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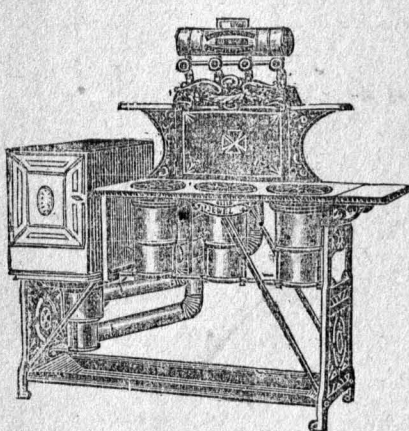
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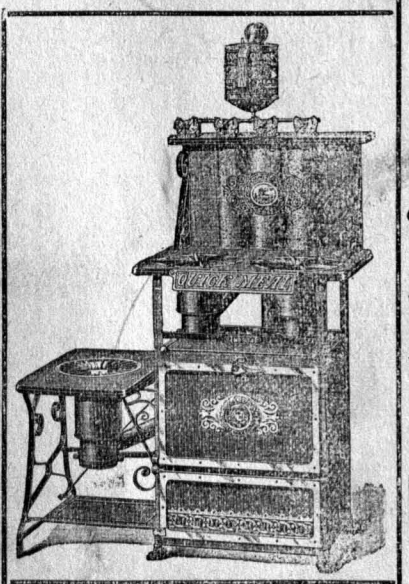
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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

BOWNE BUDGET.

Easter exercises were well attended Sunday evening. A good program was rendered.

Mr. Jackson of West Bowne died Sunday a. m. Funeral services were held Tuesday.

Miss Anna Thomas and Phena Salisbury are to act as delegates to the Epworth League convention to be held at Lowell this week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

George Godfrey has moved on his farm in Irving.

Mr. Haight of Caledonia has moved on the farm recently vacated by Geo. Godfrey.

Will Thomas left Monday for Illinois to work.

Floyd Haight is a new pupil at school.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

J. H. Hahn returned from Cadillac last week where he has been working in a laundry.

Elbert Snow who has been home from Grand Rapids on a two weeks' siege of the grip, is again out.

W. T. Hardy has opened up his new shoe store in the building formerly occupied by Geo. Menold as a drug store.

J. B. Pickett and wife and Miss Myrtle Apsey who have been visiting in the village for a week, returned Monday to Casnovia.

It is rumored that Seth Gray will open another barber shop here.

There will be an entertainment in Kennedy's hall Friday and Saturday evenings given by Prof. C. L. LaVene and the California Novelty Co.

Alva Crossman is moving in Mrs. Jones' house.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Wonder if election had anything to do with this cold snap?

The Caledonia band met at the home of Ivy Adam last Tuesday night. Music was discoursed and then warm sugar course around. It was a good time and enjoyed by all.

There will be an auction at the Adam estate next Friday.

I understand that George Adgate contemplates moving on Mr. Prindle's farm south-west of your town. We wish him success but sorry to have comrade Adgate leave us.

Wilbur Carpenter and Bud Skinner swapped horses yesterday.

Our school commenced yesterday with Miss Gaskill of Hastings for teacher. She comes well recommended.

Myron Kilmer is building himself a boat. It will be a dandy.

Mr. Andler sends his milk to the Caledonia creamery.

E. P. Carpenter and wife will attend the funeral of Wm. Jackson at West Bowne today.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Oscar Stone was in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

The social held at Mrs. Albert Williams' Wednesday was quite well attended.

Geo. McNaughton who has been all for some time, is now confined to his bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Potter of Sunfield visited their daughter, Mrs. Charles Rathbun a few days last week.

Mrs. Dan Lewis of Lowell is visiting her parents Albert Tobey and wife.

The infant son of Homer Smith was badly burned last week.

Frank Weatherby and wife of Portland visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Chas. Rathbun last week.

Wm. Jackson died at his home Saturday. He was a faithful christian and a loving father and has many friends to mourn his loss.

The Sunday school elected the following officers Sunday for the ensuing year:

Supt.—Mrs. D. W. Dutcher.
Asst. Supt.—Mrs. L. Baker.
Secy.—Edna Rathbun.
Treas.—Clara Brown.
Organist—Mrs. A. H. McNeil.
Asst. Organist—Edna Rathbun.

Boyd McWhinney was in Parmelee Saturday and Sunday.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Attend the League next Sunday evening.

There will be a tableau social at the residence of O. Shaw next Friday evening, April 10.

The Easter services last Sabbath were fine and the floral decorations beautiful.

Henry Myres has moved his family to Mr. Jackson's farm near Bowen's Mills where he will work this summer.

Geo. Hubbard and daughter Etta were in Grand Rapids Monday.

The ladies of the Dorcas society and others interested met Tuesday afternoon at the church parlors to sew rags for their new carpet. Donations of rags are very gratefully received. Please send them soon.

Miss Jennie Kennedy went with Mr. and Mrs. McKee to their home north of Grand Rapids where she will remain for a few weeks.

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LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McDowell left Monday for Big Rapids, where they will visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buskirk have vacated the Willson house and have moved to Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lathrop of Corning are moving into the Willson house.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clark spent Sunday with relatives in Dutton.

Rev. C. W. Jones of Hastings was seen on our streets Friday.

Frank Barrell and son, Albert, were in Hastings, Saturday.

Miss Emma Barrell spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Elias Gray.

Mrs. J. Weber has returned from St. Joe, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Weber and son, Waldo.

Mrs. Eckert of Woodland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Finkbeiner.

Mr. Bedford and sister, Alice, of Pleasant Hill spent Sunday at Mr. J. Aubill's.

Sunday night Mr. Thede's team became excited and ran away. It ran about half a mile, when it ran astride a tree and was caught. The buggy was badly damaged but, fortunately, no one was in.

Mrs. Owen Hooker's brother, Mr. Ruple, and her niece, Miss Summers, Sundayed with her.

A very pleasant surprise was sprung upon Mrs. F. Heany Monday evening, March 30, by her pupils. Miss Ida Scutt, in behalf of the pupils and with very appropriate remarks, presented Mrs. Heany with a fine toilet set. After having spent a pleasant evening, they returned to their homes.

NORTH IRVING.

The event of the season thus far was the marriage of Frances, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cunningham, to William Grigsby of Hastings, March 31st at 4 p. m. To the strains of the wedding march rendered by Miss Flora Trego, the bridal party entered the room, Maurice Grigsby and Frank Trego acting as ushers; Mr. Willis Goodrich of Allegan as best man and Miss Minnie Knight of Hastings bridesmaid. The parlor had been beautifully decorated with evergreens; the bay window, a portion of the sides and ceiling being completely covered with imitation icicles and frost, and frosty spider-webs were promiscuously scattered about while on the floor was a small heap of white fox-pelts, which all considered made a very pleasing scene to look upon and resembled a winter scene very perfectly. Directly in front of all this was a band of white satin ribbon that reached from wall to wall tied in the center, with loops and ends which were parted as the company entered the room. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Rev. Grigsby, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Hastings. The bride wore a beautiful gown of the gas light green shade finished with white, and also wore a veil and carried a large bouquet of marguerites, while the maid wore a cream colored gown and carried a bouquet of pink roses, the groom and best man wearing black. After an hour of congratulations light refreshments were served, the bridal party having seats at a table that had been decorated very prettily. At each plate was a lighted candle resting in a small silver hold, the center piece being a pyramid of smilax with fruit placed around the vine and several lighted candles arranged within. The presents were many and beautiful, consisting of the necessary articles for house-keeping. At an early hour the couple left amid showers of rice, songs, hurrahs and all that is usual at such a time, for a visit with Delton friends, returning home Thursday. It is useless to add that a good time was enjoyed by all and that a very large company was assembled, but such was the case, about 150 being present. Frankie and husband have the good wishes of all those present and many more.

Mr. Clever and Frank Ingram of your village do not believe in letting one accident scare them out, so they attended League at this place Sunday night. Wonder what the attractions are? Why "league," of course. Don't you know?

Sorry to chronicle the illness of Bert Quigley; he is late from Dakota and was to return soon but at this writing lies very ill at the home of his father.

ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.

Left over from last issue.

Miss Nellie Warren has gone to Howard City to visit relatives.

Artie Pike went to Grand Rapids Monday to attend the Business college.

F. E. Fish of Allegan was in town Monday.

Mrs. Colley, and old resident of this place, died on Monday. The funeral services were held at the church Wednesday forenoon.

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Left over from last week.

"His last chance," April 18.

Several are in attendance at the institute at Allegan this week.

The revival services in Congregational church have closed and Rev. Martin has commenced a series of meetings at the Church of Christ.

James Young and relatives visited friends in town Tuesday.

A few of the C. E. are in attendance at the state convention at Ionia.

This week is one in which Wayland "gets a move on," as several of our business firms change their locations.

Chapple's hall is receiving quite an improvement this week.

Rev. M. B. Rawson conducted the services at Ballards Sunday.

It's all the same, a slight cold, congested lungs or severe cough. One Minute Cough Cure banishes them. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

Too late for last issue.

The recent rains have settled the ground, and if the weather continues warm the grass will show itself soon, which will please the average farmer in this section, as feed is very scarce and the winter has been a long one, five and a half months up to date.

A. D. Joels and family will soon leave us for the northern country. We understand that Charlevoix will be their destination. Their place will be hard to fill, as they have made many friends since they came to Parmelee. Their departure will be regretted by all good people.

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Holcomb of Middleville, together with their daughters, spent last Friday with former neighbors on East Church street.

Mrs. Rogers of Grand Rapids is visiting with Mrs. Buck.

Will Kepkey, who for some time past has been visiting his brother Frank and family of Sparta Center, Kent county, returned home Saturday evening.

Quite a number from this place have been to Grand Rapids of late to consult the "Divine" healer, the results have not been ascertained by us.

Will Howe of Yankee Springs was in Parmelee Monday on business.

All trains stop and will continue to do so just the same as they did before the death of the agent (Mr. Parmelee.)

Will Swegles is cutting wood with his machine today for J. S. Miller of Windmill street.

The Crusade meetings are in progress at the M. E. church and thus far have proven very successful.

Mrs. E. K. Parmelee contemplates a visit to Harbor Springs in the near future. She has a son residing at the above mentioned place.

The school in our district is progressing finely.

Mary Jenkins of Parmelee is a new scholar at the Middleville High school this week as you will perceive by taking a look at the register.

A. G. Stimson is improving very slowly.

The weather has "warmed up" at last and the people are all feeling a little better.

Mary Jenkins is now a student of the High School in Middleville, by the way we will add that Parmelees have a claim on her (She lives here).

Burdette Harter who has resided in Parmelee for the past winter has moved on the McLeod place in West Thornapple.

The largest orchard in this locality on the farm of A. E. Bass on Windmill st. has been thoroughly trimmed, a work that seems to be universally neglected by farmers generally.

The meetings at the M. E. church are well attended generally.

There are a few subscribers to the Caledonia News in this vicinity.

Now that Holmes the Grand Rapids defender of his rights is on trial in the above named city and as we learn the progress of the case every evening through the Press, of course he gets his daily sentence in Parmelee, which is generally 15 years at hard labor. Wait 'till you hear the other side, then you will know what justice means.

Johnnie Scott and sister Nellie of West Thornapple called on friends on East Church st. Sunday afternoon and in the evening attended the "Crusade" meeting at the M. E. church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Joles who have resided in our community for three years have taken their departure from their many friends in Parmelee and vicinity and will make their future home in Fronton, Charlevoix Co. The best wishes of the entire neighborhood will follow them to their new home.

George Sweet and wife entertained company from East Thornapple last Sunday.

John W. Willard and family of Front street were on our streets last Sunday.

Ernie Rosenberger has returned from Indiana and is now a resident of north county line.

John Moxon who has been a great sufferer from heart disease and rheumatism is enjoying an improved condition of health.

YANKEE SPRINGS.

Left over from last week.

Herb Temple of Prairieville called on friends here Monday.

Rena Minar is the guest of Belle Stuart.

Will Page and wife have moved up near Hastings.

The Republicans have again nominated S. C. Ritchie for supervisor, a step in the right direction.

The donation held at B. F. Norris' last Friday evening for the benefit of Elder Hall was not very well attended.

Addie Norris is quite sick.

Elder Hall and wife were in Hastings the first of the week.

Harry Turner now rides a new wheel. Robt. Count expects to move to Hastings soon.

Matie Crookston called on friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Stocking returned home from Three Rivers and Flowerfield last Saturday where they have been visiting relatives and friends for some time past.

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DEMAND WAR NEWS.

MANY RUMORS FROM EGYPT ARE UNFOUNDED.

Movement of Troops at Cairo Has About Ceased, but Recruiting and Forced Enlistments Are Still Going On.

Khedive Is Interested.
The demand for war news in Cairo is so great that every evening there are fresh rumors of attacks and reverses somewhere up the Nile. The movement of troops at this point has about ceased, though recruiting and forced enlistments go on vigorously. The officers of the Connaught rangers have been given a farewell dinner, in expectation of an early forward movement. The khedive said he took great interest in this upper Nile campaign, though he was sorry it was so suddenly forced upon Egypt that due preparations could not be made. He regretted his military education had not been concluded when he was called to succeed his father. He thought there were now over 10,000 Egyptian and English troops between Assouan and Akasheh. He asked about the Japanese army and navy, and showed a deep interest in all that was told him. His highness will shortly go to the Alexandria resort for the summer. British military men here express contempt for the hostile face of France toward the policy of England up the Nile, and regard her as pitifully unable to grapple Lord Salisbury's diplomacy. The dervishes are gathering in strength for defensive measures, and at the war office the opinion was freely expressed that the situation at the front is growing serious. There is a feeling that the advancing column is entirely inadequate.

OUT OF THE ARMY.

Brigadier Fielding and Aids Send Resignations to Commander Booth-Tucker.
Edward Fielding, of Chicago, brigadier general in command of the northwest division of the Salvation army, and, with the exception of Commissioner Booth-Tucker, the most prominent officer in the forces in America, has resigned his commission and will join the forces of Balington Booth's Volunteers. The majority of his staff officers go with him, and the blow is conceded to be the most severe which has been suffered by the Salvation army since the recall of Commander and Mrs. Balington Booth. Brigadier Fielding's wide personal influence will now be exerted in behalf of the new organization, and it is confidently predicted that the news of his resignation will cause a tremendous defection in the ranks of the army, not alone in his own division, but all over the country. Among the officers who have resigned are: Brigadier General Edward Fielding, Brigadier General Emma Fielding, Adjutant Washington Blackhurst, Adjutant Christopher C. Heron, Adjutant Bertha Herron, Ensign Duncan, Lieutenant Galloway.

NEVER HEARD OF LETTER.

Statement of Lamont Regarding Supposititious Missive from Cleveland.
Secretary Lamont when asked concerning a published statement that he had in his possession a letter from President Cleveland declining to be again a candidate for the presidency and urging the Democratic party to stand for sound money and its previous position on the tariff question, said the statement was absolutely untrue. Secretary Lamont added: "I never have heard of such a letter." From another and excellent source of information it is learned that the published statement is absolutely without foundation and that no such letter has been written by the President. The fact that President Cleveland had fully decided not to be a candidate for re-nomination and that Secretary Carlisle would go before the Chicago convention as an aspirant for the Democratic nomination on a sound money platform was announced by the Associated Press a few weeks ago, but the matter has not yet gone beyond the lines then indicated.

SPANISH SQUADRON FOR CUBA.

Ministry Denies Reports of Complications with the United States.
A rumor is in circulation in Madrid that the United States will send a squadron to Barcelona if Spain continues her naval preparations against Cuba. The rumor is so persistent that the following ministerial denial has been issued: "The ministry emphatically denies that there is any foundation for the rumor that international difficulties have arisen which impede the sending of a squadron to Cuba or the arming of transatlantic vessels as cruisers."

CAUSED BY SPREADING RAILS.

West Pennsylvania Train Wrecked and Five Persons Injured.
The Butler express on the West Pennsylvania Railway was wrecked near Freeport, Pa., Wednesday morning and five persons were seriously injured. The accident was caused by the rails spreading. The two rear coaches jumped the track and went over an embankment. Fire broke out almost immediately and the passengers narrowly escaped with their lives. Fortunately, the front car, which was filled with passengers, did not leave the track.

Thomas Wharton Killed.
Thomas Wharton, Sunday editor of the Philadelphia Times, fell from a fourth-story window of the house in which he lived and was instantly killed. It is generally believed that he committed suicide.

Eight of the Crew Killed.
The monitor Houscar, fresh from the new drydock in Talcahuano, arrived in Valparaiso, Chile. Scarcely had she cast anchor when a dreadful disaster occurred on board. Without warning the main steam pipe of the engine burst, killing eight of the crew.

Liabilities Over \$100,000.
Wade, Davis & Co., of Plainville, Mass., manufacturing jewelers, and Harlan G. Bacon, of Lincoln, Bacon & Co., also in the jewelry business, have made assignments involving more than \$100,000.

MENACE TO BRITAIN.

Miscarriage of Jameson's Raid Has Resulted in Serious Embarrassment in Africa.
It is difficult to obtain accurate information regarding the progress of the rebellion of the natives of Matabeleland. The Cape Town authorities, naturally, are withholding all the information possible. It is not denied, however, that the situation becomes darker every day. Advice received from Bulawayo show that the work of placing that town in a state of defense has been completed so far as the means at hand permit. But there is a lack of arms and ammunition there with which to supply the many settlers who have gathered from outlying districts since the uprising commenced. These men, in many cases, have rifles, but they are of all kinds and makes, and the stock of ammunition procurable for them is small. Consequently it has been found desirable to replace these weapons as far as possible with the Martini-Henry rifles served out to the police, the stock of ammunition for the latter being fairly adequate. But the number of Martini-Henrys available is small, and it is now an open secret that nearly every good rifle procurable had been gathered up and smuggled into the Transvaal previous to the Jameson raid. Had matters at Johannesburg turned out as the manipulators of the expedition and uprising contemplated, things would have assumed a different aspect. But certain persons there and elsewhere are now in the position of hunters caught in their own traps, with the additional mortification of the knowledge that the Boers have by the seizures made in the mines, etc., of many thousands of rifles, bayonets, revolvers and Maxim guns, completely turned the tables on the British. The Boers are aware of the predicament in which the British find themselves.

CRISIS IS NEAR AT HAND.

Government Troops and Insurgents Are About to Meet in Cuba.
Twenty-five thousand insurgents, under Gen. Maceo, are swarming over the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio, destroying property, ripping up railways and tearing down telegraph lines. Forty-five thousand Spanish soldiers are in the same territory and more are coming. Gen. Maceo is in immediate command of the center column of rebels, with about 9,000 men. Gen. Maso is in the southern part of Havana Province with about 6,000 men, and Gen. Lacroix is hovering about the outskirts of Havana with about 6,000 cavalry. The other 4,000 men are divided into small bands of pillagers. The insurgents are well equipped and have plenty of ammunition and are capable of giving the soldiers a warm reception. The activity noticeable about the palace of Gen. Weyler seems to bear out the idea that a crisis is near at hand.

KILLED IN THEIR BEDS.

Unknown Man for Unknown Cause Murders an Aged Ohio Couple.
At an early hour Sunday morning a double murder—it may prove to be a triple murder—was committed on a farm seven miles east of Akron, O. Alvin N. Stone, aged 68, and his wife, Serena, aged 33, are the victims, and Ira Skilton, aged 33, the man, is fatally injured. Two daughters, Emma, aged 29, and Hattie, aged 23, are seriously injured, while a third daughter, Flora, is the only one of the entire household who escaped the assassin's murderous blows. The crime was committed about 1 o'clock by an unknown man wearing a mask. The crime is a mystery. There is no possible motive for the murders so far as can be learned. Certainly the murderer was not bent on robbery, for in a bureau drawer in Mr. Stone's room were two gold watches and some money and nothing had been taken apparently.

WILL PROTECT MISSIONARIES.

Porte Furnishes Written Assurances to Further Relief Work.
In consequence of the energetic representations of the British ambassador, Sir Philip Currie, and the United States charge d'affaires, John W. Riddle, the Turkish porte has furnished written assurances that the missionaries in Anatolia will not be molested in the work of distributing relief, on condition that an Ottoman official is permitted to assist in the distribution of the funds, etc.

ESTATES PAY A WAR TAX.

A manifesto signed by Salvador Cisneros, president of the insurgent Cuban Government, has just reached the United States. In it Cisneros says the sugar estates, which, in the eastern division of the island, have been permitted to grind, while all others in the west have, as he says, been prevented, do so simply because at the beginning of the war arrangements were made between the proprietors of said estates and some of the Cuban leaders whereby the former, in consideration of a "war tax" paid into the Cuban treasury, were granted the privilege of grinding under the protection of those leaders. The manifesto also says the insurgent armies have not burned country dwellings except when used by Spanish troops as forts or garrisons, and for the sake of the families, wives and children of non-combatants food is now allowed to enter towns and cities at present held by the armies of Spain on the payment of an import duty. Cisneros emphatically denies that bandits or outlaws form any part of or have any connection with the Cuban army, and proclaims that, notwithstanding the course being pursued by Spain toward captured insurgent soldiers and political prisoners, the Cuban Government will not retaliate.

PLEDGED TO REED.

The State convention for the election of delegates to the Republican national convention at St. Louis was held at Boston Friday. Delegates-at-large are H. C. Lodge, W. T. M. Crane, Eben S. Draper, Curtis Guild Jr., Alternates—L. C. Southard, R. H. Bottwell, R. F. Hawkins, S. E. Courtney. They were instructed for T. B. Reed, of Maine.

LUNATIC ON A STAGE.

During the balcony scene in the opera "Romeo and Juliet" at the Chicago Auditorium Monday night Robert Richard Rothman, a lunatic, climbed upon the stage and for a few minutes terrorized the singers and audience. He was finally secured by stage hands and locked up in a police cell. He declares he is the Messiah.

JACK, THE MATCH BEGGAR.

Wooster, O., has a "Jack" who has been dubbed "Jack, the match-beggar." The fellow asks for matches, and when given a handful looks pleased and departs, but if he is handed only a few inches, he throws them into the faces of women, flies into a rage and calls them vile names.

SMOTHERED IN BED.

BROOKLYN FIRE BRINGS DEATH TO TEN.

Unable to Escape, Half a Score of Italians Occupying a Tenement Building Die Like Rats in a Trap—Bold Missouri Train Robbery.

Suffocated by Smoke.
Ten persons perished by suffocation in a Brooklyn tenement house Wednesday. All met death by suffocation. The bodies of some of them were badly burned. The fire started in the lower hallway of the building, which is a four-story tenement in Union street, and before the sleeping tenants could be warned of their danger all escape was cut off. The section of the city where this terrible disaster occurred is near the water front. The majority of the residents are Italians of the poorer class and they form the biggest colony of their race in Brooklyn. The firemen succeeded in getting the fire under control after a short time. There were many exciting incidents. One man, an Italian, whose name is unknown, jumped from a window in the third story and escaped with only a few burns and bruises. The family of Joseph Estosito, living on the second floor of the house, had a narrow escape from death. When aroused they found their way cut off and the flames were sweeping into their apartments. Estosito led his wife and three children to the cornice in front of the house and guided them along it to the building adjoining, from the roof of which they were taken by firemen.

SEED CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Philadelphia and St. Paul Firms Will Supply Them.
Secretary Morton has let the contract for 10,125,000 packets of vegetable seeds, to be distributed to the public under the recent act of Congress, to D. Landreth & Sons, of Philadelphia. The price fixed is \$70,000, the seeds to be delivered subject to germinative test, under a very carefully drawn contract, free of cost, at the department in Washington, ready for mailing. The contract for a million packets of flower seeds was let to L. L. May & Co., of St. Paul, Minn., at half a cent per packet. Under this new method of buying seeds and compelling the sellers to put their own firm names upon the packets it is believed by the Secretary that a better quality of seeds will be secured. Senator Proctor, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, and Representative Wadsworth, chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, together with Dr. Dabney and Secretary Morton, constituted the board of awards. They agreed unanimously that the purchases above indicated were the best under all circumstances which could possibly be made.

SUCCESSFUL WORK OF BANDITS.

Three Masked Men Hold Up an Express Train Near Lebanon, Mo.
The east-bound cannonball train, No. 6, on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, was held up three miles east of Lebanon, Mo., at 1:05 Wednesday morning by three masked men, and the express safe blown open and robbed. The robbers boarded the train at Lebanon, and after reaching the scene of the robbery held up the engineer and fireman, stopped the train, and with the engineer in front of them marched to the express car. The messenger refused to open the door and the door was blown open with dynamite, the safe cracked and its contents removed. Several packages of valuable papers were found in the morning beside the track, and in some was money which had been overlooked in the hurry of departure. The passengers were not molested. The engine was detached and run by the robbers to Sleepers, where it was abandoned. A brakeman hurried back to the city and started Sheriff Jones and a posse on the track of the robbers.

WILL SEND 5,000 TROOPS.

Grave Condition of Affairs in South Africa Stirs the English Government.
Owing to the gravity of the situation in South Africa, the British Government is taking steps to dispatch 5,000 troops to the Cape of Good Hope as soon as possible, to be ready for any emergencies. The directors of the British Chartered South Africa Company have formally requested the Government to order the immediate dispatch of 500 regular troops from Cape Town to Bulawayo.

CHILE'S PROPOSALS ACCEPTABLE.

Proposals for the settlement of the boundary dispute received from the Government of Chile are likely to be accepted as far as regards arbitration with reference to details in determining lines of demarcation. The Minister of Foreign Affairs is drawing up a statement of the subject in full for submission to the Brazilian Cabinet.

SEeks TO ENJOIN TEN ROADS.

At Denver, suit has been filed in the United States Circuit Court by the Interstate Commerce Commission involving the aid of the law to enforce its orders against ten Western railroads. It is proposed to compel these common carriers to desist from discriminations in freight rates between long and short hauls.

CURFEW MUST RING IN OMAHA.

The Omaha City Council, by a vote of 13 to 4, passed the curfew ordinance over the Mayor's veto, and the law will go into effect at once. There was little sentiment demanding it; in fact, strenuous opposition has developed since its original passage.

HUGHES HOLDS TO HIS OFFICE.

At Phoenix, Ariz., Secretary Bruce, under advice of the Interior Department, asked Gov. Hughes, removed, to surrender his keys and records. He refused, saying his removal was void until the appointment of his successor is confirmed.

GEORGETOWN IS PROTECTED.

The fort at the mouth of the Demarara River, which is intended to protect Georgetown, British Guiana, is considered ready for service, and two rapid-fire guns are in position behind a mound of hard clay.

FOR GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA.

The President has sent to the Senate the nomination of Benjamin J. Franklin, of Arizona, to be Governor of Arizona.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL.

United States Minister Thompson is negotiating an extradition treaty between Brazil and the United States.

WINS ONE AND LOSES ONE.

Decisions in Two Interstate Commerce Commission Cases.

An opinion has been rendered by the United States Supreme Court in the case known as the long and short haul case, involving the validity of the provision of the interstate commerce act prohibiting a higher charge for a short than for a long haul, appealed from the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the fifth circuit. The appeal was taken by the railroads. Its title was the Interstate Commerce Commission vs. the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company, the Western and Atlantic Railway Company and the Georgia Railway Company. The decision of the court below was affirmed in the main, the opinion holding that in cases of shipments from one State to another on through bills of lading railway companies could not exempt parties and give them special rates. Justice Shiras delivered the opinion of the court. Justice Shiras also handed down the opinion of the court in the case of the Texas Pacific Railway vs. the Interstate Commerce Commission, appealed from the Circuit Court of Appeals for the second circuit, and known as the import-rate case. The opinion of the Supreme Court reversed the opinion of the Circuit Court, which held that it was illegal to charge less on the imported goods than on domestic articles. The effect of the opinion is to continue the alleged discrimination in the interest of foreign shippers.

CHICAGO CARPENTERS STRIKE.

Bosses and Men Fail to Come to Terms—Three Hundred Affected.

What may develop into a strike which will paralyze the building industry in Chicago for a long period was begun Monday. So far only about three hundred men are out, but the trouble is expected to spread. Contractors generally did not believe the carpenters meant business when the articles of agreement were made between the Carpenters' Executive Council and the Carpenters and Builders' Association of Chicago. And as a result there are a good many unfinished houses in the city that are quiet as a graveyard.

WHISKY, POKER, AND A COWHIDING.

Lucinda Tucker, of Ottawa County, Kansas, is a farmer's wife and her husband is David D. Tucker, an industrious man, but given to his cups occasionally, and a great hand at a game of poker. The other day, his wife sent him to Clay Center with \$84 to put in the bank. He took a drink or two and then a few rows of jackpots settled the business. When Tucker reached home that night, broken in purse and spirit, his wife seized and bound him to a post in the barn and, after having cowhided him, left him tied there to think it over. Extricating himself, and still in fear of his wife, he walked to Minneapolis, and then sought a bed. He explained that his wife was justified, as she had earned the money by hard work.

JOHN REED COLUMN.

New Hampshire Republicans held their State convention at Concord and elected delegates to the national Republican convention at St. Louis. United States Senator William E. Chandler presided. The convention endorsed the candidacy of Thomas B. Reed.

'FRISCO BRIDGE PROJECT.

A suspension bridge across the bay from San Francisco to Oakland is contemplated. It is a magnificent project and was made public by Col. Lyman Bridges on behalf of the Terminal company. Plans for a great structure are already in preparation.

BROOKLYN THIEVES MAKE A RAID.

Burglars visited the offices of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, Brooklyn, Tuesday morning, forced open a small safe with dynamite and took from it \$1,514. The Jefferson building is within a stone's throw of police headquarters.

TUNNELL MORTALLY WOUNDS SIMS.

John Tunnell, a prosperous farmer near Milan, Mo., shot and mortally wounded B. Sims, his tenant, on a farm. It seems that Tunnell had repeatedly ordered Sims to vacate his premises, which he refused to do. Tunnell gave himself up.

HYPOLYTE'S SUCCESSOR NAMED.

T. Simon Sam, formerly Minister of War for Hayti, has been elected President to succeed Hypolyte by the Senate and House of Representatives. Perfect tranquility prevails.

SNOWFALL IN COLORADO.

Over eight inches of snow fell throughout the greater part of Colorado Monday night. The snow was accompanied by a high wind.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 62c to 63c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2, 19c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 36c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 11c; potatoes, per bushel, 15c to 25c; broom corn, \$20 to \$45 per ton for common to choice.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 67c to 68c; corn, No. 1, 15c to 16c; oats, No. 2, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 37c.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 37c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 41c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 23c; rye, 37c to 38c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 39c; clover seed, \$4.35 to \$4.45.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 62c to 63c; corn, No. 3, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; barley, No. 2, 31c to 33c; rye, No. 1, 37c to 39c; pork, mess, \$8.25 to \$8.75.
Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c.
New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 1 hard, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; butter, creamery, 15c to 22c; eggs, Western, 11c to 12c.

WM. S. HALE IS FOUND. NATIONAL SOLONS.

STRANGE STORY OF A SYRACUSE MAN.

Says He Was Slugged, Robbed, Tied Hand and Foot, and Thrown Into a Box Car—Brunswick, Ga., Almost Wiped Out by Fire.

Found in Minneapolis.
William S. Hale, proprietor of the Maple Lawn Farm, near Syracuse, N. Y., who disappeared March 3, has turned up in Minneapolis with a strange story. He claims that he was slugged in the Central Railroad yards at Syracuse, bound hand and foot, robbed of \$240 in cash and thrown into a box car. For three days and nights he lay without food or water. His hands grew thin and he slipped the ropes off, managed to open the car door, and when the train slowed up jumped out. He crawled to a farm house and learned that he was near St. Cloud, Minn. For three weeks he was cared for by a farmer's family, and then, having regained strength, walked seventy-five miles to a point where he sold a mackintosh and obtained money enough to pay his passage to Minneapolis. Hale is 34 years old and has a wife and child, besides several brothers, at Syracuse. Word has been sent the family.

ORDERED BACK TO SPAIN.

Weyler Worried Over the Situation Dismisses Two of His Generals.

The capture of Pinar del Rio and Santa Clara by the Cuban insurgents, who occupied them several hours and then left them in flames, is a severe blow to the Spanish. Gen. Luis Maria Pando and Gen. Alvaro Suarez Valdez, the military governors of the destroyed cities, have been ordered to return to Spain by Captain General Weyler. The captain general is badly worried over the situation. He thought he had Pinar del Rio so strongly guarded that it was absolutely impossible for Maceo's forces to break in. But in the middle of the night of March 25 they came and literally laid the town in ashes. Of several hundred residences not more than a couple of dozen were left uninjured. The Spanish press now unanimously tells the people they must be prepared for a vote in the American Congress in favor of the recognition of Cuban belligerency and must consider it an expression of sympathy of the American public as well as of Congress, with the Cubans in their fight for independence.

BRUNSWICK'S DISASTROUS FIRE.

Property Worth \$500,000 Swept Away and One Life Lost.

Several years ago Brunswick, Ga., was visited by a conflagration which destroyed it, and Thursday the disaster was almost repeated. A fire started about 1:30 p. m., which swept away many of the most prosperous business enterprises of Brunswick, and for a time it was feared the whole town would be in ashes. The total loss is conservatively estimated at about \$500,000, and the insurance is placed at \$400,000. A strong wind forced on the flames, and the local fire department became powerless, so that assistance was telegraphed for to Savannah, Waycross and Jacksonville, whose departments promptly responded that they would send aid. At 4:30 the fire was under control, but not before one life had been lost. Charles Smith, an employee of the Brunswick and Western Railroad, was overcome by the heat and died. A number of sailing vessels were in danger during the progress of the flames, but all were saved.

MUST EARN HIS SALARY.

St. Louis Taxpayers Seek to Dock the Mayor for Time Absent.

The St. Louis Taxpayers' League has brought suit to restrain Mayor Cyrus P. Walbridge from collecting the salary which accumulated while he was absent from the city. The suit is an application for an injunction restraining City Treasurer Charles Scudder from paying the Mayor his salary for the month of March, and restraining the latter from accepting the check from the treasurer. The injunction is asked on the ground that Mayor Walbridge has, during the last year, repeatedly absented himself from the city and has drawn salary amounting to \$1,100 for the time so wasted.

BIG FLOOD AT ROCHESTER.

Genesee River Over Its Banks—People Driven from Their Homes.

The Genesee river at Rochester, N. Y., is higher than it has been for twenty years. It is over its banks in the southern part of the city and has washed away part of the Erie tracks. The houses are surrounded by water and the occupants have had to desert their homes. Exchange street, from Clarissa to Court street, nearly a mile, is several feet under water. The city is much excited over the situation, for it is feared that should the river banks give way there will be a great rush of water over a large part of the residence portion.

MANUFACTURING BILL DEFEATED.

The bill to allow the manufacture of liquor in Iowa was defeated in the Senate Thursday afternoon after twelve hours of debate, running through two days. The bill received twenty-two votes, including the seven Democrats; there were twenty-seven against it, and Healy, who was the only absentee, sent the request that the record be made to say that had he been present he would have voted against the bill.

JOKE KILLS HIS WIFE.

John Arens, living near Wichita, Kan., concluded to play a joke on his wife. His plan was to personate a tramp, and to induce his wife to set him out a lunch. When he presented himself with a mask over his face, his wife fell to the floor with a shriek and died soon after.

KILLED BY CARTRIDGES IN HIS PIPE.

William Vaughn, of Harper County, Kan., was killed Wednesday by the explosion of two cartridges in his pipe, one entering his brain and the other his neck.

OHIO THEATER HAT BILL A LAW.

A novel measure aimed at high theater hats was enacted into a law by the Ohio Legislature Thursday. It provides that any manager permitting any person to obstruct the view by wearing a hat or other headgear in a theater shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined \$10.

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT WASHINGTON.

Detailed Proceedings of Senate and House—Bills Passed or Introduced in Either Branch—Questions of Moment to the Country at Large.

THE LEGISLATIVE GRIND.

The Senate indulged in an acrimonious political debate Friday. The controversy arose over Mr. Hill's motion to strike from the legislative appropriation bill the proposed change of the date of assembling the New Mexico Legislature from December to May. Mr. Hill bitterly denounced the change as a political trick. Mr. Elkins protested. The debate took a wide range, Senators Gorman, Faulkner, Cockrell and other Democrats attacking the provision as political, while Senators Elkins, Carter, Cullom and other Republicans defended it. Mr. Cullom sought to table Mr. Hill's motion, but a motion to this effect failed by a vote of 21 to 29, whereupon Mr. Cullom yielded to the Hill motion and the New Mexico provision was struck out. The Senate passed the legislative appropriation bill, carrying \$21,500,000. Aside from providing the usual appropriations, the bill is important in effecting a reform of the system of compensation for United States District Attorneys and Marshals, salaries being substituted for fees. The appropriation committee attempted to take up the sundry civil appropriation bill in the House, but the members who were interested in bills on the private calendar defeated them by a vote of 142 to 77.

The Senate Monday passed the bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for a public building at Indianapolis. Much time was spent in discussing the settlement between Government and the State of Arkansas. The House took up the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill and disposed of fifteen of the 100 pages before adjournment. Few amendments were added to the bill. The Senate resolution authorizing F. Green to exercise the duties and powers heretofore conferred upon the late Gen. Casey in relation to the construction of the library of Congress was adopted. The Senate resolution authorizing ex-President Harrison to accept certain medals presented to him by the Governments of Brazil and Spain was also adopted.

The House spent Tuesday considering the sundry civil bill and fair progress was made. Effort was made by some of the Southern representatives to strike out the appropriation of \$50,000 for the pay of internal revenue informers, but it was unsuccessful. The expected debate on the resolution for a Senate inquiry into recent bond issues did not take place, as Mr. Pepper gave notice that he would defer his motion. The postoffice appropriation bill, carrying \$93,000,000, was considered in part, but not completed. A sharp debate on mail subsidies arose, Mr. Vilas opposing an extension of the subsidy system, while Senators Perkins and White of California upheld them. Senator George's speech in opposition to Mr. Dupont's claim to a seat occupied most of the day and was not completed.

Ocean mail subsidies brought on an animated discussion in the Senate Wednesday during the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. Mr. Vilas opposed subsidies, and pointed out many instances of what he declared were excessive payments for mail service. Mr. Perkins of California energetically defended the subsidies for their encouragement to American shipping. The subsidy item was reserved for a separate vote. The balance of the postoffice appropriation bill was completed. Senator Call of Florida introduced in the Senate a joint resolution directing the sending of an adequate naval force to Cuba to put an end to barbarities and the violation of treaty obligations. The House continued consideration of the sundry civil bill.

The House Thursday passed the sundry civil bill, and wasted a lot of time in acrimonious debate of the question of appropriating public money for private or sectarian institutions. The postoffice appropriation bill served to bring out some sharp discussion in the Senate on the propriety of abolishing country postoffices and absorbing them as branches of city offices. The bill authorizing the light-house board to proceed with the building of the lighthouse at North Manitou island, Lake Michigan, was passed. The House bill granting the Atchison and Nebraska and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railways a right of way through the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian reservations in Kansas and Nebraska was passed. The Senate then went into executive session and soon after adjourned until Monday.

WESTERN HOSPITALITY.

People in the Eastern cities know not the meaning of the word "hospitality" as it is written in the dictionary of the Western ranchman.

"Why," said Senator Warren, of Wyoming, discussing some of the characteristics of the Western people, with a representative of the Washington Post the other day, "I would regard it as a personal insult if I went to a house on any ranch and found the door locked. The first impulse of the average Western man on such an occasion would be to break the door down."

"But how about locking up when the inmates go away?"

Senator Warren laughed. "It would make no difference at all," he said. "We all go on the general supposition that a man traveling through the country is hungry. If he has any food in his haversack, and finds nobody at home, he goes in the house, takes possession of the kitchen, and cooks his meal. If he has nothing, he helps himself to what he can find. He does it as a matter of course, and the family would feel that he was worse than a dude if he declined to share with them even the smallest bit of food that they happened to have in store."

MOTHER DAY.

A curious old custom still prevails at Girard College, Philadelphia. Wednesday last was "Mother Day," and there were over 1,000 visitors to the institution. This day is set aside for either the mothers or nearest relatives of the students to call and make their request of the management for the relief of the boys on holidays. This time it is for Easter, which means four or five days of vacation for as many as have relatives or friends to make application

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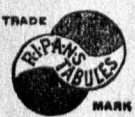
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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

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TOWNSHIP AND OTHER ELEC- TIONS.

Monday, election day, was clear with a cold, northwesterly wind blowing all day. Thornapple republicans were too confident and many did not vote, some living within four blocks of the polls, while the other ticket, silver, democrat and prohibition, hustled for all they were worth, is the only explanation for so close a run. The entire republican ticket, with the exception of clerk, was elected with majorities as follows:

Supervisor—Aaron Sherk, 130.
Clerk—George L. Matteson, 1.
Treasurer—John E. Ackerson, 10.
Highway Com.—Orlando Thomas, 11.
Justice of the Peace—Edward P. Whitmore, 84.
School Insp.—Don D. Putnam, 69.
Drain Com.—Thomas Scott, 101.
B'd of Review—John S. Johnson, 95.
Constables—Walter Foster, 69; Frank Stimson, 76; Dilman Benjamin, 93; Dwight W. Johnson, 75.
The total number of votes cast was 469.

BOWNE.

The silverites elected the supervisor, treasurer and highway commissioner and the remainder of the ticket went republican.

CALEDONIA.

The entire republican ticket was elected at the township election, Monday. Eugene Ward, supervisor; M. R. Shisler, clerk; G. C. Baker, treasurer. A very light vote was polled.

LEIGHTON.

Supervisor—I. J. Cook, dem., 35 maj.
Clerk—Arthur Hooker, rep., 55 maj.
Treasurer—John Sturgis, rep., 4 maj.
Highway Com.—Chas. Rice, dem., 6.
Justice—Versal Vales, rep., 4 maj.
School Insp.—Cyrus Hunsberger, republican, 20 majority.
Drain Com.—L. M. Wilson, rep., 30.
Board Review—Charles Johnson, republican, 24 majority.

GAINES.

The republicans carried every township office by about 75 majority as follows:

Supervisor—Nelson Kelley.
Clerk—Homer Akney.
Treasurer—Albert Blain.
Highway Com'r—Richard Rawlings.
Drain Com'r—Frank Deyke.
Justice of the Peace—Joseph R. Blain.
School Com'r—Leroy D. Allen.
Member of Board of Review—Owen C. Bowman.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

There will be a caucus of the republicans of the township of Thornapple held at the engine house in the village of Middleville on Friday, the 17th day of April, 1896, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, to elect eleven delegates to attend the Barry county republican convention to be held at the opera house in the city of Hastings on Friday, the 24th day of April, 1896, at 11:30 a. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the congressional district convention, to be held at Niles on Wednesday, April 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the election of two delegates and two alternate delegates to the national convention to be held at St. Louis, Missouri, June 16, 1896. Also at said Barry county convention to be held at Hastings, April 21, 1896, there will be elected twelve delegates from Barry county to the state convention to be held at Detroit, Mich., May 7, 1896, for the purpose of nominating fourteen electors of president and vice-president of the United States, and the election of four delegates at large and four alternate delegates at large to the republican national convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., June 16, 1896; also for the purpose of selecting a chairman of the state central committee and two members thereof from each congressional district.

Dated April seventh, 1896.

J. W. SAUNDERS,
Chairman of Township Republican Committee.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

A Republican Convention for the Fourth Congressional District will convene at Niles on Wednesday, April 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing two delegates and two alternates to attend the National Convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., on June 16, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. The several counties will be entitled to delegates as follows:

Allegan 13	Cass 10
Barry 11	St. Joseph 11
Berrien 19	Van Buren 12

DANIEL STRIKER, Hastings.
JAMES BROOKS, St. Joseph.
J. O. BECRAFT, Dowagiac.
FRANKLIN WELLS, Constantine.
EDWARD HAWLEY, Ganges.
A. H. COOK, South Haven.

A FRIEND'S ADVICE.

MONTAGUE, Mich., Nov. 13, 1893.
William Windecknecht, a wealthy farmer of Muskegon county, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, this day, and deposes and says: "That for the past year or so he was afflicted with weakness, trembling, heart failure, extreme nervousness, headache and general debility; that he has consulted with physicians and received no benefit. He was persuaded by a friend to try a sample bottle of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer, and he says that the trembling and nervous feeling was immediately stopped by its use. Afterwards he used two bottles of the same medicine and says he is entirely cured and free from that trembling sensation; his heart gives him no trouble and he sleeps well. He further says that his general health is much better, and that he is calling the attention of his neighbors and friends to the remarkable value of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer." Signed, W. WINDECKNECHT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public for Muskegon county, state of Michigan. JAS. MORRISON.

For sale by J. W. Armstrong and all druggists.

MUNYON'S

GRAND WORK FOR HUMANITY

More People Cured by Munyon's Remedies
During the Past Week Than BY the
Whole Medical Profession in
Six Months.

Popular With the People Because They
Furnish a Remedy for Every Disease,
Cure Promptly and Permanently and
Are only 25 Cents a Bottle.

Albert N. Reynolds, the veteran letter carrier of Detroit, Mich., says: "During the past three years I have been troubled with stiffness of the knees and muscular rheumatism. At times it was impossible for me to walk across the room. I had aches in all parts of my body, and suffered the most intense pains. After using many other remedies unsuccessfully I began using Munyon's Rheumatism Cure. The effect of the medicine was wonderful. In a few days the stiffness in my knees had entirely disappeared, the pains left my body, and now I am as completely cured as I ever wish to be." Munyon's Rheumatism Cure seldom fails to relieve in one to three hours, and cures in a few days. Price, 25c.

Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure positively cures all forms of indigestion and stomach trouble. Price, 25 cents.

Munyon's Cold Cure prevents pneumonia and breaks up a cold in a few hours. Price, 25 cents.

Munyon's Cough Cure stops coughs, night sweats, allays soreness, and speedily heals the lungs. Price, 25 cents.

Munyon's Kidney Cure speedily cures pains in the back, loins or groins and all forms of kidney disease. Price, 25c.

Munyon's Headache Cure stops headache in three minutes. Price, 25c.

Munyon's Pile Ointment positively cures all forms of piles. Price, 25c.

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

Munyon's Female Remedies are a boon to all women.

Munyon's Asthma Cure with Herbs, \$1.

Munyon's Catarrh Remedies never fail. The Catarrh Cure—price 25c.—eradicates the disease from the system, and the Catarrh Tablets—price 25c.—cleanse and heal the parts.

Munyon's Vitalizer restores lost powers to weak men. Price, \$1.

Munyon's Remedies at all druggists.

Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

It has been discovered that seven of the fifty-two thoroughbred herd at the Agricultural college has tuberculosis.

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. 50

Probate Order.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the probate office in the city of Hastings, in said county on Tuesday, the seventh day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Rollin D. Jacob, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition duly verified of Evaline J. Buck daughter of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument now on file in said court purporting to be the last will and testament, and codicil thereto of said deceased be admitted to probate and the executrix therein named appointed.
Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday, the 12th day of April, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, be required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
12-4 Judge of Probate.
(A TRUE COPY)

Mortgage Sale.
Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Arabella Stowell of Middleville, Michigan, to Miner S. Keeler of the same place, dated the 4th day of October, A. D. 1894, and recorded in said county of Barry, in the 5th day of October, A. D. 1894, in liber 38 of mortgages on page 170, on which mortgage the principal sum of six hundred and sixty-four dollars, and an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, the principal of said mortgage having been declared due by said mortgage, and is hereby declared due by him, by reason of the nonpayment of interest as required in said mortgage, and by virtue of the authority contained in said mortgage to declare the same due of which the mortgagee has had notice, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted, either in law or equity to recover said moneys so secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front of the court house, in the city of Hastings, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Barry is holden,) on Saturday, the 27th day of June, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, with seven percent interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted for therein. The premises being described in said mortgage as all those certain pieces or parcels of land situate and being in the village of Middleville and city of Hastings, in the county of Barry and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: Lots number six (6) and seven (7) of block number twenty-seven (27) of Isaac N. Keeler's addition to the village of Middleville. Also lots number six (6) and seven (7) of block number twelve (12) of Striker's addition to the village (now city) of Hastings according to the recorded plat of said addition.

Dated April 2d, 1896.
MINER S. KEELER, Mortgagee.
HARTLEY E. HENDRICK,
Attorney for Mortgagee.

Probate Order.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Barry, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Hastings, in said county on Thursday, the 24th day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Amos Everhart, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Emma V. Thomas, and Mattie L. Rich, daughters of said deceased, praying that administration of said estate be granted to Andrew P. Sylvester, or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Friday, the 24th day of April, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, be required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the City of Hastings, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner may not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Barry, once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
(A TRUE COPY) 12-4 Judge of Probate.

Notice for Hearing Claims.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate court for the County of Barry, made on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1896, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Valentine Adam, late of said county deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate court, at the probate office, in the City of Hastings, for examination and allowance, on or before the 24th day of September next, and that such claims will be heard before said court on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, and on Thursday, the 24th day of September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.

Dated March 24th, A. D. 1896.
CHAS. W. ARMSTRONG,
Judge of Probate.

Chancery Order.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.
In Chancery.
May Benedict, Complainant
vs.
John Benedict, Defendant.

Dated March 12, A. D. 1896.
Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Barry in Chancery, at Hastings on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1896.
In this cause it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant, John Benedict, is not a resident of this state, but resides at Hammond in the state of Indiana, and that Milton F. Jordan, complainant's solicitor, it is ordered that the said defendant, John Benedict, cause his appearance to be entered herein, within three months from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the complainant's bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitor, within twenty days after service on him of a copy of said bill, and notice of this order; and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by the said non-resident defendant.

And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the said complainant cause notice of this order, to be published in the MIDDLEVILLE SUN, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued thereat least once in each week, for six weeks in succession, or that she cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident defendant, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

CLEMENT SMITH,
Circuit Judge.

MILTON F. JORDAN,
Complainant's Solicitor.

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\$1,000 IN PRIZES
To Be Distributed Absolutely Free.

Use the letters contained in the text: "Monon Seeds Grow," and form as many words as you can, using letters either backward or forward, but don't use any letter in same word more times than it appears in "Monon Seeds Grow." For example the words: see, on, none, weeds, etc. The person forming the greatest number of words, using the letters in the text, will receive one Hundred Dollars in cash. For the next largest list we will give \$75 in cash, for the next \$25 case, and for each of the next ten largest lists we will give \$10 in gold. If you are good at word making you can secure a valuable prize, as The Monon Seed Co. intend giving many hundred special prizes to persons sending them lists containing over twenty-five words. Write your name on list of words (numbered) and enclose the same postpaid with 12 two-cent stamps for a combination package of Monon Seeds That Grow which includes 12 packets of the latest and most popular flowers of different varieties, also particulars and rules of distribution of prizes. This word contest will be carefully and conscientiously conducted, and is solely for the purpose of further introducing our seeds in new localities. You will receive the biggest value in flower seeds ever offered, and besides if you are able to make a good list of words and answer promptly you will stand an equal opportunity to secure a valuable prize. We intend spending a large amount of money in the distribution of prizes in this contest. We assure you that your trial order with us will be most gratifying. Write your name plainly and send list as early as possible. Address: MONON SEED CO., Monon Bldg., Chicago.

TWENTY- SEVENTH

ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE wish to say to our old friends and patrons that we are in the trade to stay with the best assorted stock we have ever carried. We have made a large addition to our Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware, and will meet the prices of any house in Michigan for up to date good goods. We positively carry no low grade goods in stock. We have had 25 years at the bench repairing Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, and we guarantee as good work as can be done in any shop in the state. Our business in . . .

Crockery and Glassware

Has increased almost double this last year and if you will give me your undivided trade I will show you prices you never dreamed of. The larger bill I buy the cheaper I can sell. We have just put in a new Decorated pattern and would like to have every lady's opinion of it. You are invited.

Wallpaper AND Window Shades

All new and the latest styles, and with the advance in Wallpaper we will make prices as low as possible for new goods. We invite everybody to call whether you buy or not. We will try and use you well.

YOURS WITH RESPECT,

M. F. DOWLING,

To MATCH

THAT NEW



EASTER BONNET

GET ONE OF THE ELEGANT DRESS
PATTERNS WE ARE NOW SHOWING.

Fancy Black Novelties, one pattern in a piece, at 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. They are positively the richest goods ever shown in our town.

All Wool 36 inch Black Novelties,	-	50c
All Wool Mixed Novelties,	-	50c & 60c
Aool Mixed Novelties	-	25c, 30c & 35c
Aool Mixed Scotch Plaids	-	20c, 25c, 30c & 35c
A good line Cotton, double width Novelties	-	-
A full and complete line in everything in	-	15c

Dress Linings

Of the Latest Productions.

Our Wash Goods are better than ever, consisting of

Percales,
Ducks,
French Ginghams,
Pongees,
Crepons,
New Corded Ginghams,
Chambrays, Dimities,
Outing Flannels,
Light Prints,
Dark Prints.

We cordially invite you to call and look over our stock and we are confident that we will please you and can save you money.

YOURS ANXIOUS TO PLEASE,

JOHN CAMPBELL.

DON'T BUY

Anything until you see our enormous Spring Stock of

CLOTHING

Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Suspenders, Cuffs, Collars and Neckties.

Come where you can get up-to-date goods at the lowest price.

Everything in Gents' Furnishings.

A fine Line of Confectionery.

SCHONDELMAYER BROS.

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.

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.

TUBULAR WELLS.

All parties wanting a Tubular Well or an OPEN WELL will save money by seeing us. All repairing a specialty. We warrant all our work. All parties wanting BUILDINGS MOVED or raised or wanting Jack-screws, call on us. Leave orders at residence, Arlington St., Middleville, Mich.

FENDER & GALE.

I AM IN IT!

WITH THE FINEST WHEELS IN TOWN. The

American, Hudson and Wolverine.

BEFORE BUYING COME IN AND LOOK THEM OVER.

C. E. STOKOE.

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 Repairing, call on

C. L. JOHNSON.

At C. Schondelmayer's.

West Side Grocery

HODGE & LEE,

PROPRIETORS.

DEALERS IN

STAPLE and

FANCY

GROCERIES.

FISH BY THE POUND OR KIT.

REMEMBER THE PLACE,

WEST SIDE RIVER.

FREE DELIVERY.

Remember the M. E. Aid society this week Friday.

John Rouse has charge of the southern Ry. section during his father's absence.

A history of the Cong'l church for the past fifty years written by Mrs. Chas. McQueen will appear in next week's issue.

Mrs. J. R. Cook had the misfortune to upset a coffeepot full of hot coffee over her left arm and hand, which burned it so badly that she is unable to use it.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Broughton, wife of Mr. J. L. Broughton, will take place from her late residence, Grand Rapids street, at 1:30 p. m. Friday, April 10th. Obituary next week.

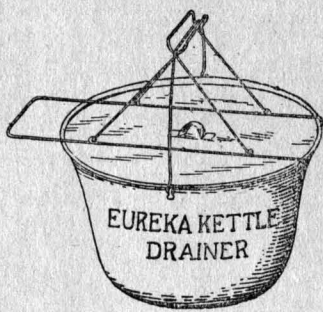
Thornapple township paid out \$60.50 bounty on woodchucks last year. There were 309 sparrows killed at 2 cents per head and the sheep killed by dogs cost the township \$40.50. The amount of dog tax collected was \$86.

A large and appreciative audience greeted Miss Bessie George and her pupils at the opera house Tuesday evening. The pupils did Miss George great credit. Both the recitations and musical numbers were so well performed that we would like to mention each one individually. Miss George shows herself an adept in her art, her voice and facial expressions are excellent and her entertainments always draw a full house. The pantomime by the darsarte class that was advertised on the program could not be given on account of the illness of Miss George which prevented rehearsing.

E. M. Brown's farm team hitched to a lumber wagon started from the west side blacksmith shops yesterday morning and took a run up east Main street to High street where they turned and came up standing in the shed at the elevator, built to accommodate a traction engine. They bunted their heads against the end of the building with force enough to remove some hair and skin but they backed out and were about to continue the exercise when caught. On their course Dr. Hanlon's buggy was overturned front of Abbott's drug store with slight damage to it and the harness, otherwise no damage was done, but there were several narrow escapes.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

The Eureka Kettle Draining Co. has located in our village and will begin operations at once. The industry opens up in a small way with hopes that it will soon add several hands to the several industries of our town. We wish the gentlemen of the enterprise success. The cut below shows the article which has been placed in many houses in our village.



ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Wayland, Mich., April 7.—Wallace Gilbert and Mrs. Carrie Ide of Leighton township, Allegan county, have been arrested on a charge of sustaining improper relations, and will have an examination before Justice Turner next Saturday. The husband of the woman has not been living at home. Mrs. Ide is the owner of a fine farm and is well-to-do. Gilbert is a farm hand.—G. R. Democrat.

M. E. AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' of the M. E. Aid society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Baker on Friday afternoon and evening, April 10, 1896. The following ladies will serve tea from 5 to 7: Miss Ora Moe, Mesdames Chas. Fenton, Isaac Gibbs, Hattie Gray, Guilman, Alice Gibbs. Business meeting at 3 o'clock. A very cordial invitation is extended to all.

MAY BASSETT, Sec'y.

BAPTIST AID SOCIETY.

The Baptist Aid society will serve supper in their church parlors Friday, April 17, at the usual time. Business meeting at 4 p. m. Fifth division will entertain; chairman, Mrs. J. E. Ackerson; chairman of reception committee, Mrs. E. England. All are most cordially invited to attend.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to tender my heartfelt thanks to all friends who so willingly rendered all assistance possible during the illness and death of my wife.

J. E. SENSIBA.

Corn for Sale—Inquire of J. D. Kenyon.

This is the last week to get a fine leather seat rocker free.

YOUNG & CHAFFEE FUR CO., 94 to 100 Ottawa street, Next Michigan Trust. Grand Rapids.

For sale cheap—2-seated Canopy top Surrey, nearly as good as new.

Loom for sale; inquire of Mrs. M. S. Jacob.

Horse, nine years old, for sale.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Geo. Corson is still very sick.

Wm. Cridler is in the Rapids today. Dr. Lowery of Hastings is in the village.

Mrs. W. C. Sackett's mother is visiting her.

Jack Stevens was in the Rapids Wednesday.

James Mason of Hastings was in the village Sunday.

Mrs. W. B. Brown is numbered among the sick.

F. O. Stokoe returned to Albion college on Tuesday.

W. C. Sackett and wife spent Sunday in Vermontville.

Miss Della Matteson was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

S. B. Linski and family returned to the village today.

Aaron Clark was in Grand Rapids on business Saturday.

Sheriff McKeivitt of Hastings was in the village Sunday.

Hon. M. S. Keeler was in Chicago Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs were in Grand Rapids Friday.

Mrs. Jennie Doyle has been spending a few days in the village.

Dil Benjamin and Alva Crossman were in the Rapids Friday.

Mrs. G. E. Gardner is visiting relatives and friends in Hastings.

Seth Gray and wife were guests of J. R. Cook and wife Friday last.

Howard Sackett of Vermontville is the guest of his brother, W. C.

Wm. Gould spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in Grand Rapids.

F. M. Potter of the Grand Rapids Herald made us a pleasant call Friday.

Mrs. H. E. Hendrick and Mrs. J. E. Ackerson were in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Samuel Schleh of Corning spent Sunday with his parents north of the village.

B. A. Crossman has moved from the farm southwest of the village to Caledonia.

Mrs. S. C. Rich is spending the week in Ann Arbor, the guest of her son Herbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Moline, were guests of Rev. H. Appleton and family Monday.

Rev. W. A. Biss was in attendance at the ministers' meeting in Grand Rapids, Monday.

Mrs. Jeff Lee spent the latter part of last week with her son Dr. B. H. Lee, of Grand Rapids.

School commenced last Monday in the Russell district with Miss Ethel Russell to hold the rod.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McDowell left last Monday for Big Rapids where they will visit friends and relatives.

I. D. Reed left Saturday for Whitneyville where he will work in the H. R. Dean nurseries the coming season.

Jesse Cobb and Bessie Saunders attended the executive committee meeting of the C. E. at Hastings, Saturday.

Nettie Southwick who was taken very sick while visiting near Charlotte, is considered out of danger and rapidly recovering.

Will David and family have moved to the village from Morley and he is working in the tin shop for W. D. Gardner & Sons.

Amos Hanson, at one time employed in the Brass Co.'s shops in this village but who has more recently been running a foundry in Grand Rapids, has sold out and will return east. He was in town yesterday bidding old acquaintances good-bye.

Mr. Joseph Rouse and wife left Monday morning for Dansville, to visit Mrs. Rouse's brother, thence to Mason to the reunion of the twenty-sixth Michigan, from there to Lockington, Ohio, and will return to Middleville about April 20.

Single top buggy, swell box cutter and set of single harness for sale very cheap.

Although the price is very low on potatoes this spring, farmers are making arrangements to plant a large acreage.

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 change ordered by the Tariff association in local freight rates went into effect Monday. The change will be uniform on all roads and will mean an advance of from 2 to 20 per cent.

Burns are absolutely painless when De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is promptly applied. This statement is true. A perfect remedy for skin diseases, chapped hands and lips, and never fails to cure Piles. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

A large part of the business portion of the village of Rockford burned early Tuesday morning making a loss of about \$50,000 with insurance of \$30,000.

It's just as easy to try One Minute Cure as anything else. It's easier to cure a severe cough or cold with it. Let your next purchase for a cough be One Minute Cough Cure. Better medicine; better result; better try it, Dr. Nelson Abbott.

HALF FARE TO DETROIT.

On account of the republican state convention to be held in Detroit, the Michigan Central will sell tickets at the rate of one first-class fare for round trip, good going May 6 and 7, limited to return May 8, inclusive.

13-6 J. E. GOGLE, Local Agent.

FOR SALE—A few thousand seasoned Oak Fence Pickets.

12tf W. S. RUSSELL.

House and four acres of land for rent located on Grand Rapids st. Also seed beans for sale. See sample at Pratt's hardware. 13tf D. BRODIE.

CENTRAL

BARBER SHOP.

We have them. What? All the latest Styles in work that will please you.

Our shop is refitted with all new furniture that is up-to-date.

A FINE LINE OF CIGARS ALWAYS ON HAND.

LAUNDRY

Goes to Baxter Every Wednesday. CALL AND SEE US.

FRENCH & KRAFT.

BICYCLES

For 1896.

Our Wheels are as good as the best. Our Prices are as low as the lowest. We can now show you Clippers, Lakesides, Stormers, and Plymouth Roadsters. You can't beat them on earth for the money.

J. E. ACKERSON.

DR. NELSON ABBOTT, DRUGGIST.

(SUCCESSOR TO A. HANLON & SON.)

SPECIAL SALE ON WALL PAPER TO CLOSE OUT.

PRICES THE LOWEST.

Everything in the Drug line first-class in quality.

LADIES' NEW SPRING CAPES

WE are showing a nice assortment of Single and Double Capes in plain and fancy braided. They are cut the proper length, and very full sweep. Prices are within the reach of all.

\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00.

The ladies are cordially invited to call and look them over.

We also carry a line of Coating and Storm

Serges, Broadcloths, Cravenettes

And other suitable materials and trimmings for capes.

SHOES.

The spring trade in this department is greater than ever. Our stock is large, enabling us to fit and suit all. A complete line of Ladies' Misses' and Children's Oxfords, in tan and black. We sell the best \$2.00 and \$3.00 Ladies' fine shoe on the market. It will be of interest to you to look here before you buy.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS.

M. S. KEELER & CO.

EFFORT.

'Tis not enough to tune the lyre,
And wait for harmonies to come.
God sendeth not celestial fire.
When human hearts are cold and numb.

'Tis not enough to calmly wait
That quickening dew should on us fall,
To vaguely long for what is great
While still pursuing what is small.

'Tis not enough with tears of woe
To weep for all the world's distress,
The drops that from inaction flow
Nor us, nor other lives, will bless.

'Tis not enough the love to take
That other hearts on ours outpour;
The soul is only kept awake
By giving something from its store.

'Tis not enough with drooping wing
And aimless feet to walk this earth;
Effort alone can blessing bring
And crown the soul with sov'reign worth.

A FLYING SQUADRON.

"Have another cigar, lieutenant," I said, pushing the box across the table toward him.

"No, thank you," he replied; "but, with your permission, I'll fill my pipe from your bowl. Indeed, when I came up to your room it was only for a little tobacco—ran out myself—cigars all gone. And here it is already 12 o'clock. My! my! how time flies when one gets reminiscing. But, to continue—"

Now, when my good friend Lieutenant Swash takes possession of me and my room at 11 p. m., I do not always consider it my duty to listen to him. He has been such a frequent visitor of mine since he has been staying at our boarding house, and, then, he is one of those individuals who so lose themselves in their own narrations that they even forget they have an audience. So, when the lieutenant said: "Now, to continue," I sank deeper into my big chair and gazed absently into the fire.

He was talking warfare of the future. What cared I for that, who possessed neither stocks that would go down nor food products that would go up. My eyelids closed wearily; how I wished he would go. Then he made a statement so absurd that I laughed.

"It took place on July 16, 1946," I heard him say.

"Eighteen forty-six," I corrected.

"Now, see here," said the naval man, testily. "How old do you think I am—80? Pshaw! I was 30 then. It was 1946, and please don't contradict me. It was fifty years hence it all happened."

"If you will have it so, all well," I said.

"Now the date is settled and you thoroughly understand the cause of the war. Great Britain claimed the atmospheric covering of the earth to a height of 10,000 feet, basing the claim on the fact that as far back as 1899 an English balloonist had disappeared from view at that height—he was never seen again. Such a claim as this, had it been recognized by other nations, would have given her too great a control over mankind's supply of breath. We claimed up to altitude of 1,000 over the United States, but she would not recognize this and refused to arbitrate. The result was war—terrible war."

I took my pipe from between my teeth and fixed a cold eye on the speaker.

"Lieutenant Swash," I said in a low but distinct tone, "you have explained one cause of the war five times. I have swallowed your dates and may be able to gulp down your facts, but I ask that you desist from repetition."

"Well, well, if you'll have it so, I'll go ahead. Having the cause straight in your mind, you will remember that it was July 16, 1946, that the fight occurred. There were three battle ships in our fleet: Admiral Wad's flag ship, the Swallow, carrying fifteen tons of dynamite and two machine guns; the Lightning, Captain Blower, ten tons of dynamite and two six-inch rifles; the Hawk, Captain Wind, eleven tons of dynamite and one pneumatic gun, used for throwing explosives at the enemy in case she got above us. We were accompanied by two small torpedo boats and the swift unarmored cruiser Kalamazoo, which we expected to be of little service, since a bullet could have punctured her and sent her to earth forever. We lay about 500 miles east of New York for four days, awaiting the approach of the enemy's flying squadron. It was 10 o'clock on the morning of July 16 when we sighted them, about 200 miles away, running toward us at a rapid rate. They must have seen us at about the same time, for they sheered off a little toward the north and began to rise.

"Admiral Wad, at whose side I was standing on the quarter deck of the Swallow, at once understood their maneuver. In modern warfare it's the fellow who gets above the other and drops dynamite on him that wins invariably. We were then at an altitude of about 8,000 feet and did not lose any time getting higher. I can see the grand old admiral now as he stood at the switch board coolly puffing his cigar as if he was at his club down in New York. There was not a tremor observable in his long thin finger as he pushed the button marked 'up.' Then we began to ascend.

"The two other battle ships followed, and as we arose we cleared far action. The Kalamazoo and the torpedo boats were left behind, as it was not deemed advisable to expose their frail structures to the enemy's fire.

"I confess, as I stood beside my brave leader and felt our ship mounting higher and higher and shooting on toward the enemy at a speed of ninety miles an hour; watched the crew of ten men coolly placing dynamite bombs in the most convenient places; saw the three great steel balloons of our enemy's squadron glistening in the sunlight as they shot toward us, I felt that

strange inward sensation that heretofore I believed could only be caused by a Welsh rabbit at 2 a. m."

"You must drink a good deal of ale with your Welsh rabbits, lieutenant," I ventured, mildly.

"I'm a total abstainer, sir," he replied, quietly. "And never did I have more cause to be thankful for it than on that day. I was in full possession of my mental faculties; otherwise I would never have been able to have lived through those awful two hours. And the crew, too—I never saw a braver set of fellows in my life; not a moist eye or a trembling lip among them."

"The enemy had two first-class battle ships and two second-class. They advanced in a line parallel to ours. Admiral Wad signalled Commodore Blower to engage the two second-class ships on the left, to Wind to take the right, leaving us the flag ship in the center. This vessel, I saw through my glasses, was a little larger, but of almost the same construction as the Swallow. There was a great cylindrical balloon of steel, fully 800 feet in length, with the car swung beneath it; an armored turret fore and aft, protecting her guns; at her stern a great propeller fan and two huge rudders for steering. I saw her crew running to and fro getting in readiness for the conflict; her commander with a little knot of officers about him standing forward, eagerly scanning our fleet. Higher and higher we arose, the air rapidly getting more and more rare and our breathing becoming more and more rapid. I looked down at the sea, which was glistening 15,000 feet below us in the sunlight; I turned my eyes at the great cylinder overhead; shot holes in two of its airtight compartments—and what a fall! But there were other things to think of.

"Admiral," I gasped, "if we go much higher we shall die for want of air."

"Mr. Swash," replied the grand old salt, "duty before breath always—remember that, sir. I'm afraid the ship will not carry much higher. We'll get over them, don't you think, Captain Howitzer?"

"Howitzer gazed anxiously at the enemy, who were now within fifteen miles, and replied:

"Close call, sir."

"Then to the men:

"Stand ready to drop a ton of dynamite on them if we go over them."

"As he spoke there was a puff on the enemy's flag ship, and a solid shot came singing half a mile below us. Old Wad laughed, and ordered the bow gun to return the fire when we were within five miles. Our shells passed over them. We had then reached as high an altitude as it was possible for the ships to float, and then we reduced speed. They approached to within two miles and stopped and began to circle about us, evidently intending to subject our balloons to a cross fire. Higher than we they could not go, and the discovery of this fact brought jeers and cheers from our crew.

"For some fifteen minutes there was terrible suspense. Each vessel circled warily around its chosen opponent, hanging away with its machine guns in vain endeavor to puncture the enemy's balloon. But the distance was too great and the movements of the vessels too quick for any successful gun work. Suddenly Howitzer seized my arm and pointed toward the Lightning. Her crew had just thrown overboard her whole cabin, her two guns and a great quantity of dynamite bombs.

"For a moment we were speechless with astonishment. Were they going to take to flight? Admiral Wad seized a flag to signal Commander Blower, but he just go as far as d-a-m when he stopped. Slowly the great vessel was mounting in the air. A cry of dismay was heard from the hostile ship with which she was engaged. In five minutes she was 400 feet above them. The British crew madly threw overboard all the weight they carried—guns, bombs and everything—but they were too late; the Lightning was above them; then a black object shot down on them; a deafening roar followed, with a rush of wind that hurled the Swallow a mile out of her course. And when we looked toward the Lightning she was alone, but slowly sinking toward the sea, for the concussion had torn off the end of her balloon cylinder. We could see her crew at the rail cheering wildly.

"Admiral Wad at once ordered that we pursue the same tactics; everything went by the board, guns, and all ammunition but five bombs. We loosened some rivets in the floor and let the cabin fall; then we, too, began to rise. But the British admiral was not to be outwitted, for he had been busy at exactly the same work, and when we found ourselves 1,000 feet higher he lay a mile away at the same altitude.

"Admiral Wad swore. Our guns were gone, and we could have lain there for eternity and not harm each other, unless we closed. For a long time he paced the deck in silence. At length he called the men together, and in a neat, touching speech asked for one volunteer for a forlorn hope.

"All that can be done," he said, "is to ram the enemy. One man and myself can handle the ship, and it would be useless for you to stop on board simply to lose your lives."

"Every man volunteered; every man offered to stay in their commander's place. He chose me for his companion, since I alone of all the crew was unmarried, and he positively refused to accept a substitute. He would go down with the old ship, he said.

"The scene that followed was most touching. The men wrung the brave old man's hand in a last parting. One by one they took their parachutes, swung over the side and went sailing away into the blue.

"The last man was gone and old Wad turned toward me and embraced me. Between his emotion and the extreme rarification of the air he could not speak. This show of feeling lasted but

a minute, for we were brought to our senses by a great cheer from the enemy's crew. They believed the ship deserted and were bearing down toward us. Instantly the admiral straightened up and firmly pushed the button, turning the full force of the electric current into the propelling motors. The great ship swung around and with terrific speed sailed at the enemy. The enemy tried to swing their ship out of the course, but in vain. In a minute we struck them. A crash like a thousand peals of thunder, a flash like the explosion of a dynamite factory and all was still. And when I looked again there was nothing but blue, the endless blue of infinite space. The Hawk and her two opponents had been wrecked. I suppose by the awful concussion."

Lieutenant Swash had finished his narration and for a long time puffed silently at his pipe. I, for my part, was rapt in silent wonder at the man. I knew Swash well, but such assurance as this I had not believed him capable of. After all, he was one of those persons who lie so habitually that, coming from them, a story of their own death was not surprising. Suddenly I was thrown violently from my chair to the floor, and when I recovered my senses I was bound fast in a blanket, and, looking up, saw the naval man bending excitedly over me.

"Here you've been sleeping all this time," he began, "and instead of hearing about my last cruise, got your feet into the fire. A pretty kettle of fish! Charred your slippers and trousers in fine style."

"Lieutenant Swash," said I, rising to my feet, "I wish my dream had been true."

"Why?"

"Because you'd have been blown to pieces when the Swallow struck."

New York Evening Sun.

Four Trees with One Trunk.

Four miles from Pineville, McDonald County, on the grounds of J. L. Parish, is a freak of nature so curious that if I had not seen it with my own eyes, says a contributor to an exchange, I could scarcely have believed it possible. On the bank of the Elk river rises a large tree that towers high above the neighboring trees. At the ground a solid buttressed trunk appears from eight to ten feet in diameter. A little higher than a man's head this trunk divides into four lesser trunks, the two smaller of which are in themselves fair-sized trees, while the other two are far above the average size. Here comes in the queer part of the story. Of these divergent trunks the two large ones are respectively an elm and a sycamore, while the two smaller ones are an oak and a sycamore. Above the union of branch and bark is normal to its type. The trunk itself seems a homeogenous whole. I would not presume to say that close examination would not show in the bark from different sections of the trunk those peculiarities that distinguish the bark of one tree from that of the other, but certainly these characteristics do not appear on cursory examination, nor are there lines of jointure visible where the four trunks coalesce.

I doubt if anyone can point to a stranger growth than this—two sycamores, an oak and an elm, all growing from one common trunk. This meeting together of four youthful tree trunks as they thickened with age is occasionally seen, but this is an unusually fine illustration. Each tree must, however, form its own bark—that is to say, no one of them has been wholly enveloped by another. Hence a careful investigation ought to disclose a slight line where the incuring bark of each original tree meets.—Boonville Democrat.

Prepared for Emergencies.

A clergyman, well known for his love of "horseflesh," was driving through a country village the other day, breaking in a new horse, when he overtook a doctor of his acquaintance on foot.

"Jump in, doctor," he cried, pulling up. "I've got a horse here that it is a perfect treat to sit behind."

The doctor jumped in, and the parson drove off.

The horse was "a treat" in the sense of speed and skittishness, and presently stood stock-still, and shot both hind legs underneath the trap, splitting it to pieces and throwing out both the occupants.

The doctor jumped to his feet, feeling himself all over to see if he was injured. The man of cloth also got upon his feet.

"Look here!" exclaimed the doctor, "what on earth do you mean by inviting me to ride behind a horse like that?"

"Well, you see," gasped the jovial cleric, "luckily there are no bones broken; but when breaking in a beggar like this, I like to have a doctor with me!"

Charles Lamb Wrote for Antiquity.

Once and again, it would seem, a man is born into the world belated. Strayed out of a past age, he comes among us like an alien, lives removed and singular, and dies a stranger. There was a touch of this strangeness in Charles Lamb. Much as he was loved and befriended, he was not much understood; for he drew aloof in his studies, affected a "self-pleasing quaintness" in his style, took no pains to hit the taste of his day, wandered at sweet liberty in an age which could scarcely have bred such another. "Hang the age!" he cried. "I will write for antiquity." And he did. He wrote as if it were still Shakespeare's day; made the authors of that spacious time his constant companions and study; and deliberately became himself "the last of the Elizabethans." When a new book came out, he said, he always read an old one.—Century.

A horse that is cared for by a woman looks ragged, but is terribly fat.

ARGENTINE A RIVAL.

HER TRADE IN GRAIN GROWING FAST.

Agricultural Industry of the United States Seriously Menaced—An Indication as to What Our Wheat Farmers May Expect in the Future.

Endangers Our Interests.

The people of the United States have very little comprehension of the growth of the agricultural industry in the Argentine Republic and Uruguay and the danger that confronts our grain as well as our cattle interests from that direction, says a Washington correspondent.

In 1880 the Argentine Republic was importing flour and wheat, but in 1882 the tide turned, and nearly 2,000 tons of wheat were exported from that country. About that time modern mills were introduced also, and soon after the flour product exceeded the local demand and the Argentine millers began to ship it to Europe. The exports of wheat in 1882 were 1,700 tons, and in 1884 the first shipments of flour were 3,734 tons; in 1890 the total had reached 327,894 tons of wheat and 12,117 tons of flour, and in 1894 1,068,600 tons of wheat and 56,812 tons of flour.

Mr. Mulhall, the well-known statistician of the London Times, is also editor of the Buenos Ayres Standard, and he gives it as his opinion that the area in wheat in the Argentine Republic in 1895 was more than double that of 1893. The following are his estimates of the wheat acreage for the last three years, and they will give some idea of the magnitude as well as the growth of the industry in that country and what our wheat farmers are to expect in the future:

Years.	Acre.
1893.....	3,305,000
1894.....	5,453,200
1895.....	7,346,000

The number of immigrants to the Argentine Republic in 1891 was 28,266; for the first eleven months of 1895 they numbered 50,081, and during November alone they numbered 10,675, which will bring the total for the year up to 60,000. The most of these immigrants go into the interior and settle upon the agricultural lands which are furnished them free by the Government. In fact, the agricultural development of that country is very similar to that which was going on in the Mississippi valley twenty years ago.

It is important also to consider that the cost of raising wheat in the Argentine Republic will average 25 per cent less than in the United States, and that the average cost of transporting it from the farmer's cart to the hold of the steamer is only about 10 per cent of the market value at the seaboard. Thus, assuming the average price of wheat in Buenos Ayres at \$25 gold a ton, the average cost of transportation is \$2.50 a ton.

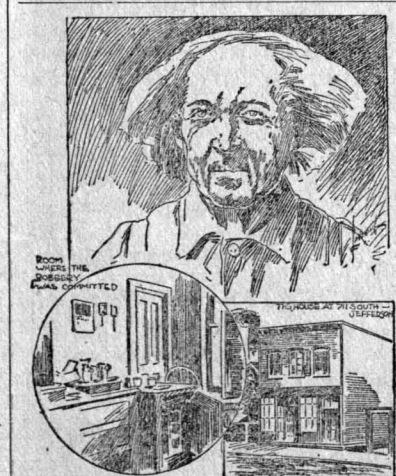
The same story may be told about Uruguay. Mr. Rodriguez Diez, of Montevideo, who has recently been in the United States as the agent of his Government for the purpose of examining into the methods of our agricultural department for the purpose of organizing something similar in Uruguay, recently made a very interesting statement before the Committee of Ways and Means concerning the growth of the export trade in beef products and cereals from his country. He showed by official statistics that the exports of wheat from Uruguay had increased from \$169,307 in 1893 to \$1,882,803 in 1894, and it was his opinion that in 1895 the gain was 100 per cent. He showed, also, that there has been a similar increase in the exports of flour, which were only 1,054 tons in 1893, but jumped to 360,024 tons in 1894. The great bulk of this flour goes to Brazil—95 per cent of it—and the exports in 1895 were doubled.

The exports of corn from Uruguay in 1893 were \$23,272 and in 1894 \$885,539. There was a very large increase in 1895, the principal market being Brazil. Mr. Rodriguez stated that no more wind mills are being erected in South America. They are all now mounted with Hungarian ones and moved by steam power.

SCHRAGE AND HIS SAVINGS.

Chicago Police Get Suspects in the Big Robbery Case.

Five persons have been locked up on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of Christopher Schrage, the Chicago miser who was beaten and bound and gagged and robbed. Chris Schrage, who is 76 years of age and lives alone at 711 South Jefferson street, was bound and gagged by two men at 6:30 in the evening and robbed of money and papers amounting to more than \$50,000. The robbery was one of the boldest ever perpetrated in Chicago. At the time the rob-



CHRISTOPHER SCHRAGE AND HIS HOME.

bery occurred Schrage was alone, and it was some time before he was discovered and the police notified. The valuables taken included \$45,050 worth of Cook County and Chicago city bonds, mortgage papers amounting to \$5,000, \$800 in registered Government bonds, \$500 in currency, and \$100 in gold.

The old man lives entirely alone, and has always kept his money and securities in a safe in the rear room in his house. It was matter of common report that he was in the habit of counting his money every evening before closing up his house for the night. The robbers were evidently aware of this habit of Schrage, and timed their visit accordingly. The men gained entrance to the house by pretending that they were anxious to rent some rooms.

George H. Nettleton, president and general manager of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad, died at his home in Kansas City, aged 65.

QUEEN OF THE CARNIVAL.

Miss Arthemise Baldwin—One of the Sweetest Maids of New Orleans.

One of the sweetest maids of New Orleans is Miss Arthemise Baldwin, who was crowned queen of the recent Mardi Gras in the city near the delta. She is the daughter of Albert Baldwin, president of the New Orleans National Bank. Miss Baldwin looked a real queen and certainly never did a real queen wear a more gorgeous coronation robe, a pretty picture of which was made by Illustrated American. This gorgeous robe was of the richest white satin embroidered with gold thread and jewels. Around the bottom of the skirt were five large coronets, wrought out of seed pearls and jewels. Above them was a rich applique of palest green velvet couched in gold thread and with the design picked out in amethysts, sapphires, emeralds and other glittering jewels. The corsage was cut round in the neck and the entire front was covered with the same exquisite jeweled embroidery. Huge puffs of satin



MISS ARTHEMISE BALDWIN.

formed the sleeves and on them the rich design of the skirt was repeated. About the neck was a costly medall collar, thickly studded with jewels on both sides until it formed a glittering mass of gems. From the shoulders, fastened by gems, hung the court train of royal purple velvet, deeply bordered with ermine, and lined with heavy white satin. The train, three yards long, was richly embroidered with fleur de lis, wrought in the same jewels as those used in embroidering the gown. About her white throat she wore a superb necklace of diamonds, a jeweled girdle spanned her waist, on her head she wore a crown and in her hand she bore a scepter.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

Increase for the Month of March Is Given as \$5,274,780.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows the debt, less cash in the treasury on March 31, to have been \$942,342,253, an increase over last month of \$5,274,780, which is accounted for by an increase of \$14,209,522 in the amount of bonds delivered during the month, payment for which had been made previously. (The increase in the cash during the month amounted to \$8,934,741, making the net increase \$5,274,780, as stated. The debt is classified as follows:

Interest bearing debt.....	\$837,404,140
Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity....	1,659,510
Debt bearing no interest....	374,920,351

Total	\$1,213,984,001
This, however, does not include \$562,909,253 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury. The cash in the treasury is given as follows:	
Gold	\$171,885,709
Silver	508,930,744
Paper	165,952,143
Bonds, disbursing officers'	

Total

Against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$603,327,198, leaving a net cash balance of \$271,641,748, including the gold reserve.

Increase in Circulation.

The monthly statement of the Comptroller of Currency shows the total circulation of national bank notes to be \$221,227,805, an increase for the year of \$13,777,661 and for the month of \$4,134,340. The circulation based on United States bonds amounts to \$199,723,005, an increase since March 31, 1895, of \$19,875,622 and since Feb. 29 last of \$4,674,051. The circulation secured by lawful money amounts to \$21,504,800, a decrease for the year of \$6,097,961 and for the month of \$539,711. The amount of registered bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes amounts to \$222,998,800 and to secure public deposits \$17,608,000.

News of Minor Note.

The progressive euchre party at Philadelphia for the benefit of the Cubans netted nearly \$1,000.

Elizabeth Charles, author of many historical novels characterized by a deep religious feeling, is dead at London.

Patrick McGuinness, 90 years of age, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home at Middletown, N. Y.

James and Frank Tillman and Lucy Law were instantly killed by a rock crashing through the house where they were sleeping at Echo, W. Va.

Thomas Seay, who has been ill at his home at Greensboro, Ala., for two weeks with the grip, is dead. He was prominent in public life for over twenty-five years.

The 500 lithographers in New York who struck seven weeks ago are jubilant over the notification that they may return to work, pending the decision of the committee on arbitration.

Mrs. M. A. Stockton, who was one of the prominent figures in the recent scandal involving Rev. C. O. Brown of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, has been expelled from the church.

William Royce, the murderer of Nellie Patten, was arraigned for trial at Sioux City, Ia., and created a sensation by changing his plea of not guilty to that of guilty. His crime was a cold-blooded one.

Hawaiian Consul Wilder stated at San Francisco that under the treaty between Hawaii and the United States the Hawaiian Government can grant no concessions, cede any territory or grant permission to any foreigner to land a cable without the permission of the United States.

Warren B. Sexton, general manager of the defunct Sexton Security Company at Kansas City, has departed. He left a letter addressed to his brother, Edward P. Sexton, vice-president of the company, stating that he had lost several thousand dollars of the company's funds in wheat gambling.

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Loie Fuller says that the dress she wears in her latest dance is twenty feet long, 100 yards around the skirt, and contains 500 yards of material.—North East (Pa.) Breeze.

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Perhaps It Would.
If Spain had it to do over again it would probably let this pestiferous country go undiscovered.—Kansas City Journal.

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Spring Medicine

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Purify Your Blood

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STATIONS.	Det	Exp	N.Y.	Exp	Fr
	a m	p m	a m	p m	a m
Grand Rapids	7:00	1:00	6:00	11:00	7:10
Middleville	7:35	1:35	6:35	11:35	7:40
Hastings	7:52	1:52	6:52	11:52	7:57
Jackson	8:20	2:20	7:20	12:20	8:25
Detroit	8:50	2:50	7:50	12:50	8:55

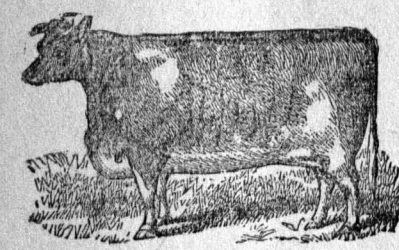
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Detroit	8:50	2:50	7:50	12:50	8:55

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad.
Schedule in effect April 6, 1895.

NORTHERN DIVISION.	Leave	Arrive
	From	To
Trav. City, Petoskey & Mack	7:35 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Cadillac	5:45 p.m.	11:35 a.m.
Petoskey and Mackinaw	7:00 p.m.	7:10 a.m.
7:35 a.m. train has through cars to Saginaw and parlor car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.		
2:10 p.m. train has sleeping car to Petoskey and Mackinaw.		

SOUTHERN DIVISION.	Leave	Arrive
	From	To
Cincinnati	7:25 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Wayne	7:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Cincinnati	7:00 p.m.	7:10 a.m.
7:35 a.m. train has parlor car to Cincinnati.		
7:00 p.m. train has sleeping car to Cincinnati.		

MUSKEGON TRAINS.	GOING WEST.	GOING EAST.
Lv Grand Rapids	7:25 a.m.	11:00 p.m.
Ar Muskegon	8:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Lv Muskegon	8:00 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
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Reading club will meet with Fannie Pratt. Readers, Miss Fannie Pratt and Mrs. Dietrich; spelling mistress, Mrs. Cobb; questions, Mrs. Ferguson; critic, Mrs. Hendrick; author, Dr. Lyman Abbott.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "From Death to Life." Eph. ii:1-10. Leader, Mrs. Griffin. Prayer meeting, Thursday.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for the morning, "Man and His Foes." Subject for the evening, "The Resurrection an Incentive to Duty." Sabbath school at the close of the morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m. Report of delegates to state convention. Grand Rapids association of Congregational churches will meet in the church Monday evening and Tuesday, all day. Boys' Brigade, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

OBITUARY.

Died at Kasson, Minn., March 26th, 1896, Alietta Ruth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Weber, aged 1 year, 9 months and 16 days. Menagitis was the fatal disease that caused her death, and was sick but 10 days. She was brought to St. Joseph, Mich., for burial by her parents and little brother Waldo. A private funeral service was held at the home of Mrs. Ragatz conducted by Rev. Geo. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Weber feel their loss deeply.

Hush, be still, our darling is sleeping! We laid her to rest in her mossy bed. Sad and lone our watch we are keeping. The sunshine from our house has fled. Like a rosebud fresh with morning dew, In the sunlight fair to behold, She came, our home to brighten anew, To fill our hearts with joy untold. Our beautiful bud we tended with care, How we watched each petal unfold. Was plucked by an angel hand so fair And borne through the gates of gold. She is blossoming there in a brighter home. Angels are guarding our treasure so rare. Baby hands beckoning from that golden dome To welcome us over, her bliss to share.

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NAMES.

Fred W. Buck. Miss Myrtle Millard. Mrs. George Williams. Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.

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Timothy.....	2 00
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Bran per ton.....	14 00
Middlings.....	14 16
Butter.....	9 00
Eggs.....	12 15
Potatoes.....	8 00
Chickens (feather dressed).....	10 00
Turkeys (feather dressed).....	4 00
Beef (dressed).....	4 40
Veal.....	4 00
Hogs (dressed).....	3 00
Hogs (live).....	7 00
Lard.....	3 00
Tallow.....	3 00
Hides.....	3 00
Pelts.....	15 30
Hay (timothy).....	12 00
Hay (clover).....	10 00
Wood (dry maple).....	1 50
Wood (green).....	1 00
Oil (retail).....	10 13
Gasoline.....	12 00
Salt.....	10 00
Refuse Salt.....	4 00

THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Congregational church of this place celebrated its fiftieth anniversary Sunday and Monday, April 5 and 6. Four hundred invitations were issued to the friends of the church and to others who are interested in Christian work. Sunday was a special anniversary in more ways than one, it being Easter, which made the services more impressive. Dr. James Gallup of Grand Rapids preached in the morning, he being one of the brethren who had for a long time been acquainted with the church. Dr. Gallup took for his text John iv:38 and preached an eloquent and forceful sermon abounding in truth for old and young. The choir had made special preparation for the day and delighted and helped all with the songs of Zion. In the evening the Sunday school presented the program, which was in charge of Miss Vera Cobb, and again old and young vied with each other in making the evening one of profit.

But the greatest, as far as social pleasure, was yet to come. All day Monday the ladies of the church (who have a record of not doing anything but halves) were hard at work and in the evening the church reception, on entering the church parlors discovered that they were in a bower of beauty. It seemed like an enchanted land. The larger room was beautifully decorated in gold and white and all about in nook and alcove were placed blooming plants, and from every part of the room the sweet fragrance of cut flowers was borne on the air. Gold and white bunting in graceful folds was caught from the center of the ceiling and was carried to the four pillars supporting the ceiling and was continued around the pillars making a very pleasing effect. On the floor were laid Persian rugs, and scattered about in a pleasing manner were numerous small tables, each bearing a lamp with silken shades of gold and pink. All about were easy chairs and it was a delight to see these chairs filled with the dear old friends who for years have been doing God's work, and every where were the gleeful children and happy young people and, indeed, it was like a large family in the Father's beautiful home. The aged grandparents were there with their grandchildren, the baby in arms, the gray-haired mother with tears in her eyes as she told the younger people of God's care of her church.

The gathering was called to order by the pastor, Rev. H. Appleton, and Rev. Mr. Biss, who had come to rejoice with the church, invoked the Divine blessing, when the following program was rendered, which was prepared with very much care by the chorister and organist, Mrs. A. M. Gardner. An Easter anthem was sung by the choir, and very fine selections rendered by the Eclipse quartette and the church quartette. A solo by Miss Minnie Dietrich and one from Mr. Will Clixby were very finely rendered. Miss Vera Cobb delighted the audience with a violin solo. Mrs. McQueen, the historian, being absent on account of illness, her paper was read by her daughter, Mrs. F. D. Pratt. Recitations were rendered in excellent style by the Misses Bertha Jordan, Mabel Hanlon, Annabell Campbell and Mary Pratt also by Ross Armstrong and Glenn Blake. Hon. Aaron Clark gave a magnificent address. The closing of the program was a few words by the pastor. He also read letters of regret from Rev. Mr. Kidder, who was pastor of the church from 1857 to 1868 but now lives in Norfolk, Nebraska, and from Mrs. Ida S. Clark, Erie, Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Searles, Atchison, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lewis, Kalamazoo; Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Hastings; Mrs. S. A. Corwin, Middletown, New York; Herbert M. Rich, Ann Arbor; Mr. and Mrs. E. Carl Bank, Ione, California; Rev. Dan F. Bradley, Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Polley, Delton; Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, Wayland; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Miller, Moline; Mrs. L. J. Pitkins, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bank, Lansing; R. M. Riggs, Holland; after which delicious refreshments were served by the ladies. The tables were beautifully decorated with silver and cut flowers. The gathering broke up with the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," which was the favorite hymn of Mr. A. A. Mead, the first clerk and chorister of the church for twenty-five years. Proceeds of evening, \$66.60.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence.	Age
Mark Rogers, Nashville; Etta E. Gallup, Castleton.....	2-18
John W. Lattimer, Middleville; Meta R. Johnson, Morley, Mich.....	3-22
William F. Pooley, Hanfield; May McManis, Baltimore.....	29-24

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SCHOOL COLUMN.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Comar.]

GEOGRAPHY BY THE JOURNEY METHOD.

A Paper Read Before the Barry Co. Teacher's Association by Miss Woodard.

"Traveling is no fool's errand to him who carries his eyes and itinerary with him." From sea to sea from realm to realm I rove and grow a more geographer by love. Some one has said Geography is the real or imaginary traveling over the earth with our eyes open. The all important feature and the successful factor in successful geography work is that of travel. We must travel either really or through the imagination in order that we may see with our own eyes the various factors which go to form a correct geographical concept. Believing that teaching geography is the traveling over the earth with our eyes open, the past term I have been teaching South America by the journey method, and I have been asked to present to my fellow workers my mode of procedure, also the success and pleasure to be derived from it.

The few suggestions which I may present will be my actual experience. I was a novice with this method, so to a great extent I was one with my pupils. We all taught. Our Superintendent suggested the method and we determined to try it. Method is the means to an end. It is therefore necessary that we should inquire what is the end in view when teaching geography by the journey method, or any other method. It seems to me the first and most prominent aim should be to interest the pupils, which I can assure you the journey method will do, or has done for me. In my school of fifty-six pupils there was not one, not even those "born short" in the study, but what was wide awake when the hour for traveling came.

Again, by this method I have been enabled to bring my pupils in closer touch with the subject, in my case South America. They seemed to feel they were really in South America, coming in contact with the people and different features of the country, also that the black lines on the map were not mere lines but rushing or sluggish rivers and the little red dots meant cities with the usual hurry and worry of life in them. Now as to the actual work. I requested each pupil to supply himself with an exercise book in which to keep each day's travels, and please believe me, some of the pupils would not part with theirs for love or money.

My school is divided into two divisions. We started at Panama, one division going eastward and the other southward from Panama. To make it more interesting I suggested that they invite some of their school friends to go with them on their trip. The suggestion proved sufficient or I judged so after they had read their work.

Some had inherited fortunes to be invested in travel, others went to seek their fortunes while some were taken by sick relatives. Our pupils said "Miss Woodard, will you be in it?" Of course I was delighted to go and I figured in every phase of life from chief-cook and bottlewasher on board ship to the landlady of a hotel. We first traveled along the coast, stopping at all the important ports and endeavoring to form some idea of the coast and the facilities for commerce.

Imagine their surprise when they were stranded on Trinidad island and found it to contain a lake on which pitch was floating, or when they visited Valparaiso and saw ships in the harbor bearing flags of almost every nation and the street car conductors were ladies. One little lad remarked that one of the ladies in his party wanted to be a "new woman" so she remained in Valparaiso to be a street car conductor. Some one is saying, "Of what value is this knowledge?" Do you not think that pupils will more readily retain some knowledge of these places if they have some interesting facts associated with them? Again when they reached Terra del Fuego islands and found the climate to be the worst in the world, the dog the only domestic quadruped, and came in contact with the terrible people that inhabit the islands, is it any wonder they asked to sing "The King of the Cannibal Islands?" Do you not think they had a broader view of the islands than if they had been taught that the islands were south of South America and were separated from the mainland by the Strait of Magellan, and the climate must be cold as it is near the south pole? I hope no one is teaching just that—I confess I have. Right here we worked in a little history concerning Magellan, also when we reached Venezuela and were enabled to apply the Monroe doctrine.

Let me assure you that the height of interest was not reached until the divisions met at Rio Janeiro. Naturally, the meeting was accidental, so the greater the pleasure. It seems to me the meetings had been real their lives faces could not have been more beaming with pleasure. They imagined themselves men and women grown, so at first they did not recognize each other, but during the conversation they mentioned incidents of their past life and realized they had been schoolmates in the sixth grade. To make their pleasure more complete they took a ride on the cog railway up the mountain Corcovada and refreshed themselves with a cup of coffee. Do you think they will soon forget Rio Janeiro is the largest coffee port in the world? Would you? Will? After the trip around the coast was completed we started for the interior, which means a vast amount of reading on the part of pupil and teacher. We usually took the country first as a whole, with reference to climate, products, surface, soil and government, then studied important rivers and cities, traveling caravan style.

Imagine the pleasure of a trip on the Amazon as far as steamboat navigation, also cutting their way through savas and being lulled to sleep at night by the music of the animals which inhabit the savas, then down to the pampas, trying to make way through the tall, coarse grass, cutting down thistles which appeared as small trees. In connection with the work outlined, physical and political maps were drawn on the board and on these pictures of South America we mapped out each day's journey. A portion of the class hour would then be given to map work. A pupil would pass to the board and locate on the map a country or city which was called for by some pupil.

also a pupil would point to some country or city and ask for its capital, exports or some point of interest connected with it. I endeavor to vary the work as much as possible, so as to avoid monotony. By these means I think the picture of the country is more firmly impressed on the child's mind. At least one little girl said, "I can shut my eyes and just see South America."

Someone has said "make geography the handmaid of history and then make both the companions of civil government." With this method I have made it a companion of language as far as composition and imagination are concerned.

Now as to the sources for securing information for a journey. First, geographies, as many kinds as you can obtain. Abandoning the geography, the best source of knowledge is the information which can be given by those who have actually traveled in the country in question. Again, there is a class of people that is able to give valuable information in regard to a journey. They are full of verbal information and are glad to supply valuable illustrated and descriptive literature. Such you will find to be the genial agents of the various lines of steamboats and railroads.

Then the encyclopedia and many useful books in the library.

Perhaps the teacher of the district school is saying, "My school room is not supplied with an encyclopedia." I am sorry! My school room is not either, but I use my own and borrow my neighbors—but, dear teacher, there is that never-failing source of information, the child. He will rummage the garret for the grandfathers' books. Is it any wonder Longfellow should say, "Ah, what would the world be to us, if the children were no more?"

For recent information we have magazines and school papers. You ask to what extent this method may be used? I think it could profitably be used in connection with the country schools. I leave that with you to decide.

As everything must have an end, so must my paper, but please remember that although we enjoyed ourselves in South America we were glad to leave that climate and slothful people, and once again meet under the "starry banner" and sing "Michigan, my Michigan." "O! the Flag of Our Own Country."

THE WRITING RECITATION.

To conduct a recitation without violating some of the established principles of teaching is an art as far beyond the average teacher as the ability to play a Beethoven sonata with accuracy and expression is beyond the average so-called music teacher. The art is difficult because it rests upon and comprehends the science of education; also because, in any given cases, the peculiarities of the children and the existing circumstances necessitate an adaptation of universal ends and aims, which cannot be provided for beforehand, and which severely test the ready tact of the teachers. I shall try to give some helpful suggestions on conducting recitations in writing.

It is not my purpose to outline any particular method and assert that is the best—"there are no best methods"—but to give some ideas which should govern in the various methods which a good teacher may employ.

It would be dreadfully monotonous if all recitations followed the same general plan; the method should be varied for the sake of interest, and suit the nature of the work. To nearly or quite all varieties of method the following suggestions will apply.

1. The teachers should have materials ready and let pupils distribute them while she stands where she can see that it is properly done and that the class is orderly.

2. The teacher should be clear and definite as to what is to be done and how to do it before pupils take pens. Generally she should step to the board and illustrate; she should write and talk at the same time; she should not say too much and what is said should be clear and impressive. Then she should make sure her ideas have taken root by asking one or more pupils to reproduce them. Too frequently pupils are permitted as soon as they get a pen in hand to begin scribbling; they then give only partial attention to the teacher's directions and consequently are not impressed with the ideas necessary to do effective work.

3. Class instruction. Some individual help should of course be given and if the class is small there is a better opportunity for this, but the needs of the class as a whole should not be neglected for the individual. Where a point has general application the writing should stop while the teacher instructs the entire class. There is economy in this. It results in unity of effort; creates more of class spirit; keeps the entire class profitably employed and saves the energy of the teacher.

This suggestion, however, does not

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apply so well to the primary grade as to the intermediate and advanced.

4. Incentives. The teacher besides having a clearly defined may frequently employ incentives to secure the desired results. The subject of writing is often dry and uninteresting, hence the desirability of some extra stimulus to work. The right kind of encouragement and the bestowal of due praise is often available. "I am so glad that you can do it well; go to the board and write it where all can see," and like words of commendation will help many a pupil. Little folks will try hard to keep a paper neat and make all possible effort to prepare one on which the teacher will place a star that they may take it home to mamma. If the teacher will count the good letters they will try to see how many of such they can make in a given time. Ingenuity and caution should be exercised in the use of incentives. They test the tact of the teacher; they aim at results, and the teacher who does not get results is a failure. Skill in writing figures should be acquired as well as in writing letters, since their constant use is demanded in a practical way. They are simpler in construction than letters and fewer in number, hence more easily mastered. Some may question whether the forms of the figures should be taught along with letters in the writing class. As far as I have observed, they are seldom taught elsewhere. You have doubtless noticed the similarity of the forms of some of them and certain letters. Capital Q and 2 differ only in size, small o is almost exactly like zero, etc. Each of the figures and letters may be made by some count, and counting facilitates the work. In the writing of figures, as in the writing of letters, the results to be attained are good form and rapid execution with free movement.

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PROGRAMME OF Grand Rapids Association of Congregational Churches, Middleville, April 13 and 14.

MONDAY EVENING.		Rev. D. F. BRADLEY, D. D.
7:30	Sermon.	Rev. C. FINSTER, Rev. J. SAILOR
	Communion.	Rev. O. B. THURSTON
	Collection for Ministerial Aid.	
TUESDAY MORNING.		Rev. H. ROBINSON
8:00	Devotional.	
8:30	Organization and Business.	
9:30	Report of Home Missionary Committee.	
	Election of New Committee.	
10:00	The Duty of Laymen in regard to the Benevolences of the Church.	Rev. E. B. FAIRFIELD, D. D.
10:30	The Duty of the Minister in regard to the Benevolences of the Church.	Hon. E. N. BATES
	DISCUSSION.	REGISTRAR
11:30	Report of Churches by	
	DINNER AND SOCIAL HOUR.	
TUESDAY AFTERNOON.		Rev. Geo. W. MYLNE
1:30	Devotional.	
2:00	Apportionments.	</