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BOWNE BUDGET.

wife Friday, Dec. 17, a 917b boy.

rife Friday, Dec. 17, a 916 boy.

Rev. Andrew Miller talked to the Claus' load of presents will be smaller people of this place last Sunday eve. Rev. Mr. Wesbrook is yet unable to fill

Ed F. Headworth has kired out to the Osborne people to sell binders the coming season. Ed is a good salesman and without a doubt will sell a good many machines.

Angus McDiarmid intends to build a new barn in the spring.

Joe Harnish, aged 14, while cutting feed, last Saturday, had his three fingers drawn in and badly lacerated.

the township of Dorr, for damages, plaintiff was given a verdict of \$1500 and costs in the circuit court.

Ehle, Tuesday.

### EAST CALEDONIA.

Dec. 20-Mrs. C. A. Chapman of niece, Clara Brown. Mr. Mel Wood of Athens, Mich., was

LyBarker and family.

in Hickory Corners, who is in poor health.

bowels, is improving.

their daughter, Ina Strait, of Alto last Thursday.

ville Tuesday.

Frank Rathbun is moving Mrs. Har-

will be greatly missed by all. Mrs. A. E. Dutcher was on the sick Bessie Watkins over Sunday. list for a few days last week.

Dave McWhinney was in Yankee Springs a few days last week.

Last Thursday night as a load of Odd Fellows were going to lodge one of the wagon wheels came off letting some of the occupants come in contact with the rough earth. No particular harm was done, farther than the preacher, who has so many good things to say, came along in time to hear the blessing.

The bible says "Stand ye out from among them." Seemingly no one would do this act of obedience for the Master, preacher or good Christian people and as a result the revival meetings have closed here without any new converts. as good, because this remedy has a rec-Laying all jokes aside, some good was ord of cures and besides is guaranteed. surely done; and we're in hopes that It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles

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though they are slow in accepting good

We are all looking forward to Xmas

GUN LAKE.

The M. E. church at Gun lake was dedicated Sunday, December 19, 1897. The services were conducted by Ray.

help we received in subscriptions and cash at the dedication was \$154.50. The cost of the building as it stands today

amazoo, Grand Rapids, Wayland, Otsego, Hastings, Caledonia and Middle-ville have helped us with means and money. We have a small debt to raise

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IRVING INKLINGS.

next Friday afternoon will be given by the members of the 2d and 3d grades.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chet Benedict Sundayed

Mice Mamie Chambers has received

the appointment as postmistress at

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W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill., 'Chief," says: "We won't keep house

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ents and friends.

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It certainly looks like it, but there is

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Dec. 20—Born to Albert Stauffer and things.

Rob't Jehnson is hauling timber for his new barn. Clancy of Hastings. We expected Rev. H. A. Day of Grand Rapids, but it was impossible for him to be present on account of the illness of his mother. The

Mose Bergy, who has been away to school at Mt. Pleasant, is home on a

Among bad colds, sickness and other is \$850 and it is a very neat looking troubles, high taxes are the worst; so is tructure. The people of Bradley, the cry.

Cattle buyers are plenty and cattle are getting pretty well picked up in this part of the country.

### DORR DOTTS.

really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has lame back and weak kid-From the Record.

mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This med-In the case of Phillip Grandov va a stimulant to the liver and kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It a blood purifier and nerve tonic. cures constipation, headache, fainting spells, sleeplessness and melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative,

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Grand Rapids spent the week with her

in this vicinity buying furs. here stopped with his cousins, W. H. Mr. O. B. Barbour is visiting his

Mrs. Estelle Smith, who has been and be present. very sick with inflammation of the

Mr. and Mrs. Hoses Strait visited Come and have a good time with the

Mr. Chas. Sandborn was in Middle-

riet Carpenter's goods to Caledonia, preparatory to her leaving her old home and friends and going to live with relatives in Pennsylvania. Am sure our heartfelt sympathy goes with her. the apparance as she was a good, kind neighber and Irving.

sure cure for coughs, colds, whooping cough, etc." It is idle to experiment urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not surely done; and we're in hopes that It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles some of our friends are thinking, even free at J. W. Armstrong's drug store.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Dec. 21-Get ready to watch the Santa Claus Saturday merning.

Married at the home of the bride's parents Miss Maggle Steehy and Mr. Leonard Hooker Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, by C. W. Marshall of Wayland.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Thede, jr., a daughter Sunday, Dec. 19. Emory Jones and Robert Smith of the Agricultural College are spending

their vacation at home. Irving Winger of the Ferris school is spending his vacation at this place. School closed Monday in district No. 6 for a holiday vacation of two weeks. School will close in district No. 2 Friday for a vacation of two weeks.

A. Leatherman sold his famous road-"Peck" to A. I. Winger.

### NORTH IRVING.

Dec. 20-A merry Christmas to all. Flora Trego was hurried home faster than she cared to be one night last week. Her horse, feeling well, started into a run and ran all the way home. Luckily she kept her seat in the cart and no damage was done only a badly

frightened girl. B. Rose of Hastings was a guest of Mrs. Cobb over Sunday.

My! but those feathers flew right and left last week. Ask no questions. Flora Trego visited Carlton friends one night last week.

F. Lancaster has been plastering his

F. Sutherland and wife visited their daughter, Lillie, at Union City recently. Lots of us were in Hastings Saturday, helped to make that large crowd. How busy we are this week getting ready for Christmas!

NORTH ORANGEVILLE.

Revival meetings have closed at the Oak Grove with a scanty number of con-

George Tidd and Miss Eulah Brooks are visiting the former's parents at Potterville.

Credit is due those who turned out so willingly and scraped down that bad hill on our street.

Pede and Den O'Connor of Nottawa were visiting friends here last week.

Freman Ives of Martin visited Miss Florence Powers, Sunday last. Harvey Count's foot is speedily con

Mattie Stocking spent Saturday night and Sunday with Bell Carter.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS. Dec. 20-The old year is fast dying.

What do you want for Xmas? The revival season has opened. "Now is the accepted time." Obey and you will have a happy New Year.

The meetings at the Baptist church

continue very interesting. Sickness prevented the pastor of the First Baptist church of Battle Creek from responding to Rev. Mr. Arm-

The F. & A. M. invited a few of their friends to their oyster supper Saturday evening. A good time reported. J. M. Burpee's father and Wm. Bowen of Bowen's Mills were handshaking with friends here Saturday; were also in attendance at the F. & A. M. oyster supper.

Married on the evening of Dec. 16 at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Cam-eron, Augusta Matteson to Mr. Wilson. We wish them well.

Leighton Matteson and Addie Car-penter are home to spend the holidays. Mr. A. Matteson was in your town Friday.

Kate Cole returned home from Leonicine tones up the whole system, acts as idas last week. Lois Woodman is visiting her brother

and family in Martin.

Mr. Berry spent the first of last week with his family in Plainwell. Ed Reedman and Henry Sadler's trip to the north woods was a short one. They returned Friday.

Mr. Pike has a nice lot of good cider vinegar for sale. Fred Cook is home to spend the holi

Herbert Reed, a poor, hard-working lad, 17 years old, died at his home in Hooper, Dec. 13. Funeral Wednesday Endeavor next Sunday evening will be led by Miss Daisy Baldwin. As this Hooper, Dec. 13. at the Baptist church conducted is the last meeting of the year it is hoped that all the members will try Rev. J. Armstrong; interment in Oak Hill cemetery.

A free medicine show at the hall this Remember the Christmas exercises at Cong'l church next Friday evening. The B. Y. P. U. will give an oyster suppor at the town hall New Year's night. Fifteen cents a dish or twenty-

The exercises at the school house five cents a couple. A well-known girl, who is much given to piano playing, says her husband must be grand, upright and square. She'll probably catch a regular "stick."

Mary and Ira Otis of Rutland are visiting friends in and about town. PRAIRIEVILLE POINTS.

From the Press. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mills, last Friday, a son, 91 pounds. Miss Myrtle Rogers was the guest of Mrs. M. Doster, who is regaining he health, was very tenderly cared for by her daughters, Mesdames Bugbee and

Shedd. Jay Pullen and Ed. Barris of Dorr. were guests of Hotel Drummond over Sunday. Mr. Pullen will be remembered as the butter-maker here last season, and Mr. Barris honors the typographical craft and is connected home, as in it we have a certain and

with the Dorr Record. HOLIDAY EXCURSION TO CAN

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PARMELEE PICKINGS. Christmas is coming and it is beautiful to give one day to the ideal-to have

one day apart. One day for generous deeds, for good

will, for gladness. One day to forget the shadows, the rains, the storms of life; to remember the sunshine, the happiness of youth

One day to forget the briars and thorns on the winding path; to remember the fruits and flowers.

One day in which to feed the hungry, to salute the poer and lowly.

One day to feel the brotherhood of One day to remember the heroic and

oving deeds of the dead. One day to get acquainted with children, to remember the old, the unfortu-

nate and the imprisoned. One day in which to forget yourself and think lovingly of others. One day for the family, for the fire

side, for wife and children, for the love and laughter, the joy and rapture of One day in which bonds and stocks and deeds and notes and interest and

mortgages and all kinds of business and trade are forgotten and all stores and shops and factories and offices and banks and ledgers and accounts and lawsuits are cast aside, put away and locked up and the weary heart and brain are given a voyage to fairyland. Let us hope that such a day is a prophecy of what all days will be.

Miss Mary Jenkins of the Middleville High school will spend the vacation with her parents and friends in Par-

The hewling blasts of '97 and '98 will

the overcost and be convinced. While making some needed changes with the chandeliers in the U. B. church Wednesday eve the janitor fell

about fifteen feet, striking in such a way as to sprain his ankle, which is giving him much pain at this writing. The rabbits are also "getting a rest." Calvin M. Beach has been spending several days with his sons, Fred and

The "smiling countenance" and "goatle voice" of F. M. Stimson will soon be missed in our community. He says THE SUN will follow him wherever he goes. W. N. VanEvery of your village was

in Parmelee Saturday morning.

Fitch, of Lyons, Ionia Co.

Henry Cline of Bowne, who was recently married to a Freeport lady, is daily looked for by his relatives and friends in this neighborhood. Take mere than one box of cigars to go George Burch has "finished his work

here" and boarded the 4:30 p. m. train Wednesday for Rochester, N. Y., the home of his boyhood. Another vacant chair in the store. Thode Moore of Middleville made his appearance in our midst Saturday 'merning. Frank Morgan caught on to his genial ways and they enjoyed the foreneon talking about free lunches,

There are people this side of China who deserve a little attention some-times. The 'hat was passed' at a little gathering recently and a nice little donation was cheerfully contributed for the benefit of one of the needy in our community. Let the good work go on.
The more good deeds you do, the better
the reward will be. If you want to be
happy, do a little good where it is
needed and note the effects.

Ere this reaches you the Watson boys will be enjoying themselves among their Indiana friends. We bade them "good bye, a good time, and be sure and come back." When the deer hunting season comes gain John Mungerson and Dil Benja-

their implements of warfare yesterday, an axhandle each, of White Stimson Frank Morgan had the misfortune to ose one of his fine herses Wednesday. There is much comment over the

coming wedding in Parmelee. The old people certainly ought to be allowed their rights, as well as those younger. Permeano Smith is in care of the Burch property during the latter's absence. All calls promptly attended to day er night. Israel Reed, a former Parmelee citi

zen, and wife are spending a few days with Mr. Moxon's people on Grand Rapids street. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tungate re cently visited the latter's uncle, Mr. John Woolston, southeast of Middleville. They report him in a very crit-

ical condition. Mrs. John McNee, whose health is she can to relieve the rheumatic sufferers by distributing the medicine which

in the Skiff mill which was recently moved from Parmelee. W. O. Carpenter and Rob't Allen attended the medicine show in Middle-ville Saturday eve. They report it as ville Saturday eve. They re an interesting entertainment.

Miss Minnie Jenkins, who is now holding a position in the finishing room of the brass factory in your village, was among her Parmelee friends Sunday. The duties of her situation are more pleasing than she anticipated at the commencement.

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The following, taken in part from William Hawley Smith's "Walks and Talks," will be interesting to the readers of the "School Column":

JONES'S DREAM.

As Dennis Dugan was plodding along on horseback through the mud and mist he met a neighbor, one Peter Jones, at the section corners, Jenes was mounted like himself and the twe headed their horses in the same direction and jogged along together.

The splash of the horses' feet was the only sound heard for several rods when

Dugan broke out: "What's the matter, Jones? I never saw you look so glum in all my life.

Anybody dead?" "No there ain't anybody dead, but I ireamed there was, that's all," and again Jones was silent.

Nothing but splashing for the next eighty rods when Dugan sgain made as attempt at conversation. "You dreamed there was? Who'd

you dream was dead?" "Myself," said Jones with a sly grim from under his slouched hat. "Yes, I dreamed I was dead and standin' afore a gate waitin' to get in, and finally I. stepped into a little office along side the gate to wait. I was lookin' around at things while I was waitin' and I saw a fail to effect the comfort of John Mullibig book open on a desk before me. As ken. If you doubt me, take notice of it was right out where anyone could see it was right out where anyone could see it, I went up and looked at it, and there stood my account! It was headed 'Peter' Jones in account, etc., Dr. on one side, and Cr. on the other. The first statement was 'General Business' and while was charged up with some things, I was pretty well pleased with the looks. of the account. Then came the Church and Benevolent account, and that made a fair show though there was one or two charges on the other side, such neglecting to attend meeting, giving for sake of public approval. That got me a little but I stood it pretty well. The Widows and Orphans account was. in fair shape, but when I struck Schoel: Director's account my heart struck the-

bottom of my boots like lead. "But there it was and I had to face it. The Dr. columns ran on for about six pages and here's about the way it.

"Item-Neglecting to keep school: house in repair on account of which Geo. Newcomb's little girl caught cold: and died, and other children suffered ... "Item - Neglecting to stand by

teacher when some meddlesome people in the district tried to break up the school. "Item-Hiring Mehitable Parker she was my wife's cousin and had been visiting us) to teach the school, she being young and inexperienced, when Hiram Samson could have been hired, he being an experienced and accomplished teacher, the change being made.

"Item-Neglecting to visit the school and personally inspect the work. "Item-Allowing family quarrels to

to save five dollars a month.

interfere with and weaken the school. "I can't give 'em all, but they made "will be there." They bought my hair stand on end when I read 'em." "Was there nothing on the other side of the account?" put in Dugan.

"Well, yes; clear on to the end there was just one item, and that was: 'Credit. by balance, for serving for schooldirector for years without pay, and oubject to the growls and slanders of the whole district.' That eased my mind a little, but even that couldn't make me feel just right, and I have kept thinking of my dream, until I have made un my mind to do what I can to make a better looking School Director's account. There's our school house now, with no foundation under it, half a dozen panes of glass out, a poor stove, cracks in the floor, the plastering off in three or four places, so that the wind blows right in, a dirty dingy room, and greatly improved, is now doing what nosupplies to work with; the outhouses without reefs, and their sides half torm brought her cut of her recent afflictions. off, and I don't know what else. I am John Kepkey returned from Cob- on my way now to call a meeting of the moosa Saturday eve and is now making | board to fix things up, and if they aren't rapid preparations to move to that lo- better'n they are now inside of a week, cality where he has secured a situation why my name sin't Jones, that's all, and if ever I hire a teacher for any reason except because he's the man for the place, it'll be because I get fooled. Good morning,"

> .And at the section corner they splashed away from each other at right angles, Jones to call the board together, and Dugan to meet and relate Jones's dream to others.

> Is the above description of the school house and premises a faithful picture of any school property in Barry Co.? In some instances we must answer "Yes." And we hope that every officer and patron in such districts for the patrons are equally responsible) may read.





feasting, and horse play were the chief features of the old-time English Gift-Christmas. making existed as it had for many pre vious centuries. but that was merely an incidental feature

and not nearly so important as the work of the pompous butler, upon whom devolved the responsibility of carrying into the dining-hall the great boar's head. What a bleak Christmas it would be nowadays if gift-making were secondary

to bringing in a boar's head!

The old-time Christmas began a week before the arrival of the day, just as the shoppers of to-day rush out with fat purses to lure the holiday bargain. But purchasing gifts did not bother the heads or weary the bodies of the old world folks.

The gathering of the holly and mistle-toe for the decoration of house and church was their initial task, and it was performed by the village en masse, headed by brave pipers and fiddlers, who filled the forests with the joyful melodies of Christmastide. It was the ragans who first used holly and mistletoe for observances, and the practice was adopted by the early Christian churches. The Greeks and Romans also used them in their religlous ceremonies, as did the Druids and the Celtic and Gothic nations. So the young maid of to-day who stands alluringly under a sprig of mistletoe may find atisfaction in knowing that she is following the precedent of centuries.

In Druidical times the simple peasants Acked in crowds to join the processions, in which the Druidical priests were the foremost actors. The train was headed by the bards singing canticles and hymns A herald preceded three Druids, furnished with implements for the purpose of cutting the mystic plant-upright hatchets of brass, fixed to staves. Then followed the prince or chief of the Druids, accompanied by all his flock and followers. The chief mounted the oak, with a golden sickle detaching the mistletoe, and presenting it to the priests, who received and bore the branches away with deep reverence. On the first day of the year the branches, after resting on the Druidi cal altars in the interval, were distrib uted among the people as a sacred and holy plant, the Druids crying, "The mis-

thetoe for the new year."

Many were the superstitions attaching to the mistletoe. Among the latter day charms associated with it, when suspended in a bunch in the servants' hall, was the traditionary and favorite observance of kissing the maids under its branches the superstition prevailing that the maiden who missed being heartily kissed un-der her mistletoe at Christmas would forfeit her chance of early matrimony, and certainly not be married in the ensuing twelve months.

A medieval observance which always

followed the gathering of holly and mistletoe was the cutting and hauling home of the Yule log. The favorite Yule log was a cross-grained block of elm or the rugged root of a tree of fantastic and grotesque form, and this was drawn home to the kitchen, or great hall, with the same merry-making that attended the gathering of the holly. Before the crown-ing event of kindling the Christmas log from the charred remains of its predecessor of the year before, there were sports un plenty to be performed.

Formerly the members of the family were hundreds of families whose fathers and guests sat down in turn on the Yule the throne of the master of the revels; would have starved but for the thought ng a Yule song and drank to a merry | ful kindness of their more fortunate neigh Christmas and happy New Year. As part of their feast, Yule dough or Yule cakes were consumed. These bore impressed figures in the shape of an image; cometimes they were made in the form of an infant; nor was the manger over-

Of course the Christmas dinner was the leading feature of the day, and the big dandowner was expected to entertain all tenants and neighbors from daybreak to midnight. The first dish to be placed on the table was the boar's head. and great state and ceremony marked service. Musicians and trumpeters led the procession, in which there were huntsmen with long spears and pages with drawn swords. Carols were intoned as the procession moved into the diningfoom and psalms were chanted, for in some ingenious way the olden time people connected the boar's head religiously with the celebration of the Holy Nativity.

### ONE CHRISTMAS IN ATLANTA.

How It Was Observed by the Confederates After Sherman's Siege.



HEN Sherman laid Atlanta in ashes in of jollity, but the old men who laughed November, 1864, and and joked the loudest were wondering started on his march to the sea, very few families were left in the ruined city. The inhabitants who had left during the siege seized the first opportunity of returning to their old a few embers in little huts made of scraps For weeks of old tin roofing on that never-to-be-for after the departure gotten Christmas just after the siege.

of the Federals the refugees straggled in every day. They came in ox carts, on horseback and on foot, bringing such prowisions as they were able to carry. Every railway leading out of Atlanta had been torn up for many miles, and the wrecked city was almost inaccessible. The armies had destroyed every tree and Zence for two miles around and firewood and coal were not to be had at any price.

The returning Atlantans were old men, boys, women and girls. The able-bodied young men were all at the front. These people saw a gloomy spectacle when they crossed the dismantled fortifications and socked down from the red hilitops upon the desolate scene below. of the city nothing but ash the yew began to sputter and burn the shattered walls. Only the delight of the children was unbounded. It the center of the city nothin

churches and the town hall were left standing. It was impossible to locate the business streets under the mass of back streets and outskirts just 450 dwellings by actual count had been spared, and many of these had been badly damaged by shells.

And this was all that was left of At-lanta, the pride of the Confederacy, when drinking her people returned and began their preparations for Christmas. The citizens crowded into every available house and shanty, and then came a hard struggle for fuel and food. The weather was intensely cold, and old people and delicate women and children had to walk two miles to the woods, and carry or drag home whatever they could find in the

shape of firewood.

Horses, mules and negroes were too few in number to be of any material assist ance. Several enterprising traders started small stores and sold flour, meal, sugar, coffee and bacon at tremendous prices. People paid \$800 for a barrel of flour and \$30 for a pound of coffee. Other things were equally high.

Some of the citizens had plenty of Con-

any price for what they needed, but there

bors. Perhaps a few starved or froze to

newspaper reporters in those days taking

notes in that metropolis of smoking ruins. Christmas Day dawned with a blood

ed sun glaring through the hazy atmos

phere. It was a dreary holiday for the

little ones. There were no toys, no candy

and fruit, and very few presents were made. If a family succeeded in keeping up a good fire all day it was considered

a piece of good fortune. A baked hen

for dinner was a luxury, but there was

The children made the best of it with

their outdoor games, and a small supply

of corn whisky enabled some of the citi

zens to get through the day with a show

crust with the men who followed Lee and

The streets, or rather, the pathways

between the ash heaps, were filled with

men and boys who put on the appearance

how their sons fared that day in their

camps in far-off Virginia.

Was there ever such a Christmas Day on this continent? It may be a blessed

thing that men forget such dark chapters

in their history. There are to-day wealthy

and happy people in Atlanta, living in

fine mansions, who shivered in rags over

The Church Christmas Tree.

"The Christmas tree should be a spruce or fir if possible, with full and regular boughs," says Mrs. Lyman Abbott, writing of "Christmas in the Church," in the

Ladies' Home Journal, "The dressing of

it is a matter of taste. But for the dan-

ger attending it every one would wish to

have the tree brilliant with lighted can-

dles. In city churches electric lights may

be used with good effect. In an account of a German Christmas tree, written by

S. T. Coleridge, it is said that the great

yew bough was fastened to the wall.

adorned with candles, and when the can-

dles had burned down and the needles of

not a turkey within fifteen miles.

Nobody knows. There were no

death.

was apparently the intention that the bough should burn as a culmination of the enjoyment. But that is not desirable now, so every precaution should be taken to avoid it. A pan of water should stand near, and at least two tall persons should be provided with a pair of tongs, upon the ends of which wet sponges are se curely fastened. A small blaze can in this manner be immediately quenched."

### Decorations.

The use of holly and mistletoe, the plants sacred to Christmas, is now very general, and as they are abundant in our markets, as well as cheap, every house-hold may be made bright with them. In parlors and sitting rooms, wreaths, crowns and festoons can be arranged over mantels and windows, as well as hung from lamps and over pictures.

For the Christmas dinner table, a large bowl of holly leaves, with the scarlet and white berries, makes a beautiful center piece: while tiny bunches of holly laid at each plate brighten the table wonderfully. Cakes may be ornamented with candy designs of holly, while ices may be molded and colored in the same style. If in remote localities it is not possible to obtain holly and mistletoe, green of some other variety should be procured. greens, such as pine and cedar, can be utilized, and bittersweet and Indian arrow berries arranged with these can be made into beautiful decorations. When chrysanthemums are yet blooming, they add greatly to the beauty of the table; the bright yellow and dark crimson are particularly appropriate for the Christmas dinner table.

In arranging the table, the cakes, bon-bons, nuts and fruits may be placed on it federate money and they were able to pay at the beginning, and will give it a fes-

SANTA CLAUS-"OH, RING OFF AND LET'S GO HOME."

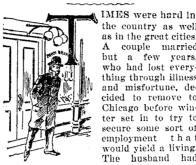
MERRY CHRISTMAS.



Good morning, dearest comrades. W Little Merry Timers three Tra-la-la tra-la-la era-la-la! Have come to wish all of you may Be happy on this Christmas day. And now, that we have had our say, Good, by we'll quickly sile away. Good-bye, we'll quickly slip away. Tra-la-la tra-la-la tra-la-la!

### **•••••••••** AVED BY HIS WIFE \$

A Hard Times Christmas Story. \*\*\*\*\*\*



the country as well A couple married few years, who had lost everything through illness and misfortune, decided to remove to would yield a living. The husband had been an accountant

LEFT HIS WATCH.

and experience in office work.

They rented a suite of cheap rooms, and then followed days and days of weary seeking, almost a house-to-house canvass of the downtown district, leaving applications wherever the managers would per-

mit.
"We can't give you any encouragement in these times; we are not taking on any new men. Our business will not warrant keeping all of our old employes after the holiday season is over. Your references are all right, and if times were different,

And when Sunday came there was scur-And when Sunday came there are rying for stationery and for stamps out of the thin purse to answer "ads." But one day was like another, with its trudging, trying and waiting.

weary walk home, and only broad and tea for supper.

For two or three Sunday nights they had attended Rev. Dr. D-'s church Besides being a most learned and eloquent preacher, Dr. D--- appeared to them a man of large heart, kindly impulse and in tense sympathies, whose whole person-ality beamed with love and kindliness. The little woman hopefully decided to go to this minister and ask his assistance surely in so large and wealthy a church the pastor would know of some philan hropically inclined parishioner who would be glad to help a struggling fellow crea ture, as well as to acquire the beautiful objects of art.

She called at the residence of Dr. D-In a few words she told him her story He stood, glasses in hand, impatient for her to finish, not asking her to sit. Then he replied: "I am sorry, but I can do nothing," and opening the door, almost pushed

The little woman came to me. I could not buy, but I gave her some names of women of my acquaintance who I thought could help her. Among them was Mrs. --, a frivolous, newly married woman who had never been suspected of ever hav ing a sober, serious impulse, but who was warm-hearted and lovable, and happened to be first on my list. With this I dismissed the matter for a time from my mind. I chanced to call on Mrs. R some time after, and saw in the drawing room an antique empire cabinet sur-mounted by a bust of Napoleon and inside the identical Sevres.

I curbed my curiosity until the other

cided to remove to Chicago before winter set in to try to secure some sort of employment, the at the state of the secure some sort of employment, the at the state of the secure some sort of secure sort of s employment that and brought papa with him, and then they were going to a directors' meeting—do have a rose leaf; Fred sent them from New York-of some new company they the wife had a good general knowledge of and experience in office work.

LEFT HIS WATCH.

and office man and have just organized. Papa is president and there's ever so much capital behind and experience in office work.

it. Don't you like the flowers? Try a nougat. Of course, they were talking business, and when some one came I was glad to get out and let them finish alone.

"Here was this pitiful little quite handsome at one time, I should say, but faded and out of style. Why, I knew she was in trouble before she spoke. Yes and when she showed me that chinatold her I didn't need any dishes, but if there was anything else I coud do-Just then papa came in, and in a minute he was wild; he didn't see the lady or any hing else, but just those dishes. 'Why it's Royal Sevres! A hundred years old, he cried, and he examined the painting When he had finished his ecstasies I ex plained the lady wished to sell it. He was aghast. To sell such a treasure for

HE world is full of mystery.
Which no one understands;
What is before our eyes we see
The work of unseen hands;
But whence and when and why they wrought
Escapes the grasp of human thought.

There was a time
when we were not,
And there will be
again,
When we must cease
and be forgot,
Wikh all our joy
and pain—
or like the snow
years ago.

Gone like the wind, or like the That fell a thousand years ago.

A NEW YEAR'S SONG.

We live as it we should be Blindly, but wisely, too;
Blindly, but wisely, too;
For if we knew that death was night What would we say or do,
But fold our arms and close our eyes,
And care no more who lives or dies.

If death to each man in his turn
Is coming soon or late,
Be ours the soldier's unconcern,
And his courageous fate;
Better to perish in the strife
Than to preserve the coward's life.

New Year, if you were bringing youth, As you are bringing age,
I would not have it back; in sooth,
I have no strength to wage
Lost battles over. Let them be;
Bury your dead, O memory!

You can bring nothing will surprise,
And nothing will dismay,
No tears again in these old eyes,
No darkness in my day.
You might bring light and smiles instead
If you could give me back my dead.

I have beheld your kin, New Year,
Full fifty times, and none
That was so happy and so dear.
I wept when it was done.
Why should we weep when years depart,
And leave their ashes in the heart?

Good-by, since you are gone, Old Year, And my past life, good-by! I shed no tear upon your bler, For it is well to die. New Year, your worst will be my best-What can an old man want but rest? —Richard Henry Stoddart.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY.



HRISTMAS in the country forty years ago was a different affair from what it is now, says a writer.

I never think of Christmas in those days without wink-ing of a lovely wing.

ing of a lovely win-

ter day, bright with sunshine and snow everywhere; large drifts, through which the horses floundered as they drew the stout old sled, on which was the wagonbed filled with hay, and covered with blankets and buffalo robes, where we cuddled down, as we rode merrily away to spend Christmas at grandpa's. We could hardly wait till the horses stopped, so eager were we to wish grandpa a merry Christmas; but he was generally ahead of us with his greeting of "Christmas That entitled him to a present instead of us: but a kiss all around was usually the way we paid off our indebtedness, while some striped sticks of peppermint candy, laid up for the occasion, were given us. Our aunts, uncles and cousins came next for their share of good wishes

and merry jokes. A bright fire burned in the fireplace, and there, suspended by a stout string from the ceiling, was a great turkey packed full of dressing, and sending forth a most delicious odor as it turned round and round, gradually browning before the fire, the juice dripping into a great pan on the brick hearth; and from this pan grandma occasionally dipped the juice with a huge iron spoon and poured it over the crisp sides of the turkey. Other prepara-tions were going on meanwhile in the kitchen, where a cooking stove held the place of honor, as cooking stoves were very rare in those days. The neighbors had come miles to see it, and express their fears as to the probability of its "blowing This cook stove, however, was not equal to cooking such a large turkey in its small oven. A coffee boiler sent out an odor of coffee strong and fragrant, while a long table covered with snowy linen (the work of grandma's own hands) stood at the farther end of the long kitchen.

As soon as the turkey was pronounced done and the gravy made in the dripping pan, the chairs were placed near the table and we were called to dinner. No one was left to wait, and such a merry time! After grandpa had asked a blessing on the food, he carved the turkey and supplied our waiting plates bountifully with any piece we wished, together with all manner of good things in the way of vegetables. A rice pudding with plenty of raisins, pumpkin pies and rosy cheeked apples served for dessert, and our only sorrow was that we could eat so little. After dinner we children played games in the kitchen, around the fireplace that was used when there was no fire in the cook Here we popped corn, cracked nuts, told fairy stories and played blind man's buff while the older ones "visited" in the "keepin' room" until the time came to return home.

Boy Wanted.

Excuse me, pray, I've just stepped in a moment for to say
I'm likely to be overworked this coming Christmas day.
There are so many children in this great big world of ours.
I am afraid the work ahead will overtax my powers.
So I would ask the little lads to whom this message comes

So I would ask the little lads to whom this message comes
Those only who believe in me—with whom I'm always chums—
If there's not one among 'em all to whom 'twould be a joy,
On Christmas morn to come and be old Santa's errand boy.
—Harper's Bazar.

What Is the Inference?

"Is your cousin a pretty girl?" "Well, she never thinks it necessary to hang up mistletoe at Christmas."-Judge.



"Standing with reluctant feet Where the block and broadax meet."

tional decoration necessary.

"Paradoxical—" A smile flitted over his face and hid itself in the suburbs of his snowy beard. "—though it may Again he glanced at the new fangled, smokeless chimney. "-I like this because it doesn't soot me." Apologizing to himself for taking such liberties of pronunciation with the English language, Santa Claus smiled again and pro



Smoking pudding, trimmed with

The purse became empty and the meals scanty, and the rent due; and after the first month the furnace sent up little heat and the landlady's "Good morning" was frigid. They were shabbier clothes, and their steps grew heavier as their faces grew less hopeful. One night the husband came home without his cuff buttons, and next morning wore a pair of his wife's, but there was steak and coffee for supper. In a few days he left his watch downtown and wore an old-fashioned silver one that had been his father's; and then they decided they could get along without that, too. And there was nothing more to pawn. The man several years before had helped a lawyer out of a tight place, loaning him small sums several He dropped in to see him and asked him for a dollar or two. The lawyer stepped out to get the money and forgot to come back.

The wife had packed two pieces of rare French bric-a-brac in her trunk, and if she could sell them-in a great city there were always people who were glad to get hold of artistic curios, if you could find the right people.

The pieces of china were worth from \$50 to \$100, but husband and wife agreed to part with them for \$25 if a purchaser ould be found. A curio dealer downtown offered her \$1.50. The wife next started to visit houses on a fashionable boulevard; and was either denied admittance by a haughty servant or a supercilious dame refused even to look at the pieces—the like of which could not be found outside an art museum. She never bought from peddlers, she explained. Then a long,

know they are priceless? he exclaimed.
"I never saw anything get the better of papa's business judgment before. He asked how she came to want to part with them, and she told us, oh, the most pitiful story! Her husband was out of employment and they had suffered everything for months—didn't have enough to eat, I suppose. I never knew that kind of refined people could get so poor. Papa bought the china for part of my Christ-mas gift. And George gave her an address and told her to have her husband call at the office in the morning. I never was so happy in my life. After the mer and the little woman were gone I had a

\$25 was rank robbery. 'Why, don't you

good cry. I was in the midst of it when Dr. D— called, and, of course, I had to tell him why I was crying and everything. He was so interested and he had a curious look on his face, and said: 'Thy ways are not our ways. Mrs. Rfather is the best man I ever knew.' And you know papa isn't a church member at all; hardly ever goes to church.

all; hardly ever goes to chare.
"He's a very able man, the little woman's husband, George says. They put him into the office of the company and think of making him manager after the first of the year. He told George that his wife is all that saved him in his trouble and she sees good in it all and says their trials only made them nearer to each other and that I won't know what love is until trouble comes and we fight it down together. We've talked of it since. It's curious how she happened to come to us It seems as if something must have sent

her at last, doesn't it?"—Chicago Times Herald.

of festive cheer. The wounded and sick soldiers were thought of and provided for first. The Southern people never forgot their boys in gray, and it was a point of tive appearance, rendering very little addihonor with every man, woman and child to divide their last dollar or their last

Santa's Little Joke.

ceeded with his work .- New York World.

Sambo's Christmas Pudding.



The Last Man on Earth.

To recklessly experiment upon himself with hope of relief is the dyspeptic. Yet the nostrums for this malady are as the sands of the sea, and, presumably, about as edited as the sands of the sea, and, presumably, about as edited one. Indigestion, that obstinate malady, even if of long perpetuity, is eventually overcome with Hosietter's Stomach Bitters, an appetizing tonic and alterative, which cures constipation, fever and ague, bilious remittent, rheumatism, kidney complaint and feebleness.

### Ran Away with the Spoon,

"Gimme a ham sandwich and a cup of coffee!" yelled an excited customer, who dashed into a South Thirteenth street lunch house at 1:18 yesterday morning, as he laid 10 cents on the counter and nervously ganced at his watch. "Hurry up, for I want to make the 1:20 night car up Thirteenth." As he planted himself on the nearest stool the cry of "wheat bread ham-draw one!" was passed along a line of waiters to the kitchen below, and in one

minute the order was served. The customer had absorbed half the sandwich when the ringing of the trolley car gong was heard outside, but the coffee was still too hot to drink. Without pausing to reflect he jammed the remainder of the sandwich in his coat pocket, and grabbing the coffee cup rushed for the street, reaching it just in time to hop on the car.

Then he stood on the step and finished the coffee, while the cashier of the restaurant, who had just recovered from his astonishment, ran after the car, yelling: "The spoon! The spoon! Bring back that spoon!" Three policemen, two cab drivers and a dozen other customers joined in the chase and had almost overtaken the car when the man threw the spoon out into the street.

He was going to follow suit with the cup, but the cashier shouted to him to bring it back some other time. Spoon and cup together were worth about 131/2 cents.—Philadelphia Record.

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FRANK J. CHENEY.

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### FOR POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS. National Board of Trade Warmly Dis cusses the Proposition.

The first matter which came before the National Board of Trade at its session in Washington Wednesday was a resolution favoring the establishment of postal savings banks, which was introduced by the Chicago Board of Trade. It was stated in the resolution that the people should be encouraged to deposit their savings in a department of the national government The passage of the resolution was advo cated by Mr. Lyon of Chicago, who said that the secret of saving lies in beginning. An objection was that it would concentrate money in the cities and would interfere with the business of building associations, etc. After some discussion the question was referred to a committee to

report at the next meeting. The question of artificial irrigation was next discussed, the basis being a resolution offered by the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce, which recommended that Congress enact laws to place the supervision of all irrigation enterprises in the hands of the United States authorities, where such work is undertaken upon waterways affecting interstate navigation.

Mr. Pence of Cincinnati presented the report of the committee on international waterways. The report urges Congress to continue such legislation and to make such appropriations as will provide for deepening the channel of the Mississippi river so that at least six feet be permanently maintained from the mouth of the Missouri southward. The report was adopted.

The afternoon session was chiefly devoted to currency discussion. The gist of the resolutions adopted was an indorse ment of the single gold standard, the grad-ual retirement of United States notes, the enlargement of the national bank circulation with a gradual reduction in the tax on the same, and, finally, the establishment of national banks with a capital of \$25,000 or over in towns of over 2,000 population. A motion to locate a permanent headquarters for the National Board of Trade in Washington met with general approval, but was referred to a special committee for final action. The active prosecution of the Nicaraguan canal project was heartily indorsed.

### STEAMER CLEVELAND LOST.

Vessel Is Wrecked on the Coast of Vancouver Island.

Uncertainty as to the fate of the overdue steamer Cleveland, which sailed from San Francisco Dec. 4 for Seattle, was cleared away by the receipt of a telegram from Captain Hall, master of the ship, addressed to the owner. From the rather indefinite details so far received it appears that the steamer is a total wreck on the west coast of Vancouver island, in Barclay sound, twelve miles north of Cape Beale. The captain and six others are safe, but twenty-two are still missing and it is feared they were drowned.

The steamer broke down during a vere storm off the mouth of the Columbia iver. Captain Hall tried to put into Puget Sound, but the fury of the gale and rapidity of the current combined to make the vessel totally unmanageable, and when she finally ran ashore on Barclay sound, the panic-stricken crew rushed for the boats.

Despite the warning of Captain Hall, who advised the men to stick to the ship, she was beached. None of these boats have as yet been heard from and it is feared that they are lost, although it is probable that they may have landed on the coast of Vancouver island at some remote point. The captain, chief engineer, purser, three sailors and one fireman, who remained on board the Cleveland, succeeded in reaching the shore through the surf safely. The vessel and cargo was valued at \$75,000, on which there is little

### SPAIN MAY GIVE UP CUBA.

Suspicion Increases That an Evacuation Is Actually Intended.

There is a suspicion in Washington offi-cial circles, which is gradually becoming conviction, that Spain is preparing to turn the island over to the Cubans. A correspondent says that there is no doubt that the Spanish Government and people are sick of the war. Some of the officials here suspect that Spain would be glad to fully, and without seeming to acknowledge that she has been whipped.

These views were strengthen by a dispatch which Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, received from Captain General Blanco, containing notice of the granting of what appears to be an order of amnesty to all political exiles from Cuba. This indicates that Captain General Blanco has revoked the orders of Weyler, under which American citizens were expelled from the island. If Blanco intends to adhere honestly to the policy outlined in his dispatch to the Spanish minister, everybody expelled from Cuba, except common criminals, may go back to the island with assurances of their safety as long as they obey the law.

### SECOND CALL TO BUSINESS MEN Are Asked to Assemble in Indianapolis Jan. 25.

The convention of business men which met in Indianapolis last January and au-thorized the appointment of the monetary commission will be called together again for the purpose of considering the commission's report. This was decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee of the convention Wednesday in Wash-

ington.

The new convention will be held in Indianapolis on Tuesday, Jan. 25. The invitation will go out, as before, to all boards of trade, commercial clubs and similar organizations in all cities of the United States having a population of 8,000 or more. The executive committee determined upon this course with a view to crystallizing public opinion in support of the report of the monetary commission, in case the plan presented by the commission shall commend itself to the business community.

Rev. Father Pribyl, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church at Bridgeport, Conn., from the altar divulged a conspiracy to assassinate him. His statement astounded his congregation and after the services the priest gave the police the names of the conspirators and sufficient evidence to warrant prosecution.

For four hours a score of Georgia State Senators were locked up in the capitol, guarded by doorkeepers with clubs. They lacked three of a quorum and had hundreds of bills to act upon at once, because the session is about to close

### GETS ECKELS' PLACE.

DAWES APPOINTED COMPTROL-LER OF THE CURRENCY.

McKenna Is Also Named-President's Attorney General Raised to Supreme Bench - Actor Terriss Stabbed to Death-French Writer Dead.

### Presidential Appointments.

Among a number of appointments sent by President McKinley to the Senate Thursday for confirmation were those of Charles Gates Dawes of Evanston, Ill. for Comptroller of the Currency to suc ceed James H. Eckels, and Joseph Mc-Kenna of California, at present Attorney General of the United States, to be asso ciate justice of the Supreme Court in place of Justice Field, who recently retired.

The nomination of Mr. Dawes was confirmed three hours later, without objection, but that of Judge McKenna was not

acted upon that day. Mr. Eckels arrived in Washington the night previous, returning from the West, and at once carried his resignation to the White House. Mr. Eckels will remain in Washington long enough to assist Mr. Dawes in picking up the details of the office. He will then go to Chicago to ac-

cept his bank position.

Mr. Dawes figured in national politics as the Illinois member of the executive committee of the Republican national committee during the last campaign. The home of Mr. Dawes is in Evanston. He removed to Illinois three years ago from Lincein, Neb., to become the president of the Northwestern Gas Light and Coke



For several years he was prominent as a lawyer and business man in Lincoln. He became a director in the American Exchange National Bank of Lincoln, vice-president of the Lincoln Packing Company and interested himself in many other enterprises in the Nebraska capital. He is also interested in gas plants in Akron, O., and La Crosse, Wis. Mr. Dawes is a native of Ohio and is 32 years old. He is the son of Gen. R. R. Dawes, who was one of the commanders of the old iron brigade of Wisconsin.

Joseph McKenna, who has been nominated to be associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, was taken from Philadelphia to California by his parents when he was but 12 years old, and he has grown up with the country. He won his first prominence in a railroad speech twenty-two years ago—his first national prominence, for he had been a notable man in his own State for some time. He was district attorney of Solano County at 22, and afterward served for one term in the State Legislature before running for Congress. He held the office of Congressman for four terms, and during the last one he was made judge of the United States Circuit Court by President Harrison. His most important decisions have been in re gard to railroad legislation. Judge Mc Kenna is tall and thin and angular, and his hair is auburn and a little gray. His eyes are his most remarkable feature-

something between hazel and gray and



CHARLES G. DAWES. New Comptroller of the Currency. remarkably deep and clear. He has a

News of Minor Note. Another uprising is threatened in Guatemala. President Barrios' political

enemies are the instigators. If Mrs. Nack looks like her newspaper portraits it is hard to understand why she is protesting against death.

The Alleghany Connecting Railway Company has been chartered in Pennsylvania to build a line from Plum to Har-

rison townships, Alleghany County. The health and police committee of the Board of Supervisors at San Francisco has put a quietus upon the prize fighting industry in that city for some time to come by refusing any more permits for pugilistic or physical culture exhibitions

to a big club. Mrs. Matilda Delilah Shields, a granddaughter of Richard Henry Potomax, an Indian chief, died at Washington, D. C., aged 113 years. She leaves one son and two daughters, thirty grand-children and thirty-five great-grand-children. Mrs. Shields had lived in that locality nearly

all her life.

### ACTOR TERRISS SLAIN.

Stabbed to Death in London by a Super Named Archer.

William Terriss, the well-known actor was assassinated Thursday night as he was about to enter the stage door of the Adelphi Theater in London. He had just left his cab and was walking across the pavement when a man rushed upon him with a knife and stabbed him immediately below the heart.

Mr. Terriss was carried into the theater and doctors were summoned from the Charing Cross Hospital, but he died with-



WM. TERRISS.

The murderer was in fifteen minutes. seized by some of the bystanders and given into the custody of the police. He gave his name as Archer, and is supposed to have been a super at the Adelphi The ater several years ago. No motive for the murder was ascertained.

Mr. Terriss had been playing a leading part in the English version of William Gillette's American drama, "Secret Ser-He reached the theater at his customary hour, driving there alone from his lodgings. He stepped from the cab to the pavement near the stage entrance and was making his way through the usual crowd that throngs the spot at the time, when a man darted toward him from be-He concealed a long dagger beneath a cloak that covered his shoulders and was thus enabled to hide his purpose from the bystanders. It was only when Mr. Terriss fell that the crowd reclized that a crime had been committed.
"My God! He's stabbed me!" Terriss

shouted as he fell. "Don't let him es

cape!"
Mr. Terriss was carried into the theater and up the stage stairway as far as the first landing, where he was laid on the floor. He died surrounded by the members of the company and the theater staff. A large audience had already assembled in the theater, to whom the manager announced from the footlights that Mr. Terriss had met with an accident that prevented giving a performance. As the audience dispersed the newsboys were crying special editions of the evening papers and the fact that Mr. Terriss had been murdered became quickly known. It caus ed a remarkable scene along the Strand, expressions of horror and indignation be ing heard on every side.

### ALPHONSE DAUDET DEAD.

Sudden Ending of Life of the French Writer at Paris. Alphonse Daudet expired in Paris

Thursday night. He was dining with his



ALPHONSE DAUDET.

family when he was seized with a sudden syncope. Physicians were subut he died almost immediately. Physicians were summoned.

Alphonse Daudet was born at Nimes of poor parents May 13, 1840. In 1857, with his brother Ernest, he went to Paris to try to gain a livelihood by literary pursuits. His first publication was a volume of poems entitled "Les Amoureuses," which appeared in 1858, and won for him a reputation that led to his employment on several newspapers. It was while writing under the name of "Baptistet," or under his real name, novels, tales and newspaper articles that he achieved his real popularity.

### FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Receipts of American Board Reached a Total of \$642,781.

The annual report of the American Board of Foreign Missions shows total receipts from all sources of \$642,781, of which New England contributed \$386,-484; Illinois, \$38,915; Wisconsin, \$9,249; Michigan, \$18,735; Iowa, \$13,136, and In-diana, \$1,351.

The report deals at length with Turkish massacres and says that while many Christians were killed or fied, the number of professing Christians exceeds that previous to the outrages. The wounds left by massacres have been slowly healing, though in several places the suffering has been quite as great as in the previous year. The demand for indemnity for losses incurred at Harpoot and Marash, amounting in all to \$100,000, have been pressed, as yet without result. The changed conditions at Constantinople and the arrival of Dr. Angell, the new United States minister, may reasonably be expected to secure early and satisfactory action in regard to this claim and all other material questions at issue between the United States Government and Turkey.

Mrs. J. A. Wilkins, 23 years old, committed suicide in the Oriental Hotel at New York City. She was despondent because of the inability of her husband to secure work. The latter attempted to commit suicide when he learned of his wife's death, but was unsuccessful.

The coroner's jury, which has been inwreck on the New York Central, in which nineteen persons lost their lives, has rendered a verdict to the effect that the cause of the accident is unknown.

Has Heard the Expert Evidence. 'You say," said the president of the

university to the applicant, "that you wish to be engaged as professor of anatomy, chemistry and osteology? "Yes, doctor."

"Yet you admit that you are not a university-bred man and have no di-

"That also is true." "This is most extraordinary. I wish

you would tell me on what you base your belief that you could fill that chair satisfactorily."

"I was a juryman in the Luetgert trial at Chicago, doctor."

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress. and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c and 25c per package.

The Minister's Salary.

Deacon Skinflint-We've failed again this year, Mr. Dominie. Can't raise half your salary. Good Minister-No matter. I have

had myself appointed a missionary to the heathen and will soon be in the pay of the board of missions.

"Eh! Air ye goin' to Africa?" "No; I shall stay right here."-New York Weekly.

"Klondyke Bulletin"

Will be published by the Soo Line every Monday, containing all telegraphic news and up-to-date information as to best routes, services, steamship sailings, and every facility as same develop. Invaluable to Alaskan prospectors and all their friends. To be placed on mailing list, send six cents (6c.) in stamps to

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"No, sir," said the Kansas editor, your services are no longer required." "May I venture to ask why I am disharged?

"You're too blamed funny. That style nay do in the blase and heartless east, but when you refer to a death in a cyclone as a 'terrible blow' to the famlly, you overdo it out here."-Detroit News.

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

Changed His Mind. Bacon-I think Billy's wife has got excellent taste. Egbert-I thought so, too, until I

had given him for a birthday gift.-Yonkers Statesman. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it falls to cure. 25c.

smoked a cigar out of a box his wife

A Texas county clerk estimates that there are 300 weddings a day in Texas. This record tells its own story of present joys and future responsibilities.

I know that my life was saved by Piso's Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Mich., April 21, 1895.

The distance of the earth from the sun is about 3,000,000 miles less in December than it is in June.

Knocked

Engineer M. of W. Lee of the B. & O. lines west of the Ohio river has been experimenting during the past year or two with siag for ballast. His plan is to put about one foot under the ties and it makes very good ballast. About 18 miles of the Akron division have been improved in this way, but Mr. Lee's pret-

Slag as Baltest.

erence is for gravel when he can get it.

During the past season on the Trans-Ohio division he has put in 143 miles of new ballast, the principal part of which was good, clean gravel. In addition to the ballasting, the Trans-Ohio divisional has had 460,981 new cross ties, and therehave been 31 miles of new 75-pound steel

### Taking Things Easy. Reporter-Auybody injured in the practice game to-day?

rail laid, replacing 60-pound rails.

Foot-ball Captain-No; the boys vent real easy to-day. They are saving themselves up for the championship game to-morrow. Robinson got his nose broken, Smith lost an ear, Dobson got a few teeth kicked out. Jacock dislocated his jaw and broke a few fingers, but nobody got what you real-

Do You Dance To-Night?

Shake in your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns. Bunions, Chilblains, Frost Bites and Sweating Feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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"Why didn't you help Johnny with his arithmetic examples instead of putting nim off until to-morrow?"

"I wanted to gain time enough to look, up the rules."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The praise of fools is censure in disguise.

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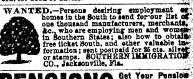
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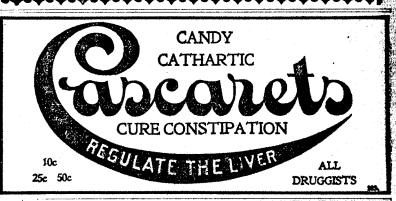
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The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine. and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from enreless local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

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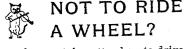
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If you contemplate planting any Fruit Trees or Small fruits of any kind, send us a list of wants for prices, or send for illustrated catalogue and price list, and SAVE MOME MONEY. All stock warranted true to name as represented or money refunded. Be sure and get our prices before placing an order. THE HAWKS NUISERY CO., 49-17 Rochester, N. Y.

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The New Time has reached a circulation of 50,000, and is now recognized as the greatest reform magazine in the We club with it for \$1.70 for the year 1898, including the splendid December number now out.

### THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

J. W. SAUNDERS. Publisher, Entered at the Middleville, Mich., Postoffice as second-class matter.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

Some persons, at Washington and elsewhere, are doing their level best to befuddle the annexation question.

Whatever other republics may have been, this republic should not be called ungrateful, when it pays forty per cent

The Dingley tariff is squeezing Germany so hard that it is negotiating with other European nations to bring about the abolishment of the bounty now paid by those countries on all ugar exported.

The recent bull fight in Havanna vas not a refined spectacle, but it should not be forgotten the bulls were not tortured for six days and nights as were the human wretches in the New York bicycle contest.-Grand Rapids

The politicians seem to regard a seat in the United States senate as a grand prize. Tennessee has four candidates for the vacancy left by the death of Senator Harris, which is to be pernanently filled at an extra session of the legislature. Hon. T. B. Turley now holds the seat by gubernatorial a pleasant evening. Light refreshappointment. appointment.

The movement for the establishment of the university of the United States, which was started by George Washington, seems to have taken on new life since the women started to push it, but whether the bills which have been introduced in congress will fare any better than those which were introduced in every congress we ever had, remain-

Acting Commissioner of Patents Greeley, who conducted and bore an onerous and important part in the investigation that resulted in the late reforms in the United States patent on bicycles. Everybody is invited to office, is now considering complaints attend and have their presents for against a number of alleged patent lawyers whose swindling specialty is to get money from inventors under the pretense of procuring and selling their foreign patents, when these attorneys know that valid foreign patents cannot be obtained, and when they know that they have neither credit, means nor ability to sell such patents. Mr. Greeley is determined to break up this method of robbing inventors. May he

LOOKS LIKE COFFEE

But Made of Nature's Pure Grains. -- A Pure Food.

Persons who stick to a plentiful diet

of grains, bread, met tand fruits, are reasonably sure to keep well. Much butter or sweets should be avoided, as long-158... Invecation the starch of the food is turned to sugar, and finally to fat. Tea and coffee make themselves felt with thousands of Americans of the present day. They delay digestion, as shown in late experiments, and this fact explains the cause of the serious disorders which frequently come to old and steady tea and coffee drinkers. A new drink, called "Postum Cereal Food Coffee," has lately been produced by a careful preparation of the grains, and it possesses the important elements of being fac-simile in looks of the finest Mocha coffee; has a rich, pungent flavor and is easily digested by the weakest stomachs. It is a nourishing food drink of the most perfect character, and is quickly taken into the system and into the circulation. The makers claim that "it makes red blood," and results justify the claim. It is especially good for the production of a clear skin, through which the coursing red blood can be seen in pink and ruddy flashes. producing that charming complexion so

much admired in the thoroughly healthy woman or man.
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Cereal Co., Lim., of Battle Creek, Mich There is but one genuine original Postum Cereal coffee, with a multitude of imitations offered as "just as good.

It is a crime to serve Postum wit skim milk. Use pure cream and make it black and rich as Mocha.

HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if let to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Oolagah, Ind. Ter., Chief.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumo-nia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumenia. Per-sons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 48-5

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit— Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following from L. G. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by J. W. Armlatrong, druggist.

Recitation. Graduation. Generation. School Distribution of presents.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrheæa 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 of cent sizes for sale by J. W. Armlatrong, druggist.

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GRAND THE ESPHLAGE 10c, 15c, 50c, 75c.

-ALL WEEK-

"GO-ON-GO MOHAWK."

Dec. 27-28-29-"OLE ÖLSON."

POWERS' OLD PHONE 20. NEW PHONE 2004. -CHRISTMAS-35c Matinee and Night 50c The Wizard of the Nile & 750

Regular meeting and installation of officers of the F. & A. M. lodge Monday evening, Dec. 27.

Mrs. Eva Russell will have a Christmas tree for her scholars Thursday eve at the Russell school house:

Organizing for a Local Option Campaign Anti-Saloon Sunday will be observed in the churches of Middleville Dec. 26. State Superintendent Rev. John F.

Brant of Lansing will be the speaker. The Christian Endeavor will hold a ocial 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

Reading club meets with Mrs. Hendrick Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 2:30 p. m. Program for the afternoon:

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The following program will be carried out in connection with the four Christmas trees and mantle to be held at the Congregational church on Friday evening, Dec. 24. Turn out and see Santa Claus and his wife mounted

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Two trees will be placed in the church and an Indian wigwam built upon the platform.

M. E. CHRISTMAS EXERCISES



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CHRISTMAS AT THE GATES. The following is the program for the Christmas exercises at the Gates school house Saturday evening, Dec. 25. All in that locality are invited to bring their presents for friends and have them

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COUNTY OF BARRY.

I. W. E. Keeler, cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of nix knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1sth day of December, 1807.

Notary Public.

### CHURCH SERVICES.

The week of prayer will be observed at the Baptist church beginning Jan. 2, '98.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p.m. Morning topic, "Sunset in a Roman Prison." Union temperance meeting in the evening. The B. Y. P. U.; Christian Endeavor and will unite in a young people's meeting at the Eaptist church at six o'clock. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m.

At the meeting of the Epworth League Jan. 2 the officers-elect will be installed. The meeting will be at 7 p. m. led by C. N. Webb. Topic. "Occupation for the New Year." Prov. xi:30: Dan xi:3. Dan. xii:3.

M. E. church, J. C. Dorris, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. An address or sermon by Rev. John F. Brant, state superintendent of the Anti-Salson League. At 7 p. m. a union temperance mass meeting at the Raptist church addressed by Rev. John F. Brant of Lausing. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Thursday evening.

Evangelical church. Leighton, P. Evangelical church. Leighton, F. Scheurer, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 1939 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 language. English preachin Sunday evening of each month.

Congregational church, H. Appleton pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for the morning, "Seeking Jesus," a Christmassermon. The cheir will render special Christmas music Union temperance meeting in the Bap tist church at 7 p. m. Sabbath school tist church at 7 p. m. Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 3:30 p. m. Subject, "What Good Thing Did You Learn from Christmas?" Leader, Jessie Beach. Y. P. S. C. E. will unite with B. Y. P. U. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. A most cordial welcome to all.

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Symptoms to the inexperienced are very deceptive. A case in point is that of Eugene Farmer, manager of the East Saginaw Business Men's Club. In addition to sleeplessness Men's Club. In addition to sleeplessness, he had very direct symptoms of heart disease, which, together with symptoms of paralysis, no doubt caused him many anxious thoughts, especially as the doctors with whom he counseled and the various medicines he used had no effect. Fortunately he learned of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer through a friend. The result of its use can best be told in his own words, as follows:

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

**%>>>>>>>>>>>>>** 🕴 Local Happenings. 🕏 500ds V.>>>>>>

Said Santa Claus on Christmas eve., In jolly, good, fat glee; "To judge by all these stockings here They've turned the hose on me." —Up-te-Date.

Fine sleighing.

We want that woed. Merry Christmas to all Sun readers. Get your baths at French & Kraft's \*

A. Clark & Son have a fine new dray on runners.

D. D. Fowler has opened a laundry in the village.

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

3° to 10° below zero Sunday moraing, coldest of the season. Something new in Silverware. Don't

fail to see it at Dowling's. Fruit cake for the helidays at reasonable prices at Paul Kemnitz' Bakery. \*

French & Kraft's line of Cigars are winners. Come once and you will come

Almost your own price on furniture samples at Young & Chaffee's, 94-100

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

Another fall of snow makes thin sleighing. Six inches more snow fell Wednesday making excellentsleighing.

French & Kraft are making a specialty of shaving, hair cutting, shampooing and baths, and giving you all extras during holidys.

J. H. Kepkey has bills out announcing an auction sale to take place on the Joles farm, one-fourth mile west of Parmelee, on Tuesday, December 24, at

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."

The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon. The cause of the alarm proved to be the smoke house of ALSO- WOOD FOR SALE the west side market, which caught fire, but was dumped into the river before any damage was done.

> The largest stock of Christmas goods in Barry county, and no fancy prices at 50-2

We are indebted to Anton G. Hodenpyl, secretary of the Michigan Trust company, for a copy of their children's book, "A Round of Birthdays," which is unique in design, excellent in print, harmonious in colors and furnishes a fund of amusement for the little folks, and is interesting to older ones as well.

A number of invitations have been received in our village from Charlotte Temple No. 34, Rathbone Sisters, to at-I am better prepared than ever to tend their grand military ball, to be given in that city, Tuesday evening, December 28,, at which time Supreme CONRAD CLEVER. Chancellor P. T. Colgrove will give a short address, and Hastings division No. 19, U. R. K. of P., will give an exhibition drill.

Watches at about half price at Dowl-

pedro party of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Tuesday. Blake, and a very enjoyable evening was passed. Mrs. W. Peeps was winner of the ladies' prize, a chima sugar and creamer, while Mr. Charles Rogers captured the gentleman's, a china card case with cover. The rooms were made pretty with an abundance of carnations. asparagus fern and smilax.

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

We are in receipt of the proceedings of the twenty-first annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, Order of the 14. Mrs. A. A. Matteson is grand secretary, and through her efficient management, the year book appears if anything earlier than on previous years, although Mrs. M., during her five years work in this direction, has filled he office to perfection.

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

Married at the home of the bride Thursday evening, Dec. 9, by the Rev. P. Scheurer of Caledonia, J. W. Aubil of Leighton to Miss Alice M. Bedford of Irving, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Aubil. The occasion was a royal one. The house was handsomely decorated, everything in the power of the generous family was done to make the 100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids. occasion pleasant, and all seemed to feel at home. About 115 guests were present. Edwin Aubil acted as best man and Eunice J. Bedford, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid, Miss Ada Steeby as organist. The repast could not be outdone. The presents were numerous

and beautiful. Furniture will never be cheaper than it is now at Young & Chaffe's, 94-100 Chaffee, 94-100 Ottawa street, Grand Salt. Ottawa, Grand Rapids.

### W>>>>>>>>>> Personal Points. Ÿ<sub>>>>>>>>></sub>

H. M. Rich is home from the University.

University.

Prof. G. D. Cooley was in Grand Rapids, Saturday. Jesse W. Cobb is home from Olivet or money refunded.

for a two weeks' vacation. The editor is again at his post after a

hard struggle with neuralgia. Mrs. A. M. Gardner was in the Valley City, Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Libbie Broughton is home from Read M. S. Keeler & Co.'s Holiday the Agricultural college for the holi-

A. F. Strickler of Ann Arbor was the guest of Miss Minnie Dietrich over

Aaron Clark, H. M. Rich, and Mrs. S. C. Rich were in the Valley City, Tuesday. Mrs. Haven of Baraboo, Wis., has

been the guest of Mrs. Geo. Dexter the past week. Miss Goldie Townsend spent the fore

part of the week at her home in Orangeville. Miss Minnie Dietrich and A. F.

Strickler were in Grand Rapids the first of the week. Guy M. Johnson is spending the holiday vacation with his parents, D. W.

Johnson and wife. Walter Brooks of Caledonia, made a ple asant call at the home of J. W

Saunders, Sunday. Mrs. R. T. French and son, Sidney, leave this evening for Chicago to remain during the holidays.

Miss Mae Stokoe and Mr. Howard Brush were guests of her brother, C. E. Stokoe and wife, Sunday. W. E. Dolson and wife and Will

Childs of Charlotte, will be Xmas guests of J. W. Saunders and fumily. Mrs. J. E. Ackerson leaves Friday morning for Annapolis, Md.. to visit

her son, James, during the holidays. Mesdames R. T. French, H. Appleton, J. W. Saunders, and Miss Bessie Saunders were in Grand Rapids, Tues-

A. A. Tewksbury and A. P. Dibble were in Grand Rapids last week in attendance at the reunion of their regi-

Mrs. Clint Sprague and daughter, Veva, returned last week from Chicago. The latter is very low with consumption. Messrs. E. F. Blake and W. K. Lieb-

ler with their families will spend Sunday in Hastings, the guest of Wm. Kronewitter and wife. Miss Nina Downing visited friends in

Grand Rapids the first of the week and will spend the remainder of her vacation at her home in Nashville. Prof. G. D. Cooley and wife will spend the holiday vacation with friends and relatives in Battle Creek and Mar-

shall, and also attend the State Teachers' institute in Lansing. Miss Ethel Gibbs, who has been spending a few weeks with her aunt in Chicago, returned Tuesday. She and her sister, Bessie, will leave soon for Montana to make their home with their

Miss Jennie Thomas, who has been teaching school in Howard City for the past five years, has resigned her position to be be with her mother, who is There were fifty-two present at the in poor health, and returned home

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Searles of Atchison, Kansas, are expected to spend New Years with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fenton. A reunion of Mr. Searles' regiment is held in Grand

Rapids that week. Dr. O. M. Belfry, president of the Home Life Insurance company of Saginaw, was the guest of his cousin, Rev. H. Appleton, Friday. While here he secured John L. Broughton as local agent for his company.

Mr. Jeff. Lee who has been spending the past four months with his sons at Eastern Star, held in Detroit, Oct. 13- Edgerly, North Dakota, returned the latter part of last week, accompanied by his son George who has not been in this vicinity for thirteen years.

Cut glass salt and peppers at C. E.

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Heap on more wood.
The wind is chill.
But. let it whistle as it will.
We'll keep our merry Christmas still.
—Walter Scott.

Lo! now is come our joyful'st feast!
Let every man be jolly.
Each room with ivy leaves is drest
And every post with holly.
—Withers.

For little children everywhere
A joyous season still we make.
We bring our precious gifts to them,
Even for the dear child jesus' sake.
—Phœbe Cary.

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace! East, west, north and south let the long quarrel cease. Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of good will to man.

-Whittier.

Again at Christmas did we weave
The holly round the Christmas hearth.
The silent snow possessed the earth.
—Tennyson.

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ŀ	Butter (greamery)				21	
ł	Butter (dairy)				18	
I	Eggs		16		18	
١	Potatoes		45		50	
ļ	Turkeys (dressed)				ð	
Į	Turkevs (live)				8	
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More Barbarous than Weyler.

Don Agustin Latorre y Rivas, military commander of the City of Puerto Principe, has exposed with a few strokes of his pen the hypocrisy of Spain's alleged policy of mildness under Gen. Blanco. The barbarous decree of Latorre exceeds in cruelty anything that Gen. Weyler ever devised to exterminate non-combatwomen and children. Its full text, published in Hayana by La Lucha, inspires the greatest horror, and, according to the most trustworthy information from Puerto Principe, it is carried out with relentless vigor. Two hundred families already have fled from Nuevitas panicstricken, to take refuge in Puerto Prin-The decree was believed at first to be merely a threat, but when a few days ago a poor woman was shot in Nue-vitas for the sole crime of leaving her home without permission of Latorre to buy provisions for her family, then terror spread in the city and the general exodus began. The decree forbids any inhabit ant to go from his house or even to stand at the door, and refuge in forts and barracks is denied, on pain of death. even the resource of seeking protection in a foreign consulate is left to the inhabitants of Nuevitas. Latorre has revoked in his decree all codes of international law, and all the most sacred rights of foreigners to be considered as neutrals in times of war. The foreign consuls are forbidden to raise their national flags on their houses.

EXPORTS SURPASS ALL RECORDS.

Failures Fewer than in Five Years-General Advance in Prices.

Dun's Weekly Review of Trade speaks

as follows: "Close to its annual holiday the business of the year is surprisingly large. Payments through banks are again 2.5 per cent larger than in 1892, heretofore the year of greatest prosperity; the production of iron and woolens and boots and shoes is larger than ever before, exports eclipse all past records and failures for two weeks have been the smallest for corresponding weeks in five years. The most weighty news of the week is the rise of merchandise exports in November to \$110,630,290, the excess of exports in four months being \$229,212,401, while in half of December exports are nearly as large and imports \$2.500,000 smaller than last year. Probably all records are surpassed by exports for this year, which have been \$974,600,000 in eleven months, and the excess over imports in five months has probably exceeded \$289,000,000. Failures for the week have been 329 in the United States, against 387 last year, and 28 in Canada, against 41 last year."

### TO RECLAIM THE ARID LANDS.

Scheme for a Canal from the Missouri to the Red River in Texas.

Gov. Leedy, of Kansas, has given his indorsement to a scheme proposed by Percy Daniels, a Kansas surveyer, for re-claiming the arid lands of the West by building a canal from the sources of the Missouri to the Red River in Texas. The purpose of the canal would be to divert the flood of waters of the Missouri and Mississippi Valleys, impound them and let them down when wanted. The canal would tap the Missouri River at Milk River in Montana, and empty into the Red River in Texas. It would be about 1,700 miles long, and the estimated cost is \$360,000,000. To raise this money the promoters of the scheme urge that an income tax be imposed.

Heavy Kansas Cattle Shipman's. The report of the Kansas State Live Stock Sanitary Commission, made to the Governor, shows that for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, 424,249 head of cattle have work between two sub-committees, one been shipped into Kansas. This record exceeds that of any year in the history of the State. From Texas the State re ceived 132,244, 145,252 more than last year; from Arizona 82,048, 19,515 more than in 1896; from New Mexico 39,919, 22,967 in excess of 1896; from Old Mexica, 31,000; from Oklahoma, 30,497, 16,over 1896; from Missouri which exceeds last year's record by 5,463.

Miners Devoured by Wolves.

J. Craig and D. A. Paterson, two prospectors, who are said to have come from Toronto, met awful deaths while engaged in prospecting at Knight's inlet, in Northern British Columbia. They were attacked by hungry wolves, and before they could escape were torn to pieces and

Bank of Ferry, Kan., Robbed. The State Bank of Perry, Kan., was entered and \$1,500 taken from the big safe. The door was blown from the safe, and professionals evidently did the work.

Ten Hours for Railroad Employes.

The French Chamber of Deputies adopted a proposal fixing upon ten hours as a day's work for railroad employes. This is to be followed by ten hours of rest.

Death of Prominent Chicago Man. Hon. Washington Hesing, editor of the Illinois Staats Zeitung, and ex-postmaster of Chicago, died at his home in that city.

Carr Swings to the Unknown.

William Carr, murderer, was hanged at the Clay County court house at Liberty, Mo., for the murder of his 3-year-old

Central Italy Shaken.

Strong earthquake shocks lasting twelvo seconds were felt at Curta di Castello, province of Perugia, Central Italy. The walls of houses split, many chimneys fell, the bells rang and a panic prevailed among the inhabitants. Shocks were also felt at Sienna, Valletri and Bologna.

Shoots a Hod-Up Man.
Michael Hicks, alias C. Cole, after attempting to rob Andrew Young in West Van Buren street, Chicago, was shot by a police officer and died about thirty minjutes later in the county jail hospital.

### COVERT THREATS MADE.

Monroe Doctrine. A writer in a Washington paper, who says he is in the diplomatic service, reoften thrown in the company of a high

Germany in an Angry Mood Over the

veals what he calls "a startling program."
While at Berlin not long ugo he was German official, who is an intimate friend of the kaiser's, and the friend of the kaiser's is reported as saying some things of more than passing interest.
"You Americans are a wonderful peo

ple," he said. "You have had a wonderful success-too wonderful. The day will come when you will have your reverses. You have grown strong too quickly. You are too confident. No one but an overconfident nation would put forth such a foolish international proposition as your accursed verfluchtiger (Monroe doctrine).

'You have frightened the English with it, but that was because England is so friendless and helpless. You will not find us so easy to back down."

The kaiser's intimate friend then proceeded to warn the diplomat as to what Germany was going to do in the way of making mincement of the Monroe doctrine. "We are going to have the finest colony in South America," he said. "It is in Argentina. We have been making our preparations there for years. You have no idea how many good German emigrants we have sent there, more than a hundred thousand in the last few years. and they are still going. What is more, they are not giving up their citizenship, as they do when they go to you, those unpatriotic ones. These all know why they are going, and what they are expected to Many are in the employ of the Government, on secret allowances, and they are looking after the growth of German

### HON. JOHN W. GRIGGS.

New Jersey's Chief Executive May Succeed Attorney General McKenna.

Attorney General Joseph McKenna is to step out of the cabinet and take a seat on the Supreme Court bench, in place of the venerable Stephen J. Field, who has resigned. Judge McKenna's promotion will leave a vacancy in the cabinet which, a Washington correspondent asserts, will be filled by the appointment of Gov. John W. Griggs of New Jersey to the Attorney



Generalship. Gov. Griggs will continue as chief executive of New Jersey until the Legislature meets in January, when his successor will be elected.

John W. Griggs is a native of Newton, Sussex County, N. J., and was 48 years of age last July. He was only 19 years old when he graduated from Lafayette College and took up the study of law. Admitted to the bar in 1871, and locating in Paterson, he soon gained a reputation for legal ability. Meanwhile he had entered politics and in 1875 was elected to the lower house of the Legislature. In 1877 he was again elected to the House of Assembly, but the following year he was defeated. For several years he devoted himself to building up his private practice. In 1882 he was elected State Senator, being re-elected in 1884, and again two years later. In the Senate of 1886 he was elected to the presidency.

### FOES TO CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Special Committee of Republican Representatives Meet.

The special committee of Republican representatives in Congress who are seek-ing to change the civil service law held its first meeting Tuesday and outlined its to draft a bill changing the law and another to gather evidence on the defects of the present law, its extension beyond the original purpose of the law, etc. The purpose of the latter committee is to make clear to the House when the subject shall come up that a change is imperative. Chairman Grosvenor named as the subcommittee to frame a bill Messrs. Hepburn of Iowa, Pearson of North Carolina and Evans of Kentucky, and as the sub-committee to examine into defects of the law Messrs. Tawney of Minnesota O'Dell of New York and Steele of In-

TO REPORT ON POSTAL BANKS. Subcommittee Expects to Send in a

Bill by Jan. 15. The sub-committee of the postoffice committee that has charge of the subject of postal banks has decided to take up that question at once, and hopes to be able to report a bill to the full committee by Jan. As the subject is a new one, time will be required to permit the members to

familiarize themselves with the question, but it is hoped that by Feb. 1 the committee will be ready to report to the House. It seems probable that Mr. Lorimer's bill will be reported almost un-

Jealous of American Trade.

A British corporation has arranged to start a shoe factory at Galashield, Scotland, capable of turning out 20,000 pairs of shoes weekly, and Consul Fleming at Edinburgh says this is the beginning of an attempt to compete with America in shoemaking.

Maj. Benedict P. Robson died at Little Rock, Ark., of Bright's disease, aged 65 years. For many years the deceased was employed in an official capacity on various railroads and was well known in railroad circles. He gained national prominence in 1894 through his leadership of the great Missouri Pacific strike.

The khedive of Egypt will refuse to allow his brother, Mehemet Ali Pasha, to marry an American, in view of the fact that the child to which the khedivah recently gave birth is a girl and Mehemet Ali is still the heir presumptive.

MOTHER M'KINLEY.



-Chicago Times-Herald.

IN HER FINAL SLEEP.

Mother McKinley Passed Away Un conscious Sunday Morning.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley were held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Canton at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon The burial was in the West Lawn cemetery, just west of the city. Tuesday night President McKinley and wife and the officials from Washington who attended the funeral left for Washington.

Mrs. McKinley passed from life at a few minutes past 2 o'clock Sunday morning, with all of her children and other immediate friends at her bedside. did not suffer any in her last hours, but gradually passed from the deep palsied sleep in which she had rested almost constantly for ten days into the sleep of She passed away without having regained consciousness since she rallied on Tuesday to recognize her son. Hopes which the family had that they might be granted manifestation of loving recognition were in vain.
At daylight Sunday morning, at the sug-

gestion of some of the older members of the congregation that an old-time custom now almost obsolete be observed to announce the death, the bell in the tower of the church slowly tolled off the years of

her age.
Nancy Allison McKinley was born near Lisbon, O., in 1809. Her father, Abner Allison, was of English descent, but a native of Pennsylvania. Her mother, Ann Campbell, was of German-Scotch descent A short time before the birth of Nancy Allison her parents removed from Pennsylvania to Columbiana County, Ohio, and on the farm they acquired there her girlhood was spent. In 1827 she married William McKinley, an iron manufacturer, and the pair lived successively at Fairfield, Niles, Poland and Canton. Nine children were born to them; five of them are dead. The living are, besides the President, Helen Minerva McKinley of Canton, O.; Sara Elizabeth, wife of A. J. Duncan of Cleveland, O., and Abner Mc-Kinley of New York City. Mrs. McKinley became a widow in November, 1892, her husband being 85 years old at his

death. Much of Mrs. McKinley's motherly ambition has centered in her seventh son. William, whose political career she has followed at all times with much concern. It was not against her wishes that he en tered the army at the breaking out of the rebellion, but when, at the close of the struggle, a commission in the regular army was offered him, her advice was in favor of a return to civil life. In the study of law and later in public office, William McKinley was glad to draw counsel and encouragement from mother, and she, for her part, had unfeigned pride in his success. His nomination and election to the governorship of Ohio confirmed her faith in him. She is said to have been confident beforehand that the St. Louis convention and the election of 1896 would result as they did, while her crowning ambition seems to have been to see her son inaugurated

### AT OMAHA'S WHITE CITY.

Work on the Exposition Buildings Is Being Pushed Rapidly.

Work on the buildings at the Omaha exposition grounds has been pushed more rapidly than was expected, the pleasant weather of the open winter so far enab-ling contractors to make surprisingly great progress.

The Liberal Arts building, although it was begun late, promises to be completed sooner than the other buildings. roof trusses have all been completed, and the first of the pieces will be hoisted to-

The manufactures building is likely to be completed in a short time. Almost all the staff is on, even to the ornamentations. The translucent skylight is almost finished. Next to this structure the administration arch is nearest completion. The Mines and Mining building is also about ready for its white coat both inside and outside. The roof on this structure is about completed, the final work being done on the skylight.

A number of roof girders have been put in place on the Machinery building, and the roofing is being commenced. The same is the case in the Agricultural building. The walls of the Government building will soon be commenced. The piling is about completed, and the wall girders are being erected.

IN A MAD FLIGHT.

Ill-Provisioned Miners Stampede fron Dawson City.

By steamer Topeka from Dyea news is received that more than 1,000 ill-provisioned men stampeded from Dawson during the latter part of October, and, impelled by the haunting fears of famine, full cargo of miscellaneous freight.

are now madly forcing their way over the

Auk, the Indian mail carrier, who brings this report, left the Yukon capital fully ten days after the Dalton party. He says that the vanguard of the terrorstricken army is following less than a week behind him. Auk declares that fully 25 per cent of the stampeding army will never live to recite the terrors of their flight north.

The river steamers Bella and Weare. it now appears, did not land more than 100 tons of provisions on their arrival in Dawson in the early part of October, owing to their having been held up at Circle City. The only bright view of the situa-tion is that the crossing of the pass above Dyea and Skaguay has lately been great-ly improved and within a month will be n excellent condition.

Dyea parties, headed by George F. Ul-

mer, propose to go to the relief of the hungry at Dawson. They will make the United States Government an offer to deliver 50,000 pounds of provisions within ifty days after the time of starting for Dawson, for the sum of \$75,000. They already have 5,000 pounds of provisions cached at Lake Bennett, which they will take in over the Chilkoot pass this win-Ulmer will go south by the next steamer to lay his proposition before the Secretary of War by wire.

### MILLER WINS THE RACE.

2,013 Miles in the Six-Day

Bicycle Race in New York, Charles W. Miller, who won the great six-day bicycle race in New York, was born in Saxony twenty-two years ago, is five feet six inches in height and normally weighs 160 pounds. He is a veritable network of muscle. Medical experts assert that he has excelled in endurance and speed the horse and the locomotive. In the first seventy-two hours of the contest Miller rested only one hour and six minutes. Since that period he has slept less than five hours. All other long-distance bicycle performances dwindled in comparison. Cordang's record of 616 miles 340 yards in twenty-four hours was accomplished with the aid of pacemakers whose multicycles were equipped with



wind shields. Miller rode unpaced. That kind of riding is his forte. He holds all world's records for unpaced work from fifty-five to 100 miles. He created them on the Garfield Park track, Chicago, Oct. 2, 1897. His time for 100 miles is 4:59:27 4-5. Miller lives in Chicago. He is a motorman. He first rode a bicycle in 1895. In the six-day race at New York Miller rode 2,013 miles. After the race Miller's trainer said that

the rider would make \$3,600 in round figures for his week's work. The amounts were distributed as follows: One thousand three hundred dollars for winning the race, \$200 for breaking the record, \$500 from the makers of the wheel that he rode, \$500 from the makers of the successful tires, \$250 from the makers of the saddle which supported him to victory, \$1,000 from the makers of the handle bars on his wheel and \$1,000 from the proprietor of a theater. His expenses were about

Told in a Few Lines.

A large portion of the business center of the town of Carberty, Manitoba, was destroyed by fire. The loss will exceed \$50,000.

Advices received from Kassala say that reports are current there that the Khalifa recently murdered several Christians at Khartoum. Near Birmingham, Ala., William Scott,

colored, killed Mr. and Mrs. John Singley and their 10-year-old son, robbed the house and then escaped.

James Cave, a printer of Paterson, N. J., has fallen heir to a fortune of \$30,000 the death of his grandfather, Joseph D. Cave, in western Missouri. The steamer Alki sailed from Tacoma

for Skaguay, Taiya and other Alaskan ports. She carried 100 passengers and a

NO ONE WILL STARVE. NATIONAL SOLONS.

CANADA IS ABLE TO FEED ALL AT DAWSON.

Dominion Government Assures Uncle Sam's Special Envoy No Miners Will Starve-Ready for Emergencies-She Could Not Forget Her Dead Lover.

Food Will Be Provided.

Capt. J. F. Pratt of the United States coast and geodetic survey, while in Ottawa, Ont., had interviews with the minister and officers of the interior department and members of the geological survey regarding the condition of affairs at Dawson as well as the prospects for the winter. There are so many stories in circulation as to famine and starvation in the Yukon that the American Govern-ment sent Capt. Pratt to Ottawa to look into the matter and ascertain the views of the Dominion administration. Capt. Pratt has been assured by the minister of the interior that Carada can meet all emergencies for the winter as far as the food supply is concerned. Mr. Pratt was instructed by his government to ascertain in what way the American Government can co-operate with the Canadian Government in regard to the convenience of those entering the country as well as those now located in the interior.

MARRIED IN HER ROOM.

Wedding Quests Disappointed by a Hysterical

A dispatch from Kansas City says: Jesse Wall, a young man well known in Independence, killed himself a year ago because he could not marry Miss Leona Corder, the daughter of Jackson Corder, one of the old settlers of the town. Miss Corder loved young Wall, and they were engaged, but because they were first cousins her parents would not consent to the marriage. Her parents had always favored J. Garland Webb, a wealthy young man of Lafayette County. They insisted upon the marriage when Mr. Webb asked for Miss Corder's hand, and finally she consented and the wedding was set. The evening came, and at 10 o'clock the wedding supper was served without the pres-ence of the bride or groom, and it was finally announced that Miss Corder could not leave her room and the marriage ceremony would be performed there. So, in the presence of only her parents and the most intimate relatives of both, Mr. Webb and Miss Corder were married in her room. She had become hysterical over houghts of her former lover.

WAS FROZEN TO DEATH.

cranton, Kan., Business Man Found Dead in a Pasture.

J. H. Martindale of Millar & Martindale, hardware merchants of Scranton, Kan., was found dead in a pasture a few miles south of Carbondale, having been frozen to death. Mr. Martindale, in company with Fred Bauch, a traveling man, were returning from Overbrook, when Mr. Martindale got out of the buggy to look for a lap robe they had lost. returning after a short time Mr. Bauch mmediately began a search for the miss ing man, but without success. Early in he morning searching parties were organ ized and about noon Mr. Martindale's body was found in a pasture. He had evidently been dead for several hours. Mr. Martindale was about 35 years of age, and was one of the best-known business men in Osage County.

Destructive Fire at Grand Forks.

Fire caused a loss of nearly a million iollars at Grand Forks, N. D., the other morning. The Hotel Dakotah, a large five-story structure that cost \$250,000 was completely destroyed, as were the two large wholesale stores adjoining of Nash Bros. and the Grand Forks Mercantile Company. Nash Bros. were gro-cery and fruit and cigar wholesalers, and the Mercantile Company dealt in groceries. Both concerns occupied a brick building about one hundred feet square and four or five stories high.

Failure at Kansas City. The Bachrach Tailoring Company, the biggest merchant tailoring establishment in Kansas City, has made an assignment for the benefit of the National Bank of Commerce. John Long and Paulina Carr, whose claims aggregate \$21,094, of which 18 900 is due the bank on notes made since last August. After the assignment Solomon Stein & Co. brought suit by attachment for \$21,133 for goods furnished

for the fall and winter trade.

To Search for Missing Seamsn. The English steamer Quadra has left Victoria, B. C., for Barclay Sound to search for the three boats which a few days ago left the steamer Cleveland with twenty-two men, and which have not since been seen, and also to render assistance to the survivors of the disaster who are staying with the stranded vessel.

Assaulted and Robbed

Jeremiah Stoffer was assaulted and robbed of nearly \$2,000 on the highway west of Lima, O., and left in a dying con-

Mrs. Stowe's Hero Dead.

Lewis George Clark, the original of 'George Harris' in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is dead at Lexington, Ky. Signal Observer Dead.

Milton G. Rano, aged 36, late United States signal observer at Cheyenne, Wyo., died of consumption. Gorman & Oroker. Senator Gorman and Richard Croker

may go into business together. Roce ved by the Czar.

The retiring United States minister to Russia, Clifton R. Breckinridge, was received in audience by the ezar at St. Petersburg and presented his letters of recall. Mr. Breckinridge presented to his majesty his successor, E. A. Hitch-

Whole Family Burned to Death. The residence of Patrick Leahy at Ot tawa, Ont., was burned and Leahy and five of his children, Katie, Maggie and Patrick, the oldest but 9 years of age, perished.

Killed by a Maniac. The Oakland, Cal., police are convinced

that Patrick Murphy of Temescal, who vas assassinated, was killed by Frederick Uhl, a maniac, who also attempted to kill Edward Kearney and Constable

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT

WASHINGTON.

Detailed Proceedings of Senate and House-Bills Passed or Introduced

in Either Branch-Questions of Mo-

Mr. Lodge (Mass.) made an effort in

ment to the Country at Large. The Legislative Grind.

he Senate Monday to secure an immediate vote upon his immigration bill, which is substantially the same measure that was passed by the Fifty-fourth Congress and vetoed by President Cleveland. Mr. Allen (Neb.) objected to an immediate vote and suggested that the final vote on the amendments and the bill be taken on Monday, Jan. 17, at 3 p. m. This suggestion was accepted by Mr. Lodge and the order for vote at that time was made. Mr. Gorman, chairman of the Democratic steering committee, presented an order which was adopted, rearranging some of the committee assignments of some of the Democratic members, made necessary by the incoming of new members. Mr. Pet-tigrew (S. D.) called up the bill granting to settlers the right to make second home-stead entries. He made a brief explanation of the measure. It gave all persons who were not at the time owners of land under the homestead law the right to make second homestead entries. Each person would be entitled to acquire 160 acres of land. The bill was passed. A acres of land. The bill was passed. A bill providing for the erection of an addition to the public building at Los Angeles Col. geles. Cal., to cost \$250,000, was passed. Mr. Wilson (Wash.) presented a resolution directing the civil service commission to transmit to the Senate a statement by fiscal years since 1890 showing the total number of persons examined, the total number passed and the total number ap-pointed in the several branches of the Government service at the beginning of each of those fiscal years. The resolution was agreed to. The Senate then adjourned. Excepting the reporting of the legislative, executive and judicial appropria-tion bill, the House did no public business Monday.

Wednesday's proceedings in the Scnate were enlivened by an interesting debate were enivened by an interesting debate upon the bill presented by the Foreign Relations Committee providing for the prohibition of pelagic sealing by Americans. The provisions of the measure were explained by Mr. Davis. Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.) sharply antagonized the measure, saying that this country had already suffered more than enough humiliation on account of the seal business, and that he favored the settlement of the question by killing all of the seals as they appeared at the rookeries of the Prybilof Islands, if by the first of June next Great Britain also had not agreed to the prohibition of pelagic sealing. He offered an amendment to that effect, but it was defeated. The bill was passed by a vote of 37 to 14. Mr. McBride of Oregon endeavored to secure the adoption of his resolution directing the Secretary of War to supply relief to the suffering miners in the Klondike region and appropriating \$250,000 for that purpose. The resolution was amended so that the supplies might be transported by means of reindeer. Mr. McBride consented finally that the resolution should be recommitted to the Military Affairs he recommitted to the Military Affairs. Committee, with the understanding that it would be promptly reported. The session closed with a spirited civil service debate upon the bill presented by the Census Committee providing for the appointment of a director of the census and thirty-two employes who should form the skeleton of an office proce for the twelfth census. In the House the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill was discussed, but only one amendment of importance was adopted. It reduced of importance was adopted. It reduced the clerical force at the pension office

appropriating \$175,000 for relief of peo-ple who are in Yukon river country, and also bill passed by the Senate the day be-fore to prohibit pelagic sealing by Amer-ican citizens. Former bill encountered practically no opposition. Bill to prohibit pelagic sealing warmly antagonized by Mr. Johnson of North Dakota, Mr. Loud of California, Mr. Hepburn and others. In the Senate resolution directing the Secretary of War to send supplies to American and other sufferers in Klondike region passed. Mr. Pritchard of North Carolina, chairman of civil service investigating committee, delivered brief speech upon execution of civil service law as developed by his committee. Senate passed bill directing Secretary of Treasury to purchase or construct suitable vessel for revenue cutter service on Yukon river, Alaska, to cost not to exceed \$40,000. Mr. Allison of appropriations committee reported favorably House joint resolution providing for recess of Congress from Dec. 18, 1897, to Jan. 5, 1898. Adopted. Mr. Hawley of Military Affairs Committee reported resolution of Mr. McBride of Oregon for relief of American miners and other sufferers in Yukon valley, Alaska. Committee struck out all but enacting clause and amended by appropriating \$250,000, which is to be used by Secretary of War for purchase of subsistence and supplies and for their transportation and distribution. Adopted.

In the House on Thursday a bill passed

In the Senate on Friday a joint resolution accepting the invitation of Norway to participate in an international fisheries commission next year was passed. One hundred and thirty-eight private pension bills were passed. Resolutions on the death of William Steele Holman, late representative from Indiana, were taken up. Tributes to his memory were paid in eloquent culogies by several members. The resolutions were passed, and as a further mark of respect the Senate at 4:25 p. m. adjourned until Saturday. In the House amendments to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill were adopt-The House refused to accept the Senate amendment to the bill for the relief of the miners in the Upper Yukon.

On Saturday both houses of Congress adjourned until Jan. 5. The Kloudike relief bill was put through its final stages before adjournment.

A Phenomenal Lake.

An Alaska travler recently described, some extraordinary phenomena connected with a small lake named Selawik, situated near the sea coast. Tides rise and fall in the lake, perhaps on account of an underground connection with the sen. At the bottom, he says, the water is salt, but on the top there is a layer of sweet water.

Only Export Turtles. The Caymans in the West Indies export nothing but turtles.

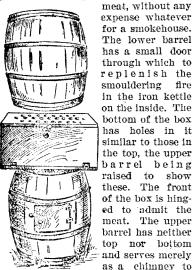


Weed Flavors in Milk. The milk is carefully examined when received, and all that is the least affected with the onion or weed flavor, is set aside by itself, and then run through a separator, and its cream kept separate. To this cream is added twice its own bulk of hot water, in which saltpetre, in the proportion of one ounce to three gallons of water, has been dissolved. This raises the temperature of the mixed cream and water to about 160 degrees, and it is immediately put through the separator again. The resuit is a fine, thick cream, with no trace of weed flavor in it, and withal thoroughly pasteurized, and the Babcock test shows no loss of fat in the operation. In order to ripen such cream for churning, a starter is needed. Pasteurizing has been tried for the purpose of eliminating bad flavors from cream with partial, though not perfect, success. The same may be said in reference to heating the milk and running it through the separator at a temperature of 155 degrees or 160 degrees. Washing cream has also been tried, with the water at the ordinary temperature of separating, and this has very materially reduced bad flavors.-Hoard's Dairy-

Substitute for a Smokehouse.

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The illustration, which is from the American Agriculturist, shows a simple plan for smoking a small quantity of



similar to those in the top, the upper barrel being raised to show these. The front of the box is hinged to admit the The upper barrel has neither top nor bottom and serves merely

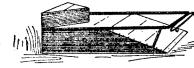
provide some little draft and to carry off the smoke. Two small holes in the lower barrel admit air to feed the smouldering fire.

### Keeping Hogs in Barnyards.

It is not a good plan to allow hogs to run loose in the barnyard with other stock. Their odor is very disagreeable to all other domestic animals, and they will not eat their food so well when hogs are near them. Besides, cows and horses, if loose, will trample on or otherwise injure hogs running at their heels. The only excuse for keeping hogs in the barnyard is that they may root over the excrement of cows or horses that are fed on whole grain. No doubt the bogs will get some this way. But the better way is to have the grain ground and feed enough less to pay for the grinding. With either cows or horses the meal with cut hay or straw will be much better di gested than will whole grain.

### A Real Snow Plow.

This is not a wedge to push the snow to one side, but a plow that raises and delivers it above and upon the undisturbed snow at the side. Such a plow must have a strong frame, the bars reaching out in front being not less than 3x3, and they must be 6 ft long,



A REAL SNOW PLOW.

to reach back to the rear. Planks form the runners and top. The light frame above the top is for the driver to sit upon. His feet he rests upon the bars by which the plow is drawn. The front edge, the incline and the top are tinned to make the snow move up more easily. The edge is of the same width as the rear end, so there is no binding in the snow.-Farm and Fireside.

Fecret of Success.

A ton of butter sold from the farm costs almost nothing so far as fertilizing elements are concerned, but it is esti mated that a ton of wheat removes about \$8 worth of plant food from the soil. This \$8 difference must be taken into consideration in comparing butter with wheat production, as it represents that amount in favor of butter at the start. The secret of successful farming is to produce something on the farm that removes as little of the real wealth of the farm as possible.

Lime, Plaster and Iron. A Paris journal says that the disastrous effects exerted by lime and plaster on iron should be kept in mind when building. If iron is plunged into freshly prepared lime rapid oxidation takes

place. This soon reaches the heart of

the iron, which in a short time under-

goes a profound alteration in its resist ing qualities. To this result must be added the expansion caused by increase in volume of the mass. On the other hand, cement seems to be an excellent preservative against rust. Such a covering is preferable to painting with red

### Lima Beans,

The introduction of the bush varieties of Lima beans was an important matter to those who make a specialty of Lima beans. The labor of cutting poles and the extra labor of caring for the pole Limas made the growing of them a risk should dry weather occur At the West Virginia experiment station it has been found that beans grown in drills produced twice as much as those grown in hills. As the bush Limas may be planted with a seed drill in rows, and require no poles, they can be grown more profitably than heretofore. There are also varieties of bush Limas that are as large as the pole kinds, and they bring good prices in market. These facts should be kept in view for next year.

### Winter Squashes.

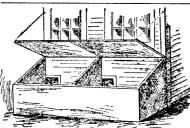
Squashes, unless ripened, will not keep well. Sometimes they are left out too long. After the frost has killed the vines the squashes are exposed to the cold and to freezing and thawing. Such squashes cannot keep well. Squashes must also be carefully handled. If the shell is bruised in getting them under cover, they are sure to rot early. They should be well ripened, gathered before heavy frosts, well dried, kept in an even temperature, and carefully handled. A warm, damp cellar is a bad place for storage. They should be kept in a dry room, where temperature is fairly even and not piled in a heap, but placed on open shelves. If there are only a few they may be spread on the floor. Sort them over and pick out the soft-shelled and unripe ones to be used first.

### Good Barn Cats.

To make a cat a good mouser it should never be allowed around the house. To lie near the stove and be fed. without doing anything to earn its living, makes a cat lazy, fat and good for nothing. There are always in the barn enough vermin to give a good cat constant employment, and she will rarely need other food than what she can her self procure. Such a cat is easily worth \$10 to \$20. On most farms it will make big interest on these sums every year in grain and grain bags and fruit which a good cat will save from being destroy

### Unique Scratching Shed.

Where snow lies thickly upon the ground for months it is almost impossible to get the hens out of doors, though fresh air and sunshine are specially needed to promote winter laying. The illustration shows a simple addition to the southern side of the poultry house that will give the fowls the advantage of some hours each sunny day out of doors without being upon the snow Put leaves, sand and a little grain into the bottom of these outside pens, and the fowls will work busily in them for



SCRATCHING SHED FOR HENS

hours. Such scratching sheds need not be large. They cost but a trifle and so can be afforded by everyone.-Orange Judd Farmer.

### Large Potato Yield.

The largest potato yield on record was produced in Northern Wyoming in 1890. According to sworn testimony it amounted to 974 bushels and forty pounds per acre, of which 838 bushels were marketable. The expense of production was stated to have been \$74.80. Such a crop anywhere in the country this year would have been pretty prof itable. The average yield of potatoes in the United States is in ordinary years about one hundred bushels to the acre.

Shying. There is no better way to break a horse of shying than to stop him and gently lead or drive him up to the object of his fear each time, talking to him pleasantly meanwhile. Whipping and harshness only increase the difficulty. If persistent kindness be employed the horse will soon control himself under trying circumstances if spoken to by his driver in an ordinary tone of

### Keeping Milk from Odors.

One reason why much poor butter is made in the winter season is because the milk is set in some room adjoining the kitchen, where it is subjected to all the odors of the kitchen stove used in cooking meats and vegetables. These odors, with the heat from the stove, are absorbed by the milk, and as the cream has to be warmed so as to ripen, the germs thus admitted have the best possible chance to increase.

### Eggs in Winter.

The secret of getting eggs in winter is to keep pullets, and keep them well Fowls should have the run of a field and orchard, and as much corn, rice and barley meal as they want to eat, with a liberal supply of water.

### TESTIMONY OF ROCKS.

REV. DR. TALMAGE ON THE GE-OLOGY OF THE BIBLE.

A fermon of Interest to All, Showing that Geology Confirms the Truth of the Word of God-The Rock of Ages -Never Yet Upset.

### Our Washington Pulpit,

The throngs coming to Dr. Talmage's preaching services at the First Presbyte rian Church in Washington are all the time increasing and far beyond the capacity of his church to hold. In this sermon he discusses a subject interesting to all—viz., "The Geology of the Bible; or, God Among the Rocks." The text is II. Samuel vi., 6, 7: "And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and God smote him there for his error, and there he died by the ark of God.

A band of music is coming down the road, cornets blown, timbrels struck, harps thrummed and cymbals clapped, all led on by David, who was himself a musician. They are ahead of a wagon on which is the sacred box called the ark. The yoke of oxen drawing the wagon imperiled it. Some critics say that the oxen kicked, being struck with the driver's goad, but my knowledge of oxen leads me to say that if on a hot day they see a shadow of a tree or wall, they are apt to suddenly shy off to get the coolness of the shadow. I think these oxen so suddenly turned that the sacred box seemed about to upset and be thrown to the ground. Uzzah rushed forward and laid hold of the ark to keep it upright. But he had no right to do so. A special command had been given by the Lord that no one save the priest under any circumstances should touch that box. Nervous and excited and irreverent, Uzzah disbeyed when he took hold of the ark, and he died as a consequence. In all ages, and never more so than in our own day, there are good people all the time afraid that the Holy Bible, which is the sacred ark of our time, will be upset, and they have been a long while afraid that science, and especially geology, would overthrow it.

While we are not forbidden to touch the oly book and, on the contrary, are urged to fondle and study it, any one who is afraid of the overthrow of the book is greatly offending the Lord with his un-The oxen have not yet been yoked which can upset that ark of the world's salvation. Written by the Lord Almighty. he is going to protect it until its mission is fulfilled and there shall be no more need of a Bible because all its prophecies will have been fulfilled and the human race will have exchanged worlds. A trumpet and a violin are very different instruments, but they may be played in perfect So the Bible account of the creation of the world and the geological account are different—one story written on parchment and the other on the rocks and yet in perfect and eternal accord. word "day," repeated in the first chapter of Genesis, has thrown into paroxysms of criticism many exegetes. The Hebrew word "yom" of the Bible means sometimes what we call a day, and sometimes it means ages. It may mean 24 hours or 100,000,000 years. The order of creation as written in the book of Genesis is the order of creation discovered by geologists' crowbar. So many Uzzahs have been nervously rushing about for fear the strong oxen of scientific discovery would upset the Bible that I went somewhat apprehensively to look into the matter, when I found that the Bible and geology agree in saying that first were built the rocks, then the plants greened the earth, then marine creatures were created from minnow to whale, then the wings and throats of aerial choirs were colored and tuned, and the quadrupeds began to bleat and bellow and neigh.

Now, it requires no stretch of imagina tion to realize that God could have taken millions of years for the bringing of the rocks and the timbers of this world together, yet only one week more to make it inhabitable and to furnish it for human dence. Remember also that all up and down the Bible the language of the times was used-common parlance-and it was not always to be taken literally. Just as we say every day that the world is round when it is not round. It is sphericalflattened at the poles and protuberant at the equator. Prof. Snell, with his chain of triangles, and Prof. Varin, with the shortened pendulum of his clock, found it was not round. But we do not become critical of any one who says the world is round. Let us deal as fairly with Moses or Job as we do with each other.

Everlasting Right. But for years good people feared geology, and without any imploration on their part apprehended that the rocks and mountains would fall on them until Hugh Miller, the elder of St. John's Presbyterian church in Edinburgh and parishione of Dr. Guthrie, came forth and told the world that there was no contradiction be tween the mountains and the church, and O. M. Mitchell, a brilliant lecturer before he became brigadier general, dying a Beaufort, S. C., during our civil war, took the platform and spread his map of the strata of rock in the presence of great audiences, and Prof. Alexander Winchell of Michigan University and Prof. Taylor Lewis of Union College showed that the "without form and void" of the first chapter of Genesis was the very chaos out of which the world was formulated, the hands of God packing together the land and tossing up the mountains into great heights and flinging down the seas into their great depths. Before God gets through with this world there will hardly be a book of the Bible that will not find confirmation either in archaeology or ge ology. Exhumed Babylon, Ninevah, Jerusalem, Tyre and Egyptian hieroglyphics are crying out in the ears of the world: "The Bible is right! All right! Everlast-ingly right!" Geology is saying the same thing, not only confirming the truth about the original creation, but confirming so many passages of the Scripture that I can only slightly refer to them.

But you do not really believe that story of the deluge and the sinking of the mountains under the wave? Tell us something we can believe. "Believe that," says geology, "for how do you account for those seashells and seaweeds and skeletons of sea animals found on the top of some of the highest mountains? If the waters did not sometimes rise about the mountains, how did those seashells and seaweeds and skeletons of sea animals get there? Did you put them there?

But, now, you do not really believe that story about the storm of fire and brimstone whelming Sodom and Gomorrah, and enwrapping Lot's wife in such saline incrustations that she halted, a sack of salt? For the confirmation of that story the geologist goes to that region, and after trying in vain to take a swim in the lake, so thick with salt he cannot swim it -the lake beneath which Sodom and Gomorrah lie buried, one drop of the water so full of sulphur and brimstone that it stings your tongue, and for hours you cannot get rid of the nauseating drop-the scientist then digging down and finding sulphur on top of sulphur, brimstone on top of brimstone, while all round there are jets and crags and peaks of salt, and if one of them did not become the sarcophagus of Lot's wife, they show you ho human being might in that tempest have been halted and packed into a white monument that would defy the ages.

But, now, you do not really beneve that New Testament story about the earth quake at the time Christ was crucified, do you? Geology digs down into Mount Cal vary and finds the rocks ruptured and aslant, showing the work of an especial earthquake for that mountain, and an earthquake which did not touch the sur-rounding region. Go and look for yourself, and see there a dip and cleaverage of rocks as nowhere else on the planet, geolo gy thus announcing an especial earthquake for the greatest tragedy of all the centuries-the assassination of the Son of God.

### Confirmed by Geology.

But you do not really believe that story of the burning of our world at the las-Geology digs down and finds that the world is already on fire and that the center of this globe is incandescent, molt en, volcanic, a burning coal, burning out toward the surface, and the internal fires have so far reached the outside rim that I do not see how the world is to keep from complete conflagration until the prophecies concerning it are fulfilled. The lava poured forth from the mouths of Vesu vius. Mount Etna and Cotopaxi and Kilauea is only the regurgitation from an awful inflammation thousands of miles deep. There are mines in Pennsylvania and in several parts of the world that have been on fire for many years. These coal mines burning down and the internal fires of the earth burning up, after awhile these two fires, the descending and the ascending will meet, and then will occur the universal conflagration of which the Bible speaks when it says, "The elements shall melt with fervent heat the earth also. and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Instead of disbelieving the Bible story about the final conflagration, since I have looked a little into geology, finding that its explorations are all in the line of confirmation of that prophecy, I wonder how this old craft of a world can keep sailing on much longer. It is like a ship on fire at sea, the fact that the hatches are kept down the only reason that it does not be come one complete blaze-masts on fire, rathins on fire, everything from cutwater to taffrail on fire. After geology has told us how near the internal fires have already burned their way toward the surface, it ought not to be a surprise to us at any time to hear the ringing of the fire bells of a universal conflagration. Oh, I am so glad that geology has been born Thank God for the testimony of the rocks. I this day proclaim the banns of a marriage between geology and theology, the rugged bridegroom and the fairest of brides. Let them join their hands, and "whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder.

### Never Yet Upset,

If anything in the history or condition of the earth seems for the time contradictory of anything in geology, you must remember that geology is all the time correcting itself and more and more coming to harmonization with the great book. In the last century the French Scientific Association printed a list of eighty theories of geology which had been adopted and afterward rejected. Lyell, the scientist, announced fifty theories of geology that had been believed in and afterward thrown overboard. Meanwhile the story of the Bible has not changed at all, and if geology has cast out between 100 and 200 theories which it once considered established we can afford to wait until the last theory of geology antagonizing divine revelation shall have been given up.

Now, in this discourse upon the geology of the Bible, or God among the rocks, I charge all agitated and affrighted Hzzahs to calm their pulses about the upsetting of the Scriptures. Let me see! For several hundred years the oxen have been jerking the ark this way and that and pulling it over rough places and trying to stick it in the mud of derision and kicking with all the power of their hoofs against the sharp goads and trying to pull it into the cool shade away from the heats of retribution from a God "who will by no means clear the guilty." Yet have you not noticed that the book has never been upset? The only changes made in it were by its learned friends in the revision of the Scriptures. The book of Genesis has been thundered against by the mightiest batteries, yet you cannot to-day find in all the earth a copy of the Bible which has not the fifty chapters of the first copy of the book of Genesis ever printed, starting with the words "In the beginning God' and closing with Joseph's coffin. Fierce attack on the book of Exodus has been made because they said it was cruel to drown Pharaoh and the story of Mount Sinai was improbable. But the book of Exodus remains intact, and not one of us, considering the cruelties which he would have continued among the brick kilns of Egypt, would have thrown Pha-raoh a plank if we had seen him drown-ing. And Mount Sanai is to-day a pile of tossed and tumbled baselt, recalling the cataclysm of that mountain when the law was given. And, as to those Ten Commandments, all Roman law, all German law, all English law, all American law worth anything are squarely founded on them. So mighty assault for centuries has been made on the book of Joshua. It was said that the story of the detained sun and moon is an insult to modern as tronomy, but that book of Joshua may be found to-day in the chapel of every uni versity in America, in defiance of any telescope projected from the roof of that university. The book of Jonah has been the target of ridicule for the small wit of ages, but there it stands, with its four chapters inviolate, while geology puts up in its museums remains of sea monsters capable of doing more than the one which swallowed the recreant prophet. There stand the 1,089 chapters of the Bible not withstanding all the attacks of ages, and there they will stand until they shrivel up in the final fires, which geologists say are already kindled and glow hotter than the

furnaces of an ocean steamer as it puts

out from New York Narrows for Hamburg or Southampton The God of the Rocks.

The geology of the Bible shows that our religion is not a namby pamby, nerveless, dilettantish religion. It was projected and has been protected by the God of the rocks. Religion a balm? Oh, yes. Religion a soothing power? Oh, yes. Religion a beautiful sentiment? Oh, yes. But we must have a God of the rock mighty God to defend, an omnipotent God to achieve, a force able to overcome all other forces in the universe. Rose of Sharon and Lily of the Valley is he, combination of all gentleness and tenderness and sweetness? Oh, yes. But if the mighty forces now arrayed for the destruction of the nations are to be met and conquered, we must have a God of the rocks. The "Lion of Judah's tribe," as well as the "Lamb who was slain," hundred and thirty times does the Bible speak of the rock as defense, as arma ment, as refuge, as overpowering strength. David, the palmist, lived among the rocks, and they reminded him of the Almighty, and he ejaculates, "The Lord liveth; blessed be my rock." "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." And then, as if his prayer had been answered he feels the strength come into his soul and he cries out, "The Lord is my rock." "He shall set me up upon a rock." How much the rocks have had to de

with the cause of God in all ages! In the wilderness God's Israel were fed with honey out of the rock. How the rock of Horeb paid Moses back in gushing, rip pling, sparkling water for the two stout strokes with which he struck it! And there stands the rock with name—I guess the longest word in the Bible-sela-ham mablekoth, and it was worthy of a resounding, sesquipedalian nomenclature, for at that rock Saul was compelled to quit his pursuit of David and go home and look after the Philistines, who were making a flank movement. There were the rocks of Bozez and Seneh, between which Jonathan climbed up and sent flying in retreat the garrison of the uncircum-And yonder see David and his men hidden in the rock of Odullam and Engedi.

### Divine Deliberation.

But while I go on with my study of the geology of the Bible, or God among the rocks, I get a more intelligent and helpful idea of divine deliberation. These rocks, the growth of thousands of years, and, geology says, of millions of years, ought to show the prolongation of God's plans and cure our impatience because things are not done in short order. Men without seeing it become critical of the Almighty and think, Why does he not do this and do that and do it right away? We feel sometimes as if we could not Well, I guess we will have to wait. wait. God is never in a hurry except about two His plans, sweeping through eternity, are beyond our comprehension They have such wide circle, such vastness of revolution, such infinitude that we cannot compass them. Indeed he would not be much of a God whom we could thoroughly understand. That would not be much of a father who had no thoughts or plans larger than his babe of 1 year could compass. If God takes millions of years to make one rock, do not let us become critical if he takes twenty years or a century or several centuries to do that which we would like to have done immediately. Do not repeat the folly of those who conclude there is no God or that he is not in sympathy with the right and the good because he does not do certain things in the time we set apart for their performance. Do not let us hold up our little watch, with its tiny hour hand and minute hand, and by it try to correct the clock of the universe, its pendulum taking 500 years to swing this way and 500 years to swing that way. Do not let us set up our little spinning wheel beside the loom in which God weaves suprises and sunsets and auroras. We have the best of authority for saying that "one day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." Do not expect that Uzzah's oxen, even if they do not shy off, but go straight ahead, can keep up with the fire shod lightnings. Truth of the Omnipotent.

But concerning all the vast things of God's government of the universe be tient with the carrying out of plans beyond our measurement. O man! O woman! So far as your earthly existence is not impatient with the workings of the Omnipotent and the Eternal!"

And now, for your solace and safety, I ask you to come under the shelter, and into the deep clefts, and the almighty defense of a rock that is higher than you, higher than any Gibraltar, higher than the Himalayas—the Rock of Ages—that will shelter you from the storm; that will hide you from your enemies; that will stand when the earthquakes of the last day get their pry under he mountains and hurl them into seas boiling with the fires which are already burning their way out from redhot centers toward the surfaces which are alread here and there spouting with fire amid the quaking of the mountains under look and touch of him of whom it is said in the sublimest sentence ever written: 'He looketh upon the mountains, and they tremble. He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

Hie you one and all to the Rock of And now as before this sermon on Ages. the rocks I gave out the significant and appropriate hymn, "How firm a founda-tion ye saints of the Lord" I will give out after this sermon on the rocks the significant and appropriate hymn:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee! Convright, 1897.

Short Sermons.

Church Unity.--Unity does not mean conformity to the same thought. This would mean the stagnation of the reiglous world. No body of men can ever formulate a creed that the world will accept. There will be "many men of many minds" as long as there is thought. Unity should not mean the obliteration or suppression of individual thought, but the harmony of the thinkers .- Rev. U. S. Milburn, Universalist, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Character.-We describe men by the offices they hold, the reputation they have, the money they can command, but these are but the merest accidents. The man is not what he has or what men say of him, but what he is. The chief fact about a man is the man himself. There is somewhat inside the circle of circumstances, underneath his words, behind his deeds, and that somewhat is character.-Rev. C. W. Gullette, Methodist, Cincinnati, Onio.



It was not expected that the President vould nominate Attorney General Mc-Kenna for the Supreme Court until after the Pacific Railroad suits were disposed of. That was the understanding before e went to Cunton, but he thinks Gov. Griggs of New Jersey will be able to look after the railroad foreclosure with equal zeal and ability, and that perhaps it would be as well to have a new man take hold at this time. The controversy between the Attorney General and the legal epresentatives of the railway companies has become rather heated. Both sides are stubbornly fixed to their present position. Somebody must yield before any arrangement can be concluded, and it is believed that Gov. Griggs can make better terms than Attorney General Mc-Kenna. The Central Pacific has been a political issue on the Pacific coast for many years, and everybody in California is committed to or against its interest. Therefore the President thought it would be etter that somebody from the East who could not be accused of prejudice or preference should undertake the settlement of its affairs with the Government,

By the last census of the executive departments in Washington there were 105 ersons over 70 years of age employed as clerks by the Government, and it is probable that the number has nearly doubled since that time. There are sixty superannuated clerks in the Treasury Department alone, and most of them are incapable of performing any important duty. Some of them are drawing salaries as high as \$1,800 a year; others \$1,200, \$1,-400 and \$1,600. There is no pension list for civil service employes. In the army and navy a man is retired on half or two thirds pay when he reaches the age of 62. Secretary Gage has been studying the question very carefully, and has decided that it is only fair to the Government that clerks who are incapacitated by age should receive only a corresponding amount of their salary. Hence he has issued an order reducing the sixty veterans who have passed three score and ten to \$900 a year.

The two committees on Indian affairs are working together in the preparation of a bill to carry out the recommendations of Secretary Bliss with regard to a new form of government in the Indian territory. They are unanimous in the opinion that prompt and radical action should be taken to dissolve the tribes, abolish the existing tribal governments and place the inhabitants of the several reservations upon the same footing as the citizens of other territories, with equal rights, privileges and protection. The first step to be taken will be the organization and admission of Indian territory into the United States, the appointment of a governor, a secretary, judges and other officials that compose the ordinary territorial organization. Then a census of the territory will be taken and an election ordered for a Legislature to frame a code of laws.

Secretary Bliss is congratulating himself that he is to be relieved of all responsibility in connection with the appointment of the officials to take the next census. The temper shown by Congress on this subject is very significant. It is not proposed to allow the civil service commission to have anything to do with the appointments, which are temporary, and will last for three or four years only, but it was originally proposed to make the Secretary of the Interior the appointing power. Mr. Bliss immediately objected. There will be several thousand persons on the staff, and he has trouble enough now. Therefore the superintendent of the census when appointed will distribute the patronage.

The bottle of 45-year-old whisky which Major Barrack G. Thomas gave to Miss Richardson of Lexington, Ky., to send to the secretary to baptize the battleship Kentucky has been totally consumed. It was a perquisite of the last administration, and was partaken of by President Cleveland, Secretary Olney, Hoke Smith, Sterling Morton, Attorney General Harmon, Postmaster General Wilson and the faithful Thurber. Secretary Carlisle and Secretary Lamont were not guilty. The former does not drink, and Col. Lamont abstains from preference.

There are bills before the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds for the erection of custom houses and postoffices in more than 200 cities of the United States and for the extension or enlargement of existing buildings in fifty other During the last three or four cities. years, while there has been a deficit in the freasury, Congress has passed very few such bills, but there is going to be a determined effort this session upon the part of representatives who need buildings in their districts to secure authority for their

Commissioner Powderly finds that during the year 1896 80,019 of the immigrants arriving in the United States were illiterate, and 20 per cent of them came from Italy, Austria, Hungary, Russia and Poland, 6 per cent came from France, Norway, Sweden, Germany and the United Kingdom. In 1897, 42,154 illiterates arrived, of which 90.23 per cent came from the group of countries first named, and 6.55 per cent from the group last named.

There is no serious talk of the evacuation of Fort Sheridan, but the high officials of the War Department and the army are inclined to recommend such a thing. They take the ground that it is so near Chicago the men are constantly exposed to temptations from which they should be protected, and that it is always a bad thing to have a military garrison near a large city.

Speaker Reed is becoming quite a socicty man. He has appeared at all important social functions thus far, and has been particularly conspicuous at the opera every night, where he has occupied a box as the guest of his friend, Representative Simkins of Massachusetts.

The United States Supreme Court has reversed the sentence of death in the case of Thomas Bram, who was accused of murdering the captain, mate and captain's wife of a vessel bound for South America. The ground is that Bram's testimony should not have been admitted.

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