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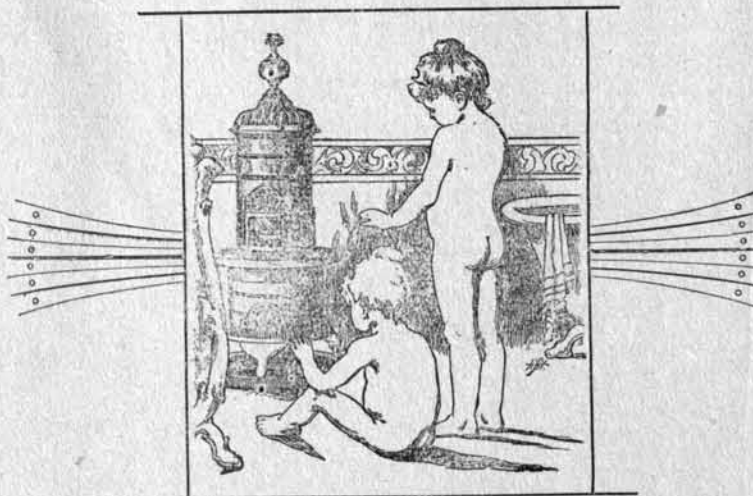
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

Twelve degrees below zero was the lowest reported at this place last Saturday morning.

What is the matter with our merchant? He sells oil at 7 1/2 cents per gallon.

John Briggs of Grand Rapids visited his parents and relatives at this place last week.

Mr. John Huggett is visiting in Prairieville and Kalamazoo.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Our residents have been enjoying the coldest weather of the season the past week, the thermometer standing 17° below zero.

Glenn Clark of Hastings was the guest of his brother, Fred, over Sunday.

Albert Eby of Freeport spent Sunday with his parents.

Mary Johnston of Grand Rapids is visiting her sister, Esther, of this place.

J. V. Kinsey left last Saturday morning for Toledo, where he has secured a position with the Eagle Publishing Co.

Geo. J. Menold of Douglass Sundayed in the village.

J. C. Spaulding is confined to the house by sickness.

Mary Hammond and Mrs. John McQueen of Grand Rapids spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Tolan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kennedy have returned from an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. Dan Good, of Pittsburg.

Alva Meyers and wife leave this week for Litchfield, where he goes to edit a local paper. His many friends wish him entire success.

John Sherck, after an extended visit with relatives, has returned to his home at Goshen, Indiana.

C. E. Meyers arrived in the village last Wednesday from the Agricultural College to spend his vacation with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rosenburg attended his brother's funeral at Lisbon, Sunday.

The firm of Hale & Shisler took a turn the 1st of January and now reads M. R. Shisler.

Mrs. Green returned Tuesday evening from a pleasant visit in Canada.

Anna Brice, sister of John Williams, died of heart disease last Monday. The funeral was held at the M. E. church Wednesday a. m.

Quite a number from this place attended the opera in the city Tuesday evening.

C. A. VanAmburg now occupies his cosy home on East Main street.

DORR DOTTS.

From the Record.
Mike Snyder is seriously ill and not expected to live.

Mrs. John Short, who has been seriously ill the past week, is now convalescing.

At a meeting of the business men of this place Monday night, they decided to accept the proposition of D. V. Emmons, who offered to put in the machinery for a fifty barrel roller process flouring mill and operate the same if given the building and lot that it occupies, as a bonus.

The Allegan County Coffin and Casket Co-operative Manufacturing Association, limited, is the name of a company recently organized at Allegan. It is composed principally of members of the Allegan Grange. The capital stock is to be composed of not more than 3,000 shares at \$10 per share, ten per cent of which shall be paid in before a charter is asked for. The projectors think that such caskets as are now sold for \$40 to \$50 can be made by them and sold for \$15 to \$20.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Too late for last issue.
Talmage's sermons published in the SUN are worth many times the price of the paper itself.

Con Gillett and wife spent Christmas with friends in Dutton. Mr. Gillett has a brother visiting him from Nebraska, whom he has not seen before in sixteen years.

Miss Lizzie Brumm of Nashville is spending the holidays with Miss Ada Kilmer and other friends here.

Miss Lenna Adgate of Grand Rapids was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Adgate, on Christmas.

After a week of vacation Mr. Woodmansee resumed his duties at the school house.

Like you, Mr. Editor, this cold snap makes us think of our wood pile.

Elder Moffitt assisted Rev. Halsey on Sunday and Monday evenings of this week in revival work at the U. B. church at Parmelee and it is expected

that he will preach this evening. May the good work continue.

Thos. Adgate is a boss hand to gum and file saws. Tom holds forth in Chas. Pike's mill.

There was no school last Friday on account of sickness in teacher's family.

Mrs. Lottie Culver and daughter are the guests of Mrs. E. P. Carpenter this week.

Elder Moffitt returned last week from Clare county, where he has been conducting revival meetings. He reports a large ingathering.

FREEPORT FLASHES.

From the Herald.
Born to Dr. E. S. Wright and wife, Friday night, Dec. 27, a 10 1/2 lb boy.

Freeport has but two trains daily, now, the morning trip having been discontinued between Elmdale and this place, Monday.

Reported that Mrs. Noah Henney of Campbell was found dead in bed Monday morning. Her companion passed away very suddenly about two years ago.

Died, at his residence in Bowne, north of the village, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 31, of typhoid pneumonia, Fred Howk, aged 36 years.

N. W. Battles died at his home in Campbell last Friday aged 80 years and 6 months.

HASTINGS HITINGS.

Geo. and John Wooton and Leon Bauer returned to Ann Arbor last Monday.

Mrs. O. Greenfield is visiting in Battle Creek.

The L. O. T. M. gave a public installation last evening. They have been drilling for several weeks and have it down to perfection. The Knights and their wives were invited and after the installation refreshments were served by the ladies. Everything passed off nicely and went to show that the ladies need no assistance from the men in running their little lodge.

Frank Esterby was arrested in Chicago last week for the assault and robbery of the old man Jackson of Maple Grove and brought to this city last Saturday by Sheriff McKeivitt and lodged in jail. We understand he is a tough character and has done time before.

Cassady & Roe had fifteen hams stolen from their smoke-house in the rear of their meat market last Friday night. They can find no trace of either hams or thieves.

R. M. Ferguson of Grand Rapids was in this city on business last Thursday.

Simon Matthews of this city died very suddenly of heart disease last Wednesday. He was riding quietly along the street near the High school building when suddenly he was seen to fall backward upon the cutter back. He was at once taken to his home near by, but death had already overtaken him. He leaves a wife and seven grown children.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Meeting every evening at the M. E. church this week. It is to be hoped that interest may be general and that much good may be done.

Christian Endeavor next Sunday evening. Miss Mable Wilcox will lead. The subject is "The Peril and the Power of Ambition." Luke 11:52.

The lecture course at the M. E. church will commence Jan. 13. Rev. Culp of Grand Rapids will give the first lecture.

Pearl Hendershott left for Jackson Saturday a. m.

Mrs. James Young returned home Saturday afternoon.

J. J. Hendershott and family entertained a number of friends New Year's day.

The Irving Epworth League lecture course begins Monday, Jan. 13. Subject, "Reminiscences of the Old Army of the Potomac and Libby Prison," by Rev. Geo. B. Culp.

NORTH IRVING.

R. D. Freeman and Eliza Girvin were calling on Mrs. Cobb and other friends New Year's day.

There will be a social at Wm. Mitchell's Friday evening. Let the house be filled.

E. Springer of Plainwell visited at F. Roberts' a part of last week.

One more name voted in as a member of Epworth League Sunday evening, making some over fifty members, which is good for this place. With that number strong, and with Christ as leader, much good may be done during '96.

A goodly number from this place attended church at Irving Sunday eve.

Dessie Cisler visited her people Sunday.

Mr. Welman and Miss Barnum of Carlton were on our streets, Sunday.

Miss Rona Trego's school in the Powers district commenced Monday morning.

Mr. Cunningham's people are entertaining relatives from a distance.

A full house at the phonographic entertainment Thursday evening.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Rather cool in Parmelee this week and the most of the people are doing the best they can to keep comfortable till the cold wave passes by.

Mr. A. E. Bass harvested a very fine crop of parsnips last fall and is busy these days distributing them among his friends and neighbors at a very reasonable figure.

Mr. Mason Cline has been confined to the house for some time battling with the grip. He is some better today.

Frank Andrus, George Davis and Fred Gale pass through Parmelee every day loaded with logs from the Davis farm west of Middleville. They will be sawed at the Skiff mill.

Robert Allen was in Caledonia today on business.

In the coming spring Willis Wood will move his large barn to a more convenient place on his farm and place the same on a stone wall.

Politics and the war are frequently discussed in Parmelee and things get a little lively sometimes.

Robt. Jenkins and wife have returned from Wayland, where they have been visiting old neighbors for the past week.

Sentences are being passed daily upon the people and a number are taking the matter "to heart." You know the Book says, "Judge not," etc.

Miss Lilly Moxon of Belding is enjoying herself with parents and friends in Parmelee for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Robert Allen and daughter, Gerie, of Middleville spent last Saturday at their farm on East Church st. and called on old neighbors also.

We have nothing to patronize the creamery with at present, but it won't always be so. Favorable times will return by and by.

Wallie Watson was in Grand Rapids Wednesday on business.

Israel Reed, who has been visiting friends at his early home in Kent Co., has returned.

Frank Richmond and wife visited with friends in Ada and Grand Rapids last week.

Charlie Freeman, who has been spending the holidays in and around Parmelee with friends and relatives, returned to Carlton Center Tuesday, where he will continue being treated by Dr. Wright. We hear that the Middleville SUN will follow him.

James Kepkey of Lakeview is visiting in Parmelee.

Frank Hinckley and wife will soon become permanent residents of Parmelee. They will occupy the Jenkins house near the iron bridge.

A number from this place will attend the Ingersoll lecture Wednesday evening in Grand Rapids.

Some of the tender-hearted people of this place have expressed sympathy for the afflicted Linski family by putting their hands in their pockets and doing as they would be done by. Let the good work go on.

A great man does not seek applause or place. He seeks for truth; he seeks the road to happiness, and what he ascertains he gives to others. A great man throws pearls before swine and the swine are sometimes changed to men. If the great had always kept their pearls, vast multitudes would be barbarians now.

Grand Rapids boasts of the widest bridge in the world.

Necessary arrangements are being rapidly made and in a short time the mill will start and Parmelee will take a boom and then we will furnish you better and more interesting news; until then, we'll wave you our adieu.

George W. Cline of West Church st., one of our most worthy young men, took his departure today for Big Rapids where he will enter as a student the Ferris Industrial school for the coming year. His absence from his associations here will be regretted by all and, at the same time, the faculty under whose direction he is about to sail his ship toward the goal of all his hopes (an education) will proudly record him at the end of the year as an exemplary young man from Barry county. We all join in saying "Success to the boy from Parmelee."

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ALMOST AT THE GATE

INSURGENTS WITHIN EIGHTEEN MILES OF HAVANA.

Martial Law in the Province Declared by Spain—Wild Rumors Come from the Transvaal—Granville Letters Disprove Venezuelan Claims.

Advancing on Havana.
Havana dispatch: The insurgents are apparently making a swift advance directly upon Havana. The advance guard of their cavalry under Gen. Lacroix was at latest accounts at Tapaste, which is only eighteen miles from Guanabacoa, the latter being but a suburb of Havana. Gen. Lacroix with his cavalry seems to be but a scouting party in advance of the insurgent wing commanded by Quintin Banferra. Word received from La Catedral, a town between Quines and Baines, and about a dozen miles from Lapaste, reports that there are indications of a rapid advance movement in considerable force on the part of the wing of the insurgent army under Banferra. The news of the near approach of the insurgents has caused the utmost anxiety among the authorities, and every preparation is being hastily made to have the city's defenses in readiness to repel an attack or to prevent damage, even if the projected movement should prove to be nothing but a dashing cavalry raid. The railroad station at Xenos, near Baines, has been burned by the insurgents. Government has proclaimed martial law in the province of Havana.

DISCUSS THE DISCLOSURES.

Londoners Talking About New Phase to the Venezuelan Boundary Question.

The dispatch to the London Daily Chronicle from its special commissioner at Washington, giving hitherto unpublished correspondence between the Governments of Great Britain and Venezuela during the period between November, 1840, when Robert Schomburgk was appointed to survey the western territory of British Guiana, and April, 1842, when Great Britain finally removed the boundary posts which he had set at various points in that territory to form the so-called Schomburgk line, is attracting much attention here. The Chronicle calls it a "momentous dispatch" and heads it, "A New Face to the Controversy; the Schomburgk Line Useless. Some Startling Disclosures." A foreign office official said that the correspondence quoted was correct "so far as it goes," and added: "But there is much which is unpublished, especially the letters of Senor Fortique (the Venezuelan minister to Great Britain at the time). These give a different light upon the whole matter. We might, for instance, take portions of Secretary Olney's document and transform it into a statement which would be entirely antagonistic to the American side of the question."

IN AN AGONY OF APPREHENSION.

Great Britain Fears the Worst for Her Subjects in South Africa.

The greatest alarm existed in London Saturday, because no further news had arrived from the Transvaal. Forty-eight hours had elapsed since the confirmation of the report of the capture of Dr. Jameson and his invading force by the Boers. Then came a very significant message from the German Emperor to the president of the Transvaal republic, congratulating him upon the successful repulse of the British force. This aroused a storm of indignation in Great Britain, which was quickly succeeded by a feeling of apprehension over an unconfirmed rumor that an uprising had occurred at Johannesburg, and that the English were being driven out. It is believed a great crisis is on.

SAVED THE CHILDREN.

Narrow Escape from a Disaster at Columbus, Ohio.

At Columbus, O., the main part of the Franklin County Children's Home was damaged by fire to the amount of about \$25,000. The east and west wings remain intact. One hundred and thirty children were safely marched out. The fire originated near the top of the building and from a cause not known.

Big Firm Forced Under.

The Solicitors Loan and Trust Company of Philadelphia, Pa., of which Richard W. Clay is president, made an assignment to Col. T. DeWitt Cuyler, one of the directors. The trouble came through the outside operations of J. R. Ritter, who has charge of the company's real estate department. He is said to have floated a series of drafts in the Tradesmen's National Bank for a New York man.

Russians Deny It.

At St. Petersburg a semi-official denial was made of the announcement made in the Nene Frie Presse of Vienna on Dec. 30, in a dispatch saying that Russia and France had actually promised diplomatic support to the United States in the Venezuelan question, and that Russia was prepared to facilitate the United States loan with her own gold reserve.

Lee Martin Sentenced to Hang.

At Tiffin, Ohio, Lee J. Martin, alias Miller, was sentenced to be hanged June 5 for murdering City Marshal August Schultz last October. The people of Tiffin were so enraged at the murder that they wanted to lynch him, but the citizens were repulsed by the Sheriff's force and two of their number killed.

Big Still Captured.

A deputy marshal raided an illicit distillery near Florence, Ala., and captured two men. Twenty-five hundred gallons of liquor were destroyed. The still was the largest ever destroyed in that section.

Train Wrecker Sentenced for Life.

George W. Davis, convicted at Lincoln, Neb., of wrecking a Rock Island train, whereby eleven persons were killed, was sentenced to life imprisonment. The motion for a new trial was overruled and the case will go to the Supreme Court on appeal.

Rumored Battle with Moonshiners.

It is reported at Knoxville, Tenn., that the revenue office that a battle between moonshiners and officers occurred near the Tennessee and North Carolina line, in which seven men were killed.

MET ON A SHARP CURVE.

No Time Given for the Engineers to Call for Brakes.

The Louisville express, west-bound, and the St. Louis express, east-bound, on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern collided about 7 o'clock Monday night near Skilton, Ohio. Two unknown men were killed and nine injured, five of them fatally. The trains met on a curve. The west-bound train was going fifty and the east-bound thirty miles an hour. After the engineers saw each other so great was the speed of the trains, they did not have time to whistle for brakes. The trains came together with terrific force, the engines rushing against each other and rearing up, end to end, forming an acute angle with their pilots toward the sky. Two empty express cars on the St. Louis train crushed together and broke the force of the shock. The express car, a combination smoker and baggage car, and two coaches on this train piled up in a confused mass all badly shattered. The five cars of the Louisville express were heaped together beside the track. There were several doctors on the wrecked trains, and these, together with physicians from Skilton and Delhi, attended the injured, who were taken into private houses near by.

JUDGE LYNCH'S AWFUL WORK.

Inconceivably Fendish Work of a Kentucky Mob—Victims Die by Fire.

Within two miles of Lebanon, Ky., early Sunday morning a relentless mob burned a woman, who was to become a mother, and riddled her gray-haired parson with bullets. The blackened and disfigured corpses of the victims, Mrs. Thomas West and William Deveres, were found in the ruins of the woman's home by the 14-year-old daughter of the murdered man. The murders were among the most brutal ever enacted under the grewsome sway of dread Judge Lynch. Despite the pleadings for her father's life of a half clad, frightened child and the prayers and tears of the ill and helpless woman, the mob went through with its work in cold-blooded, cruel deliberation and only left when certain that both man and woman were dead. The affair was the outgrowth of the old story of faithless wife and vengeful husband. Deveres had himself killed the husband of the woman.

WILL STAND BY VENEZUELA.

Latin-American Republics Ready to Assist Both with Troops and Money.

Caracas, Venezuela, dispatch: All the Latin-American republics, it is said, are in a secret league and will join Venezuela, it is expected, in case of war, against England. Colombia has responded to Venezuela's request, it is whispered, by promising to contribute 80,000 troops and agreeing to give the British minister his passports unless England consents to submit the Guiana question to arbitration. Brazil is to send 100,000 men, armed and equipped. Mexico is counted upon to aid with a fleet. By calling out her militia Venezuela can place 250,000 men in the field. The Venezuelan foreign office is very active. It will send immediately extra envoys to all parts of the world.

SWARM OF IMMIGRANTS.

More Than 225,000 Came to This Country in 1895.

Deputy Commissioner of Immigration McSweeney estimates that about 92,000 more immigrants arrived at Ellis Island the past year than in 1894. Estimating 14,000 for December, the total for 1895 is 229,607. For 1894 the arrivals at the immigrant station were 167,603 and for 1893 they were 152,944. Deputy Commissioner McSweeney says the character of the immigrants is much better than in previous years. This improvement in quality is due to the rigid enforcement of the immigration laws, he says. The immigrants of last year brought \$4,000,000 with them. The immigrants of this year have brought a much larger sum.

FIFTY KILLED AND INJURED.

Awful Explosion of Fire Dump in a Colliery in Prussian Silesia.

An explosion of fire dump occurred in a colliery at Waldenburg, Prussian Silesia, forty-three miles southwest of Breslau. Fifty persons are known to have been killed or injured, and seventeen others are missing. Twenty-one bodies have been recovered, and twelve of the injured miners have been brought to the surface of the mine. The work of recovering the bodies of the others is progressing, and everything possible is being done for the injured.

Took Thirty Years to Explode.

A Michigan farmer, named Lawrence, who recently bought the noted old colonial estate known as "The Main" farm, near Williamsburg, Va., will probably lose a grown son by a peculiar accident. The young man was preparing to kill hogs, and, seeking for something on which to rest a large iron boiler, found an old hundred pound shell that had lain about the yard for many years and rolled it in the fire. He was cautioned by a colored boy, who, when the young man persisted in putting it in the fire, pulled it out with a rake. He shoved it back, and the boy took to his heels. In a few minutes a tremendous explosion occurred, and young Lawrence was frightfully mutilated. His arms have been amputated, and there is a chance of his recovery. The shell was one of the enormous projectiles fired from the Federal gunboats in James River in 1865.

Jap Marries an American Woman.

Katsutaro Watanuki, a young Japanese from New York, was united in marriage with Miss Leora Dieball, of Toledo, daughter of Herman H. Dieball. The couple met a little over a year ago, when a Japanese company was exhibiting at the Toledo exposition. They left for New York, where Watanuki's father is a well-to-do silk merchant.

One Dollar for a Life.

W. H. Sistrunk, a Lexington, Ky., grocer, read that Judge J. D. Rose, of Curryville, Mo., was dying of hiccoughs. Sistrunk telegraphed him to take lemonade. Wednesday he received \$1 to pay for the telegram, and a note from Judge Rose saying that the receipt had saved his life.

Gold Nugget Worth \$9,000.

A special dispatch reports the finding of a nugget at Eldorado, Va., weighing over thirty-one pounds, worth about \$9,000, and one of the largest finds known to history. Eight and one-half and ten and a half pound nuggets were found in an adjoining county last summer.

Guarded by Missionaries.

A dispatch to the Novo Vremya from Vladivostok says the situation of affairs in Korea is most serious. The King is constantly surrounded by Japanese spies and fears that he will be assassinated.

THE CZAR IN DANGER.

NIHILISTS HAVE SWORN TO TAKE HIS LIFE.

They Say He Has Not Fulfilled His Promises—Cleveland Names Five Venezuelan Commissioners—Senator Chandler Stirs Up Crookedness.

Sworn to Kill the Czar.
A wholesale merchant from Moscow is authority for the information that the recent report of an attempt to assassinate the Czar was true in every particular. The gentleman, who, for reasons well understood, desires that his name shall be suppressed, says the Russian police are informed that the nihilists have sworn not to rest until the Czar shall be slain. The fraternity resolved at the time when the young ruler began his reign to grant him a year in which to prove that he was in earnest with his promises of liberal reform. The year is at an end and the young autocrat, not having realized their hopes, is doomed to perish at their hands. A Jewish student of the University of Moscow was appointed by lot to deal the death blow, and it was only by accident that the Czar escaped. The student masqueraded in the garb of a drummer. In his valise was a well-prepared bomb instead of samples of merchandise. He managed to pass the beautiful Par Czar-skoje Solo several times daily, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Czar. The latter passed him again and again on the promenade, but the would-be assassin did not recognize his Majesty, who was dressed in the plain uniform of a colonel of Probrashouski Guards, instead of that of a general. The student was arrested on suspicion after a day or two and the plot further revealed through a female friend to whom he had told his secret. The entire Russian press has received strict instructions from the authorities not to publish a word regarding the affair, which, nevertheless, is repeated from mouth to mouth.

GRAVE OFFENSE CHARGED.

Naval Officers Said to Own Interests in Patents and Influence Contracts.

Washington dispatch: Senator Chandler is probing into a Navy Department scandal of large proportions. By direction of the Senate the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs will inquire into various little matters relating to the construction of warships, and incidentally it will be learned to what extent officers of the Ordnance Bureau are interested in patent processes by which, it is said, the Government is robbed by extortionate charges out of between \$500,000 and \$750,000 on every vessel built. Secretary Herbert wanted to let the contracts for the two warships about to be built, as it was thought better results could be obtained thereby, but he found himself strongly antagonized by the other experts of the department cordially indorsed the position he had taken. The stubborn resistance of the Ordnance Bureau finally prevailed, and the Secretary announced his intention to let the contracts in the old way. This decision set tongues wagging, and members of Congress were solemnly assured that there was rank rottenness in the Navy Department and that officials were using their positions to divert public moneys to their own pockets by corruptly influencing contracts, whereby the Government was forced into buying patented processes in which they were financially interested. The instructions given the Naval Committee will afford an opportunity for investigation into the alleged abuses. It will also serve to prevent the guilty parties from escaping by the usual method of defeating inquiry. The charges are now being aired, and the Navy Department must purge itself by proving the charges to be unfounded or else locate and cast out the guilty officers who are accused of bringing discredit on the country and disgrace upon the department.

SMUGGLED IN CHINESE.

Two Car Loads of Celestials Evade the United States Inspectors at San Francisco.

A San Francisco dispatch says: Through the treachery of an officer in the custom house two carloads of Chinese from the Atlanta exposition have slipped through the fingers of a score of United States inspectors, and are now somewhere in Chinatown safe out of the reach of the Federal control or interference. The Chinese were landed before daylight, and were hurried in carriages into the Chinese quarter. How many there were in the party is not definitely known. Collector of the Port John H. Wise received what is considered to be reliable information that 104 were coming overland to that city, but the agents of the Chinese claim that only forty-three were spirited into this district. In Federal official circles the opinion prevails that over 100 Chinese escaped the officers.

Venezuela Commission is Announced.

President Cleveland Wednesday night announced the appointment of the Venezuelan Boundary Commission as follows: David J. Brewer, of Kansas, Justice of the United States Supreme Court; Richard H. Alvey, of Maryland, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White, of New York; Frederic R. Conder, of New York; Daniel C. Gilman, of Maryland. The commission is regarded at Washington among those who had an opportunity to see the list as a very satisfactory one.

Passenger Train Derailed.

The vestibule passenger train from New Orleans bound for Chicago over the Illinois Central Railroad was derailed Wednesday night near Grand Junction, Miss. The engine, baggage and mail cars are reported wrecked. No one was killed, but several persons were injured.

Revises Story About Russia.

A St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that Russia and France have actually promised diplomatic support to the United States in the Venezuelan trouble, and that Russia is prepared to facilitate the United States loan with her own gold reserve.

Wouldn't Stand a Reduction.

Rev. James H. Brookes, D. D., for thirty-eight years pastor of the Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, tendered his resignation. A contemplated reduction of his salary from \$6,000 to \$3,500 is assigned as the cause.

To Honor "America's" Author.

The American Memorial Monument Association has put in shape for public presentation the movement for a national monument to Dr. Samuel F. Smith, author of "America."

THE TURK MUST PAY.

American Missionaries' Claims for Cash to Be Enforced from Washington.

Secretary Olney has directed Minister Terrell, at Constantinople, to demand an indemnity of \$100,000 from Turkey for the benefit of American missionaries who suffered loss of property in the Khartoum outbreaks in November. Minister Terrell has also been instructed to inform the Sultan's Ministers that an additional indemnity will be demanded for the benefit of Americans who suffered loss of property at Marash a few weeks later. This second demand will be formally made as soon as the exact losses, as sustained by Americans at Marash, can be officially determined. It is not expected that the sum of the indemnity will be less than \$100,000, and it may be more. The Government does not expect that the Sultan will respond quickly to these demands, and in that event, after a reasonable time for compliance is given, an ultimatum will be issued to the Turkish Government. Great Britain is said to be greatly incensed over this demand.

APPEAL FOR ARMENIANS.

National Relief Committee at New York Asks for Immediate Contributions.

The national Armenian relief committee appeals to the people of the United States for immediate and generous contributions to relieve the needs of 350,000 Armenians who are destitute. Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States, is chairman of this committee, which includes Archbishop Corrigan, Chauncey M. Depew, John S. Kennedy, Alexander E. Orr, Bishop Potter, Jacob Schiff, Everett P. Wheeler and Spencer Trask. The committee announces that the immediate need is for money, which should be sent to the treasurers, Brown Bros. & Co., Philadelphia and Boston. The only supplies that can be used are grain, coarse cotton and woolen goods in the piece, but no such contributions should be forwarded without previous communication with the committees.

Americans Given a Peruvian Franchise.

United States Consul Jastrzemski at Callao, Peru, has reported to the State Department upon an extremely liberal concession made by the Peruvian Government to an American citizen, Cuthbert B. Jones, and associates, for the construction of a railway from the coast to the district of Hualgayoc, where coal mines of great value are reported to exist. The mines are said to yield bituminous and anthracite coals equal to those of Pennsylvania, and as a United States warship—the Alert—recently paid \$15.50 per ton for English coal at Callao, the Consul anticipates great benefits to navigation to follow the exploitation of these native mines, which are said to be inexhaustible and easy to work.

Villagers in a Battle.

A pitched battle occurred between the inhabitants of the towns of Huitzil and San Juan del Estado, Mexico, as the outgrowth of the bitter feeling that has existed for some time between those places concerning the boundary lines. Four persons were killed and twenty injured, many of the latter seriously. The State troops were ordered to the scene of the rioting and made many arrests.

Marshall and Outlaw Shot.

A bloody battle occurred between Deputy United States Marshal John McHenry and posse and a band of outlaws sixteen miles east of Caddo, L. T. McHenry was shot through the head and killed and his stepson, 16 years old, shot the murderer dead in his saddle.

Marlborough's Bride Very Ill.

The young duchess of Marlborough is very ill in Rome with typhoid fever. A private letter at London from there announces the fever was contracted while she was in Spain.

Monitor for Immediate Service.

Officials at the Charleston navy yard received a dispatch from Washington ordering the commandant to place the monitor Passaic in condition for immediate service.

Burned to Death.

A can of crude oil which Mrs. Frank Strine, of Findlay, Ohio, was pouring upon a fire exploded, covering her with a mass of flames. She died in great agony in a few hours.

Struck by a Severe Gale.

The worst storm experienced at Port Townsend, Wash., in many years prevailed for two days. The telegraph wires are prostrated and shipping is at a standstill.

Named the Kentucky.

The sister ship of the new battleship Kearsarge has been named by Secretary Herbert after the State of Kentucky.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 55c to 57c; corn, No. 2, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 33c; butter, choice creamery, 23c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, \$20 to \$45 per ton for poor to choice.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 63c to 64c; corn, No. 1 white, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 64c to 66c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 31c to 33c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 19c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 30c to 31c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; rye, 37c to 38c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; clover seed, \$4.25 to \$4.35.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 55c to 56c; corn, No. 3, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 34c; rye, No. 1, 35c to 36c; pork, mess, \$7.50 to \$8.00.
Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 68c to 71c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c.
New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 69c to 70c; corn, No. 2, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c; butter, creamery, 23c to 25c; eggs, Western, 20c to 22c.

VERY NEAR TO A PANIC

LONDONERS GETTING UNEASY OVER "KAFFIRS."

News of Jameson's Reptile Creates Consternation in the Stock Markets—Columbus, O., and St. Louis, Mo., Have Frightfully Fatal Fires.

Kaffirs Show Weakness.
When business opened on the London stock exchange Thursday it was noticed that the operators were experiencing a decided feeling of uneasiness, due to the serious news from the Transvaal republic. "Kaffirs," otherwise South African securities, and Chartered, the securities of the British chartered companies, opened 3/4 lower. De Beers opened 2 1/2 lower, with Gold Fields deferred 5/8 lower, East Rand 3/4 lower. "Kaffirs," however, subsequently rallied on the receipt of a Berlin dispatch saying that Dr. Jameson and his expeditionary force and six Maxim guns had arrived at Johannesburg, and that he was in friendly communication with President Kruger. Consols dropped 9/16. Later in the day there was a decidedly better feeling on the stock exchange. The excitement caused by the recent events in the Transvaal republic subsided, and "Kaffirs" recovered to within 1/4 to 3/8 of Tuesday's prices.

WHIP THE BRITISH.

Most Decisive Victory for Boers in the First Transvaal Battle.

A London dispatch says: The invading English army in the Transvaal has been disastrously defeated by the Boers. A score or more have been killed, many wounded, and Dr. Jameson is a prisoner at Johannesburg. One of the most important acts of aggression ever committed even by British arms has thus met with swift retribution. The details are meager of this inglorious finale of what was intended to be a brilliant piece of bravado, which success might justify but which failure would make a crime. All that is known is that the Government messengers, with dispatches from London ordering Dr. Jameson to retreat to the Chartered Company's territory, reached Dr. Jameson Wednesday morning. He pocketed the Queen's orders, told the messenger laconically that he would attend to them, gave the command to his troops to saddle, and marched, not on the back track, but on toward Johannesburg. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon he encountered the Boers at Krugersdorp, about thirty miles east of Johannesburg. There was hard fighting until sundown, and the British troops suffered severely. The famous marksmanship of the Boers was no less deadly than in their gallant defense against the same enemy fifteen years ago. Twenty men, including three officers, were killed, and fifty prisoners were taken before Dr. Jameson surrendered. These meager facts are all the information the Government vouchsafes.

SIX DIE IN FIRE.

Columbus, Ohio, Residence Burns and Its Occupants Cremated.

A fire horror claimed six victims in Columbus, Ohio. At 4 o'clock the residence of John H. Hibbard was discovered to be on fire, and before the flames could be extinguished six members of the family were suffocated by the smoke and their bodies partly cremated. The dead are: John H. Hibbard, Mrs. John H. Hibbard, Allen Hibbard, aged 5; Dorothy Hibbard, infant; Miss Fay Hibbard, of Barnesville, Ohio; Mrs. Grace Hibbard Lee, of Barnesville, Ohio. Mr. Hibbard was secretary of the Central Ohio Natural Gas and Fuel Company and was connected by marriage with the Deshlers, Huntingtons, and others of the wealthiest families of Columbus. Four sons less than fifteen years of age and the colored servant, aged 18, escaped by jumping from the second-story windows. Natural gas was used in the house, but the fire evidently originated from some defective construction in the woodwork.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Four St. Louis Men Killed and One Fatally Hurt by Exploding Fireworks.

With a detonation that was heard two miles from the fireworks stock of Detwiler & Street, a Greenfield, N. J. firm, stored in the rear of 309 North 2d street, St. Louis, exploded Thursday afternoon. Four persons are dead, six missing, one fatally injured and thirty-two seriously hurt. Adjoining buildings were crushed like paper boxes, and in their fall carried scores of inmates down with the rain. Windows were broken for blocks around, and the air was filled with powder smoke, sparks and flying debris. Two other explosions followed the first in rapid succession, completing the work of death and destruction. In addition a property loss of \$100,000 was entailed by fire.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

United States Preparing to Prosecute Peralt-Reavis Witnesses.

A San Francisco paper says the government is preparing to prosecute the conspirators who perjured themselves to aid James Addison Peralt-Reavis in his mythical claim of 13,000,000 acres of land in New Mexico, worth \$75,000,000. Nearly every witness who testified in the case will be indicted. It is said that Attorney General Harmon will send Edward B. Whitney and Joshua E. Dodge, of Washington, to assist United States District Attorney Foote in the prosecution.

Heavy Sentence for Counterfeiters.

At Philadelphia, Pa., five members of the band of counterfeiters known as the Yehuda brothers were sentenced by Judge Butler to each pay a fine of \$1,000 and serve five years in the penitentiary. The men are all Roumanian Jews.

Many Claims Jumped.

It is estimated that five hundred claims in the Cripple Creek district on which owners have failed to do full assessment work in 1895 have been jumped. Although armed men are holding claims in all the outlying portions of the district no fights have yet been reported.

Accepts Mediation.

The Turkish Government has accepted the offer of the representatives of the powers to mediate between the porte and the insurgents of Zeitoun, who are surrounded by Turkish troops.

Family Injured in a Runaway.

By the breaking of the harness the wagon in which John Bruner, his wife and four children were riding at Akron, Ohio, ran down a steep hill and plunged into a telegraph pole. All six were badly injured. One of the girls has since died, and the other and the mother cannot live.

MEET DEATH BY FIRE

MAN AND WOMAN BURNED ALIVE IN KENTUCKY.

Mrs. T. J. West Cremated and W. A. Deveres Bullet-Ridden—Prayer of a Little Child Has No Effect on the Band of Brutal Outlaws.

Mob's Awful Deed.
In Marion County, Ky., the other night a mob of about fifty men surrounded the house of Mrs. T. J. West and called for W. A. Deveres. Mrs. West came to the door and asked what was wanted. The mob fired on her and she ran back. The men continued to fire, and as Deveres did not make his appearance they applied the torch to the house. The blackened and disfigured corpses of the victims were found in the ruins of the woman's home the next day. The tragedy was one of the most brutal ever enacted. Despite the pleadings for her father's life of a half-clad, frightened child, and the prayers and tears of the ill and helpless woman, the mob went through with its work with cold-blooded, cruel deliberation, and only left when certain that both man and woman were dead.

Several months ago Deveres, a middle-aged widower, and Thomas West, a prosperous farmer, began a quarrel which continued throughout the fall until West instituted divorce proceedings and declared Deveres must die. The men met in Lebanon. West snatched his revolver, which missed fire, and Deveres killed him on the spot. On the plea of self-defense the murderer secured bail and scandalized the neighborhood by taking his two daughters and moving into West's house. The relatives of the murdered husband swore vengeance, and Saturday night it came. Close to 10 o'clock a band of men rode up to the West homestead and demanded admittance.

"Tom West is dead. Now it's your turn," the spokesman called, and Deveres awoke to find the house surrounded. Mrs. West rushed to a darkened window and began a wild appeal for mercy. A dozen bullets answered her cries, and the demand for immediate surrender was repeated. A hurried consultation was held inside the house, and then, white and terror-stricken, the little girl of Deveres thrust out to plead with the mob. Clad in her nightgown, barefooted and unprotected, she bravely walked out into the moonlight and sobbed out a prayer for her white-haired father's life. "Get out. You're liable to get shot yourself," a ruffian said, and thoroughly panic-stricken the child fled to the cabin of a negro neighbor. Mrs. West then appeared at the door and made a last appeal for mercy. It was unavailing, and in another moment the house was fired.

The shrieks of the imprisoned wretches failed to move their torturers, who, after the flames reached the living-room, could see the man and woman in the agony of death by fire. Just before the roof fell the woman was seen to reel across the room and plunge headlong into the fireplace among the burning coals, and there she died. Wild with pain, Deveres, at the last moment, made a dash for liberty, but a score of bullets stopped him half a dozen steps from the door. In the morning the little girl led her negro protector to the scene, and there the bodies, scorched beyond recognition, were found.

BOND BILL PASSED.

House Adopts the Measure by a Majority of Thirty-four.

The house Saturday passed the bond bill by a

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

NOTES ABOUT SCHOOLS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT.

Rules for Governing the School—Teach What to Read as Well as How to Read—How to Treat and Manage the Bad Boy.

A Word About Rules.
If teachers must have rules by which to govern their pupils, many things are to be taken into consideration in the adoption of such rules in order that they work to the benefit of both the school and the teacher.

In the first place, I deem it proper to say that no rule should be adopted until the necessity for it arises. Most schools can be governed by teachers of good judgment without any rules whatever, but admitting that some teachers who lack good judgment by some turn of fortune reach the schoolroom, it is possible they may need rules with which to govern. Such being the case, the first requirement of rules is that they should be reasonable, such as will commend themselves to the good judgment of the pupils as well as the teacher. If the teacher's rules are such as appear reasonable to the pupil there need be little fear that difficulties will present themselves in enforcing the rules. Even children, as a rule, will advocate the right and admit their obligation to do what they believe to be reasonable and right, and they will see and understand the necessity for such rules as will preserve the good order and expedite the harmonious work of the school, while on the other hand they will be quick to detect the weakness in unwise and unnecessary rules, and these will have a tendency to fret rather than encourage the pupils who are to be governed by them.

If reasonable rules be adopted let the teacher by all means avoid reference to them except when actually necessary. No one more quickly than the child takes the measure of the cowardly teacher who constantly holds the rules over his pupils and yet rarely has the courage to enforce them. If the children know the rules, that ought to be sufficient to call for their enforcement if violated. How few rules we would have in most schools if the teacher felt that he were required to enforce them on every occasion where a violation occurs!

Having a rule shall it be inflexible? I think not. The Bourbon doctrine would require that when a rule is broken the punishment must come. Under this rule no account must be taken of the motive which may have governed the child in doing such an action as infringes the rule. This is more than unwise. It is criminal. The motive should by all means govern the punishment. The child that breaks a rule unwittingly or without any intent to do wrong should not receive the same punishment as one who breaks the rule viciously, and yet it is safe to say that in all classes of institutions, even the highest, there is a stubborn tendency to stand by the rule. Such action makes no distinction between innocent infringement of a rule and willful disobedience or worse. A teacher who holds to a policy of this kind, while he may have the law in his hands and the power to enforce it, rarely commands the respect and good will of the pupil, and there seems to be no good reason why he should.

I believe very firmly in the policy that the motive should always govern the punishment. If the pupil has violated a rule unconsciously or innocently I would not permit myself to utter a syllable of censure. I might possibly take occasion to call the child's attention to the governing rules, but even here with the single purpose of cautioning against any willful violation. If the motive of the child is proper, any punishment will be improper, and if the motive has been an improper one, the meted punishment would seem to be entirely proper.

It will pay all of us to act prudently and wisely in the enforcing of a rule or even in administering punishment if necessary. Let our actions at all times and on all occasions be such as will commend themselves, not only to our own good sense, but to that of the pupils as well.—Educational News.

How to Treat the Bad Boy.
My copy of the Journal containing this question has just reached me. Perhaps my experience may help.

When I came to my present school, my first, by the way, in January, I found among my pupils a boy who lied, swore, stole, and was habitually disobedient. In addition to this he was quarrelsome, and tried to kiss the girls when the teacher was absent at noon. The last teacher had tried everything, even, as a last resort, whipping, but nothing seemed to effect a cure. I wanted him to like work, and to work voluntarily. But my methods failed.

They failed, not because they were wrong, nor because the boy was wrong, but because I was wrong.

I prayed for him, and worked for him, but all the time I thought of him as a "bad boy," and tried to change him, not because I loved him, but because it was my duty to do the best I could for him.

Now, in every child there is a child heart, no matter how depraved he may seem. Trust your boy, encourage him, help him, let him see that you care for him. If his home-training is bad, all the more need to be tender and loving. Poor little man, does he know he sins? Being told is not knowing. Trust him, and he will repay you.

I didn't punish my boy. After I found out why I failed, to manage him was easy. One fault at a time was conquered. I removed temptations at first, gradually allowing more as he became stronger morally.

I let him help me. He helped to decorate the walls, to clean the blackboards, to distribute the copy-books. I studied him and found out his ambitions. He began to confide in me. I never scolded, never blamed when he erred, only let him see that I was sorry, and showed him how he was hurting himself. In school, the rest of my pupils did not notice any difference in my treatment of them and him. Now he is among the first to invite me to join in a game, or to offer to help in any work, and he studies well.

He is not perfect, but he still improves, and I trust he will become a useful, good living man.

Method cannot conquer. Get the true motive and it will prompt the proper method.

I love my pupils and they love me, consequently they strive to please. This is our motive, but methods are far more numerous than children.—Minao C. Erly, in Educational Journal (Toronto).

Teaching to Think.

Good teaching secures good thinking. One with limited capacity can feed facts to children as he would swine to swine, and then ask questions to see what they retain, as he would weigh swine to see what they have gained. It requires both tact and talent to lead a child to think keenly upon a single fact, as it does to get reliable speed even from a blooded colt.

It is not enough that the mind be active when the facts are received, which is the standard with too many would-be educational leaders. This merely secures good movement, but neither speed nor endurance. A child must keep up his thinking when he is out of the teacher's hands. Whoever has driven what is known as a "door-yard" horse, that prances furiously while you are trying to get into the carriage, and is equally ferocious when you would get out, but cares naught for the urging of voice or whip when on the road, has a good conception of the mental activity of children who are taught to dance attendance upon a teacher when she is having them "observe" under her eye, but gives them no training in strong or sustained thinking.

Thinking is working one's knowledge into something no one else would produce with the same facts and conditions. The teacher who plans to have twenty children see the same thing in an object, and think the same things about it, has not the faintest conception of what thinking really is.

Thinking is making our knowledge as unlike what that same knowledge would be in any other mind as our personality, resulting from the eating of bread, beef and beans, is unlike any other personality.

Thinking eventuates in activity of some kind, sooner or later. Thinking is action. Movement creates or continues movement. It is the height of folly to talk of teaching without providing means and opportunity for activity. It may be thought of the hand in science, art, and the industries; of the eye in estimating, criticising, approving; of the voice in reading, conversing, singing; of the ear in discriminating in tone, pitch, emphasis or inflection. Thinking means the placing of a trained, cultured mind behind every human activity; it means good judgment, keen discrimination, sympathetic appreciation along all lines of progress.—Journal of Education.

Lost His Fleas.

A naturalist, who is an ardent student and absent-minded, recently celebrated his silver wedding. Many guests were invited for the occasion. As the first guest arrived, one of the daughters was sent to summon the father from his study. When they reached the room, the daughter noticed that her father carried in his hand a small wooden box, and, as he shook hands with the nearest guests, she saw him drop it. The cover rolled off, but she gave a sigh of relief when she saw that the box was apparently empty.

The naturalist, however, uttered a cry of dismay and instantly went down on his hands and knees in an attempt to gather up something. "Have you spilled anything, father?" she asked. "Spilled anything!" he echoed, in evident indignation at her calm tone; "I have lost fifty fleas that I have just received from Egypt." The effect of this intelligence on the family was nothing in comparison to the effect the catastrophe had upon the company before the evening was over; and the only thing that the naturalist said to his friends in answer to their congratulations upon his happy married life was to ask that if they carried any of his Egyptian fleas they would return the insects to him.

One Advantage of Thickness.

A farmer in the Kansas cyclone district was building a stone wall. He was putting it there to stay, building it five feet across the base and four feet high. A stranger came riding by, and seeing the cage the farmer was taking, said to him: "You seem to be mighty careful about that wall." "Yep," replied the farmer, "I'm er building her to stay." "Tain't no use," replied the stranger; "it'll blow over just the same." "Wall, let her blow over, she'll be a foot higher if she does," replied the farmer, continuing his work.

Why Did He Write It?

A budding dramatist once submitted to the late John Clayton, manager of the old Court Theater, a very, very bad play for perusal. Clayton read, and returned it, with the following characteristic letter: "My Dear Sir—I have read your play—Oh, my dear sir. Yours truly, John Clayton."

All in the Bill.

Senator Everts, when asked once by one not initiated if there was a difference between a canvass-back and a red-head duck, and if he could tell the difference, quickly replied: "I can, very readily; it is simply in the size of the bill."

NEWS OF CONGRESS.

VISIT TO THE PRESS GALLERIES IN BOTH HOUSES.

How the Doings of the National Legislature is Obtained for Newspaper Publication—Regulations Governing Admissions to the Galleries.

Quarters for Newspaper Men.

WHEN Congress is in session two of the busiest spots under the great white dome are the House and Senate press galleries. These galleries and adjoining rooms are the places provided for the use and convenience of the members of the corps of Washington correspondents in transacting their daily business at the Capitol. The only portions of the galleries visible to the public are the benches and desks set aside for the occupancy of the newspaper men, and in the House and Senate are located directly over the chair of the presiding officer. Back of these reservations are rooms to which the public does not have access.

In the House wing the newspaper men's quarters consist of three large rooms on the gallery floor, extending two-thirds of the length of the chamber of the House. The room nearest the elevator is occupied by telegraph operators, and the merry click of the instruments makes a lively din all day. The largest room of the suite is the general workshop of the men. A long table runs down the center, equipped with writing materials and flanking another telegraph office in the corner. The walls of this apartment are lined with paintings and crayons of distinguished newspaper men of the United States, the floor is comfortably carpeted, leather chairs and sofas invite the weary, and, with a crackling wood fire burning in the open fireplace, the room has a cheery and hospitable air. Little is heard in this place except the clatter of the telegraph instruments or the industrious scratch of pens on paper. Adjoining this chamber and separated by swinging doors, is the coat room, or, as it is sometimes called, "the gossip shop." There are racks and hooks for the topcoats and hats of the men and a number of chairs before an open fire. When there is a temporary lull



THE HOUSE PRESS GALLERY.

in the proceedings, such as a roll call on an important question, this is a convenient retreat; but as a rule the correspondents are too busy to linger long, the legislative day for the gathering of news being short enough at best.

The press rooms in the Senate wing are similarly arranged and furnished except that one side of the outer chamber is occupied by the two associations that gather and disseminate the news of Congress.

The busiest hours in the two galleries are usually from 11:30 in the morning until 2:30 in the afternoon. Within this period the representatives of the afternoon newspapers do the bulk of their work, writing and sending most of their news from the galleries after having obtained the same from interviews with members or out of the proceedings of the respective legislative bodies. The majority of the correspondents of morning newspapers merely make the galleries a base of operations from which they inaugurate expeditions into the various news fields around the Capitol, gathering their information and storing it away in mind or notebook to be spread upon the wires



IN THE SENATE LOBBY.

at night in the privacy of their own offices.

Admission to the press galleries of Congress is regulated by strict rules formed partly by the correspondents themselves, partly by the requirements of the Congressmen, and receiving the indorsement of the Speaker of the House and the committee on rules of the Senate. The rules require that persons desiring admission to the press gallery shall make application to the Speaker, as required by rule of the House of Representatives, and shall also state, in writing, for what paper or papers they are employed, and shall further state that they are not engaged in the prosecution of claims pending before Congress or the departments, and will not become so engaged while allowed admission to the gallery, and that they are not in any sense the agents or representatives

of persons or corporations having legislation before Congress, and will not become either while retaining their places in the gallery. Visiting journalists, who may be allowed temporary admission to the gallery, must conform to the restrictions of this rule. The applications required by this rule must be authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the standing committee of correspondents, one of the duties of which is to see that the occupation of the gallery is confined to bona fide telegraphic correspondents of reputable standing in their business, who represent daily newspapers. Not exceeding one seat is assigned to each paper; and it is the duty of the standing committee, at its discretion, to report violations of the privileges of the gallery to the Speaker, and pending his action thereon the offending correspondent is suspended. Clerks in the executive departments of the Government, and persons engaged in other occupations whose chief attention is not given to newspaper correspondence, are not entitled to admission. The press list in the Congressional Directory is confined to telegraphic correspondents. Members of the families of correspondents are not entitled to admission. The gallery, subject to the approval of the



A FIELD DAY.

Speaker of the House of Representatives, is under the control of the standing committee of correspondents.

At the beginning of the present session a new rule was added to the list. By its terms the clerks of Representatives and Senators are not entitled to admission to the galleries. This regulation was made necessary by the fact that within the past year a great many men have come to Washington, drawing a salary of \$100 a month as clerks of members of the House, and at the same time attempting to do newspaper work. It was immediately apparent that there was grave

MIRROR OF MICHIGAN

FAITHFUL RECOUNTING OF HER LATEST NEWS.

Chicago Dealers Oppose Peach Growers' Plans—Bishop Gillespie Does Not Approve of the Management of the State Reformatory.

Prefer Small Baskets for Fruit.

Chicago fruit dealers are strongly opposed to the shipment of Michigan fruit, especially peaches, in bushel baskets. This plan was suggested at the convention of Michigan fruit growers held in Grand Rapids recently. There are many reasons advanced by Chicago dealers why the change would not be of benefit to the market. The city trade demands a small basket, the one-fifth bushel size being the favorite. A large proportion of the fruit is shipped to remote Western and North-western points. The decay and loss are not so great when the shipment is made in the smaller baskets. "Of course it is cheaper for them," said M. George, No. 95 South Water street, "to ship the fruit in larger baskets; the cartage is less and the freight is less. But four-fifths of our trade demands the small-sized baskets. The Michigan convention recommends small baskets for distant shipment. As for that, we ship to points more distant than they do. And a large per cent. of the fruit billed to us is reshipped by us to points as far West as Omaha and even farther. The majority of the city trade, which demands the cream of the crop, wants the fruit in 'fifth-sized' baskets." M. Barker, of No. 93 South Water street, was also opposed to the bushel basket plan. "We have fifty calls for the fifth size basket where we have one call for the bushel size," said he. "Then heat generates more rapidly in the larger sized baskets and decay follows more quickly. We want some large, but more smaller baskets." G. W. Linn, of Linn & Son, No. 100 South Water street, said "We want the smaller sized baskets or we don't want any." Joseph Spies, of No. 101 South Water street, was the only dealer who said he did not care how the fruit was shipped. "We can sell anything they ship," he said, "and it is their business how they ship it."

State House of Correction Criticized.

Bishop Gillespie, of Grand Rapids, chairman of the State Board of Corrections and Charities, is not altogether satisfied with the way things are managed at the State House of Correction and the Jackson prison. He considers the school room at the State House of Correction too small for the 569 inmates, as well as too poorly heated and lighted, and thinks the prison should be provided with a better hospital, the present one being located over the dining room. He asserts that the institution is not true to its name as a reformatory. Instead of being confined to the young and first offenders, as originally intended, men old in years and in crime are sent there. These men debauch those men less experienced in wickedness. Better facilities for educational and moral and religious training should be provided. The officers should be fully in sympathy with the moral restoration of the inmates. Tobacco should be excluded, and a careful supervision exercised over the contents of the newspapers placed in the hands of the inmates, so that the movements of former companions in crime may be lost sight of. Bishop Gillespie, in reporting his observations at Jackson, says the recent outbreaks there do not necessarily reflect on the management, as they occur in all prisons. Safety is to be secured only by the grading system, arrangements for which will soon be perfected. The more menacing class will then be subjected to stricter discipline. Safety is to be found only in separation. Most convicts are peaceable, except when stirred up by vicious associates. Bishop Gillespie hopes that in time the indeterminate sentence will be adopted. The parole system is classed as a step in the right direction.

Old Boys in Blue.

The census bulletin showing the number of United States, Confederate and Mexican soldiers in Michigan contains some interesting facts. The aggregate number of United States soldiers of the civil war returned is 42,544, of whom 30,946 are native and 7,598 foreign-born. Of the native, 1,525 are single men, 30,478 married and 2,871 widowed. Of the foreign-born, 455 are single, 6,267 married and 933 widowed. The age range from 40 to 95 years. There are 449 who are more than 80, and 2,464 who are more than 70 years old. The average age of all returned is 56.07 years. The average age of the native is 55.71 years, and of the foreign-born 57.70 years. The population schedule required a return of diseases or temporary disabilities of persons, who, by reason of age or disability, were unable to attend to ordinary business. The number returned as sick or disabled is 14.23 per cent., or about 1 in 7 of the whole number. There are only 359 United States sailors and marines left in the State and but 41 veterans of the Mexican war, the youngest of whom is 61 and the oldest 102 years.

Short State Items.

A Benton Harbor nursery company has received an invoice of 35,000 fruit trees from France. The trees will be used for budding purposes.

George Walter, a young farmer of Rush Township, paid a \$5 fine and \$5 costs to Justice Baldwin, of Owosso, for slipping a pair of gloves under his coat at the store of Meching & Storer. When being arrested he took leg bail down the mud in the center of the street. The Marshal gathered him in at the other end of the street.

Judge Buck, of the Kalamazoo Circuit Court, decided in favor of the defendants in the ejectment case of the executors of the estate of Lucy W. S. Morgan vs. Wilfred Eames. This case is one of several pending in Detroit and in Watertown, N. Y., courts involving an estate valued at \$2,000,000. Frauds are alleged in the settlement of the estate.

Warren Bordwell, of Saginaw, made no defense to the charge of running his theater without a license, and will let the case go to the Supreme Court. He was fined \$100.

The recent warm and wet weather was a great boon to the farmers in Alcona County, plowing having been done to better advantage than at any time during the past summer.

P. A. Drumm, of Springport, has quite a curiosity in the shape of a pig. It has six feet, four forward and two in the rear. The pig is three months old and as spry as a cricket.

Mrs. Rathrop, an old pioneer and former resident of Ann Arbor, died at Stockbridge Monday, aged 83 years.

It cost Calhoun County \$6,078 to look after tramps during the year just closed. In 1891 the expense was \$3,547.

Maud Fishpool is missing at Grand Rapids, and it is thought she has committed suicide by jumping into the river.

A big, muscular masher insulted a Bay City girl. She hauled off with an umbrella and sent the wretch sprawling away.

The Ionia insane asylum is overcrowded, and Supt. Long serves notice on wardens of State prisons that he can accept no more patients.

The Kalamazoo River is on a rampage and covers all the low land about Kalamazoo, surrounding hundreds of houses, which are reached only by boats.

P. H. Sipe, a Saginaw veteran, has looked over the soldiers who died in Andersonville prison. There are just 640 Michigan graves in the Andersonville cemetery.

Chief Justice McGrath, of the Supreme Court, laid aside the ermine of his office Wednesday and left for Detroit, where he will re-engage in the practice of law. His departure from the bench leaves the court in the hands of Republican judges for the first time in many years.

A Detroit paper said that Bishop Rowe, of Alaska, had been in charge of an Indian mission at Sault Ste. Marie. The good bishop recently preached to his old-time "Indian" parishioners. They are not only exclusively white people, but the most highly educated people in town.

There is a cheerful idiot at Bear Lake, Manistee County, who somehow got the idea that it would be a great joke to stuff someone's chimney full of rags and watch him be smoked out. He tried it on the local photographer, with the result that the building narrowly escaped destruction.

Farmers of Alcona County are elated over the State tax apportionment. The Auditor General intended to spread on the rolls a tax of \$4,000, but made a mistake and put it at only \$400. The Board of Supervisors took advantage of the mistake and now the only concern that is felt is perhaps they may get a double dose next year.

The Supreme Court has filed an opinion in which the validity of acts passed previous to the last five days of the Legislature, and not signed by the Governor until after the Legislature had adjourned, is fully sustained. It has for years been the custom of Michigan executives to sign acts in this manner, and the constitutionality of many acts of the last Legislature, as well as many others that have for years been accepted as law, was involved in the ruling made in the case decided.

Mrs. Ed D. Wyrang created a scene in the Probate Court at Kalamazoo because her husband had her step-daughter whom she had cared for six years, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Judson Chapin. She complained because she was not notified and cursed the Chapins, declaring they were not fit to care for the girl, wife was Wyrang's daughter by a former wife. An attempt was made to get Mrs. Wyrang into an insane asylum in November, but physicians declared her not crazy. When she left, she declared she had nothing to live for now, and wanted to go to the asylum.

George W. Love, the Bellaire man who killed an Indian woman, and got a life sentence, broke down when he reached Jackson and begged piteously for some kind of work. Warden Chamberlain promises to refer his request to the Prison Board. Love's insanity plea during the trial fell very flat. He limped about as if one side was paralyzed. When blindfolded he couldn't tell how many pine were stuck into him. However, it was shown that he carried wood in jail and "skinned the cat" on horizontal bars. Several insanity experts testified in Love's behalf, but the common sense of lay witnesses proved a cold-blooded murder, without provocation.

John Sullivan, a farmer living a mile south of Grandville, committed suicide by taking acetonite. He was about 50 years of age and until six months ago was a bachelor and very saving of his money. He married a widow with four children, and to buy shoes and clothing for the children broke his heart. He had many quarrels with his wife, and Saturday she declared she would commit suicide. He said if anybody died he would be the one. Monday morning he took enough acetonite to kill a horse and lay down to die. The drug did not work as rapidly as he expected, and getting up he went to the barn and did his chores, and then returning he again lay down and two hours later was dead.

Mrs. H. C. Hathaway, of Hillsdale, fell and dislocated her hip the other night, while preparing for bed. She is over 92 years of age, and it is feared she cannot recover. She is a very well educated old lady, and though at present poor, was very wealthy during the war, when she was the lady principal of a school in one of the Southern States. Her property was confiscated by the United States Government, leaving her without any money of her own whatever. Her husband, a wealthy Presbyterian minister, owned a large amount of property in Chicago, but lost it all in the great fire of 1871. In spite of all her troubles, Mrs. Hathaway is an exceedingly bright and cheerful old lady, though she has not a single relative left her on earth.

Edward Cross, deputy sheriff of Ovid, was found Tuesday morning lying on his face in the front of the residence of Daniel Babcock, a farmer living near Owosso. He was buried in the snow and unconscious. His hands and feet were so badly frozen that amputation will be necessary, and his ears and nose were frozen so severely as to disfigure him. He said that Monday evening a stranger, representing himself to be an officer from Saginaw, asked him to go into the country to assist him in recovering a stolen team of horses. The trip was made in a blizzard, and on reaching the spot where Cross was afterward found he said the stranger sandbagged him and left him in the road to freeze. The motive of the assault was undoubtedly robbery, but his money was in his inside vest pocket and was overlooked.

Chicago capitalists have organized a company and will soon begin the manufacture of aluminum clay bricks at Benton Harbor. There is enough clay for thirty years' work, and the daily output will be 50,000 bricks.

Frank Foster, a young married man, was arrested at Lansing, charged with having made a business of stealing from barns. He had in his possession a large quantity of robes, blankets, whips and other horse furnishings which had been stolen from barns in that city, and the officers had been searching for the culprit since last April.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1896.

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Mudge's Opera House, Hastings, Hon. F. W. Redfern, Maple Rapids, conductor.

PROGRAM, TUESDAY, JAN. 21, 1896.
9:30 a. m. Address of welcome—Pres. A. D. Kennedy, Hastings.
10 a. m. "Commercial Fertilizers: Is their use Profitable to the General Farmer?"—Prof. F. S. Kedzie, Agricultural College.
10:30 a. m. Discussion by Wm. Merrick, Hastings.
11 a. m. "How shall we meet the Summer Droughts?"—Prof. L. R. Taft, Agricultural College.
11:30 a. m. Questions and discussions.

P. M.

1:45. Music.
2:00. "The Dairy Herd"—J. H. Brown. Climax (Associate editor of Michigan Farmer).
2:30. Questions and discussion led by C. H. Hoyt, Irving.
2:40. "Dehorning"—W. S. Benham, Irving.
3:00. "What a co-operative Creamery can do for a Community"—John Broughton, Middleville.
3:00. "A co-operative Creamery from a Manager's View"—B. S. Holly, Woodland. Questions and discussions on both papers.
3:50. "Making Good Butter" (Illustrated by Dairy Apparatus.)—Prof. H. E. Van Norman, Agricultural College. Questions and discussion by the ladies.

EVENING.

7:15. Music.
7:30. "Reading in the Farm Home"—Prof. A. B. Noble, Agricultural College.
8:00. "Art on the Farm"—Prof. W. S. Holdsworth, Agricultural College.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22.

9:30. Music.
9:40. "Stock Breeding"—W. H. Schantz, Hastings.
9:55. "Jersey Cattle"—James Bauer, Hastings.
10:00. "Economic Methods of Growing and Feeding Corn"—Chas. H. Hoyt, Irving.
10:30. Recitation—Miss Hattie Beadle.
10:45. "The Agricultural College Graduate out of College"—Prof. B. A. Holden, Hastings.
11:05. "Peach Growing"—Chas. Beamer, Irving.
11:30. Business Meeting—Election of officers, etc.

AFTERNOON.

1:45. Solo—Mrs. R. I. Hendershot, Hastings.
2:00. "Wheats for Michigan"—Dr. R. C. Kedzie, Agricultural College.
3:00. Questions and discussion.
3:15. Talk on good roads—Hon. P. T. Colgrove, Hastings.
3:35. Discussion led by W. R. Cook, John Dennis and everybody.

EVENING.

7:15. Music.
7:30. "The needs of our District Schools"—Flora Beadle, County Commissioner of Schools.
7:50. "How can we aid in improving our District Schools?"—Daniel Warner, Dowling.
8:10. "A Plea for Unity of action among Farmers"—Hon. F. W. Redfern, Maple Rapids.

WOMAN'S SECTION.

At the Court House, under the auspices of the Hastings Woman's Club, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 1896.
2:00. "Making House-work Easy"—Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, Battle Creek.
3:00. "Mother and Daughter"—Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, Battle Creek.

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SCHOOL COLUMN.

(Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.)

GREETING TO TEACHER'S READING CIRCLE—1896.

"Why do we complain," said Col. Francis W. Parker, some years ago, that we, as teachers, are kept down; that our salaries are poor; that we, like 'Poor Joe,' must 'move on' so frequently; that it is a question whether teaching is a profession or trade; that we rank in profession below the minister, the lawyer and the doctor; that the school boards and parents refuse to allow us to educate the children; that newspapers, and learned authorities pour such a flood of criticism upon our work; that we must look beyond this world for the reward of our patient toil?"

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings." What we complain of are realities and terrible realities, too. I suppose it is owing to the fallen or weak nature of men that he seeks for causes of every evil outside of himself. We are here to make conditions. Complaints of others and of circumstances sink into complaints of self, when we catch one glimpse of the immense possibilities for improvement in ourselves and in our pupils.

Of the instrumentalities of the past decade which have contributed to the advancement of the professional standing of the teachers, the Reading Circle has been one of the most profitable and important.

The increasing interest in the Reading Circle work in our own county is very commendable. One of the greatest blessings which can possibly come to a person, is the formation of a taste for good books, nothing can make for character or culture like this. Making the true, the good and the beautiful in literature a part of our lives is true education. Ninety-one persons are enrolled as members of the Barry Co. Teacher's Reading Circle, out of this number, seventy-six have already completed the fall work, and filed satisfactory evidence in regard to the same, in the commissioner's office.

The fact that the Teacher's Reading Circle was indorsed by the State Teacher's Association will give it new interest and importance. The work for the winter term has been outlined and submitted to the teachers, the same to be completed and filed in the office of the commissioner by the third Saturday in March, 1896.

The winter term's work in "Management" covers pages 105-216, while the work in "Botany" extends from page 164 to page 214. We give below the questions submitted for this work.

MANAGEMENT. 105-216.

1. White mentions seven school virtues. Which in your opinion has the greatest bearing upon mental training and which upon moral training? Why?
2. Name some artificial incentive to study. Should these be resorted to?
3. What are some of the natural incentives to study? Which is the strongest?
4. What is your opinion as to how "fear" as a factor in school discipline affects the schools of the 19th century?
5. What are the limitations and conditions of natural punishment?

BOTANY. 104-214.

1. Distinguish between the solvent and excurrent trunks of trees, and give local examples of each. Define pome, drupe.
2. What are some of the leading features of papilionaceous plants?
3. Give leading characteristics of the Composite family. Name several familiar plants in this family.
4. Describe the fruit of the horse-chestnut. What are carnivorous plants? Give example.
5. Draw (from observation) a cross section of an apple tree branch, naming the parts. Write a brief history of the growth of plants.

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the probate office in the city of Hastings, in said County on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of John C. Russell, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Warren S. Russell, executor of said will and estate praying that his final account, this day filed in said court, may be heard and allowed, and a decree of distribution and assignment, according to the terms of said will duly made, and he discharged from said estate.
Thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday, the eighteenth day of January, A. D., 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MICHIGAN CENTRAL, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

Administrator's Sale.

In the matter of the estate of Paulina J. Pettit, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on Monday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the late residence of the late Paulina J. Pettit, deceased, in the township of Thornapple, in the county of Barry in the state of Michigan, the north sixty (60) acres of the west half (1/2) of the south west quarter (1/4) of section five (5), and the north part of the east fraction of the south east quarter (1/4) of section six (6), containing in both parcels about ninety-three (93) acres of land, all in Township four (4) North Range ten (10) West.

Dated December 10th, A. D. 1895.
ERNEST M. WOOLGAR, Administrator.
With the will annexed of Paulina J. Pettit, deceased. 50-7

Notice for Hearing Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate court for the county of Barry, made on the twenty-third day of November, A. D. 1895, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Henry Talbot, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate court, at the Probate office in the city of Hastings, for examination and allowance, on or before the 23d day of May, next, and that such claims will be heard before said court, on Monday, the 24th day of February, and on Saturday, the 23d day of May, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.

Dated November 23d, A. D. 1895.
CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate. 50-w-5

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Grand Rapids Lv.	7:00	1:00	6:00	11:00	1:10
Middleville.....	7:35	1:37	6:35	12:13	8:49
Hastings.....	7:52	1:59	6:57	12:40	9:30
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Jackson Lv.....	12:01	3:50	8:45	7:30	7:16
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 THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1896.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.
 Banfield & Wilson ship three car loads of stock today.
 M. F. Dowling is advertising extensively by bills and in the SUN.
 Nineteen degrees below zero at 9 a. m. Sunday. 21 below at Irving.
 The K. of P. will have work in first degree next Wednesday evening.
 Remember the M. E. Aid society tea at the parsonage this week Friday.
 A little more snow would make excellent sleighing. It is getting thin in spots.
 Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, is the date of special meeting of E. & A. M. lodge for practice.
 The K. O. T. M. public installation, oyster supper and literary program occurs this evening.
 William N. VanEvery and Mrs. Mary Marsh were united in marriage by Pastor Walter A. Biss on January 4, '96.
 The annual meeting of the Congregational society will occur at the church next Tuesday at 2 p. m. All members should attend.
 Word has reached the village from Kalamazoo that Mr. Linski is much improved and that the doctors look for his ultimate recovery.
 Jerry Boynton is in the city today and says the railroad through the southwest part of this county is an assured fact; as a clincher he left with the register of deeds a lot of right-of-way transfers to be recorded. It looks as if it was a go.—Hastings Journal.

Harry and Bessie Saunders were the victims of a pleasant leap-year surprise party by their friends last Saturday evening. Games, music and answering printed questions on a card served to make an enjoyable time, together with refreshments consisting of coffee, cocoa, cake, oranges, bananas and nuts.
 Owing to the generous relief given by the K. O. T. M. and K. of P. lodges, of which Mr. Linski is a member, and of which we had not learned when last week's item was written regarding a subscription paper, we are pleased to make this correction and state that no member of either of these orders need fear want in any temporary distress.
 The Detroit schools have a fire drill and the children are so well trained that a building of twelve rooms occupied by five hundred scholars is vacated in less than two minutes. Our schools should have training in this line and fire escapes should be placed on the east and west ends of the second and third stories of the school building. At present there is not even a ladder in the village that will reach to the third story windows, and in case of an alarm of fire, without proper training a panic would be almost certain to result, and injury, if not death, follow in a mad rush down the narrow stairways in an attempt to escape.
 At the annual meeting of the Cold Spring Creamery Co. on the 7th inst. the following directors were chosen: A. C. Jones was re-elected president, Elias Gray was elected in the place of Judd Cook, and Walter Robertson in the place of John McQueen, as directors. The report of Secretary Broughton showed the business of the creamery to be in a most prosperous condition, the debts being paid and the company able to declare a dividend of 4 per cent. per annum on the capital stock. Total amount of milk received during the year, 2,792,068 lbs.; total of butter churned, 123,135 lbs.; total receipts of factory, \$23,116.54; total expenditures of factory, including debts paid and machinery bought, \$22,725.10; leaving cash balance in treasury, \$391.44.
 J. L. BROUGHTON, Sec.

Program for the next meeting of the Barry Co. Teachers' Association, to be held in Nashville, Jan. 18, 1896.
 9:00—Music.
 Devotional Exercises.....Rev. Branch
 Correlated Lessons.....
 I.—Language.....Prin. A. O. Wilkinson
 Discussion led by Miss Eddy.
 II.—History.....Prin. Nelson
 Discussion led by Prin. H. B. Anderson.
 Class Exercises, 2d and 3d Grades, Nashville. Miss Feighner and Miss Rowlander teachers.
 III.—Mathematics.....John Ketchum
 Discussion led by Miss Lois Marshall.
 IV.—Primary Work. Miss Pearl Hendershot
 Discussion led by Miss Mamie Moulton.
 P. M.
 Music.
 Business Meeting.
 Paper—Is Penmanship a Lost Art? Dor N. Stowell
 Paper—The Schools and the Social Problem Mrs. Frank McDerby
 Paper—History, the Threshold of Citizenship Howard Brooks
 Paper—The Preparation of the Teacher. Prof. A. M. McLaughlin
 Round Table of Current Events. Conducted by Supt. Holden
 GEO. S. BASSETT, Pres.
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J. E. ACKERSON.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. Retan, of Lake Odessa, is in the village.
 F. D. Pratt was in Grand Rapids on business Friday.
 Miss Bertha Jordan is numbered among the sick.
 Mrs. J. E. Ackerson spent New Year's in Lowell.
 Miss Angie Wakefield is bookkeeping for our popular dentist.
 Dr. Hersey, of Moline, was a guest at Rev. Appleton's Sunday.
 Mrs. A. I. Stokoe and daughter Kate were in Grand Rapids yesterday.
 The Misses Nellie White and Myrtle Green go to Grand Rapids, Saturday.
 Mrs. Frank Lee was the guest of friends in Grand Rapids over Sunday.
 Mr. W. D. Foster of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of his uncle, Walter Foster.
 Mrs. H. E. Hendrick, who has been sick the past week, is rapidly improving.
 Postmaster Matteson who was on the sick list last week, is attending to business.
 Arthur Roach returned last evening from Kentucky, where he had been on a "tour."
 Mrs. T. J. Bush returned to her home in Hastings yesterday after a few days' visit with Mrs. R. T. French.
 Miss May Roman went to Big Rapids last Saturday with Miss Ora Stokoe, to attend the Ferris Industrial school.
 R. E. Combs went to Lowell today where he is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. M. C. Griswold, and husband.
 Mrs. Hulbert of Grand Rapids is spending a few days in the village, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs.
 Miss Ethel Carveth, of Grand Rapids, was the guest of her uncle Aaron Clark and family the latter part of last week.
 Mrs. M. A. Mitchell left yesterday for Sturgis, where she will make an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Wright.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Seekins of near Grand Rapids, were guests of his uncle, J. L. Broughton and family, the first of the week.
 Chris Schondelmayer returned from a business trip to Canada on Thursday of last week. His mother accompanied him home.
 W. E. Bowen and Bert Armstrong, of Bowen's Mills, were in Grand Rapids Wednesday on business, and in the evening took in R. G. Ingersol's great Bible lecture.
 Guy M. Johnson went to Grand Rapids Jan. 1 to attend the wedding of Ray Heazlit and Cora Stebbins, which took place at the Fountain Street Baptist church, being one of the ushers upon that occasion. After attending the reception Jan. 3 at their home in Wayland, he resumes his studies at Kalamazoo college.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A Farmers' Institute will be held in Hastings, January 21, 22.
 The meeting of the Ladies' Library association is adjourned until Saturday p. m. at 2:30 at Library room. All interested, come.
 Ladies' Reading club will meet Jan. 15 with Miss Pratt. Readers, Miss Pratt and Mrs. Ferguson; questions, Faunie Pratt; spelling mistress, Mrs. Dietrich; critic, Mrs. Pratt; quotations from H. W. Longfellow.
 Methodist Episcopal church, F. N. Jones, Pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at the close of morning service. Junior League at 6:00 p. m. Subject, "The Alphabet of prayer." Leader, Miss May Bassett. All invited.
 Baptist church—Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning topic, "Waiting." Evening topic, "Testing the Temperature." An object sermon. Sunday school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.; subject, "Results of the Win-One Method." John I:35-46. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7 p. m.
 Elder E. W. Shaw reports steadily increasing interest in the Leighton work with which he is connected, and there is real ground for confidence that the very best of results will be secured from present plans and the measures that are becoming thoroughly established. The discourse in the Hooker school house next Sunday at 2 p. m. will include a consideration of "Faith and Individual Responsibility."
 Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "Knowing God by Loving Him." Subject for evening, "In Prison." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Topic, "The Peril and Power of Ambition." Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Boy's Brigade, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Subject, "The Highest Use of Personal Honors." A cordial welcome to all.

M. E. AID SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will be held at the parsonage Friday afternoon, Jan. 10, 1896. All members are especially requested to be present as the election of officers for the ensuing year will occur at this time. The following ladies will serve tea: Mrs. Geo. Baker, Mrs. Mortimer Baker, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. E. Bundy, May Bassett, Mrs. D. Benaway. Business meeting at 2:30. Tea served from 5 to 7. All are very cordially invited to attend.

LEAP YEAR SUPPER.

The Baptist Aid society will hold their business meeting in the church parlor on Friday, Jan. 17, at 3 p. m. A full attendance is desired as important business will come before the society. A "leap-year supper" will be given by the gentlemen of the church and society instead of the usual supper.
 Through the kindness of the W. C. T. U., Miss Clever will give her musical the fourth week, instead of the third as noticed in last week's issue. Programs will soon be out.

TAKE NOTICE.

William Guileman has ordered him a new limb and the next thing is now he wants money to pay for it. All persons owing A. M. Guileman, now due and past due, want to come and settle at once, for he has got to have the money without fail.

FIRE! FIRE!

In case a fire breaks out run to the engine house, where you will find the key hanging in a glass front box. Break the glass, unlock the door and ring the bell at once. If the glass is broken by any misdemeanor, the offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
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 As cheap as when we put the BLUE MARK on.
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M. S. KEELER & CO.,
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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

HE PREACHES ON THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL.

New Lights on a Familiar Story—The Richest Ring Ever Flashed on the Vision Is That Which Our Father Puts on a Forgiven Soul.

A Ring on His Hand.

In his sermon Sunday Rev. Dr. Talmage took for his subject the return of the prodigal son. The text chosen was Luke xv., 22, "Put a ring on his hand." I will not rehearse the familiar story of the fast young man of the parable. You know what a splendid home he left. You know what a hard time he had. And you remember how after that season of vagabondage and prodigality he resolved to go and weep out his sorrows on the bosom of parental forgiveness. Well, there is great excitement one day in front of the door of the old farmhouse. The servants come rushing up and say: "What's the matter? What is the matter?" But before they quite arrive the old man cries out: "Put a ring on his hand." What a seeming absurdity! What can such a wretched mendicant as this fellow that is tramping on toward the house want with a ring? Oh, he is the prodigal son. No more tending of the swine trough! No more longing for the pods of the carob tree! No more blistered feet! Off with the rags! On with the robe! Off with the ring! Even so does God receive every one of us when we come back. There are gold rings, and pearl rings, and emerald rings, and diamond rings, but the richest ring that ever flashed on the vision is that which our Father puts upon a forgiven soul.

I know that the impression is abroad among some people that religion beheads and belittles a man; that it takes all the sparkle out of his soul; that he has to exchange a roistering independence for an ecclesiastical straitjacket. Not so. When a man becomes a Christian, he does not go down; he starts upward. Religion multiplies 1 by 10,000. Nay, the multiplier is in infinity. It is not a blotting out; it is a polishing, it is an arborescence, it is an efflorescence, it is an irradiation. When a man comes into the kingdom of God, he is not sent into a menial service, but the Lord God Almighty from the palaces of heaven calls upon the messenger angels that wait upon the throne to fly and "put a ring on his hand." In Christ are the largest liberty, and brightest joy, and highest honor, and richest adornment. "Put a ring on his hand."

A Ring of Adoption.

I remark, in the first place, that when Christ receives a soul into his love he puts upon him the ring of adoption. While in my church in Philadelphia there came the representative of the Howard mission of New York. He brought with him eight or ten children of the street that he had picked up, and he was trying to find for them Christian homes, and as the little ones stood on the pulpit and sang our hearts melted within us. At the close of the service a great-hearted wealthy man came up and said, "I'll take this little bright-eyed girl, and I'll adopt her as one of my own children." And he took her by the hand, lifted her into his carriage and went away.

The next day, while we were in the church gathering up garments for the poor of New York, this little child came back with a bundle under her arm, and she said: "There's my old dress. Perhaps some of the poor children would like to have it," while she herself was in bright and beautiful array, and those who more immediately examined her said she had a ring on her hand. It was a ring of adoption.

There are a great many persons who pride themselves on their ancestry, and they glory over the royal blood that pours through their arteries. In their line there was a lord, or a duke, or a prime minister, or a king. But when the Lord, our Father, puts upon us the ring of his adoption we become the children of the Father of all nations. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." It matters not how poor our garments may be in this world, or how scant our bread, or how mean the hut we live in, if we have that ring of Christ's adoption upon our hand, we are assured of eternal defenses.

Adopted! Why, then, we are brothers and sisters to all the good of earth and heaven! We have the family name, the family dress, the family keys, the family wardrobe. The Father looks after us, robes us, defends us, blesses us. We have royal blood in our veins, and there are crowns in our line. If we are his children, then princes and princesses. It is only a question of time when we get our coronet. Adopted! Then we have the family secrets. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." Adopted! Then we have the family inheritance, and in the day when our Father shall divide the riches of heaven we shall take our share of the mansions and palaces and temples. Henceforth let us boast no more of an earthly ancestry. The insignia of eternal glory is our coat of arms. This ring of adoption puts upon us all honor and all privilege. Now we can take the words of Charles Wesley, that prince of hymn-writers, and sing:

"Come, let us join our friends above
Who have obtained the prize,
And on the eagle wings of love
To joy celestial rise.
"Let all the saints terrestrial sing
With those to glory gone,
For all the servants of our King
In heaven and earth are one."

I have been told that when any of the members of any of the great secret societies of this country are in a distant city and are in any kind of trouble and are set upon by enemies they have only to give a certain signal, and the members of that organization will flock around for defense. And when any man belongs to this great Christian brotherhood, if he gets in trouble, in trial, in persecution, in temptation, he has only to show this ring of Christ's adoption, and all the armed cohorts of heaven will come to his rescue.

A Marriage Ring.

Still further, when Christ takes a soul into his love, he puts upon it a marriage ring. Now, that is not a whim of mine—Hosea ii., 19, "I will betroth thee unto me forever—yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies." At the wedding altar the bridegroom puts a ring upon the hand of the bride, signifying love and faithfulness. Trouble may come upon the household, and the carpets may go—the pictures may go, the piano may go—everything else may go. The last thing that goes is that marriage ring, for it is considered sacred. In the burial hour it is withdrawn from the hand and kept

in a casket, and sometimes the box is opened on an anniversary day, and as you look at that ring you see under its arch a long procession of precious memories. Within the golden circle of that ring there is room for a thousand sweet recollections to revolve, and you think of the great contrast between the hour when, at the close of the "Wedding March" under the flashing lights and amid the aroma of orange blossoms, you set that ring on the round finger of the plump hand, and that hour when, at the close of the exhaustive watching, when you knew that the soul had fled, you took from the hand, which gave back no responsive clasp, from that emaciated finger, the ring that she had worn so long and so well.

On some anniversary day you take up that ring, and you polish it until all the old luster comes back, and you can see in it the flash of eyes that long ago ceased to weep. Oh, it is not an unmeaning thing when I tell you that when Christ receives a soul into his keeping, he puts on it a marriage ring! He endows you from that moment with all his wealth. You are one—Christ and the soul—one—in sympathy, one in affection, one in hope.

There is no power on earth or hell to effect a divorce after Christ and the soul are united. Other kings have turned out their companions when they got weary of them and sent them adrift from the palace gate. Ahasuerus banished Vashti, Napoleon forsook Josephine, but Christ is the husband that is true forever. Having loved you once, he loves you to the end. Did they not try to divorce Margaret, the Scotch girl, from Jesus? They said: "You must give up your religion." She said: "I can't give up my religion." And so they took her down to the beach of the sea, and they drove in a stake at low water mark, and they fastened her to it, expecting that as the tide came up her faith would fall. The tide began to rise and came up higher and higher, and to the girl, and to the lip, and in the last moment, just as the wave was washing her soul into glory, she shouted the praises of Jesus.

Oh, no, you cannot separate a soul from Christ! It is an everlasting marriage. Battle and storm and darkness cannot do it. It is too much exultation for a man, who is but dust and ashes like myself, to cry out this moment, "I am persuaded that neither height nor depth nor principalities nor powers nor things present, nor things to come, nor any other creature shall separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, my Lord!" Glory be to God that when Christ and the soul are married they are bound by a chain, a golden chain, if I might say so—a chain with one link, and that one link the golden ring of God's everlasting love.

A Ring of Festivity.

I go a step further and tell you that when Christ receives a soul into his love he puts on him the ring of festivity. You know that it has been the custom in all ages to bestow rings on very happy occasions. There is nothing more appropriate for a birthday gift than a ring. You delight to bestow such a gift upon your children at such a time. It means joy, hilarity, festivity. Well, when this old man of the text wanted to tell how glad he was that his boy had got back, he expressed it in this way. Actually, before he ordered sandals to be put on his bare feet, before he ordered the fatted calf to be killed to appease the boy's hunger, he commanded, "Put a ring on his hand."

Oh, it is a merry time when Christ and the soul are united! Joy of forgiveness! What a splendid thing it is to feel that all is right between my God and myself. What a glorious thing it is to have God just take up all the sins of my life and put them in one bundle, and then fling them into the depths of the sea, never to rise again, never to be talked of again. Pollution all gone, darkness all illumined; God reconciled; the prodigal home! "Put a ring on his hand!"

Every day I find happy Christian people. I find some of them with no second coat, some of them in huts and tenement houses, not one earthly comfort afforded them, and yet they are as happy as happy can be. They sing "Rock of Ages" as no other people in the world sing it. They never wear any jewelry in their life but one gold ring, and that was the ring of God's undying affection. Oh, how happy religion makes us! Did it make you gloomy and sad? Did you go with your head cast down? I do not think you got religion, my brother. That is not the effect of religion. True religion is a joy. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

Why, religion lightens all our burdens; it smooths all our way; it interprets all our sorrows; it changes the jar of earthly discord for the peal of festal bells. In front of the flaming furnace of trial it sets the forge on which scepters are hammered out. Would you not like this hour to come up from the swine feeding and try this religion. All the joys of heaven would come out and meet you, and God would cry from the throne, "Put a ring on his hand!"

Uncertainty for Assurance.

You are not happy. I see it. There is no peace, and sometimes you laugh when you feel a great deal more like crying. The world is a cheat. It first wears you down with its follies; then it kicks you out into darkness. It comes back from the massacre of 1,000,000 souls to attempt the destruction of your soul to-day. No peace out of God, but here is the fountain that can shake the thirst. Here is the harbor where you can drop safe anchorage.

Would you not like, I ask you—not perfunctorily, but as one brother might talk to another—would you not like to have a pillow of rest to put your head on? And would you not like, when you retire at night, to feel that all is well, whether you wake up to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock or sleep the sleep that knows no waking? Would you not like to exchange this awful uncertainty about the future for a glorious assurance of heaven? Accept of the Lord Jesus to-day and all is well. If on your way home some peril should cross the street and dash your life out, it would not hurt you. You would rise up immediately. You would stand in the celestial streets. You would be amid the great throng that forever worship and are forever happy. If this night some sudden disease should come upon you, it would not frighten you. If you knew you were going, you could give a calm farewell to your beautiful home on earth and know that you are going right into the companionship of those who have already got beyond the toiling and the weeping.

You feel on Saturday night different from the way you feel any other night of the week. You come home from the bank, or the store, or the office and you say, "Well, now my week's work is done, and to-morrow is Sunday." It is a pleasant thought. There are refreshments and reconstruction in the very idea. Oh, how pleasant it will be, when we get through the day of life, and we go and lie down in our bed of dust, we can realize, "Well,

now the work is all done, and to-morrow is Sunday—an everlasting Sunday."

"Oh, when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend,
Where congregations ne'er break up
And Sabbaths have no end?"

There are people in this house to-day who are very near the eternal world. If you are Christians, I bid you be of good cheer. Bear with you our congratulations to the bright city. Aged men, who will soon be gone, take with you our love for our kindred in the better land, and when you see them tell them that we are soon coming. Only a few more sermons to preach and hear; only a few more heart-aches; only a few more toils; only a few more tears. And then—what an entrancing spectacle will open before us!

"Beautiful heaven, where all is light;
Beautiful angels, clothed in white;
Beautiful strains that never tire,
Beautiful harps through all the choir;
Those shall I join the chorus sweet,
Worshipping at the Savior's feet."

And so I approach you now with a general invitation, not picking out here and there a man, or here and there a woman, or here and there a child, but giving you an unlimited invitation, saying, "Come, for all things are now ready." We invite you to the warm heart of Christ and the inclosure of the Christian Church. I know a great many think that the church does not amount to much; that it is obsolete; that it did its work and is gone now, so far as all usefulness is concerned. It is the happiest place I have ever been in, except my own home.

The One Test.

I know there are some people who say they are Christians who seem to get along without any help from others, and who culture solitary piety. They do not want any ordinances. I do not belong to that class. I cannot get along without them. There are so many things in this world that take my attention from God and Christ and heaven that I want all the helps of all the symbols and of all the Christian associations, and I want around about me a solid phalanx of men who love God and keep his commandments. Are there any here who would like to enter into that association? Then by a simple, childlike faith, apply for admission into the visible church, and you will be received. No questions asked about your past history or present surroundings. Only one test—do you love Jesus?

Baptism does not amount to anything, say a great many people, but the Lord Jesus declared, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," putting baptism and faith side by side. And an apostle declares, "Repent and be baptized every one of you." I do not stickle for any particular mode of baptism, but I put great emphasis on the fact that you ought to be baptized, yet no more emphasis than the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the church, puts upon it.

Some of you have been thinking on this subject year after year. You have found out that this world is a poor portion. You want to be Christians. You have come almost into the kingdom of God, but there you stop, forgetful of the fact that to be almost saved is not to be saved at all. Oh, my brother, after having come so near to the door of mercy, if you turn back, you will never come at all. After all you have heard of the goodness of God, if you turn away and die, it will not be because you did not have a good offer.

"God's spirit will not always strive
With hardened, self-destroying man.
Ye who persist his love to grieve
May never hear his voice again."

May God Almighty this hour move upon your soul and bring you back from the husks of the wilderness to the Father's house, and set you on at the banquet, and "put a ring on your hand."

Family Pride.

The following story is told of the visit of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, to the West when he was a lad. The royal party of tourists were entertained by Mr. Blank on his ranch. He was naturally anxious that they should fully enjoy the sport of the neighborhood. A fishing excursion was arranged for one day, and a gruff old farmer promised that his nephew would provide bait for "the Englishmen," of whose rank he was ignorant.

Mr. Blank, it is said, sent for him the previous evening, and anxiously inquired:

"Has your nephew brought the bait?"

"No."

"We want it by daylight."

"You'll hev it," calmly replied the old man.

"This is a matter of great importance. Are you sure that you shall have it?"

"Didn't Jabez give you his word?"

"But how do I know he'll keep it?" said the uneasy host.

"How do ye know?" said the farmer, sternly. "Because he's a Pratt. None of the Pratts ever was known to tell a lie, an' I reckon Jabez isn't a-goin' to break the record," and he trumped off.

"You must pardon the old man, your Grace," Mr. Blank said, turning to the Duke of Newcastle, who was standing near by. "He does not know who you are."

"Pardon him? I call that very fine! Why should not the Pratts be proud of their honest blood, as well as the Pelham-Clintons?" (his own family).

The daylight brought Jabez and the bait.

In one of the noble houses of England a delicate glass vase, called "the Luck of Eden-hall," has been preserved with scrupulous care for centuries in consequence of a legend that when it is broken the family to which it belongs will perish also from among men.

If every American family cherished, like the Pratts, a faith in the truth, or honesty, or piety of their ancestors with a resolve like Jabez, "never to break the record," what a lightning and uplifting of our social life would follow!

Descendants of Dante.

A descendant of the famous poet Dante, Count Dante Serego-Alighieri, the mayor of Venice, died recently at his villa Gargagnano, near Verona. His family descends from the author of "La Divina Comedia" on the female side only. The last male descendant of Dante, Pietro di Dante, died in the year 1547. His daughter was married to a Count Serego, of Verona, and he obtained the right to add his family name to that of his wife. The family of Serego-Alighieri is very numerous and wealthy, and most of its members live in the province of Venezia.

WHIP THE BRITISH.

VICTORY FOR BOERS IN THE TRANSVAAL BATTLE.

Dr. Jameson Surrenders—Remnant of His Forces Now Imprisoned at Johannesburg—London Instructions Disregarded—Parallel to Venezuela

South Africa Excited.

The invading English army in the Transvaal has been disastrously defeated by the Boers. A score or more have been killed, many wounded, and Dr. Jameson is a prisoner at Johannesburg. One of the most impudent acts of aggression ever committed even by British arms has thus met with swift retribution. "The details are the merger of this inglorious finale of what was intended to be a brilliant piece of bravado, which success might justify but which failure would make a crime. All that is known is the Government messengers, with dispatches from London ordering Dr. Jameson to retreat to the Chartered Company's territory, reached Dr. Jameson Wednesday morning. He pocketed the Queen's orders, told the messenger laconically that he would attend to them, gave the command to his troops to saddle, and marched, not on the back track, but on toward Johannesburg.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon he encountered the Boers at Krugersdorp. There was hard fighting until sundown, and the British troops suffered severely. The famous marksmanship of the Boers was no less deadly than in their gallant defense against the same enemy fifteen years ago. Twenty men, including three officers, were killed, and fifty prisoners were taken before Dr. Jameson surrendered.

A London dispatch says: "The world

great social pressure was brought to bear on Mr. Chamberlain to rescue a dozen officers of the guards, several noblemen's sons and other young bloods with high connections, who are included in Dr. Jameson's force of invaders.

Cause of the Trouble.
There is no Schomburgk line in South Africa. There is no other line, says a



F. E. PAUL KRUGER, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRANSVAAL.

correspondent, which the imperialist passion of Great Britain and the greed of British colonists will recognize unless one or the other of the great powers, in its own interests, arbitrarily fixes a line be-



SOUTH AFRICAN TERRITORY IN WHICH THE TROUBLE OCCURRED.

will now be overwhelmed with disavowals from everybody concerned except Dr. Jameson. Nobody will be louder in protecting their innocence than the Chartered Company and Cecil Rhodes, but nobody will believe them. Nothing will change the popular conviction that what has happened is simply the overthrow of a bold and reckless plot. The part that failed was the promised uprising of the Uitlanders in Johannesburg. The revolt there was expected to begin the day before Dr. Jameson crossed the frontier. His justification was to be: "The Boers are mas-

yond which the advance guard of British trade and British rule may not go with safety to the imperial Government. Twenty years ago English dominion in South Africa extended only to latitude 30 degrees south of the equator. To-day the provisional boundary of the British South African Company's protectorate is at latitude 10 degrees south. How this has been accomplished the world knows. Never were irregulars in time of war given freer rein than Rhodes and Jameson and the cape colonists generally have had in the butchery of natives and the seizure of territory. The war on poor old Lobengula, instigated and directed by this same defeated Jameson, was an unparalleled blot on nineteenth century civilization.

The issue to which all the nations of the earth are gradually awakening—whether the time has not come to forcibly prevent the extension of British dominion—has been precipitated by the rash act of Jameson, a high-handed adventurer of a type more patiently considered in the heyday of piracy than in our own time. It is inconceivable that the secretary for the colonies should not have been able to stop the South African Company's agent. Private letters prove that the sortie was in contemplation a month ago. Mr. Chamberlain's lamentations are tardy.

The predicament of the imperial Government is extremely awkward. On the one hand they have to restrain the lust and pugnacity of high-spirited colonists who have never feared to speak of the slenderness of the ties by which they are bound to the parent State. On the other hand, they face a brave people and the possibility of European complications. Let no one imagine the Boers will not fight. The English are disposed to discredit their courage, but they showed steadiness and daring at the Drakensberg Pass and on the height of Spitzkop, and in these battles as elsewhere their marvelous riflemen potted the English calmly and accurately. The feeling of Africa is with them. In their rebellion they had the sympathy of the Orange State, and it would not require much to



DR. C. S. JAMESON, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF MASHONALAND.

sacredly our countrymen. Blood is thicker than water. We will march to their rescue."

Even that excuse would be sentimental rather than legal, but it would go in South Africa and it would probably go in England if Germany and other countries did not make too much fuss about it. Hence the wires were cut and Dr. Jameson, with 700 men, dashed in at the appointed time to carry out their part of the plan. The faint-hearted foreigners in Johannesburg failed to begin the rebellion, and Dr. Jameson's rescue expedition be-



THE TYPICAL "LAAGER" (DEFENSIVE POST) USED IN SOUTH AFRICAN WARFARE.

came a horde of lawless freebooters, invading a friendly State. Such is the true aspect of the situation in the eyes of Englishmen. The British Government has already disavowed everything; so has Cecil Rhodes; so has the Chartered Company, through its directors in London.

It is by no means certain that the trouble in the Transvaal is at an end. Britain Thursday night was given the interesting spectacle of the British colonial secretary sending a beseeching appeal to President Kruger that the Boers deal leniently with the wounded and other prisoners. The reason of this is that

revive President Kruger's cry of "Africa for the Afrikaners, from Zambesi to Martin's Bay."

It is a significant coincidence that on the day of the appointment of the Venezuelan commission England gave proof of the spirit of greed and oppression that moves her agents everywhere.

A carpet tack trust has been formed. We hope Attorney General Harmon will see the point.

The camphor trust has doubled prices. You can't get so much now for a scent,

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Influenza Among Animals.

The influenza is going down in England—down to horses and dogs and cats. The officials of the various "homes" for domestic animals in London report that the mortality in cases of influenza among dogs amounts to 6 per cent, among cats to 24 per cent, and the percentage is said to be even still larger among horses.

Sooner or later a neglected Cold will develop a constant cough, shortness of breath, failing strength, and wasting of flesh, all symptomatic of some serious Lung affection, which may be avoided or palliated by using in time Dr. D. Jayne's Expecto-rant.

Many More.

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Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

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Enforcing Peace.

The late Prof. John Stuart Blackie was a man of marked individuality, as well as one of the most learned and prolific writers of his time. He was fond of peace, but had a good deal of Scotch pugnacity in his composition. He himself used to tell a story of his early life which he thought exemplified both the traits in his own character.

"As a boy," he said, "I was always antagonistic to school fights; pugilism had no fascinations for me. One day a fellow pupil came blustering to me and said:

"Come, now, will you fight me?"

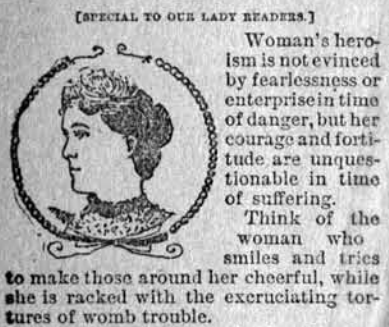
"No," I replied, "but I will knock you down."

"This I proceeded to do, amid the applause of the school."

This seemed very like fighting, but it had the effect to cause the Blackie boy's desire for peace to be respected after that. It may sometimes be found necessary for nations to proceed on the same plan.

HEROIC WOMEN.

Their Struggle Against a Common and Merciless Enemy.



Woman's heroism is not evinced by fearlessness or enterprising time of danger, but her courage and fortitude are unquestionable in time of suffering.

Think of the woman who smiles and tries to make those around her cheerful, while she is racked with the excruciating tortures of womb trouble.

Think of one who, day by day, begs her physician to help her, while the torture of tortures could not add to her misery.

Does she yield? No! She endures her agonies, and meets her friends with cheerfulness.

This is woman's heroism, and few men realize how prevalent they are. Physicians rarely render relief in such cases.

After twenty years of suffering, with ever-increasing poplarity, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is, to-day, woman's only sure and safe refuge from inflammation, ulceration, falling and displacement of the womb, ovarian trouble, leucorrhoea, painful and suppressed menstruations, kidney trouble, nervous prostration, and all manner of distressing and life-sapping female diseases.

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LAYING ON THE LAST STRAW.

The Horse May Now Be Seen Led on the Street by a Bicycle.

The horse has been getting the "worst of it" for some time. First, he was found to be edible and was made into sausage and canned and sold in steaks and his hide made into cordova. Then electricity took away the work of his old age—pulling street cars. And now the bicycle has further restricted his sphere of usefulness by depriving him of pulling the Sunday young man and his best girl on their afternoon drives. Livery, which was his exclusive field, has been adopted by the impudent wheel, and now, in the next stall to the horse, is the glistening bicycle, which needs neither oats nor bedding. Then, too, they have shared with him and the bicycle the honorable epithet "steed," and the gaudy wheel with its noiseless, sneaking rubber shoes is called the "noble iron steed," etc., ad nauseam. The future of the horse is indeed dismal.

The crowning insult, however, went unresented the other day. Down Grand avenue rolled a man on a wheel, lead-



THE CROWNING DEGRADATION.

ing a fine, sturdy, middle-aged horse, in the prime of life and usefulness. The horse jogged along after the wheel with his head hanging dejectedly and shamefully. He evidently realized his degradation, but was too hopeless and heartless to resent it. And lovers of the horse, man's intelligent friend and companion, looked after him pityingly and wished he would back up, pull the man off the wheel and dance on the machine—but he didn't.—Kansas City Star.

Current Condensations.

Ten thousand bushels of dried apples are among the products of the Kansas penitentiary farm.

The sum paid in Paris to the Wagner family in royalties on the operas of that composer for this year up to the end of last month amounted to \$7,510.

A West Virginia man is so peculiarly affected by riding on a train that he has to chain himself to a seat to prevent him jumping out of the car window.

It is said that the blind never dream of visible objects, and a mute has been observed when dreaming to carry on a conversation by means of his fingers or in writing.

A variety dealer in a town in Ulster announces his wares as follows: "Bibles, Blackballs and Butter, Testaments, Tar and Treacle, Godly Books and Gimblets, Sold Here."

The wine of Shiraz, in Persia, is said to be equal to the best burgundy and champagne. Curacao takes its name from the West India group where the Dutch first made this drink.

The vessels of silver in Solomon's temple, according to authorities, were set down as worth £649,344,000; priests' vestments and robes of singers, £2,010,000; trumpets, £200,000.

By spreading a layer of lycopodium powder upon the surface of a basin of water it is possible to plunge the hand into the water without wetting it, as the lycopodium powder prevents all contact of the water with the hand.

A paper in the State of Washington declares that the geographical considerations render necessary a new State, to be formed from the adjacent regions of Washington and Idaho, which are walled in together by great mountain ranges.

Professor Richet publishes in the Revue Scientifique some figures of mortality from diphtheria which seem to show that either the disease has this year taken a milder form or else Dr. Roux's serum treatment is effective. The deaths in 1884 in Paris hospitals were 1,400; from 1887 to 1891 they were from 900 to 960 a year; from 1892 to 1894 they averaged 733; in 1895 they were 239.

GROVER NAMES FIVE.

PERSONNEL OF THE VENEZUELAN COMMISSION.

Brewer and Alvey Head the List—Andrew D. White, Frederic R. Conder, and Daniel C. Gilman Are the Other Appointees.

All Accept.

President Cleveland Wednesday night announced the appointment of the Venezuelan Boundary Commission as follows: David J. Brewer, of Kansas, Justice United States Supreme Court; Richard H. Alvey, of Maryland, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White, of New York; Frederic R. Conder, of New York; Daniel C. Gilman, of Maryland.

All of the above named persons will accept the places to which they have been appointed and are expected to assemble in Washington as soon as practicable, with a view to their entering upon their work. In Washington the commission is regarded as a very satisfactory one, whose opinions and conclusions will be received by the American public with that confidence which the standing of the members of the commission in the public eye inspires.

Politically speaking, the commission consists of three Democrats and two Republicans. Justice Brewer and Justice Alvey are men of the highest judicial standing, whose reputations as impartial jurists are well known abroad, as well as at home. Frederic R. Conder, of New York, is too well known as a leader at the bar to require any extended sketch of his scholarly attainments. Andrew D. White and Daniel C. Gilman stand among the foremost of American scholars and educators, and Mr. White has shown, in addition, unusual skill as a legislator, organizer and diplomat. Both will be useful members of the commission, and their names will do much to give its findings dignity and weight in the eyes of European nations.

The law authorizing the appointment by the President of the Venezuelan commission was passed by the House of Representatives on Dec. 17. On Dec. 20 it was adopted by the Senate without amendment and without a dissenting voice. The text of the bill was as follows:

"A bill making an appropriation for the expenses of a commission to investigate and report on the true divisional line between the Republic of Venezuela and British Guiana."

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that the sum of \$100,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the expenses of a commission, to be appointed by the President, to report on the true divisional line between the Republic of Venezuela and British Guiana."

RIFAAT PASHA.

The New Grand Vizier of the Turkish Empire.

It is evident the Sultan of Turkey is a hard man to please. He recently changed prime ministers three times in three weeks. The new grand vizier, Rifaat Pasha, is a man of long public service. He has been governor of many Turkish provinces. His last office of that character was ruler of Smyrna. Before his promotion Rifaat was minister of the interior. He is a thorough-paced diplomatist and before advising the Sultan on any point ascertains the innermost views of his sublimity on the matter in question.



Advice then is easily formulated. It is probable Rifaat will hold his portfolio long. There is little prospect of future joy for a grand vizier. Kennal Pasha, immediate predecessor of Rifaat, has been sent to govern an interior town of Asia Minor. Said Pasha, who preceded Kennal, took refuge at the English embassy upon his removal from office. He emerged a few days ago.

Fish Hook.

A new fish hook has been invented. The bait holding device is supplied with self-opening hooks which are closed and concealed at their points and which spring in opposite directions when the slightest tension is put upon the line. One of the chief advantages claimed is that when the fish are landed they can be readily released.

Railway Seats.

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Papa Looked Stern.

"Jennie," said little Mabel to her big sister at breakfast, "did you tell papa?"

"Tell papa what?" asked Jennie.

"Why, you told Mr. Buster last night if he did it again you'd tell papa—and he did it again. I saw him!"

And then papa looked at Jennie over his glasses.—Harper's Bazar.

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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888.

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The great success of the chocolate preparations of the house of **Walter Baker & Co.** (established in 1780) has led to the placing on the market many misleading and unscrupulous imitations of their name, labels, and wrappers. Walter Baker & Co. are the oldest and largest manufacturers of pure and high-grade Cocoas and Chocolates on this continent. No chemicals are used in their manufactures.

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Mr. J. H. Moon, of Harrisburg, Ark., is a justice of the peace and also owner of the Samson Stump Extractor for the State of Arkansas. He had never noticed the advertisements of Ripans Tablets, and had no knowledge of them, to quote his own words, until "I read on the slate from Spirit Side. I then got one of our druggists to order some of them. I received the box of Tablets by mail, which I have taken according to directions from the Spirit Side, and must say that it is one of the most wonderful medicines for liver and stomach that I ever saw. I wish these Tablets were in every family." (Signed) J. H. MOON.

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

New ad—B. A. Almy. C. E. Stokoe has bills out announcing special sale.

The 29th annual reunion of the 13th Michigan Infantry will be held at G. A. R. hall, Kalamazoo, on the 16th and 17th of January, 1896. All comrades and their families are cordially invited.

The Ladies' Reading Club on Tuesday elected the following officers: President—Mrs. R. T. French. Vice President—Mrs. M. A. Dietrich. Secretary—Mrs. D. W. Johnson.

All samples go at same price before January 21st at Young and Chaffee Furniture Co.'s, 94 to 100 Ottawa st. Grand Rapids.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church on Friday elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. G. W. Matteson. Vice President—Mrs. J. J. Stark. Secretary—Mrs. R. T. French. Treasurer—Mrs. J. C. Otto.

The following officers were elected by the Sr. C. E. society Tuesday evening: President—Miss Nina Shaw. Vice President—Miss Gertrude Shay. Secretary—Miss Libbie Broughton. Treasurer—Bessie Fullagar.

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NOTICE!

Members of the school board will be at the school building on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of disposing of the furnace iron, stoves, pipe, etc. Anyone wishing to purchase will find it to their advantage to call at above hour and place.

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Special Christmas Offer Extended to February 1.

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Lloyd Lowndes took the oath as governor of the state of Maryland at noon yesterday. This is the first time in the history of Maryland a republican has assumed that office.

Piles of people have piles, but De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. When promptly applied it cures scalds and burns without the slightest pain. A. Hanlon & Son.

Walter Nyssen, aged 92, Holland's oldest citizen, died yesterday. He emigrated from the Netherlands fifty years ago.

One Minute Cough Cure is popular remedy for croup. Safe for children and adults. A. Hanlon & Son.

Diphtheria has broken into the county jail at Detroit. Three cases have developed within twenty-four hours and the doctors are squirting anti-toxine as fast as they can.

Coughing irritates the delicate organs and aggravates the disease. Instead of waiting, try One Minute Cough Cure. It helps at once, making expectoration easy, reduces the soreness and inflammation. Every one likes it. A. Hanlon & Son.

A Sunday school in Kinderhook believes in studying the Bible by committing to memory. One class of eight committed 2,491 verses. Two girls learned 700 verses each.

Clerks and office men who feel weary from work and mental strain, need the Fountain of Youth to revive them. We will present you with a trial bottle. Inclose ten cents to cover postage. Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot Springs, Ark. Regular price 50 cents.

T. P. Thompson, one of the old pioneer residents of Adrian, died Tuesday after an illness of several weeks. He was a mason by occupation and had formerly been an extensive contractor.

Wife—Here's an account of a man who shot himself rather than suffer the pangs of indigestion. Husband—The fool! Why didn't he take De Witt's Little Early Risers? I used to suffer as bad as he did before I commenced taking these little pills. A. Hanlon & Son.

CONDENSED TESTIMONY.

Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by la grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St. Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of croup, because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at J. W. Armstrong's drug store.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

Teachers are requested to hand in reports of their school and other news items.

The following favored us with their presence last week: Daisy Dowling, Grace Harris, Mable Southwick, Libbie Broughton, Mattie Ames, Stephen Baker, Glenn Clark, William Harper, Oscar Sherck, Guy Crook and Mr. Janes.

The new pupils in the High school are: Ed Morgan, Roy Coals, James Stewart and Cora Zimmer.

Ethel Carveth and Glenn Clark visited the High school Tuesday.

The philosophy class is taking up the subject of electricity.

Bertha Jordan is absent on account of sickness.

Homer Wescott and George Corson are new pupils in the 2d intermediate room.

Some one caused the flag to float wrong side up one day last week.

Roy Sherck, Willie Tobey, Genevieve Culver are new pupils in the grammar room.

The senior class met Tuesday evening for the election of officers.

School is progressing finely thus far in all departments.

County Commissioner Flora J. Beadle visited the primary department Tuesday.

G. A. R. GATHERING.

The G. A. R. Post on Saturday evening installed officers. Comrade Church of Watson Post, Grand Rapids made a splendid speech, which, with remarks by several members, recitation by little Lucile Wilkinson and a bountiful repast, made the occasion a most enjoyable one to all present.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The common council of the village of Middleville, Michigan, convened in regular session at the recorder's office in said village on Friday evening, Jan. 3, 1896, and was called to order by President pro tem. John E. Ackerson and upon calling the roll the following members were found to be present: Trustees Ackerson, Armstrong, Bristow, Dietrich and Morse; absent, Stimson and G. L. Keeler, president.

Bill of account of W. H. Severance for oil and soda, which was referred back at last session because it was incomplete, was again presented—having been completed—and on motion of Trustee Armstrong was allowed and an order drawn on the treasurer for the amount, \$16.76, by ayes and nays as follows: ayes, Trustees Armstrong, Bristow, Dietrich and Morse; nays, none; absent, Trustee Stimson.

The following accounts were then presented and on motion of Trustee Bristow were allowed and orders drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts by ayes and nays as follows: ayes, Trustees Armstrong, Bristow, Dietrich and Morse; nays, none; absent, Trustee Stimson.

Walter Foster, work on streets.....\$ 3 00
J. D. Dietrich, contingent..... 4 24

Moved by Trustee Armstrong that Trustee Dietrich be and he is hereby authorized to procure lamps for the purpose of lighting the bridge across the river and adjust in such a manner as will prevent them from being blown out by the winds, which motion did prevail by ayes and nays as follows: ayes, Messrs. Armstrong, Bristow, Dietrich, Morse; nays, none.

Moved by Trustee Morse that Trustee Dietrich be and he is hereby instructed to have a box on the engine house door in which to keep the key to said engine house, also to purchase a lantern to hang near the box. Motion prevailed.

Trustee Dietrich offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution: Be it

Resolved, by the common council of the village of Middleville, That Mrs. Orpha Parkhurst, administratrix of the estate of Silas S. Parkhurst, deceased, be and is hereby required to repair the brick building belonging to said estate situated on the N. E. corner of Railroad and Main streets so as to make the same safe, in that that the said building is now, by said common council, deemed unsafe and dangerous to occupants and passers by, because of the rotten, decayed and broken brick in the front battlement of said building fronting on the said Main street, which said rotten, decayed and broken brick do scale off and pieces fall therefrom and from said falling persons are liable to injury therefrom, and that a copy of this resolution be served upon the said Orpha Parkhurst and that she be required thereby, within ten days from the date of the service thereof upon her, to repair said building and make the same safe in a manner approved by the common council and that, in case of her failure to comply herewith, the village attorney is hereby authorized to institute proceedings to compel such repairs and remove the dangers apparent from present conditions.

Which resolution was adopted by ayes and nays as follows: ayes, Trustees Armstrong, Bristow, Dietrich and Morse; nays, none; absent, Trustee Stimson.

Moved by Mr. Armstrong that the council now adjourn. Motion prevailed. G. W. MATTESON, Recorder.

Why delay trying the Fountain of Youth, if you have any kind of systematic disorder? Price 50 cents. One trial bottle free. Send 10 cents to cover postage. Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot Springs, Ark. 50

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence. Age.
Philip Dahlhauser, Maple Grove, Clara Ide, Nashville..... 22-18
Charles W. Thompson, Maple Grove; Olive F. Cousins, Assyria..... 48-51
Wm. N. VanEvery, Middleville; Mary Marsh, Middleville..... 05-52

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LEIGHTON LOCALS.

S. Harvey lost one of his best horses last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Kachele, Dec. 31st, a son.

Chas. Schondelmayer and wife have a son born Christmas.

Mrs. Herman Lewis is quite sick with typhoid pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Markham, who have been visiting here for the past two weeks, have returned to their home in Big Rapids.

S. C. and John Sebring were in Paris Tuesday.

Misses Ada and Rose Steeby are sick. Minnie Steeby, Ada McDowell and Roy Clemens returned to the Middleville high school after a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. A. Bragg, who has been sick with an abscess in her side, is able to be about the house.

Wm. Naergarth, who has been quite sick, is again able to resume work and is making some repairs in the house of A. Krieger.

School began in the Brick Monday after two weeks' vacation. 42 pupils enrolled.

Mrs. Eva Blakesley, nee Blaire, and son of Detroit, are guests of the former's grandmother, Mrs. Pratt.

Mercury dropped to 21 degrees below zero at Corning, Sunday.

The Finkbino brothers are laying the woods low in C. Finkbino's forest. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones spent Thursday with their daughter, Mrs. A. M. Meyers, of Caledonia, who is about to move to Litchfield where Mr. Meyers will edit a paper.

LOOK AT SENSATIONAL PRICES.

Every sample must go before the 21st of January, as the new lines will then be in. All goods not sold prior to this date must be shipped back to factory. Come in and talk with us. We will make prices never before attempted, even on sample goods. Here is an idea of what we are going to do all through the various lines, as the goods must be moved at any price:

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WAYLAND WORKINGS.

The house of Mrs. Noble burned last week Thursday. The building was insured in the A. and O. Co.

A goodly number attended the Hearlit reception Friday night.

About forty Maccabees visited Dorr Tent Tuesday night and assisted in the dedication of the new hall.

School began Monday with several new pupils in attendance.

Invitations announce the marriage of Miss Lizzie Edwards to Francis Collis of Ft. Wayne, Ind., the 8th inst.

C. A. Morse and family were in town Tuesday.

The stone are being placed for the foundation of Mr. Pickett's new bank-building.

Mrs. Mary Young is visiting her brother, Arah Sprague.

De Witt's Little Early Risers for biliousness, indigestion, constipation. A small pill, a prompt cure. A. Hanlon & Son.

YANKEE SPRINGS.

Elam Springer and wife spent Sunday with J. P. Springer and family.

Miss Lottie Sabine is working at Belding.

Chas. Ludlow, wife and Mrs. Mead visited the former's sister at Otsego the first of the week.

W. J. Ritchie and wife visited Prairieville friends Tuesday.

D. N. Stocking's house and nearly all its contents were consumed by fire week ago last Monday night. No insurance.

The L. A. S. met with Mrs. G. H. Ford last Friday. All report a good time.

Elder Hall is holding protracted meeting at this place with good success, having converted four, so far, and we hope more will soon follow.

AN OLD SOLDIER'S RECOMMENDATION.

In the late war I was a soldier in the First Maryland Volunteers, Company G. During my term of service I contracted chronic diarrhoea. Since then I have used a great amount of medicine, but when I found any that would give me relief it would injure my stomach, until Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was brought to my notice. I used it and will say it is the only remedy that gave me permanent relief and no bad results follow. I take pleasure in recommending this preparation to all of my old comrades, who, while giving their services to their country, contracted this dreadful disease as I did, from eating unwholesome and uncooked food. Yours truly, A. E. BENDING, Halsey, Oregon. For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist. 1-5

Active work has commenced on the electric railway in Berrien county, which is to run from Coloma to Paw Paw lake. Efforts are now being made to have the line extended to Benton Harbor to connect with lake steamers. Last season nearly 2,000 Chicago people resorted at Paw Paw lake, and it is expected that the passenger business during the summer months alone will enable the projector to realize handsome dividends.

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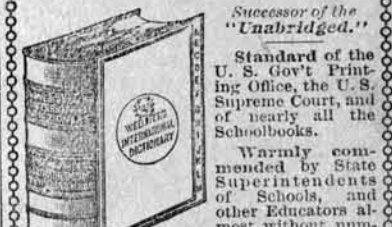
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