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Neighborhood Notes

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BOWEN'S MILLS.

Your scribe has slipped a couple of cogs in not getting in a few items. To tell the facts, didn't have the items. No goers or comers, no births or deaths, except on Broad st. Fred Dumaresq has a great big smile on his face. It's a girl.

Christmas tree, or rather a ship, loaded with presents with a fine program will be held Christmas eve at the people's church. The little ones are in it for all they are worth and their expectations are as high as Santa Claus when the old chap is coming out of the chimney with his pack of toys on his back, but one little fellow says, "I've found out all about Santa Claus; can't fool me no more. It's dad an' mam that put the things in my stockings. I guess I know."

Tuttle Garrett was in this locality the first of the week selling his wire fence.

Mr. [illegible], who has been working the T. B. [illegible] farm now owned by Mr. Blake [illegible] Grand Rapids, moved this week [illegible]ledonia.

Sensi[illegible] and Willson have bought the Mrs. De[illegible]e timber and will work it into ties.

Mrs. Trimmer, a former resident of this town, whose husband died of consumption a year ago, died Sunday with this same fatal malady at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Tinker, in Irving.

Bert Dawson, the medicine and show man, after putting in another week, went to Wayland for a week. He is a splendid actor and is a gentleman.

BOWNE BUDGET.

Dec. 13.—The preaching services at this place last Sunday even[illegible] were conducted by Rev. Deal of Climax. Mr. Wesbrook is slowly recovering.

The day school and Sunday school are making arrangements to give the people a fine program for Christmas. Let one and all be present and hear what they have to say. The Christmas exercises at the church will be Christmas eve.

Hermen Day of this place, left last Tuesday for Battle Creek, and it is rumored that when he returns, he will bring his bride.

Bert Scott, who has been making his home with his uncle, George Salsbury, will leave Tuesday for his home at Crystal.

Rev. Deal and wife will make their departure this week for Climax.

Mr. Markley recently heard from his two sons, who left in Sept. for Klondike. They have passed the Chilcoot Pass, and have endured many hardships, but are still determined to push on to the "Gold Fields".

There are many farmers between here and Middleville, who lose annually four times the subscription price of the SUN, because they do not subscribe for it and keep posted on the local markets. If you don't believe it, try it three months for a quarter and compare quotations which are corrected weekly on going to press.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Dec. 14—The funeral of the Rev. Manuel Bechtel's child (who died near Lakeview, Mich.) was held at the Mennonite church last Thursday. Services conducted by Rev. Mr. Schantz. The remains were buried in the Parmelee cemetery.

The young people of Shiloh practiced singing at the home of Orange Thomas Sunday.

Fred Andler is improving this weather plowing.

Your cor. and wife attended the funeral of Elder Moore at your town Sunday and as we saw the casket of the old veteran of the cross lowered to it's last resting place these words of the psalmist came to our mind: "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

Chas. Mungerson was in this vicinity yesterday buying hogs.

Rev. Manuel Bechtel will preach at the Mennonite church next Sunday.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Dec. 13.—Who will you send the SUN to as a Christmas present?

Things seem to be thriving in East Caledonia lately. Mr. E. J. T. is the proprietor of a milk wagon, which furnishes a patron with half a pint of milk a day.

Hunting seems to be the order of the day. Shot and powder flew thick and fast here Sunday.

Lewis Smith, Lewis Schrader and Fred Bowen were hunting in Barry Co. Saturday.

Those who were on the sick list for a few days last week were, Mrs. L. Smith and S. Proctor.

Mrs. O. B. Barbour was in Middleville last Tuesday.

Henry Winks was in Freeport on business, last Thursday.

Berna and John Winks are attending school in Clarksville.

Cut glass toothpick holders at C. E. Stokoe's.

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IRVING INKLINGS.

Epworth League next Sunday evening, will be led by Mrs. Gertie Comins. Sub. "The Miracle of Regeneration". 1 Cor. vi:11.

The oyster supper given by the young men last Thursday evening, was a grand success in every way. They deserve great praise for the way they carried out their program and waited upon the ladies. Receipts of the evening, $11.60.

This year the Christmas exercises will be held in the Cong'l church, Friday evening Dec. 24. Arrangements are being made to make it a very enjoyable event and an invitation is extended to everyone to come and join with them. There will be a box filled for a mission Sunday school in the north and the children are asked and urged to bring something, for, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

The subject for the debate next Wednesday evening is, "Resolved that Arbitration should take the place of War".

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stowell visited in Woodland over Sunday.

Miss Grace Hendershott returned from Detroit Wednesday of last week. John Henning accomponied her.

Miss India Mathews of Hastings, spent Sunday at M. Poff's.

Mrs. Minnie Spaulding is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Chas. Williams.

Mrs. Trimmer died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tinker, Monday morning. The funeral services will be held in the M. E. church Tuesday at 11. She has been a great sufferer for a long time and the family have the sympathy of the community.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Miss Matilda Steeby, who has been working in Middleville, has returned home.

A. C. Jones, who has been visiting in Ohio, has returned home.

Christmas will be observed at the Corning M. E church on Thursday eve Dec. 23. At the Evangelical church on Friday eve. Dec. 24.

Revival meetings are still in progress at the Zions church. An invitation is extended to all. Perhaps your presence will have an influence on some one. We ask part of your prayers for the good of these meetings.

Quraterly meeting will be held at the M. E. church at Corning, Sunday Dec. 26, at 10 a. m. P. E. Graham will have charge of the meeting. Lord's Supper after services, to which all are cordially invited.

Chas. Smith of Allegan, is the guest of Geo. Willson.

A letter from Daunt, Cal., tells us that Mrs. Ed. Bourchier formerly of this place, was married to Mr. Pohland, Mr. B. having died a few years ago.

NORTH IRVING.

B. Walker was in Freeport Monday.

L. French of Detroit, was a guest of Geo. Hubbard last week.

Will Trego jr., is home from the west.

Merry Christmas is coming. Get ready for it.

Grace Zerbe attended the Aubil—Bedford wedding last week.

Mrs. Minnie Spaulding of Detroit, is home for the vacation.

F. Sutherland and friend from Hudson, N. Y., have been quite busy lately looking for clover seed.

Charles Sylvester and R. Brown attended church here Sunday evening.

Maude Kelley of Hastings, was a guest of Mrs. Coulter a part of last week.

Mrs. Williams of Irving attended Aid last Thursday.

Mrs. Ray Henyon is visiting her parents, Mr. Calkins people, and friends here at present.

Miss Loia Smith is home from Middleville.

Miss Flora Trego is quite busy at present taking care of a felon.

NORTH ORANGEVILLE.

Harvey Count has a bad foot wound caused by running a spike through his foot.

Mrs. Laura Powers has a new bicycle.

E. Ford and wife were at the county seat Saturday.

Byron Scribner was in Wayland Saturday night and Sunday.

The bit of sleighing was enjoyed while it lasted.

Mrs. Ell Count received word Saturday of the death of her mother, Mrs. Gibson, who was a resident of this place a few years ago, but later of northern Michigan.

Mrs. Maud Powers was the guest of her parents last week.

I do not know who will be the last to secure his corn crop, but by the way things look it will be David Townsend.

Wives of this locality ought to subscribe for THE SUN as a Christmas present to their husbands, sons and daughters.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, Curtis Fleck of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 48-5

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

Dec. 13—Learn to write 1898.

Send THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN to some friend for a Christmas present.

Quite a company from Prairieville attended the all day meeting last Wednesday. Rev. Mr. Fletcher of Plainwell was listened to with deep interest.

Rev. Mr. Berry will continue meetings this week; bible study every afternoon, an all day meeting Wednesday. The pastor of the First Baptist church of Battle Creek has been invited to be present and speak to the people on that day.

Some of the young people improved the sleighing while it lasted.

Miss Jackson is making some preparations for a Xmas exercise at the school house.

We are informed that Messrs. Norton and Johnson are talking of renting Pike's shingle mill.

Mrs. Curtis and daughter, Nellie, of Plainwell are visiting at Mrs. Cameron's.

Nellie Warren is home again after a prolonged visit in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Frank Harper was out riding Thursday, the first since her long sickness.

Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. S. C. Wing have returned from Allegan.

Des Jordan has been working in Pike's mill a few days.

'Twas Cora Morrell instead of Cora Moored that returned from Chicago last week.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Plenty of rain in this locality and everybody pouring out their grievances whenever we meet them. Try and be more cheerful and keep your sorrows to yourself and in my feeble opinion, you will advance the happiness of your associates and friends, if you happen to have any.

Earl Carpenter and family of Duncan lake, flew with such rapidity through Parmelee last Sunday, that their most intimate friends didn't even have an opportunity of saying Good Morning.

Miss Maud McWhinney of LaBarge, called on friends in Parmelee, Monday.

Frank Moxon is busy these days, husking corn. Harland Hamilton is assisting him.

Rob't Allen and W. O. Carpenter of Parmelee, are attending the Tolhurst sale today, southwest of Middleville.

A letter was recently received by people in Parmelee, from Daniel Brown of Rutland, Vt., in which the writer stated that he was enjoying himself quite well among the Granite hills. Just prior to his departure from this neighborhood, he subscribed for the Middleville SUN.

Jno. Kermeen can be seen almost any day on the street selling buckwheat flour very cheap.

D. A. Harter is spending the week among friends and neighbors in Parmelee.

Mrs. Buck was at the County Seat Monday on business.

The Watson brothers are making preparations to visit relatives in Indiana during the coming holidays. Their absence will not only be felt by their parents but by the neighborhood generally. We all wish them a pleasant visit.

We are thankful to the supervisor for the report of the state dairymen's association for 1897.

O. A. Carpenter and wife attended the obsequies of Elder B. Moore in your village, last Sunday afternoon.

Esq. Cobb visited for a few hours Monday with friends in Parmelee.

W. O. Carpenter and wife took advantage of the recent sleighing and enjoyed a day with relatives in Wayland.

The Ladies' Aid society of Parmelee, will meet with Mrs. W. Watson, Thursday afternoon. A good turnout is expected and a pleasant and beneficial meeting looked for.

Mrs. Dr. Buck of Grand Rapids, is spending the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Joles, and will also visit other friends in this vicinity before returning to her home.

PRAIRIEVILLE POINTS.

From the Press.

Mrs. M. Doster is still ill and with no apparent improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash Blanchard are the happy parents of of a son, born Nov. 30.

Messrs. John and Maje Brandstetter went to Middleville yesterday.

James Haven is gradually failing in health.

Mace Holcolm lost a cow yesterday—broke her neck in a gate.

Jacob Leinaar died at his home in South East Prairieville, Dec. 4, 1897, of cancer of the stomch.

TABLES AT LESS THAN COST.

Our stock is bigger than we thought and must be sold to make room. Bargains you would not believe until you see them. Young & Chaffee, 94-100 Ottawa St., Grand Rapids.

Large stock of Holiday Goods at Armstrong's, east side, near P. O. *

HOUSEHOLD GODS.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of today is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of throat, chest and lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at Dr. Nelson Abbott's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. 2

SUCCESS

I built a palace by a troubled sea,
Broad walls of spotless white and turrets tall,
Great colonnades, the towers of mine own strength,
I did not dream my palace fair could fall.
But, at the open gate, an angel knelt,
And, sorrow that I knew not of, bewailed.
"Come, friend," I cried, "rejoice in my success."
"I weep," was the reply, "that thou hast failed."

When months had come and gone, I saw the walls
Of my poor palace blackened by the flame,
Its mighty towers in ruins at my feet.
My head was bowed in sorrow and in shame,
And at its shattered gate I knelt and wept.
My angel friend now stooped a palm to press
Upon my brow. She bade me look above.
"Rejoice," she cried, "in this thy first success."
—Pittsburg Dispatch.

THE WAIF O' FOLEY'S HEART.

THROUGH the sighing boughs of cypress forest there came drifting the hum as of a million bees set in rhythmic tone and tune. It was the great saw at Foley's mill flashing its merciless disc of steel through the green, sweet heart of the cypress logs. Foley himself sat on a low bench, his swart throat bare, his head leaned against a tree, watching through a narrow rift in his lids the swift, mechanical movements of the men at the saw and the shingle pile. The girl who came up noiselessly behind him thrust her small fingers over his forehead and opened the lids of his eyes.

"Wake up, Dave, and take me out in the boat for a ride in the shade. The house is hotter than a furnace."

"How did you get here?" said Foley, indolently.

"I walked across the logs."

"I wish you wouldn't do that, Lize," said Foley, with a frown. "Some day you'll get on a loose one and go under and the logs will hold you fast."

"I'm sure-footed as a kildie," laughed Lize, thrusting out a coquettish, slippered foot. "Come on, Dave."

"Oh, it's too warm for such exercise. Ask Langham to go with you. Yonder he comes." Foley looked up in time to see the curious sidewise glance from the girl's eye.

"What did you look at me like that for, Lize?" he said, suddenly.

"Like what?" she said. Without waiting for an answer she tripped to meet Langham.

"Dave is lazy and contrary," she said, pouting her pretty lips. "He says won't you take me down the river for a boat ride?"

Langham lifted his hat to her. His dark eyes glanced from Foley to the girl with a cynical light that melted into something tender as it rested upon Lize's primrose face.

"With pleasure, Mrs. Foley. Good afternoon to you both. Foley, did you ever feel such a heat in the forest?"

"Not often," said Foley, shifting his straw hat over his eyes to shut out the glare. "There'll be a storm, a regular scorcher in a day or two."

"No sign of it now," said Lize, glancing at the yellow sky. Her eyes, in shadow, were a golden brown. When the light flashed into them they were like pools of deep-sea water.

"Where is the boat?" queried Langham.

Foley nodded sleepily toward the landing—a platform of cypress logs.

"Down there," he said. "Lize will show you." Through motionless lids he watched them as they rowed away. His wife blew him a kiss from the tips of her dainty fingers. Far down the blue lake her white dress gleamed like a darting heron under the arched and weeping boughs.

The sun had dropped behind the bluffs of the Mississippi ere the mill shut down for the night, and the men crossed the floating bridge to the other side, where the frail "box" houses constituted the "camp." Two "hands," lingering to light their pipes, were gossiping noisily.

"Foley's gone, I guess. Didn't wait for Lize."

"Foley's a fool. Ketch me sendin' my wife out for boat rides with a fellow like that Langham. City folks don't often hunt out solitary places like this less there's a hotter climate behind 'em. Did you see him, how he looked at her?"

"Soft on her, hey?"

"No softer'n she is on him," said the other, shrugging his shoulders. They passed on, oblivious of Foley's white face staring at them from the engine-room.

Had Lize been wise or observant she would have caught the ominous calm in Foley's voice as he laid his hand on her shoulder that night.

"See here, Lize, I've been thinking it don't look exactly right, your going so often with that fellow."

"Indeed!" said Lize, her lips curling. "Gentleman is a better word than fellow, Mr. Foley."

"I don't know," said Foley slowly. "Gentlemen don't fall in love with other men's wives."

"Who said he was in love with me?" Her face grew suddenly white. Foley's hand tightened its grasp.

"You'd better be careful, Lize. I'll have my way in this. I forbid you to go on the lake with Langham again."

"You were the one who sent me! Take your hand off—it hurts! I don't know whether I'll obey such a tyrant or not!"

She fled into the little parlor and Foley heard the bolt slip in the door.

* * * Two days of sultry weather burnt the ground in wide, deep cracks along the hickory ridge. Lize pouted and avoided Dave, who watched her with eyes grown sullen and suspicious. But the boat remained tied to its tree, the rope swaying in the water undisturbed. Langham, whose vagrant fancy had led him to fit up a rude hut on the south end of the lake, did not come down to the camp. Foley hoped he would stay away. There was a feeling in the tips of Foley's fingers that could have found rest upon Langham's white throat.

The heavens had grown coppery with clouds that Saturday eve. The billows rolled in thunderous mutterings, and through the cypress trees and cane there came the sonorous breath of the storm. The men had left the mill, and Foley, standing midway the unsteady bridge, swept the heavens with his huntsman's glass. He lowered it to watch a snipe in combat with a fellow fowl. A cry broke from his lips; he looked through the glass with an eye keen with fury. It was there that Langham, far down the lake, drew Lize's head upon his breast and their lips met in one passionate caress.

Foley went leaping to the shore like a madman. On, on, up to his house and into the tiny sitting-room. A pearl-handled bit of steel lay upon the mantel; he snatched it up and thrust it into his pocket; the cold steel chilled his blood, and the face of Lize looked at him from its celluloid frame. Foley fell upon his knees and threw the weapon from him.

"Oh, my God! my God!" he cried

* * * The storm that had been brewing all the day at twilight fell with fury. Langham in his cozy cabin heard the outside tempest as in a dream. There was a tempest in his heart—his brain, and the touch of her lips lingering in all its delicious thrill within his veins. He knew it was a guilty love, but in his soul he could not think of her but as a fair, little April's lady—never as Foley's wife. He was a man of the world, and knew what the world would say of him, the dilettante student of men and letters. But the waif tossed to Foley's door by the flood of the great yellow river was the waif who had crept into Langham's heart.

And when the door flew open in a burst of rain and he saw a drenched figure coming swiftly to him he only smiled and held out his arms. She sank into them, sobbing and shivering upon his breast.

"Oh, Geoffrey, take me, take me away from here! Dave struck me—he called me a fearful name! He saw you kiss me and he will not forgive me any more." Loo Langham's face blanched, but he stroked her wet hair tenderly.

"You are safe with me now, Lize, and my own!" he said. His own—but how! She was yet Foley's wife.

"I wish I had not gone with you," she sobbed, still clinging to him. "I am so cold, Geoffrey!" Langham placed her in a chair and found a great shawl to wrap around her; he knelt before her and began to chafe her hands. The September rain was chill and her blue little face was quivering like a child's.

Not until he heard her cry did Langham look up to see Foley standing in the room, his great arms folded upon his breast. Langham sprang to the shelf where his pistol lay, but Foley had a powerful hand upon his arm.

"Not that. If I had wanted to shoot you I would not have given you a chance for life. I've come to talk with you about Lize. What are you going to do with her? I gave her choice of you and me and she chose you."

Langham's face burned dull scarlet, but Foley's eyes were like steady steel.

"She's been an honorable woman—my wife. I don't know how far your love-making his gone, but I want no woman that don't want me. But I can't see her go to the devil. I'll kill her first. She was a baby in a basket cradle when the river floated her to my cabin door. She's been all the world to me ever since. I haven't been so soft-spoken or so loving, but I gave her my name, my love, my respect. Can you do that for her? Or do you want her at all?"

It was a curious, pathetic scene. The girl in the chair stared at Foley, but Langham's face was troubled.

"I love her," he said slowly. "I am willing to make her my wife if it is possible. She is innocent now of all but folly. I swear to you, Foley (with a sudden passion), there is no sin between us."

"So much the better if you love each other. Now, listen. I am going away this night—no matter where. She can get her freedom in a little while and be your lawful wife. I won't bother you—unless you cast her off or break her heart! Then, by God, I'll follow you and kill you inch by inch!"

For one moment Foley's eyes blazed their threat into Langham's heart. Then he was gone into the night without one word for Lize.

Foley's wife looked at Langham dully.

"He is gone," she said.

Langham bent and kissed her face, an agony of thoughts in his brain. But Lize pushed him back from her.

"I shall never be his wife. I shall never see him any more!" she said.

"No, no. You are all mine now. You shall be my wife and we shall forget how love began."

Lize sprang to her feet; her eyes flashed a strange, amber light upon him.

"Oh, I don't love you. I hate you! I know how I love Dave. I want Dave; I am his wife, not yours! I am sorry I kissed you and came to you. Oh, forgive me! I must go to Dave——"

* * * Langham picked up a bit of ribbon that had fallen from her hair. He kissed it with a bitter smile and put it next his heart. * * *

Foley, working like a madman at his trunk, heard a light step upon the little porch. His heart leaped in a sickening throb as Lize crept into the room and stood trembling by the hearth.

"Well?" he said, sternly, through his teeth, "has Langham driven you from him?"

"Dave, Dave! Oh, will you please to let me stay with you? I will not ask to be your wife; only let me say how I did not know I loved you till to-night. You were not like a lover, Dave. You treated me like a child, and I was a woman, who wanted love and sweet words. I hate him! I told him so, and he tried to keep me back, but I had to come to you. I have been wicked—I let him kiss me!"

Her voice died in her throat. Foley caught her by the arms. "I struck you!" he said, hoarsely. "Can you forget that?"

"Oh, yes!" she sobbed, her lips touching his rough hand. Foley caught her in his arms and turned her face toward the lamp. In her eyes he saw the "light that never was on sea or land." In his long, silent kiss the past was buried, and a lovely future dawned for the Waif o' Foley's Heart.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC.

Opinion Formed by a Passenger on Potomac River Boat.

"Do you know what the national hymn of this country should be?" inquired a visitor to the capital of a reporter.

The gentleman propounding the question had traveled extensively in foreign lands and has been in all parts of his own country, from Florida to Alaska and between Maine and California.

The reporter studied a little and then answered, "I suppose you mean 'Down Upon the Suwannee River?'"

The visitor rubbed his hands delightedly. "You have struck it exactly," he declared, "and I'll tell you why I am more convinced of it than ever. I went down the Potomac, the other night, on one of the excursion steamers. There was a large crowd aboard, all good-natured and happy at the idea of having an outing. I sized the crowd up going down, and I made up my mind that it was pretty cosmopolitan—containing people from all sections of the country.

"On the return trip I sat with a friend, a native of New Hampshire, and a Northerner throughout. We were on the deck just below the pilot house. After we had ridden a little time some young people began singing. They rang in the old-time favorites, 'Old Black Joe,' 'Dixie,' 'Maryland, My Maryland,' which, by the way, caused some emotion, and other songs, including 'My Bonnie,' 'How Con I Bear to Leave Thee,' and others. Each one caused a few to chime in, but there was no special enthusiasm.

"At last the singers struck up 'Down Upon the Suwannee River.' The effect was magical. In an instant it seemed to me that everybody on the boat, including my reserved companion, had joined in. The plaintive air floated over the water to the Maryland and Virginia shores, and was wafted upward in the starlight. When it was finished there was complete silence for a little time. I am not an emotional man, but I felt my breath catch and the tears came into my eyes.

"My friend put his hand on my knee. 'I always feel a truer patriot when I hear that song,' was all he said."—New York Telegram.

The Greek National Dress.

The Greek national dress, which is not really Greek at all, but Albanian, is going out of use except among the shepherds and the people of the mountains. But though it is discarded for everyday use, the Greeks are fond of their old picturesque costumes, and nearly every man and woman who can afford to do so keeps a suit of the former type to wear upon family fete days, half au serieux, half as a fancy costume. Greek children ordinarily wear much the same clothes as do American boys and girls at school and about the streets of the larger towns, but are put into the Albanian kilts now and then—perhaps just as much against their wills as it is against the grain of little tots at home to submit to Lord Fauntleroy "fixings."

The Albanian dress is very pretty upon a boy of from 4 to 10 years. The dark rosy face of the Greek child looks out winningly from under the drooping red fez, with its long blue or gold tassel. The little blue or yellow jacket, sleeveless and shaped like a zouave, is covered with embroidery, and is worn open in front to show the white shirt with full flaring sleeves. About the waist comes a leather girdle, heavily embroidered, and with a great pouch called a "banderole," into which men stick pistols and knives, but which does just as well for the small boys' marbles. Below the waist falls a short white cotton kilt, known as a "fustanella," There are also short white breeches, high red gaiters and red shoes which turn up at the points and have tassels on the toes. A little boy in this sort of rig looks like a cherubic bandit out of a comic opera—an effect which is of course quite fascinating.—Philadelphia Press.

The "Earthquake" Coat.

The "earthquake" coat is the latest thing invented. Once enveloped in this extraordinary garment a man may laugh at earthquakes. It really consists of two coats, one over the other, the space between them being thickly padded. On each side are ten pockets for the carrying of provisions. The idea of the coat is to prevent the wearer being injured by any falling object.

SPIRITUAL POWER.

SAMSON'S FALL THE SUBJECT OF DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Physical and Moral Giants Should Use Their Power in Doing Good—Misguided Strength May Work Great Evil—Christ Our Champion.

Our Washington Pulpit.

Taking the exciting story of Samson's fall as a suggestion, Dr. Talmage in this discourse shows how giants in body and mind or soul ought to be consecrated to good and great purposes. His text is Judges xiv., 1, "And Samson went down to Timnath."

There are two sides to the character of Samson. The one phase of his life, if followed into the particulars, would administer to the grotesque and mirthful. But there is a phase of his character fraught with lessons of solemn and eternal import. To these graver lessons we devote our sermon. This giant no doubt in early life gave evidences of what he was to be. It is almost always so. There were two Napoleons—the boy Napoleon and the man Napoleon—but both alike; two Howards—the boy Howard and the man Howard—but both alike; two Samsons—the boy Samson and the man Samson—but both alike. This giant was no doubt the hero of the playground, and nothing could stand before his exhibitions of youthful prowess. At 18 years of age he was betrothed to the daughter of a Philistine. Going down toward Timnath a lion came upon him, and, although this young giant was weaponless, he seized the monster by the long mane and shook him as a hound shakes a March hare and made the bones crack, and left him by the way-side bleeding under the smiting of his fist and the grinding heft of his heel.

There he stands, looming up above other men, a mountain of flesh, his arms bunched with muscle that can lift the gate of a city, taking an attitude defiant of everything. His hair had never been cut, and it rolled down in seven great plaits over his shoulders, adding to his bulk, fierceness and terror. The Philistines want to conquer him, and therefore they must find out where the secret of his strength lies.

Wiles of Delilah.

There is a dissolute woman living in the valley of Sorek of the name of Delilah. They appoint her the agent in the case. The Philistines are secreted in the same building, and then Delilah goes to work and coaxes Samson to tell what is the secret of his strength. "Well," he says, "if you should take seven green withes, such as they fasten wild beasts with, and put them around me I should be perfectly powerless." So she binds him with the seven green withes. Then she claps her hands and says, "They come—the Philistines!" and he walks out as though they were no impediment. She coaxes him again and says, "Now tell me the secret of this great strength," and he replies, "If you should take some ropes that have never been used and tie me with them, I should be just like other men." She ties him with the ropes, claps her hands and shouts, "They come—the Philistines!" He walks out as easily as he did before—not a single obstruction. She coaxes him again, and he says, "Now, if you should take these seven long plaits of hair and by this house loom weave them into a web, I could not get away." So the house loom is rolled up, and the shuttle flies backward and forward, and the long plaits of hair are woven into a web. Then she claps her hands and says, "They come—the Philistines!" He walks out as easily as he did before, dragging a part of the loom with him.

But after awhile she persuaded him to tell the truth. He says, "If you should take a razor or shears and cut off this long hair, I should be powerless and in the hands of my enemies." Samson sleeps, and that she may not wake him up during the process of shearing help is called in. You know that the barbers of the east have such a skillful way of manipulating the head to this very day that instead of waking up a sleeping man they will put a man wide awake sound asleep. I hear the blades of the shears grinding against each other, and I see the long locks falling off. The shears or razor accomplishes what green withes and new ropes and house loom could not do. Suddenly she claps her hands and says, "The Philistines be upon thee, Samson!" He rouses up with a struggle, but his strength is all gone. He is in the hands of his enemies.

I hear the groan of the giant as they take his eyes out, and then I see him staggering on in his blindness, feeling his way as he goes on toward Gaza. The prison door is open, and the giant is thrust in. He sits down and puts his hand on the mill crank, which, with exhausting horizontal motion, goes day after day, week after week, month after month—work, work, work. The consternation of the world in captivity, his locks shorn, his eyes punctured, grinding corn in Gaza.

Physical and Moral Power.

First of all, behold in this giant of the text that physical power is not always an index of moral power. He was a huge man. The lion found it out, and the 3,000 men whom he slew found it out. Yet he was the subject of petty revenges and outgianted by low passion. I am far from throwing any discredit upon physical stamina. There are those who seem to have great admiration for delicacy and sickliness of constitution. I never could see any glory in weak nerves or sick headache. Whatever effort in our day is made to make the men and women more robust should have the favor of every good citizen as well as of every Christian. Gymnastics may be positively religious.

Good people sometimes ascribe to a wicked heart what they ought to ascribe to a slow liver. The body and the soul are such near neighbors that they often catch each other's diseases. Those who never saw a sick day, and who, like Hercules, show the giant in the cradle, have more to answer for than those who are the subjects of lifelong infirmities. He who can lift twice as much as you can and walk twice as far and work twice as long will have a double account to meet in the judgment.

Do Something.

How often is it that you do not find physical energy indicative of spiritual power! If a clear head is worth more than one dizzy with perpetual vertigo, if muscles with the play of health in them are worth more than those drawn up in chronic rheumatics, if an eye quick to catch passing objects is better than one with vision dim and uncertain, then God will require of us efficiency just in proportion to what he has given us. Physical energy ought to be a type of moral power. We ought to have as good digestion of truth as we have capacity to assimilate food. Our spiritual hearing ought to be as good as our physical hearing. Our spiritual taste ought to be as clear as our tongue. Samsons in body, we ought to be giants in moral power.

But while you find a great many men who realize that they ought to use their money aright and use their intelligence aright, how few men you find aware of the fact that they ought to use their physical organism aright! With every thump of the heart there is something saying, "Work, work!" and lest we should complain that we have no tools to work with, God gives us our hands and feet, with every knuckle, and with every joint, and with every muscle, saying to us, "Lay hold and do something."

But how often it is that men with physical strength do not serve Christ! They are like a ship full manned and full rigged, capable of vast tonnage, able to endure all stress of weather, yet swinging idly at the docks, when these men ought to be crossing and recrossing the great ocean of human suffering and sin with God's supplies of mercy. How often it is that physical strength is used in doing positive damage or in luxurious ease when, with sleeves rolled up and bronzed bosom, fearless of the shafts of opposition, it ought to be laying hold with all its might and tugging away to lift up this sunken wreck of a world.

A Shameless Fact.

It is a most shameless fact that much of the business of the church and of the world must be done by those comparatively invalid. Richard Baxter, by reason of his diseases, all his days sitting in the door of the tomb, yet writing more than a hundred volumes and sending out an influence for God that will endure as long as the "Saints' Everlasting Rest." Edward Payson, never knowing a well day, yet how he preached, and how he wrote, helping thousands of dying souls like himself to "swim in a sea of glory," And Robert McCheyne, a walking skeleton, yet you know what he did in Dundee, and how he shook Scotland with zeal for God. Philip Doddridge, advised by his friends, because of his illness, not to enter the ministry, yet you know what he did for the "rise and progress of religion" in the church and in the world.

Wilberforce was told by his doctors that he could not live a fortnight, yet at that very time entering upon philanthropic enterprises that demanded the greatest endurance and persistence. Robert Hall, suffering excruciations, so that often in his pulpit while preaching he would stop and lie down on a sofa, then getting up again to preach about heaven, until the glories of the celestial city dropped on the multitude, doing more work perhaps than almost any well man in his day.

Oh, how often it is that men with great physical endurance are not so great in moral and spiritual stature! While there are achievements for those who are bent all their days with sickness—achievements of patience, achievements of Christian endurance—I call upon men of health to-day, men of muscle, men of nerve, men of physical power, to devote themselves to the Lord. Giants in body, you ought to be giants in soul.

Behold also in the story of my text illustration of the damage that strength can do if it be misguided. It seems to me that this man spent a great deal of his time in doing evil, this Samson of my text. To pay a debt which he had lost by guessing of his riddle he robs and kills thirty people. He was not only gigantic in strength, but gigantic in mischief and a type of those men in all ages of the world who, powerful in body or mind or any faculty of social position or wealth, have used their strength for iniquitous purposes.

Misguided Giants.

It is not the small, weak men of the day who do the damage. These small men who go swearing and loafing about your stores and shops and banking houses assailing Christ and the Bible and the church. They do not do the damage. They have no influence. They are vermin that you crush with your foot. But it is the giants of the day, the misguided giants, giants in physical power, or giants in mental acumen, or giants in social position, or giants in wealth, who do the damage. The men with sharp pens that stab religion and throw their poison all through our literature; the men who use the power of wealth to sanction iniquity, and bribe justice, and make truth and honor bow to their golden scepter. Misguided giants. Look out for them. In the middle and latter part of the last century no doubt there were thousands of men in Paris and Edinburgh and London who hated God and blasphemed the name of the Almighty, but they did but little mischief. They were small men, insignificant men. Yet there were giants in those days.

Who can calculate the soul havoc of a Rosseau, going on with a very enthusiasm of iniquity, with fiery imagination seizing upon all the impulsive natures of his day, or David Hume, who employed his life as a spider employs its summer in spinning out silken webs to trap the unwary, or Voltaire, the most learned man of his day, marshaling a great host of skeptics, and leading them out in the dark land of infidelity, or Gibbon, who showed an uncontrollable grudge against religion in his history of one of the most fascinating periods of the world's existence—the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," a book in which, with all the splendors of his genius, he magnified the errors of Christian disciples, while, with a sparseness of notice that never can be forgiven he treated of the Christian heroes of whom the world was not worthy?

Bad Influences Abroad.

Oh, men of stout physical health, men of great mental stature, men of high social position, men of great power of any sort, I want you to understand your power, and I want you to know that that power devoted to God will be a crown on earth, to you typical of a crown in heaven, but misguided, bedraggled in sin, administrative of evil, God will thunder against you with his condemnation in the day when millionaire and pauper, master and slave, king and subject, shall stand side by side in the judgment, and money bags, and judicial ermine, and royal robe shall be riven with the lightnings!

Behold also how a giant may be slain! Delilah started the train of circumstances that pulled down the temple of Dagon about Samson's ears. And tens of thousands of giants have gone down to death and hell through the same impure fascinations. It seems to me that it is high time that pulpit and platform and printing press speak out against the impurities of modern society. Fastidiousness and prudery say: "Better not speak. You will rouse up adverse criticism. You will make worse what you want to make better. Better deal in glittering generalities. The subject is too delicate for polite ears." But there comes a voice from heaven overpowering the mincing sentimentalities of the day, saying, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins."

A Gulf of Iniquity.

You who are seated in your Christian homes, compassed by moral and religious restraints, do not realize the gulf of iniquity that bounds you on the north and the south and the east and the west. While I speak there are tens of thousands of men and women going over the awful plunge of an impure life, and while I cry to God for mercy upon their souls, I call upon you to marshal in the defense of your homes, your church and your nation. There is a banqueting hall that you have never heard desecrated. You know all about the feast of Ahasuerus, where a thousand lords sat. You know all about Belshazzar's carousal, where the blood of the murdered king spurted into the faces of the banqueters. You may know of the scene of riot and wassail when there was set before Esopus one dish of food that cost $400,000. But I speak now of a different banqueting hall. Its roof is fretted with fire. Its floor is tessellated with fire. Its chalices are chased with fire. Its song is a song of fire. Its walls are buttresses of fire. Solomon refers to it when he says, "Her guests are in the depths of hell."

Behold also in this giant of the text and in the giant of our own century that great physical power must crumble and expire. The Samson of the text long ago went away. He fought the lion. He fought the Philistines. He could fight anything, but death was too much for him. He may have required a longer grave and a broader grave, but the tomb nevertheless was his terminus.

If, then, we are to be compelled to go out of this world, where are we to go? This body and soul must soon part. What shall be the destiny of the former I know—dust to dust—but what shall be the destiny of the latter? Shall it rise into the companionship of the white robed, whose sins Christ has slain, or will it go down among the unbelieving, who tried to gain the world and save their souls, but were swindled out of both? Blessed be God, we have a champion! He is so styled in the Bible—a champion who has conquered death and hell, and he is ready to fight all our battles from the first to the last. "Who is this that cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah, mighty to save?" If we follow in the wake of that champion, death has no power and the grave no victory. The worst man trusting in him shall have his dying pangs alleviated and his future illumined.

Things to Consider.

In the light of this subject I want to call your attention to a fact which may not have been rightly considered by five men in all the world, and that is the fact that we must be brought into judgment for the employment of our physical organism. Shoulder, brain, hand, foot—we must answer in judgment for the use we have made of them. Have they been used for the elevation of society or for its depression? In proportion as our arm is strong and our step elastic will our account at last be intensified. Thousands of sermons are preached to invalids, I preach this morning to stout men and healthful women. We must give to God an account for the right use of this physical organism.

These invalids have comparatively little to account for perhaps. They could not lift twenty pounds. They could not walk half a mile without sitting down to rest. In preparation of this subject I have said to myself, How shall I account to God in judgment for the use of a body which never knew one moment of real sickness? Rising up in judgment, standing beside men and women who had only little physical energy, and yet consumed that energy in a conflagration of religious enthusiasm, how will we feel abashed!

Oh, men of the strong arm and the stout heart, what use are you making of your physical forces? Will you be able to stand the test of that day when we must answer for the use of every talent, whether it were a physical energy, or a mental acumen, or a spiritual power?

The day approaches and I see one who in this world was an invalid, and as she stands before the throne of God to answer she says: "I was sick all my days. I had but very little strength, but I did as well as I could in being kind to those who were more sick and more suffering." And Christ will say, "Well done, faithful servant."

A Prophetic Dream.

And then a little child will stand before the throne, and she will say: "On earth I had a curvature of the spine and I was very weak and I was very sick, but I used to gather flowers out of the wildwood and bring them to my sick mother, and she was comforted when she saw the sweet flowers out of the wildwood. I didn't do much, but I did something." And Christ shall say, as he takes her up in his arms and kisses her, "Well done, well done, faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." What, then, will be said to us—we to whom the Lord gave physical strength and continuous health?

I said to an old Scotch minister, who was one of the best friends I ever had, "Doctor, did you ever know Robert Pollok, the Scotch poet who wrote 'The Course of Time?'" "Oh, yes," he replied, "I knew him well. I was his classmate." And then the doctor went on to tell me how that the writing of "The Course of Time" exhausted the health of Robert Pollok, and he expired. It seems as if no man could have such a glimpse of the day for which other days were made as Robert Pollok had and long survive that glimpse. In the description of that day he says, among other things:

Begin the woe, ye woods, and tell it to the doleful winds,
And doleful winds wail to the howling hills,
And howling hills mourn to the dismal vales,
And dismal vales sigh to the sorrowing brooks,
And sorrowing brooks weep to the weeping stream,
And weeping stream awake the groaning deep.
Ye heavens, great archway of the universe, put sackcloth on,
And, ocean, robe thyself in garb of widowhood
And gather all thy waves into a groan and utter it
Long, loud, deep, piercing, dolorous, immense.
The occasion asks it—nature dies, and angels come to lay her in her grave.

What Robert Pollok saw in prophetic dream you and I will see in positive reality—the judgment, the judgment!

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To MOTHERS.

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

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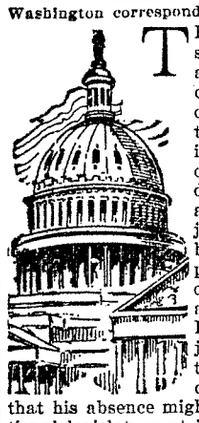
CONGRESS AT WORK.

OPENING SCENES OF THE LONG SESSION.

Important Acton May Be Taken Early in Both Houses—Hawaii Is Likely to Be Annexed—Friends of Cuba Are Hopeful.

Annual Grind Begins.

Washington correspondence:



THE regular or long session of Congress, as it is called, because there is no constitutional limitation upon the period of its duration, opened at noon Monday. The leaders and a very large majority of the members of both houses participated in the opening ceremonies, and President McKinley made the journey to Washington from the bedside of his dying mother that his absence might not delay the national legislature at its assembling. The extra session robbed the opening of the regular session of the excitement and interest which usually attach to it. As the House was completely organized at the extra session, and all the committee assignments were made then, beyond the natural stimulus produced by the returning statesmen and the outlining of schemes by members of the "third house" or lobby, Washington on the night preceding the opening was tranquil.

The ceremonies attending the opening of Congress, though comparatively of a routine character, make a spectacle which in some respects is regarded as the greatest official event of the year at the national capital. Monday the weather was propitious. The sun shone brilliantly from a cloudless sky, making a glorious, bright December day, with a tinge of frost in the air to invigorate the lungs and a breeze just strong enough to keep the stars and stripes snapping from the flagstaffs. At the capitol the crowd swarmed into the corridors at an early hour and choked the marble steps as they ascended to the galleries from which they were to view the show. As is usual on such occasions, the reserved galleries were carefully guarded on both the House and Senate sides, admission being only by card, and the public had great difficulty in wedging itself into the limited space set aside for it.

The program at the House Monday was very simple. The House was called to order by the Speaker, who, after the chaplain's invocation, directed the Clerk to call the roll. This having been accomplished, and the presence of a quorum demonstrated, the clerk was directed to notify the Senate that the House was ready for business, and a committee was appointed to wait on the President. After that there was a recess to await the arrival of the President's annual message, which was read upon its reception and was followed by an adjournment until Tuesday.

It is the intention of the House leaders to proceed with the business of the session as rapidly as possible. The committees will all begin their labors at once. The appropriations committee has been at work for ten days, and Chairman Cannon expects to pass two of the regular budgets before the holidays.

Among the early general measures to receive consideration will be the bankruptcy bill. Whether it will be the Nelson bill, which passed the Senate at the last session, or a modification of the Torrey bill depends on the temper of the Judiciary Committee, which will submit the measure to the House.

Beyond doubt there will be several resolutions of inquiry during the first week which may be more or less sensational, and some of the radical pro-Cuba members will attempt to get consideration for a Cuban resolution before the Foreign Affairs Committee can act, but owing to the nature of the House rules all these hasty efforts will prove abortive, and they probably will take their regular course.

Simultaneously with the fall of Speaker Reed's gavel in the House, Vice President Hobart called the Senate to order. Half an hour before the Senate convened the public and executive and reserved galleries were filled with spectators to witness the opening of the session. The handsome costumes of the ladies added much to the brightness of the scene. The Senate chamber at the opening was a veritable conservatory. The floral display was unusually rich and beautiful, and the odor of flowers was heavy in the hall. Seventy-seven Senators responded to their names on the roll call.

The Senate to start with had a calendar of about 300 bills reported from the committees during the special session. The indications on the opening day were for a little more activity than usual during the pre-holiday session. This is largely due to the fact that the supporters of the administration and advocates of annexation are very anxious to secure the earliest possible consideration of the treaty with Hawaii. Senator Davis, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, announced his purpose of pressing annexation at the earliest possible moment. One point which the committee will be called upon to decide is whether to proceed to ratify the treaty of annexation or to annex the islands by resolutions. The annexationists have lost some votes during the vacation, and there is now apprehension that the two-thirds vote necessary to assure the ratification cannot be secured. Some members of the Foreigns Relations Committee who favor annexation advocate this course because they say they see no reason for traversing the same ground twice, as they would be compelled to do in case the matter should be first considered in executive session, fail there, and then be taken up in the form of a resolution in open Senate and House.

Despite all opposition, it is not doubted Hawaii will be brought under the stars and stripes. No act of the American Congress in many years past has attracted as much attention throughout the world as the annexation of a distant island is sure to attract.

What Congress will do concerning the President's presentation of the State of our relations to Spain and Cuba only the future can determine. Unless some turn of events rouses public opinion and finds response in Congress it may be regarded as fairly certain the peace policy of the President will be supported by both houses of the national legislature. The President's message, read between the lines, does not indicate that he has abandoned Cuba, but rather that he hopes in the future to achieve the practical independence of that island should Spain's present efforts to restore peace prove fruitless, and by methods which will be the fruits of natural causes, and which will not necessarily bring on war between the United States and Spain.

Other topics which will be sure to cause much talk throughout the world, and some of which may be the subject of actual legislation, are revision of the immigration laws, bankruptcy, pooling by railways, rehabilitation of the interstate commerce commission, prevention of scalping of railway tickets, the Central Pacific Railway's debt to the Government and the revenues of the Government under the Dingley law.

ECKELS MAKES REPORT.

Reviews National Banks and Favors Amending Note-Issuing Law.

The annual report of James H. Eckels, Comptroller of the Currency, for the year ended Oct. 31, 1897, opens with a brief review of the history of the legislation which constitutes the present national bank act, and invites the attention of Congress to amendments to the law recommended in former reports without specifically repeating them.

On the subject of bank note circulation the Comptroller says:

It is noticeable that in all the changes which have been wrought in the national currency act from its inception to the present time the feature subject to criticism, but which was intended should constitute the principal benefit to be conferred, has remained comparatively unchanged—namely, the note-issuing function. Whatever justification there was in the first instance for restricting the issuing of notes against the bonds of the Government, deposited with the Treasurer of the United States, to 90 per cent. of the par value thereof, has long since ceased. In the report of every Comptroller of the Currency during the last twenty years the wisdom of changing the existing law so that the banks and through them the communities in which they are located might have the additional benefit of an added loanable capital has been urged. Despite all this the law still remains without amendment. Not only should the bank act be amended in this particular, but Congress should seriously consider such a change in the method of bank note issues as will enable the banks of the country to more adequately meet the demands of trade and commerce in all sections of the country.

It is considered by every great commercial government, except the United States, to be the sole province of the banks to issue the paper which circulates as currency. The belief in a bank note currency as being better and safer than a government paper currency prevailed unquestioned in this country, until, under the apparent exigencies of the war, the Government undertook to issue paper currency. Even under such circumstances the promise was already given, however, that it should be retired at the earliest practical moment, and the admission freely made that it was neither a wise measure nor a safe form of currency.

Between the competition of the Government note issues on the one hand and the unnecessary restrictions imposed by law upon the other, together with the increasing price of bonds required to be deposited as security, the note issuing function of the banks has been permitted to become merely an incident to the conduct of the national banking associations of the country. It has been seriously suggested more than once that the bank note issues be done away with, and all paper be issued by the Government instead. The danger of such a course is not to be overestimated. The experience of every government has been that governmental currency paper is a source of weakness and danger. In the United States, where there has been the nearest approach to success, with the volume of the Federal paper comparatively limited in amount, the credit of the Government has been more than once put in jeopardy through it, and the business interests of the country subjected to unnecessary loss and confusion.

The argument that the Government better than the banks can provide for the redemption of paper note issue will not stand the test of a careful analysis. The Government has no means for caring for its demand liabilities, except through borrowing and through the levying of taxes. Upon the other hand, the banks have assets which can be promptly converted into cash to meet their outstanding notes when presented.

The total number of national banks organized since the system was put into operation, in 1863, is shown to have been 5,095. On Oct. 31 last there were in active operation 3,617, having an authorized capital of $639,230,295. The total outstanding circulation of the banks then in operation was $229,199,880, of which $202,994,555 was secured by bonds of the United States, and the balance by lawful money deposited with the Treasurer of the United States. The total circulation outstanding of all national banks on Oct. 31 last was $230,131,005, of which amount $1,558,800 was secured by bonds held for account of insolvent and liquidating banks, and $26,205,325 by lawful money deposited for their account and by active banks reducing circulation. The net decrease in the amount of circulation secured by bonds during the year was $12,584,334 and the gross decrease in the total circulation was $4,851,292.

During the year forty-four banks were organized, with an aggregate capital stock of $6,420,000. During the year seventy-one banks went into voluntary liquidation.

There was paid to creditors of insolvent banks during the year $13,169,781 in dividends. The magnitude of this unequaled record, the report says, will be more forcibly illustrated if considered in the light of what has been accomplished heretofore in the way of dividend payments to the creditors of insolvent institutions. In 1893 there was paid in dividends $3,433,046; in 1894, $5,124,577; in 1895, $3,380,552; in 1896, $2,451,959, and in 1897, $13,169,781, making a total of dividends paid within the five years from 1893 to 1897 of $27,560,515, or 36¼ per cent. of all the dividends that have ever been paid to creditors of insolvent banks. From 1863 to 1897 there has been paid in dividends $75,935,925, and in the year embraced in this report $13,169,781, or 17 1-3 per cent. of all the dividends that have been paid during the period of thirty-four years of the existence of the system. Since Oct. 31, the end of the report year, seventeen additional dividends have been ordered, amounting in the aggregate to about $625,000.

The report contains the latest compiled statistics relating to the world's monetary systems, and the stock of gold, silver and paper currency. A very interesting feature of this statement is the per capita amount of each kind of money in the countries named. The per capita averages in the principal countries of the world are as follows:

United States, $23.70; United Kingdom, $20.65; France, $34.68; Germany, $18.95; Austria-Hungary, $9.33, and Russia, $8.95.

The Comptroller renews his recommendation of last year, urging that national bank examiners be paid an annual salary instead of fees as now.

Salvage Belderback of Duglestown, Md., tied the members of his family to posts and then tried to kill them with a sword.

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That washing cannot be satisfactorily done with a scant supply of hard water and inferior soap is not always clear to housekeepers, and yet it is the cause of oft-repeated failure. To wash properly, assort the clothes. Put the linens first in a tub of hot water, rub with Ivory Soap, scald, rinse, starch, hang on the line. Wash the colored pieces through clean suds in the same way. When dry, sprinkle, and lay in a basket over night. Iron carefully with well-heated irons.

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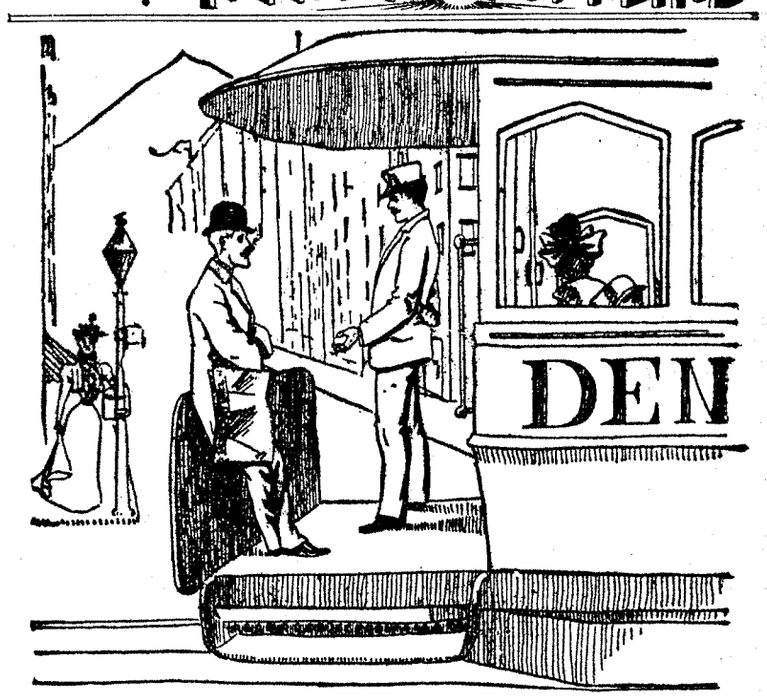

His name is Williams. It was as conductor on the Denver cable line that I knew him. He was always complaining of some trouble or other with his stomach and bowels. He seemed to be either bilious or constipated all the time. In describing his condition he used the expression "out of whack." I remember it particularly because I had never heard it before but have often heard it since. Finally somebody recommended him to use Ripans Tabules and he told me that never in his life did anything do him so much good. Said he felt like a new man. He told me that his wife used them too; but what she took them for I don't remember.

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	a m	p m	p m	a m
Grand Rapids Dep.....	7 00	4 05	11 00	7 10
Middleville.....	7 35	4 43	12 13	8 40
Hastings.....	7 52	5 03	12 40	9 25
Jackson Ar.....	9 50	7 05	3 25	4 55
Detroit Ar.....	12 25	9 10	7 20	....
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Jackson Dep.....	1 40	11 05	7 40	7 10
	a m	a m	p m	a m
Detroit Dep.....	11 25	7 50	4 45	....
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Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad

NORTHERN DIVISION	Leave Going North	Arrive From North
Trav.City,Pet'ky&Mack	† 7:45 am	† 5:15 pm
Trav.City,Pet'ky&Mack	† 2:15 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 2:15 p. m. has sleeping car to Mackinaw.

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Cincinnati.....	† 7:10 am	† 2:05 pm
Ft. Wayne.....	† 2:10 pm	† 2:00 pm

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Japan ought to know that veiled threats will hurry the annexation of Hawaii, rather than delay it.

It isn't likely that any poor man will ever scramble for the office of Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, as the salary is only $800 a year.

The office holder who refuses to step out when his successor appears, merely exposes his sore spots, and gets ridicule instead of sympathy.

Now that Gov. Pingree has decided to lead the fight on them, the oleomargarine people would better prepare to go out of business in Michigan.

The Chickasaw Nation has made it evident that it is not in sympathy with the Dawes Indian Commission, by refusing to ratify the treaty made.

Of course Gov. Griggs has the right of deciding for himself, but most men would have preferred holding the office of Governor to becoming Attorney General in the President's cabinet.

Surely the people of Leesburg, Va., where there was a shower of wild ducks the other day, believed that prosperity is here. There are records of showers of fish, frogs, etc., but this is the first recorded instance of its having rained ducks.

President McKinley's message contained no surprises. Its main features had been correctly outlined by the press. Opinions as to the wisdom of its recommendations will, of course, depend on the politics of those who express them. Its peaceful tone will be endorsed by the conservative element, regardless of politics.

The calm, clear, and forceful expressions of the President as to the prospective course of the Government in the Cuban question in case the Spanish promises of autonomy and justice to the Cubans are not carried out have impressed the country very greatly in his favor, and have developed a general willingness to leave this important and delicate question in the hands of the administration instead of attempting to force action and embarrass the Government by such Congressional action as was demanded by so many people a few months ago.

A revenue law which increases its earnings more than twenty-five percent in four months and has a prospect of continuing that increase for several months at equally rapid rate ought not to be embarrased by suspicion or denounced by people who profess to be friends of the party framing it. The Dingley law, which started in under the extremely embarrassing circumstances under a condition in which the country had been filled with foreign goods prior to its enactment, has increased its earnings more than 25 per cent., and there is prospect that the earnings, which are now over $25,000,000 a month, will be increased from $5,000,000 to $7,000,000 per month shortly after the beginning of the new year. It is thus apparent that the people who are demanding that Congress shall immediately legislate to increase the revenue are doing an injustice to the law and to business interests which are, of course, disturbed by any proposition for further tariff agitation at present.

EMBOSSED IN GOLD.

To buy and reproduce famous paintings involves an expenditure that could hardly be borne unless, as in the case of The Youth's Companion, the enterprise is sustained by the approval of more than five hundred thousand subscribers. The Companion's Souvenir Calendar for 1898, a series of charming figure-pieces, faithfully copied in colors and embossed in gold, is recognized as one of the richest and most costly examples of this form of art. Yet every new subscriber receives it without additional charge. Moreover, the paper is sent free to new subscribers every week from the time the subscription is received until January, 1898, and then for a full year to January, 1899.

The popular price of The Companion, $1.75 a year, and the character of its contents, make it a paper for every household. Exceptional attractions are promised for the fifty-two numbers to be issued during 1898. The Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, Rudyard Kipling, Lillian Nordica, John Burroughs, W. D. Howells and Max O'Rell are prominent in the long list of eminent contributors named in The Companion's announcement, which will be sent free to anyone addressing 48-1

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The Afternoon Nap.

The frequency with which medical men are asked whether it is harmful to indulge in the afternoon nap is not, perhaps, surprising for several reasons. Most persons have had experience in the seductive charms of the somnolence which has followed the comfortable ingestion of a midday or evening meal. The meal finished, the diner arranges himself comfortably in an armchair; it may be he lights a pipe or cigar, takes up a newspaper and prepares to make the most of the restful conditions of his mind and body. But nature soon begins to assert her sway. In time the eyelids close, the head begins to nod, the newspaper falls from the hands, the pipe, no longer supported in the mouth, falls to the floor, and the symptoms of a nap are complete. Whether the winks be 40 or 100 in number, the result is the same—a short, sound sleep.

Then comes the question, Is it harmful thus to fall asleep after a meal? By no means, for the very obvious reason that the process is merely a physiological one, and as such, when it occurs, is quite natural. When digestion is in progress, nature has arranged that all the available blood in the body shall be collected in and about the digestive organs. Consequently the blood supply to the brain falls to a low ebb, and thus sleep is easily induced. On the other hand, of course, physiologically, it is wrong for brain work to be attempted immediately after a solid meal.—Medical Press.

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We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on two 25-cent bottles of Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, if it fails to cure constipation, biliousness, sick headache, or any of the diseases for which it is recommended. Also will refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Downs' Elixir, if it does not cure any cough, cold, croup, whooping cough, or throat or lung difficulty. We also guarantee one 25-cent bottle of either of the above to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

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Christmas without Handkerchiefs would be like an Adam without an Eve, and as usual we have bought an elegant assortment:

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Plain White, with Colored Borders, Scolloped and Plain Edge.

All kinds of Embroidered Edges and Corners; some Cotton, some Linen and some Silk—For Ladies, Gents and Children.

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A Pleasing Variety in Ladies' Wool, Single and Double Knit, Plain and Fancy; Fur Trimmed in Ladies' and Misses'.

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They are prettier than ever and the prices, well, they are way down.

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The Latest in Pure Linen and Celluloid.

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All Sizes, Colors and Prices for Ladies, Misses and Children.

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This department is now at its best all new and nobby garments for the gift-giving time. A stylish Jacket or Cape is one of the most sensible gifts you can give to either wife, mother or daughter, and you will be pleasantly surprised at the price.

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Fine table damasks in unbleached, bleached and colors. Fancy towels, fringed and hem stitched. Pure linen napkins, all sizes and prices. This line will surely please you.

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Local Happenings.

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Read M. S. Keeler & Co.'s Holiday Ad. *

Chas. Bandfield ships two carloads of porkers today.

School closes this week Friday for holiday vacation.

Cakes of all kinds, candies, etc., at Paul Kemnitz' Bakery. *

Something new in Silverware. Don't fail to see it at Dowling's. *

Attend the Baptist Aid society tea this week Friday evening.

The brick work of the pump house is completed and the roof is on.

Fruit cake for the holidays at reasonable prices at Paul Kemnitz' Bakery. *

Special sale on trimmed hats until Christmas. MRS. EVA TALBOTT. 50-2

You will find a fine line of Christmas and New Year's cards at the News Stand. *

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Blake give a large progressive pedro party this week Friday evening.

Come in and look at our goods. Handle our goods and make yourselves at home at Dowling's. 50-2

The Keeler Brass Co. is thoroughly settled in the neat new offices which are as cosy as need be.

While you are looking at the owl in Frank Pratt's window, notice the fine display of Holiday goods also. 49-2

Any one wishing to study piano, organ or mandolin music, please call on Miss Olive Clever, Middleville. Monthly reviews free of charge. *

Mrs. G. L. Keeler entertained company at whist Monday evening, in honor of Mrs. J. R Cook, who has been spending a week with friends in the village.

If the party who left a load of wood in the editor's back yard nearly two weeks ago, will now leave his name at this office, perhaps credit will be given, oats in the bin, ditto.

Subscribe for The SUN and let us send it to your friends anywhere in the United States. It gives them all the news of your locality and saves you writing many letters.

The Press and Printer, in an article on advertising says: "Of all the ways of advertising, the best, most certain and cheapest, is that of using the columns of a good newspaper. Intelligent people with money to spend always read the papers."

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Otto's pedro party Friday evening proved a very pleasant event, notwithstanding the inclement weather. Mrs. Frank Lee won the lady's prize, which was a pretty house plant in bloom, while Mr. W. B. Brown carried off the gentleman's prize, a bouquet of carnations.

At a recent meeting of the B. Y. P. U. the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:
President—W. E. Keeler.
Vice-Pres.—Mr. Cooley.
Secretary—Eva Fenton.
Asst. Sec.—Artie Pike.
Treasurer—Katie Stevens.
Organist—Mrs. Cooley.
Asst. Organist—Mrs. Chapman.

Send the SUN to absent friends as a Christmas present. It will please them fifty-two times every year. *

It were not best that we should all think alike. It is difference of opinion that makes horse races.—Mark Twain.

Wm. O. Lowden, sent from Hastings in December, 1895, to Jackson for six years for forgery, was paroled by Governor Pingree today.

The gear wheels in the Keeler Brass Co.'s power house broke on Friday last, making a tremendous noise and frightening workmen on the village pump house building. New gears are in position and the factory is again running by water power.

At the business meeting of the Epworth League last week Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:
President—W. E. Roach.
1st Vice—Mary Moe.
2d Vice—Maude Converse.
3d Vice—Lavern Cobb.
4th Vice—Lena Griswold.
Secretary—Mrs. Mary Baker.
Treasurer—May Basset.
Organist—Stella Webb.
Chorister—Lavern Cobb.

The first entertainment on the lecture course was given last Monday evening and the opera hall was well filled with enthusiastic listeners. It was Miss Mericle's first appearance before a Middleville audience, and after her first selection the people were very much taken with her and hearty applause greeted every recitation. She is prepossessing in appearance, very graceful and a splendid interpreter of character. In her first selection she was obliged to refer to her book twice, but gave as the reason ill health the day before and having to keep up principally on quinine in order to meet her engagement. However, Miss Mericle fully redeemed herself before the close. The Bell quartette, who assisted her, never sang better, each one being in good voice, and the entertainment was considered, on the whole, excellent.

The people of th s county will be pleased to learn of the success of James L. Ackerson, of Middleville, now of the U.S. Naval Academy, Md Mr. Ackerson passed the entrance examination in May last and began the academic work in October. At the first monthly examination he stood fourth in his class on average of standings, and in mathamatics the most important branch, he stood second in a class of ninety. This excellent showing for the first month seemed to have given him the necessary courage and energy. Reports from last month tell us that he acquitted himself still better, he won the honored position of first in his class and at the same time he obtained the proud distinction of having obtained the highest marking in mathematics ever obtained in the first year's work, a standing of ninety per cent. One can better appreciate the excellent work done by Mr. Ackerson when it is known that about sixty failed to get a passing mark. He is the youngest cadet in the Academy and Barry County may justly feel proud of the splendid record he is making.—Hastings Banner.

Christmas cards at the News Stand. *

Butchering of all kinds done to order.
WM. CORSON.

Personal Points.

Mrs. C. J. Mallette is in Grand Rapids today.

Mrs. S. Carlisle is caring for a sick niece at Orangeville.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Appleton are in Grand Rapids today.

Mrs. John Beach is able to be out after a few week's illness.

Miss Lena Griswold was the guest of Freeport faiends Sunday.

Dr. L. P. and Mrs. O. L. Parkhurst are in Grand Rapids today.

Mrs. A. A. Matteson and Miss Della Mattason are in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Bedford and Fred Lawrence are new employes at the brass factory.

Geo. C. Smith is spending a few days with his daughters in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Wood of Caledonia were guests of Mrs. F. A. Colvin Sunday.

Miss Slosson of Hastings, was the guest of her friend, Miss Dora Brown, over Sunday.

Samuel J. Lawrence, state senator, of Wyandotte is the guest of his brothers, Simeon and William.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs, W. E. Keeler and Mrs. M. F. Dowling are in the Valley City today.

Miss Goldie Townsend was in Caledonia Saturday in the interest of the school library lecture course.

Miss Anna Winters, teacher in the grammar department, will spend her vacation with her mother in Dowling.

Miss Myrtle Smith, assistant teacher in the high school, will spend a few days of her vacation with friends in Grand Rapids before going to her home in Woodland.

Seven jeweled Elgin Watches in nickle cases $6.50 at C. E. Stokoe's.

Perfumes, the finest that can be made, at Armstrong's, east side, Middleville, Mich.

Nickle alarm Clocks 75c at C. E. Stokoe's.

New ground for matt photos at Pinney's studio. *

FOR SALE—Mammoth bronze turkeys from 40-pound stock. Nice young toms that weigh 25 to 30 pounds; young hens 15 to 20 pounds. S. J. WEBER.

FOR SALE—One 12 ft. extension table, 2 stands, a small bookcase, 6 yds. rag carpet, pair coasting bobs, hand sleigh, 2 tubs, gent's saddle and riding bridle. Enquire of Mrs. Saunders.

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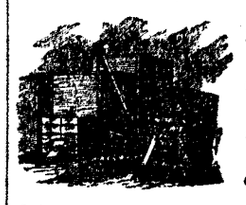

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AS DUN'S SEES TRADE.

BUSINESS CONTINUES TO IMPROVE STEADILY.

Outward Movement of Wheat and Other Products Continues Heavy—Sudden Rise in Wheat Prices—Many Skulls Stolen from Dissecting Room.

Says Markets Are Stronger.

The report given by R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade is as follows: "The opening of Congress, with the annual message and reports, has not discouraged business, as some predicted, but all speculative markets are stronger than a week ago. The outward movement of wheat and other products continues so heavy that foreign exchange has fallen three-quarters of a cent and instead of exports of gold, which have marked December in recent years, imports would come if gold were wanted. Securities are advancing, relying upon the increased earnings of railways, $47,085,801 for November on reporting roads in the United States, 16.8 per cent larger than last year and 5.9 larger than in 1892. The sudden rise in December wheat at Chicago to $1.09 would do harm were it not based on avowed contracts to ship some millions of bushels to Europe. Western receipts for the week were 5,798,771 bushels, against 3,691,374 last year. The report that Western supplies are running low is discredited by receipts from farms. Cotton is a sixteenth stronger. A strike in English mills is no longer threatened, and the possibility of one at Fall River has little weight. Sales in domestic wool markets for the last week have been only 2,660,000 pounds at Boston, and in two weeks 11,050,400 pounds at the three markets. There is more demand for iron and steel products in preparation for railway work, bridges and buildings next year and on contracts for export, including one for a Government bridge in Holland and others for bridges in Japan, with large shipments of various products to England and other countries. Foreign contracts for 40,000 tons of rails are pending. In and about New York bridge and building contracts call for 25,000 tons and Chicago works are figuring on numerous contracts for 5,000 railway cars. Failures for the week have been been 312 in the United States, against 380 last year, and 29 in Canada, against 43 last year."

BIG FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

John & James Dodson and Other Firms Sustain a Loss of $800,000.

Fire broke out in the six-story building at 809 and 811 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, occupied by the carpet manufacturing firm of John & James Dobson. By heroic work the fire was confined within the walls of the Dobson building. The loss on stock is total and will amount to $500,000. The building was owned by the firm and was valued at $60,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance. Sharpless Bros.' large dry goods establishment was damaged $200,000 on building and stock, the Commonwealth Title, Insurance and Trust Company lost $30,000, and William H. Hopkins, stationer, $25,000—all caused by water and falling walls.

HAYTIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS.

Well-Known Men Selected to Form the New Government—All Quiet.

A telegram from Port au Prince states that the entire Haytian ministry has resigned. As yet the personnel of its successor has not been definitely settled, but several well-known men are mentioned who will command the confidence of Haytians and foreigners alike. The next morning, after attending mass at Notre Dame, President Simon Sam made a circuit of the city on horseback, escorted by his staff officers, but without special military display. The city has now resumed its normal aspect.

Cold Weather in the Klondike.

Camped along Klondike trail between Chilkoot pass and White Horse rapids are 1,000 men. Most of them are living in tents and are suffering intensely from the severe cold weather now prevalent in the interior. John Hepburn, who left White Horse rapids Nov. 23, says thirty persons are camped there and twenty-five at the foot of Marshall lake. There are at least 100 below White Horse and many have gone into the Teslin river country to prospect. Coming up the lakes, Hepburn says he stopped at Tagish house for two days. The weather was bitterly cold, the thermometer registering 42 degrees below zero.

Steal Human Heads.

The officers of the Western Pennsylvania Medical College in Pittsburg are trying to discover the identity of thieves who deal in human heads. During the past two or three weeks twenty-four heads have been cut from as many bodies and taken from the college. The skillful manner in which the heads have been cut off suggests that the stealing was done by some one versed in anatomy.

Paid the Penalty for Murder.

Harry Allender of San Jose was hanged at San Quentin, Cal., penitentiary for the murder of Miss Wallbergen Fielner and Vinanzi Crozetti Aug. 9, 1896.

Robs Miners of Their Pay.

A masked robber stole $2,000 from McCormick, Scaltzer & Co.'s store at Keswick, Cal. The theft postpones the pay of the miners.

Mother McKinley Is Dead.

Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of President Wm. McKinley, died at her home in Canton, Ohio.

Killed an Old Soldier.

"Mike" Dwyer and John Laughlin, of the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio, quarreled. Laughlin struck Dwyer on the neck with his fist, knocking him down. Dwyer's head struck a stone step and his skull was fractured. He soon died. Laughlin was arrested

Attempted Murder and Suicide.

Anthony V. Devlin of Philadelphia shot and seriously wounded his wife, Josephine aged 22 years, and then committed suicide by shooting himself. The couple had been married two years.

QUAKERS AT WAR.

Great Religious Excitement and Some Damage in an Eastern Village.

Religious persecutions in Quakertown, a small village near Norwich, Conn., have reached such a point that a serious climax may result. A month ago the members of the old families decided that the present youth and maiden were being allowed too much levity, and it was to meet this want of seriousness that a religious awakening was decided upon. All went well for a time. Solomon Crouch, a carpenter, who was the leader, is a Quaker by birth, but not being a native of Quakertown the young folks looked upon him as an outsider, and some of them distrusted him. He claims to have special revelations from God, and what is revealed to him he preaches to the people. It is reported that Crouch went to the home of Lucy Whipple, wife of Allen Whipple. She told the revivalist she did not believe in his alleged revelations. At this the revivalist is alleged to have become greatly enraged and struck her in the face with a knife. The next morning the Whipple house was burned to the ground, while the neighbors looked on. The following night the older Quakers met in council. The entire neighborhood gathered at the outskirts of the village, and decided to run Crouch out. Armed with shotguns, it is alleged, they surrounded Watrous' house and called for Crouch to appear. He and his followers made a stanch stand, and, it is said, notwithstanding that charges of buckshot were exchanged, nobody was seriously hurt. During a lull in the fight Crouch and Watrous are reported to have escaped under the cover of darkness.

MEETS A STRANGE DEATH.

William Evarts, of St. Clair, Mo., Is Hanged Between Two Palings.

William Evarts of St. Clair, Mo., came to his death under peculiar circumstances. He was found hanging to a high paling fence. His neck was wedged firmly between two palings. His feet were clear of the ground and his neck was broken. Evarts had been working about his home and had used a wheelbarrow. When the body was found the wheelbarrow was partly under it. His pockets were empty, but it is not known whether he had anything with him or not. Those who saw him say he was cheerful and had not been drinking, and it is believed he must have fallen on the fence and caught between the palings.

The African Trouble.

The St. James' Gazette of London announces authoritatively that the British Government does not expect trouble with France regarding the upper Nile regions, France having agreed to accept the situation. Advices received at Lagos, West Africa, from the interior say the French troops had five engagements with the natives before effectively occupying Nikki, the capital of Borgu. The king of the country fled to the bush. Both France and Great Britain claim that the Borgu territory is within the sphere of their influence. Great Britain claims the whole country of Borgu under the Anglo-French convention of 1890. Captain Lugard, for Great Britain outdistanced Commander Decoeur in making a treaty with the King of Borgu, but the French hold that such a treaty is null and void from the fact that France has effectively occupied Dahomey, and is therefore entitled to its Hinterland, in accordance with the spirit and letter of the treaty of Berlin.

About Alaskan Travel.

A letter has been received by the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco from the Citizens' Klondike Company of Tacoma, expressing a willingness to assist in any movement looking to the closing of Dyea as a subport of entry. The energetic methods of the Canadian Government to capture the bulk of the Klondike travel is dwelt upon at length, and figures are given to show what an immense revenue may be derived from the tax on the outfits of the prospectors alone, if some means is not taken to retaliate. The Alaska trade bureau of San Francisco has received a letter from ex-Governor Joseph Hoadly, who is associated with the ship-building firm of William Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia in the States Steamship Company, stating that five steamships of over 3,000 tons each are to be placed on the ocean route and will connect with a small fleet of river boats, reaching all parts of Alaska. The company is capitalized at $7,000,000.

Uncle Sam Will Bid.

The Secretary of the Treasury at Washington has taken the first steps to qualify on behalf of the Government as a bidder at the sale of the Kansas Pacific Railroad on Dec. 16. A transfer order for $900,000 was sent by Treasurer Roberts for certification to the National City Bank of New York in favor of the master of the court having jurisdiction of the case. This order will be delivered to the master five days before the sale by an officer of the Treasury Department, who, it is believed, will bid at the sale under instructions from the President.

New Klondike Route.

Felix Sighissa of Genoa and Dr. D. R. de Simono of Naples left San Francisco on an exploring trip they purpose making through the unknown country which lies between the Monica mining district and the Yukon. They are connected with the Italian geographical and geological societies, and the results of the expedition will be turned over to those organizations. Mr. Sighissa is confident he will be able to open up a direct overland route to the Klondike.

Trading Stamps Unlawful.

The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, in an opinion by Justice Shepard, held that "trading stamps" are illegal within the meaning of the act of Congress prohibiting lotteries and gift enterprises. The Trading Stamp Company had made arrangements with many companies by which trading stamps were given purchasers and when a certain number of stamps were obtained articles could be obtained for them at the stamp company's store.

Dig for a Whisky Mine.

A Kansas City telegram says: The company digging for the old steamer Arabia, which sank with a cargo of whisky in the Missouri thirty-five years ago, has struck the place. It is now digging for the submerged stuff, which it believes is still in fine condition, and expects to clear $100,000. The cargo consisted of 185 barrels.

Hanged and Riddled with Bullets.

Adam Uber, who killed Hans Anderson at Gardnerville last week, was taken from the Genoa, Nev., jail at 2 o'clock in the morning, stripped of his clothing and hanged. His body was riddled with bullets by a mob of twenty-five men, supposed to be from Gardnerville.

FOR A NINE-HOUR DAY

NEW YORK BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS MAY STRIKE.

Employers Are Not Expected to Accede to the Demand, So January 2, 1898, Has Been Set for the Walk-Out—Klondike Rush Expected.

Job Printers May Strike.

A New York dispatch states that the next great labor conflict, unless all signs fail, will be between the book and job printers and their employers. Time seems nearly ripe for the consummation of a plan adopted at the annual convention of the International Typographical Union a year ago, when it was decided to make a fight for a work day of nine hours as soon as feasible. This fight will be started in New York on Jan. 2, 1898, and will involve 5,000 men, as the employing printers have resolved to oppose the demand. It is announced that other cities, including Brooklyn, would also take up the fight for nine hours, and that before the new year was a month old it was probable that 50,000 men would be on strike for a shorter work day. President Donnelly of New York Union, No. 6, says that within thirty days his union will have $100,000 with which to enforce its demand.

OMAHA MAYORALTY FIGHT.

Supreme Court Upholds Claims of F. Moores, the Incumbent.

A partial opinion without finally deciding the case has been rendered by the Supreme Court of Nebraska in the Omaha mayoralty contest. When the present Mayor, Frank E. Moores, was elected the then incumbent, W. J. Broatch, refused to turn the office over, claiming that Moores, as clerk of the district court, was a defaulter in the sum of $9,000 and therefore prohibited by law from holding office. Mandamus proceedings seated Moores and Broatch began suit in the Supreme Court to oust him. Mayor Moores, in his answer to the information, says he is not a defaulter, but stands ready at any time to turn over the fees collected as court clerk when a settlement is effected, he having a counter claim against Douglas County. The Supreme Court overrules Broatch's demurrer to Moores' answer and holds that the answer constitutes a defense. The burden now rests with Broatch to prove Moores a defaulter, for which further time is granted.

OVER 50,000 WILL GO.

Big Spring Rush to the Klondike Is Confidently Expected by the Railroads.

A prominent railroad man says: "There is going to be a big rush of travel to Alaska when the season opens. People are preparing to go from every State in the Union, and from almost every town. There will be at least 50,000 people who will make the trip, and the crowd may reach twice that number. I don't suppose they will all get as far as the Klondike; many will not get beyond Portland. In a rush such as this will be there will always be persons who start out without sufficient preparation and will have to give up before they get to their destination. The railroads will take care of the crowds without any trouble. All the lines are bidding for the business, and the trip will be made as comfortable as possible. I understand that there will be enough steamers to carry the crowds promptly."

Spite Urges Him On.

Now that the Dominion Government has decided to enforce the alien labor law in the timber limits of northern Ontario, one of every ten men has been deported from the Algoma district. One of the Government inspectors, a man named White, has evidently set out to make a second DeBarry out of himself, for he announces he will not rest till he has rid the bush of every Yankee hewer and drawer of wood.

Mother and Children Slain.

One of the most atrocious murders on record in the South was committed in Simpson County, Miss. Brown Smith left his family at his home to go to town. When he returned he found his wife and five children weltering in their blood and apparently all dead. One of the children revived long enough to say that a negro of the neighborhood committed the deed.

Great Biscuit Combination.

There is a report that the great biscuit companies have combined to protect their own interests, after fighting one another for some time. They are the New York Biscuit Company, the American Biscuit and Manufacturing Company and the United States Biscuit Company.

Accommodates the Railroads.

The interstate commerce commission has decided to extend for two years the period within which railroads must comply with the act of Congress requiring all railroads to be equipped with safety appliances for the protection of the employes and passengers.

Robbers Shoot a Woman.

Mrs. Emma Schumacher, keeper of a grocery at Kansas City, Mo., was fatally shot by robbers, who demanded the cash in her money drawer. Mrs. Schumacher drew a revolver and was shot down by the robbers. The two men then escaped.

Widows Are Cut Off.

The pension appropriation bill to be offered in Congress will contain an important amendment. This provides that hereafter no woman who marries an old soldier will, in the event of the soldier's death, be entitled to a widow's pension.

Confessed the Erickson Murder.

At Sioux Falls, S. D., James Garrington, the man held for murdering Roy Erickson, made a confession acknowledging that he committed the deed, but alleges self-defense.

Canada Seeks a Papal Nuncio.

Le Patriote, a Catholic journal, announces that Canada has proposed to the vatican the establishment of a nunciature at Ottawa.

Take a Risk of $1,000,000.

Before sailing for Europe George W. Vandervilt took out a $1,000,000 policy on his life. The premiums annually amount to $35,000.

Rear-Admiral Green Dead.

Rear Admiral Joseph F. Green, U. S. N. (retired), died at his home in Brookline, Mass., from a complication of diseases.

He Was a Famous Chemist.

Dr. Campbell Marfit, the distinguished American chemist, is dead in London.

REPRIMAND FOR LOVERING.

Secretary Alger Says the Sentence Should Have Been More Severe.

Secretary Alger has made public the order reprimanding Capt. Lovering of the Fourth infantry at Fort Sheridan, who was recently court mortialed for his alleged ill-treatment of Private Hammond. It reads as follows: "By order of the President the proceedings, findings and sentence in the case of Capt. Leonard A. Lovering, Fourth infantry, are approved. It is, however, disappointing that an offense so grave and as an example so far-reaching as this should have been visited with so light a penalty. There is no question but that Private Hammond deserved punishment for his conduct, but he should have received it in a lawful way. The military laws governing the army are explicit. They prescribe the duties of officers and enlisted men, with the penalties for their violation. Under them both have rights and obligations. When, therefore, an officer, with the intelligence and experience with which Capt. Lovering is credited not only violates these laws, but exhibits such a lack of humanity as is shown in this case, he should receive a more severe sentence than a mere reprimand. Committing such acts degrades the officer more than the soldier he punishes and shows unfitness for the care and command of men. Under excitement men frequently do things which in cooler moments they recall with sorrow and regret, but this case is aggravated by the fact that after weeks of deliberation this officer evinces no regret for his wrongful acts."

Troops Ordered to Barracks.

Advices received at Kingston, Jamaica, from Port au Prince show that serious trouble is imminent in Hayti. The streets of the capital are placarded with "Down with the Government!" and the troops have been ordered into the barracks. A dispatch from Washington says the Republic of Hayti is ready to pay Germany the indemnity demanded for the alleged arrest and imprisonment of Herr Emil Lueders, a German subject, who was subsequently released and enabled to return to Germany by the intercession of the United States Minister at Port au Prince, William F. Powell, who secured Lueders' release from prison in order to avoid trouble of a more serious nature which appeared to be brewing on account of the alleged arbitrary behavior of the German Minister to Hayti, Count Schwerin.

To Control the Gold Output.

A gold trust is the latest novelty in Jersey City. The official name under which the concern is incorporated is the Menlo Trading Company. The incorporators are Charles N. King, Nelson R. Vanderhoof and Augustus C. Kellogg, all of Jersey City. These men are supposed to be agents of the bonanza kings, who will manage the trust. The articles of incorporation state that the object of the company is to acquire and purchase gold mines and establish factories for the treatment of ores. It was said that the new company will include the owners of the principal mines in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana and Mexico, and that the aim of these capitalists is to control the gold output of the United States.

Negro Abductor Captured.

Joe Johnson, the mulatto accused of enticing Kate Neill, a white girl, from her home in Sweet Springs, Mo., has been captured in Missoula, Mont. He admits having taken the girl away from home, but declares he left her in Butte, having persuaded her to go back to her home.

Fire in Milwaukee Hotel.

Fire broke out in the Lake House, a four-story structure at Milwaukee, the other morning. Sixty people were asleep in the hostelry at that time. One life was lost and five persons were injured in jumping from the building.

Fifteen Years for Murder.

At Macon, Mo., M. Sealous Grugin, who shot and killed Walter J. Hadley, his son-in-law, in May, 1896, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to fifteen years in the State penitentiary.

No Money for Its Schools.

The Minneapolis Board of Education, in view of the lack of funds, has decided to close the city schools March 1, 1898.

France Honors Prof. Perrine.

A prize has been given by the French Academy of Sciences to Prof. Perrine of the Lick Observatory, San Francisco.

Pennsylvania Fixes Its Lines.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will begin at once the proposed improvements on its lines west of Altoona.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, $3.00 to $5.75; hogs, shipping grades, $3.00 to $3.75; sheep, fair to choice, $2.00 to $5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, $1.00 to $1.01; corn, No. 2, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 47c; butter, choice creamery, 22c to 24c; eggs, fresh, 19c to 21c; new potatoes, 50c to 65c 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, 91c to 92c; corn, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c.

St. Louis—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.50; hogs, $3.00 to $3.75; sheep, $3.00 to $4.75; wheat, No. 2, 99c to $1.01; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 46c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, $2.50 to $5.25; hogs, $3.00 to $3.75; sheep, $2.50 to $4.75; wheat, No. 2, 93c to 94c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 47c.

Detroit—Cattle, $2.50 to $5.25; hogs, $3.00 to $3.50; sheep, $2.50 to $4.25; wheat, No. 2, 90c to 91c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; rye, 46c to 48c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 94c to 96c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 48c; clover seed, $3.10 to $3.15.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 85c to 87c; corn, No. 3, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 48c; barley, No. 2, 40c to 43c; pork, mess, $7.00 to $7.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.25; hogs, $3.00 to $3.75; sheep, $3.00 to $5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 94c to 96c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c.

New York—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.25; hogs, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, $3.00 to $5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 98c to $1.00; corn, No. 2, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; butter, creamery, 15c to 24c; eggs, Western, 21c to 25c.

A NIGHT IN CHICAGO.

BOLDNESS OF THE WINDY CITY THUGS.

Robbers Run Things to Suit Themselves, and Find Plenty of Victims—Two Thieves Captured—The Sultan's Life Attempted—Insurance Swindler.

Work of Highwaymen.

Dr. Harold N. Moyer was walking on a street of the West Side, in Chicago, at 7:30 on a recent evening, when he was commanded by two men to hold up his hands. The doctor responded by knocking one of the men down and then ran toward his home. He had gone but a short distance when one of the robbers fired and the doctor fell, wounded in the hip. Several medical students heard the shot and the doctor's cries for help and went to his assistance. The robbers escaped. The plucky action of John McCosh, in the same city, resulted in the capture of Frank Williams and Jacob Erb, who, the police say, have been operating there for some time. McCosh was ordered to hold up his hands, and at once drew his revolver. Williams fired three shots, one wounding McCosh in the shoulder, while another shattered his right hand. Dropping his revolver, McCosh rushed at his two assailants. The sound of the shooting attracted attention and the robbers were captured by the police. An attempt to rob Mrs. Burk, a landlady of the city, on the same night, was foiled by a revolver in the lady's hands.

FARMERS GET HIGHER PRICES.

The Agricultural Department Issues a Comparative Statement.

The Agricultural Department at Washington has issued the following, signed by John Hyde: "The department's final estimates of the production of the principal crops are based largely on the December returns. The only information now available relates to the average farm price of certain products on the first day of the present month. The farm price of corn, as indicated, averages 26.5 cents per bushel, against 21.5 cents last year; that of oats, 21.5 cents, against 18.7 cents last year; that of barley, 37.7 cents, against 32.3 cents last year; that of rye, 44.7 cents, against 40.9 cents last year; that of buckwheat, 42.1 cents, against 39.2 cents last year; that of hay, $6.65 per ton, against $6.55 last year. The averages for the products not given are withheld for revision, as are also the estimates of the acreage of winter wheat and rye and the condition of these products."

HE'S ANOTHER HOLMES.

Charles Zanoli Insured Wives and Children and Collected on Their Deaths.

Charles Zanoli, alias Brauner, alias Suhmer, who has been arrested in New York for fraudulently collecting the insurance money on 7-year-old Willie Schmidt, is in a peck of trouble. During the last few years several of Zanoli's wives, all insured in his favor, have died. So have his mothers-in-law, and a few children. Zanoli admits having grown rich collecting life insurance policies, but says all the above persons died in a natural way.

Long Run at High Rate.

A record-breaking run was made by the Union Pacific east-bound fast mail between Cheyenne and North Platte. The train, which was run as the second section of east-bound No. 2, made the run between Tipton and Wamsutter station, on the Wyoming division, at the rate of 78 miles an hour. From Cheyenne to Sidney, a distance of 102 miles, the running time was 97 minutes. From Sidney to North Platte, 114 miles, the time was 117 minutes, being the fastest run in the history of the road.

Breadmakers Knew of Him.

Hon. Charles Fleischmann died at his home in Avondale, near Cincinnati, O., from paralysis. At the time of his death Mr. Fleischmann was president of the Market National Bank, the Fleischmann Distilling Company, the Commercial-Tribune Company and of other concerns and several times a millionaire, but was best known as a manufacturer of yeast.

Attempt to Slay the Sultan.

Two soldiers in the imperial service at Yildiz Kiosk, the palace of the sultan at Constantinople, made an attempt on the sultan's life. This was frustrated by the attendants of the sultan. The sultan had the men tortured in the hope of extracting the names of the instigators, but both died without revealing anything.

Mexico Needs the Cash.

The bill authorizing the Mexican minister of finance to issue a new series of 5 per cent silver bonds of $20,000,000 will in all probability become a law. The House at Mexico City has passed the bill and the Senate is considering it. The loan is intended to convert the floating debt into subsidies.

Queer Poisoning Case.

Willie, Antoinette and Lillie Sobotka, three small children of a Bohemian family, were mysteriously poisoned at St. Louis. They had been sent to their grandmother's house on an errand. While there Willie, aged 9, suddenly began to vomit. He soon died. The other two will recover.

At the End of His Career.

Charles Prince, leader of the bank robbers who robbed twenty-six banks in Iowa during the winter of 1896-97, has been caught in Texas.

Puts a Bullet in His Head.

Granville Loud, senior member of the firm of Loud, Claridge & Co., ship chandlers, Baltimore, Md., committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Business anxieties are assigned as the cause. Mr. Loud was about 60 years old

He Champions Penny Postage.

Representative Smith of the old Logan district of Illinois has introduced a bill in Congress reducing letter postage to 1 cent per ounce after July 1, 1898.

Text of Treaty Ready.

The text of the definite treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece contains about 2,000 words, including two protocols referring respectively to the commercial convention and consular immunities. The treaty amplifies the preliminary peace terms

GAGE ON CURRENCY.

Secretary of the Treasury Presents His Annual Report.

The Secretary of the Treasury in his annual report sent to Congress says that the Dingley act "has not been in force long enough to determine fully its merits, but it is confidently believed that when in full operation it will afford ample revenue for the ordinary needs of the Government."

He, however, in his estimates for the fiscal year 1898, places the total revenue at $441,000,000; expenditures at $469,000,000, or a deficit of $28,000,000.

For 1899 the revenues are estimated at $482,000,000 and appropriations $504,000,000, a deficit of $21,000,000. For the fiscal year ended June 30 last, the receipts were $430,000,000; expenses, $448,000,000, a deficit of $18,000,000.

The Secretary says the enormous depreciation in the commercial value of silver, as compared with gold, has greatly increased the financial responsibilities of the Government in its demand liabilities, and the logical consequences of the fact should be boldly faced.

"The Treasury Department in all its operations has treated gold and silver coins, and the paper representatives of each, as of equal dignity as to value," he says. "It has operated to keep in concurrent circulation on terms of equality the two kinds of metallic money, notwithstanding the never ceasing disparity between the natural or commercial value of one as compared with the other. Nevertheless it must be recognized that this undertaking involves a large financial responsibility and requires proper and adequate legislative provisions for its continued execution.

"The condition of the treasury in its relation to demand obligations requires that one of two steps be taken. The one may be a large re-enforcement of the permanent gold reserve; the other may be an important reduction in the objectionable form of liabilities. The latter is in my opinion the more desirable."

The Secretary then recommends the establishment of an issue and redemption division department to which $125,000,000 in gold shall be set over to be used for redemption purposes, and that the silver dollars and bullion be passed to the same account; that the $200,000,000 greenbacks be collected and placed in this division to be disbursed therefrom only in exchange for gold.

ODD WAY TO PREACH.

Object Sermons Now a Fad with Some Gotham Preachers.

Religion and religious methods seem to be taking on a new form with the approaching birth of Greater New York. Doctrines of heresy, political discussions and other matters far from the old-fashioned path of pastors, seem to be the only questions now discussed in the houses of worship. And the break-away from the orthodox has affected churches of every denomination.

The excitement caused by the reported possibility of Father Ducey being disciplined for expressing his approval of socialistic principles has given way to talk aroused by the action of Rev. Dr. Dennison of the Church of the Sea and Land, who, following the example of the late Dr. Spurgeon of London, who frequently pounded a bible to pieces in emphasizing his remarks on some illustrated sermon, has introduced balloons into the church.

The balloons were used by the pastor to make clear the meaning of his object lesson sermon, "The causes that keep men down." Mr. Dennison demonstrated that many men rose to certain heights in the world, but never got any higher. The weight that kept them down, he explained, was a pair of handcuffs. Then the pastor released a toy balloon with a pair of handcuffs attached to it by string. Of course the balloon had not sufficient capacity to hold the gas necessary to raise the weight, and so the illustration was applauded.

His second example showed the balloon on the end of a whisky bottle—another cause that kept men down. To illustrate that filth prevented man's ascension balloon No. 3 was attached to a tin can filled with dirt. A pair of scissors fastened to a balloon represented sharp-tongued persons who are continually cutting into persons' feelings.

The congregation is now divided. One portion thinks that pastor's idea an excellent one, while others declare that his action was an insult to their intelligence. But the idea has "caught on" and several "example sermons" are promised in many of the churches.

GAGE'S ESTIMATES.

Appropriations for the Service of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, '99.

Secretary Gage has transmitted to Congress the estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, as furnished by the several executive departments.

The total amount called for by the estimates is $462,647,885, which is about $32,000,000 in excess of the appropriations for 1898, including deficiencies and miscellaneous, and about $41,000,000 more than the estimates for 1898. The recapitulation of estimates by titles is as follows, cents omitted:

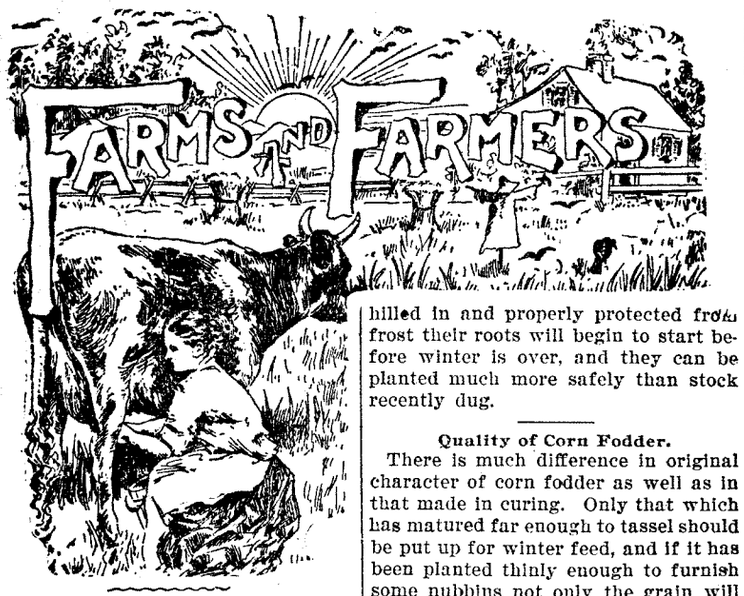
Legislative establishment	$4,465,532
Executive establishment	20,025,484
Judicial establishment	687,020
Foreign intercourse	1,820,428
Military establishment	24,620,043
Naval establishment	29,929,539
Indian affairs	7,375,617
Pensions	141,257,750
Public work	73,364,134
Postal service	6,048,112
Miscellaneous	35,137,402
Permanent annual appropriations	117,836,220
Grand total	$462,647,885

These amounts include estimates for rivers and harbors, $48,728,160, and for fortifications and other works of defense, $13,378,571, the details of which already have been published.

The total postal service deficiency is estimated at $6,048,112. The Secretary of the Interior asks for $110,000 to aid in the protection of timber on public lands, and $75,000 for the care, etc., of forest reserves.

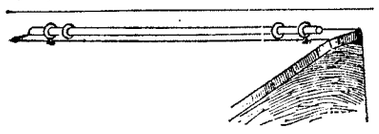
Gen. Nelson G. Williams died at his home in Brooklyn. He was a classmate of U. S. Grant at West Point. At the battle of Shiloh he had a horse shot under him and the explosion of a shell rendered him totally deaf. For thirty years he had been in charge of the public stores in New York City.

An attempt was made at Montevideo to stab Senor Jose Cuestas, president ad interim of Uruguay. It was unsuccessful, the bystanders warding off the would-be assassin. The man was formerly a member of the Montevideo police force.



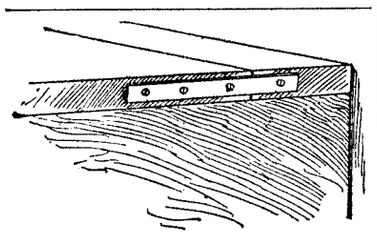
Homemade Hinges.

One frequently needs a great number of small hinges in making chicken and other coops. The two sketches given herewith show homemade hinges that are better than leather and cheaper than the hardware dealer's steel butts. The one shown first is made of screw eyes, inserted with a round rod of wood



SCREW EYE HINGE.

or wire running through them. Screw eyes come in all sizes so that almost any strength of hinge can thus be made. The two eyes can be placed close together and wired with fine wire if desired. Occasionally a bit of hard wood and a few screws will make a very serviceable hinge, attached as shown in the second picture, which tells its own story. Have the wood stout enough so



STRAP HINGE.

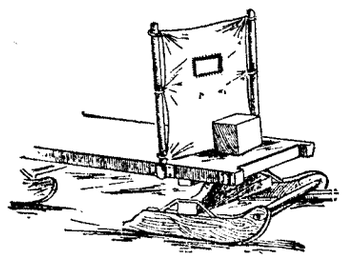
that the screws will not split it, and use round-headed screws for the pivot if possible.—New England Homestead.

Apple Pomace as Feed.

There is considerable nutriment in pomace as it comes from the mill. Stock will eat it quite readily if fed before it begins to ferment. This, however, it does very soon if exposed to the air. Consequently it is best to place the pomace in air-tight barrels or hogsheads, so as to keep air from it, and cover the pomace with something that will hold down the carbonic acid gas and prevent its escape as it forms. This is really ensilaging it. The pomace itself has not nutritive value to make this worth while. Its chief value is its succulency, and it should be fed with grain, hay or meal, so as to give the proper proportion of nutrition. When put up in air-tight barrels and kept slightly below freezing temperature there will be no more fermentation in the pomace than there is in the silo, and it can be used till late in the winter.

Windbreak for the Driver.

Drivers in winter often suffer severely and unnecessarily from the cold winds. Returning home without a load the wind has a chance to blow upon them unhindered. Have two small stakes and four holders for them, as shown in the sketch. Provide a stout piece of duck and sew rings to it as suggested. A small glass with its wooden frame can be inserted, and two small openings made for the reins. If the wind is in front, at either side or at the driver's back, he has simply to change the stakes and his sheet of duck to escape its fury. When not in use the sheet can be folded, with the glass in-



DRIVER'S WINDBREAK ON SLED.

side, and placed in the box used as a seat. Such a contrivance will save much suffering and can be had at a very slight cost.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Preparation for Winter.

Summer farming is but a preparation for winter. Food is cheaper in summer, but prices are lower. While the pasture is a valuable aid to the dairyman, it is sure to cheapen prices at times when grass is abundant, the market being regulated by the supply. The best dairymen grow crops for use on the farm in winter, preferring to feed their produce at the barn and convert it into milk and butter in winter, when higher prices rule.

Ordering Nursery Stock.

To make sure that an order can be filled it should be sent in at as early a date as possible. It is best to order for spring delivery in the early winter. The order will be filled, and the rule in all nurseries is first come first served. In the North all nurserymen take up their out-of-door stock early, and hill it in so as to be able to fill orders from the South during the winter season. This is really much better than taking stock from nursery rows. When the trees are hilled in and properly protected from frost their roots will begin to start before winter is over, and they can be planted much more safely than stock recently dug.

Quality of Corn Fodder.

There is much difference in original character of corn fodder as well as in that made in curing. Only that which has matured far enough to tassel should be put up for winter feed, and if it has been planted thinly enough to furnish some nubbins not only the grain will help, but the quality of the stalks will be improved. Farmers have often noticed that the husked stalks were eaten by cows in preference to the thin, watery and tasteless stalks of corn sown for fodder. The cow knows what is best for her. No corn for fodder should ever be sown. It should be drilled, and will be all the better if drilled not so closely as to prevent all earing. At its best fodder corn is full of water when harvested, and unless the farmer is willing to do a good deal of lifting for nothing he should make the fodder as nutritious as it can be grown.

Cauliflower as a Farm Crop.

In our experience, cauliflower is very rarely attempted by farmers who begin market gardening. Yet it is quite as easily grown as cabbage, provided it has a soil rich enough to grow it to perfection. Late cabbage can be grown on land that will not produce cauliflower. It is probable that the unsuccessful attempts to grow cauliflower are responsible for the fact that it is much less planted than the homely cabbage, which as a late crop does not require very rich land, provided it is well cultivated. Farmers need to diversify their crops more than they do. It is this that makes the business of the gardener a safe one. If one crop fails to make a profit he has enough others that are profitable to make his business as a whole a success.—American Cultivator.

Corn on One Acre.

How much corn will an acre of land produce? The Illinois State Board of Agriculture offered prizes for the largest crop on one acre, and twelve persons succeeded in raising over one hundred bushels each. The first prize was won by Mr. John Powers, with a yield of 166 bushels per acre, Mr. E. S. Fursman coming second with 160 bushels. The next ten persons produced, respectively, 150, 144, 143, 142, 116, 110, 108, 103, and two others 100 bushels each, the average of the twelve being 128½ bushels per acre The best fertilizer for corn was conceded to be a previous crop of clover, depending upon deep and early plowing, fine seed bed and shallow but thorough cultivation.

Protector for Shrubs.

A convenient method for protecting rose bushes and many small shrubs is shown herewith.

All barrels that have lost both heads are saved and used for this purpose. Two small stakes are driven down, and a string attached, as shown in the sketch, to keep the wind from blowing them over. Straw is then put inside about the bush, making very warm and wind-tight winter quarters. A board, or a piece of burlap, can be tacked over the top to support the weight of the snow, if desired.

Why Fattening Stock Eat Straw.

Domestic animals like variety in feed as much as does man himself. Possibly they are more partial to variety than are men and women, because the taste of animals is less vitiated. A fattening steer or sheep which is fed highly nitrogenous food will eat a good deal of bright grain straw, so as to supply the proper proportion of carbonaceous nutrition. When animals are fed corn, less straw will be eaten, as the corn is itself chiefly starch, which is only another form of carbon. For sheep that are fed beans and bean straw, the straw of wheat or oats will be eaten almost as readily as hay. It is needed to prevent the nitrogenous ration being too concentrates.

A Hen's Egg Production.

About 150 eggs per year is estimated as the production of a hen, if the flock is small and well cared for, but with large flocks an average of 100 eggs per hen for one year is about correct, as disease, lice and mismanagement cause loss. The fowls on farms give larger profits in proportion to capital represented than larger stock, but are more neglected, and, therefore, do not give as large profits as could be derived from them.

Cow Peas in the Orchard.

A Western fruit grower states that he has had excellent results in his orchard by growing cow peas therein, and allowing the crop to be harvested by hogs. Not only is the land benefited by the shade, but the hogs grow and fatten rapidly, the peas and vines being nitrogenous. His fruit crops are large, and his pork is produced at a smaller cost than on corn.

Potatoes to Be Higher.

The average per acre of potatoes for 1897 is less than seventy bushels, and prices will be much higher than for several years.

NEWS OF OUR STATE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANDERS.

Opium Administered to a Farmer's Wife—Finance of the State Fair—Horrible Trolley Car Accident Near Detroit.

Met Death by Poison.

Five weeks ago John Hartman, an aged farmer living north of Laingsburg, died suddenly, and the cause of death was given as uraemic poison. A few days ago Mrs. Hartman, his widow, died after a few hours' illness. Dr. Scott, who was called to her bedside just before death ensued, found that William Roehm, alias Gage, and his wife, Emma, who made their home with the Hartmans, had purchased quantities of opium at different drug stores, and he laid this information before the prosecuting attorney. An investigation was started, and an inquest was held. The jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Hartman came to her death by poison, and from the evidence submitted had reason to believe that the Roehms administered the same.

State Fair Statement.

Following is the official statement of the last State fair: Total receipts, $19,175.29; total expenses, $19,108.30; net profit, $66.99. The largest items of expense were: Premiums, $8,251.50; speed, $3,974.39; advertising, $1,281.73, and general purposes, $1,585.01. The personal expenses of the directors were only $605.25, and of the Secretary's office $816.50. The Executive Committee will meet in Grand Rapids Jan. 10, when it will be decided whether or not to hold another fair and when.

"Cripple's Revenge."

Several years ago Frank Eves, of St. Louis, lost an arm in a separator and ever since then he has been figuring how to get even. He has at last invented a threshing machine that mechanics say is practical and which is entirely different from anything now in use. He has named it "The Cripple's Revenge." A very successful exhibition of its working powers was recently given.

Earnings of Michigan Roads.

The railroad earnings in Michigan for September, as reported by Commissioner Wesselius, were $2,650,448, or $248,213 more than for the same month last year. For the first nine months of the present year the aggregate earnings were $21,625,500, an increase of $66,443 over the same period of 1896. This is the first increase reported for this year.

Fatal Trolley-Car Wreck.

Two suburban cars carrying twenty passengers and both running at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour collided on the Detroit and Oakland electric railroad near Detroit. Three men were instantly killed and several persons injured, eleven of them seriously.

Insurance Companies Barred Out.

State Insurance Commissioner Campbell issued a circular containing the names of thirty-five fire insurance companies which, he asserts, are unauthorized to do business in Michigan, and many of whom he charges have no legal existence anywhere.

New President for Albion.

The Board of Trustees of Albion College has elected John P. Ashley, Ph. D., of Lima, N. Y., as president to succeed Dr. Lewis R. Fiske, who resigned last May because of advanced age, after twenty years of service.

State News in Brief.

William Righter, aged 65, a farmer living near Seneca, dropped dead of heart disease.

George Spencer of Chelshire township pulled a gun out of a wagon by the muzzle. He is dead.

The K. O. T. M. dedicated a new hall at Benton Harbor and initiated thirty-two new members.

Martin Zuber, a general merchant at Minden City, has filed chattel mortgages covering his entire stock.

Hog cholera has obtained a firm hold in Ingham County. One farmer has lost twenty hogs from the disease.

Willie Thompson, a 10-year-old Carsonville boy, was trampled on by a horse he was leading and seriously injured.

Saloonists at Burr Oak have been unable to secure bondsmen within the village limits and will have to close up shop.

New Haven citizens held a mass meeting and adopted resolutions urging the officers to enforce the Sunday saloon law.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hathaway of Birmingham was badly scalded by the upsetting of a cup of hot tea.

At Detroit, W. J. Burian shot at his wife, but succeeded only in slightly wounding her. He then shot himself dead.

Edwin Cutter has begun suit against Benton Harbor for $5,000 damages for injuries received by falling on a defective sidewalk.

Stephen Crooitz, a Coldwater Pole, was held up near the Lake Shore depot and robbed of $8. Two boys have been arrested on suspicion.

Robert Spink of St. Joseph, who went to California in '49 and stayed until '58, has caught the gold craze again and will accompany a party of six to the Klondike next spring.

The electric light service in Ovid is so bad that a number of the merchants have to keep lanterns continually burning in order to find articles in remote corners of their stores.

An 18-year-old lad, giving the name of George Bayne of Port Huron, was arrested at Griffin, Ga., and sent to the chain gang for twelve months. The boy answers the description of the missing Williams boy.

An iron bridge with a 90-foot span will be built over the Tobacco river, between Gladwin and Beaverton. With its approaches the structure will be 318 feet long. It will be 16 feet wide.

Dr. S. B. Follett, who practiced in Sturgis over forty years, while assisting in unloading hay, fell through a hole in the floor, fracturing his jaw, injuring the spine and receiving internal injuries.

The Michigan Central Railroad proposes to build a round house at Gaylord and put in a switch engine there. It is also expected this company will move its water tank from Otsego Lake to Gaylord.

The U. of M. lighting plant is finally in operation.

A creamery will be established at Caro in the near future.

Diphtheria has again broken out in the vicinity of Deckerville.

The car famine at Grand Rapids is steadily growing worse.

The Auditor's office at Lansing took in $33,626 one day recently.

The Calumet and Hecla has paid $3,600,000 in dividends this year.

Iron Mountain high school girls have formed two basket ball teams.

Ethel Bruce, a popular Birmingham girl, was stricken with paralysis.

Membranous croup is epidemic in Green township, six miles west of Morley.

The long anticipated United States steamship Yantic has arrived at Detroit.

Drunkenness in Iron Mountain has decreased 50 per cent in the last two years.

A store at Litchfield had three proprietors within five hours one day last week.

Ramus Christiansen accidentally shot himself near North Muskegon. He will die.

Edward Evanson, an old resident of Republic, hanged himself in a fit of despondency.

The lighting plant at Eastern Michigan Asylum for the Insane will be in operation Jan. 1.

F. A. Hagenbuch has been appointed postmaster at Fabius, vice A. U. Shafer, removed.

The man who was recently killed north of Standish has been identified as Calvin N. Hadley.

Bay City people feel sure that the United Alkali Co. of Great Britain will locate in that city.

Harm Tyink of Graafschap, aged 75, who was accidentally shot by young Hilbink, is dead.

Eugene McOmber's dwelling, near Monterey Center, was burned. Loss, $1,200; no insurance.

Rev. Elder Mann, an evangelist, narrowly escaped death in a runaway accident at Riverdale.

A fight between two Sunday school scholars in Caldwell township cost Missaukee County $50.

James F. Carr is suing Muskegon for $10,000 damages for injuries received on an obstructed sidewalk.

Four Mormon elders direct from Utah are at Bay City and will try and convert the gentiles of that city.

Sheriff Ferguson, at Benton Harbor, has imported a couple of bloodhounds to help prevent jail deliveries.

It is said that a white deer was shot in Montmorency County just before the close of the hunting season.

Alpena lumber mills cut 15,000,000 feet more this season than in 1896. The season's cut was 120,000,000 feet.

The factory and stock of the Sanitarium Health Food Company at Battle Creek was damaged $2,000 by fire.

Sheriff Hall of Eaton County believes he has broken up a gang of wheat thieves which was working in that county.

The creamery at Litchfield has paid a 10 per cent dividend to its stockholders and another is expected next February.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Whitmore, pioneers, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Colon.

Marshal Davis has succeeded in breaking up the nickel-in-the-slot and other gaming devices in Pontiac saloons.

The Winona mine at Houghton was bid in at receiver's sale by Matthew Vanorden, trustee for the stockholders, at $13,500.

Rev. Fr. Brancheau succeeds Fr. Slattery, who had so much trouble with the parishioners at St. Mary's Church, Lansing.

The deadlock in the Common Council at Metamora continues. It has been in existence six months, and the village is suffering.

Mayor Stearns of Kalamazoo has vetoed the ordinance permitting bicycle riding on sidewalks. He says bicycles are vehicles.

The tools lost at a depth of 300 feet in the new well of the Diamond Crystal Salt Company at St. Clair have been recovered.

John Armiston, a Mundy farmer, recently shipped ten 7-months-old hogs whose aggregate weight was 2,450 pounds.

Ninety persons, mostly students at the college, were baptized in the Adventist Tabernacle baptistry at Battle Creek the other night.

Every county in the State reports a great increase in the number of marriage licenses issued as compared with the two previous years.

Poker players in the vicinity of Metamora and Thornville hold forth in a hen house, since the burning of the old gristmill in the latter village.

R. M. Wood, the St. Ignace lumberman, who is operating near Trout lake, recently felled a pine tree which cut seven 16-foot logs which scaled 6,000 feet.

Albert K. Knapp, a German cigarmaker at Detroit, 39 years of age, tried to kill his aged mother. Subsequently he was found dead, having cut his throat.

The State county roads system has not proven a success in Cheboygan County and it is probable that the different townships will return to the old system.

A Boyne City merchant named La Londe was convicted of selling liquor without a license and fined $75. He claimed the bottles contained "pepsin."

Gov. Pingree has appointed Clayton M. Nash of Allegan county agent for the State Board of Corrections and Charities, to succeed M. H. Wing, deceased.

A man and his son who had traveled all the way from the State of Washington, 3,200 miles, since Aug. 15, struck Homer last week. The peculiar part of their journey was that it was made in an old-fashioned prairie schooner.

P. S. O'Rourke, who worked his way up from a helper to a track gang to the superintendency of the southern division of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, has resigned his position because of ill-health. He will be given a place in the general offices.

The Michigan crop report for December says the condition of wheat Dec. 1 was 88 per cent of the average. The condition is 3 per cent poorer than it was one year ago, the fields being unusually spotted. Correspondents report the existence of hog cholera in fifty-one places in the State.

HAYTI BOWS ITS KNEE

THE GERMAN FLAG SALUTED AT PORT AU PRINCE.

Trouble Between the Little Republic and the Kaiser's Empire Thought to Be Settled—Native Residents Bitterly Resent the Government's Back-Down

"Wacht Am Rhine" Tooted.

The question of the indemnity demanded by Germany for the alleged illegal arrest and imprisonment of Herr Emil Lueders, a German subject, has been settled to the satisfaction of Germany and all the demands of that country have been agreed to by the Government of Hayti, in face of the display of force made by Germany and under the threat of a bombardment of the defensive works of the port unless these demands were agreed to within the eight hours following the time the German ultimatum was delivered, shortly after the arrival at Port au Prince of the two German cruisers sent to back up the demands of the German minister.

Naturally there is a strong feeling of resentment against the Government on account of the humiliation inflicted upon the country by Germany; but it is not thought that anything more serious than a ministerial crisis will result.

The Trouble with Hayti.

The trouble between Hayti and Germany arose from the imprisonment of Emile Lueders, son of a German who married a Haytian woman. Up to a short time ago Lueders was a Haytian citizen, but, having been concerned in various little affrays, among which are

EMIL LUEDERS.

mentioned four duels, he seemingly deemed it wise to change his nationality, and registered his name at the German consulate. For an assault upon a Haytian officer—his second affair of the kind—Lueders was arrested, convicted and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. An appeal was pending when the German minister interfered, without invitation, and forced his way into the private apartment of Tiresias Simon Sam, the president of the Haytian republic, and, in a rude and peremptory manner, demanded the release of Lueders, with an apology to the German Government, an indemnity of $1,000 a day for the time he had been in prison, the immediate trial of the police who arrested him, and the dismissal of the judges who sentenced him. If the prisoner was not released within twenty-four hours the indemnity was to be $5,000 a day for every day afterward.

M'KINLEY ARRIVES IN TIME.

His Presence Renders Family Circle at Canton Complete.

President McKinley reached Canton in special train at 8:55 Tuesday morning.

When the President entered the room, accompanied by his wife and his niece, Miss Mabel McKinley, the sister of the President, Miss Helen, said: "Mother, here are William and Ida." The President kneeled by his mother's bedside and kissed her tenderly. As he did so she put her arm about his neck and signified that she knew him. She also recognized the President's wife, and reached her hand toward her.

It seemed to friends that she had somehow or other been waiting for the arrival of her son. Soon after she lapsed into an unconscious state, and the strength that had been husbanded for the last meeting of son and mother seemed to leave her.

The scene was a pathetic one that beggars description. In the midst of it all there was a joy unspeakable in the breast

"MOTHER" M'KINLEY.

of the President. He had again been permitted to see his mother alive. He had left her bedside to go to Washington in answer to the obligations of his country. He had witnessed the assembling of Congress and had now returned before the death angel made his visit and took with him the spirit of the aged mother. With the arrival of the President the children of Nancy Allison McKinley gathered about her couch, made sacred by her tenacious struggle against death. The reunion was complete.

While a recent performance of wild beasts and their tamer was in progress at a village near Kovno, Poland, the lion tamer was killed by a lion and a tigress. A fearful panic ensued among the spectators, and eight persons were crushed to death, many others being seriously injured.

For the first time in six years the Mitchell & Trauter Rolling Mills in Covington, Ky., are running a double force of over 400 men. The Overman & Schrader Cordage Works have put on a double force of 300 men.

DECEMBER WHEAT $1.09.

This Is the Highest Notch Touched Since the 1891 Corner.

Amid the wildest excitement seen on the Chicago Board of Trade within the memory of the oldest trader December wheat sold for $1.09 Thursday. This is the highest mark which the cereal has reached since the historic combine of 1891. During the four hours of session a rise of 7½ cents over the opening price was recorded. The Chicago price was 16 cents over Minneapolis and Duluth, 10 cents over New York and 7 cents over St. Louis.

At this price the wheat of an eighty-acre Kansas farm, land value $15 per acre, was worth more than the land itself, the farm equipment and the house and barn. Not a farmer in Minnesota or the Dakotas with 2,400 bushels of wheat, the product of eighty acres last harvest, but what could have sold his grain in Chicago Thursday for more than his land would bring, and have a few hundred dollars to the good.

If the pace of the first few minutes had been maintained during the rest of the session it is probable that kernels of wheat would have sold as high as diamonds at the close. The cereal shot up to $1.05½ at a bound and the holders of big wheat contracts could have disposed of them at this stage without any trouble. When $1.05 was bid for December wheat some of the bulls thought the temperature was getting rather high and dumped a lot of their claims. This action had the effect of easing the market and checking temporarily the efforts of the more aggressive. Ten minutes of comparative quiet reigned in the stormy session, and then the bulls by a coup started the figures their own way again. So complete was the surprise that many of the dealers declared that they expected to see the price sail up to $1.50 before the end of the session.

At $1.06 the explosion of a Krupp gun could not have been heard above the pandemonium. The bulls forced the cereal by fractions of a cent up to $1.07. Here their foemen made a temporary rally and brought another elevator full of grain into their midst. A half hour of deadlock resulted, but the dealers with the horns, metaphorically speaking, concentrated their forces on a weak point in the other ranks and shot the price to $1.09, the high water mark of the day and of six years. Then succeeded the usual slump as the time for the clang of the gong approached and December closed at $1.07.

THE SKAGUAY PASS.

It Is a Trail of Horror and Death Leading to the Klonkike.

The Skaguay Pass, en route to the Klondike region, is thus described by an American miner who has just returned: The Skaguay Pass is a rank fake, advertised by a lot of Shylocks and mountebanks at the town of Skaguay for the purpose of making money out of the deluded people who are persuaded to go that route. What is called the "Skaguay Pass" is no pass at all—it is simply forty-eight miles of mire. I never saw such human suffering in my life as I witnessed

THE SUMMIT OF WHITE PASS.

among the 1,200 people who are now camped in Skaguay Pass. Not five per cent of them will get over and the others are coming back. I found men only twenty miles away from the town, and it had taken them forty days to get that far. Horses get down in the snow and mire and hundreds of animals have their legs broken and must be shot. The bottoms of the canyons are covered with the carcasses of dead animals that have been rolled over the cliffs. There will be much suffering and starving this winter among the people camping in Skaguay Pass. I saw one poor man, who had mortgaged his home in Seattle for $500, gave his wife and children $150 to keep them this winter, and spent $300 for his outfit. He could not get across the fake pass and returned to the town of Skaguay to sell his outfit. The eight or ten outfitters of that town all stand together, and he could get no more than $40 for his outfit. The

MAIN STREET OF SKAGUAY.

poor man saw that he had lost his home, and he was broken hearted. I felt sorry for him and gave him $100, and his eloquent thanks were the tears that streamed down his cheeks. This is only one of a hundred like cases, and, for humanity's sake, the Skaguay Pass should be denounced as a fake of unscrupulous swindlers. The town of Skaguay is full of dissolute characters.

Sparks from the Wires.

Spain will send no further re-enforcements to Cuba.

All the members of the Board of Health appointed by the Governor at New Orleans, La., have resigned.

Secretary Long has addressed a letter to Miss Christine Bradley asking her to christen the battleship Kentucky.

Nicaragua passed a law Oct. 9 last, absolutely prohibiting the immigration of Chinese. The officer who infringes on the law is subjected to a fine of from $25 to $500.

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HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT!

Useful and ornamental Holiday Gifts are the chief attraction at our store now.

Christmas will soon be here and you will be looking for suitable presents for relatives and friends. Here is a partial list we offer, at the very lowest prices:

Dress Patterns
Stylish Cloaks at ¼ off the regular price
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Lunch and tray cloths
Comode scarfs
Doylies, etc
Rugs
Stand spreads
Drapery curtains
Lace curtains
Underwear, all grades
Corsets
Hosiery
Kid gloves, in black, brown, ox blood and green, all warranted
Ladies' kid; mocha and knit mittens
Ladies' all wool, beaver, Jersey and knit leggins
Lamb's wool slipper soles
Wool lined rubbers, arctics, shoes, etc.
A beautiful line of hem stitched and embroidered handkercheifs
Hdkf linen, plain and dotted footing lace
Ice wool fascinators
Fascinators from 25c to $1
Astrachan muffs
Wool seal muffs
French seal muffs
Children's angora sets
Feather boas, etc
Satine underskirts

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All our new stylish Jackets for Ladies and Misses will be sold at ***One fourth off*** the regular price.

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Gents' underwear
Shirts, night robes
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Hem stitched linen hdkfs
Japonet linen hdkfs
Initial silk hdkfs
Purses, pocketbooks
Whisk brooms
Hair brushes, etc
Overcoats
Suits
Plush caps
Suspenders
Lined mocha and kid gloves
Knit mittens
Mackintoshes
Umbrellas
Shoes and rubber goods
Wool bed blankets
Wool horse blankets
Carpet sweepers
Fancy celluloid cuff and collar boxes
Fancy celluloid work boxes
Fancy celluloid glove boxes
Fancy celluloid hdkf boxes
Fancy celluloid photo boxes
Kid, bisk and squaking dolls from 5c to $1.50
Beautifully dressed jointed dolls from 20c to $1.50
Child's carpet sweepers
Celluloid balls
Smoking sets
Pictures
Fancy box stationery, etc

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Local Happenings.

Commencing next week, for the balance of the year we will send out one thousand or more free sample copies of THE SUN and want the name and address of the head of every family living within ten miles of Middleville. We will be pleased to receive the addresses also of all old residents of this locality, that they may get a few sample copies. Remember, no charge will be made for copies sent, and all will be discontinued with the last issue in this month unless ordered continued. Send in the addresses plainly written.

Christmas cards at the News Stand. *

Read M. S. Keeler & Co.'s Holiday Ad. *

Watches at about half price at Dowling's. *

Send me the SUN for '98 as a Christmas present.

Get your photos at Pinney's before the holiday rush. *

Leave orders now at the News Stand for the Christmas Horseman. *

Family and teachers' Bibles at Armstrong's, east side, near P. O. *

Toys, Dolls, Books and Albums at Armstrong's, east side near P. O. *

There will be a special meeting of the school board, this week Friday evening.

If you don't see what you want for Christmas, go to Dowlings and you will find it. *

The largest stock of Christmas goods in Barry county, and no fancy prices at Dowling's. 50-2

For every dozen cabinets, one extra mounted on large card, at Pinney's during the holiday trade. *

Young men you are wanted this way. Your girl wants a nice Ring for Xmas. We have them at Dowling's. 50-2

We have a fine line of articles suitable for Christmas presents. Young & Chaffee, 94-100 Ottawa St. Grand Rapids. *

H. C. Strong has bills out announcing for the next 60 days, he will exchange 38 lbs. of flour and 12 lbs. of bran for wheat.

A. E. Bass of near Parmelee, recently trapped an owl that measured nearly five feet from tip to tip. He is on exhibition at F. D. Pratt's hardware, the property of J. C. Otto.

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 recommend. Read the advertisement "Pay When Cured."

Cards are out announcing a dance to be held at Smith's hall, Bowen's Mills, Friday evening Dec. 31. Also for a dance to be held at Freeport, Friday evening Dec. 24th, with supper at the Perkins house.

All those owing me on account are requested to call and settle at once.
50-2 MRS. EVA TALBOTT.

Wanted—No. 1 Timothy Hay.
50-2 KENYON BROS.

Glasses fitted and diseases of the eye treated by Dr. Nelson Abbott. 41tf

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FARM FOR SALE—I want to sell my farm one and one-half miles north of the village. Have fifty acres, good house and barn and other outbuildings, windmill, orchard, and place all improved and well fenced. Will sell cheap and on easy terms. Would take residence property in Middleville in part payment if desired.
47-3 H. E. HENDRICK.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, several of the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sabin met at their home to celebrate their golden wedding. Among those from abroad were Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. McIntyre from Belding, thus reuniting the family on Mrs. Sabin's side. They were presented with several nice presents as reminiscences of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Sabin were married in Howell, Livingston Co., Mich., Dec. 9, 1847, moving to Barry Co., Mich., in 1848, where they have since resided. The gentleman who married them, Bently Sabin, uncle to Mr. Sabin, lives in Livingston Co. He would like to have attended the wedding but felt too feeble to undertake the journey, being nearly 90 years of age. Very nice refreshments were served. The afternoon was spent in reading, singing, recitations and instrumental music. It was a very enjoyable event, long to be remembered by all those present. A FRIEND.

China celery trays at C. E. Stokoe's.

We always give what you ask for—if you wish our advice we say Brant's Cough Balsam is the best.

"It cured my wife of Chronic Asthma."
A. L. Terryll, Devereaux, Mich.

We warrant it—25 cents.
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Personal Points.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dietrich were in Grand Rapids, Monday.

M. S. Keeler, wife and son Isaac, were in Grand Rapids Monday.

Roy Hooper has gone to Grand Rapids, where he has accepted a position.

Giles Wade of Grand Rapids, has been the guest of his father, E. H. Wade.

Mr. Wing, circulation representative of the Hastings Banner, was in the village Friday.

Mamie Chambers has been appointed post-mistress at Irving, vice S. Kennedy removed.

E. S. Grosfend and family have moved into his fine new residence on Larkin street.

Mrs. Cook and daughter Mildred who accompanied her, returned to their home in Sturgis, Tuesday.

Elmer Aubil and family now occupy their residence on Grand Rapids street recently vacated by A. A. Dibble.

Chet Cisler with his family spent the latter part of last week visiting relatives in Clarksville, Bowne and Lowell.

Miss Allie Green has returned to Grand Rapids, after a week's visit with Mr. Hooper's family and Mrs. Malette.

M. Rosenberg and family are spending a few days with relatives in Grand Rapids. They leave next Tuesday for Brook, Ind.

A. O. Wilkinson and family occupy Mrs. Mitchel's residence on Grand Rapids street, recently vacated by M. Rosenberg.

Miss Flora J. Beadle, County School Commissioner, was in the village Tuesday and Wednesday, looking over our schools. She was the guest of Mrs. Ed. Blake.

Miss Hazel Hendrick was the guest of Miss Ethel Carveth in Grand Rapids over Sunday. On Saturday, Miss Carveth gave a very nice party in honor of her guest.

Rev. J. E. Arney, wife and two daughters, were guests at Dr. G. W. Matteson's, Friday, Dec. 3d. Mr. A. has moved to Luther where he has accepted a call to the M. E. church.

OBITUARY.

Rev. Benjamin Moore was born in Mt. Washington, Berkshire Co., Mass., Jan. 28, 1820; died at the home of his son, H. L. Moore, in Middleville, Mich., Dec. 9, 1897.

He was converted in 1841; united in marriage Feb. 23, 1843, to Prudence A. Lee of Mt. Washington, Mass. Commenced his ministry at the age of 27 years and preached in Carlton Hill and Batavia, N. Y., 11 years; Honeoye, N. Y., 5 years; Plano, Ill., 2 yrs.; Dowagiac, Mich., 6 yrs.; Wayland, Mich., 4 years; Middleville, Mich., 21 years. He solemnized 331 marriages and officiated at 343 funerals. The third of a family of ten children, of whom A. L Moore, Sandwich, Ill.; George F. Moore. New York city; Mrs. Wm. Youngs, Batavia, N. Y.; Mrs. Clara Cady, Batavia, N. Y.; Mrs. Mortmore Judson, Pavillion, N. Y., and Mrs. Louise Race, Albany, N. Y., survive him, he being the third who has died in the last eleven months.

He passed peacefully away at the home of his only surviving child, H. L. Moore, his last words being: "I am almost home." The funeral services were held at the home of his son Sunday, Dec. 12, at 1 p. m., conducted by Rev. J. E. White assisted by Revs. H. Appleton and W. A. Biss. The text used was from 2 Timothy iv:6, 7, 8. A large concourse of sympathetic friends and neighbors was present who followed his remains to the place of their interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Bro. Moore was a man of deep religious convictions whose pious sincerity was never questioned, even by unbelievers. Where duty called he gladly followed, regardless of praise or blame.

Since the death of his beloved wife Sept. 27, 1892, he has constantly mourned her absence, often spending half days at her grave. "Though chastened, bowed, subdued, he kissed the rod that smote him and exclaimed, 'The Lord hath given, the Lord hath taken away; and blessed be His name.'" Unwaveringly believing

"Once more! once more!
I shall behold her face and clasp her hand;
Once more—foreavermore!"

"O Time and Change! how strange it seems with so much gone,
Of life and love, to still live on!
Look where we may, the wide earth o'er,
Those lighted faces smile no more.

* * *

We turn the pages that they read,
Their written words we linger o'er,
But in the sun they cast no shade,
No voice is heard, no sign is made,
No step is on the conscious floor!
Yet Love will dream, and Faith will trust,
(Since He who knows our need is just)
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.
Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through the cypress trees!
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play!
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That life is ever Lord of Death,
And love can never lose its own."

J. E. W.

HE IS JUST AWAY.

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you—oh, you—who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return—
Think of him as faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here.
Mild and gentle as he was brave
When the sweetest love of his life he gave
To simpler things where the violets grew,
Pure as the eyes they were likened to.
The touches of his hands have stayed
As reverently as the lips have prayed;
When the little brown thrush that harshly chirped
Was dear to him as the mocking-bird;
And he pitied as much as a man in pain
A writhing honey-bee wet with rain.
Think of him still the same, I say;
He is not dead—he is just away!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

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SCHOOL ITEMS.

Rev. Mr. Appleton visited our schools Wednesday morning.

The sixth grade is ready to begin fractions next term.

The seventh grade has completed the subject of foods.

The fourth grade has been studying about the peoples of the world.

Miss Downing's room has been having stories of the origin of Christmas for morning exercises.

The eighth grade will finish their physiology and geography this term.

Term examinations in school will be given Thursday and Friday.

The physics class will begin "work and energy" next term.

Our county commissioner, Miss Beadle, visited us Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mary Barker and Jervis Campbell gave morning talks this week.

NOTICE.

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The Bairenth Idolatry of Wagner.

As affording an insight into the critical methods of the Baireuth circle, let us take as a striking example one of the most untiring of the bodyguard, Emerich Kastner, who, as the compiler of a Wagner catalogue—a catalogue of writings and musical works by and upon Richard Wagner—had acquired the rank and title of great archivist of Wagnerian literature. Kastner introduced a new, critical method, based on the number of beats and the metric measure and began to measure out the works of Wagner as one would a stretch of roadway or a field, with the intention and conviction of discovering an unsuspected and highly important principle in art. By careful computation Kastner found that "Rienzi" contained 5,980 beats; the "Flying Dutchman," 4,484; "Tannhauser," 4,881; "Lohengrin," 5,129; the "Meistersinger," 6,513. He then announced, by means of a demonstration whose secret will remain eternally inscrutable, that the life destiny and artistic experiences of Wagner were reflected in these dry numbers. In fact, he went still farther and grouped together the number of beats in every single scene from the operas of the master, continually calculating, adding and subtracting until he reached, through purely arithmetical methods, the establishment of psychological laws.

This absurd sport, played by him with figures and notes, many of his colleagues pursued with the words, syllables, nay, even the single letters, of Wagner's texts. Thus a literature was created whereby mental criticism was to be replaced by those mechanical instruments—the balance, the microscope and the knife of the vivisector. All these researches, prosecuted with much ardor, clearly demonstrated to what a degree artistic views may be lowered through blind idolatry.—Herr Alexander Moszkowski in Forum.

HOUSEHOLD GODS.

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School Column.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.]

A feature of many county papers throughout the State is the "School Column"—a column devoted to the interests of the schools and their work. Through this means the commissioner is able to make many general suggestions relative to school work, which could reach the general public in no other way,—possibly through the School Column the commissioner may help to build up a healthy school sentiment. At any rate the teacher can be reached and incited to better work and heartier efforts.

From the School Column of Com. E. W. Baker of Cheboygan Co., we clip the following relative to school visitation:

"The fall schools have opened and the commissioner will soon be around inspecting and taking notes. The following are some of the evidences of progress for which he will look, he will expect to see.

1. A wide awake teacher, not a "school keeper", and orderly interested pupils. If interested they are sure to be orderly.

2. The teacher full of the subject taught, showing complete independence of the text book, and showing careful daily preparation for each class, which should be heard without the use of the book.

3. A well arranged program of daily classes, posted in a conspicuous position and strictly followed.

4. A copy of the State Course of Study upon the teacher's desk, used as a guide in arranging the work of individuals and classes, and the school classified nearly according to the Course of Study.

5. Attention given to the lauguage and number work in all gardes. The little ones should not be neglected or sent out to play. Educational busy work should be planned and provided.

6. Some intelligent instruction given on the causes and prevention of dangerous communicable diseases, emphasizing the necessity of cleanliness.

7. The school opened with appropriate exercises.

8. Some form of flag salute in use.

9. A flag in every school room.

10. Every pupil able to sing "America" with spirit and without the book.

11. Pupils learning "memory gems," sentiments worthy of remembrance.

12. Pupils taught to think.

13. Neat blackboard work.

14. Some attempt to make the school room attractive and more home-like. Each teacher should find some means of decorating the usually bare, brown walls. The children will gladly assist.

15. The room neatly swept, dusted and occasionally scrubbed. Many school rooms are cleaned but once a year and some not that often. When the floor gets dusty and dirty call the attention of the school board to the matter. The dust from dusty school room floors is a prolific source of contagious disease. A little attention to the condition of the school house will prevent many of the outbreaks of diphtheria and other diseases.

16. The stove neatly blackened. You will find the same expenditure of time and polish amply repaid in more orderly conduct of pupils.

17. The health of pupils attended to. See that they are seated as comfortably as possible. Look carefully after the heat and ventilation. Look after pupils' position seated and standing. Be careful of their eyes.

18. Co-operation. Teacher, pupils, officers and parents working together harmoniously for the highest success of the school."

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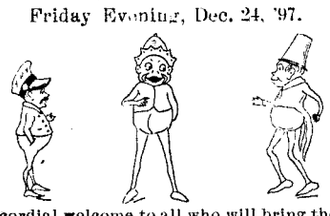
Voluntary.....Miss Shaw
Song.....School
Invocation.....Pastor
Anthem.....Choir
Recitation.....Glenn Blake
Recitation.....Mamie Mattason
Recitation.....Dacie Belle Appleton
Primary Song.....Miss Pierce's Class
Recitation.....Clare Mattason
Recitation.....Arno Gies
Recitation.....Jeannette Barker
Recitation.....Four Little Folks
Song.....Boys' Quartette
Exercise.....Mrs. Appleton's Class
Recitation.....Bessie Richards
Song.....Miss Southwick's Class
Exercise (in costume).....
.....Friends of the Little Folks
Exercises.....Mrs. Gardner's Class
Recitation.....Mary Pratt
Recitation.....Ross Armstrong
Song.....School

M. E. CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Friday Evening, Dec. 24, '97.



A cordial welcome to all who will bring their gifts and come and see
The Brownies' Bridge and we, little Brownies three.

Voluntary.....Miss Stella Webb
Anthem.....Quartette
Devotional Exercises.....Rev. J. C. Dorris
Anthem.....Quartette
Christmas Greeting.....Glenna Clever
Class Song.....Infant Class
Recitation.....Leon Green
Dialogue.....Maude Converse. Viola Baker
Singing.....School
Recitation.....Nellie Root
Recitation.....Terry Stanford
Recitation.....Gladys Rouse
Solo.....Selected
Christmas Bower.....Class of Little Workers
Christmas Offering.....
Distribution of presents.....
Benediction.....

CHURCH SERVICES.

The new Wesleyan Methodist church of Gun lake will be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 19.

The Baptist Sunday school will have exercises on Christmas eve. Look out for program next week.

The Gates Mission school will celebrate Christmas with appropriate exercises, at their school house Saturday evening, Dec 25

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m Morning topic, "True Greatness." Revival service in the evening Sunday school at the close of morning service B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m.

The Christian Endeavor will hold a social at the Congregational church parlors Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th No charge will be made and all are very cordially invited to be there and spend a pleasant evening. Light refreshments will be served.

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 The first quarterly meeting will be held Sabbath morning. Love feast beginning at 9:30 a. m Preaching at 10:30 followed by the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper Preaching at 7 p m. Epworth League, at 6 p. m. Junior Epworth League at 3 p m. at the parsonage. Sabbath school immediately following the morning service Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Come and worship with us Revival meetings will begin in M. E church January 22, 1898

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m Subject for the morning, "The Reign of God" Subject for the evening, "A Family Jar." Sabbath school at the close of morning service Junior C. E. 3:30 p. m. Subject, "What Are Some of Our Sins and How Can We Get Rid of Them?" Leader, Earl Moore. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p m Subject, "Our Sins, and How to Get Rid of Them." Leader Lee Pryor Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p m A welcome to all services

BAPTIST AID SOCIETY.

The Baptist Aid society will give their monthly tea at the church parlors Friday, Dec 17. Committee to entertain: Mesdames Hendrick, Hacker, Hobson, Johnson, Jamison, Kenyon Keeler and Keeler. The 2d division will act as reception committee. All are most cordially invited. Business meeting at 4 p m. Tea from 5 to 7.

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Farm Column.

The editor invites all interested in this department to contribute short articles of their experience, etc.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, has some good views for the best growers of Michigan. The expert reports just given to him show that the beets grown in Michigan equal, if they do not exceed, in richness and saccharine matter, that of any other grown in the country. Congressman Crump, the other day, called on the farmer member of the cabinet to see if he could learn something of interest to beet growers, and was astonished at the secretary's enthusiasm and vast fund of information. The department's experts report that the product of the Saginaw valley is affording the very best results, and that the skilled German growers of that section were doing great good by their approved and scientific way of cultivating. "The sugar beet industry will do another great thing for Michigan," said the secretary. "It will make its fame as a state for dairy products, the saccharine matter is sunshine The nitrogen which is taken from the ground is left in the pulp after the sugar is taken out. This rich pulp makes the best food for dairy cows that can be furnished. Wherever there are great beet sugar interests there are great dairy interests." The secretary was pleased to hear from Mr. Crump that $200,000 had been subscribed for the establishment of a beet sugar factory. He said he now had experts in Germany collecting what was the most suitable for the different soils and climates. He promised the Bay City congressman that good care would be taken of Michigan in the development of this important industry.

FROM THE COUNTY SEAT.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence.	Age.
Johnnie W. Aubil, Leighton; Alice M. Bedford, Irving	23—23
W. H. Geiger, Woodland; Ruth B. Smith, same	23—18
G. D. Shaffer, Maple Grove; Caroline Wilson, same	30—22
John Freeman, Baltimore; Martha Edwards, same	21—20
H. R. Norris, Johnstown; Effie L. VanSycle, sam	24—17

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This Noted Humorist and Lecturer Gives Good Advice to His Hearers.

"Bob" Burdette in a recent lecture said that it was not work that killed people. No one ever died from hard work. It was impure foods and bad habits that caused a large per cent of the deaths.

The coffee drinking habit has slain millions. A well known physician said a short time ago that he believed it caused more deaths every four year than the late civil war. But few people know of the long train of diseases that follow the constant pouring in of the poisonous alkaloids of coffee into the stomach.

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Where the Mistletoe Grows.

Mistletoe for centuries has been one of the most important factors in Yuletide decorations, its use dating back as far as the days of the Druids. The hanging of the mistletoe on Christmas eve, between 11 and 12 o'clock, in many homes is the beginning of the season's merrymaking. The bough is hung in a place where there will be no obstacle to passing under it, and the penalty for being caught beneath its branches all know.

The mistletoe of the Druids is Viscum album. It is a true parasite, exisitng on the sap of other trees, and never at any time is it in contact with the soil. It grows freely on apple, pear and plum trees, on poplars, thorns, maples and basswood, and rarely on the oak. It is said that the only sacred mistletoe of the Druids was that found upon the oak. The propagation is by the seeds. These are covered with a translucent, gummy substance. They are placed in position by birds, which in trying to rid their beaks of the sticky seeds rub them on the bark. The seeds which are deposited on the east or north side of the tree grow more rapidly than those to the south or west.

Some idea of the quantity of mistletoe that is used annually in London may be had when it is known that from the two counties of Worcester and Hereford alone more than 100 tons are shipped each season. Much also finds its way from Normandy and from France to the London market. Large quantities are imported yearly to New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and much reaches Chicago.

The mistletoe generally seen in the market here is a cousin to the European species and is known as Phoradendron flavescens. It is smaller, both in berries and leaf. It is found in great quantities in New Jersey and southward through the Carolinas, New Mexico and Indian Territory.—Chicago Record.

His Mother Would Do.

The Duke of Sutherland presented a park to one of the pottery towns. The opening was a big event, and the Prince of Wales was asked to perform the ceremony. A deputation waited on the prince accordingly, a wealthy and worthy magistrate being spokesman.

Honest old John was noted less for courtlike demeanor than for being large hearted, rough and ready and real Staffordshire. Unfortunately his royal highness was unable to comply.

"I should have been most happy," said he, "had I known sooner."

"Canna tha spare half a day just to show thy face?" said the worthy fellow. "We shall look fules when we get back." But the prince was inexorable.

Much disconcerted, the deputation seemed at a loss how to proceed. Suddenly an idea struck their resourceful leader, and, turning to the heir apparent, he said:

"Well, if tha canna come, send thy mother."—Strand Magazine.

The Spirit of Love.

Beyond all question, it is the unalterable constitution of nature that there is efficacy—divine, unspeakable efficacy—in love. The exhibition of kindness has the power to bring even the irrational animal into subjection. Show kindness to a dog, and he will remember it, he will be grateful, he will infallibly return love for love. Show kindness to a lion, and you can lead him by the mane, you can thrust your head into his mouth, you can melt the untamed ferocity of his heart into an affection stronger than death. And if this blessed influence should extend itself over the earth, a moral garden of Eden would exist in every land. Instead of the thorn and brier would spring up the fir tree and the myrtle; the desert would blossom and the solitary place be made glad.—New York Ledger.

The Last London Sweep.

The contemporary chimney sweeps, who still are of importance to London, are lusty youths and mature men, who work with a "machine" and bear relation to the ancient order commiserated by Lamb and purposely championed by Dickens only in their soot grimed hands and blackened countenances. One of these, testifying at the inquest over William Price, summed up the grand difference between original worth and present degeneracy. "Lor' bless you, we ain't chimbley sweeps nowadays; not a bit of it. We work with a lot of sticks. Anybody can do that. But he—ah, he wor a sweep, he wor! He could do our work, but we couldn't do his. There ain't no chimbleys, and there ain't no sweeps now."—London Letter.

The Useful Horse Radish.

That acrid alien of the ditches and field corners, botanically named armoracia, but almost universally known as horse radish, is not only serviceable as a popular associate for hot wienerwursts and in giving roast meats a keen edge, but it has also a good supply of medicinal properties. From it comes that tongue biting concoction, compound spirit of horse radish. The spirit—properly taken—has caused many dyspeptics to bless the day the hot root was first discovered. As a sudorific horse radish has elicited many favorable testimonials from hopeless cases of chronic rheumatism, and dropsy sufferers have often found temporary relief by using the property as a diuretic.

Pointing a Moral.

"I don't know," remarked Senator Sorghum, "when I was more impressed with the fact that there is frequently a valuable lesson to be drawn from the most trivial circumstances than I was at the dinner the other day. One of the children got the wishbone."

"Oh, yes! One takes one end and another takes the opposite, and the one who gets the longest is supposed to get his wish."

"Exactly. And I took occasion then and there to impress upon their youthful minds how much in this life depends on having a good pull."—Washington Star.

Japanese Competition.

Mr. George C. Perkins is uneasy because of the competition of Japan and gives his reasons in The Overland Monthly:

Japan has an unlimited supply of cheap coal and cheap labor. It has already demonstrated its ability to compete with Europe and America by invading the home markets of those countries. It has the best machinery which the world has up to this time produced and can manufacture as much more as it needs. The imitative faculty of the race is unquestioned and unrivaled, and its originality is becoming acknowledged. It recognizes such educational defects as it possesses and with characteristic energy and conscientiousness is setting about to gain such knowledge as is necessary to bring its people to the highest state of industrial efficiency. Chemistry was formerly practically an unknown science in Japan. Now the Japanese export chemicals to America. Physics and mathematics will be studied with similar practical results, and most Americans now living will undoubtedly see a Japan with a modern civilization, as far as its industries are concerned, but with a people still Japanese in character and tastes, who manufacture goods for foreign markets, as do the English, and who no more desire to supply their needs with English, French or American productions than we do to supply ours with those of China, Japan or India.

A Parisian Discovery.

All Paris just now, according to The Journal, is flocking to 28 Rue Ravignan, Montmartre, where, a few days ago, a most remarkable discovery was made. In this neighborhood are the ruins of the ancient monastery of the Benedictines and other old buildings used by the brothers, most of which are also giving way to the ravages of time. At 28 Rue Ravignan Mme. Berthelot keeps a grocery store. She sleeps in a small chamber in the rear, that at one time was probably used as an oratory. Mme. Berthelot, noticing that the tiles on the floor of the chamber gave forth a hollow sound as she stepped upon them, and thinking that a cellar there would be very convenient for her business, sent for a mason and had the tiles removed. A flight of stone steps was revealed, leading into a labyrinth of passages. The authorities have now taken possession of the place, and a systematic investigation is being conducted. Many relics have been found, and it is believed that much light is likely to be thrown upon the history of Paris during the fourteenth century.

Parliamentary Amenities.

In Michigan some years ago a bill was before the legislature to restore the death penalty for the crime of murder. Three of the ablest members of the house made long speeches in favor of the bill—so long as to be found wearisome, especially by those who disagreed with the opinions expressed. When the third man had finished, a young member on the other side of the chamber rose and said very sarcastically:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege."

"The gentleman will state his question of privilege," said the speaker.

"Mr. Speaker, I wish to inquire of our friends of the other side of the house which they think is preferable—to be hanged or to be talked to death?"

The question was greeted by applause. Then suddenly some one with a very loud voice said:

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