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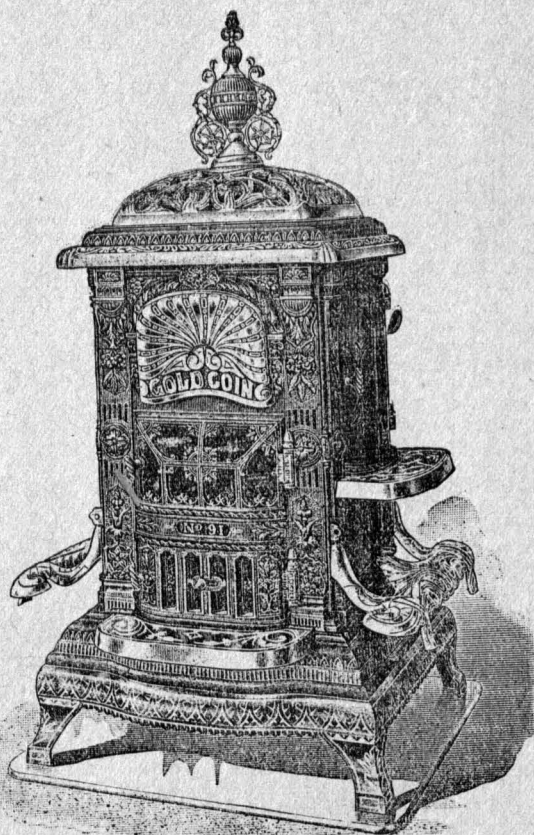
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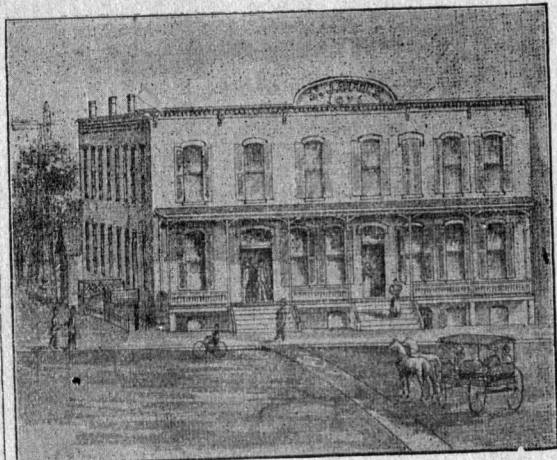
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWEN'S MILLS.

Mr. Mastinbrooke of near Grand Rapids is visiting his son, Lynn, at this place.

A large number seem to be fishing through the ice, but have not heard what success they are having.

Mr. Ernest Conrad and family of Osego visited at A. Hunt's over Sunday.

Robert Williamson, a brother of James and Thomas Williamson, was buried last Saturday. Mr. Williamson had been ailing a long time and doctors were undecided regarding his ailments, but when a post mortem examination was held, it was found to be a cancer of the liver and stomach which had caused death.

Mrs. Chas. Latrette, who has been dangerously sick and a council of doctors called, is no better.

Mrs. David Trimmer died Sunday of consumption, bleeding to death instantly with hemorrhage of the lungs, leaving a husband and two children to mourn for her. Mr. Trimmer has been very unfortunate, having himself lost an arm in a hoop factory last spring. He has the sympathy of all who know him. Funeral services held Tuesday at the People's church.

Mr. Babcock of Shultz station has organized a singing school in the People's church and has about thirty pupils. All take to the scale in good shape except our blacksmith; he has the key toned most too high, but he says practice will help him out.

We see by the Banner that local option was seven days behind time. We fear it always will be in this county unless the law will veto down a drug store, for many that voted local option eight years ago will vote it again with a drug store for a saloon and no tax to be derived from it. Voters, put that in your pipe and smoke it.

We enjoyed a hearty laugh and could imagine how wise that little boy looked when he defined the word "husband."

E. H. Bowen & Son, with other improvements, are putting in a corn and cob crusher preparatory to grinding corn and cob meal, which will be ready in a few days.

One of the grandest events of the season in a social way took place at the residence of Judge Armstrong last Saturday evening when the many friends of the judge and his estimable wife concluded to give them an old fashioned surprise. To say the least, it was a success and the scheme worked like a charm. It was fortunate for Mr. Armstrong that he has a large, roomy house for we think that the judge from his actions little thought he had so many friends, but when he realized the situation, in his genial way he welcomed them all with open arms. Upwards of a hundred people loaded with goodies for the inner man were in attendance from this vicinity, Hastings, Prarieville, Wayland, Osego and Middleville. The evening was merrily spent in visiting and playing pedro. After refreshments, Mr. Ernest Conrad of Osego was introduced and, with a few well chosen remarks, presented the judge and wife with a beautiful upholstered rocker; after which, the judge (full of emotion) responded with a neat speech of thanks to his friends in behalf of himself and wife, when all returned to their homes feeling well paid for their visit to Judge Armstrong's.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Will Herr of Mishawaka, Ind., was a guest of Mrs. Jennie Doyle over Sunday.

Aaron Amon, who was visiting his parents for a week, returned to his home at Remus, Friday.

A band of crusaders in our village is attracting a great deal of attention. At present they are conducting their services at the East Caledonia church.

J. D. Malcolm was in Hastings this week in the interests of the Plano Mfg. Co.

W. B. Fulton and family, who were visiting their parents, returned to their home at Boswell, Ind., last Wednesday.

W. H. Ford has been excused as a juror, the December term having expired.

Miss Bertha Marvin, who spent a couple of weeks with her friend, Clara Brown, of East Caledonia, returned to her home in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. A. N. Marsh is very low at this writing and it is feared she cannot survive but a few days.

Mrs. Jacob Meyer is slowly improving.

Miss Verna Myers of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Miss Clara Shisler of the register of deeds office spent Sunday with her parents.

A number from here attended the banquet in honor of Robbie Burns in Grand Rapids Monday night.

Miss Marion Swain spent several days with her parents in the village last week. She returned to her studies in the Grand Rapids High school Monday.

A. C. Rockwell, collector for the Grand Rapids Democrat, called on the patrons of that paper Monday.

Miss Blanche Stone of Sparta accompanied by her friend, F. A. Shadolt, of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with her parents.

D. P. Hale and wife moved their household goods to their farm west of the village the fore part of the week and will reside there for the future. Mr. Hale will try his hand at farming again.

Mrs. R. H. Bennett and children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stone, several weeks, expects to start on her return to her home at Iola, Kan., this week.

E. W. Clark is attending the Masonic convention at Saginaw this week.

Mr. Alva Crossman gave a free concert Monday night for the purpose of organizing a class in vocal music. The concert was largely attended but as yet he has not succeeded in securing enough names to organize the class.

Ulysses Schooley of Fennville is visiting relatives and friends west of the village for a couple of weeks.

D. M. Witmer was chosen a member of the executive committee of the Michigan Poultry association in Grand Rapids last week.

Aaron Adams and Patrick Bruton have their ice-house filled with coolness of most excellent quality from Buck lake.

HASTINGS HITTINGS.

Judge Smith returned last Tuesday from Charlotte where he has been holding court.

William Vance and Mrs. Nellie Knickerbocker of your village were married at this place last Monday morning by Justice Bishop.

Several K. of P. went to Nashville last Tuesday night to help work the second degree.

The Current Topic club held a very interesting meeting last Monday evening.

James A. Swezey is very low and failing at this writing. He has been sick for several months.

Those sick with diphtheria in Mr. John Busby's family are improving. No new cases.

Allen Jones has the stone hauled for a new block on Jefferson street next spring.

On Wednesday night of this week Mr. Mills of Grand Rapids, assisted by local talent, gave a musical concert at the Presbyterian church. It gave good satisfaction to a crowded church.

Fire got quite a start in the dry kiln of the Hastings table factory last Monday evening. The alarm sounded at about 8 o'clock and in about five minutes a stream of water was plying on the fire, which soon got it under control.

"Acres of Diamonds" by Rev. Conwell of Philadelphia was given last Thursday evening to a crowded house. When the committee contracted to pay \$400 for four lectures it was very doubtful whether they would come out whole; but the house has been crowded at each lecture and everything goes to show that the people appreciate good lectures and will take them in preference to trashy theater play, even if they have to pay a little more.

NORTH IRVING.

Fred Williams and wife of Carlton visited at B. Johnsons Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook of Middleville visited the latter's parents, George Ingram, and wife recently.

What a lovely morning Monday morning was and what a lovely evening Sunday evening was. Nice night for lovers, eh? Guess so, by the number that took advantage and attended church somewhere Sunday evening.

Miss Kittie Ingram visited her sister, Mrs. Clara Cook, recently.

Roy Sylvester and Mark Johnson were at this place Sunday evening.

Most every one from this neighborhood attend a part, if not all of the sessions of the farmers' convention last week. Those that heard Mrs. Mayo speak, speak in glowing terms of the two topics she discussed so ably.

Mr. and Mrs. Collars visited at P. Wood's, Sunday.

D. C. Quigley and wife were at Middleville Saturday.

Miss Jessie Cisler visited her parents in your village recently.

Robert Mitchell was calling on Middleville friends the first of the week.

As Richard Mitchell started for his school at Hastings Friday morning, when but a few rods from the house, the colt he was driving commenced making him trouble and finally threw him out of the carriage, hurting him considerably, though not seriously. In the mean time the colt and carriage, minus Dick, blankets and robes, was making a cross-cut over fences and through fields on his way to the barn, which resulted in a badly broken buggy, "a sorry looking sight," but thankful it was no worse.

F. Roberts and wife visited friends at Freeport Wednesday.

Geo. Benedict, Daisy Baldwin, Abbie McCann and others of the Irving young people drove to North Irving Sunday evening and attended League services.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.

Who, but those who have had the unhappy experience, can tell the horrors or appreciate the unhappy experience of persons troubled with sleeplessness? The damnable hatred of all the demons in hell for mankind must surely be appeased by the consciousness of such human suffering. The long, dreary, unhappy hours, who can describe them and why is it necessary? If you have ever been troubled you know what they are, and if you have been spared you have no interest in the knowledge of such suffering.

Mrs. A. Bateham, Romulus, Mich., after describing her suffering from sleeplessness extending over a period of eight years, receiving at times only about twelve hours' sleep in a week, writes of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer as follows: "I began taking it in common doses and the first night I slept eight hours and had a nap the next day. Every night since I have slept eight or ten hours. Oh, how thankful I am for having Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer brought to my notice and for the benefit received from it. Stop and think, eight years of sleeplessness and cured in a day, does it not seem like a miracle?" This medicine is equally as effective in curing nervous prostration, spasms, fits, sleeplessness, mental depression, exhausted vitality, dependancy, sexual and general debility. For sale by J. W. Armstrong and all druggists.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

The electric dynamo has arrived at the mill and ere long the electric lights will show up in their brilliancy in Parmelee. There is strong talk of connecting wires with a number of the farm residences near by, which can be done very easily by paying small tribute. Has the world changed?

A thinking man in Parmelee says he has "come to" and will subscribe for the SUN in a few days.

Keuben Stimson is among those few number as being sick.

While loading cars for Skiff last Monday, John Kepkey met with an accident which might have been more serious. A timber broke, which they were using for a skid, striking him on the head, causing a painful wound. He is better today.

Samuel Carlisle of Middleville called on East Church st. friends last Monday and gave a few statistics in reference to the popular Liars' club in your village.

The bills announcing the entertainment to be given by Miss Bessie George at the M. E. church in Irving Feb. 5 were circulated in Parmelee Monday. A number from this place will take pains to attend.

Henry Damouth of milk route fame is confined to his home on Windmill st. while suffering with neuralgia in a violent form.

Preparations are being made to reset the monument on the Woolgar lot in the Parmelee cemetery.

We used to claim that Parmelee had almost reached perfection, but, upon making a closer inspection, we are obliged to take back the assertion. No family can keep step with the progressive age in which we live without resorting in some measure, at least, to the grand privilege afforded us by the printing press of the country. There are too many families who take comfort with a cheap monthly periodical; and, still worse, there are those who don't take any newspaper whatever. We search the scriptures and read the cheerful songs in our hymn book, but, in our opinion, it takes something more to make up a family library. To go back to our subject, these same people (who have no use for a postoffice) seem to be well posted later on in the events of the day generally. Now comes the secret: they listen to what others say and then, if not satisfied, they borrow their neighbor's paper. They call this free education. How about the "feller" who pays for the paper? Oh Shame, where is thy blush?

Mr. Permeano Smith, the worthy janitor of the U. B. church, is now taking a vacation from his labors; after attending to church work for fifty-one nights in succession he retires and, with the majority, we unite in congratulating him with "well done, good and faithful servant."

"As the days go by" it is noticed that Mr. E. K. Parmelee is daily losing strength.

The dance at John McNeen's last Friday night was well attended. An enjoyable time was reported by all who were there.

Mrs. Frank Morgan is rapidly recovering her health. Mr. Morgan is engaged as "head push" in Skiff's lumber yard.

Mrs. Philo Cline has returned from her visit in Kalamazoo county.

What has become of the East Thornapple correspondent and where is the writer from Sherman's Corners? Echo answers, where.

We are aware that this is not an advertising column, neither is it for riddles, questions and answers, but we beg to trespass once. Some unprejudiced person please relieve the agitated minds of many by answering the question: Which was the meanest man, the one who left his wife two weeks ago sitting by the fireside singing lullaby songs to the dimpled baby in the cradle (who knows but he'll be the future president sometime?) and went to Grand Rapids to hear Bob Ingersoll lecture on the foundations of faith, or the man who, a week later, got off a sick bed and took the former's track and went to the same place to witness the Dyer-McMannet wrestle. It is impossible for us to come to an understanding, being guilty to a certain extent. Help us out, please, or oblige.

Elder Woodlock spoke to a well house Sunday at the M. E. church.

The revival at the U. B. church was terminated.

A large congregation at the Mennonite church Sunday evening.

The largest amount of lumber that was ever shipped from this station was taken out of the yard today, the shipper being Mr. E. R. Skiff and the amount being nearly sixty thousand feet or eight carloads; the greater portion going to Jackson, Mich., the remainder to St. Thomas, Ont.

It is folly to adopt the plan of never taking medicine. You are untrue to nature's demands. If you feel bad take the Fountain of Youth blood and nerve vitalizer. One bottle to each free of charge. Inclose 10 cents to cover postage. Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot Springs, Ark. 50

The value of horses is evidently still on the decline. An Ionia township farmer a few days ago, traded a good workhorse for ten chickens, and considered it a good bargain for himself.

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She was looking at the brown sails of the boats they were passing.

"I do not know that I should care for it for the rest of my existence," she said, at length. "You are a very agreeable companion, Mark; at least, you can be," with a little rising of the eyebrows; "but I think it would be very stupid to pass one's whole life with one friend."

"With one what?"

"Friend," answered the girl, calmly, unfurling her sunshade and settling more comfortably into her cushions.

The man stared at her for a few seconds. Then he followed her gaze at the brown sails, and for a moment they appeared to find something of surpassing interest in them.

"I think it would be very jolly to bring out Mina Armstrong one day, and her brother, don't you?" asked the girl.

"Ye-es, perhaps they would like it," indifferently.

"Oh, Jack Armstrong told me yesterday that he was devoted to sailing. He wanted me to go with him—today, but I said you were coming, and you would think it odd if you found no one at home."

"You are very kind," he answered a little sulkily. "I am sorry to have kept you at home."

"Oh, it does not matter. I can go another day. I wanted to see you, you know."

"Thanks; but why not go in his boat tomorrow instead of having him here? You would enjoy it more, probably."

"I don't know that should," husingly. "Besides, I want you to know Mina. She is such a dear little soul, and so pretty. I am sure you will quite fall in love with her."

She looked at her companion for the first time, then quickly lowered her sunshade, for the dignified amazement of his expression was too much for her gravity. For minutes silence reigned in the boat. The man was wondering if it could really be possible that the girl regarded him simply as one of her many friends, and was quite indifferent as to whether he cared more for another girl or not.

It had never occurred to him that other men might admire Ruth so much as to take her from him. He looked at her in his endeavors to fathom it all. She was really very pretty. When he looked at her she was leaning on the side of the boat, her head resting on her arm.

"How perfectly idyllic this is," she finally said. "What a comfort it is to be able to sit silent when one feels inclined, and not feel that one is playing the bore. It is a sign of true friendship, Mark. I could not do so with anyone else but you, but you understand." She looked at him with a sweet, grave smile. "We ought to be good friends after knowing each other for all these years, oughtn't we?"

Mark nodded. "Friends" always seemed to me such an inadequate, cold word," he said. "Friends and acquaintances are the same to me."

"Oh, no, oh, no!" she cried. "Acquaintances mean so little; they are nothing. I have so many, but of friends so few. You are one of my chiefest, and—"

"I always thought we were more than friends," he said.

"You silly boy, how could we be?" she replied with a little laugh, but the laugh did not ring true.

"Well, you may know what the old folks—"

"Mark, do you know that it is nearly 4 o'clock, and that I promised to be at Armstrong's at 4:30? We must really go now."

Later that day it occurred to the man that he had not thought of the Irish girl for several hours. He did not think of her till the moon rose, and he went out on the headland and sat alone with his pipe.

"Ruth, do you feel inclined to come for a stroll?" The girl was sitting in a large basket chair in the garden on the cliff top. In her hand she held a magazine, but she was not reading; she was looking out over the sea, thinking of something which called up a little smile on her lips.

She looked so sweet and fresh and cool, her soft white gown showing her pretty sunburnt cheeks and the glorious color of her hair. Mark approached her with his request almost diffidently. During the last week or two he had found that she did not jump at his suggestions with her old alacrity—in fact, it had taken all his time and all his tact to secure her company at all, and so occupied had he been that he had no time to think at all of the Irish girl; at least he had only found time of an evening over his pipe, and two of these evenings he had spent in thinking of Ruth.

To-day, however, Ruth willingly consented to accompany him. "Let us go on the heather," she said, "and you must talk to me, for I am feeling fearfully lazy."

So they strolled along the narrow lane inland until they came to the moor, where great stringy beds of purple and white heather stretched away for miles and the low hedges were draped with festoons of honeysuckle and "old man's beard." Close to one of these hedges they found a seat, or, at least, Ruth found a seat; Mark did not want one; he lay on the heather beside her.

"Mark, this is an earthly paradise," she exclaimed, as she leaned back against a soft cushion of sweet-scented thyme. "If I were superstitious I would say it were too good to last."

"I think it is," said Mark, rather mournfully. "We seldom have a walk or anything together now, Ruth."

"No?" She was not prepared for this sudden attack and grew confused. The man noticed it and determined to make most of it. "Ruth, dear, you have changed lately; we are not such good friends as we used to be. Why is it? Tell me!"

He looked up at her and from his

A GIRL OF INSIGHT.

lowly position could see every change in her face.

"Don't be silly," she said, studiously averting her eyes. She stooped and gathered a handful of heather, which she promptly began to destroy and scatter in little showers over her white gown. In a moment she recovered and became herself again. "Get into a more comfortable position," she said, smiling down at him, "and talk to me. I must be amused." So the man, with a sigh, lay down on his heather couch and began to talk. In those days he did anything the girl told him and everything he could think of to please her. Presently he began to talk of his late visit to London, that visit on the subject of which he had hitherto been so silent.

"And those Irish people," said the girl, unconcernedly, idly sticking pieces of heather in his curls, while she looked keenly down on his face. The top of his head was toward her; his eyes were fixed on the blue sea, where it appeared for away in the distance, so that he did not see her. "Why do you not ask them down here? You were so much with them and liked them so I am sure you would be glad to have them."

No answer. The girl stuck another piece of heather in his hair, then took it all out again. "I am sure I should have liked to have met them. I think I should have liked the girl awfully."

"I know you would not."

"Why? I think we should get on beautifully together."

"I am sure you would not. She is not your style at all."

"What style is she?"

"Oh, I don't know. She is an awful flirt and not good form at all."

"Oh!" A silence ensued for about five minutes; then the man rolled over, and, planting his elbows in the heather, looked up determinedly into his companion's face. An inkling of the truth had reached his brain.

"Ruth, I must know. It is only fair that you should tell me why you have changed so to me." Dead silence. The girl looked away and made no attempt to reply. "Won't you tell me?" he said, wistfully. "You are making me very miserable, dear." His voice was quite sad and pleading; it touched the girl in spite of herself.

"I am, Oh, Mark!" The tears almost came into her eyes, but she smiled instead. "How can I make you unhappy?"

"Because I love you, Ruth, and I cannot bear this something that has risen up between us; it drives me mad. Ruth, my dear little girl, don't you know how I love you, and that I want you to be something very, very much nearer than a friend?"

The smile died away from her face; she grew very pale and her fingers trembled a little as she played with the heather, but she spoke calmly, almost coldly. "I did not know it was me you loved," she said.

"I have never loved anyone else, not with a real love, such as I have for you. I may have admired others—yes, and perhaps thought myself in love with them for a time, but that is all so different; you know it is."

"Yes, I think I know," she said, "but it might happen again."

"I do not think it would," he said, seriously. "I never knew until I came back this time, and—began to feel that I might lose you, how much I love you, dear." He wondered then why she smiled so oddly. "You must have seen it, Ruth?"

"But, Mark, how about that other girl, that Irish girl? Aren't you—don't you—care for her?"

"Pooh!" said the man, with unfeigned scorn. "Care for her? I never did. One may flirt with a girl like that, but as to loving her, or—marrying her—well, I pity the poor fool who does. She flirts abominably."

Then the girl smiled again, a triumphant little smile, quite unintelligible to the man. She knew that her course of treatment had been successful; the cure was complete.

"Why do you smile?" the man asked, perplexed.

"Because—oh—because I am so happy."

"Happy? Do you mean that?" catching one of her hands and kissing it passionately. "Then it is to be—may I tell the old folks that it has all come about as they wished? Look at me, child, and tell me that you really mean it, that you do care."

Still she looked away, intent on tearing up the unfortunate heather by her side. The man watched her in silent dismay; he could not understand her in this variable mood.

"You do not care," he said at last, when the silence had become unbearable. "You do not care and you cannot make yourself." There was a great sadness in his voice, his face seemed in a moment to have aged and grown haggard. He turned over and propped himself on one elbow, with his face well away from hers.

Something was laid on his bowed head.

It was Ruth's little hand. "Mark," she said, softly.

"What is it, Ruth?"

"Look up; I want to tell you something."

He obeyed her, and turned a very miserable pair of eyes toward her. "Never mind, little woman," he said, bravely; "I know you can't care—"

He stopped, something in her face making him forget what he was saying.

Her eyes were bright and shining, a delicate flush crept over her cheeks. "You are making a mistake. I do care very, very much," she said, earnestly. "It is all right now," and, leaning toward him, she took his face between her two hands and kissed him gently on the forehead.

"You dear little soul!" he cried, astonished at this unusual outburst on her part. But she had buried her face in her hands to hide the crimson that dyed her sweet face.—Chicago Chronicle.

Breaking ground—an earthquake.

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Abimelech is a name palodorous in Bible history and yet full of profitable suggestion. Buoys are black and uncomely, but they tell where the rocks are. The snake's rattle is hideous, but it gives timely warning. From the piazza of my summer home, night by night, I saw a light-house fifteen miles away, not placed there for adornment, but to tell mariners to stand off from that dangerous point. So all the ironbound coast of moral danger is marked with Saul and Herod and Reboam and Jezebel and Abimelech. These bad people are mentioned in the Bible not only as warnings, but because there were sometimes flashes of good conduct in their lives worthy of imitation. God sometimes drives a very straight nail with a very poor hammer.

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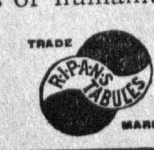
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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1896.

THE BIGGEST OF ITS KIND.

Every farmer in Michigan knows what a farmers' institute is. Sixty-eight counties in the state have held them this winter. Some of them have been very largely attended, and all have been very successful. But we expect to have the biggest one of the year at Grand Rapids, Feb. 11, 12, 13 and 14. It will be called a "Round-up," and the list of speakers will include noted professors from the Agricultural College, and some of the most successful and best known farmers and fruit growers of the state. The feast will be opened by Gov. John T. Rich on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, and will continue for three days and four evenings until Friday evening, when it will be closed by Ex-Governor Luce. There will be three sessions a day of the main institute. Wednesday will be fruit day, Thursday will be stock and dairy day, and Friday will be fertilizer and general crop day. The evening sessions will be occupied with talks of a more general nature, but all of great interest and moment to farmers. Three afternoons, in a room separate from the main institute, will be held a woman's section under the charge of Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, of Battle Creek. It is expected that on two of these afternoons demonstration lessons in cooking will be given by Miss Margaret M. Sill of Detroit. Still another separate section, called the mechanics' section, will be held two evenings for those who are interested in mechanical lines.

WHAT WE WANT.

We want 2,000 of the most progressive farmers from all sections of Michigan to attend this meeting. We expect reduced rates on the railroads. We have been assured of reduced rates at hotels from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day for good accommodations. We want to make this the biggest meeting of the kind ever held in Michigan. We want to make it a model institute in conduct as well as in attendance. The papers and discussions will be the best that can be procured in Michigan, and we want people to come to hear them. We expect every farmer in Kent county, and we would like to have every other county send large delegations. Further announcements, giving program and other arrangements more in detail, will be made later. Do not forget the dates, February 11, 12, 13 and 14; and remember to come and stay as long as you can. You will never regret it.

KENTON L. BUTTERFIELD, Superintendent of Institutes.

At the beginning of the year 1895 Captain Nicholson was furnishing hospitality and light employment to 654 prisoners at the Detroit House of Correction. During the year 2,339 prisoners were received and 2,459 released, leaving 534 in the institution January 1, 1896. Of these sixty-eight were females and 466 males.

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

FEBRUARY "LADIES' HOME JOURNAL." In a most invitingly dainty cover, seasonably typifying midwinter—its frost and snow—the February Ladies' Home Journal, resplendent with illustrations by the best artists, and attractively varied in its literary features, is unique. It is attractive, entertaining, instructive—an ideal midwinter magazine for every fireside and home. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar per year; ten cents per copy at the News Stand.

THE ARENA FOR FEBRUARY.

The February Arena is probably the most attractive issue of this great reformative and progressive review that has yet appeared. In its 176 pages are found notable papers by Forbes Winslow, D. C. L., of the Royal College of Physicians of London, on "Madness as Portrayed by Shakespeare." "The Land of the Noonday Sun," by Justice Walter Clark, LL. D., of the Supreme Bench of North Carolina (profusely illustrated). Justice Clark has visited Mexico under the auspices of The Arena to study our sister republic, and this issue contains the opening paper of a series which will be magnificently illustrated, and which we predict will prove exceedingly interesting to all persons interested in travels and history, as well as social and economic problems. Besides these there is a long list of interesting articles by noted authors. Leave order at the News Stand for a copy.

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.

At the Grand Masonic lodge held at Saginaw this week the proposition to accept the property and management of the Masonic Home located at Grand Rapids, was lost by a small majority. John J. Carton of Flint was elected most worshipful grand master and the next annual meeting will be held in Saginaw.

Don't invite disappointment by experimenting. Depend upon One Minute Cough Cure and you have immediate relief. It cures croup. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. Hanlon & Son.

SCHOOL COLUMN.

(Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.)

MISTAKES IN TEACHING READING.

I wish to call the attention of the teachers to some mistakes in the teaching of reading, which have come to my notice during my school visitation.

1. Too lengthy lessons. After the first reader is passed, the more advanced the class the shorter the lesson.
2. Permitting the pupil to read without thinking. This is the mother of dragging, whining, repeating.
3. Reaching the end of the book before the class is ready for the next higher. Every time a pupil passes through a book he has less interest in it.
4. Passing over and over the book instead of through it at once. Life is too short to go through a reader more than twice under the same teacher—we had nearly said more than once.
5. Letting "to go through the book" be the object of the class. The teacher who can not keep the class away from the end of the book until ready for it, is in the wrong business.
6. Reading without questioning. "Why" should be the motto of the schoolroom—framed and hung in a conspicuous place. Many other questions are needed, but let the class know that this same troublesome "why" will bob up every time it can find room.
7. Criticism wrong in quantity, quality or purpose. It is easy to have too much, too little or the wrong kind. Let criticism be for help, sympathetic help—never for spite, or in a spirit of superiority. The purpose and spirit of criticism are everything.
8. Teacher's lack of preparation for the lesson. If preparation is needed in other studies, it is equally as much needed in reading. The only way to read with spirit and understanding is to study into the spirit of understanding.
9. Reading by regular turns. Such a recitation is a bid for every pupil to nap, except the one who is reciting. Read up, then down, skipping here, there, yonder, anywhere, everywhere in the class; holding every pupil responsible for every body's error, till corrected.
10. Having pupils pronounce a word one way in reading and another way in talking. To pronounce correctly anywhere we must pronounce correctly everywhere.
11. Failing to show the child that reading and talking are essentially the same act. We tell them but fail to get them to understand.
12. Neglecting to teach the child how to use the dictionary. It should be borne in mind that an unused dictionary is of no value. Not only the spelling, pronunciation and syllabication, but the origin and history of a word is of much importance.

In a word reading is taught too mechanically. To many of our teachers, reading is calling the words of the book; assigning is "getting the lesson" and teaching is holding the book while the children grind out the paragraphs.

THINGS A BEGINNER IN TEACHING MUST LEARN.

1. To assume and exercise authority.
2. To estimate the intellectual and moral capacity of children.
3. To assign reasonable tasks.
4. To instruct one class while conscious of the presence and conduct of other pupils.
5. To teach and illustrate each particular topic in each branch.
6. To keep all work in mind and correlate the various school exercises so that they may tend toward a definite and distinctly-seen end.
7. To so direct the school as to keep each pupil constantly busy with work that is educative.
8. To overcome special defects in training, habits and temperament of pupils.

The Fountain of Youth blood purifier and vitalizer makes the weak strong, the old young, and revives the system. We make every one a present of a trial bottle who will send us ten cents to pay postage and packing. The good effects are immediate. Regular price 50 cents. Fountain of Youth Mfg Co., Hot Springs, Ark. 50

JERRY BOYNTON'S DREAM.

He Says That Central Michigan Wood Will Be Built.

Muskegon, Mich., Jan. 24.—J. W. Boynton, president of the Central Michigan Railway company, tells Muskegon people that the company has already obtained right of way in Hillsdale, Branch, Calhoun, Barry, Kent and Ottawa counties, and part of the way in Ohio to the Fostoria terminal. The northern terminal will be Muskegon, and there the shops will be built. A car ferry system across the lake is also contemplated.—G. R. Herald.

MUNYON GOING TO EUROPE.

He Leaves in a Few Days to Open Branch Stores in London, Paris and Berlin.

The marvelous growth and great success of the Munyon Homoeopathic Remedy Company is an object lesson well worth studying. This company has been in existence only four years. They launched into a business which seemed already overcrowded, where the sharp competition had to be met, yet we are told that this company earned last year over a quarter of a million dollars, and that the remedies are used in every civilized country. This shows what merit, backed by ceaseless energy and liberal advertising, can accomplish.

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"There have been times in the history of this company," said Mr. Munyon, "when prospects looked pretty black, but I summoned the great army of newspapers to my aid. I told the people about my remedies. I asked them to believe me. I kept everlastingly telling the truth, and today these remedies can be found in every town in America, and the demand is so great from foreign countries that I leave in a few days to open branch establishments in London, Paris and Berlin."—Philadelphia Record January 19.

La grippe has invaded the schools of Calhoun county to such an extent that a large share of them are closed, teachers and pupils alike being stricken.

No household should be without the fountain of Youth. 50

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Read What They Say

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Munyon's Rheumatism Cure never fails to relieve in 1 to 3 hours, and cures in a few days. Price, 25c.

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Munyon's Blood Cure eradicates all impurities of the blood. Price, 25c.

Munyon's Vitalizer restores lost power to weak men. Price \$1.00.

A separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, 25c a bottle.

Professional letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease. 5-1

A large proportion of the inhabitants of southwestern Michigan are suffering from a mild form of the grip which was so prevalent several years ago.

J. W. Pierce, Republic, Ill., says: "I have used One Minute Cough Cure in my family and for myself, with results so entirely satisfactory that I can hardly find words to express myself as to its merit. I will never fail to recommend it to others, on every occasion that presents itself." Hanlon & Son.

Nearly all colors Magic Dyes color cotton, wool, silk, linen, etc., with same pkg., hence best to use for dyeing mixed goods, 10 cents. J. W. Armstrong. 5-2

One Minute Cough Cure touches the right spot. It also touches it at the right time if you take it when you have a cough or cold. See the point? Then don't cough. A. Hanlon & Son.

Lowell has another industry, a factory for the manufacture of wood rims for bicycle wheels.

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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

Soothing, healing, cleansing, De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the enemy to sores, wounds and piles, which it never fails to cure. Stops itching and burning. Cures chapped lips and cold-sores in two or three hours. A. Hanlon & Son.

The buildings for the new bicycle factory at Homer are nearly completed, and the machinery is now being put in place.

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

The state school at Coldwater contains 165 children, the smallest number that the institution has had for nearly ten years.

TWO LIVES SAVED.

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"MRS. J. A. BARBER, Sharpsburg, Ky."

Ripans Tablets are sold by druggists, or by mail at the price (50 cents a box) is sent to The Ripans Chemical Company, No. 10 Spruce Street, New York. Sample trial, 10 cents.

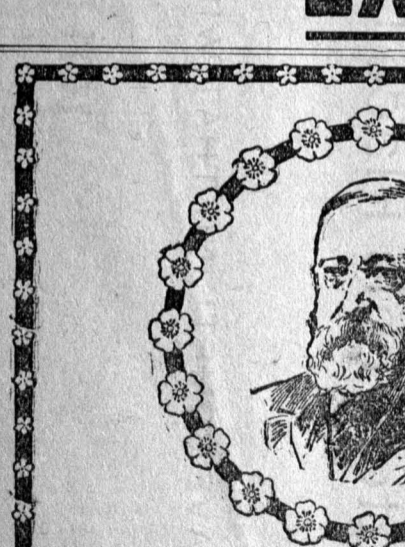
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There is a woman in Old Orchard, Maine, who does painting for a living—houses, barns, fences or anything—and, a local paper says, gets the same pay for it as a man would.

ALL AT SEA

But Finally Rescued from Danger. Result of Taking a Friend's Advice.

There are thousands of women to-day entirely at sea, so to speak, as far as their ailments are concerned.



They are overtaken by some female complaint, and send for their doctor in all haste. He usually tries this and that without success; he is all at sea, and his poor patient is with him. Suddenly

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The following letter shows the result of that trial, and is a sample of thousands of similar cases happening daily.

"I had been very sick for a long time; doctored with many prominent physicians. They pronounced my case dyspepsia, and said there was a tendency to cancer of the womb. There was a sense of fulness and weight in stomach after meals, loss of appetite, and offensive belching of wind, dizziness, 'all gone' feeling in pit of the stomach; headache, heartburn, palpitation at times, urine high colored. A lack of interest in all things.

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The usual recurrence of the holiday season invariably brings to the Department of State numerous inquiries regarding the number and dates of national holidays. In a technical sense there are no national holidays, for the simple reason that nowhere does there exist the power to set such days apart and compel their observance. A State can only establish a holiday within its own limits, while the authority of Congress in that direction is confined to the District of Columbia and the Territories.

Practically, however, a holiday becomes national in its character when it is observed by the people of the various States, the Territories and the District. There are two which fall into this category, the Fourth of July and Christmas. Congress has set them apart for observance in the Territories and the District, and the Legislatures of all the States have in like manner set them apart for the observance of the people of their respective States.

Congress has named eight such days for the District and the Territories. These are in calendar order New Year's Day, Washington's birthday, Inauguration Day, every four years, Decoration Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

New Year's Day is observed in all the States as a holiday except Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Washington's birthday is not a legal holiday in Arkansas, Iowa or Mississippi. Inauguration Day is observed only in the District and the Territories. Decoration Day is observed only in the North. In most of the Southern States Memorial Day is observed at an earlier date. Labor Day is a legal holiday in about half of the States. Thanksgiving Day is now observed in all the States, though in some of them it is not a statutory holiday.

Congress has at various times appointed special holidays, and has recognized the existence of certain days as holidays for commercial purposes, for instance the Saturday half-holiday.

Many of the States have holidays peculiar to themselves. Illinois observes Lincoln's birthday; California and Nevada, Admission Day; while certain cities observe special days intimately connected with their history. Thus New York City observes Evacuation Day, the day the British troops finally quit the city after the close of the revolution, and Baltimore observes Defender's Day, the day the British attack on that city was repulsed during the second war with England.—Washington News.

Army Officers as Instructors.

There are at present more than one hundred officers of the active list of the army serving as instructors in military science and tactics at the various educational institutions of the country. There is more or less objection expressed among commanding officers, and also by the secretary of war, against taking officers from their legitimate work with their regiments, although it seems necessary in such cases as special duty in Washington and as military attaches abroad; but in the matter of details as instructors at colleges there is a strong sentiment in favor of employing officers on the retired list, many of whom are eminently capable for such service. The same opinion prevails with regard to retired officers of the navy.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

An electrical publication says that on Dec. 1, 1895, the length of telegraph lines in the world was 904,701 miles, and the total miles of wire used on the same 2,682,583, or enough to go around the globe at the equator over 107 times. The miles of line in the United States Jan. 1, 1895, was 190,303, with the miles of wire 790,792.

Frost, Frolic, and Business.

The wind over frozen ponds and lakes, over snow fields of plains and open country, is heavily charged with frost and fine particles of frozen matter. It is the most penetrating way for chill to set in. Sudden warmth, sudden chill, and severe colds. Girls and boys skating, driving for pleasure or business, and men at work abroad know the difference in temperature. Yet the youngsters skate away and with mouth open laughing take in a dose of sore throat. Drivers and workmen throw aside wraps and all know the next day from soreness and stiffness what sudden chill means. Now the best thing to do when housed is to rub well at once with St. Jacobs Oil. If you do, you will not have sore throat; or if you are stiff and sore, it will cure by warming the surface to throw out the chill.

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

Address, J. C. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O., Sold by Druggists, 75c.

In 1893 the amount of gold mined in Venezuela was 47,900 ounces.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are unequalled for clearing the voice. Public speakers and singers the world over use them.

If you want a reliable dye that will color an even brown or black, and will please and satisfy you every time, use Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

Mr. Jones Could Not Move Hand or Foot.

From the News, Union Mills, Indiana.
Learning that Mr. N. W. Jones, a respected citizen of Willow Springs, Ill., had been restored to health after months of suffering with that dreaded disease, rheumatism, a reporter of the News was detailed to investigate, and in reply to an inquiry concerning his illness and cure Mr. Jones cheerfully made the following statement:

"About three years ago, while running a steam pump for a railway company, I was attacked with a severe spell of rheumatism and became so badly afflicted that for a long time I was unable to move even with the aid of crutches. A local physician whom I called in gave me such help that after being assisted from bed, I could walk around the house by having two canes to lean upon.

"I continued in this manner all winter thinking that when warm weather came I would be better. I was somewhat better in the spring and returned to my work, but one day I became very much heated and took a severe cold which brought back the old disease with renewed vigor.

"Sharp pains would start in one limb and run all over my body like a flash of lightning. When I tried to move the pains would seize me and I could not move hand or foot, and suffered all the tortures of the damned.

"I tried the magneto-electric treatment for several months, using the battery a number of times each day. This treatment, however, had but little effect on my malady; my general health began to fail and I was told that the only hopes of prolonged life was to seek a different climate, and unless this was done I could not live another year.

"About this time I was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills by reading a testimonial of one who appeared to be similarly affected and was being greatly benefited by their use. I did not dare think of being cured, but hoped to gain strength that I might get to a Southern clime, which appeared to be my only salvation.

"I took one box and felt such a decided improvement that I sent for three more boxes, and before they were used I was a well man and able to resume my work. Had I known of their virtues before I might have saved more than a year of suffering and several hundred dollars besides. I feel that for rheumatism they cannot be recommended too highly."

(Signed) N. W. JONES.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of September, 1895.

F. N. SMITH,
Notary Public.

In and for La Porte County, Illinois.
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price (50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50—they are never sold in bulk or by the 100) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

The League of Public Evil, 1465, was a name applied to the League of Public Good, because the people for whose benefit that organization was supposed to be formed were almost entirely ignored by those in control.

Choice Lands on the Crop Payment Plan for sale in Woodbury, Sioux and Lyon Counties, Iowa, and in McCook Co., S. D. Only 10 per cent. cash is required. For the balance of the purchase money the purchaser sells one-half the crop each year, the proceeds to apply on the purchase money. Two or three good crops will pay for farm. For maps and price list, apply to JOHN MULHALL, WAUKEGAN, ILL.

An ass covered with gold is more respected than a horse with a pack-saddle.

Lung complaints, Bronchitis, Asthma, etc., are speedily relieved and if taken in time, permanently cured by Dr. D. Jayne's Expectant. You will find in it also a certain remedy for Coughs and Colds.

One pound of learning requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it.

Only a trial of PISO'S Cure for Consumption is needed to convince you that it is a good remedy for Coughs, Asthma and Bronchitis.

The Greatest Medical Discovery of the Age.

KENNEDY'S MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

DONALD KENNEDY, OF ROXBURY, MASS., Has discovered in one of our common pasture weeds a remedy that cures every kind of Humor, from the worst Scrofula down to a common Pimple.

He has tried it in over eleven hundred cases, and never failed except in two cases (both thunder humor). He has now in his possession over two hundred certificates of its value, all within twenty miles of Boston. Send postal card for book.

A benefit is always experienced from the first bottle, and a perfect cure is warranted when the right quantity is taken.

When the lungs are affected it causes shooting pains, like needles passing through them; the same with the Liver or Bowels. This is caused by the ducts being stopped, and always disappears in a week after taking it. Read the label.

If the stomach is foul or bilious it will cause squeamish feelings at first.

No change of diet ever necessary. Eat the best you can get, and enough of it. Dose, one tablespoonful in water at bedtime. Sold by all Druggists.

ASK YOUR DEALER FOR W. L. DOUGLAS \$3. SHOE BEST IN THE WORLD. \$3.

If you pay \$4 to \$6 for shoes, examine the W. L. Douglas Shoe, and see what a good shoe you can buy for

OVER 100 STYLES AND WIDTHS, CONGRESS, BUTTON, and LACE, made in all kinds of the best selected leather by skilled workmen. We make and sell more \$3 Shoes than any other manufacturer in the world.

None genuine unless name and price is stamped on the bottom.

Ask your dealer for our \$5, \$4, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2, \$1.50, \$1.25 for boys.

TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE. If your dealer cannot supply you send to factory, enclosing price and 3c cents to pay carriage. State kind, style of toe (cap or plain), size and width. Our custom Dept. will fill your order. Send for new illustrated Catalogue to Box 11.

W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass.

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Rheumatism

Use at once
ST. JACOBS OIL
If you want to feel it concentrate its healing in a cure.

STOVE POLISH

For durability and for cheapness this preparation is truly unrivalled.



THE RISING SUN STOVE POLISH in cakes for general blacking of a stove.
THE SUN PASTE POLISH for a quick after-dinner shine, applied and polished with a cloth.
Morse Bros., Props., Canton, Mass., U. S. A.



You are discharged I have no use for any one that has not sense enough to chew

BattleAx PLUG

The largest piece of good tobacco ever sold for 10 cents and The 5 cent piece is nearly as large as you get of other high grades for 10 cents

PEARLINE



Keep your eye on Pearlina "ads."

Even if you use it already, you'll find hints here and there that will greatly help you. And there isn't a man, woman, or child but can be helped by Pearlina.

All these advertisements are meant for the good of Pearlina, of course—to show you the best and easiest and cheapest way of

washing and cleaning, and to lead you to use it. But if they do, they will have helped you far more than they will have helped Pearlina. You have more at stake. All the money you could bring to Pearlina, by using it, wouldn't be a drop in the bucket to the money you'd save by it.

Send it Back Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers will tell you "this is as good as" or "the same as Pearlina." IT'S FALSE—Pearlina is never peddled, and if your grocer sends you something in place of Pearlina, be honest—send it back. 470 JAMES PVLE, New York.

"IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY SAPOLIO



It's all right to let the little girls have an early introduction to

SANTA CLAUS SOAP

It will not only make their clothes clean but when in late years the cares of the household come they will know best how to meet them. There are a great many women who have learned a lesson of economy and cleanliness by the use of Santa Claus. Sold everywhere. Made only by

The N. K. Fairbank Company, - Chicago.

\$10 Will pay for a 5-LINE advertisement four weeks in 100 high grade Illinois newspapers—100,000 circulation per week guaranteed. Send for catalogue. Standard-Union, 95 S. Jefferson St., Chicago.

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 PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY
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 Single Copies 5 cts. Three Months 25 cts.
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 Payments strictly in advance, and all papers
 discontinued at the end of time paid for.
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 On the first of April, July, October and Jan-
 uary.
Job Printing
 Of every description executed on short notice
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 reasonable rates.
 Entered at the Middleville, Mich., Postoffice
 as second-class matter.
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1896.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Jaxon Soap hurts no fabric. 4
 Jaxon Pure Baking Powder leavens
 best. 4
 Rev. S. C. Buck of Parmelee died
 yesterday.

A car of stock will be shipped east to-
 night from this station.
 Notice change in K. of P. and K. O.
 T. M. cards on first page.

Attend the Conversazione at the Cong-
 regational church Tuesday evening.
 J. E. Ackerson has circulars out an-
 nouncing many bargains in horse furn-
 ishing goods.

We often hear traveling men make
 complimentary remarks on the Hotel
 St. James and its estimable landlord.
 No one should miss the lecture by
 Miss Virginia Dox, "How Marcus Whit-
 man Saved Three Stars to our Flag." All
 welcome.

H. F. Tegeler, the new merchant
 tailor, has bills out announcing his
 opening which takes place today. See
 large ad. in another column.

Although a little stale to some, it
 will be news to many that a little girl
 arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.
 E. Ritchie of Grand Rapids Dec. 20.

Mrs. Roach was surprised last Friday
 afternoon by her friends of the West
 Side Social club in honor of her birth-
 day. A pleasant time, and delicious
 tea was served.

Miss Bessie George, elocutionist, will
 give an entertainment at Irving Feb. 5,
 under the auspices of the Epworth
 League lecture course. Remember
 the date Wednesday evening, Feb. 5.

The Congregational Sunday school
 concert Sunday evening was, as usual,
 greeted with a crowded house and the
 program, although cut a little short by
 unavoidable disappointments, was a
 good one.

Admission tickets and bills are out
 for the Epworth League lecture course.
 The first speaker will be State Super-
 intendent of Public Instruction Hon.
 Henry R. Pattengill. None should
 miss hearing him Feb. 10.

The Congregational church has pur-
 chased the Washburn property for a
 parsonage, which includes a few rods of
 ground back of the church lot, giving
 room for a few horse sheds which it is
 hoped may be built during '96.

The mysteries of the K. O. T. M.
 were revealed to Lavern Cobb on Fri-
 day evening of last week and Will J.
 Clixby expects to know all about Mac-
 caobeism after Friday evening of this
 week. This seems to be one of the most
 prosperous lodges in our village.

Mr. W. H. Warren, state secretary
 of home missions, gave a very interest-
 ing and instructive lecture at the Cong-
 regational church last Monday even-
 ing. Had more of our citizens ever
 heard Mr. Warren, a full house would
 have greeted him, as he is eloquent
 and entertaining.

O. T. Whitcomb of East Caledonia is
 the proud possessor of a pair of twin
 Jersey calves of the 21st inst. from the
 Benton stock of Bowne Center. Aaron
 Adams of the same locality owns a
 heifer from Mr. Whitcomb's cow which
 also had twin calves the 23d from the
 same stock. All doing well.

The handsome home of Mr. and Mrs.
 W. E. Keeler was crowded full of peo-
 ple last evening at the birthday party
 given by the Baptist Young People's
 Union. Mr. Keeler is president of the
 B. Y. P. U. and no pains were spared
 to make this entertainment a success.
 Music and recitations afforded a pleas-
 ing program, and refreshments were
 served during the evening in the din-
 ing room. One hundred and eighty-six
 sacks containing birthday offerings
 were received making a total of \$37.40.

The Epworth League of this place
 has completed all the necessary ar-
 rangements for one of the best lecture
 courses Michigan can produce. It con-
 sists of five numbers, viz.: Hon. H. R.
 Pattengill, superintendent of public in-
 struction, subject, "Down in Dixie";
 Prof. W. N. Ferris of the Ferris Indus-
 trial school of Big Rapids, Mich., sub-
 ject, "Making the World Better"; Hon.
 Washington Gardner, secretary of
 state, subject, "Nine-tenths of the Nine-
 teenth Century"; an elocutionary en-
 tertainment by Miss Bessie George and
 her pupils of this place; and the Boston
 Concert Company. Season tickets are
 now in the field for 75 cents each, mak-
 ing each entertainment only 15 cents.
 Reserved seats will be given for 10 cents
 extra. First lecture Feb. 10.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Ward Stratton was in Hastings, Sun-
 day.

G. L. Keeler is in Chicago on busi-
 ness.

Rollo Gibbs is improving quite rap-
 idly.

Mrs. Paull is numbered among the
 sick.

Mrs. T. D. French continues to im-
 prove.

W. H. Severance is on the sick list
 this week.

Miss Maude Pumfrey is numbered
 among the sick.

Ed Skiff was in Grand Rapids on
 business Tuesday.

Dr. Hanlon was in the Valley City on
 business Tuesday.

Miss Belle Cook is in Hastings car-
 ing for a sick aunt.

Mrs. S. B. Linski and son went to
 Kalamazoo this a. m.

Simon Heist was at the county seat
 yesterday on business.

Miss Della Mattason is suffering with
 inflammation of the eyes.

J. W. Armstrong is slowly recover-
 ing from a few days' illness.

Route Agent Pierce of the Am. Ex-
 Co. is in the village today.

H. E. Hendrick and John Jackson
 are in Grand Rapids today.

Rev. H. Appleton and family are
 guests of Moline friends today.

J. R. Coats was in attendance at the
 grand Masonic lodge at Saginaw.

Miss Electa Furniss of Nashville is
 the guest of her sister, Miss Minnie.

Will Harper was home over Sunday
 from the Grand Rapids High school.

Miss Kittie Konkle of Caledonia was
 calling on friends in the village Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brandstetter were
 in Grand Rapids on business Tuesday.

Mesdames J. R. Cook and J. W.
 Saunders were in the Rapids Tuesday.

C. E. Ritchie of Grand Rapids ex-
 pects to be in the village next Tuesday.

Rev. F. N. James was on the sick list
 and unable to fill his appointments Sun-
 day.

Jacob Brandstetter was in Cleveland,
 O., from the 15th to the 21st on busi-
 ness.

Mrs. Jennie Doyle of Caledonia still
 continues her embroidery class at this
 place.

Hon. M. S. Keeler's infant son who
 has been quite seriously ill, is much
 better.

J. B. Pumfrey and son, Willie, spent
 yesterday and today with relatives in
 Carleton.

Miss Kate Stokoe is clerking in the
 postoffice during the illness of Miss
 Pumfrey.

Mrs. David Mattason, who was quite
 sick the first of the week, has nearly
 recovered.

Mrs. N. Griswold was the guest of
 friends in Grand Rapids Tuesday and
 Wednesday.

E. D. Matteson, who has been laid up
 with rheumatism the past ten weeks is
 able to be out.

Wm. Garrett of Prairieville was the
 guest of A. M. Dowling and wife Satur-
 day and Sunday.

Mrs. John Bryden of Eureka, Kan.,
 is the guest of her nephew, W. B.
 Brown, and wife.

Miss Daisy Dowling of Prairieville
 spent Saturday and Sunday with her
 parents in the village.

Mrs. Robert Carson of Gaines town-
 ship was the guest of her sister, Mrs.
 F. Heany, over Sunday.

Chas. Harper, who lives two and one-
 half miles north-west of the village, is
 numbered among the sick.

Miss Mabel Hanlon is spending the
 week with her brother, Dr. E. O. Han-
 lon, and wife in Wayland.

Moses Schondelmayer and family ar-
 rived in the village this a. m. and will
 make Middleville their home.

Miss Lottie Pike, who has been con-
 fined to her bed the past three weeks
 with spinal fever, is improving.

Mrs. Dan Good of Pittsburg, Pa., is
 the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank
 Heany, southwest of the village.

Mr. and Mrs. White of Lowell were
 guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. B.
 Brown, and husband over Sunday.

Miss Mittie Pumfrey, who is teach-
 ing near Orangeville, was the guest of
 her sister, Maude, Saturday and Sun-
 day.

Dr. Rich, while in Grand Rapids
 Monday, was taken ill and has been
 confined to his bed since, but better
 now.

J. B. Fenton and wife, who have been
 the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
 C. W. Fenton, returned to their home
 in Allegan yesterday.

Mrs. Pearl McCann and Mrs. Clara
 Chandler of Grand Rapids, were the
 guests of their sister, Mrs. J. W. Rog-
 ers, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kennedy of Caledonia
 have been spending several days
 with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Heany,
 and family southwest of the village.

Mrs. Carrie Stafford has nearly re-
 covered from a siege of rheumatism
 and returned to Grand Rapids Sat-
 urday. Her daughter, Mary, accompan-
 ied her, to remain for a few weeks.



E. S. Grosfend and wife are in Grand
 Rapids today.

Miss Anna Winters was in Grand
 Rapids yesterday.

Aaron Clark was in the Rapids on
 business yesterday.

Wm. Damouth was in Sparta Mon-
 day and Tuesday on business.

Miss Blanche Stone left yesterday
 for a few days' visit in Sturgis.

Wm. Mitchell took the Esquire de-
 gree in K. of P. lodge last evening.

W. H. Haven of Baraboo, Wis., who
 had been a guest at Geo. Dexter's re-
 turned home Tuesday.

CONG'L AID SOCIETY.

The Aid society of the Congrega-
 tional church will meet in the church
 parlors Friday p. m., Feb. 7. Business
 meeting at 3 o'clock. Tea served from
 5 to 7. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. C.
 Dietrich, Mrs. A. M. Gardner, Mrs. G.
 E. Gardner, Mrs. W. J. Hayward, Mrs.
 R. M. Johnson and Mrs. W. K. Liebler.
 A cordial invitation to all.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING.

There will be a township board meet-
 ing held at the clerk's office on Satur-
 day, Feb. 1, at 2 p. m.

AARON SHERK, Supervisor.

I want everybody owing me to call
 and settle accounts to Jan. 1, 1896.

J. P. FERGUSON, M. D.

FOR SALE—House and two lots with
 barn on Arlington st. Inquire of J. A.
 Lewis, 5-5

FOR SALE—A quantity of good,
 nearly new second hand rag carpet.
 Inquire at SUN office.

Taken—Some one took a pair of rub-
 bers by mistake from the porch during
 the entertainment last evening. If
 they will leave them at the depot they
 will receive a reward of merit.

WANTED—An energetic young man
 and his mother want to rent a good
 farm of 80 to 160 acres for a term of
 three years on shares. Have stock and
 tools. For particulars inquire at SUN
 office.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A second hand
 box stove, drum and pipe. Will sell
 separately or exchange the lot for
 wood. Inquire at SUN office.

The Grist Mill at Caledonia Centre
 has resumed operation, and is ready to
 do all kinds of Custom Grinding, Satis-
 faction guaranteed.
 3-3 R. RECORD.

TO EXCHANGE—A Storey & Clark
 organ in first-class repair for livestock.
 Inquire of E. M. Brown. 3tf

FOR SALE—Good 80 acre farm within
 1 mile of village. Will take village
 property in part payment.
 51tf H. E. HENDRICK.

It not only is so, it must be so. One
 Minute Cough Cure acts quickly, and
 that's what makes it go. Hanlon & Son.

The examination of Bert Holmes,
 charged with the murder of Albert
 Johnson, was finished the 28th at Grand
 Rapids and the prisoner was held for
 trial on a charge of murder in the first
 degree. His trial will come in March.

A high liver with a torpid liver will
 not be a long liver. Correct the liver
 with De Witt's Little Early Risers, lit-
 tle pills that cure dyspepsia and consti-
 pation. A. Hanlon & Son.

R. H. Williams has been appointed
 postmaster at Yankee Springs, Barry
 Co., Mich., vice C. W. Burpee,
 resigned.

BUCKLIN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for cuts,
 bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever
 sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains,
 corns, and all skin eruptions, and pos-
 itively cures piles or no pay required.
 It is guaranteed to give perfect satis-
 faction or money refunded. Price 25
 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Arm-
 strong.

Middleville Markets.

Wheat (white).....	67
Rye.....	34
Corn, per bu.....	30
Oats.....	20
Flour (roller).....	2 20
Bran per ton.....	10 00
Middlings.....	12 00
Butter.....	12 14
Eggs.....	15
Potatoes.....	18
Chickens (feather dressed).....	9 7
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	9 10
Beef (dressed).....	4 5
Veal.....	5 6
Hogs (dressed).....	4 75
Hogs (live).....	3 75
Lard.....	8
Tallow.....	3 1/2
Hides.....	4 1/2
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	12 00 14 00
Hay (clover).....	10 00 12 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 50
Wood (green).....	1 00
Oil (retail).....	10
Gasoline.....	12
Salt.....	90
Refuse Salt.....	4 00

This Corner Belongs To

JOHN ACKERSON.

Too busy this week to write an ad.

HAVE YOU TAKEN COLD?

If so, it will not pay you to let it
 run, but go to

ARMSTRONG'S,

Where you will find all the leading
 Cough Remedies, such as

Kings' Shiloh's,

Chamberlain's,

Piso's,

German Syrup,

Peckham's,

Warner's,

Allen's,

Bryant's,

Jane's,

And others that I will not men-
 tion, besides a large quantity of
 International

STOCK FOOD

For your horses, cattle, sheep
 and poultry. The best Stock
 Food on the market, and I have
 the exclusive agency here.
 Call and get Dr. Kendall's Horse
 Book free.

West Side Drugstore,
J. W. ARMSTRONG, PROP.

YOU MAKE NO MISTAKE

When you buy Groceries
 us as we keep the
 best line of

TEAS AND COFFEES

In town. Also

CANNED and BOTTLED GOODS.

And can sell you

SALT! BY

At Bottom Prices.

Yours truly,

A. M. Gardner.

INVENTORY WEEK

AT . . .

M. S. KEELER & COS.

After which we shall close up our
 year's business and begin an-
 other year with a stronger de-
 termination to serve the pub-
 lic in a pleasing manner, and
 give them at all times the very
 best values possible.

We also desire to thank our many
 friends and customers for
 their very liberal patronage
 and prompt payments during
 the past year, and trust we
 shall merit a continuance of
 the same, by our straight for-
 ward dealings, always looking
 to the interest of our custom-
 ers to enlarge our business,
 and increase that confidence
 between us which is neces-
 sary for a successful business.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. KEELER & CO.

MY WAGON SHOP

Is now located next door to Coats
 & Burr's blacksmith shop. For

SLEIGH AND WAGON REPAIRS

And general wood work give
 me a call.

GEORGE SANFORD.

Stokoe,

... The Jeweler,

Closes his Special

Sale Feb. 1st.

IF YOU THINK OF BUYING A

Lumber : Wagon,

CALL AND SEE OUR

Extra Easy Running

First-Class Wagon.

WE ARE SELLING AT BOTTOM

PRICES.

Blacksmithing and Woodworking

at Reasonable Rates.

DIETRICH & BRISTOW,

East Main St., Middleville.

ALL KINDS OF

Calsomining,

Whitewashing,

Paperhanging.

Work Guaranteed.

Prices To Suit The Times.

4-11 EDWARD BENAWAY.

Repair Shop.

I have opened a shop to do

WAGON, SLEIGH, AND

FURNITURE REPAIRING.

Also SAW FILING.

At the rear of Jordan Block.

Give Me a Call.

HENRY MASTERS.

HORSE-SHOEING A SPECIALTY

At C. Schondelmayer's.

Shop on West Main Street.

Watering Trough Corner.

For Wagon and General Re-

pairing, call on

C. L. JOHNSON.

At C. Schondelmayer's.

A Complete Newspaper and Periodical Sub-

FEARFUL FIRE TRAPS

SCORES PERISH IN A RUSSIAN THEATER FIRE.

Government Investigation of the Cause of the Horror—Political Malcontents Responsible for Recall of Campos.

Trying to Place Blame. The official investigation into the cause of the fire which destroyed the circus theater at Ekaterinoslav, capital of the southern Russian government of that name, has not been able to establish the real cause of the disaster, which is believed to have resulted in the loss of over seventy lives. The first alarm was given by an actress, who appeared terror-stricken on the stage during a children's matinee. She threw the whole audience into a panic, as the theater immediately began to fill with smoke and flame. A terrible rush was made for the doors of the building, but only two out of the eight exits were open, the others having been securely closed on account of the cold weather. The iron roof of the building collapsed, killing numbers of persons. The victims were mainly children, and in addition to those burned, suffocated by the smoke or crushed by the fall of the roof, many were trampled to death.

HOW CAMPOS WAS DEPOSED.

Schemes Adopted by Cuban Intriguers to Accomplish General's Overthrow. Havana advices say that Gen. Campos' recall was brought about by political intrigue. Gen. Campos refused to resign, but placed himself in the hands of the Spanish ministry. The responsibility was thrown on the latter. The greatest difficulty in the way of the success of the plot was the queen regent of Spain. This excellent woman is a devoted friend of Gen. Campos, whom she regards as a father to her. Her consent was necessary before Gen. Campos could be removed. A bold stroke was made to secure this. It was represented to the queen that the life of the captain general was in danger from the Havana mob; that his valor and tenacity would prevent him from avoiding or yielding, and the only safe thing to do to save him out of the way was to recall him. The fact was ignored that Havana was perfectly quiet, that there were plenty of troops within call, and that Gen. Campos himself reported no disorder. The queen consented to his recall and the enemies of the general triumphed.

REACHING FOR A MILLION.

National Woman's Suffrage Association Urges Increase of Membership. At Friday's session of the twenty-eighth annual convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association in Washington, elaborate reports were presented from the committees on entertainments and course of study. The annual statement of the treasurer, Harriet Taylor Dupont, of Warren, Ohio, showed that during the last year over \$5,000 had been expended in the work of organization by the national committee, and suggested that \$10,000 might be used to advantage during the coming year if every club in the country contributed its mite. It was also suggested that it should be the watchword of every local club and of every State association to increase its ranks until those affiliated with the national association numbered a round million.

CLARA BARTON MAY ACT.

Sultan Will Permit Relief, But Will Not Recognize the Red Cross. Owing to the energetic representations of United States Minister Terrell, Miss Barton and her party will be permitted by the Turkish Government to distribute relief to the distressed Armenians, although the Red Cross will not figure in the work. This news came to the State Department in a cablegram from the minister to Secretary Olney, in which he says that while the porte refuses such permission to the Red Cross, or to the members of the Red Cross, as such, and thereby declines to officially recognize that society, it will permit any person whom the minister names and approves to distribute relief in the interior of Turkey, provided the Turkish authorities are kept informed of what they are doing.

To Avenge Atwater's Murder.

Webster Grove, the St. Louis suburb, was wildly excited over the tragedy, when Bertram A. Atwater, the young Chicago artist who had gone to visit his betrothed, was waylaid by highwaymen. One of the robbers, John Schmidt, wounded to death by the plucky Chicagoan, will die. The other thug, Sam Foster, a colored ex-convict, who fired the fatal shots, and Peter Schmidt, who arranged the trap into which Mr. Atwater was unsuspectingly lured and then slain, are in custody. At their examination they tried to escape, and only determined action by the officers prevented a mob from lynching them.

Sensation in Army Circles.

Washington dispatch: Col. R. E. A. Crofton, commander of the Fifteenth Regiment of Infantry at Fort Sheridan, Ill., has been asked to retire from the army. Secretary Lamont sent him a letter saying that on account of certain evidence revealed in the Pague court-martial trial the President would be pleased to grant his application for retirement. In six months more Crofton could have retired upon his own motion.

Ran Aground in the Fog.

The Allan line steamship Grecian, Captain Moore, from New York for Glasgow, ran aground in the River Clyde at high water during a heavy fog.

Lunatic Asylum Fire.

C. S. Mitchell, a patient at the Matteawan, N. Y., Hospital for the State Criminal Insane, set fire to the institution in five different places Friday night and for a few hours the buildings were threatened with destruction. There was a panic, but none was hurt.

To Extend Local Option in Ohio.

It is optional with Ohio townships whether they have saloons. A bill is pending in the Legislature to extend local option to counties, city wards and incorporated villages.

TO CHECK GREAT BRITAIN.

War Department Said to Have Ordered Out the Militia of the South. A special to the St. Louis Republic from Tallahassee, Fla., says: "Sensational stories are afloat here. Gov. Mitchell, at the request of the War Department in Washington, has ordered Adjt. Gen. Houston to see that the Florida militia be placed in readiness to take the field at a moment's notice. Similar requests, it is reported, have been sent to the governors of other Southern States. The story has become generally known, and is causing great excitement throughout the South. Gov. Mitchell and Adjt. Gen. Houston were asked in regard to it, but they refused to talk. Gen. Houston has sent telegrams to all battalion commanders in the State. Major Turner, 1st Florida battalion, has received several messages from the adjutant general. The battalion commanders at Pensacola and Tampa have also received messages from Gen. Houston. It is stated as coming from the executive office that the Washington authorities have reason to believe that a deal is pending between Spain and Great Britain for the sale of Cuba to the latter, and that the United States is preparing to resist the transfer of the island, and that the flying squadron is coming to American waters to be ready for the war with the United States that will inevitably follow the attempted cession of Cuba. Dispatches from various cities in Florida report that the troops are gathering, and that the war fever is higher than the day after President Cleveland's Venezuelan message."

MAY CLOSE EUROPEAN PORTS.

Threat Made Regarding Enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine. At Paris, the *Leclair* Monday, commenting on the suggested additions to the Monroe doctrine, remarks: "Does the American Government think it is strong enough to appropriate in its own interest one of the two hemispheres and forbid Europe to have access to at least half of the world? If it pushes its extravagant pretensions to this point the only thing that can happen will be that all Europe will arrive at an understanding by which they will close their ports to American ships, a measure which will make America ask for mercy within a week. Why does America assume an attitude she cannot maintain?"

LION IS BRISTLING UP.

London Globe Intimates that Tail-Twisting Is Growing Monotonous. The London Globe Monday afternoon in an article condemning the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, says: "The English people will not stand much more flogging from anybody, and these gentlemen, whom we credit with no more exalted sentiment than the wish to stand well with their Irish constituents, may very easily find themselves face to face with a situation that could only be called appalling."

DIE IN A THEATER PANIC.

Fire Causes Great Loss of Life at Ekaterinoslav, in South Russia. A dispatch from Ekaterinoslav, capital of the government of that name in south Russia, gives the details of a fire that occurred in a theater there, causing large loss of life. The fire was discovered while a performance was going on. The spectators became panic stricken and made a wild rush for the exits. Forty-nine bodies have already been taken out. A number of persons who are known to have been in the theater are still missing.

Business Men Anxious.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The situation could hardly be more perplexing. None doubts that the Government will raise money to meet obligations, but how far the money market will be disturbed or the treasury reserve first diminished none can say. The business world cannot know as yet how far foreign questions may upset calculations, though there seems every reason to expect peaceful settlement. It cannot know what may be the duties on any important class of imports a month hence; whether imports are likely to exceed exports and draw away gold; whether the deficit of revenue will continue, or what other taxation will be levied. Failure of the Senate thus far to take any action upon financial measures proposed by the President or those passed by the House affects unfavorably all branches of business. Under such adverse circumstances it is actually encouraging that shrinkage in transactions and resulting commercial disasters have not been greater. But four large failures within a day or two indicate that the same condition cannot continue without much embarrassment."

Not Approved by Olney.

Much anxiety is shown at the State Department over Clara Barton's Red Cross expedition to Armenia, in face of the orders from the sublime porte. Miss Barton has been denied special passports, and will be given no recognition by the representatives of the American Government in Constantinople. Secretary Olney regards her mission under the circumstances as a grave mistake, which is likely to embroil this country in further difficulty with the Turkish Government. If Miss Barton is peacefully ejected the Secretary of State will not enter protest. If she is maltreated our Government will undoubtedly interfere. While Secretary Olney approved of Miss Barton's mission when at first proposed, and, in fact, suggested it, he does not approve of undertaking it in face of the protests of the sultan.

The Life Sentence Reversed.

The Court of Appeals at Frankfort, Ky., reversed the life sentence of Jesse Fields and Joe Adkins, of Perry County, who were sentenced for the murder of County Judge Combs. The main grounds given in a lengthy opinion by Judge Grace are in brief that the defendants were not given power to bring their witnesses from the county where the tragedy occurred, and these witnesses, with material evidence, were not present.

Debs to Leave the Presidency.

Eugene V. Debs said at Cleveland that he expected to sever his official connection with the American Railway Union within the coming year. His purpose was, he said, to devote his time to the labor movement in general, and not to any particular organization. He will, however, retain his membership in the A. R. U.

Pension Bill Passes the House.

The House Friday passed the pension appropriation bill, to the consideration of which it had devoted an entire week. The pension bill as passed carries \$141,325,820, about \$50,000 less than the estimate. The bill was passed fifty days ahead of any previous pension appropriation bill.

CULLOM ASKS ACTION.

WANTS ENFORCEMENT OF THE BERLIN TREATY.

Thinks United States Should Urge It Upon European Powers—Horrors of Harpoot Told in a Letter—Stolid Behavior of Condemned Chinese.

Cullom on Armenia. Senator Cullom, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a resolution in the Senate Wednesday relative to the Armenian troubles. It recites the provision of the treaty of Berlin as to religious freedom and resolves that it is the imperative duty of the United States to express hope that the European powers will bring about the carrying out of the treaty, and requests the President to transmit this resolution to the powers. It asserts that the Senate and House will support the President in doing all he can to bring about an alleviation of the present conditions. He asked for immediate action on the resolution. Several Senators suggested that the resolution should go over, and it was so ordered.

HE SAW THE EXECUTIONS.

J. O. Oswald Describes the Decapitation of Five Chinese Prisoners.

J. O. Oswald, who arrived at San Francisco on the steamer *Coptic* from the Orient, was an eye witness of the execution of the five men charged with having been ringleaders in the massacre of missionaries at Ku Cheng. The execution occurred at Foo Chow in the presence of a vast number of Chinese. Only twenty-four Caucasians witnessed the death scene. "The prisoners were brought upon the ground in wooden cages," said Mr. Oswald. "Each of them was conveyed to the tent, where we were sitting, and to them was read the death warrant, after his identity had been established. The mandarinette read the warrant, stuck an arrow through it, and pinned the paper to the back of the prisoners' coats. After this, the doomed men were led to the grounds where they were to die. Five patches of turf had been cut, and in each indentation a man knelt. When all was in readiness the court of mandarins, accompanied by the British naval contingent and the foreign consular officials, emerged from the tent and took up a position in front of the canvas. Then, amid an impressive silence, the crimes of the condemned men were recited to the crowd and the penalty was proclaimed. Two soldiers acted as executioners. They stood behind the five men, each prisoner having his head on a block. At a given word the executioners advanced. Not the least sign of fear was visible on the faces of the wretched Chinese whose heads were soon to fall. The work of the executioners was very rapidly performed. With one stroke of the ax the head was severed from the body and in just three seconds the act was consummated. The execution has had a great moral effect on the Chinese, and I think it will be a long time before there will be murderous interference with the missionaries."

SURVIVORS IN GREAT WANT.

Armenians Spared by the Turks at Harpoot Are Starving.

B. Argos, an Armenian resident of New Britain, Conn., is in receipt of a letter from a friend in Armenia, in which details are given of the awful massacres perpetrated in the district of Harpoot. The letter, which was secretly mailed and came via Persia, says that between nine and ten thousand Armenians have been massacred, and upward of one hundred thousand are starving and destitute in the district. Snow lies to the depth of several feet. Some of the Armenians have taken to eating grain. Of the 300 villages in Harpoot, five have been sacked and burned by Turks and Kurds. The rest are occupied by the butchering soldiers. There were twelve American missions in the district, but eight of them have been burned. The lives of the Americans have been spared, but they, with the Armenians, are in great want, and in some instances they are starving.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN TEXAS.

Deaths Follow Mrs. Stewart's Refusal to Live with Her Husband.

News comes of a triple tragedy at Forestburg, Montague County, Texas. The wife of Ed Stewart refused to live with him on account of bad treatment and went to her father, John Hudson, about two miles distant. Stewart went to Hudson's and tried to induce his wife to return and on her refusing shot her in the head, causing instant death. He then shot Hudson's wife's father, killing him, and then blew out his own brains. The parties were all well known and well-to-do.

LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODED.

Engineer and Fireman of the Little Miami Express Train Killed.

The engine of the New York and St. Louis express on the Little Miami Railroad exploded forty miles from Columbus, Ohio, killing Clark A. Trimble, engineer, and George Waters, fireman, both of Columbus. No other persons were killed or injured. All of the cars were wrecked except the sleepers.

Working South Dakota Mines.

The business men, miners, mechanics and railway employes of Deadwood, S. D., and vicinity have for the last few weeks been organizing mining and developing companies. The many rich strikes that have been made in the last year and are occurring daily throughout the hills have given quite an impetus to legitimate mining. It is expected that properties that have had nothing but assessment work done on them for years will now be mined and developed into producers. New plants are being constructed and others contemplated.

Carlists Are Active.

Rumors are current of greatly increased activity in Carlist circles, where it is hoped that the reverses which the Spanish forces have suffered in Cuba and the failure of Gen. Campos to put down the insurrection may rouse the Spanish people against the Government of the queen regent and afford an opportunity for Don Carlos or Don Jaime, his son.

Ship Driven Out to Sea.

San Francisco shipping and insurance men fear that some mishap has befallen the British ship *Cadwzow Forest*. She arrived off the Columbia river Jan. 4 and took Pilot Grassman aboard, but before she could get in was driven to sea. Since then seventeen days have elapsed.

GEN. THOMAS EWING IS DEAD.

Injuries Inflicted on Him by Cable Car Prove Fatal.

Gen. Thomas Ewing, ex-member of Congress from Ohio, is dead. Gen. Ewing's death was the result of injuries received at New York. He was a member of the law firm of Ewing, Whittam & Ewing of New York, and was born in Lancaster, O., in 1829. He was admitted to the bar in Cincinnati in 1856 and went to Kansas during the free soil struggles. When the State of Kansas was admitted to the Union he was appointed chief justice, but resigned to enter the Union army in the civil war as colonel of the 11th regiment of Kansas. He rose to the rank of brigadier general, and afterward was breveted major general and had command of the Department of the Missouri. He went to Washington in 1866 as assistant of Secretary of the Interior Browning. He went back to Ohio in 1870 and entered politics. He was a member of Congress from 1877 to 1881, and in 1879 ran for Governor on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated. In 1881 he went to New York to practice law. Gen. Ewing had five children, all grown up. Mrs. Ewing is still living.

UNDER FALLING WALLS.

At a St. Louis Fire Five Firemen Are Crushed to Death.

As the result of a fire in the building at No. 415 Broadway, St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday night five firemen were buried in the ruins. Owey Hines, foreman of truck No. 6, who was taken from the burning building soon after the fire started, badly suffocated and cut, died while being taken to Mercy Hospital in an ambulance. The dead are: Milton Curly, Capt. Glanville, Owey Hines, James Rhoddy, Staunton. The total loss caused by fire and water is estimated at \$200,000, fairly insured.

Loss Would Be \$30,030,000.

The House Committee on Public Lands has received from Secretary Smith a strong adverse report against the free homestead bill. The measure is a sweeping one and land office officials estimate its passage would involve at least \$30,000,000 of cost to the Government and \$18,000,000 in Oklahoma alone. This is the amount paid to the Indians for the relinquishment of their lands there.

Refuses to Pardon Burr.

The President has again denied the application for pardon in the case of William E. Burr Jr., convicted in Eastern Missouri of embezzling funds of the St. Louis National Bank. A similar application made last August was denied because Burr had not then been tried.

Cherokee Zinc Smelting Works Sold.

Rollin Steward, representing St. Paul, Minneapolis and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, capitalists, has purchased the zinc smelting works of the Cherokee Mining and Smelting Company, located near Cherokee, Kan. The part of the plant recently burned will be rebuilt.

Call Campo a Failure.

A dispatch from Madrid says: The conservative organs at Havana protest against the assertion of Marshal Campos that he is the victim of political intrigue. They insist that his recall is due to his failure as a general and not to political pressure.

Wrecks His Flat and Dies.

At Evansville, Ind., William Steinecker, a prominent business man, shot himself through the head with a revolver after having wrecked his elegantly furnished flat by an explosion of powder. Steinecker was a widower.

Condemn Emperor's Action.

At a meeting of the German residents of Salisbury, capital of Mashonaland, a resolution was passed condemning Emperor William's dispatch to President Kruger as an act of interference with South African affairs.

Head of the Creeks Drowned.

Gov. Esparthecher, of the Creek nation, was drowned while trying to cross the deep fork near Muscogee, I. T. The boat was swept down the stream by the current, and, striking a log, was overturned.

Three Killed by an Explosion.

An explosion of gas occurred Tuesday in the factory of Frank P. Pflagar & Co., New Haven, Conn. One man was instantly killed by the explosion, two others lost their lives in the fierce fire.

Dies of a Broken Heart.

Miss Mary Jones died at Lima, Ohio, from a broken heart caused by her brother's forgeries, which will amount to \$50,000, and the death of her father, who brooded over his son's disgrace.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 59c to 61c; corn, No. 2, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 39c; butter, choice creamery, 19c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 15c to 17c; potatoes, per bushel, 18c to 25c; broom corn, \$20 to \$50 per ton for poor to choice. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 1 white, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 64c to 66c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 36c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 69c to 71c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 42c to 43c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.25 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 63c to 70c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, 38c to 39c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 69c to 70c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 38c to 39c; clover seed, \$4.40 to \$4.50. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 69c to 61c; corn, No. 2, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 33c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 39c to 41c; pork, mess, \$10.25 to \$10.75. Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 14c to 25c; butter, creamery, 15c to 21c; eggs, West-ern, 17c to 19c.

KILLED BY A ROBBER.

CHICAGO MAN'S SAD FATE IN ST. LOUIS.

After Mortally Wounding One Foot-pad, Another Shoots Him—Czar and Sultan Stir Up a Sensation—Disaster to a Train Narrowly Averted.

Chicagoan Shot in St. Louis.

Bertram E. Atwater, of Chicago, was murdered by a highwayman in Webster Groves, a St. Louis suburb, Thursday night. At the depot he employed a negro boy known as "Cotton," his real name being Smith, to carry his grip. Before starting, however, he stopped at a barber shop and was shaved. On his way to a friend's residence he was suddenly confronted by a white man and a negro, who ordered him to throw up his hands. Instead of complying he drew a revolver and fired point blank at the white man, mortally wounding him. The negro then shot Atwater through the brain, killing him instantly. The wounded robber has made a dying confession, naming Joe Smith, ex-convict, who is a cousin of the boy "Cotton," as the murderer. It is supposed the plan of the robbery was laid by the two men and "Cotton" while Atwater was in the barber shop. "Cotton" after the murder, gave no alarm, and the bodies of Atwater and the wounded man, Foster, were found by a passer-by.

SAVED BY A LUCKY CHANCE.

Fortunate Escape from Death of a Trainload of Jersey Passengers.

The passengers on an express train on the Jersey Central Road had a narrow escape the other night. As the train started out of the Elizabeth station the axle of the two rear driving wheels of the engine snapped and the heavy engine was wrecked. The axle, which is about eight inches in diameter, snapped off close to the right-hand driver, and investigation showed an old flaw in the steel, so that the heavy engine had run, no one knows how long, depending upon one-fifth of the axle. The train consisted of ten heavily loaded passenger cars and runs to Elizabeth in twenty-two minutes at express speed without stops. Railroad men were astounded at the miraculous escape the train had from a terrible catastrophe, for, as an old engineer said: "Had that small piece of axle given way while the train was making its run from Jersey City to the Elizabeth drawbridge, during which it runs nearly a mile a minute, there would have occurred one of the most terrible railway accidents that have ever happened in this section of the country."

THREATEN TO REVOLT.

Salvation Army of America Protest Against Commander Booth's Removal.

Auxiliary members of the Salvation Army are vigorously protesting against the removal of Commander Ballington Booth. Notice has been received that many of them will withdraw their financial support of the army if he is not allowed to remain. The auxiliary members will send a unanimous protest to London. If that protest without effect measures will be taken to declare the army in America independent of all English domination. Ballington Booth will be invited to become its leader and it is asserted that he could hardly refuse. In answer to the assertion of headquarters in London that the change is simply in keeping with the policy to move commanders every few years it is pointed out that Bramwell Booth, the chief of staff in London, who is largely responsible for the orders, has been in his present position twenty years; his sister, the marchal, has been in charge in France fifteen years, and the commander in India ten years. Public meetings to protest are being arranged.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

These Nations Form an Offensive and Defensive Alliance.

A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Constantinople says that an offensive and defensive alliance has been concluded between Russia and Turkey. The treaty was signed at Constantinople and the ratifications were exchanged at St. Petersburg between Aarej Pasha and the czar. The basis of the treaty is declared to be on the lines of the Unkiar-Skelessi agreement of 1833, by which Turkey promised, in the event of Russia going to war, to close the Dardanelles to warships of all nations. The Pall Mall Gazette's correspondent adds that the treaty must soon be abandoned owing to the refusal of the powers to recognize it. He also says the French ambassador, M. Cambon, conferred with the sultan and that it is probable France will be included in the new alliance.

PRINCE HENRY DEAD.

Fever Contracted on Aethiopia Campaign Results Fatally.

The news of the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg was received at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, early Wednesday. The queen and Princess Beatrice were prostrated with grief. From the few details received, it appears that the prince had a relapse while on board the British cruiser *Blonde*, on her way to Maderia with the sick man. In spite of the efforts of the special surgeon in attendance and of the ship's surgeon, the prince died at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Turner Gets a Respite.

Gov. Clarke has respiteed Pruitt Turner, who was to have been hanged at Van Buren, Ark., for thirty days. Turner was convicted of the murder of Bob Hawkins, depot agent at Mulberry station, Franklin County, last spring.

To Boom the Black Hills.

A meeting of citizens of Deadwood and the Mayors of all the other cities of the Black Hills was held at Deadwood, S. D., to devise ways and means to bring the varied resources of the Black Hills prominently before the people of Chicago and the East.

"Romy" Kintz Is Locked Up.

Charles E. Kintz, of Tiffin, O., familiarly known as "Romy" Kintz, is locked up in the Fostoria jail, on the charge of obtaining \$8,000 from Benjamin Wells, of that city, by means of a confidence game.

Outdrums a Panic.

Little Ollie Downs, the drummer of the Dodge street school fire brigade, Omaha, Neb., caught a panic at the tips of his nimble drum sticks Thursday and checked a stampede of terrified school children just in time to prevent the crushing out of several young lives.

HOW HE WON.

Stroke of Genius Gave a Reading Clerk His Place.

One of the interesting incidents at the opening session of a new Congress is the selection of the reading clerk of the House. The reading clerk is appointed by the Clerk of the House, but candidates for the place must take part in a competitive "speaking contest" before the House. John A. Reeve, who was reading clerk during Harrison's administration, was a politician from Cairo, Ill., and one of the best known characters in Washington at the time. Reeve tells this story:

"I didn't suppose I had any show for the place when it came to the test," said he, "for most of the candidates were college men, and some were elocutionists, while the only elocution I had ever practiced was calling hogs in Southern Illinois, though I had been able to get up in a political meeting and make the fellows on the back seat hear me; so I thought I would go into this contest anyhow, and do my best in my own way. But you ought to have heard those elocutionists; the way they rolled their r's and hissed their s's and said 'ah' and 'I' was a caution! Some of them didn't talk like human beings, and others had voices so rich and melodious you couldn't hear them forty feet away.

"By the time my turn came I had sized up the hall and knew just about where to throw my voice, and I determined to make myself heard if I did nothing else. Each candidate had received a copy of a House bill to read. I noticed that the other fellows started out this way: 'Uh, bill,' and so on. Now 'uh' is a sound that won't carry, and you can't attract the attention of the House by grunting 'Uh'! So when I started I sang out in a loud clear voice that took them off their feet, 'A-a-a-a-a bill'—long 'a.' They weren't used to that, and wondered what had broken loose, but it seemed to catch them. I saw I was on the right track, so I went on singing her out clear as a bell, and when I got warmed up I felt as good as I ever did in the hottest speech of a campaign.

"The thing they gave me to read was a terror. It had words in it as long as a dictionary, but I hurried up and slid through them, and was doing pretty well, when I looked down the page and saw a lot of Spanish proper names. Now I didn't know Spanish from Apache, but I was going about a hundred words a minute, so without stopping I gave them two verses of a little German poem I had learned when a boy, and hang me if a man in that hall seemed to know the difference, except Congressman Niedringhaus of St. Louis. You ought to have seen him laugh when he heard his native tongue worked off on the House of Representatives for Spanish.

"Yes, I got the place, and it was the long 'a' and the German poetry that saved me."

Ordered a Tin Petticoat.

One of the most curious instances of the struggle between art and propriety is shown in St. Peter's. The writer was rambling through the great cathedral one day when he suddenly came upon an enormity. It was the superb sculptured figure of a beautiful woman, the head, hands, neck, ankles and feet separate masterworks of art. The word separate is used advisedly, for the torso and legs were modestly hidden under a tin petticoat painted to represent marble, but so ill in color and drapery line that the entire statue seemed disjointed and at war in its component parts. "Si signor," said the guide, apologetically. "It is the impossible. Very true. But what can be helped? The sculptor he make beautiful model nude. It will not do. It is on the pope's tomb. The pope, he come to see his tomb two, three hundred years ago. He say no. We will not have such thing. He tell the sculptor to put on drapery. The artist, he say no—it is impossible. Then the pope call a workman and he say—put on the clothes on the figure. The workman not an artist, only a workman. He put on the tin petticoat and paint it. The pope satisfied. He die and is buried in the tomb. But everybody wonder two, three hundred years at the figure."—Troy Press.

Effective.

In Paris they are carrying aluminum time-pieces. They are very light in weight, but a trifle more than the works. The cases are in a dull black color—very effective. Some are open-faced, some are open in a small three-quarter-inch disk in the center, with small gilt hands on the black face of the watch, but they are in all sorts of inlaid decoration in colorings, and the best of it is they are very reasonable in price.

In Persia.

In Persia all payments to the peasantry are made in kind, and many of them rarely touch money. The proprietor of the village gives the seed and water, and the laborers cultivate the land, receiving as their wages half the crops. If the proprietor finds the bullocks for ploughing and thrashing he takes a greater share. He also pays the taxes.

From Soup to Nuts.

A little boy was

DAY WITH A SENATOR

SOMETHING ELSE TO DO THAN TO LOOK DIGNIFIED.

Senatorial Life Is a Laborious and Exhausting Round—Duties to Constituents and to the General Public—Private Secretary and His Work.

Washington Gossip.

THE United States Senate is now entering upon its busy season. All the committees having been reorganized the work to come before them is being referred to special committees, and shortly there will be a deluge of reports for the full committees to consider and pass upon.

Up to the present time the committees, with the exception of two or three of the more important ones, have done little or nothing. The Democrats realizing that their lease of power was drawing to a close did not care to start the wheels of legislation which would shortly be under the control of the Republicans. It has often and truly been asserted that the



AT WORK.

United States is governed by committees, and with the great mass of legislation to be enacted by the national legislature, it must always be so, but the only important act passed by the Senate during the present Congress, the resolution providing for the appointment of the Venezuelan commission, was distinctly legislation by Congress, understood and approved by every member of the Senate and House, rather than by a mere committee.

While the importance of a Senator's work is popularly gauged by the part he

to be within the call of the electric bells announcing that a vote is to be taken in the Senate, unless paired with some one of opposite political faith. For the Senators whose committee rooms open on the corridors encircling the Senate chamber this requirement is not attended by any great



AN AFFLICTION.

Republican sub-committee is given a bill to consider, its report is approved by a Republican committee and a solid Republican vote in the Senate is apt to pass the measure, though just at present, as the balance of power rests with the Populists, it's pretty difficult to pass any bill on a strict party vote.

Besides the work in committee that is looked for from a Senator, he is expected to be engaged in committee rooms in the Maltby building and in the terrace don't enjoy the tramp to the Senate in order to answer to their names when called. But even in the case of a Senator who attends closely on the business of the Senate it is seldom necessary for him to spend more than two hours at his desk. From 12 to 2 o'clock is what is known as the "morning hour," and within that time committee reports are received and often acted on, and Senators frequently ask to have their pet measures considered. At 2 o'clock "the regular order" is demanded, and, as a rule, that means that speeches are continued on the measure before the Senate, and unless the afternoon promises something of interest Senators retire to their committee rooms or go home.

Much of a Senator's time is taken up in attendance on callers. Nearly every one who comes to Washington on a sight-seeing journey wants to meet the Senators from his State, especially if the visitor is of the same political party as the member of the upper house. There is a standing rule that Senators do not receive cards between 12 and 2 o'clock, and visitors wait until the latter hour before announcing their presence, and then are invited into the marble room. Some of the popular Senators find that the reception of visitors who merely call to pay their respects is an important part of their daily labor. Usually it doesn't take much time

NO WONDER SHE COMPLAINS.



MRS. MARS—I DO WISH, MRS. EARTH, THAT YOU'D STOP YOUR BRATS QUARRELING ALL THE TIME; ONE CAN'T GET A WINK O' SLEEP.

takes in debates on the floor of the Senate, his real duties are chiefly performed in connection with committees. The daily routine of a Senator involves attendance on committee meetings, usually called to meet at 10 o'clock in the morning, and lasting until nearly noon, when they are adjourned, and the members take their seats in the Senate. Each committee divides its work among sub-committees, consisting of one or more Senators, and reports of facts bearing on the particular bill under consideration, together with rec-

ommendations for its disposition, are made at meetings of the full committee. In nearly all minor matters these recommendations are approved by the committee, and in turn by the Senate. It is only in the consideration of important political measures that a general discussion is carried on, and even in such cases the sub-committee, being in accord with the dominant party, usually has its work approved with little or no amendment. A

to dispose of visitors, who are generally dismissed after a brief interview, delighted with the attention shown in their receiving a card admitting them to the private gallery of the Senate.

Frequently the greatest part of a Senator's work is done in the evening, when the Senator and his private secretary get together, and either dispose of the accumulated mail or prepare a speech. It is a fortunate Senator who knows the value of an efficient secretary, and is able to find one, for they are not abundant, and it is wise enough to intrust such a one with responsibilities. It is the Senator who thinks he must dictate his letters and must open and read them all who is weighted down with routine and non-productive work. Those who have capable secretaries rely on them, and it is only in the case of special communications that the employer is called on to suggest a reply. Many clerks do not even trouble their Senators to sign letters, but are given carte blanche to affix the name of the principal.

The reading of newspapers is an important part of the daily labor of all the up-to-date Senators, who endeavor not only to glance over their local publications, but to read the leading periodicals, without regard to place of publication.

At Little York, eight miles west of Scottsburg, Ind., Walter Coombs shot his wife through the abdomen. She lived but fifteen minutes. Coombs then shot himself below the heart. He is still alive and begs for some one to kill him. The two children of the Coombs are absent at school. Mrs. Coombs was a highly respected woman, and there was no cause save groundless jealousy.

A thousand families of St. Johns, N. F., are destitute and have nothing with which to face the rigors of the coming four months.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Bank Deposits Increase, and Not a Single Institution Failed Last Year—Michigan Millers Down on Cutting Prices—Soldiers' Home Talk.

Michigan Banks Flourishing.

State Bank Commissioner Sherwood, in his seventh annual report, addressed to Gov. Rich, covering the transactions for the year 1895, says that the deposits in the State banks have increased very perceptibly during the year. He contends that the fact is a matter for congratulation, as it not only shows that the workings of the State banking law of the State is appreciated, but speaks well for the excellent condition of the banks and the confidence which the public has in them. There has not been a State or national bank failure in the State during the year. The national banks also make a most creditable showing, which forces the conclusion that Michigan is rapidly recovering from the panic of 1893, a pleasing fact to every citizen of the State. During the past year six new State banks, with an aggregate capital of \$230,000, have been incorporated. There are now 171 State banks and three trust companies under the supervision of the State banking department, all of which have been examined during the year and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Loss on Winter Wheat.

In his annual address to the Michigan Millers' Association President William A. Coombs said the past year had been the worst for winter wheat millers and the best for spring wheat millers of any yet recorded. Much winter wheat flour had been sold at actual loss, Eastern buyers being slow to learn that they must pay more for a winter wheat patent than for a spring wheat patent. Much of the trouble arose from the suicidal policy of cutting prices. Millers were urged to stand together and refuse to sell without profit. The following officers were elected: President, William A. Coombs, of Coldwater; vice-president, C. B. Chatfield, of Bay City; secretary, J. J. Hanshue, of Lansing; members of the executive committee, H. F. Colby, of Dowagiac; G. F. Almedinger, of Ann Arbor; J. S. Titus, of Battle Creek.

A General Shaking Up.

The annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Grand Rapids Soldiers' Home will be held during the first week in March, and it is said there is every indication of a general shaking up. Benjamin F. Graves, commandant of the institution for the last three years, is a candidate for re-election, but there is every probability that another man will be given the position, and it is quietly whispered that James A. Crozier, member of the Board of Managers, will be the man. It is known that Gen. L. G. Rutherford and Col. L. K. Bishop, local members of the board, are in favor of Crozier and that he has reason to be sure of outside support. In case he is elected, a vacancy will occur in the Board of Managers, to be filled by the Governor.

Decide to Raise Their Prices.

Four of the five excelsior manufacturing concerns in this State met at Bay City to form an association to curtail the production and advance prices. The Alpena, Bay City and Pinconning companies and the Fox company, of Grand Rapids, were represented, and the Dale company sent greeting and willingness to be in on the deal. Ed Jennings, of Pinconning, was chairman and J. M. Hewitt, of Bay City, secretary of the meeting. A committee was appointed to prepare an agreement to be submitted at another meeting to be held in Detroit in March. The three Indiana and two Ohio companies have been invited to join in making a tri-State combine, and it is expected they will be represented at the March meeting.

Sheriff Wants a Michigan Man.

Sheriff Hausen, of Guthrie, O. T., arrived at Lansing with a requisition for J. V. N. Gregory, a wealthy man of Dexter, who is wanted on a charge of receiving deposits in an insolvent bank. Mr. Gregory asserts that he was influenced by friends to invest a small amount of money in Guthrie bank stock, and, although he was an officer of the institution, he was in Michigan at the time the bank failed and knew nothing about its management. He is inclined to think that Guthrie authorities are after money, as the other officers of the bank have not been molested.

Assaulting Convicts Found Guilty.

Curley, Boot and Huntley, Jackson convicts, were found guilty of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. These are three of the convicts who assaulted Deputy Warden Northrup and two other State prison officials on Nov. 26, when it was feared Northrup's injuries would prove fatal. Under the law their sentences for this offense will begin on the expiration of their present terms.

Short State Items.

South Boardman, Kalkaska County's second town in size and importance, has recently licensed its first saloon, and the county now has the largest number of such establishments in its history.

The recent decision of Attorney General Maynard against the "Level Premium" insurance companies is causing a great commotion among the agents of Grand Rapids, and there is strong talk of fighting him in the courts. The decision affects twenty-seven of the companies doing business in this State, representing an aggregate capital of \$20,000,000. Eight of these companies have formed a combine and propose to fight. They charge that the old line companies have conspired to drive them out of the State, and that the Attorney General's decision is the first move. They promise some interesting developments in the courts.

James Bryant, 65 years of age, an old Grand Rapids resident widely known as a dog breeder and fancier, committed suicide. He was hard up and could not pay his rent, and had been ordered out of the premises.

The hundreds of thousands of bushels of potatoes which northern Michigan farmers had on hand when winter set in, and which are either being fed to stock or held for better prices, or rather a price of any kind in the spring, will doubtless be left on the hands of their owners, as there is absolutely no market or prospect for one.

A tree 120 feet high was cut in Baraga County. It made 10,000 feet of logs.

The first steam saw mill in Michigan, according to the Courier-Herald, of Saginaw, was erected in Detroit about sixty-seven years ago. The next year a mill was erected north of Pontiac, and three years after that the third mill went up on Black river, near Port Huron.

George B. Lawrence, of Flint, a pensioner of the late war, caused a little sensation by marrying his own wife, to whom he was united forty years ago in Saratoga, N. Y. It seems he couldn't get a certificate of his marriage in Saratoga County, because he didn't know where it had been recorded, and in case of death he didn't want his wife to have any trouble in proving a legal marriage.

A queer, nondescript home is squatted on the roadside, near the little hamlet of Sand Hill, Wayne County. It is composed of rough boards, driven into the hillside and banked to the roof with drifting sand. The roof is thatched with manure and the crude front door is garnished with a large decorated light of ground glass, fit for a palace or a Pullman car. The hermit who occupies this place is of good family, well educated, has lots of rich relatives and no justifiable grounds for hiding in the earth. He is 35 years old and rather handsome.

Lansing is all agog over a sensation in high life. Edward W. Sparrow, the wealthiest man in the city, whose interests in pine and mineral lands are said to be worth nearly a million dollars, has brought an action in the probate court to have his sister, Miss Henrietta Sparrow, declared insane. Mr. Sparrow testified that his sister had been afflicted with epilepsy, that she had had brain fever and had suffered from erysipelas. He relates for the first time a story to the effect that in 1880 his sister commenced a suit against Potter Palmer, of Chicago, for \$5,000 damages, claiming that she had been insulted by an attache of the Palmer House, who ordered her out of the parlor.

Levi Pettibone, a Farmington miller, is on the high road to fortune. Three years ago he leased the Punambico mills, two miles west of Farmington, for a term of years. There are two claimants to the mill property, John Hardenburgh, the former miller, and a Detroitier. Hardenburgh forbade Pettibone paying rent to the Detroit claimant, and the Detroitier countered by forbidding rent being paid to Hardenburgh. This gives Mr. Pettibone the mill, during the term of the lease, "free gratis and for nothing, and don't cost him a cent." Levi is in the same position as the "Dusty Miller" in "Mother Goose's Rhymes." "As the wheel goes 'round he gathers in his wealth," and he is waxing rich.

Food Commissioner Storrs, in a bulletin tells of the trials and tribulations with which he has to contend. He finds that some pure foods are being sold, but a great deal of it is adulterated. The percentage of pure foods on the market, he is pleased to say, however, is increasing. Out of 59 samples of goods analyzed 25 were pure and 34 adulterated. Three out of four samples of vinegar were found to be distilled vinegar colored with caramel. One out of four samples of buckwheat flour was found pure, the rest containing wheat and corn flour. Three samples of cinnamon examined were found to be principally cassia. Five out of six samples of cream of tartar were found to contain either corn starch, phosphate of lime, alum or gypsum. Nine samples of mustard were analyzed and only three were found pure. The favorite scheme for adulterating honey is to put a small piece of comb honey in a jelly glass filled with glucose or can syrup. Refuse of every description finds its way into ground pepper and there are concerns which make a business of manufacturing an article especially intended to adulterate it.

Mike Dougherty, of Farmington, must stop blowing his go-to-bed horn, even if the majesty of the law is invoked. Mike is Senator Warner's porter in a big hardware store, and when the Business Men's Union decided to close at 9 o'clock at night they employed Mike to blow a horn which would be the signal for immediate closing. The sundry rights which Mike thereby thought himself entitled to have proved annoying, for he overdid the business. The horn which he had made for the blowing is about ten feet long and when he sets his lungs at work back of that horn the sound can be heard to the last house in the village. Every sleeping babe within the half-mile radius is awakened by Mike's terrific blast and that's what causes the difficulty. The irate townspeople formed a league and have hired a lawyer to get out an injunction restraining Mike from using his horn. Mike says he is backed up by the Business Men's Union, and he is going to blow that horn at 9 o'clock if he wakes every infant in the State of Michigan. The parents are as determined as Mike, and a lawsuit is certain unless the Business Men's Association calls him off.

Bishop George D. Gillespie, of the Episcopal diocese of Western Michigan, is a member of the State Board of Corrections and Charities. He was asked about the reported investigation to be made of the charges of brutality in the treatment of prisoners at Jackson. "We will make an investigation of the prison if the Governor orders it," said he, "but the law gives the board that authority only upon special order of the chief executive. We made our regular inspection of the State prison on Jan. 7 of this year and found nothing special to report upon, aside from what will be covered in the biennial report next year. Yes, we know that they chain refractory prisoners to cell doors and that they occasionally use the strap, but that is done in every prison in the country. I really think one of the most effective methods of punishing prisoners is to lock them in their cells upon a reduced diet, but the men in actual charge of them don't seem to think this is severe enough. At our last visit to Jackson they were building a separate cell room and a separate workshop, where the more desperate of the prisoners will be kept more closely guarded. If they have been treating them brutally an investigation will probably be made, but I have heard nothing of it."

A shanty built in an obscure place in a marsh near Benton Harbor was discovered by the police and seven lads, ranging from 11 to 16 years, may go to the reform school in consequence. They were detected by two of the gang being caught while stealing coal for use in it. When the shanty was searched dime novels, tobacco, a deck of cards and about \$3,000 in paper money used for advertising purposes by the merchants was found. They played cards and bet with the money. The gang is composed of boys from the best of families and the sums. The find was a great surprise.

MUTINY IN THE ARMY

SALVATIONISTS REBEL AGAINST THEIR ENGLISH GENERAL.

The Soldiers in America Do Not Want to Have Ballington Booth Go Away—What the Popular Leader and His Wife Have Done.

Lesson of '76 Again.

The preeminent order from Gen. Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, relieving Ballington Booth of the command in America has called forth a protest from the 30,000 soldiers who fairly worship the commander and his wife. The army was stunned by the news. It asked for an explanation, a reason why its leader should be taken away. He answered sadly that he knew nothing more than what the brief order contained. Not a word of information accompanied it. There was no news of



GEN. WM. BOOTH.

where he was to go or who would be his successor. "I am a soldier. I must obey," said the commander. "I ask you all to make my burden as light as possible." The army refuses to listen to his entreaties or to accept the order. Meetings are being arranged in every part of the country. Protests and petitions of all kinds will be forwarded to the international headquarters in London. The seeds of mutiny have been set, and if a conciliatory answer is not received from Gen. Booth the members of the army in America may form an independent wing, with Ballington Booth as sole leader.

Nine years ago Ballington Booth, son of Gen. William Booth, the founder and

directions that seemed unwise to the leaders here. No appointment to high rank can be made without approval of London. All these things have been borne in silence, never getting outside of the ranks of the officers, but the order removing the commander and his wife was more than they could endure. The soldiers talk of the revolution of 1776, and say it is time for the Americans to again arise against the English. If the orders are not rescinded the army will take measures to declare itself independent of London domination.

FILTH IN BAKESHOPS.

Startling Discoveries by New York Bakery Inspectors.

Since the new law requiring inspecting of the bakeshops of New York went into effect, about half a year ago, many startling discoveries have been made by the inspectors of that city. But it was not until the other night that the State authorities were given an insight into the filthiness of some of the bakeshops of the metropolis. Deputy State Factory Inspector Franey and Bakeshop Inspector Hanlon started out together to take a peep at some of the city's bakeries. Whatever doubts Mr. Franey might have had as to the necessity of the bakeshop law they were removed.

The shop, the condition of which produced the strongest impression on Mr. Franey's mind, is located in Bayard street, and is kept by an Italian. It is a cellar shop. Its floor area is small, its ceiling is low, and, on the night of the expedition, the place was exceedingly dirty.

Not only is the baking of bread, cakes, pies and other flour products carried on in the cellar in question, but the boss baker's entire family, together with the workmen in the shop, make it their constant abode. It was the middle of the evening when they entered the shop. In the front part of the cellar, in a little store partitioned off from the shop, the boss baker's wife was selling bread and other baked things. In the shop, near the door connecting it and the store, two workmen were asleep on a cot. In a long, coffin-like bread box, such as Italian and French bakers use in preference to the square ones used by bakers of other nationalities, another workman was asleep. These were "day hands." At the molding board the two night hands, stripped to the waist, were busy mixing dough. On a cot near the board two children of from 7 to 10 years were slumbering peacefully, while in the dough trough was a child less than a year old.

Mr. Hanlon has encountered stranger things, however, than babies in dough troughs. In one shop an open barrel stood in the middle of the floor. From the top of the barrel there was rising at the moment of his entrance a thin, whitish cloud, evidently of dust, steam, smoke or flour. Investigation showed it to be



MR. AND MRS. BALLINGTON BOOTH.

absolute commander of the Salvation Army, was sent to this country to take charge of the scattered forces, who were making little progress here. He was an Englishman born and bred. He brought with him his wife, the daughter of a Church of England clergyman. They entered at once upon the work and have accomplished wonderful things. Mrs. Booth is as much of a commander as her husband, and in every undertaking she has had an equal share.

They found here about 600 officers and 6,000 soldiers, poorly organized and standing very low in public estimation. To-day there are 2,100 officers and 3,500 local officers, the latter being men and women who work at their various callings in the daytime and devote their evenings and Sundays to army work. There are 680 corps and 30,000 soldiers. Of institutions the army has 16 slum posts, 6 rescue homes, 22 training garrisons for cadets, 4 food and shelter depots, numerous houses of relief in various cities, and 6 outrider circuits in the mining camps of the West. In addition to this there is the War Cry, with a weekly circulation of 90,000. In the larger cities the army has gradually been acquiring property, the headquarters building in New York City being the largest and finest.

One result of which the Booths are proudest is the rise of the army in public estimation. At first churches and people generally gave no approval or support. Having got their hosts thoroughly organized and accomplished telling results, Commander and Mrs. Booth commenced work among the higher social classes. An auxiliary corps was started and it now numbers among its members leading ministers, Governors, Senators and many men of wealth.

The army had distinctly risen in the social scale when Gen. William Booth came to this country last year. The progress of the American army in popular esteem seemed especially to displease him, and he preached continually about the necessity of keeping down every tendency to rise above the gutter. The independence of the American army and its evident tendency to cut loose from English rule and methods caused many sharp talks to officers. He saw that a continuation meant ultimate separation. He said the army was too much Americanized.

After leaving this country Gen. Booth started on a tour of the world to investigate the wings of the army in various regions. He sent from India the order relieving Ballington Booth of the command in America. At the same time he relieved the commanders in several other countries. He is determined that the armies shall feel that they are all under his command and that every country shall be subservient to English rule. International headquarters in London have continually interfered in the affairs of the American army, countermanding orders and giving

of flour, and that it was caused by the fluttering and scratching of a hen in the flour that was soon to be made into bread. The operation of the law will be rendered even more effective by the passage of certain amendments which are now before the Legislature.

CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS

General Improvement Marked in the Financial Business.

The abstract from the reports made to the Controller of the Currency by the 3,706 national banks in the United States showing their condition Dec. 13, 1895, shows loans and discounts amounting to \$2,020,961,792, against \$2,059,408,402 Sept. 28, 1895, the date of the last report. The gold coin held by the national banks Dec. 13 amounted to \$113,843,400, against \$110,378,300 Sept. 28. The gold treasury certificates on hand amounted to \$20,936,030, to be compared with \$21,525,930 Sept. 28. The gold clearing house certificates aggregated \$33,465,000, compared with \$31,021,000 at the last report.

The silver treasury certificates amounted to \$25,878,323, to be compared with \$22,914,180 in September. The total specie on hand Dec. 13 was \$206,712,410, compared with \$196,237,311 Sept. 28. The legal tender notes on hand Dec. 13 amounted to \$99,209,423, against \$93,946,685 Sept. 28. The United States certificates of deposit for legal tender notes on hand aggregated \$31,440,000, against \$49,920,000 at the time of the September report.

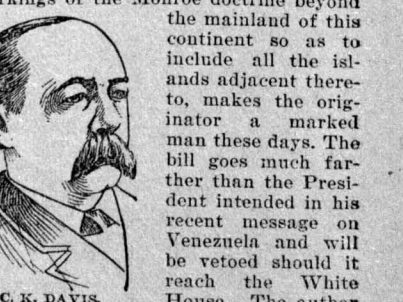
The reports show that between Sept. 28, 1895, and Dec. 13 the national banks increased their individual deposits from \$1,701,653,521 to \$1,720,550,241.

CUSHMAN K. DAVIS.

Made Prominent by His Monroe Doctrine Resolution.

The resolution fathered by Senator C. K. Davis, of Minnesota, to extend the workings of the Monroe doctrine beyond the mainland of this continent so as to include all the islands adjacent thereto, makes the originator a marked man these days. The bill goes much farther than the President intended in his recent message on Venezuela and will be vetoed should it reach the White House. The author is said to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency.

Masked robbers held up four passengers in the Falls City, Neb., depot, relieved them of their valuables and then escaped.



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Probate Order. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF BARRY.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the probate office in the City of Hastings, in said County on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.

Readers of THE SUN answering advertisements found in its columns will please say the advertisement was "Read in THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN."

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Philo Parson, an old and highly esteemed resident of Detroit died the 23.

The Irving Y. P. S. C. E. has been supplied with topic cards from the SUN job rooms.

The general stores are very busy this week taking inventory and putting in long hours, so if the clerks are a little "crusty" don't notice it. They will be all right next time you call.

Miss Virginia Dox, said to be the most eloquent woman in America, will tell in the Congregational church Friday evening, Feb. 7, "How Marcus Whitman Saved the States of Washington, Oregon and Idaho." Admission free.

J. E. Ackerson has sold harness the past week to L. D. Gleason, of county line; James Calthrop, Prairieville; Mrs. Cynthia Goodachre, Bowen's Mills; Tuttle Garrett, Thornapple; Wm. J. Kithen, Wayland; Arthur Hughes, Kalkaska; John F. Morgan, Parmelee; Martin Johnson, Alaska, Kent Co.; Ivan Hunsberger, Moline; Arthur J. Porritt, Bowne; Joseph Thaler, Leighton.

Governor Rich has called a convention to discuss the good roads question in Michigan. The date set is March 3 next and the place Lansing. Good country roads are one thing most needed in all parts of Michigan. A better system is demanded on the grounds of good business policy and economy. The governor issues a cordial invitation to all persons interested so the best method for improving roads may be arrived at.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

Teachers are requested to hand in reports of their school and other news items. Those that have favored us with their presence at school for the past two weeks are Mrs. W. A. Pierce, Mrs. D. W. Johnson, Rev. A. D. Grigsby, John Dietrich, Wm. Clixby, Willie Harper, Rose Lowden, Electa Furniss, Satie Pfedesteller and Matie Guffin.

A large number of pupils are absent from school on account of sickness.

Lena Griswold taught the second intermediate room Wednesday, Miss Winters having gone to Grand Rapids.

AT REST.

Mrs. A. C. Taylor died Friday night, Jan. 24, after a short illness at the home of her son, Dr. A. L. Taylor. The remains were taken to Milford, Oakland Co., and laid at rest beside her husband, who died six months ago. Mrs. Taylor has lived with the doctor since her husband's death. She was born at Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 29, 1818, and had been married sixty years at the time of her husband's death. They leave a large family and circle of friends to mourn their loss.

OLD PEOPLE.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. It contains no whiskey or other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents per bottle at J. W. Armstrong's drug store.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Mr. John Helsel and family of Caledonia spent Sunday at Frank Rathbun's. The Crusaders are holding meetings in the M. E. church at this place. We wish them success.

The pancake social, held at D. W. Dutcher's Wednesday evening, was very well attended, there being about one hundred twenty-five present. Proceeds, \$13.50.

Miss Marvin, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Clara Brown, has returned to her home in Grand Rapids. Some of our young people from this place attended a leap-year party at Whitneyville Friday evening.

D. H. McWhinney was in Grand Rapids Saturday.

The farmers in this vicinity are having their cows deborned.

George Sanborn and family of LaBarge spent Saturday evening and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. E. J. Rowland.

BRADBURY PIANOS.

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sary. Good musical talent will assist in the entertainment.

Reading club meets with Mrs. Johnson Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 5. Readers, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Hendrick; questions, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; critic, Mrs. Spaulding; spelling mistress, Mrs. French; author, Robert Burns.

M. E. church, F. N. Janes, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at the close of morning service. Epworth League, 6 p. m. Subject, "Personal Work One of Christ's Ways of Winning Souls," led by W. Webb. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7 p. m. All invited.

Attend the Conversazione at the Congregational church Tuesday evening, Feb. 4, and see the curios, relics and works of art. You will be well entertained and when you have grown tired of feasting your eyes you may have a visit with grandma while feasting upon some of her gingerbread. After you get home and have counted your money, you will find that you have spent only ten cents.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for the morning, "The Glory of Jesus." Subject for evening, "Arousing His Brethren." Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Topic, "Laborers Together With God." 1 Cor. iii:6-23. Leader, Nina C. Shaw. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Boy's Brigade, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. Strangers are most cordially welcomed.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Fifty-eight years ago today (Jan. 28th) your scribe was admitted into this "mundane sphere."

E. P. Carpenter and wife, Myron Kilmer and wife attended the pancake social at D. Dutcher's in East Caledonia on Wednesday evening last. All enjoyed themselves hugely. Oh, my! weren't those pancakes good?

Moses Bechtel and wife of Gaines spent Sunday with Mrs. D. Bechtel.

Some from this place attended church at East Caledonia on Sunday evening. Services were conducted by a band of Crusaders. All seem to speak well in their favor, even Rusticians.

The Pettit estate was sold yesterday to a Mr. Andler for \$3235 and Mr. Woolgar and wife will soon leave us for Battle Creek, their future home.

Allan Bechtel has gone to Grand Rapids today on business. Thos. Adgate is assisting our miller, Chas. Pike through the rush of business he has on hand. His mill is running almost constantly.

Our school board has added some maps and charts, also a globe, to our school apparatus—and "our flag is still there."

News from the Crusaders at East Caledonia is cheering, some seeking the "better way." They endeavor to win souls by love and do not preach hell fire until you can smell brimstone. Love will win the world for good if it is ever won, and we respond, Amen.

President Cleveland is like wine, age seems to improve him, now that he has told Johnny Bull to let the Eagle's nest alone, and if he will recognize the struggling Cubans' rights we will write charity among our many virtues. J. B. Proctor and Win Lybarker of East Caledonia were at this place last week after minnows for a fishing tour in the near future.

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LEIGHTON LOCALS.

S. J. Weber and Emanuel Thede were in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Lewis is able to be out again after a week's illness.

The East Leighton Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Frank Barrell next week Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Geo. Wilson and Floyd Buskirk attended Rev. Kulp's lecture in Wayland Monday night.

The brothers and sisters of Jacob Finkbeiner of Caledonia gave him a very pleasant surprise Tuesday, the occasion being his 50th birthday. Miss Carrie Felton, who has been sick for some time with consumption, passed away Tuesday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. I. J. Cook, of west Green Lake. Funeral will take place at the Corning church Thursday a. m. at 11 o'clock.

The semi-annual election of the officers of the Corning Epworth League took place Tuesday evening. The following were elected: President—Miss Eva Jones. 1st Vice-Pres.—Mr. Irving Winger. 2d Vice-Pres.—Miss Emma Barrell. 3d Vice-Pres.—Mr. Emory Jones. 4th Vice-Pres.—Mrs. H. Lewis. Secretary—Miss Ida Skutt. Treasurer—Mr. A. I. Winger. Organist—Miss Edna Vrooman. Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Horace Barrell with their wives visited at Jepard Smith's near Wayland, Tuesday. There will be quarterly meeting at the Corning, M. E. church Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. W. I. Cogshall will be with us. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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WAYLAND WORKINGS. A happy shift in the weather-bureau Sunday. Mrs. F. H. Henika is in town for a few days, visiting relatives. Quite good skating upon the streets Thursday.

The Congregational society will soon have plans completed for the erection of a new church edifice.

Sturgis orchestra will furnish music at Bowen's Mills the 31st inst. and in this village Feb. 7.

Miss Ruey Barris of Dorr visited friends in Wayland over Sunday.

About seventy-five attended the Educational Club meeting, here, Saturday. A good spirit was manifested and many practical suggestions given. The subjects of current events and school management brought out the greatest amount of discussion. The next meeting will be held at Allegan March 14, when the subjects: Recreases, Truancy and Callisthenics, form a part of the work for discussion.

H. P. Hudson will conduct the seed and commission store, having purchased the interest formerly owned by A. R. Sooy.

Commr. Humphrey recently held a series of meetings in Trowbridge resulting in forty additions to the church.

Wayland is about to become almost a dramatic town. The Maccabees have "The Spy of Gettysburg" under way; the I. O. G. T. are talking drama; the C. E. says, we want a play, and the ladies' literary will present one in the near future.

The C. E. will observe Endeavor Day, Feb. 2, and hold its second missionary meeting March 8.

About twenty-five young people surprised Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Shattuck, Friday evening, in happy memory of the fact that it was Mr. and Mrs. S.'s second wedding anniversary.

The H. S. Literary society will have a lawsuit Feb. 4 as a chief feature of its program. Admission 5 cents.

Robt. Williamson, sr., died at his home southeast of Wayland Thursday. He was one of the early settlers of his neighborhood and won the respect and esteem of many.

Allegan Co. Institute will convene at Allegan March 30 to April 3. Surely congress should relieve the financial condition of the nation when "Senator Money" from Miss. is seated.

The new truancy law seems to be having a good effect on some of Michigan's future voters. In fact, it is educating some of the parental faculty in certain districts just now.

Mrs. Richards of Ohio will lecture in Wayland in behalf of the Good Templars at a near date. She is spoken of as a speaker of eloquence and power.

The lecture by Rev. Geo. B. Kulp was one of merit and interest. No society will regret securing him as a lecturer.

The following officers were elected at the I. O. G. T. meeting Monday evening: C. T.—C. A. Clark. V. T.—Lizzie Avery. P. C. T.—R. M. Sprague. Secy.—Gracie King. Treas.—R. M. Sprague. C.—Rev. Wing. M.—E. Linsley. G.—Caddie Tubbs. S.—Lina Van. Org.—Mamie Hoyt.

A. I. Sprague is no better than when last mentioned in this column.

The L. L. A. have literary exercises in Kyno's hall next week Wednesday evening. A good program is promised. Admission 10 cents.

J. Sturgis gives a free concert in the M. E. church next Saturday evening.

Melvin Crumb was sentenced to the reform school, Monday.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Table with columns: Name and Residence, Age. Charles M. Powers Orangeville; Maude Beard, Yankee Springs, 21-19. William E. Vance, Middleville; Nellie B. Knickerbocker, same, 23-22. William Hans, Maple Grove, Eunice McKinnis, Baltimore, 24-21. Daniel W. Reynolds, Hastings; Phyllis Diamond, same, 33-27.

Some time ago Mr. Simon Goldbaum of San Luis Rey, Cal., was troubled with a lame back and rheumatism. He used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a prompt cure was effected. He says he has since advised many of his friends to try it and all who have done so have spoken highly of it. It is for sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

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Supervisors' Proceedings.

JANUARY SESSION.

Jan. 6, 1896.

This being the day to which the adjournment was taken at the October session, the board of supervisors for the county met in accordance therewith, and were called to order by chairman Ritchie.

Roll called; all members present. Supervisor Williams here made a report for himself and supervisor Shriver, in regard to the examination of justice's dockets, of the several justices in the city of Hastings.

Supervisor Sherk made a similar report as to Thornapple township.

On motion of supervisor Williams, these reports, together with all others on the same subject, were referred to the committee on township clerk's reports.

On motion of supervisor France, the bills and accounts on file with the clerk were referred to the committee on claims.

Moved by supervisor Ekert that bill No. 69 which was laid on the table at the October session of the board until the January session, be taken from the table; motion prevailed.

Supervisor Robinson moved to allow the same at \$30 00.

Pending, which on motion of supervisor Sherk, the same was referred to the committee on claims.

On motion of supervisor France, the board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Jan. 7, 1896.

Board met as per adjournment and were called to order by the chair. Roll called; all members present; minutes read and approved.

Supervisors Dillenbeck, Berry, Fisher, Falconer, France Clark and McDerby here made written reports in regard to examination of justice dockets.

On motion of supervisor Stanton all supervisors who found no fines imposed by the justices of their respective townships, were allowed to make verbal reports.

Supervisors Stanton, Kronewitter, Hobbs, Brown, Ekert, Ford, Robinson and Ritchie reported verbally that no fines were imposed during the past five years by the justices of their respective townships.

A remonstrance in regard to the proposed fish shute or ladder in the Barber dam at Nashville, was here read, and on motion of supervisor Ekert the same was referred to the special committee appointed for that purpose at the October session.

On motion of supervisor Williams the report of the special committee in regard to fish shute was taken from the table, and on motion of supervisor Hobbs the same was referred back to the committee.

Moved by supervisor McDerby that the chair appoint a special committee of three to examine the county clerk's books in regard to fines, court fees, jury and stenographers fees collected by the clerk; motion prevailed.

The chair appointed as such committee McDerby, Hobbs and Sherk.

Supervisor Sherk read the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the supervisors of every township having fractional school districts with townships in other counties, to ascertain the assessed valuation of such districts in other counties and report the same to the board of supervisors at their annual meetings in October of each year, and also request the county clerk to send copies of the proceedings of the board of supervisors to all new supervisors elected at the spring elections.

AARON SHERK.

The resolution was adopted by yeas 18; nays 0.

On motion of supervisor Robinson the board took a recess until 1 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Roll called; members all present, and

in order that the committee might go to work, the board, on motion of supervisor Ekert, adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Jan 8, 1896

Board met as per adjournment and were called to order by chairman Ritchie. Roll called; all members present; minutes of yesterday's meeting read and approved.

The committee to examine county clerk's records as to fines, etc. collected by the clerk, through their chairman supervisor McDerby, made the following report:

Gentlemen: Your special committee appointed to look over the county clerk's books would respectfully submit the following report: The books show the following amounts received:

Jury and stenographer's fees.....	\$ 39 00
Circuit court fees.....	54 00
Fines.....	160 00
Costs.....	406 55
Total.....	\$659 55
Credit him with county treasurer's receipts.....	\$659 55
All of which is respectfully submitted.	
FRANK McDERBY,	
AARON SHERK,	
WALLACE A. HOBBS,	
Committee.	

On motion of supervisor Brown the report was accepted and adopted.

The committee on fuel, through their chairman supervisor Williams made the following report:

To the chairman and gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:	
Your committee on fuel would respectfully submit the following report:	
Since the January report of 1895, of the committee on fuel, we find the following amounts have been paid:	
For 314 tons, and 200 lbs of coal.....	\$694 62
For 39 cords of wood.....	39 13
Total.....	\$733 75

Your committee would recommend that the sheriff be authorized to purchase all coal and wood necessary for the court house and jail for the next year and county clerk be authorized to draw orders on county treasurer for the amount of the same.

Respectfully,
M. L. WILLIAMS,
E. D. CLARK,
WM. KRONWITTER,
Committee.

On motion of supervisor Ekert the report was accepted by yeas 18, nays 0.

Moved by supervisor Berry to appoint two committees of three members each to take an inventory of all county property.

The chair appointed as such committees the following:

On property in court house, Sherk, France and Falconer.

On all other county property, McDerby, Kronewitter and Stanton.

On motion of supervisor Sherk, the board took a recess until 1 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board called to order by the chair; all members present.

The sheriff made his annual report as follows:

To the honorable Board of Supervisors:	
Gentlemen: I hereby submit to you may an annual report of monies paid out by me for the year 1895:	
Jan 2 Wm Townsend, unloading coal	\$ 11 06
Jan 1 J Doherty, telegrams	1 17
Dec 26 L J Houghstetter, drawing cinders	1 00
Jan 5 J Bessmer, telephone	1 10
Jan 12 C McNeil, brooms	2 75
Jan 17 Bentley & Co, lumber for storm house	28 10
June 24 Wm Townsend drawing coal	4 45
Feb 9 Ad Eggleston, kalsomining treasure vault	1 00
Feb 15 Levi Houghstetter, drawing cinders	1 85
Feb 16 Clint Myers, keeping fires in court house	10 35
Feb 18 Lang Dickson, lettering boxes register	1 75
Feb 18 Clarence Bishop, drawing cinders, court house	2 25
Feb 23 Wm Townsend, drawing coal court house	6 70
Feb 28 Archie McCoy, case of room	3 00
Mar 1 E S Dorsey, painting radiators	1 50
Mar 7 Henry Barnaby, gas and oil	5 40
Mar 8 Ed Barlow, drawing ice to jail	75 25
Mar 9 Jack Shaw, manure	3 00
Mar 26 A Riekle, plastering jail	1 50
Apr 5 Wm J Michael, papering jail	7 00
Apr 8 H C Myers, labor on co's yard	1 25
Apr 9 C L Miller, labor at ct house and jail	2 00
Apr 13 Phin Smith, clothing for Oscar Campbell insane	1 53
Apr 10 John Bource, cleaning gutter	1 00
May 8 Bell telephone	2 30
May 9 Oren Filkins, lawn mower sharpener	1 00
May 13 Levi Houghstetter, draying	1 85

May 15 E S Dorsey, oiling floor, painting porches	7 50	3 00	3 00
May 20 Covert Freer, walk around ct house	29 70	3 00	3 00
May 23 Clint Myers, putting wood in cellar	5 65	3 00	3 00
June 5 C L Miller, hanging se'n do'rs	1 00	4 25	4 25
June 12 J W Babcock, repair ham'cks	3 75	5 00	5 00
June 22 Ed Barlow, draying	1 00	5 00	5 00
June 29 L J Archer, cleaning gutter	7 45	3 60	3 60
July 6 Huffman Bros, hose of ct house	1 00	11 10	11 10
July 16 Lang Dickinson, lettering transom court house	3 00		
July 31 Henry Barnaby, gas and oil	5 76		
Aug 9 Bell telephone	2 00		
Aug 16 H Wentworth, cleaning chimney at court house	4 00		
Aug 17 D C Myers, cleaning chimney and treasurer's office	5 25		
Sept 3 J F Norwood, services Kern liquor case	10 00		
Sept 23 Jack Shay, labor parking cr't square	7 70		
Sept 23 Rome Smith, servi's as dect'v	25 00		
Sept 23 Geo Wooton, labor on parki'g	2 38		
Sept 27 P L Green, detective	114 60		
Sept 25 Nels Sorum sheriff, Lowden's reward	100 00		
Oct 2 H Barnaby, gasoline and oil	5 88		
Oct 2 Wes, rn telegraph, Lowden c's	17 83		
Oct 5 C A Kent, labor on parking	5 88		
Oct 5 Levi Houghstetter, draying	60		
Oct 5 Bell telephone	1 90		
Oct 11 Bentley & Co, lumber hit'ng post	1 98		
Oct 14 Governor of N Dak requisition	2 05		
Oct 17 L Hyatt, labor on parking	1 87		
Oct 21 O W Murphy, cleaning boiler	1 70		
Oct 26 Herb Barnes, cleaning gutter	1 00		
Nov 6 Telegraphing and telephoning	15 02		
Nov 8 Levi Houghstetter, draying	40		
Nov 14 P J Tucker, witness fees	4 22		
Nov 16 H Barnaby, gasoline and oil	50		
Nov 13 L Hyatt, sawing off bar in jail	75		
Nov 58 Geo Reed, oiling pipe in ct h's	1 25		
Dec 3 C L Miller, putting up st'm h's	63		
Dec 7 L Hyatt, labor at jail	85		
Dec 23 Levi Houghstetter, draying	2 00		
Dec 26 C McNeil, brooms	5 15		
Barnaby, gasoline and oil	\$633 18		

All of which is respectfully submitted.
JAS. H. MCKEVITT, Sheriff.

On motion of supervisor Hobbs, the report was referred to the committee on finance.

The following communication from John Bessmer was here read.

To the Board of Supervisors of Barry Co: Being aware that time is money, and you have no time piece in your meeting room, I make you the following proposition: I will put an electric clock in your room, same style and kind as in the other offices, for \$10; no charge for putting up and no extra charge for taking care of same. If you choose to dispose of the calendar clock formerly in the Judge of Probate room, I will allow you \$4 for same. Respectfully yours,
JOHN BESSMER.

On motion of supervisor Stanton the report was laid on the table.

The board here adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Jan. 9, 1896

Board met as per adjournment and were called to order by chairman Ritchie; roll called; all members present.

Minutes of yesterday's meeting read and approved.

The committee on claims made a partial report as follows:

To the honorable Board of Supervisors: Your committee on claims and accounts respectfully submit the following as their report recommending the allowance of the several amounts as given below, and that the Clerk be authorized to draw orders for same.

No	Name	Nature	Clmd	Alld
1	Ira Van Valkenburgh, hard	\$ 3 25	\$3 25	
2	A F Drake, exam'n insane	5 00	5 00	
3	A F Drake, exam'n insane	5 00	5 00	
4	Richmond & Backus Co, sup's	8 30	8 30	
5	C M Parker, suppl's	2 90	2 90	
6	Eli Hilton, witness fees	3 40	3 40	
7	J M Elliott, examinat'n insane	5 00	5 00	
8	Kalamazoo Pub Co, supplies	22 75	22 75	
9	Ithing Bros & Everard, sup's	13 98	13 98	
10	D McCreary, examinat'n insane	5 00	5 00	
11	A P Drake, examinat'n insane	5 00	5 00	
12	D E Fuller, examinat'n insane	5 00	5 00	
13	C W Jordan, expense account	31 85	*	
14	Flora J Beadle, expense acct	16 97	16 97	
15	C A Scribner, examinat'n insane	1 50	1 50	
16	W H McKeivitt, shaving bill	2 60	2 60	
17	John Nagler, expense acct	28 14	28 14	
18	Coak Bros, printing	86 48	75 48	
19	David D Kilpatrick, ex ins'ne	5 00	5 00	
20	H C Carpenter, ex ins'ne	5 00	5 00	
21	S G Rich, ex ins'ne, miscel act	9 44	9 44	
22	J B Ferguson, ex ins'ne	5 00	5 00	
23	J W Saunders, printing	39 30	19 30	
24	Mrs. McKeivitt, wash bill	19 67	19 67	
25	A Sherk, ex justice docket	4 50	4 50	
26	Jas A Swezey, expense acct	69 85	69 85	
27	Hastings Journal, printing	6 50	6 50	
28	Chas W Armstrong, ex acct	28 00	*	
29	J H McKeivitt, sum'ng'g y'm'n	75 10	75 10	
30	Frank McDerby, services on insane case	9 20	9 20	
31	B A McIntosh and wife witne's fees	3 20	3 20	
32	A W Dillenbeck, ex just dek's	6 00	6 00	
33	Frank McDerby, ex just dek's	6 00	6 00	
34	John Bessmer, attending ct'ok	25 00	25 00	
35	Geo Rossner, ex just d'o'cts	3 00	3 00	
36	R J McDonald, disinfectants	13 50	13 50	

BAKER SHRINER,
E. D. CLARK,
A. W. DILLENBECK,
Committee.

On motion of supervisor Hobbs, bill No. 23 was laid on the table.

Moved by supervisor Ekert that bill No. 69 be laid on the table.

Motion prevailed by yeas, Berry, Brown, Ekert, Falconer, Fisher, France Hobbs, Kronewitter, Robinson, Sherk—10; nays, Clark, Dillenbeck, Ford, McDerby, Ritchie, Stanton, Shriver, Williams—8.

Moved by supervisor Kronewitter that bill No. 26 be laid on the table.

Prevailed by yeas Berry, Brown, Clark, Falconer, Fisher, Hobbs, Kronewitter, McDerby, Robinson, Williams, 10; nays, Dillenbeck, Ekert, Ford, France, Ritchie, Sherk, Shriver, Stanton—8.

Supervisor McDerby moved that the balance of the report be adopted.

Motion prevailed by yeas 18; nays 0.

On motion of supervisor McDerby, bill No. 13 was taken from the table.

Supervisor McDerby moved that bill No. 13 be allowed at \$16.85.

Which motion was lost by yeas, Clark, Kronewitter, McDerby, Stanton—5; nays, Berry, Brown, Dillenbeck, Ekert, Falconer, Fisher, Ford, France, Hobbs, Ritchie, Sherk, Shriver, Williams—13.

Moved by supervisor Ekert that bill No. 13 be allowed at the amount claimed, which motion prevailed by yeas, Berry, Brown, Dillenbeck, Ekert, Falconer, Fisher, Ford, France, Hobbs, Ritchie, Sherk, Shriver—12; nays, Clark, Kronewitter, McDerby, Robinson, Stanton—5; excused Williams.

On motion of supervisor Ford bill No. 28 was taken from the table.

Supervisor McDerby moved that bill No. 28 be allowed at \$13.00.

Which motion was lost by yeas, Clark, Kronewitter, McDerby, Stanton, Robinson—5; nays, Berry, Brown, Dillenbeck, Ekert, Falconer, Fisher, Ford, France, Hobbs, Ritchie, Sherk, Shriver Williams—13.

Supervisor Sherk moved that bill No 28 be allowed at the amount claimed.

Prevailed by yeas, Berry, Brown, Clark, Dillenbeck, Ekert, Falconer, Fisher, Ford, France, Hobbs, Ritchie, Sherk, Shriver, Williams—14; nays, Kronewitter, McDerby, Robinson, Stanton—4.

On motion of supervisor Hobbs bill No. 23 was taken from the table.

Supervisor France moved to allow bill No 23 at \$18.95

Which motion prevailed by yeas 17; nays 0; excused Williams.

On motion of supervisor Hobbs bill No 26 was taken from the table.

Supervisor Robinson moved that bill No 26 be allowed at \$21 00.

Lost by yeas Kronewitter, Robinson, McDerby—3; nays Berry, Brown, Clark Dillenbeck, Ekert, Falconer, Fisher, Ford, France, Hobbs, Ritchie, Sherk, Shriver, Stanton—14.

Supervisor Ekert moved to allow bill No 26 at the amount claimed.

Prevailed by yeas Berry, Brown, Clark, Dillenbeck, Ekert, Falconer, Fisher, Ford, France, Hobbs, Ritchie, Sherk, Shriver, Stanton, Williams—15; nays Kronewitter, McDerby, Robinson—3.

On motion of supervisor Robinson bill No 69 was taken from the table.

Supervisor Ekert moved to disallow bill No 69.

Prevailed by yeas Berry, Ekert, Falconer, Fisher, France, Hobbs, Kronewitter, McDerby, Robinson, Sherk, Stanton—11; nays Brown, Clark, Dillenbeck, Ford, Ritchie, Shriver—6.

The chair here added supervisor Ford to the committee to take inven-

tory of county property outside of courthouse.

The committee on fish shute made the following report:

To the Board of Supervisors:
Gentlemen: Your committee to whom was referred the report of the committee made at the October session, as to the application of R. J. Feighner, and others of the township of Castleton, requesting this board to construct and maintain a suitable fish shute or ladder in the dam on Thompson river, in Nashville, Mich., known as the Barber dam, and also the remonstrance of Levi S. Smith and 33 other taxpayers of said township, would respectfully report that they see no reason of changing their opinion as expressed in their report at the Oct. session that the request of the petitioners to build the shute be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. WILLIAMS,
SYLVESTER FRANCE,
GEORGE A. ROBINSON,
Committee.

On motion of supervisor Ekert the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of supervisor Brown the board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Jan 10, 1896

Board met as per adjournment and were called to order by chairman Ritchie; roll called; all members present.

The committee to whom was referred the reports of the several supervisors on examination of justice dockets reported as follows:

To the chairman and Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen: Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the several supervisors relating to the justice dockets of the several townships would respectfully report as follows: We have carefully examined the books at the county clerk's office, relative to fines imposed and find the following amounts:

Twp	Name	Fines	Imp'd	Pd	Co	Trs
Assyria	Asa W Wilcox, doct't	3 00	3 00			
	R D Cooley, docket					
	E E Berry, docket					
	H V Munger, docket					
	Nelson E Wiles, doct't					
Castl'm	Jas B Mills, docket	16 54	16 54			
	Geo Wellman, doct't	18 00	8 00			
	E J Feighner, doct't	18 00	10 00			
Carlton	Geo C Nicho's doct't					
	Anson C Boyes, docket					
	Peter S Heney, docket					
	W F Ballou, docket	30 00	30 00			
	Barry—Orin Barrett, docket	20 00	20 00			
	John's—Hiram Coleman, docket	3 00				
	Th'ndale—Wm L Cobb, docket	52 00	18 50			
	Pairy'le—Wm L Brown, doct't	1 00				
	Leroy E Warner, dkt	5 00	5 00			
Woodland	J J England, docket	6 00				
Hastigs	C A E Kenaston, dkt	368 00	368 45			
	Wm H Beadle, doct't	158 10	94 30			
	I M B Gillespie, doct't	6 00	6 00			
	M W Riker, docket	85 05	7 44			
	Chauncey Bishop, dkt	53 40	53 48			
	R B Wightman, doct't	92 00	50 00			

The following townships report no fines imposed; Baltimore, Maple Grove, Irving, Hope, Orangeville, Hastings, Yankee Springs, Rutland.

Your committee would recommend that there be a standing committee appointed to examine the reports on file in the clerk's office of the several justice dockets and report at the Jan. session of each year.

GEORGE A. ROBINSON,
SYLVESTER FRANCE,
WALLACE HOBBS,
Committee.

On motion of supervisor Dillenbeck the report was adopted.

Supervisor France introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on justice's dockets be referred to the Pros. Atty., and that he be instructed to notify all persons in said report that have not paid to the county treasurer all fines and costs imposed and collected by them as Justices of the Peace, and pay the same to the county treasurer within a reasonable time, and if the request is not complied with, that he may and is hereby authorized to institute legal proceedings to collect the same.

Supervisor Stanton moved to adopt the resolution.

The resolution was adopted by yeas 18; nays 0.

On motion of supervisor France the board took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board met and were called to order by the chair; roll called; quorum present.

The committee on inventory of county property outside of courthouse made the following report:

Chairman and gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:
Gentlemen: Your committee appointed to take inventory of the furniture and fixtures at the jail, and the stock, furniture and fixtures at the county farm, would submit the following report: That we have listed the same and filed said list with the county clerk.

Furniture and fixtures at the jail including outfit, \$10,377 70

Stock (live), furniture and fixtures at county farm including farm and buildings, \$9,566 66

All of which is respectfully submitted,
FRANK McDERBY,
FRANK STANTON,
WM KRONNWEITNER,
F J FORD,
Committee.

On motion of supervisor Dillenbeck the report was adopted.

The committee on finance, through their chairman supervisor Brown made their report as follows:

To the honorable Board of Supervisors:
Gentlemen: Your committee on finance having settled with the county treasurer would report as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
State tax	\$ 22,420 16
County tax	40,000 00
Drain tax	60 95
Circuit court fees	93 00
Fine money	240 00
Institute fees	259 00
Delinquent tax collected	2,224 58
Prize money	10,294 56
Redemptions	107 15
Borrowed money	18,749 05
Liquor tax	5,683 33
Tax sales	363 01
Rent (Cook farm)	8 80
Costs	463 39
County property sold	110 56
Total	\$101,026 34

EXPENDITURES.	
Amt overdrawn Jan 1st, 1895	\$ 9,100 24
Justice court orders	271 71
County orders	7,599 98
Poor orders	5,320 84
Circuit court orders	1,377 10
Drain orders	975 83
Officer's salary orders	5,059 12
Sheriff orders	1,075 47
Asylum orders	1,464 73
St-nograh, her orders	426 00
Liquor tax	2,541 66
Miscellaneous tax	42,869 82
Primary school money	10,122 52
Paid state treasurers	22,695 80
Institute fees	185 13
House of correction	23 65
Paid town treasurer	803 21
Delinquent state, county and drain tax	827 96
Total	\$122,789 07

Showing an overdraw which has been paid out of the tax of 1895 \$ 11,753 73

WALTER W. BROWN,
HENRY EKERT,
PETER A. FISHER,
EDWARD E. BERRY,
MILO L. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

The report was adopted by yeas 18; nays 0, on motion of supervisor Sherk.

The committee on claims made the following report:

No	Name	Nature	Clmd	Alld
47	F R Timmerman,	ex insane	\$ 5 00	\$5 00
48	M L Williams, amt clmd, ex'g	justice dockets	6 00	6 00
46	J Lentz, burial of ind'gt sold'r		40 05	40 00
50	Fred L Health, supplies		2 70	3 00
51	M D Falconer, ex justice dkt's		3 00	3 00
52	B Shriver, ex justice dockets		6 00	6 00
53	J G Hughes, expense account		58 39	58 39
54	J G Hughes's atlas		15 00	*
55	E E Berry, ex justice dockets		3 00	3 00
56	Walter Brown ex jst dockets		3 00	3 00
57	Peter A Fisher, ex jst dock's		3 00	3 00
58	S C Richtie, ex justice dockets		3 00	3 00

* Referred to board.
BAKER SHRINER,
E. S. CLARK,
A. W. DILLENBECK,
Committee.

On motion of supervisor McDermby bills No. 52 and 57 were laid on the table;

On motion of supervisor McDermby bill No 52 was referred back to the committee on claims.

On motion of supervisor Ekert bill No 57 was referred back to the committee on claims

Supervisor Williams moved that bill No. 54 be allowed at the amount claimed.

Prevailed by yeas Berry, Brown, Clark, Dillenbeck, Ekert, Falconer, Fisher, Ford, France, Hobbs, Ritchie, Sherk, Shriver, Williams—14; nays Kronnwitter, McDermby, Robinson, Stanton—4.

The report of the committee on claims was then adopted by yeas 18; nays 0.

The committee on claims made a further report as follows:

No	Name	Nature	Clmd	Alld
1	W F Ballou, justice fees		6 00	6 00
2	Chas Smith, constable fees		3 11	3 11
3	Jas B Miller, just'ce account		2 85	3 85
4	Isaac W Vrooman, att'g court		28 50	28 50
6	C W Riker, justice fees		19 90	19 90
6	C W Riker, constable fees		1 75	1 75
7	Walter Foster, constable fees		5 95	5 95
8	W L Cobb, justice fees		6 85	6 85
9	D W Johnson, constable fees		3 00	3 00

10	Edgar D Leonard, const'ble fees	8 45	8 45
11	Jas H McK Vint, att'g court	20 75	20 75
12	" " " " criminal acct	417 60	417 40
13	" " " " board bill	119 50	119 50
14	Wm. McK Vint, court att' on'ce	17 75	17 75
15	J P King deputy sheriff fees	46 80	46 80
16	P W Burgess, undersheriff fees	58 75	58 75
17	P W Burgess, court attend'g	28 00	28 00
18	B E Turk, constable fees	3 35	3 35
19	P W Burgess under sheriff fees	4 05	4 05

BAKER SHRINER,
E. D. CLARK,
A. W. DILLENBECK,
Committee.

Moved by supervisor Ekert that the report be adopted.

Prevailed by yeas 18; nays 0.
On motion of supervisor Stanton the ladies department of the farmers institute were allowed to use the court room on January 22, as a place to hold their meetings.

Supervisor McDermby moved that the following persons be appointed to act as agents for the burial of indigent soldiers.

Assyria, Alonzo Park, Baltimore, C. M. Hendershott, Barry, F. H. Blackman, Carlton, Geo. C. Nichols, Castleton, H. J. Bennett, Hastings city, 1st ward, John M. Bessmer; 2nd ward, Henry Close; 3rd ward, Baker, Shriver; 4th ward, John H. Dennis, Hastings, A. J. Sponable, Hope, Abram Replogle, Irving, Geo. Ingram, Johnstown, Caleb Moore, Manly Grove, E. Potter, Orangeville, Chas Woodman, Fraireville, Mark Norris, Rutland, Geo W. Alling, Thornappe, S. C. Rich, Woodland, Jesse Jordan, Yankee Springs, L. B. Bryor.

Prevailed by yeas 18; nays 0.

Supervisor Ekert moved that the vote by which the report of the committee on claims was adopted at yesterday's session, be reconsidered; motion prevailed.

On motion of supervisor Hobbs bill No 40 was referred back to the committee on claims.

On motion of supervisor Brown the balance of the report was adopted by yeas 18; nays 0.

On motion of supervisor Falconer the board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Jan. 11, 1896.

Board met as per adjournment; called to order by chairman Ritchie; roll called; all members present.

The committee on county buildings made the following report:

To the chairman and Board of Supervisors:
Gentlemen: Your committee on county buildings respectfully submit the following recommendations.

That one dozen wood bottom chairs be purchased for use at county poor house, also a suitable sink be placed in the kitchen used by the papers, and that the clerk be instructed to purchase a molar or rubber tube for gas light in clerk's office, also tubes for lamps in judge of Probate and Register's office. That the sheriff be instructed to look after the vaults in the basement and remove the books therein if in his judgment it is necessary to remove them to the loft or third story of the court house.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
FRANK McDERBY,
F. J. FORD,
WM. KRONNWEITNER,
Committee.

On motion of supervisor Robinson the report was adopted by yeas 18; nays 0.

The committee to take inventory of property in the court house made the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Barry	
Gentlemen: Your committee on inventory of the county property in the court house beg leave to report the following:	
Amt property in county clerk's office	\$1747 15
In probate office	1759 25
In registers office	1273 25
In treasurers office	1247 75
Court room and Judge's office	1830 25
Prosecutor's office	190 50
Sh riffs office	83 50
Supervisor's room	168 75
School commissioner	166 50
Lower hall	31 50
Upper hall	21 50
Attic	14 00
Tower	650 00
Closet	4 00
Basement	2881 55
Total	\$12099 80
Court house	50000 00
Grand total	\$62009 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.
AARON SHERK,
SYLVESTER FRANCE,
M. D. FALCONER,
Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted on motion of supervisor Stanton.

The finance committee made the following report on sheriff's account.

To the honorable Board of Supervisors:
Gentlemen: Your committee to whom was referred the sheriff's account, having compared the same with the bills on file in the sheriff's office and with the stubs in the order book, find it correct except five cents on one order.

WALTER W. BROWN,
EDWARD E. BERRY,
PETER A. FISHER,
HENRY EKERT,
M L WILLIAMS,
Committee.

The report was adopted by yeas 18; nays 0, on motion of supervisor McDermby.

The committee on insurance made the following report:

To the chairman and Board of Supervisors of Barry county:

Gentlemen: Your committee on insurance would respectfully submit the following report. Your committee have examined the insurance policies on the county buildings and property and find that they all expire before the board convenes in the October session, 1896, except the policies on old house and contents and on frame barn and shed on county farm, and your committee would recommend that the county treasurer be authorized by this board to renew or reinsure these policies on property before they expire, in good or reliable companies, at the same amounts that they are now insured for.

All of which is respectfully submitted:
FRANK STANTON,
M. D. FALCONER,
A. W. DILLENBECK,
Committee.

On motion of supervisor France the report was accepted and adopted by yeas 18; nays 0.

The committee on claims made the following report:

No	Name	Nature	Clmd	Alld
4	E D Clark, ex justice dockets		3 00	3 00
5	Baker Shriver justice dockets		6 00	6 00
58	Peter A Fisher justice dockets		3 00	3 00
59	N F Parker, livery Davenport		1 00	1 00

B. SHRINER,
E. D. CLARK,
H. W. DILLENBECK,
Committee.

The report was adopted by yeas 18; nays 0, on motion of supervisor Brown.

On motion of supervisor France the committee on finance, to whom was referred the communication from the superintendent of the poor at the October session, were excused from reporting at this session.

The committee on pay roll made the following report:

To the honorable Board of Supervisors:
Gentlemen: Your committee on pay roll would respectfully make the following report:

	miles	amt	days	amt	total
Berry	50	3 00	6	18 00	21 00
Brown	44	2 64	6	18 00	20 64
Clark	30	1 80	6	18 00	19 80
Dillenbeck	26	1 56	6	18 00	19 56
Ekert	22	1 32	6	18 00	19 32
Falconer	8	48	6	18 00	18 48
Fisher	32	1 92	6	18 00	19 92
Ford	34	2 04	6	18 00	20 04
France	50	3 00	6	18 00	21 00
Hobbs	10	60	6	18 00	18 60
Kronnwitter	8	48	6	18 00	18 48
McDerby	26	1 56	6	18 00	19 56
Ritchie	30	1 80	6	18 00	19 80
Robinson	14	84	6	18 00	18 84
Sherk	34	2 04	6	18 00	20 04
Shriver	2	12	6	18 00	18 12
Stanton	16	96	6	18 00	18 96
Williams	2	12	6	18 00	18 12

All of which is respectfully submitted,
\$350 28
AARON SHERK,
WM. KRONNWEITNER,
BAKER SHRINER,
Committee.

On motion of supervisor Ekert the report was adopted by yeas 18; nays 0.

Supervisor Robinson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this board to extend to the chairman, supervisor Ritchie, their thanks for the able, courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body.

The resolution was adopted.
Supervisor Sherk moved to extend a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Sheldon for the kind and hospitable treatment extended to us last evening; prevailed.

Minutes read and approved.

After some remarks by chairman Ritchie, thanking the board for their kindness in helping him in the deliberations over this board, on motion of supervisor France the board of supervisors of Barry county adjourned without delay.

S. C. RITCHIE, Chairman,
JOHN G. NAGLER, Clerk.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Mrs. W. J. Hoover and little daughter returned Saturday from a month's visit with her parents at Holly, New York.

William Shiedel of Geneseo, Ill., is spending a few weeks with his parents.

Allen Gale of Remus spent Christmas with his parents here.

Mrs. James Foley and daughters, Blanch and Maud, of Grand Rapids spent the holidays with her father near this village.

E. C. Apsey is confined to the house with erysipelas.

Miss Lou Hutchens has resigned her position as teacher of the intermediate department of our village schools and Denton Pratt has been employed to fill the vacancy.

Miss Katie Johnson of Jackson is visiting her parents west of the village.

A. Kohlenstein of Otsego spent a few days in the village the past week.

St. John's night was celebrated by the Masous and their families Friday night, a large crowd being present. A most delightful time was enjoyed.

W. T. Hardy and family of Holland are visiting at S. C. Apsey's north of the village.

Lewis Andrews of Akron, Ohio, returned to his home Tuesday night, after a week's visit with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Stone and other relatives.

A Sunday school rally was held in the four churches of the village last Sunday, addressed by B. F. Brinkman and E. K. Mohr of Grand Rapids. A large crowd attended each gathering. It was decided to hold the annual county convention in this village next March.

Valentine Geib is visiting friends at Meyersville, New Jersey.

Miss Blanch Stone, who spent the holidays with her parents, has returned to her school at Sparta.

J. W. Saunders and family were guests at Eugene Ward's, Sunday afternoon.

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.

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HASTINGS HITTINGS.

Mrs. Hodge and Miss Winters of your village were seen in our city last Saturday.

James Swezey is improving slowly at this writing but is not able to be out yet.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bishop of this city visited in your village last Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Tobias.

Will Hall and wife have returned to Ohio where he has a position in the oil fields.

Mrs. Rose Trego and Mrs. Kronewitter ate New Year's dinner with their mother in North Irving.

The loss on F. G. Stowell's boot and shoe stock has been adjusted at \$2,250.58 and the Penn. Fire and the Associated Underwriters Companies have paid their portion. Mr. Stowell will soon make a fire sale and dispose of his damaged goods.

"Ike" Hendershott has sold his grocery stock to parties from Eaton Rapids and they have taken possession of same.

Edwin Corwin who was married at the residence of Sheriff McKivett in this city last summer, has been arrested for non-support of his family.

A very pleasant New Year's party took place at Rev. Grigsby's Tuesday evening. They were entertained by Cyral Grigsby with his phonograph.

The M. E. church gave a Sunday school festival last Tuesday for the benefit of the children. The little ones were fed in great shape, and in the evening the older ones assembled and enjoyed the same.

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Rye.....	33
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Oats.....	20
Butter.....	14
Eggs.....	18
Potatoes.....	15 18
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Turkeys (feather dressed)..	5 9
Hides.....	4 5
Wood (dry maple).....	1 25
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EAST CALEDONIA.

Patrick Cavanaugh was in Grand Rapids last week.

Lewis Smith and wife are visiting friends and relatives at Hickory Corners.

Levi and Charles Rathbun and wives spent Xmas at Frank Streeter's in Whitneyville.

The Xmas exercises at the church on Wednesday evening were a grand success.

M. Teeple and wife visited the latter's parents last week.

Boyd and Bertha McWhinney spent Xmas with their uncle, Mr. Hughes of Bowne.

Charles Winks of Lowell, is having the timber cut on his farm at this place.

H. Strait's people visited the Valley City Friday.

Miss Anna Steedy of Alaska, Sundayed at H. Strait's.

Clarence Baker of Indiana, is visiting his parents and is accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. Curtis.

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