Farm Richer.

The farmer who grows large crops and does not make his farm richer every year is losing money, even if he derives a profit from the crops. It is not always necessary to buy manure of fertilizers to add to the fertility of the soil. Proper rotation of crops and the use of green manure, plowed under, will accomplish much. It may, however, at times be cheaper to purchase fertilizers, but, with a system of rotation, and the growing of clover, the cost of fertilizers will be reduced. When the land becomes richer every year the value of the farm is increased correspondingly.

To Renew an Old Orchard.

Renew an old orchard by plowing in the fall and applying a top dressing of barnyard manure, giving each tree about two big wagonloads. In fact, spread it over the entire surface three or four inches deep, and you will be astonished at the results. Your trees will take on a new lease of life, make a good growth, with healthy dark green foliage in the place of the sickly light green of previous years. You will get large crops of excellent fruit. The trouble with most old orchards is that they are hide-bound in grass and starved to death for want of food.

Animals Need Lime.

Lime is necessary for animals as well as for the land, but lime salts exist in the food, predominating in some kinds more than in others. Corn and wheat grains contain but a small proportion of lime, hence young animals, or dams that care to produce young, require other foods than grain. Clover hay contains over twenty times as much lime as corn, while bran is also rich in mineral elements. Leg weakness, slow growth and lack of vigor are frequently the result of foods containing but little lime.

Breaking a Colt to Take the Bit.

Although of uncommonly gentle and docile disposition, and willing to be taught anything required of him, my colt would raise his head and close his teeth when ever he saw anybody approach him with the bridle. After trying all sorts of manipulations without avail, I happened at one of these unpleasant undertakings to put my hand in the corner of his mouth, laying the ends of my fingers on his tongue. This induced him to open his mouth, and, improving this opportunity, I slipped the bit into his mouth. After that, whenever the colt had to be bridled, I proceeded as the illustration explains. Hold the bridle with the right hand up to its proper place for bridling; let the left hand enter his mouth, while the bit rests on the back of the hand near the wrist, and as soon as his mouth opens draw the bit gently into his mouth by slipping the head-stall over his head. A few such operations, not more than four or five, broke my colt completely; he would not only take the bit willingly, but he would come toward you with his mouth wide open ready to be bridled.—G. C. Greiner, in Farm and Fireside.

Yield of a Meadow.

From recent experiments it appears that a meadow will yield about four times as much feed in bulk if made into hay as it will if pastured. But, as it is well known that the young, tender grass of the often-cropped pasture is more nutritious than the older and tougher hay, it was found by a careful test that the advantage in nutrients, digestibility and freedom from cost of harvesting, housing and feeding of pastured fields, will nearly balance the greater yield of hay fields, except on very high-priced lands.

Poultry Notes.

Be sure to feed in a cleanly manner. In cold weather feed a warm breakfast. Extra good poultry always command the best price. A varied diet helps materially the general health of fowls. Do not use artificial stimulants; with poultry the reaction is harmful. Poultry droppings contain all of the fertilizing material in a solid form. Buckwheat can be used to good advantage in making up a variety. Keep the fowls away from the barns, stables and carriage houses; in such places they are a nuisance. Sunflower and sorghum seed can always be fed without threshing. So long as a good variety of food can be given, very little stimulants are needed. As a general rule, young chicks of a fancy breed should not be allowed to go on the roosts until they are three months old. Pekin ducks will grow to a marketable size and attain a greater weight in a given time than ducklings of any other breed.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

REV. DR. TALMAGE ON RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPERS.

If They Have the Right Spirit, He Says, Each One Does More Good than Fifty Pulpits—Editorial Responsibility Is Very Great.

Our Washington Pulpit.

In a previous discourse Dr. Talmage having shown the opportunities of the secular press, in this discourse speaks of the mission of religious newspapers. His text is, "Then I turned and lifted up mine eyes and looked, and behold a flying roll" (Zachariah v. 1).

In a dream the prophet saw something rolled up advancing through the heavens. It contained a divine message. It moved swiftly, as on wings. It had much to do with the destiny of nations. But if you will look up you will see many flying rolls. They come with great speed and have messages for all the earth. The flying rolls of this century are the newspapers. They carry messages human and divine. They will decide the destiny of the hemispheres.

There are in the United States about 20,000 newspapers. The religious newspaper of which I am the editor was born nineteen years ago, but born again seven years ago. In this brief time it has grown to about 200,000 circulation, and, by the ordinary rule of calculating the readers of a paper, it has about 1,000,000 readers. Our country was blessed with many religious journals, edited by consecrated men, while their contributors were the ablest and best of all professions and occupations. Some of those journals for half a century had been dropping their benedictions upon the nation, and they live on and will continue to live on until there will be no more use for their mission, the world itself having become a flying roll on the tempests of the last day, going out of existence. There will be no more use for such agencies when the world ceases, because, in the spiritual state, we shall have such velocity that we can gather for ourselves all the news of heaven, or, seeing some world in conflagration, may go ourselves in an instant to examine personally the scene of disaster.

Was there room for another religious journal in this land, already favored with the highest style of religious journalism? Oh, yes, if undenominational, plenty of room. Nothing can ever take the place of the denominational newspaper. When the millennium comes in, it will find as many denominations as there are now. People, according to their temperaments, will always prefer this or that form of church government, this or that style of worship. You might as well ask us all to live in one house as to ask us all to worship in one denomination or to abolish the regiments of an army in order to make them one great host.

Denominational Papers.

Each denomination must have its own journal, set apart especially to present the charities, explain the work and forward the interests of that particular sect. The death of one denominational journal is a calamity to all the other denominations. I would almost feel that a great misfortune had happened me if The Christian Intelligencer of the Reformed church (my mother church) did not come to my house every week, for I was brought up on it, and it has become a household necessity. Such a denominational journal had better be edited by some one who rocked in the cradle of that church and, ordained at her altars, having become venerable in her service, sits spectated and wise and, with heart full of sacred memories, addresses the living of to-day. In the most sacred crypt of our memory stands the statue of the religious editors Abel Stevens and Joshua Leavitt and the royal family of the Primes, Ireneus and Eusebius, while others linger on the banks of the Jordan, where they will not have long to wait for Elijah's chariot, and when they go up, if we still be sitting at our editorial desks, we will cry out in the memorable words, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!"

But, then, there are great movements in which all denominations wish to join, and we want more undenominational newspapers to marshal and advance and inspire such movements. Yet such journals have a difficult task, because all Christian men, if they have behaved well in their denominations, for some reason prefer the one of their natural and spiritual nativity and, even looking off upon the general field and attempting wider work, will be apt to look at things through denominational preference and to treat them with a denominational twist.

The Undenominational Press.

Undenominational journalism is absolutely necessary to demonstrate the unity of the Christian world. Wide and desperate attempt is made to show that the religion of Jesus Christ is only a battle ground of sects, and the cry has been: "If you want us to accept your religion, agree, gentlemen, as to what the Christian religion really is. This denomination says a few drops of water dripping from the end of the fingers is baptism, and another demands the submergence of the entire body. This one prays with book, and that one makes extemporaneous utterance. The rector of one delivers his sermon in a gown, while the backwoods preacher of another sect addresses the people in his shirt sleeves. Some of your denominations have the majestic dominant in the service and others spontaneity. Some of you think that from all eternity some were predestinated to be saved and that from all eternity others were doomed." Now, it is the business of Young Men's Christian Associations and tract societies and Sunday school unions and pronounced undenominational journals to show the falsity of the charge that we are fighting among ourselves by gathering all Christian denominations on one platform or launching the united sentiment of all Christendom from one style of religious printing press.

Unity, complete unity! Never was any other army on earth so thoroughly united under one flag and inspired by one sentiment and led by one commander as is the church militant. Christ commands all the troops of all denominations of Christians, and they are going to shout together in the final victory when the whole world is redeemed.

But we have in all our denominations got tired of trying to make other people think as we do on all points. The heresy hunters in all denominations are nearly all dead, thank God, and we are learning that when men get wrong in their faith, instead of martyring them by arraignment we do better to wait for the natural roll of years to remove them. Men die,

having pulled it back for one mighty assault, we may altogether rush it forward, crushing into everlasting ruin the last wall of opposition and the last fortress of iniquity.

And now let all of us who are connected with either secular or religious journalism remember that we will be called into final account for every word we write in editorial or reportorial or contributors' column, for every type set, for every press we move and for the style of secular or religious newspaper we patronize or encourage. In Ezekiel's prophecy the angel of God, supposed to be Christ, appears with an inkhorn hung at his side, as an attorney's clerk in olden time had an inkhorn at his side. And I have no doubt the inkhorn will have an important part in the day of judgment, those who have used it well to receive eternal plaudit and those who have misused it to receive condemnation.

On that great day of judgment all the power we have had on earth will be insignificant compared with the power that will pronounce our rapture or our doom and that which might have been considered a joke in the "composing room," because it humiliated an enemy, will be no joke at all amid the wreck of mountains and seas, and the inkhorn will there tell of all we wrote anonymously and under the impersonality of a newspaper, as well as that which was signed with our own name. But the inkhorn by the side of the angel of the new covenant will speak out and tell of what it had to do with all letters of kindness written, with all emancipation proclamations, with all editorial and reportorial eulogies of the good, with all the messages of salvation to a lost world. Not only the inkhorn which Ezekiel saw, but all the inkhorns will come to judgment. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened."

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Old Fashioned Evangelism.

Again, on this seventh anniversary I say there is room for a religious paper charged with old-fashioned evangelism. Other styles of religious newspapers may do for advertising purposes or for the presentation of able essays on elaborate themes, but if this world is ever brought to God it will be through unqualified, unadulterated, unmixed, unmistakable evangelism. It was astounding that the Lord Almighty should have gone into great bereavement, submitting to the loss of his only Son, that Son stepping off the door-sill of heaven into a darkness and an abyss that no plummet has ever yet been able to fathom, and through that funeral of the heavens life is offered to our world. But how to get the tidings to all people and in such an attractive way that they will take hold of them is the absorbing question. The human voice can travel only a few feet away, and the world wants something further and wider reaching, and that is the newspaper press, and as the secular press must necessarily give itself chiefly to secular affairs let the religious newspaper give itself to the present and everlasting salvation of all who can read or, if not able to read, have ears to hear others read. If there be an opportunity higher, deeper, grander, than that offered to newspaper evangelism, name it and guide us to it, that we may see its altars, its pillars, its domes, its infinitude.

An Optimistic Press.

Again, on this seventh anniversary of a religious publication I notice that there is an especial mission for a religious journal truthfully optimistic. The most optimistic book I know of is the Bible, and its most impressive authors were all optimists. David an optimist. Paul an optimist. St. John an optimist. Our blessed Lord an optimist. I cannot look upon a desert but I am by the old book reminded that it will "blossom like as the rose." I cannot in a maner look upon a lion and a leopard but I am reminded that "a little child shall lead them." I cannot see a collection of gems in a jeweler's window without thinking of heaven afire and ablaze and incarnadined and empurpled with all manner of precious stones. I cannot hear a trumpet but I think of that one which shall wake the dead. All the ages of time, bounded on one side by the paradise in which Adam and Eve walked and on the other side by the paradise which St. John saw in apocalyptic vision. The Scriptures optimistic and their authors optimistic, all religious newspapers ought to be optimistic. Not only should all ministers and all religious editors have their heart right, but their liver right. The world has enough trouble of its own without our giving them an extra dose in the shape of religion. This world is going to be saved, and if you do not believe it you are an infidel. None of us wants to get on board a train which, instead of reaching the depot, is surely going down the embankment. All aboard for the millennium! For the most part in a religious journal let the editorials be cheerful and the pictures cheerful. Publish in it more sermons on texts like "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good," and fewer on texts like "Out of the depths of hell have I cried unto thee, O Lord." If any one has anything gloomy to say, let him say it to himself. If he must write it, let him not send it to editorial rooms, but put it in the pigeonhole of his own desk.

Prayers for Religious Papers.

Pray for the religious newspaper of America because of the fact that if they have the right spirit each one does as much good as 5 or 50 or 200 churches. What are the 500 or 5,000 people making up a Sabbath audience compared with the 10,000 or 50,000 or 200,000 that the religious journal addresses? Such journals are pulpits that preach day and night. They reach weekly those who through invalidism or through indifference never enter churches. They reach people in their quietude, when their attention is not distracted as in church by the fine millinery that appeals to the eye or the rustle of attire that attracts the ear. It will always be our duty and our privilege not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but I believe the consecrated printing press is the chief agency under God to save the world.

Prepared for Emergencies.

He was more than 70 years of age, this old soldier, and he walked slowly, feebly along Exchange street, carrying in one hand a huge carpet bag, which looked as if it had seen generations of service. A well-known Buffalo man saw the old soldier.

"Where are you going, my friend?" he asked, kindly.

"I ain't goin' nowhar jest now," was the answer in a troubled, hesitating sort of a way.

"Have you had your breakfast?" was the next question.

"Yaas, I 'et somethin' on the train. I allars carries my feed with me.

"I allars carries a piller with me, too," he said, gaining courage at the sight of a friendly face. "Then I allars know that wherever I be, I'll have a place whar I can lay my head," and the old man pointed to the side of his carpet bag, on which was strapped a small pillow, encased in a slip of white, trimmed with coarse lace.

"Yer see, when I strike a place whar I can rest a bit, it's sorter nice to have a piller handy," he said, by way of explanation, as he got on a street car which would take him to his destination, and thanked the Buffalo man for paying his fare.—Buffalo Commercial.

The Duchess d'Uzes, whose escape from the Paris bazaar fire is memorable, is exceedingly rich, an accomplished musician and sculptor, an intrepid horsewoman and passionately fond of fox hunting.

HERO OF 1812.

Sole Survivor of the Constitution and Guerriere Fight.

Mayor Strong had a notable visitor recently in the person of Maj. William H. Garland, an ancient mariner, 95 years old, the sole survivor of the great battle between the Constitution and the Guerriere, which was fought on Aug. 19, 1812.

"I remember the battle well," said Maj. Garland, in answer to a question asked by the mayor, "though I was only 10 years old. I was on the Constitution as a 'powder monkey,' and took much pride in the victory—which was won after a half hour's most daring fighting—as any of the men and officers. Then I was in the fight with the Java four months later, when we served her as we had the Guerriere.

"I know I am the sole survivor of that crew of the Constitution; and have reason to believe that I am the only survivor of the navy of 1812.

"When Lafayette was here in 1824 I was appointed on his escort by President Monroe. Early in 1826 I accompanied Lafayette to France on the Brandywine.

"I also saw the great Napoleon, and believe I am the only living American who ever had that honor. It was at St. Helena. He spoke to me in good English, and, laying his hand on my head, he said, 'My young man, I hope your life will be a more happy and successful one than mine has been.' "I knew President Monroe very well, for he was quite intimate with my father, who, like myself, was born and reared in Virginia; and I think I remember him particularly well because of his apple orchard, where I went frequently with other boys, but with his permission, for he was always kind, to young folks, and used to pick the ripe apples for us. I attended his funeral, as I did that of Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was a frequent visitor to our house, and I used to enjoy having him talk politics with my father.

"I was honorably discharged from the United States navy in 1834, and went to my home at Hampton," continued Maj. Garland. "When the war broke out in 1861 I was parted from many friends and relatives, for I stood by the old flag, while they went with the South. I came to New York, joined the Fifty-Sixth New York Infantry, then the Lincoln cavalry, and afterward the Sixteenth Massachusetts. I was through the war from Bull Run to Appomattox. After the battle of Antietam Gen. McClellan made me a major.

"When the war was over I returned to my home at Hampton, and have lived there since. I am now on my way to attend the anniversary celebration of the victories of the old Ironside fleet, which is to be held the 21st of this month."

Mayor Strong showed great pleasure at meeting the veteran of two wars, who, in spite of several wounds, the loss of the sight of one eye, and a form bowed by years, is able to walk quite well with the aid of a cane and crutch. His hair is white, and his long beard of the same color flows over numerous gold and silver medals that are on his left breast. He is apparently proud of these, though he did not speak of them. But he was quick to exhibit his pension papers and other credentials that verify the story he tells.—New York Herald.

DON'T.

Don't steal another man's good name, even if your own is worn out.

Don't raise your hand against your husband—both hands are plenty.

Don't pattern after the busy little bee. It's the other fellow that eats the honey.

Don't mopolize one color in your make-up. A ruby nose spoils the effect of ruby lips.

Don't bet with your wife, unless you are prepared to lose, whether you win or not.

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. Sell him for what you can get and let the other fellow look.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. Form your opinion from the wearing apparel of his wife.

Don't be a clam. If you must be anything of that kind, be a turtle. Then you will have a little snap about you.

Don't take a bull by the horns. Take him by the tail and then you can let go without getting some one to help you.

The Pearl Oyster.

The pearl oyster is the animal from which those highly-valued ornaments, pearls, are extracted. The pearl is nothing more than "naacre," deposited in the shape of globular drops instead of being spread over the inner surface of the shell, in which case it is known as Mother-of-Pearl.

These valuable shells are found both in the old and new world. Ceylon is very famous for its pearl fisheries. The fishermen are trained to remain a long time under water, and are assisted in their descent to the bottom of the sea by a heavy weight tied to their feet. They rapidly gather all the pearl oysters in their way into a basket, and when in want of air give a signal to their friends above, who draw them to the surface by a rope. The oysters are then left to putrefy for some weeks, when they are carefully washed, and the pearls extracted.

Three Costly Crowns.

The value of the jewels in the British crown is about \$1,800,000, or a little over one-fifth of the cost of the crown of little Portugal, which is estimated at \$8,500,000. The Sultan of Johore, however, on state occasions glitters in diamonds, the value of those in his crown and worn on his person being not less than \$12,000,000.

A Massachusetts man, 72 years old, was recently sent for two years to the penitentiary for stealing three hens.

Misery by the Wholesale.
Is what chronic inactivity of the liver gives rise to. Blue gets into the blood and imparts a yellow tint, the tongue fouts, and so does the breath, sick headache, pain beneath the right ribs and shortness of breath are felt. The bowels become constipated and the stomach disordered. The proven remedy for this catalogue of evils is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine long and profitably recommended, and sovereign also for chills and fever, nervousness and rheumatism.

Mrs. Fremont, the widow of General Fremont, is living a quiet life in California. The beautiful home where Mrs. Fremont resides was presented to her by the ladies of Los Angeles as a token of their tender regard. Congress also, in recognition of General Fremont's valued services, granted her a pension of \$2,000 a year.

Great Distress

A Combination of Troubles Causes Much Suffering.

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March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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A piece of machinery run by steam and overworked will become cranky, creaky and out of gear, owing to some expansion of metal from heat and friction. Stop its work, rub and brighten and let it rest. In a short while it will be restored and will run smoothly. The human system is a machine. Too much work and worry are thrown upon it; too much of the heat of daily business. The nerves become cranky; they are restless, sleepless and twitchy, and a neuralgic condition sets in. Pain throws the machine out of gear and it needs rest and treatment to strengthen and restore. St. Jacobs Oil is the one remedy of all, peculiarly adapted to a prompt and sure cure. So many have so freely testified from experience and use to its efficacy in the cure of neuralgia that it passes without saying that it surely cures. It will be a gracious surprise to many after the free use of it to find how easily pain, cares and worry may be lifted, and how smoothly the human machine goes on.

A Unique Calling.
There is a wide-awake young woman in Chicago who is supporting herself quite comfortably by taking care of other people's birds and flowers. She calls herself a "bird and flower attendant," and goes daily from house to house of her patrons, feeding and watering pet birds and cleaning their cages, watering and trimming drawing-room plants and window-boxes, cleansing their leaves, giving them a dose of fertilizer when they need it, and in other ways keeping her feathered and vegetable patients in good condition. She flatters herself that she is the only woman in this country following such a vocation.

Trains to the South Resumed.
Information comes from the passenger department of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company that all their trains have been resumed, and schedules restored. These include a double daily solid train service from Cincinnati, Chicago, Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis to Nashville, Memphis, Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, Pensacola and New Orleans. Also a double daily service of Pullman buffet sleeping cars from the Northern cities to Jacksonville, Florida.

Smothered Fires.
When smothered, fire will burn and smolder a long time without giving signs of its existence. Considerably over a year ago the Masonic temple in Providence was burned to the ground. On a recent afternoon the workmen, while tearing down a portion of the wall which was left standing on one side, found quite a fire in progress. They first saw the smoke, and when they had pulled down the wall, the smoldering embers were fanned to life by the wind.

\$100 Reward, \$100.
The reader of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Immense as is the value of the gold taken from the California mines since the discovery of the precious metal there, it could all be contained in a room 40 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 15 feet high.

Didn't Agree with Her.
A young woman of Worcester, England, who tried eating wax candles to improve her complexion, died of the dose.

Lane's Family Medicine
Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

The ur-heen, or Chinese violin, in shape resembles an ordinary hammer with its handle. It has two strings, and is played with a bow.
TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.
We do not get enough spiritual help all at once to last us forever. It is gradual, and we must look for it constantly.
Agents Wanted!—Free outfit. One earns \$4,000, several \$1,000 yearly. P. O. 1871, New York.

THIS IS SAVAGERY!

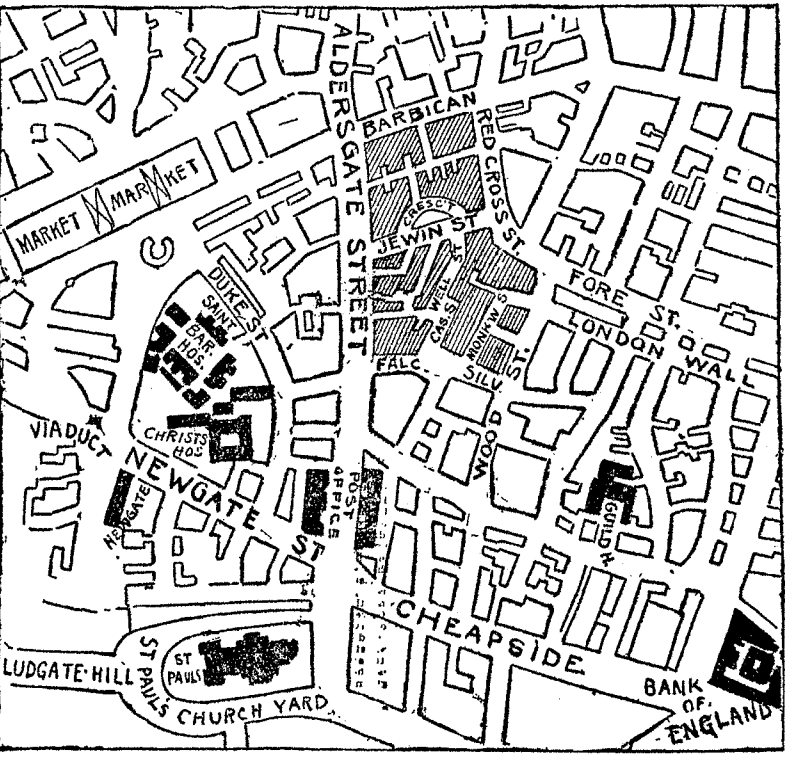
WAR'S AWFUL HORRORS ON THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

Conditions Under Weyler's Inhuman Policy Find No Parallel in Any Stage of Civilization—Hundreds of Thousands of Helpless Starved to Death.

Sacrifice of Human Life.
An investigation conducted by the New York World into the horrible conditions affecting Cuba under the bloody and inhuman policy of Weyler discloses the fact that 75 per cent of the 400,000 helpless women and children whom Weyler forced to live in starvation, misery and disease in the fortified towns—in other words, the reconcentrados—have perished. The spectacle is the worst presented in any age or in any stage of civilization, and unless heroic efforts are made under the more humane Gen. Blanco the epidemic conditions of the small towns will annihilate the remainder of the reconcentrados.

The World shows that one of the best places where the country people were confined was the estate of Central Suia, owned by the American citizen Perfecto Sacoste. The actual figures of the death rate there show an almost unbelievable state of affairs. When the estate was fortified Sacoste allowed only the vigorous men whom he could use during the sugar season to remain. With their families there were 2,000 persons. To-day there are not 500 left. The 1,500 perished of hunger.

There was no epidemic. Sacoste planted vegetable gardens for their support, but exactly as in most of the zones of cultivation the insurgents got the produce. The creek banks are absolutely filled with the buried. There is not a square yard of ground about the forts that is not taken for a grave. Between two slabs



MAP OF LONDON IN THE VICINITY OF THE FIRE. [Shaded portion represents the burned district.]

of palm bark for a coffin each miserable skeleton has been buried a few inches under ground.
In the small towns the misery seems to be growing. The register of the priest of Artemisa parish shows a total of 3,000 deaths for a period of 73 years before the war. Since Weyler's infamous "Brando" the deaths have been 5,123.

Seventy-three years of peace cost not much more than half the lives lost in one year of Spanish war. And the dead victims of Weyler's hate were not rebels.
At Artemisa deaths continue eight to ten per day. No food is being issued by the authorities, as there is none there. In Madruga during October 422 people died. The town had 3,500 inhabitants. At Guines there is shelter neither for the troops nor for the non-combatants, and both are dying fast. The "reconcentrados" have absolutely nothing to eat. In one day, Nov. 10, my informant states that 600 persons died—all presumably from hunger.

In one small house the correspondent found seventy persons. Two dead bodies lay upon the earthen floor, uncovered. The packed living ones, most of them seated upon the mud, paid no attention to the dead. Despair and weakness made them indifferent.
At Trinidad the greater majority of the inhabitants have nothing left to eat. In Ysabel and Cuevitas it is the same. Almost all of Guatara's "reconcentrados" are dead. And in Pinar del Rio the correspondent of a Havana official paper states that "little children scratch with bloody fingers in the ground for the small roots of sweet potatoes, their mothers holding their miserable offspring to sterile bosoms."

Nor are the reconcentrados the only ones who have perished and are perishing in the horrible war. The Spanish soldiers have died rapidly or have become disabled. As nearly as can be conservatively computed from official figures, little more than half are left alive and well of the 180,000 vigorous peasant lads Spain sent to Cuba. The figures are:
Died in hospitals.....32,000
Killed and died on the field.....12,000
Sent back to Spain as "inutile".....25,000
Now in hospitals.....12,000
Total.....81,000

Of this enormous number it is improbable that more than 5,000 met death or disability from Cuban bullets, even during the real fighting of the invasion and the six months thereafter. Gen. Maceo estimated for the World that not more than 3,000 Spanish soldiers had fallen in battle. That was in August, 1896. Since then very little fighting has been done.

Sparks from the Wires.
The Burlington road has declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent.
Heavy rains and floods in the south of France have closed all railway communication with Spain.
Garrett A. Hobart has resigned from the Joint Traffic Association. His successor will be appointed at the next meeting.
A catboat manned by Andrew Foley, William and Oliver Wells, was upset in a squall in Shinnecock bay, L. I., and all were drowned.

SWEPT BY FIRE.

London Scourged by a Visitation of Flames.

One of the most disastrous fires in London's history since the great fire of 1666 broke out in a large block of buildings lying eastward of Aldersgate street and between that thoroughfare and Red Cross street, just after 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. Over 100 warehouses were destroyed and the loss will probably exceed \$3,000,000. The flames were fanned by a strong wind and were fed by highly inflammable stocks of Christmas fancy goods and flimsy dress materials of all descriptions that filled every floor of the six-story buildings in the old street. Consequently the conflagration gained headway with surprising rapidity and was soon far beyond the possibility of being checked by the few engines which were early on the spot.

For four hours and a half the flames had their own way, and it was only after more than a hundred engines had worked for an hour that the chief of the fire brigade sent out the signal that the fire was under control. At 11 o'clock at night the fire was still the scene of great excitement. Fifty engines were playing upon the ruins, and tons of water were pouring into the fiery debris.

Thousands of people tried to penetrate the cordon maintained by a thousand policemen, re-enforcements for whom were hurried up when, soon after 6 o'clock, an increase in the outbreak led Commander Wells to make a requisition for more engines upon the outlying stations. The scene will occupy the fire brigade for several days, especially in view of the grave danger of the collapse of shells of buildings which fall now and again with a loud report.

Hansell street was the scene of the outbreak of the fire, which was due to an explosion in connection with a gas engine on the premises of Walter Brown & Co., mantle manufacturers at No. 30 on that thoroughfare. Their third factory was

Better than All of Them.

Mocha coffee, from Yemen in Arabia, is reputed to be the best; but the principal supplies are now obtained from Ceylon, Java, the West Indies, Brazil and Central America. No matter where it comes from, every berry of it contains caffeine, which is a slow poison. The more coffee you drink the more your nerves are disordered and your digestion injured. Coffee makes you fidgety and wakeful, then you take sedatives to quiet you. A bad business all around. Break it up by using Grain-O instead of coffee. Made from pure grains, it is a true food and beverage as well as a delightful beverage. Make this change and you will soon cease to realize that you have a nerve in your system. The coming table drink is Grain-O. Packages 15c or 25c. each—one-fourth the cost of coffee.

Displaced.
Watts—The displacement of men by machinery has been great in recent years.
Potts—And it is still going on. Only yesterday I was going across Pennsylvania street and found myself displaced by a bicycle with great precipitancy.—Indianapolis Journal.

Excursions for Home-seekers.
On Dec. 7 and 21 the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway will sell round-trip excursion tickets from Chicago to a great many points in the Western, Southwestern and Northwestern States, both on its own line and elsewhere, at greatly reduced rates. Details as to rates, routes, etc., may be obtained on application to Ticket Agent, 95 Adams street, Chicago.

Going by the Wind.
There is a clock in Brussels which has never been wound up by human hands. It is kept going by the wind.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. Baker, 4228 Regent Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, '95.

Disaffected people are, as a rule, loafers.
As that twinge! Why, you're rheumatic. Seek relief in Hunter's Kidney Pills. Sold by Druggists.

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

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Every man has reason to blush when he presents his bill.

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE.

Heat, sense of tenderness and swelling of a part, are all indications that there is need of instant repair—the stitch in time. Where these symptoms exist on the left or the right side of the womb, disease of the ovary is setting in, and soon there will be, if there is not already established, a discharge, trifling at first, but later copious and irritating. Soon, also, there will be felt dull, dragging pains radiating from the ovary.

Do not, my sister, let your malady go so far, but those of you who are already suffering in this way should begin at once a course of treatment with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It will restore the organs to their normal condition.

In this connection Mrs. E. L. MYERS, Quakake, Pa., says: "My ovaries were badly diseased, and for almost a year I suffered with severe burning pains which were almost unendurable, and a dull, heavy pain in the lower portion of my back. If standing I was most relieved with my foot resting on a stool or chair. The doctor told me I would have to take my bed and keep quiet. I had not used half a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound before it worked wonders with me. I now owe my health to the Compound. To those who are suffering from diseases peculiar to women, I would say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is just what they need."

Mrs. Pinkham wishes to befriend you, and if you will write her at Lynn, Mass., telling her just how you feel, she will give you the very best advice free of charge. Think what a privilege it is to be able to write to a woman who is learned in all these matters, and willing to advise you without charge.

"Use the Means and Heaven Will Give You the Blessing." Never Neglect A Useful Article Like SAPOLIO



Some time ago a dressmaker of my acquaintance spoke with me about a mass of disgusting pimples, very inflamed and angry looking, which had broken out on her face and around the corners of her mouth. She had been poisoned, she said, by biting off the ends of colored sewing silks used in connection with her work. The pimples had increased in size and unsightliness and had become a source of much distress and annoyance. I recommended Ripans Tablets for a trial, and for several weeks she took them three times a day according to directions. At first the Tablets proved to her, by throwing to the surface more pimples than she had originally, that her blood was badly out of order. Perverting in the use of Ripans Tablets the eruption gradually disappeared, and now not a vestige of the disorder remains. A more ardent indorser of Ripans Tablets than she it would be hard to find. They are worth their weight in gold to any one similarly affected.

A new style pack containing TEN RIBANS TABLETS in a paper carton (without glass) is now for sale at some drug stores—FOR FIVE CENTS. This low priced pack is intended for the poor and the economical. One dozen of the five-cent cartons (25 tablets) can be had by mail by sending forty-eight cents to the RYAN'S CHEMICAL COMPANY, No. 10 Spruce Street, New York—or a single carton (ten tablets) will be sent for five cents.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.
Best Cough Syrup. Taste Good. Use in Time. Sold by druggists.

A Missionary Medicines.
Cleanliness begins with life. If a man isn't clean inside, he is far from Godliness. A constipated sinner is a stench in the nostrils of the Deity. A man whose food soured in his stomach, and whose liver is laden, can't help looking at the world hatefully with jaundiced eye, and conjuring up evil thoughts in his tortured brain. Cleanliness of person begets cleanliness of thought. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic are the missionary medicine which purifies men's bodies and minds. Pure, fragrant, palatable, mild and positive, they clean out the intestinal canal, stimulate the liver and strengthen the bowels. Then a man enjoys again a feeling of charity and brotherly love for his fellows and recommends others to take Cascarets and be as happy as he.

Rolling Prisons of Texas.
Texas, according to those who have driven through the State, has some queer ways. The climate is said to be the hottest, coldest, wettest and driest in all the country.
Convicts work on the roads in this State. Following the chain gang is a wagon conveying a big cage, in which bloodhounds are kept in the daytime. The dogs, of course, are used to track escaped prisoners. At night the brutes are turned out and the convicts sleep in the cage. The chain gang processions are seen on the roads summer and winter.—Toledo Blade.

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CURE YOURSELF!

Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of a mucous membrane. Failure and no attraction. THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO. GENERAL DISPENSERS, CINCINNATI, O.

Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 3 bottles for \$2.50. Circular sent on request.

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Coming Events.

POWERS' OLD PHONE 23, NEW PHONE 2004.

—SATURDAY—
Matinee and Night
Primrose & West's
MINSTRELS

GRAND THE POPULAR PLAYHOUSE
10c, 15c, 50c, 75c.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST

FOR - THIRTY - DAYS - MORE

— The Great —

MONEY SAVING, CUT PRICE

SPECIAL SALE

of the **J. E. ACKERSON HARNESS CO.** is to Be Continued.

Like a first-class, rattling good story, our friends will be pleased to know that we have decided to "Continue" our Special Cut Price Sale during the entire month of December. Some of our friends were not ready to purchase yet; and believing it to be good business policy to allow all a chance to take advantage of these unmatched low prices, and besides we are in position to do it—Why? Because we have discovered that the right and only way to do business to the mutual advantage of both seller and buyer is for **Spot Cash.** No man on earth that does business on the old time and eternity credit method can buy or sell at the same prices that are granted the man that holds out the **Coin.** And from this minute until **Friday Evening, December 31,** we shall continue to offer for **Coin** the best goods at prices that will be hammered and slashed as they never were before.

Harness and Horse Goods.

We haven't room to quote prices on our immense line, but we will cut the prices even lower than we have during November.

Here is a sample:

Our own make double Farm Harness, pure oak leather, XC or Jap trimmings, steel bound hames, extra heavy lines, thong sewed collars, all hand made and every strap, buckle and stitch warranted, worth \$30 of any man's money, but during this sale or while they last only **\$.23.65**

It is a hard nut for competitors to crack, but as Rock Young used to say, "It is no trouble to show goods *where you've got 'em.*"

We Have Got 'Em.

In single Harness we have the finest and largest assortment of strictly high grade hand made jobs in western Michigan. We have not room on this circular to give the full list and prices, but we wish to say right here that during this sale we shall cut the price long and deep, and you can't buy a harness anywhere else as cheap as you can here during this sale—and don't you forget it.

Gloves and Mittens.

Right here we wish to earnestly thank the people for the very generous patronage they have seen fit to extend to our new line. It has exceeded anything we ever dreamed of and we promise you that in the future as in the past month we will always give you the best Gloves and Mittens obtainable, at prices *always the cheapest.* We have actually had to purchase five bills of Gloves and Mittens within the past thirty days, and today we have as fine a line as you will see anywhere.

A good wool knit Mitten, long wrist, per pair.....12c
Mule skin Gloves or Mittens, per pair.....21c
An extra heavy wool knit driving Mitten, extra long warm wrist 32c
The famous fire-proof special oil tanned calf skin Mitten, with long wool wrist and full lined, per pair.....52c
A dandy gent's Mitten, soft oil tanned goat skin, long wool wrist, fleece lined throughout, we sell them for, per pair.....32c
A fine wool Glove, double knit and filled extra length wrists, a very fine gent's driving Glove, regular 65c grade, per pair 47c

For the boys we have a nice line of both Gloves and Mittens and an inspection will prove to you that we are *always the cheapest.*

Sundries--Rare Bargains.

The famous N. Y. Carriage Grease in tin boxes, worth 20c, during this sale.....13c, 2 for 25c
U. S. Axle Grease in round steel boxes worth 10c, now only.....7c, 3 for 20c
Best hemp Cattle Ropes worth 12c, now only.....10c
Heavy web Halters with rope tie, formerly 25c, now...18c
Heavy 5 ring leather Halter, heavy rope tie, formerly \$1, now.....67c
Heavy Sweat Pads, the 35c kind, now.....23c
German Snaps, 4 to 1 inch, regular price 35c dozen, now 18c dozen
White Metal Champion Snaps, best on earth, regular price 50c dozen, now.....25c dozen
A good Surcingle, stout strap and buckle, worth 25c, now 15c each
Best 25c Horse Brush in town, leather back.....18c each
A first-class Brush worth 60c, leather back, now only...38c each
Big heavy leather back Brush, all bristles warranted, always sold at \$1, now.....73c each
Bickmore's famous Gall Cure during this sale only....4c each
The regular 10c Curry Comb.....7c each
A first-class steel Curry Comb.....12c each
A larger and better one.....12c each
The genuine Frank Miller's Harness Soap, 20c regular

Plush Robes.
From \$1.35 up to \$10.00.

Fur Robes.
From \$3.12 up to \$17.00.

25 Per Cent. Off on the Entire Stock of Robes.

Trunks, Valises, Whips, &c.
25 Per Cent. Off.

The Best Harness Oil on Earth
60 Cents Per Gal.

Duck Coats.

Another new departure. Come in and see how they compare with others.

A genuine duck coat, wool lined, regular price \$1.25; For this sale only.....87c

A better duck coat, double breasted ulster corduroy collar; regular price \$1.75; For this sale only...1.29

A better duck coat, wool and rubber lined throughout body and sleeves; regular price \$2.50; For this sale only.....1.72

Another good duck coat, double breasted, corduroy ulster collar, all wool lining throughout body and sleeves; regular price \$2.50; For this sale only.....1.72

The best duck coat on the market, extra heavy and extra long and extra heavy all wool lining double breasted, heavy corduroy ulster collar; regular price \$3.50; For this sale only.....2.48

Our Terms

Are **STRICTLY CASH**, but for all sums over **Ten Dollars** we will accept first-class endorsed paper for any amount with the time to suit your convenience from one month to one year at 7 per cent interest. Such paper with our present arrangements is as good as **SPOT CASH.** And we want all we can get of it.

Horse Blankets.

Probably you have noticed that we have been selling piles of Horse Blankets. Well, why shouldn't we? We will bet that you don't see any flies on these prices:

A first-class hemp Stable Blanket, lined, and two adjustable girths—some of the famous cheap (?) stores in surrounding towns offer them to you at \$1.25 and say they beat the world—we wonder if they really do—we sell 'em at.....1.18 each

The best Stable Blanket in town, always sold at \$1, large size, strong buckle and strap, during this sale only......72

A good, durable, square Horse Blanket, strong and warm, formerly \$1, during this sale......67

A first-class, fancy plaid, all wool Blanket, 76x80, square street blanket. 5-A make, warranted worth \$3.25, during this sale.....2.38

All other Horse Blankets and Robes 25 per cent off.

We offer an extra length all black fur coat; heavy collar, elegant quilted lining; it would be a great bargain at \$18 during this sale only.....13.87

A better one with sleeves reinforced with leather, worth \$19, during this sale only.....14.87

— Long John's Old Stand —

"The Little One Horse Harness Shop."

LADIES-- Before you make your final selections of Christmas Goods for the men folks, come in and see what we offer you; we have got the goods the men folks like, and we will save you money on every purchase. Be sure and come to the right place. A stranger might imagine on first entering town that Middleville was ALL harness stores, but we assure you it is not quite so. Yours for business,

The J. E. Ackerson Harness Co.,
MIDDLEVILLE, - MICHIGAN.

—TO-NIGHT—
Isham's Octoroons
Dec. 6-7-8—"FALLEN AMONG THIEVES."

All members of the W. R. C. are requested to be present at our next meeting, the annual election of officers, Dec. 4.

Reading club meets with Mrs. Ferguson Wednesday Dec. 8, at 2:30 p. m. Program for the afternoon:
Responses—James Russell Lowell.
Paper—Review "Bigelow Papers."

Spelling.....Mrs. French
Roman History.....Mrs. Hendrick
Questions on History.....Mrs. Johnson
Questions—For what is Michigan most famous? How does the Governor influence Legislation?.....Mrs. A. A. Matteson

CHURCH NOTICES.

Evangelical church, Leighton, P. Scheurer, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. The above services are German. Young people's services every Sunday evening in the English language. English preaching first Sunday evening of each month.

M. E. church, J. C. Dorris, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning, "No Compromise with Sin." Subject for the evening, "The Divine Fire Always Burning on the Altar." Epworth League, 6 p. m. Subject, "Conviction for Sin." Ora Metzgar, leader. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. at the M. E. parsonage. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Come and worship with us.

Baptist church, Walter A. Bias, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning topic, "The Tried Word." Bible school at the close of morning services. B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Preaching at the prairie school house at 3 p. m., standard time. The third illustrated sermon will be given in the evening. Hymns and pictures will be placed upon the screen by the use of a stereopticon. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Sacred literature class Friday, 7 p. m. Covenant meeting, Saturday, 2 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "A New Commandment." Subject for the evening, "The One Thing to Do." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Subject, "Serving Others and Its Rewards." Leader, Ross Armstrong. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Subject, "Not to Be Ministered Unto, But to Minister." Leader, Miss Franc Barnes. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. A most cordial welcome to all services.

GENTS ENTERTAIN.

The ladies of the Congregational church and Aid society have prevailed upon their husbands, sons and brothers to serve the supper of the Aid society Dec. 3 at the church parlors from 5 to 7 o'clock and, considering the quality and quantity of the supper, a charge of 15 cents to all will be made. The following eminent gentlemen will have charge of the different departments: Table No. 1, Dr. S. C. Rich, chief waiter; E. F. Blake, M. S. Johnson, associates. Table No. 2, John McQueen, chief waiter; C. A. Bandfield, P. H. Richards, associates. Table No. 3, J. W. Saunders, chief waiter; Chas. Campbell, Will French, associates. Table No. 4, W. K. Liebler, chief waiter; W. J. Hayward, O. M. Hullinger, associates. Table No. 5, Chas. L. McLisohy, chief waiter; John L. Broughton, E. D. Matteson, associates. Cashier, R. T. French. Reception committee, Chas. Cook, sr., R. E. Combs, Chas. McQueen, David Brodie, Geo. Dexter, Dr. Matteson, M. F. Jordan, Archie McQueen, M. A. Dietrich, E. W. Shaw, H. L. Moore, S. Campbell, A. Wilcox, J. D. Dietrich, M. M. Hodges, W. D. Gardner, G. E. Gardner, A. M. Gardner, D. Campbell, J. B. Campbell, John Campbell, Aaron Clark, Chas. Spreen, Wm. L. Cobb, F. D. Pratt, Warren Russell, Orlando Thomas, A. A. Dibble, M. F. Dowling, W. Babcock, Chas. Rogers, F. L. Blake, Calvin Barrell, T. D. French, M. L. Matteson, David Matteson, John Cook, F. Heany, Carvers, J. W. Armstrong, M. Rosenber. In charge of cooking department, H. Appleton, A. P. Dibble, Geo. Willson, Walter Babcock, Chas. Brandstetter, J. C. Otto, John Beach, Wm. Coman, Vern Shay, C. E. Stokoe. The Bell Quartet and Messrs. Peeps and Abbott will furnish music during supper. No ladies will be admitted to the kitchen lest some of the secrets of the cuisine might be divulged.

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